



Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year



LEST WE FORGET

FOR THOSE BRAVE WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES
SO WE COULD LIVE OURS

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

ANZAC Day at Birkenhead

After the past two years of firstly restrictions and then lockdown we can in 2021 return to honouring those Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wards, conflicts and peace keeping operations in the way we as Kiwis have become accustomed to since 1916.

The Club is open ANZAC Day, Sunday 25 April. Pre-parade from 8.30am
Greens are closed until 1pm, no play or practice until 1pm.

No bet can be sold or gaming machine played prior to 1pm. TAB and Gaming machines open from 1pm with racing from Awapuni, Rangiora, Manukau and across Australia.

Live sport with Crusaders v Blues in Super Rugby Aotearoa* action at 3.35pm. League fans have three NRL* games lined up from late afternoon, 3.45pm Wests Tigers v Sea Eagles, 6.05pm Roosters v Dragons and finishing off with Storm v Warriors at 8.15pm.

Those that follow the so called "The Beautiful Game" there is the Wellington Phoenix v Adelaide United A-League* clash at 6.10pm although you'll find more exciting round ball action at 4pm when the Stars take on Tactix in netball's ANZ Premiership .

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

Sunday Tournament (OACT) - Lunch provided**9am start - 2 May**

Ph: Merv 021 0447627 or Club 480 7493

On the Greens**Sunday (ANZAC Day) – Both greens closed until 1pm***Note: the status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current status.*

Wednesday 21 April – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO lunch

Friday 23 April – **3.30pm 70s v 80s – AC mufti – NEW DATE**

Sunday 25 April – Greens closed until 1pm

- 1pm 1-5 Year Championship Reserve Day

Monday 26 April – **1pm 1-5 Year Championship Triples (Potential Final & Final)**

Wednesday 28 April – 10am Club Day – Fish'n Chip Day (AC – Single Entry)

Friday 30 April – 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Team \$ Single entry – mufti

Saturday 1 May – 8.30am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, – Full & Life members only)

Sunday 2 May - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided

Wednesday 5 May – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Saturday 8 May – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (Mixed) – **morning only (2 rounds)**

Sunday 9 May – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)

Wednesday 12 May – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Friday 14 May – 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Team \$ Single entry – mufti

Saturday 15 May – Birkenhead Bowling Club Closing Day & Prize Giving

Wednesday 19 May – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT-mufti) – BYO lunch

Wednesday 26 May – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT-mufti) – BYO lunch

Saturday 29 May – Birkenhead Extended Tournament (ACT-mufti) day 1 of 2

Sunday 30 May – Birkenhead Extended Tournament (ACT) – mufti) day 2 of 2

Inside this Long Weekend**Friday 23 April – Club Night**

Raffles, Joker 500, Members Draw

Racing – Alexandra Park, Winton (Harness), Wanganui, Otago (Dogs) and from Australia

Bowls – 7pm BPL13 Finals live from Brisbane's Club Pine Rivers

Super Rugby Aotearoa* - 7.05pm Chiefs v Hurricanes

NRL* – 8pm Titans v Rabbitohs

Saturday 24 April – Open from 11am

Racing – Ellerslie, Riccarton (Thoroughbreds) and from Australia

AFL – 3.30pm Geelong v West Coast Eagle

ANZ Premiership* - 5pm Mystics v Steel

NRL* - 7.30pm Sharks v Bulldogs

Sunday 25 April – TAB & Gaming open from 1pm

Racing – 1:15pm Awapuni (Thoroughbreds), 1:05pm Rangiora (Harness), 1pm Manukau (Dogs) and from Australia

Super Rugby Aotearoa* - 3.35pm Crusaders v Blues

NRL* - 3.45pm Wests Tigers v Sea Eagles

- 6.05pm Roosters v Dragons

- 8.15pm Storm v Warriors

ANZ Premiership* - 4pm Stars v Tactix

AFL – 5pm Collingwood v Essendon

A-League* - 6.10pm Wellington Phoenix v Adelaide United

Monday 26 April – Bar, TAB & Gaming open from midday

Racing – Avondale (Thoroughbreds), Methven (Harness), Addington (Dogs) and from Australia

Sal's NBL* - Nelson Giants v Southland Sharks

** viewing selection is determined by the members.***This Friday – 70s v 80s**

This Friday 23 April the annual 70s v 80s gets underway at 3.30pm.

