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## 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.*

Wednesday 27 January - ~~10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)~~ - cancelled  
- 9.30am - RSA Tournament (ACT)

Friday 29 January - 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team \$ Single entry - mufti

Wednesday 3 February - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Saturday 6 February - 8.30am Charity Tournament (OACF - mufti)

Sunday 7 February - "Carpet Mill" \$5,500 Men's Pairs - day 1 of 2

Monday 8 February - "Carpet Mill" \$5,500 Men's Pairs - day 2 of 2

Wednesday 10 February - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Friday 12 February - 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team \$ Single entry - mufti

Saturday 13 February - "The Good home Birkenhead" \$6,500 Women's Pairs - day 1 of 2

Sunday 14 February - "The Good home Birkenhead" \$6,500 Women's Pairs - day 2 of 2

Monday 15 February - ~~BNH NZ Masters - HQ Birkenhead~~ - not required by BNH  
- 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five - (extra evening)

Tuesday 16 February - ~~BNH NZ Masters - HQ Birkenhead~~ - not required by BNH

Wednesday 17 February - ~~BNH NZ Masters - HQ Birkenhead~~ - not required by BNH  
- 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Thursday 18 February - ~~BNH NZ Masters - HQ Birkenhead~~ - not required by BNH

Friday 19 February - ~~BNH NZ Masters - HQ Birkenhead~~ - not required by BNH

- 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team \$ Single entry - mufti

Saturday 20 February - ~~BNH Women's Triples~~ - not required by BNH

Monday 22 February - 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (9)

### Inside this Long Weekend

**Friday 29 January - Club Night**

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing - Addington (Harness), Addington, Wanganui, Southland (Dogs) and from across Australia

**Saturday 30 January**

Racing - Trentham, Riccarton (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness) and from across Australia

Motor Sport\* - 4pm D1NZ National Drifting Championship

**Sunday 31 January**

Racing - Pukekohe (Thoroughbreds), Methven (Harness), Manukau, Otago (Dogs) and from across Australia

**Monday 1 February**

Racing - Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs) and from across Australia

\* viewing selection is determined by the members..

### Seafood Tournament - Payment Due Now

The "Full House" sign has gone up on this one. Payment of \$200 per team is now due and Sandy is chasing it. Entry is not confirmed until entry is paid in full. Teams not paid up in full run the risk of being balloted out to let teams in reserve in. You don't want to be balloted out of this tournament. Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 April are two days that should not be missed in your bowling calendar. 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.

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# \$5 Friday - this Friday!!!

Standard tap beer pints, bottle beer and a glass wine all discounted to \$5 for the day!

\* Terms & Conditions apply, excludes craft beer, spirits, RTDs, champagne

## Service for Graeme

A service for Graeme Rutherford will be held at the North Harbour Lounge, North Harbour Stadium, Stadium Drive, Albany on Friday 29 January at 1.00pm, followed by private cremation. In lieu of flowers donations to Westpac Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust [www.rescuehelicopter.org.nz](http://www.rescuehelicopter.org.nz) would be much appreciated.

## Still Wondering

Members and visitors to the club stand on the deck overlooking the top green staring and wonder what is so wrong with the green to be dumped from the Masters and for Birkenhead to lose HQ along with no play at all for the Masters week.

Since the news broke that the Masters was gone from Birkenhead planned work on the green has continued. Having the "Masters" decision made without a bowl being played on the green. The Club is still struggling with why it is was dumped and doesn't feature in BNH's greens allocation for the next two months. The Club held a successful BNH Umpires tournament with nothing but compliments on the green.

*"I played on our top green on Wednesday & it played so well no bumps it was lovely to play on."* Ruth Lynch, 27 North Harbour Centre titles

Since the last Bee Express the reaction has been overwhelming with verbal and written compliments. *"your Club are the Masters! There is no other club across the Shore that comes close to you all, that has the spirit and heart for people and their community. So disappointing and a very poor decision..."* Karen Hema, 15 Auckland Centre titles.

There has been talk amongst the Club members of pulling out of the Masters, Terry Moverley urges those entered not to do this, but go and enjoy the tournament for what it is and remember that we have two great greens back at Birkenhead to be enjoyed.



With a green looking and playing as good as this it is little wonder members and visitors are scratching their heads to why Birkenhead's greens weren't up to standard for the Masters.

## TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

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### Women's Fours Done

Singles, Pairs and Triples Champions found for the season and after last weekend the Fours has been added to that list. Saturday 8.30 the women hit the green, with only two entries prize money was assured to both teams but which team would go on to represent Birkenhead at the Champ of Champs was undecided. Ruth Lynch had assembled Milika Nathan, Judi Farkash and Mavis Smith to take on Trish Croot's four which included Linda Phillips, Lauranne Croot and Katrina Holland. Two life system, what effectively in this case was best of three. Lynch claimed the first win (14-7). The second round was a closer affair with Croot ahead six shots before Lynch got on the board at end four. After six ends it was all tied up (7-7), again after ten (9-9) and with one end to play Lynch and Croot could not be separated (13-13). The final end was one shot to Lynch and with it the women's championship Fours title for the season to her four. It was Lynch's third championship title for the season. Only Trish Croot taking out the singles title back in October stopped the clean sweep.



Women's Championship Fours winners: Mavis Smith (3), Judi Farkash (2), Millie Nathan (1), Ruth Lynch (s)

### February!

February rolls round this Monday and with it comes an almost full on month on and off the greens at Birkenhead, minus the dumped Masters. On the greens, Saturday 6 sees the Waitangi Day Charity tournament and fundraiser take over the greens and Club. Sunday 7 and Sunday 8 February sees, now in its tenth year, Carpet Mill \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Pairs played. "Believe it or Not" Quiz Night, 7pm Thursday 11 February. The twelfth annual \$6,500 Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs over the weekend of Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 February. The Club was to have hosted the official opening/welcome of the Bowls North Harbour NZ Masters on the evening Sunday 14 February, followed Monday 15 February the Bowls North Harbour NZ Masters where Birkenhead was to have been Headquarters but the Centre scrapped Birkenhead from any Masters duties, so now for a full week the club will sit idle except for the monthly Housie, 7pm Thursday 18 February. Having sacrificed the Club's own programme for the benefit of the Centre the loss of the Masters has left the Club scrambling to make up for anticipated income the week 15 - 19 February. Although the Club's monthly AC Triples Tournament sacrificed for the Masters can't be resurrected the Club will attempt to salvage something from what will be a dismal week in terms of turnover. Note, the events listed are not in the Club handbook:  
**Monday 15 - YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls 3Five**  
**Wednesday 17 - 10am Club Day—single entry, any combination**  
**Friday 19 - 1pm Friday Afternoon 242 - mufti**

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### Social Bowls3Five Shines On

A cloudless sky with a slight breeze is what our YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Twilight Bowls3Five bowlers had to contend with last Monday evening. It certainly is a vastly different experience after Christmas and into the New Year than before. Two evenings in and not a drop of rain, no indoor bowls or cutting cards required, only three games of five ends to find the evenings winners. Twenty-six teams lined up with three teams relay getting into the occasion with matching team apparel and our first Bowls3Five bucket hat out on the green. Additional Bowls3Five branded prizes add to the occasion as the prizes are given out before a sit-down meal is served, curry sausages with salads the previous week and chicken, fish bites and salad last Monday enjoyed by all. Prizes for bowling and lucky draw prizes along with the nightly meat raffle amounts to loads of chances to take home a prize, in fact twenty-seven chances last Monday. **Results Monday 25 January:**

*First: Where's Wozza – Miranda, Warren, Nicola – 3 wins, 11 ends, 31 points for*  
*Second: Bowls Deep – Sarah, Chad, Josh – 3 wins, 10 ends, 18 points for*  
*Third: SPCA – Sam, Cam, Pat – 3 wins, 10 ends, 16 points for*  
*Fourth: Bev's Mob – Steph, Stuart, Bev – 3 wins, 9 ends, 18 points for*  
*Consolation (on last game): Pansies – Mark, Sue, Darryl - win, 4 ends, 12 points for*  
Remaining Monday evenings: February 15\*, 22, March 1, 8, 15  
\*Monday 15 February is an additional evening, no charge, free for teams already registered for post-Christmas YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five league. Those teams that are registered you need to do nothing except turn up on Monday 15 February ready for a 6pm start, green will open at 5pm for



Bailey Hughes out on the green Monday evening in her Bowl3five hat, proudly won the week before.



Lucy on the draw, in her team shirt



Raelene in action last Monday evening.



