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On the Greens

Both greens are now closed for winter renovations.

Inside this Long Weekend

Friday 4 June – Open 2.30pm - Club Night

Raffles, Joker 500, Members Draw

Racing – Riccarton (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park (Harness), Wanganui, Addington (Dogs) and from Australia

Super Rugby Trans-Tasman* - 7.05pm Crusaders v Force

Saturday 5 June – Open 11am

Racing – Ellerslie, Wanganui (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), and from Australia

Super Rugby Trans-Tasman* - 7.05pm Highlanders v Crusaders

Sunday 6 June – Open 11am

Racing – Wingatui (Thoroughbreds), Cambridge (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from Australia

Super Rugby Trans-Tasman* - 3.35pm Chiefs v Rebels

NRL* - 6.05pm Knights v Eels

Monday 7 June – Open Midday

Racing – Ellerslie (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Dogs) and from Australia

** viewing selection is determined by the members.*

Here is Your Chance

The Club may have the Board of Management overseeing the overall running of the Club but the grassroots are run by the various members and committees. Although some seem to think the fairies behind the green keeper's shed magically set up and coordinate the smooth running of the club, it's not the case! It is members working together, behind the scenes, putting a bit in here and there, for the benefit of others in general. If you can assist in a position or on a committee listed here put your name and signature on the board in the Club or return a completed "Expression of Interest" form.

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Quiz Night - Free to Enter
7pm Thursday 10 June
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Breakfast or Married Life

Birkenhead has become accustomed to a centre tile or three over the season and 2020-21 has proved no exception with the latest coming from the Champ of Champ 1-5 Year Singles. But alas it wasn't Millie Nathan that brought home the silverware. Nathan did make the semi-finals where she found herself up against a highly fancied Skye Remes from Takapuna. Nathan having reached the semi by way of a default first round when Beach Haven withdrew and a comprehensive win over Northcote's Anne Osborn (21-4). Perhaps the soft games hadn't attuned Nathan to what was required at semis level, Nathan went down in a shock loss (14-21). Remes was beaten in the final by Helensville's Sharon Parker (16-21).

While everyone else was getting over Nathan's loss in the women's event. Birkenhead's other representative Adam Richardson was quietly going about his business under the radar. First up defeating Belmont Park's Bradley James, then Beach Haven's Dave Hunter to set up a semi against Browns Bays Gideon van den Berg. Last game Saturday and a win in the semi and a spot in the final the following day against last season's winner Orewa's Matthew Higginson. Richardson was dominant for the entire final, with some accurate draw bowls which immediately had Higginson under pressure. Centre President Maureen Taylor said this of Richardson's performance " I don't know if it is what he had for breakfast or it is married life but something is agreeing with him". Whatever it was Richardson is the Centre 1-5 Year Men's Champion of Champions Champion for 2020-21.



BNH 1-5 Year Men's singles Champion of Champions winner Birkenhead's Adam Richardson with runner-up Orewa's Matthew Higginson.

TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

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That's a Wrap

Having officially closed back in early May the playing programme pushed on with two successful Wednesday triples tournaments and last weekend closed the greens with a two day triples tournament. Although not a new idea but all play last May was scuttled by Covid, so to finally get an extended May playing programme off the ground was satisfying to all involved.

The May Extended Triples limited to sixteen teams certainly leant itself to close competition and the fellowship out on the green and in the Club was infectious. The prize money was boosted thanks to the assistance of Tournament Partner Jet Couriers, with the winners picking up \$600. The forecast wasn't good leading into the weekend and the "Doomsdayers" had the tournament cancelled Friday. But Saturday came and the green wasn't underwater, in fact there had been little rain. All sixteen teams took to the green in blustery conditions which changed throughout the day. End of day one, three teams remained undefeated on 12 games points/3 wins, John Hindmarch (35 ends), Linda Phillips (33 ends) and Steve Yates (31 ends). Day two and a chilly morning greeted the players but it quickly warmed up only to rain/hail just after 1pm to hold up proceedings for 15 minutes, that was the only lost time over the two days. The day finished in freezing conditions. It was certainly a tournament of all four seasons. Day two is always different to day one and with the green being swung 90 degrees, played across the club house, for Sunday play, it possibly caught some teams out. Linda Phillips trio possibly one, having secured four wins Saturday couldn't improve on that Sunday, going down four times to leave them mid-field. The other two leaders from day one met each other first up with Yates dropped game to Hindmarch, but went on to win the next three. Hindmarch carried on the winning way and went on to win the next three and claim the tournament win, the only team to win 8 games straight (24 game points/8 wins). Yates came in second with only the one loss to Hindmarch.

