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LEVEL 3

**Auckland is at Alert Level 3 - Phase 1
 Clubrooms, Greens & Surrounds closed**



As We Understand It!

Auckland remains in Level 3 except for a few conditions that permit you to be closer to Level 2 but with the restrictions of Level 3 while allowing for the Level 2 freedoms but maintaining a Level 3 threshold with a Level 2 range while keeping a clear Level 3 environment that will allow you to do those Level 2 activities as long as they meet the guidelines of Level 3 but this is only on the condition that the Level 2 processes are structured to fit inside the Level 3 road map.

To summarise the big announcement Tuesday: Auckland will go to Level 2 gradually at an unspecified timeframe. And there will be picnics.

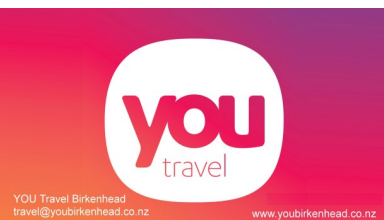
On The Greens - Closed until further notice

Both greens and surrounds are closed.

- ~~Sunday 3 October - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - cancelled~~
- ~~Wednesday 6 October - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - cancelled~~
- ~~Friday 8 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - cancelled~~
- Saturday 9 October - 9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn) - **postponed**
- Sunday 10 October - 8.30am Handicap Singles (Mixed) - **postponed**
- ~~Wednesday 13 October - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - cancelled~~
- ~~Friday 15 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - cancelled~~
- Wednesday 20 October - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - BYO Lunch
- Saturday 23 October - 8.30am Men's Championship Singles
- Sunday 24 October - 8.30am Men's Championship Singles
- Wednesday 27 October - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
- Friday 29 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti
- Saturday 30 October - BNH Pennants
- Sunday 31 October - BNH Pennants
- Wednesday 3 November - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
- Sunday 7 November - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - Lunch provided
- Monday 8 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (1)

Inside this Weekend - Closed until further notice

- Friday 8 October - **Closed**
- Saturday 9 October - **Closed**
- Sunday 10 October - **Closed**



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Quiz Night - Free to Enter 7pm Thursday 14 October

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ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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Ground Hog Day

It's certainly starting to feel that way, Ground Hog Day. You would think we JAFAs would be use to it by now and to a certain extent we probably are. But while the rest of New Zealand, well most, the Waikato is currently getting another taste of Level 3 but with a soft transit boundaries, what's with that?. Aucklanders are stuck with One News at midday followed by Emmerdale Farm, the daily 1pm Covid up-date, Tipping Point at 3pm and The Chase at 5pm.....and the weekends aren't much better. With so many eateries in Birkenhead there is plenty of choice if you're fed up with cooking.

Those lucky enough to have ventured out to their place of work at least get some variation in the day. The ones we really feel for are the retired. So used to the choice of doing nothing all day have no choice at all, they have no option but to do nothing. Although some residents from a facility close to the Club have been spotted out aimlessly wondering the streets of Birkenhead, and the facility has been informed each time Sandy Cleghorn has got out. With level 3 at least we have been able to gain access to check for damage and prep the Club for reopening, in phase three of the Auckland Covid roadmap. Various trades have been co-ordinated to undertake urgent works and update others.

Now we wait to move through phases one and two before the Club can reopen in a limited capacity at phase three and trade again, even limited trade is better than none. But news of Covid in the Waikato last Sunday along with the Government's drawn-out Auckland three step Covid roadmap to freedom could mean this is some time off, but fingers crossed for reopening later this month. So it is Ground Hog Day for a while longer, but with picnics and play dates.....

Long Lunch Cut

Due to the uncertainty of the government's covid alert levels and phases, we have been forced to postpone this year's Melbourne Cup Long Lunch until Tuesday 1 November 2022, 391 days away. Thanks all those that purchased tickets & tables, a full refund will be available when the Club reopens.

But all is not lost, if the Club is able to open for business on Tuesday 2 November, we will be open from Midday to catch all the races from Melbourne, Ellerslie, Wingatui and across Australia. This will be free entry and operated under the Club's Sale of Alcohol Licence.

Not Us

There is much speculation circulating which Harbour club is the offender in the email from Bowls North Harbour (see below). Members can rest assured it is not Birkenhead.

Received from BNH 28 September 2021
Urgent and Important - Alert Level 3 Activity at Clubs

To all Clubs in Bowls North Harbour Centre,
Today Bowls North Harbour have received advice from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment that a club in the Bowls North Harbour area has breached the Covid 19 Public Health Response (Alert Level Requirements) Order (no. 12) 2021, allegedly opening their premises to a group of more than 10 persons.