## Men's Fours Dusted

The same time as the women got underway so did the men with eight fours teams entered, but a delay on the draw awaiting word from Taranaki if Nigel Drew's team would be back in time for the start. As it happened Drew missed qualifying at Taranaki and his four was there Saturday morning. As with the women the men were playing under the two life system, this would take longer than one day. Four rounds of fifteen ends where down to be played each day. Round one was fairly clean and saw Tony Grantham's four (Mike Turner, Tommy Campbell, Steve Yates) go down to John Hindmarch (Chad Nathan, Mike Haggart, Peter Nathan) (9-19). Robbie Church (Warren Lush, Adam Richardson, Curtis Ennor) bowed down to Evan Thomas (Keith Burgess, Steve Arms, Mike Cartwright) (7-15), Randall Watkins (Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai, Merv Garred) pushed Sandy Cleghorn (Robbie Henson, Gary Wallace) below the line (14-8). Nigel Drew (Mark Rumble, Lionel Drew, Martin Short) gave Colin Godfrey (John Hannan, Dennis McSweeney, Barry Reyl-land) a lesson (21-7).

Round two and above the line in the two lifers zone, Thomas continued his winning momentum downing Hindmarch (14/9). Watkins made surprisingly easy work defeating Drew (18/6). While below the line. Church came away with an impressive win over Grantham (15-5) to send Grantham home. Colin Godfrey was not far behind Grantham, going down (23-4) to Cleghorn.

Round three and what a battle above the line. Watkins getting out to a 10-3 lead before dropping a five (10-8). Thomas pulled in front to lead (12-10), by the tenth end it was all square (12-12). As was after thirteen ends (15-15). Watkins picked up a two on the fourteenth end (17-15) with Thomas just falling short with only a single shot on the fifteenth and drop below the line (17-16). Below the line and those fighting for survival Cleghorn trounced Church (18-4). While Hindmarch picked up a four on end seven to lead Drew (9-8), but that is where Hindmarch stopped, the next seven ends all went Drew's way (22-9) with the fifteenth not being played.

Round four having been down to play Saturday was moved to Sunday as some of the older players were feeling the going tough. Sunday and Watkins, the only two lifer, was up against a refreshed Sandy Cleghorn with one life. Watkins scored first end with a two. It was not for a further



The Men's Championship Fours winners, from left, Nigel drew (s), Mark Rumble (l) Lionel drew (2), Martin Short (3)

seven ends before Watkins scored again and at that point Cleghorn held the lead (12-4). After eleven ends Cleghorn held an eight shot lead (14-6). Watkins won the remaining four ends but fell two shots short (13-14) to drop below the line. The Drew Thomas game saw Thomas only score on five (2, 2, 5, 1 & 1 shots) of the fifteen ends to drop out of the championship (11-13).

Round five and three one lifers remained with Cleghorn getting the bye into the final. Drew and Watkins, what many would have picked as the final, where left to fight it out to see who would progress to the final. Watkins drew first blood and picking up a six on end four to lead (8-3). A four on the sixth end helped Watkins cause (12-6), but the following six ends did not as Drew passed Watkins and lead (17-12) after twelve ends. The thirteenth and fourteenth ends were both Watkins (3 & 1 shots) to trail by one shot. Drew picked up a three on the final end (20-15) to end Watkins chance of the title.

Cleghorn's four all relaxed after the bye would have their work cut out against Drew. A side that was battle hardened having spent the week prior playing in the Taranaki Open Men's Fours with eight games of twenty five ends played over four days. After three ends Drew was six zip up. Cleghorn scored the next two ends to trail by two (6-4). Shot traded that end then this end and after ten ends the scores were all locked up (8-8). The following ends saw a two to Cleghorn (8-10) and a two to Drew, to be all locked up again (10-10). The final three ends all went Drew's way to claim the title (14-10) for the 2020-21 season. Mark Rumble's third club championship title for the season, only missing the Triples, that disciple having been taken out by Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai and Steve Yates (s), in December where he was in the runners-up team.

Next stop Champ of Champ Fours in May.

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# Croot, Muir, O'Connor, Lynch and The Nickies

Hot on the heels of the Charity Tournament and the Carpet Mill \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Pairs comes The Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs with a slightly different feel to it than previous years. While the presence of Karen Murphy in the field last year certainly added another dimension, sadly Covid quashed any plans of Murphy returning this year. It is the regulars that give the tournament its flavour. Many of the tournament regulars now play out of the illustrious Carlton Cornwall club and it just so happens that Carlton have programmed their women's club championship pairs on that weekend. But that hasn't stopped a quality field assembling with new faces and possible future regulars. Fast becoming regulars to Birkenhead, traveling up from the south are Queenstown's Christine Buchanan and Margaret O'Connor. While Papakura's Leeane Poulson pairs up with Bronwyn Stevens from North East Valley. Another pair from the south are first timers Alexandra's Linley O'Callaghan and Waikiki's Lynda Milne.

