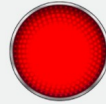




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BREAKING NEWS Quiz Night Returns! Tomorrow!!!

7pm Thursday 9 December

On The Greens

Note: the status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current status.

Men's Championship Singles - **postponed**

Men's Championship Pairs - **postponed**

Women's Championship Pairs - **postponed**

Christmas Shield - **postponed**

Wednesday 8 December - 10am Club Day (AC-Single Entry)

Friday 10 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) Team & Single Entry - mufti

Saturday 11 December - **8.30am Handicap Singles - post section knockout**

- 8.30am Men's Championship Triples - **postponed**

- 8.30am Women's Championship Triples - **postponed**

Sunday 12 December - **9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn)**

- 8.30am Men's Championship Triples - **postponed**

- 8.30am Women's Championship Triples - **postponed**

Monday 13 December - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls 3Five (6) - **cancelled**

Wednesday 15 December - **9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT-Ham) - Bring Your Own Lunch**

Saturday 18 December - **8.30am Handicap Pairs - post section knockout**

- 8.30am Women's Championship Fours - **postponed**

Sunday 19 December - **9am Rod Mahon Memorial (OACT - Ham) - Bring Your Own Lunch**

- 8.30am Women's Championship Fours - **postponed**

Wednesday 22 December - 10am Club Day (AC-Single Entry)

Friday 24 December Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC-Single Entry) - mufti

Inside this Weekend

Friday 10 December - Open 3.30pm

Meat Raffles, Joker 500

Continuous Ham and Salmon Raffles

Racing - Riccarton (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Forbury Park (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs) and from Australia

Cricket* - 3.30pm Ashes Day 3

A-League* - 6.45pm Newcastle Jets v Wellington Phoenix (Women)

- 9.25pm Newcastle Jets v Wellington Phoenix (Men)

Saturday 11 December - Open 11am

Continuous Ham and Salmon Raffles

Racing - Matamata, Trentham (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness) and from Australia

Cricket* - 1pm Ashes Day 4

Sunday 12 December - Open 11am

Continuous Ham and Salmon Raffles

Racing Akaroa (Harness) Southland, Manukau (Dogs) and from Australia

Cricket* - 1pm Ashes Day 5

NBL* - 5pm Adelaide 36ers v NZ Breakers

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.



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Quiz Night Returns This Thursday Evening

7pm Thursday 9 December
Free to Enter
Non-members welcome
Enter on the night



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Quiz Partners: Tim Roskrige of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead & Bill Hansen

Opened!!

Just after 6pm last Friday, if you blinked you would have missed it, but it did happen. The Birkenhead Bowling Club finally after three long months, officially opened the 2021-22 season with little fanfare and no guest speaker, creams or blue jackets in sight, very casual. President Randall Watkins opened the proceedings introducing Parton Shane Prince, who made a short speech urging everyone to work together to get through the truncated season ahead. Attention then turned to the green where Evan Thomas raised the flag, Warren Lush put the first jack down, Trish Croot straightened it, and Terry Moverley put the first bowl down to a rousing applause from the members. Then it was back to enjoying the rest of the evening the Birkenhead way.

With Restrictions

The Birkenhead Bowling Club Clubroom reopened last Friday operating under the new Traffic Light Protection Framework. Initially Auckland will be under Traffic Light Red which has the following restrictions for the hospitality industry that affect the operation of our club:

- Maximum 100 people in the clubrooms
 - Members to remain seated which precludes darts, pool, and dancing from being allowed
 - All members and their guests must have proof of double vaccination to be able to enter the clubrooms and greens – this is the law and NO EXCEPTIONS
 - Entry to the club and greens during bar opening times is via the main entrance to assist staff in obtaining proof of vaccination status
 - Children under 12 are not legally able to be vaccinated and are therefore exempt from the vaccine pass requirements
- The Club is focused on offering a welcoming, safe environment for everyone. All staff are double vaccinated, an extensive cleaning program is in place for the clubrooms
- Leading up to Christmas. Continuous Ham and Salmon raffles will be offered and meat raffles Friday night from 4.30pm.
 - The Members Draw will recommence when we reach ORANGE Traffic Light
 - All gaming machines will be on but members are required to be seated, 1 metre separation, wear masks and cannot have any drinks or food in the gaming room.



Warren Lush delivering the first jack



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Handicaps with a Difference

Saturday, and the first organised competition for the season got underway with a few changes from previous seasons. The Handicap Pairs where single entry drawn and a closing off time of 8am, half an hour before play was due to start. After four rounds late Saturday afternoon there were five three plus winners and to get to the magic number eight next best three where included in the blind draw post section knockout set down for 8.30 Saturday 18 December.