We have not been advised of any inquiry being made into this particular incident, but it is a timely reminder for all clubs to be aware of the requirements for the particular Alert Levels set by Government and not be seen to be contravening these in any shape or form. The Board of Bowls North Harbour are disappointed that such an incident has arisen and do ask that all clubs take note of the requirements and not open their premises while the area is in Alert Level 3 or higher.

Tony Popplewell
Chairman, Bowls North Harbour.

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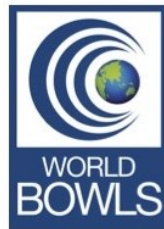
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Advisory Group Established to Push for Olympic Recognition

From World Bowls, By David Allen September, 29th, 2021

Bowls Australia chief executive officer Neil Dalrymple will chair a new Bowls in the Olympics Advisory Group (BOAG), established to support the sport's bid for Olympic recognition for able-body and para-sport disciplines.

The international advisory group will provide high-level advice and guidance to the World Bowls Board, with respect to achieving Olympic status, bringing together personnel from World Bowls, Member Nations and independent authorities, in addition to subject-matter experts as required.

Membership will include:

- Bowls Australia CEO, Neil Dalrymple (chair)
- World Bowls president, Darryl Clout
- World Bowls CEO, Gary Smith
- International Bowls for the Disabled president, Paul Brown
- Athlete representative, Lynsey Clarke (Australia)
- Member Nation representatives, Bowls Canada CEO, Anna Mees and Bowls New Zealand CEO, Mark Cameron
- Other suitably qualified delegates to be invited as and when required

'The Olympics and Paralympics are justifiably seen as the pinnacle of sport and are undoubtedly events that many sports aspire to be included in and many athletes desire to compete in; positioning Bowls to have the best chance to be included in the 2032 Brisbane programme is the major purpose of this committee,' Dalrymple said.

'This committee will play a very important role in preparing a plan and a course of action for Bowls to be included in the Olympics and/or Paralympics in 2032, which is the ultimate end goal, but we know there is considerable work ahead in order for this outcome to be achieved.

'Personally, I thank the World Bowls Board for the opportunity to chair this committee and I'm pleased that we have been able to assemble a suitable and diverse mix of experienced bowls administrators from across the globe to progress this important project for the sport and all Bowls Member Nations.'

World Bowls commenced the process to gain recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in recent years, but identified significant obstacles that must be overcome, particularly relating to the amount of member nations and subsequent categorisations of sovereign states like the United Kingdom.

The panel will initially focus on the preparation of a plan that addresses all key issues and milestones that are required to enable Bowls to be recognised as an Olympic sport by the IOC and IPC, with the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games identified as the appropriate opportunity for inclusion.

As such, Australia will be well-represented on the panel, with Dalrymple joined by NSW-based recently elected World Bowls president Darryl Clout contributing suitable experience, having been Vice President of the International Softball Federation, alongside Queensland-based Australian Jackaroo Lynsey Clarke as an athlete representative. Scotland-based World Bowls CEO Gary Smith, England-based International Bowls for the Disabled president Paul Brown, Bowls Canada CEO Anna Mees and Bowls New Zealand CEO Mark Cameron round out the delegation entrusted with securing representation in sport's showpiece event.



MELBOURNE CUP *Long Lunch*

POSTPONED to 2023

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
BIRKENHEAD BOWLING CLUB, 93 Mokoia Road

Each Month

Quiz Night in partnership with Tim Roskrugue of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen:- 7pm the second Thursday in the month.- 11 November & 16 December
Housie! with Scratchy: - 7pm the third Thursday in the month – 18 November, & 23 December.

Update on PPL and Pennants Tournaments

Received from BNH 5 October 2021

PPL

The announcement by the Government yesterday of Auckland remaining in Alert Level 3 and stepping down gradually over the next 3 weeks (minimum) leaves us in no certain place to be able to host the Ryman PPL Carnival event on 16/17 October. The Match Committee have therefore decided not to wait any longer but to advise clubs now of the cancellation of this event. Thank you to the 10 clubs who submitted 33 entries for this event and it was looking to be an excellent introductory event to the season's activities.

Pennants

The next Centre event now is the Pennants competition starting on 30 October. Again we encourage clubs to make up your teams for this event and submit your entries well before closing date of 15 October. Once again with so much uncertainty around for the rest of this month we would ask clubs to hold off actually paying their entry fees until we have more certainty of the event proceeding. We will give you time to pay for your entries prior to the commencement of the event.