Takapuna as in the Carpet Mill Men's Pairs have fielded multiple teams with 2015 tournament winners Anne Doreen and Lisa Parlane, back then playing out of Browns Bay, possibly the most likely out of the Takapuna teams to lift the silverware at the end. Past Birkenhead member, now out of Mercury Bay Colleen Sexton returns with Mairangi Bay's Jan Gledhill. If Sexton and Gledhill don't make an impact Sexton's husband Brian will as he helps get the greens ready each morning.

Only one half of last year's winning pair Anne Muir returns, Sue Wightman is out injured. Muir has travelled south alone and picked up St Heliers's Catherine Bein to assist in defending the Chinery Swart Cup. Paris Baker, 2019 World Under 25 Women's Champion and recently returned to bowls New Lynn's Olivia Bloomfield are there to make Muir's defence just that bit harder. With twenty-seven Centre titles to her name, one title that has eluded Birkenhead's Ruth Lynch is "The Good Home Women's Pairs". This year Lynch pairs up with Birkenhead club mate and 2019 tournament winner Trish Croot. While Croot prefers to fly below the radar there is no chance of that paired up with Lynch and possibly Birkenhead's best chance of a Birkenhead team taking out the title since Chrissy Peers and Denise Samuel claimed it back in 2012.

2014 winners Kerrin Roberts, Elaine McClintock return for another go with the hope of being the first ladies with their names twice on the Cup. While Tauranga's Mary Campbell and Gayle Melrose will be out to get their names on the cup for the first time.

Pt Chev's Jenny Stockford and Angela Temple, 2019 tournament runners-up return and yet to conquer the tournament will be hoping to do so this year. Sue Curran pairs up with Paula Kamphorne waving the St Heliers's flag while Kelly Clark and Deb Presland wave Helensville's, both teams that can do well with a favourably draw.

If party is what the ladies have come along for, a party they will get as Redcliff's Nikki Henderson and Nicky Reed, aka "The Nickies" hit the club Friday, with the biggest smiles north of the Bombays and an infectious party attitude to suit.

It all gets underway 8.15am Saturday 13 February and concludes with the finals out on the top green starting at around 3pm Sunday 14 February.

The draw for day one will be published next week on the Club's facebook page and here in the Bee Express.

**Birkenhead Bowling Club**  
**Waitangi Day 2021 Charity Tournament**  
 (OACF - Mufti - Non-bowlers welcome)  
**Saturday 6 February**

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# Australia Day Honour for Karen Murphy

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By Aidan Davis

Former BCiB Australian Jackaroo vice-captain Karen Murphy headlines the list of bowlers to receive Australia Day honours, with appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

The Order of Australia recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement, with AM being the third highest level of award bestowed by Australia's Governor-General.

Murphy, the nation's most capped international competitor, was recognised for her significant service to bowls as an elite player at international level.

Murphy's deserving accolade comes only 13 months after bowing out of international representation, following a glittering career that include representing the nation at five Commonwealth Games and five World Championships, where she amassed a record-breaking 668 appearances across 23-years of service.

While immensely proud of her career and being a pioneer for women's bowls, Murphy said the accolade still came as a shock.

"It's a bit of a shock, it's a huge honour to have bestowed on you," Murphy told the Illawarra Mercury.

"You win things and achieve things but you don't really associate those sort of achievements with this type of thing; I don't really feel like it's mine, I feel like it's for everyone who's been part of my journey, my family, my friends, my sponsors, my club.

"Any sporting career has its highs and its lows, I retired just over 12 months ago after 23 years of playing bowls for Australia, and it's just been an awesome journey.

"I feel like I've been a bit of a trailblazer, certainly in women's

bowls; I really hope that in some way I did break down some barriers and that some young girls did take up the sport because they saw someone like me playing.

"While it's a sport that the older generation can play, it's very inclusive now in that there's a lot of young players, people with disabilities; that's been pleasing for me to see that change and people can see that bowls is a great sport for all."

After learning of her AM accolade, Murphy said the first two people she told were her mum and dad, Lorraine and Frank.

"They had tears in their eyes when I told them, they were so happy," Murphy told the Australian Associated Press.

"It's a lovely thing for them; my dad coached me and encouraged me and it was something that father and daughter could do together.

"Mum and dad have been along with me for the ride for all these years, they've seen the highs and lows, but this is definitely one of the highs."