Sunday saw section play in the Handicap Singles get under way. Four rounds to find the three plus winners, and possibly some next bests. Warren Lush went into the fourth round qualified with three wins. A fourth win would cement his spot at the top of the seedings, but it was not to be, with Lush going down (12-21) to Sydney Walker. A tight match between Robbie Henson and Mark Rumble essentially saw both players denying each other a spot in the knockout with Henson winning (21-19). With the dust settled it didn't matter if Lush was top seed as the Knockout was a blind draw. Three players, Warren Lush, Colin Godfrey and Mari Hannan qualified with three wins each and first year Sydney Walker with two wins and the best differential, rounded out the top four to play post section knockout commencing 8.30am Saturday 11 December

Handicap Singles – Post Section

Semi-finals 8.30am Saturday 11 December

Warren Lush v Mari Hannan

Colin Godfrey v Sydney Walker

Handicap Pairs Post Section

Quarter finals 8.30am Saturday 18 December

Stephanie Langford, Keith Burgess v Mick Moodie, Fay Judge

Evan Thomas, Miranda Starck v Colin Godfrey, William Tonga

Lionel Drew, John Hannan v Adam Richardson, Mavis Smith

John Croy, John Lindridge v Cad Nathan, Sydney Walker

December Open Tournaments

Note to Members by Evan Thomas

Members, please note the Rod Mahon Memorial tournament previously advised as being held Wednesday 15th December (start time 9.30am) will now be conducted as the triples tournament scheduled for Sunday 19th December (start time 9.00am). Given the numbers the Rod Mahon day usually attracts, and given our reduced weekday parking availability at present with school renovations occurring, this seemed a practical solution with the extra parking availability on a Sunday.

The Wednesday 15th December sponsored tournament will still go ahead as a ham tournament, and as usual the Rod Mahon Memorial day will also be a ham tournament.

Please get your teams together – we may have to restrict numbers given parking restrictions (Wednesday) and also COVID attendance numbers (Sunday).

Phone Evan (0210575491) Merv (0210447627) or Sandy (0272006696) to confirm your teams attendance.

Coaching Blurb

By Trish Croot

Coaching returns to Birkenhead on a Monday night from 4pm till 6pm. All members are welcome but under current COVID conditions, it will be necessary to be double vaccinated before entering the club to use the greens and participate in the group coaching.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

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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 and at times not very PC. 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.

Now I just want to apologise for the delay in contributing to the Bee Express over the past few weeks. As we all know now if you apologise for anything it tends to make everything okay and everybody forgets that you an absolute idiot who doesn’t think about what they are about to say or do. Poor old Bee has been pulling his legs off because he didn’t know whether I was going to contribute or not....in the end he just gave up on me.

So what happened, well, to get straight to the point, I collapsed at home for some unknown reason. I sat down on my bed and grabbed my cup of tea and started surfing the internet for a decent Pornhub episode. I was feeling pretty good when all of a sudden the blood rushed from my head and I began to feel unstable, even though I was lying down. Thinking I was about to plaster the bedspread with bits of carrot I sat up on the bed, and that was it. Next thing I remember I opened my eyes and was seeing white. Initially I thought I was in heaven and had to look left and right before I realised I was in my bedroom lying on the floor on my back . I wasn’t naked and I didn’t have anybody sitting on top of me, and I thought, “this is a bit strange”. Having no idea what the happened I tried to get up but was about as steady on my feet as Joe Biden. I reached for my phone and slumped back on the floor and phoned the Mrs and told her I was having trouble standing and remembering what had happened.

As most men will understand, sometimes when you get off the phone after speaking to your Mrs you just want to throw up, well, I was no different and as soon as I hung up I lay on my side and threw up over the carpet and began dribbling out the side of my mouth. I hadn’t been like that since 1978 when I was lying in the gutter outside the Dirty Duck Pub in Stratford upon Avon. Without boring you too much, I ended up in hospital and eventually got an MRI on the brain. What they found was a 1.5 cm bubble of fluid in my head, apparently an old injury received from lawn bowls !! I’m not sure what they are going to do but the doctor has referred me to a neurologist, apparently he wants to make sure that 1.5 cm bubble is actually not my brain, surrounded by fluid. I pretty sure most of the readers have their own ideas about what it is. I’ll let you all know over a beer.

Talking of a beer I was so looking forward to this week. Finally Mrs ED was letting us back into the club and bowls was about to begin. To be honest I can’t quite understand the criteria slapped on sports clubs when it comes to gatherings. The people making the rules have obviously never been to the fruit and ‘vege’ section of a supermarket where criteria goes out the window. At supermarkets everybody clambers over everyone in an attempt to have a squeeze and ascertain which is the ripest melon before barging through the next crowd to try the bananas. It all makes sitting in a bowls club with a mask on and trying to drink beer a bit of a joke. Better than nothing I suppose !!!