From the BNH Match Committee

Country & Western

Tickets

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New date to be advised

Saturday 16 October from 7pm

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The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls amongst other things. 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.

Part Three

We patiently waited for the ref to blow his whistle. I was playing blindside flanker and was standing next to Ackford. My job was to grab his arse and lift him so we could get possession from the first kick-off. I can't remember if I enjoyed the experience, but it must of worked because even after all these years I still remember winning the kick-off. The game started off with a hiss and a roar for us and we were all over New Brighton, as usual I was having a blinder....remember it's my blog. After 20 minutes we were cruising at 14 - 0 and I was pretty pleased with the way I was performing. Unfortunately for me things were about to go drastically wrong.

I had dragged myself up from the bottom of a ruck after setting up the sort of possession Richie McCaw would of been proud of. The ball was snapped up by our scrum half who fired it out the backline. I was on a mission to catch up but as I got half way across the field I felt something tugging at my shirt....I turned around and saw this grubby little scouse with a dirty bloody grin on face pulling at my jersey. He seemed to be enjoying it and the look on his face said to me that someone needed to wipe that stupid smirk off his face...I obliged with a swinging left arm that clocked him squarely on the jaw and sent the tosser on a trip downwards to examine the grass grubs feeding on the turf.

I carried on to the breakdown, but the one-eyed crowd decided to inform the ref of what had just occurred. The ref turned around and saw the forlorn figure of a New Brighton player lying face-down chewing on some dirt....me....I continued on to the ruck until the ref stopped play. The unemployed scouse's in the crowd made sure the ref knew what had happened...minus the jersey pulling.... and after 20 minutes of playing in the Metropolitan Police 1st team I was given my marching orders and an early shower. The walk through the grandstand was an experience I will never forget, I don't think I have ever had so many people hate me at once, it was a good job I couldn't understand a word they were bloody saying. I remember sitting in the changing rooms on my own thinking maybe the Y District boys were right, maybe I was just a dirty bastard.

After the game we decided to socialise with the locals....a bad move as it happened as it was a bit tense due to the fact that the miners strike was on and a lot of Metropolitan Police officers had made a lot of money from overtime after being sent to assist policing the industrial action in the North. The massive police presence had been used by Maggie Thatcher to bring down Arthur Scargill and the coal mining industry in this region so cops in the club was something a lot of the crowd didn't want. We obliged by making it even worst by singing the 12 days of Christmas....now that might sound quite nice but when the first line is "On the 12th day of Christmas Arthur Scargill gave to me, 12 Crystal Glasses" and the last line is "and a brand new colour TV" you can get that the content was designed to wind them up. It did and we left before we got our beans.

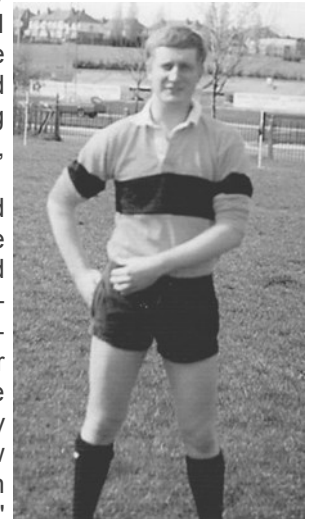
As a result of the punch I was banned for a month but the following week I went down to watch. John Gallagher had received a phone call on the Sunday after the game from NZRFU. They told him if he came back to New Zealand he would play for the All Blacks. On Sunday night he handed in his notice and on Monday he was gone. Me I never played for the 1st team again as after my ban the weather turned to custard and games got cancelled. I got asked to play a game for a local club called Chingford during the week off, I accepted the invitation....bad decision, because as I crossed the line to score a try some bastard broke my tibia and my season was done and dusted.

So what happened to the three individuals in this three part story:

John Gallagher: He went on to be an All Black in 1985 and made 47 appearances for them, including winning the 1987 World Cup. He is still regarded as one of the best full backs ever to play for the All Blacks.

Paul Ackford: Ackford went onto play for and captain England and the British Lions. He is now a writer for The Telegraph.

Michael Cartwright: Well he continued to play for the Metropolitan Police 2nd team and fulfilled his reputation as being a "one dirty bastard". He is now an average lawn bowler at Birkenhead Bowling Club.



Mike Cartwright
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Club for Hire

The Club is available for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations throughout the year. 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)

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Good Home Birkenhead". The Good Home is certainly a welcoming establishment to visit. Owned by the Birkenhead Licencing Trust and managed by Alan Vaughan. The establishment has supported the Club for many years and continues to support the two day \$6,500 Women's Pairs each February.

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