Karen Murphy AM, For significant service to lawn bowls as an elite player at the international level.



Karen Murphy AM with some of her coaching clinics clinic participants back in February 2020 at Birkenhead Bowling Club

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## Steve Glasson Calls Time On Coaching Career

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Bowls Australia's most prolific national coach, Steve Glasson OAM, has signalled time on his illustrious coaching career after a decade at the helm of the sport's High Performance program. Glasson relinquishes the coveted but onerous National Coach position having guided the BCiB Australian Jackaroos through a period of unparalleled success on the world stage, since taking the reins in March 2011. Notably, Glasson presided over the best result achieved by any nation at a record-breaking World Bowls Championships in 2012, followed by the Jackaroos' best campaign abroad at a World Bowls Championships in 2016, and culminated in the Jackaroos' most successful Commonwealth Games result in 2018. Underscoring the achievements on the international arena, Glasson is credited as having set the foundations and subsequently developed a first-class culture among all tiers of High Performance squads and has significantly raised the profile of the Jackaroos brand. Stepping away from the coaching ranks entirely, Glasson plans to take a position at BCiB (Bowling Club Insurance Brokers), the naming rights partner of the sport's national team, where he currently serves as an Ambassador. In announcing his decision to step down, Glasson said he felt the time was right to move on to the next stage of his life and career, while affording his replacement the time required to adjust to the position before the next international benchmark event. "It has been a great honour to be the National Coach of the sport I have loved and held dearly throughout my life and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Bowls Australia's Directors, past and present, CEO Neil Dalrymple, the High Performance team, inclusive of staff and athletes, and all stakeholders for this incredible privilege," Glasson said. "Throughout the ten-year journey, I have been surrounded and supported by the most amazing, passionate and hardworking team of people, who have been instrumental in achieving the collective successes that we've enjoyed on the international arena. "Whilst united in our desire to earn success on the green, unquestionably, one of the primary drivers and motivators of the High Performance program has been to instill a culture focused on becoming better people, and I feel that I have personally grown and developed through my involvement and benefited as a result.

"I'm immensely proud of the inclusiveness that's been built steadily throughout the program, with a focus on mixed gender and para-sport, under-age and over-60 opportunities. "Personally, I feel the time is right to move to a new phase of my life, so I wish the High Performance program and all involved the very best of luck for future endeavours and assure everyone that I will always remain an avid supporter and follower of the team's progress and development."

Bowls Australia President Bob Boorman said the organisation and the bowls community more broadly were appreciative of Glasson's decade of service.

"The sport of Bowls has benefited greatly from the guidance and service Steve has imparted over the past ten years," Boorman said.

"The accolades that the BCiB Australian Jackaroos squad have achieved during Steve's tenure speak volumes for the amount of hard work and energy he has placed on developing a results-driven culture of proven performers, but just as importantly, he has established and led an excellent High Performance team and created a culture of good, honest, supportive people. "Steve is a great character and personality in the sport of Bowls in Australia and has made an excellent contribution as a player and more recently as Coach; we wish him well for his future and intend to discuss a level of continued involvement with Bowls Australia at some point in the future."

The past 11 months have unquestionably been a difficult period, void of national and international events and with limited access to personnel for training and development due to COVID-19, but Glasson's selfless timing provides his successor with the best opportunity to prepare for September's World Bowls Championships and the next Commonwealth Games in eighteen months' time.

Bowls Australia's Board and Executive plan to review the National Coach position and High Performance structure before advising plans for the successor.

### Benchmark event results achieved under Steve Glasson OAM tenure

- 2012 World Bowls Championships (Adelaide, SA): Five gold and two silver medals from eight disciplines.
- 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games (Scotland): One silver and three bronze medals from ten disciplines.
- 2016 World Bowls Championships (New Zealand): Four gold, two silver and one bronze medal from eight disciplines.
- 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games (Broadbeach, QLD): Five gold and two silver medals from ten disciplines.

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**Update from the Centre**

**BNH Entry Online Only**

All Centre tournaments must be entered online at any time before the entry closing date. The Club no longer handles Individual entries and payment (Centre fours, triples, pairs, singles etc.) We have been informed by the Centre that the entry forms in the Centre handbook are no longer in use.

