



Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

Note: The status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current status.

Corporates: During December the Club hosts a large number of Corporates that use our greens, these are not list below

Wednesday 16 December – 9.30am Rod Mahon Memorial (OACT – Ham) – lunch provided

Saturday 19 December – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Triples (AC)

Sunday 20 December – 9am Sunday tournament (OACT – Ham) – lunch provided

Wednesday 23 December - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)- cancelled

Note: Due to large corporate on 23 December the Board of Management thanks our regular Wednesday Club Day players for sacrificing their day.

Thursday 24 December – 1pm Stue's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC – Single entry)

Wednesday 30 December - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry - mufti)

Friday 1 January – 12.30pm \$1,000 Pairs Afternoon Tournament (OACP – mufti)

Wednesday 6 January - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Saturday 9 January – 9am Leads and twos (AC, Drawn, Single Entry)

Sunday 10 January – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided

Handicap Singles & Pairs Semi Finals

Games to be completed/resulted by Friday 18 December

Inside this Weekend

Friday 18 December - Club Night

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Otaki (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and from across Australia

Cricket* – 7pm T20 – BlackCaps v Pakistan

America's Cup* - 3-6pm PRADA America's Cup World Series

Saturday 19 December

Racing – Te Rapa, Awapuni (Thoroughbreds), Wairio (Harness) and from across Australia

America's Cup* - 3-6pm PRADA America's Cup World Series

Sunday 20 December

Racing – Gore (Thoroughbreds) Rangiora (Harness), Manukau & Otago (Dogs) and from across Australia

America's Cup* - 3-6pm PRADA America's Cup Christmas Race

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

Housie! - Thursday 17 December

Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George

Cash Prizes First Game 7pm

Housie cards only \$1 per card

Further info ph: 0275 297297, Entry restricted to 18 years and over

Housie! the third Thursday in the month

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Ham Raffles Four Left, Salmon Sold Out

Four ham raffles on sale at the bar today
 Drawn 5pm today, pick up today

Early Christmas

John Hindmarch thought all his Christmases had come at once two Saturdays back when Sabrina appeared dressed up as a Christmas present. The occasion, not for Johnny, being the annual Kids Christmas Party. Not as well patronised as previous years, but it was a Saturday and not the traditional Sunday. Saturday was because Sunday was to have been occupied by the "Battle of the Bridge" but that is another story. The kids and adults present were treated to a grazing table, prepared by Sabrina and Jules, of all the sweet things kids like. To entertain them it was in the form of Justin the magician, which young Ruby in the front row upstaged a few times, but kids will be kids and after all it was their day.

Following on from Justin the magician was the arrival of the big guy in the red suite in the big red fire engine. But this year the big guy was a little shorter than usual, his hat had shrunk and his pants and belt gave him a bit of grief but he pulled it off and thankfully didn't fall out to the fire engine on arrival.

Following Santa's arrival in the Club, accompanied by the elf, Baily Watkins and the Christmas present Sabina, the presents were pulled from Santa's sack one at a time to the delight of all. Thanks to our event partners Tim Roskrige of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Club member John Hindmarch for their support of this event.



Christmas Present Sabrina, but not for Johnny to unwrap

New Years Day
\$1,000 Pairs Afternoon
 Any Combination - Mufti
 12.30pm start, Friday 1 January 2021
 \$20 per team

Tournament Partners:

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Yates Rumbles Drew

Saturday dawned sunny but a cold wind from the West brought out an array of different jackets as the Champ Triples got under way. The men fielded twelve teams playing four qualifying games Saturday with all three and four winners and next best to avoid any byes through to Sundays knockout..

Saturday was about getting the three wins to make certain of qualifying and playing Sunday. No four winners Saturday but six three winners allowing for two, two winners to sneak through and take the starting line Sunday.