So last Thursday I dusted off my shoes and polished my size 5 Optima’s in the hope I could go to the bar on Friday and then give somebody a bath in the Handicap Singles on Sunday. Not to be, as I was struck down by man-flu, apparently, second only to the delta variant. I was keen to try my luck at the club over the weekend but let’s face it having flu now is tantamount to having leprosy and coughing will clear a room quicker than the current prime minister. I gave it a miss as I was reluctant to get abused by lawn bowlers, enough of that happens out on the greens J

Well I will wind up now as man-flu is taking a grip of me and I need to phone my wife and tell her all about it.

Take care out there and remember.....be kind on the greens, otherwise you’ll have to apologise!.

Championships Postponed

Numerous Club Championships have been postponed due to either initially down to be played when Alert Level restrictions didn’t allow or as the ever changing playing programme hasn’t allowed players enough time to prepare. All Club Championships to have been played prior to Christmas have been postponed until into the New Year.

All entrants must be current financial members (2021-22) to participate. Championships postponed: Men’s Championship Singles, Men’s Championship Pairs, Men’s Championship Triples, Women’s Championship Pairs, Women’s Championship Triples, Women’s Championship Fours.

All are date to be advised, thanks everyone for their continued understanding.

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Reopening of the Birkenhead Bowling Club last Friday couldn't come fast enough for Past President Greg Utting, pictured here waiting patiently 2 1/2 hours out from opening enjoying the sunny day. Rumour has it Greg pushed work meeting times forward just so he didn't miss out on being first back into the Club... In case the government room limit was reach or the beer ran out!.

Reminder of Who's Who

As we get back into the bowling, after months of lockdown, you couldn't be blamed for forgetting who does what around the Club and who to ask that particular question. If you have a question re championship dates the Match Committee is your best bet to get the correct answer from, if it is about hiring the Club the Function Co-ordinator would be able to assist with any questions.

Below is a list of Club Office Bearers, Convenors & Committee Members as reproduced from the 2021-22 handbook available now in the Club:

Chairperson: Emmie Swart

Treasurer: Elaine Utting QSM

Secretary: Terry Moverley

President: Randall Watkins

Vice President: Joseph Korkis

Board Members: Keith Burgess, Doug Campbell, Merv Garred, Evan Thomas, John Croy (Co-Opted)

Club Captain: Mike Cartwright

1-5 Year Coordinator: Peter Nathan

Delegate To Bowls North Harbour: Garry Moverley

Substitute Delegate: Emmie Swart

Greens Superintendent: Doug Campbell

Club Selectors: John Hindmarch (Convenor), Peter Nathan, Trish Croot

Club Coaches: Trish Croot (Convenor), Keith Burgess

Umpires: Garry Moverley (Convenor), Trish Croot

Match Committee: Doug Campbell, (Convenor), Jimmy Heath, Joseph Korkis

Sunday Tournament Committee: Merv Garred (Convenor), Sandy Cleghorn

Mid Week Tournament Committee: Evan Thomas (Convenor), Sandy Cleghorn, Vaughan Henderson

Roll-Up Committee: Vaughan Henderson (Convenor)

Grounds Maintenance Committee: Barry Reyland (Convenor), Tommy Winton, John Lindridge,, Peter Svendson (Gardens)

Sponsorship Committee: Emmie Swart (Convenor), Joseph Korkis

House Committee: Emmie Swart (Convenor)

Social Committee: Joseph Korkis (Convenor), Emmie Swart, Mike Pugh, Louise Fox, Debbie Jones, Fay Kingham, Sabrina Cox, Elaine Utting QSM

Function Coordinator: Emmie Swart

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Thursday 16 December

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Bingo cards only \$1 per card

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Housie! Bingo! every third Thursday in the month




Allan Meekings This Sunday

Originally carded for early October the Allan Meekings Memorial has been moved to this Sunday, 9am Sunday 12 December. It is Single Entry Any Combination, Drawn. This a great one day tournament for all grades of bowlers and is ideal opportunity to play in a team with bowlers you would not usually get the opportunity to do so. To enter put your name on the white board in the Club.

Kids Party & New Years Eve Party Cancelled

Under the RED Traffic Light it is a requirement we are seated while in the Clubrooms. There are two planned events, New Years Eve Party and Kids Christmas Party both require greater freedom to be a success. Due to the anticipated length of time before moving to a suitable level to safely run both events the Club has reluctantly made the only realistic decision and cancelled both events.



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(OPEN ANY COMBINATION TRIPLES)

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9.00AM START
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Pre-Purchased Ham & Salmon Numbers

Those that pre-purchased numbers (before 1 December) in the Club's Continuous Ham and Salmon raffles. Payment is now due and can now be paid direct to the Club Secretary or into the Club's bank account (use "HSR-Your Surname" as the reference). Hams there are 15 raffles \$30 per number. Salmon there are 10 raffles \$20 per number.

