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**LEVEL 4**

**Alert Level 4**

**Clubrooms, Greens & Surrounds closed**

## On The Greens - Closed until further notice

*Both greens and surrounds are closed.*

~~Wednesday 15 September - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - cancelled~~

~~Friday 17 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - cancelled~~

~~Wednesday 22 September - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - cancelled~~

~~Friday 24 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - cancelled~~

Wednesday 29 September - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Friday 1 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti

Saturday 2 October - 8.30am Handicap Pairs (AC)

Sunday 3 October - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - Lunch provided

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

Friday 8 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti

Saturday 9 October - 9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn, Single Entry)

## Inside this Weekend - Closed until further notice

Friday 17 September - **Closed**

Saturday 18 September - **Closed**

Sunday 19 September - **Closed**

## 29 Days of No Trading and Counting!

## Melbourne Cup Long Lunch

The hope is that we are in Level 1 by November and the long lunch can run without restrictions. If Level Delta 2 prevails the long lunch will run but with a reduced capacity of 50 persons.

Experience Melbourne Cup Day at Birkenhead for yourself and join us for the race that stops two Nations. Come and make an afternoon of it with the exclusive Melbourne Cup Long Lunch with all the trimmings. Birkenhead Bowling Club Tuesday 2nd November for the 161st running of the Melbourne Cup. TAB facilities available, five large screens tuned to the racing action, Full Bar, Open from 11.30am.

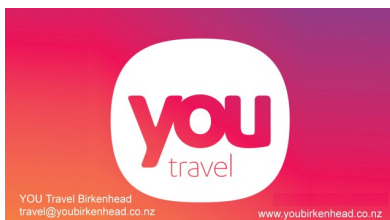
Certainly, something a little different.....

- A sumptuous buffet lunch, the menu includes Glazed Champagne Ham, Prawns, Half Shell Oysters, a selection of cold dishes and salads, finished with dessert.
- Beverage package including: selected New Zealand wine, sparkling wine, light and standard beers and non-alcoholic beverages.\*\*\*
- Afternoon tea featuring a selection of cheeses and cold meats platters.
- Large screens 65", 86" & 110" tuned to the racing action
- TAB Race books for Ellerslie, Wingatui and Flemington races (available in the Lounge)
- Convenient access to TAB betting facilities on site.
- Loads of prizes up for grabs including best dressed Lady and Man.
- And more.....

Individual tickets available or get a group together and save on the per head price with tables for 6 or 10.

## 28th Fast Approaching

The extended Membership discount deadline is fast approaching, 28 September is the last day for the discounts. Thanks to all those that have paid their subs to date, with a special thanks to those members that have included a donation with their payment. Membership subs for 2020-21 may be paid direct into the Club's account (ASB Account No: 123035-0699644-01).





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### Delta Blow!

The 28 August passed as the Club's opening day was postponed to a date yet to be advised. The playing calendar had already been adjusted due to the unavailability of the greens until 12 September and that day too has since passed. August 18 and the big spanner was thrown in thanks to Delta in the form of Alert Level 4 lockdown. Club, greens and surrounds closed over night and have remained closed. The first Sunday tournament was to have been last weekend but it became a Delta causality and it won't be the last. Today the first Wednesday Triples tournament for the season was due to happen but this too has become a victim of Delta.

We now wait for the move to Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm, Tuesday 21 September, but this is not guaranteed, confirmation will not be until Monday 20 September.

A move to Level 3, at least we can get out to work in some instances while the hospitality industry still waits to open and turn over much needed dollars. The Clubrooms remain closed under Level 3 as do the greens and surrounds.

The Friday 242 and Club Days have all bitten the dust until we enter Level 2 and even then come with restrictions.

Level Delta 2, when we finally get there, if we look at what is currently happening outside the Auckland region, will open up our Club again but with a limit of 50 persons, seated inside along with other restrictions, no pool, no darts, table service, social distancing and mask wearing!. Some of these restrictions won't be to the liking of some, but we must adhere to them to ensure we remain open to at least get some dollars through the door. The Joker 500 will return in Level Delta 2, but the Members Draw will not make a return until Level 1. The Board of Management is committed to keeping the Club open for the enjoyment and safety of all members but within the limits of the Alert Level restrictions, the bills keep coming even when the Club is closed.

### Pairs Record Smashed

The past couple of years the Club's marquee two-day men's tournament has filled within a month of entries opening. The Carpet Mill \$6,000 Birkenhead Men's Pairs for February 2022 with an increased entry fee of \$200 per team smashed this with a full tournament 50 hours after entries opened last Saturday. Entries are still coming in but these will go on the reserve list in the hope that a team or two pulls out. There are some disappointed bowlers.