Those through to Sunday were, in order of seeding:

- (1) Evan Thomas, Chad Nathan, Peter Nathan (s) – 3 wins
- (2) Mike Turner, Doug Campbell, Mick Moodie (s) – 3 wins
- (3) Mark Rumble, Martin Short, Nigel Drew (s) – 3 wins
- (4) Mike Haggart, Lionel Drew, John Hindmarch (s) – 3 wins
- (5) Tony Grantham, Daymon Pierson, Randal Watkins (s) - 3 wins
- (6) Adam Richardson, Robbie Henson, Gary Wallace (s) – 3 wins
- (7) Warren Lush, Robbie Church, Curtis Ennor (s) – 2 wins
- (8) Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai, Steve Yates (s) – 2 wins

Sunday and round one or quarterfinals as some would put it got underway, as did Saturday with a cold wind from the West. Watkins trio, the bookies favourite, made easy work of Hindmarch's trio up twenty-three zip after twelve of the eighteen ends. Hindmarch picked up a three on the thirteenth end to get on the board and promptly shook hands conceding the game. As Robbie Henson informed those present in the club house later that day "The biggest defeat in Champ Triples knock-out history of the Birkenhead Bowling Club", not quite sure if that is true or a true reflection on the game played.



Men's Championship triples champions Steve Yates (s), Jack Huriwai and Jimmy Heath

Other rinks saw Moodie beat Ennor (18-16), Drew beat Wallace (19-14) and Yates ousted Nathan (23-13). Semi-finals with Moodie up against Drew, with the score all locked up (6-6) after six ends but this marked the point where Drew's trio stepped out to pull off a convincing win (17-9) with an end to play. The other semi was a different affair with Yates and Watkins going at it. After nine ends

the scores were all locked up (5-5), the next end went Watkins way picking up a two followed by a two to Yates on the following end (7-7). A two to Watkins on the twelve end and into the lead (9-7), but next end disaster struck with Watkins dropping a six to trail (13-9). Watkins's trio fought back to trail by two shots going into the seventeenth end (14-12). Yates scored a two on the seventeenth end (16-12). One shot to Watkins on the eighteenth end wasn't enough as Yates secured the win (16-13) and a place in the final. Nigel Drew and Mark Rumble with Lionel Drew won this championship last season, but this season Lionel had been replaced by Martin Short. With Watkins's departure in the semis, Drew's trio was odds on favourite for the title and number three for Rumble who had already claimed both the Champ Singles and Champ Pairs titles this season. After nine ends all was going to plan for Drew's trio and Rumble looked on target for championship number three, up (10-3). Ends ten through to twelve Yates picked up six shots (one, four, one) to pull within one shot of Drew (10-9). One for Drew followed by a two for Yates and all square after fourteen ends (11-11). End fifteen and bang! a five to Yates (16-11) followed by a single shot on the sixteenth saw Yates take a six shot lead (17-11). The seventh end and Yates holding numerous shots, Drew had a go with his two bowls, but the bowls gods were on Yates's shoulder today picking up a four to win (21-11) and Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai, Steve Yates claiming the Men's Championship Triples title for the season.

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The Good Home Birkenhead

\$6,500 Women's Pairs

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 February

Back to Back

Compared to the men's triples, the ladies triples was a more sedate affair, played under the two life system, only three games on the Saturday, leaving a potential final for Sunday. Saturday, Ngaire English was brought in to replace an injured Mavis Smith, who was to have played with Judi Farkash and Lauranne Croot. Croot now promoted to skip had Linda Phillips who was accompanied by first years, Sue Thomas and Bev Rolfe. The game went Croot's way as expected (21-12), but trailing (18-5) after eleven ends, Phillips trio claimed the next six ends to trail by six shots playing the last (18-12). Game two and it was out of the frying pan and into the fire as Phillips and co took on the last season's Club and Centre Champ of Champ Triples title holders, Amy Little, Millie Nathan and Ruth Lynch. The one sided battle that was expected was not to be, with the scores all locked up after seven ends (6-6), nine ends (8-8), thirteen ends (12-12) and at sixteen ends (14-14). Ends seventeen and eighteen went Lynch's way with a one and a three shots to claim the win (17-14) to eliminate Phillips. Game three and Croot coming off the bye saw Lynch's trio prove their dominance with the closest Croot's trio getting was trailing by one after picking up a four on the sixth end (7-6). Lynch's trio was just too strong winning the game by nine shots (23-13). That was Saturday's play with a potential final and a possibly final lined up for Sunday. A potential final, Lynch (two lives) need to win to claim the title or it would go to a winner takes all final.