Play consist of one round of triples or fours, to be decided dependant on numbers. Dress is mufti and there is a trophy up for grabs.

If you're available to play put your name on the white board in the Club.



Quiz Night - Free Entry

7pm Thursday 13 May

Non-members welcome
Enter on the night

Quiz Partners: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead,
Bill Hansen and Tim Roskrige

Birkenhead RSA ANZAC Day Program

Note: Birkenhead Bowling Club bar open pre-parade from 8.30am.

Both greens are closed until 1pm

- 4.45am Bus departs for East Coast Bays RSA Combined North Shore RSA Dawn Service.
- 6.00am DAWN SERVICE at Browns Bay
- 8.00am Bus leaves East Coast Bays RSA for return journey to Birkenhead RSA
- 8.30am Birkenhead RSA Clubrooms/Bar open
- 9.15am Buses depart from 9.15am for Birkenhead Citizens' Parade and Service
- 9.15am Bar closed
- 9.30am Assemble at Birkenhead Bowling Club**
- 9.40am Begin March to War Memorial Park
- 9.50am Small March Muster at War Memorial Gates
- 10.00am ANZAC Service. Buses return to Birkenhead RSA after Parade
- 11.00am Birkenhead RSA Bar opens
- 12.00pm Lunch till 1.30pm
- 12.30pm Entertainment
- 6.00pm ODE
- 7.00pm Birkenhead RSA Bar closes

“Getting Started” Available

“Getting Started” - Basic Techniques of Lawn Bowls is a 34 page handbook produced by the Wanaka Bowling Club with significant material and editorial assistance from BowlsNZ. Bowls NZ not only supplied suitable text and diagrams but also were involved in the editing process to ensure the handbook is fully compliant with current New Zealand practices and coaching protocols.

This would be possibly the only publication currently available in New Zealand that specifically focuses on the needs of newer bowlers although there are timely reminders for more experienced bowlers.

Limited copies of the handbook are available from the Birkenhead Club Bowls Shop at cost, \$17.00 per copy.

AGM 2021
10am Sunday 20 June 2021

The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the author's and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Sandy's Sea Food Tournament - Part Two

After having a couple of cups of Greggs coffee a decision was made to get out there despite the rain. There was a brief break and A green was primed for the best bowlers in the tournament with starweed B green about as wet as Jacinda's flannel. It wasn't going to take long for that one to be fit for ducks once the heavens opened.

We strutted onto the rink and I was surprised to be playing a lady's team first up. Back when I joined in 1995 ladies weren't allowed to play in seafood tournaments, they were confined to cooking the stuff in the kitchen. Thank god things have changed and the "Me Too" movement have set the world straight. Ruth's team were way too good for us and we were onto a loser with me at number 3 and Charlie playing with a set of bowls that had no bias at all. Things went about as well as the governments COVID vaccine rollout and we were 10 nil down after about four ends. I was more worried about getting wet and found myself standing up before the bowl had left my hand. I couldn't stay down long enough to get anything going, something I have heard numerous times before. We managed to get it back to 10-6 before the ladies decided they had spent long enough teasing us and put their foots on our throats and squeezed what was left of our enthusiasm out through our anus.

Morning tea was the only prize that awaited us after that thrashing. Now I'm not a big fan of seafood chowder but I was well impressed with what Stueie and Bernie dished up. Despite the grains of sand that imbed themselves into mussels and subsequently then my teeth, I was convinced I could get to like seafood chowder. I scoffed it down with half a dozen slices of french bread and vanished to the toilet to empty by bladder in anticipation of thrashing the next team we played against.