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# MELBOURNE CUP

## Long Lunch

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
BIRKENHEAD BOWLING CLUB, 93 Mokoia Road  
**Open from Midday** (Entry Restricted to 18 years of age and over)


**TICKETS:** \$ **90** pp **or** **RESERVED TABLE:**  
Table of 6: \$480  
Table of 10: \$750



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## Housie! Bingo! Thursday 16 September

Caller: Kevin "Scratch" Edge  
Cash Prize \$1000 7pm  
Housie \$1 per card

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Further info ph: 021 222 2227, Entry restricted to 18 years and over

**Housie!, Bingo! third Thursday in the month**



### 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's been a while since I had a bowl in my hand, in fact it's a long time since I've had anything in my hand. Its probably the same for everyone as lock-down does its best to destroy people's lives and leave's the average man wondering how long it's going to be before he commits a Crimes Act offence.

I can tell you from experience that there will be wives, girlfriends, husbands and boyfriends that are just dying for the bowls season to start so that they can get their lives back and will enjoy looking at the back of their partners "noggin" as they walk out the door at 7.30 am in a effort to win a bloody meat pack.

It's a bit strange really when you think about adults leaving home at the crack of dawn to go out and play all day to win something they could buy at a supermarket for 50% less than the entry fee. I've never been able to work it out and it's always been the same since Browns Bay's club captain George Martell introduced me to the game in 1995 and told me a meat pack would keep me in the good books with the missus no matter how late I was.

George told me if I won bugger all, to stop off at the supermarket on the way home and buy a frozen chicken, guaranteed to get a warm reception. A frozen chicken was unlikely to get you anything else but it made thing's bearable when you fell asleep on the couch.

Talking of Club Captains some idiot at the club nominated me for the position, oh yeah that was me!! If I want a job, I generally go for the ones that nobody wants as it means I don't have to try too hard to get any votes. It was safe to say that no one else wanted the job and I was shunted into the position. I'm convinced that the committee wanted me as Club Captain in an attempt to keep the complaints from other clubs about my posts to a minimum. They were working on the assumption that if I was in a responsible position then I wouldn't be irresponsible. They obviously don't know me, as anyone who follows me on Facebook will know. They also don't realise that I have now resigned from the police so the risk of me losing my job has gone completely.

As I write Mrs Ed has informed us all that Auckland will have another week at Level 4 so any bowls within the next month is going to be something we can only dream about, over and above the normal dreams we have of course. I had my name down for the mixed pairs and the Ivan Kostanich singles which, were all the victim of Mrs Ed and her stallion's decision making. Loz was a big benefactor of those decisions as she was relieved of the burden of having to carry me in the mixed pairs and now doesn't have to worry about drawing Tony again and giving him another bath.

It could be a while before we all see each other, which for some people won't be a bad thing, but please stay safe. One thing I have learnt about lockdown is that the saying "Nothing is Impossible" is a load of bollocks. I've been doing nothing every day for the past few weeks.

## Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

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





### From the Centre

Weekly Reminder – 14th September 2021

#### COVID LOCKDOWN

We are still hoping to hold the PPL Carnival on 16th and 17th October, if we are in Level 2 by this date. Due to the restrictions on the greens and in the clubhouse at Level 2 we will be restricting the number of rinks being used on a green to 6. We are also restricting the number of greens being used at any one venue to 1.

#### ENTRIES OPEN

BNH Power Play League Carnival – 16/17 Oct 21

BNH Men Pennants Premier Division, BNH Men Pennants Division 1,

BNH Women Pennants Premier Division, BNH Women Pennants Division 1,

BNH Mixed Pennants Section A, BNH Mixed Pennants Section B – 30-31 Oct & 6 Nov 21

#### CENTRE OPENING AND HANDBOOK

The Centre is now for all intents and purposes open.

The handbooks will be distributed as soon as we are able to get them from the printers and get them to your club. The printers are only able to print them when we get to level 3 MASTERS 2022

Date of tournament: 14th to 18th February 2022

Entries can now be put in using the online registration facility.

The link is <https://www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/masters/>

#### BOWLS NEW ZEALAND CEO VISIT TO BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR

If we are down at Level 2, Mark Cameron will be visiting our Centre on 12th October at 6.30pm at Browns Bay Bowling club.

#### CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES

As per an email sent to you earlier in the day Clearance certificates are no longer required.

### 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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