Lynch took command early leading (14-3) after ten ends and looked to be coasting to the title with the next eight ends if need to be played at all would be a walk in the park. But again this is bowls and the guns do get beaten and upsets are not unheard of. Croot's trio gallantly fought back to be within two shots after fifteen ends (16-14) having picked up a two and three threes over the last five ends. Lynch picked up a two to extend her lead (18-14) with two ends to play. The final two ends went Croot's way but only singles on each. Eighteen ends and the title was to "back to back" winners (18-16) Amy Little, Millie Nathan and Ruth Lynch, finishing the championship with two lives intact. The win enables Little, Nathan and Lynch now move onto the Centre Champ of Champs Triples and defend the centre title they won last season.



Back to back Women's Championship Triples champions: Amy Little, Ruth Lynch (s) and Millie Nathan.

Three Women's Championships completed for the season with only the Fours to be played Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 January 2021 remaining.

Results at a glance:

- Game One - N.English, J.Farkash, L.Croot (21) def S.Thomas, B.Rolfe, L.Phillips (12)
- Game Two - A.Little, M.Nathan, R.Lynch (17) def L.Phillips (14)
- Game Three (Potential Final) - R.Lynch (22) def L.Croot (13)
- Final - R.Lynch (18) def L.Croot (16)



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Handicap Singles & Pairs Semi Finals

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Waitangi Day Charity

This season it is again all in support of Harbour Hospice, Saturday 6 February 2021. Items to donate for raffles and auctions ring Louise Fox 021 2357121

Pick-up Today

Tonight marks the end of our ham and salmon raffles that have been on sale at the bar. Any remaining tickets will be sold today and raffles drawn around 5pm. A total of twenty-six ham and eight salmon prizes will disappear out the door later today to be enjoyed by everyone from Club visitors to full members. The remaining ham raffles are \$2 per number, per raffle, one draw limited to 50 numbers. All winning raffles will be available for collection after 5pm today, Wednesday 16 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Results to date:

Ham Raffles (1 draw):

- Raffle 1 - #36 Warren Lush
- Raffle 3 - #33 Logan Smith
- Raffle 5 - #19 Shona Chambers
- Raffle 7 - #17 Terry Moverley
- Raffle 9 - #7 AmyKim Weston
- Raffle 11 - #34 Raymond Munce
- Raffle 13 - #42 Michelle
- Raffle 15 - #45 Mike Pugh
- Raffle 17 - #14 Craig Moverley
- Raffle 19 - #37 Jim Larsen
- Raffle 21 - #24 Emmie Swart
- Raffle 23 - On sale & draw today
- Raffle 25 - On sale & draw today

- Raffle 2 - #21 Emmie Swart
- Raffle 4 - #38 Mick Moodie
- Raffle 6 - #10 Vaughan Henderson
- Raffle 8 - #21 Emmie Swart
- Raffle 10 - #40 Evan Thomas
- Raffle 12 - #28 Logan Smith
- Raffle 14 - #43 Don Martin
- Raffle 16 - #35 Graeme Norton
- Raffle 18 - #19 Peter Svendsen
- Raffle 20 - #37 Jim Larsen
- Raffle 22 - #36 Don Martin
- Raffle 24 - On sale & draw today
- Raffle 26 - On sale & draw today

Salmon Raffles (2 draws):

- Raffle S1 - #15 Terry Moverley & #41 Graeme Norton
- Raffle S2 - #43 Rachel Jones & #46 Nigel Drew
- Raffle S3 - #10 Louise Fox & #15 Terry Moverley
- Raffle S4 - #27 Chris Overy & #36 Elaine Utting

Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament

Open Any Combination Fours

Sat 10 & Sun 11 April

\$200 per Team

Limited to the first 32 teams paid in full

Entry info phone Sandy 027 2006696
or the Club 480 7493

Tournament Partner:



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1-5 Year Champ Triples (AC)
8.30am Saturday 19 December
Entries close 5pm Thursday 17 December

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Finally Fine, Almost

Since the first night we had waited patiently for the nice evening for "YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five" and finally the weather man almost delivered, on the final night! It looked promising all day that it would be a fine evening, the rain tried its hardest but only a few drops fell and not enough to dampen the enthusiasm of the thirty teams out on the green. Running with twenty-six teams over the past five weeks the final night was boosted to thirty with the support of the Birkenhead Volunteer Fire Brigade forgoing their regular Monday training evening for a team bonding session on the greens. Play on the greens was capped off by an extended prize giving (twenty-seven prizes given out) and followed by sumptuous meal, including hot ham, various salads and fresh mussels steamed open in their shells.