Out for our second and the seafood chowder had little effect on our performance. A change around was made and I was thrust into lead with the hope I could draw something close. It was a waste of time and it became obvious that I couldn't even draw a picture. Wazza, our best bowler was hidden at 2, with Charlie directing things at 3. I won't mention our skip because he'll get his reputation dented if everyone knows he was playing bowls with us. Unfortunately, we were about as consistent as the Warriors and a team made up of a couple of Tunapaka's, a Birkenhead boy and a retired Browns Bay member slapped 12 shots on us in 5 ends, we were bloody lucky that god took pity on us and open the doors to heaven so it could rain down on our misery.

That was bowls for the day with everyone retiring dripping wet to the bar to dry off and "sup" on a couple of ales and brag about how well they played....except us of course...we just "supped" on the ales.

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Day two, Sunday, was a vastly different day to day one with not a drop of rain and the final rounds of the tournament completed in hot and steamy conditions.

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The next day the team was changed again, and I had the privilege of playing skip. If I was honest the rest of the boys played well, and I generally left the head holding several shots that if we had kept, would have given us a positive shot difference. It was safe to say their skip made me look like a novice and it left me wishing I hadn't wasted \$650 bucks on a new set of bowls that didn't go where I pointed them. We slipped to at loss and decided to change our team again and this time poor old Wazza got lumbered as skip. Now Wazza is a third-year bowler who performed like a seasoned professional and showed all us "experienced bowlers" how to skip and get a team out of the shit when it was needed. He led us to our one and only win and for his sins he was told to skip for the last games of the day against another Birkenhead team skipped by Adam who had also been thrust into the position because his teammates were all useless. The game itself was a dead rubber with neither of us in contention for a crayfish. Early on there were discussions about playing a couple of ends and retiring to the bar and getting pissed before everyone else finished. The broken ones in the team were put in their place by the skips and told to play for the "love of the game" and a bit of pride. We soldiered on and succumbed to our fourth loss and trudged off gasping for beer and hoping to drown our sorrows and watch while everyone else got prizes.

The final embarrassment for us was that the two teams who had annihilated us on the first day took the top two places. Just goes to show that we did contribute to someone's success over the two days of a thoroughly enjoyable tournament.

Finally, through gritted teeth, I just want to congratulate the Takapuna Ladies team for coming runners up in National Interclub final, a great effort and obviously you are way better than your men. Also congratulations to Browns Bay men for making the semi-finals in the same tournament and it just goes to show that North Harbour bowls is alive and kicking, it's just a pity we are kicking ourselves.....until next time.

31, 28, 31

Rumours circulating are to keep the evenings of Saturday 31 July and Saturday 28 August free. Not sure totally what is up but Birkenhead Bowling Club will be the place to be on these two evenings. Also still in the planning but the Bee Express can confirm Happy Fish will return to the Club Friday 31 December for a New Year's Eve gig. If you were lucky enough to party to Happy Fish on Good Friday you already know New Year's Eve will be a "not to be missed" night. We wait patiently for further details on all these dates.

Markers Required

Markers are always a struggle to find and this past season has been no exception, but it has been better than past years and thanks to those that have assisted to date. Two singles events remain on the Club's calendar, Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+) on Saturday 1 May and First Year Championship Singles (Mixed) on Saturday 8 May (morning only) and Sunday 9 May.

Markers are required for both events, a white board will soon go up in the Club calling for Markers, if you can assist morning or afternoon it would be greatly appreciated by the players. Makers may mark in mufti.

Club for Hire

The Club is for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations not only during the summer but also over winter. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor Bowls Tournament.

There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area, it can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function. Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green. Full catering options are available. A commercial grade kitchen and cooking facilities are also available.

All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the Club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297)



TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.