Results:

- First: Mark Rumble, Mike Cartwright, John Hindmarch (s) – 24 game points, 60 ends
- Second: Mike Turner, Mick Moodie, Steve Yates (s) – 21 game points, 61 ends
- Third: Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai, Gary Wallace (s) – 15 game points, 50 ends
- Fourth: Bob Telfer, Sean Mulholland, Trish Croot (s) – 15 game points, 41 ends
- AM Prize: Martin Short, Curtis Ennor, Robbie Henson (s)
- PM Prize: Evan Thomas, Sandy Cleghorn, Randall Watkins (s)
- Lucky Draw: Les Lagatule, Dave McFadyen, Paul Newman (s)



Eight straight wins to take out Birkenhead's May Extended Triples over the weekend enjoy a celebratory drink, Mike Cartwright, John Hindmarch and Mark Rumble

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New North v South Challenge Confirmed

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand's website 27/05/21

A new initiative for bowls in New Zealand has been confirmed with the sport adding a fresh level of inter-island competition with the 'first' North (Te Ika-A-Maui) v South (Te Waipounamu) contest set for later this year.

The North v South Challenge will bring together the best bowlers from the North Island against those from the South Island at the Dunedin Indoor Stadium, 3-5 September in a Ryder Cup type format with 18 players each side to be announced.

Teams will be confirmed by the Bowls New Zealand National Selection panel including two para bowlers (male and female) for each team. There will be a mix of current high performance squad players featuring experience as well as unknown quality.

Day one of the event will feature two men's and two women's fours. Day two is nine mixed pairs (including mixed para pairs) and the final day is a huge 18 singles (including para bowlers v para bowlers).

South non-playing captain, Maurice Symes can't wait for the North v South Challenger to get underway.

"It's going to be a great event. I was quite excited when they asked me to be involved. The hard part as the non-playing captain will be getting the combinations right, particularly as the singles can turn the competition on its head," said former Commonwealth Games medallist Symes who resides in Blenheim.

"Dunedin Stadium isn't the easiest with judging distances, It can be quite demanding on the bowlers. I think the South Island can win and will win, but it's going to be great competition."

From the North Island, the non-playing captain, Sharon Sims is also looking forward to something a little different in the sport and creating a legacy as well as extra competition around the country between bowlers.

"It's exciting to be involved in something that's new like this. Anything that gets all of the best players together is great."

"On paper the south may look stronger with the players they have at the moment, but you don't play on paper, form doesn't always mean a lot. It's a new challenge for all of us."

Bowls New Zealand High Performance Manager, Kaushik Patel is looking forward to the new concept and how it will put pressure on the competitors in a different environment as they look forward to further recognition and national selection, especially with Commonwealth Games 2022 selection only eight months away.

"The North v South Challenge will add a huge amount to everyone taking part. It will be interesting to see how the players respond to the pressure, plus seeing the inter-island rivalry come to the fore. There is already a bit of talk around the country about which island has the best bowlers currently, this event could settle things."

In the past there have been North v South events but not in this new format and not always on a regular basis.

Housie! - Thursday 17 June
 Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George
Cash Prizes First Game 7pm
Housie cards only \$1 per card
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Housie!, Bingo! third Thursday in the month

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No Indoor Bowls Monday 7 June

(Queens Birthday weekend)

Social Indoor Bowls resumes 6pm Monday 14 June

Tickets Selling Fast

Stairship fundraiser supported by Barfoot & Thompson is being held at Birkenhead Bowling Club Saturday. Soul Agents will entertain the party goers on the night. Tickets \$20 per person, available now from Tim Roskrue (0274 923125) or Emmie (0275 297297) There will be a couple of food trucks on site with food available to purchase.

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Saturday 3 July - Starship Fundraiser ft. Soul Agents
Saturday 31 July – Arabian Nights Party

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.

It was a big weekend on Saturday and Sunday with a triple’s tournament sponsored by Jet Couriers. I’d never heard of them until Steve Arms bought me a drink a few months ago and told me he had been drafted in to try and drag the prices down of NZ Couriers. Steve had kindly donated a few hundred to the tournament and ultimately into Johnny and Marks pockets. I would like to say that the \$200 I earned was safely tucked away in my wallet but anyone who has been married will know, money only has one place in a relationship and that’s in a purse hidden away in the bottom of a handbag where no one can find anything. I told Katrina I won 50 bucks and that most of that had gone on beer. The following morning the other \$150 had vanished after someone posted on Facebook a nice picture of the three of us and informing everyone, we had \$600. Now, Katrina is no rocket scientist, but it didn’t take her long to figure out that three into 600 is not \$50. My other \$150, well, that went on Max Factor foundation and hair products.