**Masters**

The draws will be published on the BNH website by the end of the week. Just 3 byes in the whole event. Even at this late stage we would happily take another team or three

60-74 Mens Fours 1  
 75+ Womens Fours 2

Please email bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz or phone Lesley on 027 235 9864 if you can fill a bye, Last time we are asking

**Centre Events**

**Womens Pairs** to be played on 7-8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Entries closed on Friday. We have 2 byes so would really welcome another couple of teams. The COP and Draw will be published by Friday 29 January

**Mens Pairs** to be played on 13-14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Entries close on 29<sup>th</sup> January this Friday**

**Womens Triples** to be played on 20-21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Entries close on 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Mens Singles** played on 20-21 February 2021

Entries close on 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Club tournaments**

**Interclub Sevens**

Inquiries have been received from club's as to the number of teams a club may enter in the National sevens interclub competition. The Board have considered this question and has decided that clubs may enter a maximum of two (2) teams per club in both men and women. This decision was a compromise between those club's having a high membership total and the competition being handled in a timely manner and respect for all clubs in the Centre.

Womens Interclub Sevens played on 6-7 and 13<sup>th</sup> March, Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> February

Mens Interclub Sevens played on 6-7 and 13<sup>th</sup> March, Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Cadness Cup**

Womens Cadness Cup played on Friday 5, 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> March, Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> February

Mens Cadness Cup played on Friday 5, 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> March, Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> February  
 Club selectors should be calling for players for these competitions

**Covid-19**

In light of recent events we encourage you even more to maintain your distance with others.



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**Friday 2 & Saturday 3 April 2021**  
Morning tea & lunch \* included  
Entry \$150 per Team

### \$2,500 Easter Triples

With \$1,000 first prize and a total prize pool \$2,500 minimum guaranteed why wouldn't you enter?. While many of the top bowlers are out chasing the big money in tournaments across the Auckland region. The astute bowler will be at Birkenhead this Easter. Two days of competitive, yet social, any combination triples (OACT). Included in the entry is morning tea and buffet lunch both days, to the high standard that Birkenhead is known for, along with a sausage sizzle after play on the Friday. \$150 per team, Limited to 16 teams. Fish available Friday lunch (must be pre-ordered) for the non-meat eaters.

### Members Cash Draw

Club Members Draw is drawn Wednesdays between 5 - 6pm, and Fridays between 5 - 7pm. Draws jackpot up to \$500 cash. Members must be present at the draw to claim the cash prize (members have two minutes to make themselves known to the draw caller).

### Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Birkenhead Licensing Trust". Although not a sponsor, but with the Trust's support over the years the club has benefited from many grants. Source <http://www.birkenheadlicensingtrust.org.nz>

The Trust is a net proceeds-committee of the Lion Foundation and is responsible for approving grant funding to the local community groups in Birkenhead and surrounding areas from gaming funds generated by Lion Foundation. The Birkenhead Licensing Trust was established in 1967 after voters decided that the Birkenhead Council area should change from 'dry' to 'wet' under the control of a licensing trust. In 1970 the Birkenhead Trust Hotel was opened, with catering facilities designed to cater for all locals. A period of expansion was followed by the economic slump of the late 1980s, the recipe for a loss-making enterprise. In 1992 the trust hotel complex was sold and only the wholesale outlet retained. The Birkenhead Licensing Trust then sat for a number of years, accumulating revenue through the wholesale outlet and distributing interest accrued to local community groups. Meanwhile local licensing reins were loosened, allowing other operators to apply for licenses. In the interim the Trust sought other suitable sites. In 2002 the Slipp Inn Pub had been opened by Allen Vaughan, who had a long history with Lion Breweries. In 2006 the Trust approached Mr Vaughan with an offer to buy the Slipp Inn, as it seemed a good fit for several reasons: the Trust is a net-proceeds committee of the Lion Foundation; grant funding to the local community comes from funds generated by Lion Foundation; the Trust was already the pub's landlord; the pub fitted the family-friendly ideal of the Trust; and the gambling facility was a source of revenue. The Pub undertook extensive renovations and was reborn as "The Good Home Birkenhead" But, you ask, what is the difference between a Trust operation and a private or brewery owned enterprise? Well, all profits from bar and restaurant sales and gaming proceeds are distributed in the local community through the Lion Foundation, rather than going into a big national pool for distribution nationally. As Mr Vaughan points out, "The Trust does a lot of good in the community, it is not self-rewarding or ruled by self-interest, there are no paid directorships, and all six trustees are chosen by the electorate in the local body elections. As a result close to \$1 million annually has gone back into the community in recent years." The Trust also owns the Glenfield pub Inn Field; revenues go back into the Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote areas from both establishments.

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