May Extended Entry Payment Due

Over a month out from the Jet Couriers May Extended Triples on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 May and the tournament has reached its limit of 16 teams. No entry is confirmed/secure until it is paid in full and with teams outside of the club only just receiving notification of the tournament, all teams are advised to pay their entry to avoid the disappointment of possibly being balloted out. Entry fees (\$120 per team) can be paid direct into the Club's account, ASB Birkenhead Account No: 123035-0699644-01 use the abbreviation "MET-" followed by your name (eg. MET-KWilliams) as the reference or over the Club bar, if paying over the bar ensure it is in clearly labelled envelope available from the bar.

Entries to date are beyond our expectations and the tournament is shaping up to be "must play".

Any teams wishing to go on the waiting list phone / text 027 6661618 or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz



BIRKENHEAD BOWLING CLUB

93 MOKOIA ROAD, BIRKENHEAD PH: 480 7493

MAY EXTENDED TRIPLES

(Open Any Combination Triples - Mufti)

29 & 30 May 2021

Morning tea & lunch included

Sausage sizzle & soft drink

Entry payment due

CASH PRIZES

Entry \$120 per Team

Limited to 16 teams

Entry phone/text 027 6661618

or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Tournament Partner:



www.jetcouriers.co.nz

Housie! - Thursday 20 May

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!, Bingo! third Thursday in the month



BPL13 Underway

Bowls Premier League 13 (BPL13) got underway yesterday at Brisbane's Club Pine Rivers. Can the Sydney Lions make it an unprecedented fourth title after winning BPL04, BPL05 & BPL06 having dominated the event back in 2016 & 2017.

The day sessions are streamed via Bowls Australia's facebook while the night sessions Sky Sport has all the action live on Sky Sport.

Wednesday 21 April: 1pm - Bowls Australia's facebook, 7pm – Sky Sport 9

Thursday 22 April: 1pm - Bowls Australia's facebook, 7pm – Sky Sport 9

Friday 23 April: 1pm - Bowls Australia's facebook, 7pm – Sky Sport 9

Teams (BPL13)

Adelaide Pioneers: Scott Thulborn, Wayne Ruediger, Katelyn Inch (Coach – Les Carter)
Brisbane Pirates: Jeremy Henry, Aaron Hewson, Kelsey Cottrell (Coach – Michael Breen)

Melbourne Pulse: Barrie Lester, Gary Kelly, Ellen Ryan (Coach – Mark Casey)

Melbourne Roys: Aaron Wilson, Matthew Flapper, Carla Krizanac (Coach – Ian Ewing)

Murray Steamers: Ryan Bester, Michael Walker, Natasha Van Eldik (Coach – Kevin Anderson)

Perth Suns: Cody Packer, Ray Pearse, Kristina Krstic (Coach – Pieter Harris)

Sydney Lions: Ben Twist, Aron Sherriff, Karen Murphy (Coach – Steve Glasson)

Tweed Heads Ospreys: Aaron Teys, Corey Wedlock, Chloe Stewart (Coach – Wayne Turley)



The old team is back for BPL13. Photo: BPL05 (2017) winners in Auckland, Sydney Lions - Steve Glasson (coach), Karen Murphy, Ben Twist, Aron Sherriff

Social Indoor Bowls Monday's

Winter Social Indoor Bowls returns 6.30pm Monday 17 May. This year with League Partners Shelley Boyd & Lance Clarke of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead. Get a team of three together or come along as a single or a two and we will find you a team. Open to all and non-members welcome.

Birkenhead Bowling Club

Indoor Winter Bowls

Sponsored by Shelley Boyed & Lance Clarke

Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead



Indoor Winter Bowls is back again for 2021.