The weekend started pretty well with everyone looking to the heavens and expecting the first day to get rained off. After years of bowling though, most lawn bowlers are acutely aware that weather forecasters are overpaid Q card readers who have about as much credibility as a Politian. Lucky at Birkenhead Bowling Club we realise that a little water never hurt anyone and we took to the greens like ducks to water and proceeded to run the gauntlet of rain and freezing cold winds. I had elected to wear shorts on the first day, a bad move as by the end of it they looked as if someone had cut off my circulation. I persevered but was glad to give the other bowlers the respite of having to look at them when the day was finished and we wrapped ourselves in the warmth of the clubhouse. They looked pretty sick for most of the evening until I swamped my veins with a Glenfarclas 105 from Scotland. The dram tends to warm most parts of the anatomy but struggles to help where its needed most.

As for the weekend well we won 8 from 8. None of the games were easy but according to all the other bowlers we spoke to we didn’t play any of the good teams. They are the standard words from lawn bowlers after a tournament and something I have said numerous times myself, generally I’m sucking on my teeth when I say it.

I have to admit my success can be solely attributed to being carried by the club selectors. My performance wasn’t too bad considering I play when I’m allowed. Realistically though if I want a chance of making a Birkenhead team next year then I will have to reach into my bank account and buy the selectors a few drinks and hope they select the team when they are as pissed as chooks.

For me some of the best features of the weekend, besides all the lovely ladies of course, was the grub. Stuie and Bernie did us proud and made me completely forget about Nigella Lawson as they served up food that only lawn bowlers could appreciate. I didn’t have to worry about dinner for two nights and I nearly kicked the missus out when I got home telling her they were moving in.

She said there were things that they couldn’t do that she could, I won’t go any further as I have offended enough people for one year already. Until next time.....

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The Old Sea Captain Returns

After a fall at home John Davison broke his angle and ended up in plaster. Not really what you want in your eighties. While it mended he had his wings clipped and has been resting up in care. John is now back home and looking forward to a return to the Club for a gin or two.

Board of Management

The AGM 2021 is 10am Sunday 20 June 2021 at the Clubrooms. Official notice of the AGM have gone out to financial members, if haven't received yours yet there are spare copies available form the Club Secretary. All positions on the Board of Management are up for election each year while appointments on the various committees are via "Expression of Interest" with the decision of the Board of Management member concerned with the final sign off by Board of Management.

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with guest Mack Tane

7PM SATURDAY JUNE 19

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Hungry to Win?

Those that played John Hindmarch first up last Sunday may have thought he was hungry for the tournament win. Hindmarch was hungry and we mean really hungry. Saturday evening his lovely partner Sabrina being ever considerate and ensuring her man was well feed after a day out on the greens. Ordered dinner from the local Indian just round the corner from the Club. John was to pick it up when it was ready and take it home for them to share and watch the evenings remaining NRL games. All ordered and confirmed Sabrina beetled off home. Hindmarch finished his drink and headed off to pick up the meal. Upon reaching the Indian he introduced himself to the guy on the counter and asked for his order..... what order! and the restaurant was packed. No order for Hindmarch! and Sabrina wasn't answering her phone. Sabrina had ordered their dinner, same as every other time they have Indian, rung it through. Problem was instead of ringing Sagar Indian Restaurant Birkenhead she had rung Sages Indian Restaurant Pt Chev. Hindmarch's dinner was ready for collection but at Pt Chev!

To cap it off Sabrina thought the guy at the end of the phone taking the order sound different to usual and wondered why he didn't know her name.

It was just as well the tournament over the weekend was morning tea and lunch provided, Hindmarch didn't have long to wait Sunday to satisfy his hunger pains.

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Club Partner, Auckland Independently Qualified Person Limited (A.IQP).

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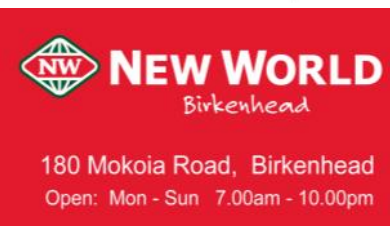
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