Big thanks to all those that have helped out over the six weeks. Special thanks to Evan our co-ordinator, Bernie and Stue for providing the meals each night and our Social Bowls3Five partner "YOU Travel Birkenhead" "YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five" 2021 starts Monday 18 January. Contact Evan (021 0575491) to enter team or teams.

The evening's honours went to:

Three Wins First: Shit Kickers – Deb, Adam, Sahah
 Second: Bowled and Underlined – Ollie, Barbara, Jen

Two Wins First: CC2 - AJ, Mandy, Willy

One Win First: Where's Wozza – Miranda, Warren, Nicola

Zero Wins (team drawn): Bowled and the Beautiful – Steve, Jelly, Nikki

Consolation: Orchards – Helen, Keryl, David

Social Bowls3Five – 18 January 2021

Social Bowls3Five for 2021 starts 6pm Monday 18 January and will see the Birkenhead greens inundated with social bowlers as the Club commences the first of six evenings of YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five for 2021. If you're keen to enter a team or would like to play and don't have a team, give Evan a call 021 057-5491 or email social-bowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Free loan bowls, no experience necessary, greens open for practice from 5pm. Teams may comprise of three non-bowlers (never been a playing member of a club) or to non-bowlers and a bowler. Spare bowlers are also required most evening, contact Evan if you can help out there.

Each evening concludes with a prize-giving and a meal.

Sunday Ham Tournament
(Open AC Triples)
Sunday 20 December
Ham Prizes + others
Lunch provided

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NEW ZEALAND BLACKCAPS

Friday 18 December
T20 7pm – BlackCaps v Pakistan
Live on the big screen at Birkenhead Bowling Club

BLACKCAPS PAKISTAN TOUR

Seafood Almost Full

As per usual the annual Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament has proved as popular as ever with teams coming from as far afield as Christchurch. At the time of going to print there were only three spots still vacant.

Two days of open any combination fours competition, seafood morning tea and seafood lunch provided each day, over \$3,000 in seafood prizes. For the food alone this is a bowling tournament not to be missed. Get your teams together and clear the weekend of Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 April. If there is only one tournament you play in the season this is the one!

Calling All Leads and Twos

Lost from the Club's playing programme a few years back but resurrected by then President John Croy the "Leads & Two". One day Saturday 9 January 2021, open to all graded leads and two in the Club. Single entry with teams drawn. This is a tournament all leads and two should be playing in.

America's Cup Coverage

Come watch the America's Cup (PRADA America's Cup World Series Auckland, PRADA Christmas Race, The PRADA Cup and the 36th America's Cup Match) in the comfort of the Club all live* on the screens in the Club with bar and TAB facilities available. The racing starts tomorrow Thursday 17 December with coverage from 3.30pm live at the Club. Racing in the spectacular AC75s in Auckland will begin on 17-20 December 2020 with the PRADA America's Cup World Series Auckland and the PRADA Christmas Race. The PRADA Cup, the Challenger Selection Series, begins on 15 January 2021. The winner of the PRADA Cup will meet the Defender, Emirates Team New Zealand, in the 36th America's Cup Match starting on 6th March 2021.

*subject to availability, viewing selection is determined by the members

Carry on Over Christmas/New Year

Many places reduce hours or close down over the Christmas/New Year break, not the Birkenhead Bowling Club. As we get closer to Christmas the bar hours will change with early openings and late closing as demand requires. Daily extended opening times will be published in next week's Bee Express.

Friday Club night meat raffles continue as do all our regular Members Draw and Joker 500. Wednesdays are the same with Members Draw and Joker 500 both continuing over the break. The only day the Club is closed is Christmas Day.

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January Christmas Shield

The annual tussle between Birkenhead and Northcote was rescheduled from early December to 5.30pm Tuesday 12 January at Birkenhead Bowling Club. Open Men, Open Women and 1-5 Year AC teams - mufti \$5 per player includes a free meal Supporters \$5 for a meal. Keep an eye out for the white board to go up in the in the Club asking for names of those keen to play.

Spotlight on Club Partners

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