First Round:

Monday 17 May
Monday 24 May
Monday 31 May
Monday 14 June

Second Round:

Monday 5 July
Monday 12 July
Monday 19 July
Monday 26 July

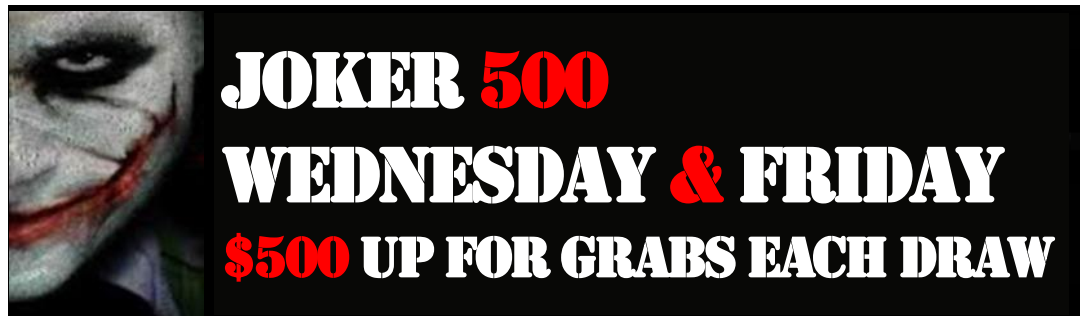
Teams are asked to arrive at the club at 6pm with first game to commence at 6.30pm.

Cost - \$5.00 per person per week for the first three weeks. Week 4 \$10.00 per person includes a meal and prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd over the four weeks.

Meat raffles will also be on sale.

Teams of three or single entry - everyone is welcome.

Contact: The Bowling Club – 09 480 7493 or Debbie – Mobile: 021 781 374. Email Debbie.jones@britomartgroup.org



BNH Centre Updates

Received 20 April 2021 - email

BNH AGM

AGM Notice of Meeting to be held on Sunday 27 June 2021. A copy of the notice of meeting along with Board Members Nominations, to apply for the positions of President, Vice President or Board member for the 2021-2022 BNH Board, are available from the Club Secretary, the notice board or BNH website.

Note the nominations must be in by 10 May 2021.

BNH Representative Team Management

Bowls North Harbour are requesting Expressions of Interest from anyone interested in being part of the Representative Team Management group in the coming year 2021-2022. Further details available from BNH website.

Winter Coaching

Winter coaching will be held every Saturday morning in June (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th) at the Orewa covered green between 9 -12pm. Please encourage all your members to attend, especially your new juniors.

The daily cost will be \$5

Club Nominations In Categories

Club of the year, Coach of the year, Greenkeeper of the year (a new BNH category), Official of the year, Umpire of the year, Volunteer of the year (Forms available from Club Secretary)

To be submitted to BNH by 21st May 2021

BNH Entries

Centre Women's Singles – player to enter online registration

This tournament to be played on 24-25 April

Entries closed, COP and Draw will be published by Friday 16th April

Women and Men Champ Of Champ Singles – club to enter online registration

This tournament to be played on 1-2 May

Entries closed

Centre Men's Triples - player to enter online registration

This tournament to be played on 5-6 June

Entries close on 21st May

1-5 Men's and Women's Singles – rescheduled

This tournament did not go ahead due to rain.

This tournament will be held of 19 – 20 June

All those already entered will be included. If anyone cannot play on these date. If anyone did not enter earlier but would now like to enter please notify Lesley on bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz

\$5 Friday

The last Friday of the month

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/bubbles*

Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events , Company Social Events , Weddings,
Birthday Celebrations , Anniversary Parties , Breakfasts



Spotlight on Club Partners

The Club is fortunate to have so many Club Partners. Each one assisting the Club in their own way. The Board and Members sincerely thank every one of them for their support. Club Members are asked to support our Club Partners in a tangible way. Let them know you are a member of The Birkenhead Bowling Club, and that we appreciate their continued support.

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Allan Meekings Memorial

Ann Lepper

Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead

Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Bill Hansen

Birkenhead RSA

Birkenhead Licensing Trust

Butcher Jacks

Carpet Mill

Colin & Lynn Barrow

Dave Harper Memorial

Dil's Funeral Services

Emmie Swart Limited

Giltrap North Shore

Jet Couriers

John Hindmarch

Joseph Korkis

New World Birkenhead

Ray Munce

Shelley Boyed & Lance Clarke

The Good Home Birkenhead

Tim Roskruge

United Gaming

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Warren Lush

Wheels On Wairau