Ham and Salmon Raffles On Sale

Continuous Ham and Salmon raffles well underway with raffles being drawn 6pm Wednesdays and Fridays as each raffle sales out. One draw ham and two draw salmon with fifty numbers in each raffle. Winning raffles will be available for collection after 5pm Wednesday 22 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club. Raffles not collected on the 22 December will be named and placed in the chiller for collection, the club and persons running the raffle are not responsible for any raffles left in the chiller.

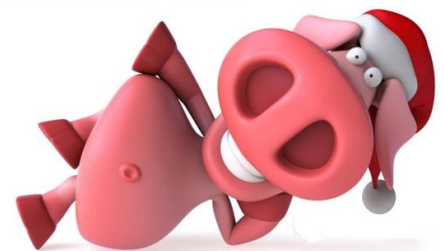
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Centre Update

BNH email 7 December

BNH Weekly Reminder – 7 December 2021

BNH NZ Masters 2022 – Just 10 days left to get your entries in before closing date on Friday 17 December 2021 with playing dates 14/18 February 2022. Entry fee \$25 per player.

Entries are steady and we would always welcome more. This event is more about participation than straight competition, and it is your chance to play alongside other bowlers in the similar age group. We have one category at the moment that has just one entry (i.e. the Women's 75+ fours) and we would really like at least one more entry to make a game in this category. Please consider this if you can make up a team.

All entrants must be double vaccinated by the 1 February 2022, and entries must be made through the entry platform on the website.

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

Thank you to the clubs who have responded with their club information to assist BNH to host this major tournament. We have received replies from Browns Bay, Milford, Takapuna, Mairangi Bay, Orewa, Warkworth, Helensville and Birkenhead. If your club has not replied yet would you please do so as we need the assistance of your club as a venue for this tournament on the days your greens are available.

Entries open for forthcoming events – A reminder for clubs and persons entering BNH competitions to check the entry conditions for the event on the entry platform, on the website, as entries are being made.

All entrants must be double vaccinated by the entry closing date for the event entered.
1-5 years Interclub – Entries close on Friday 24 December 2021 for playing dates 8/9 January 2022. Entry fee \$100 per side.

Women's Interclub 7's – Entries close on Friday 7 January 2022 for playing dates 22/23 January 2022. Entry fee \$100 per side.

Men's Interclub 7's – Entries close on Friday 28 January 2022 for playing dates 12/13 February & 12 March 2022. Entry fee \$100 per side.

Women's Centre Triples – Entries close on Friday 4 February 2022 for playing dates 19/20 February 2022. Entry fee \$75 per team.

Men's Centre Singles – Entries close on Friday 4 February 2022 for playing dates 19/20 February 2022. Entry fee \$25 per player.

Resurgence Support Payments – A last reminder if your club needs any assistance, our treasurer, Raewyn Thomas, is only too willing to help. Contact her on 027 499 8697.

Battle of the Bridge – Well done to the rep teams last Sunday. Conditions were not easy but at least our players were able to get out on the greens and get some competitive bowls in. For the record Auckland were the overall winners 44 games to 40. Well done to the 1-5 year bowlers at Milford where North Harbour won both the men and women sections by the same number of 8 games to 6. Thank you to Milford Bowling Club for hosting that section on the day.

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From the Archives

The recent lockdown gave us plenty of time to get into the back of the cupboards and in to boxes that had been opened in ages. The same went for those flash drives that litter many a desk. Here are a few of the Bee's favourite pics stumbled across in recent weeks.

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This year's card, 2021-22, is there to work for you with the Club's BeeRewards Programme. Each time you make a purchase from the Club's upstairs bar scan the QR code on your membership card (it is unique to you) and receive BeeRewards Points on all eligible purchases and in turn these points may be used to pay for future purchases, there are of course terms and conditions.

We are also marking cards of members that have had their "My Vaccine Pass" scanned, this is to make it quicker for all concerned to meet the requirements of the Government's current mandate and the Club's COVID-19 Policy requiring double vaccination.

Look after that card and let it work for you, Replacement cards

are available at \$5 per card and can take up to 21 days to arrive. BeeRewards Points cannot be accrued without a current membership card or after purchase has been completed.



Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on new Club Partner Summerset at Monterey Park, out there on the waters edge at Hobsonville. Summerset has been involved in bowls in recent years as sponsor of the Bowls New Zealand Nationals and a number of other Bowls New Zealand events. We welcome Summerset at Monterey Park to Birkenhead Bowling Club and look forward to a rewarding partnership going both ways.

Enjoy retirement living with panoramic sea views

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