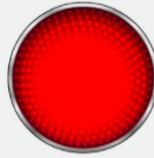




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- Wednesday 26 January - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
- Friday 28 January - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti
- Saturday 29 January - Carole Fredrick Invitation Women's Triples (INWWT)
- Sunday 30 January - ~~8.30am Men's Championship Triples - Post Section~~
- Monday 31 January - 8.30am Women's Championship Singles - Qualifying
- 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs - Final
- 11am Men's Championship Triples - Semi Final & Final
- Wednesday 2 February - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
- Saturday 5 February - ~~8.30am Charity Tournament (OACF) - CANCELLED~~
- Sunday 6 February - "Carpet Mill" Birkenhead \$6,000 Men's Pairs - day 1
- Monday 7 February - "Carpet Mill" Birkenhead \$6,000 Men's Pairs - day 2
- Wednesday 9 February - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
- Friday 11 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti
- Saturday 12 February - "The Good Home Birkenhead" \$6,500 Women's Pairs - day 1
- Sunday 13 February - "The Good Home Birkenhead" \$6,500 Women's Pairs - day 2
- Monday 14 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (3)
- Wednesday 16 February - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - BYO lunch
- Friday 18 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti
- Monday 21 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (4)
- Wednesday 23 February - Matthews Memorial Pairs (AC 60+, Single Entry - Full & Life members only)
- Friday 25 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti
- Saturday 26 February - 8.30am Women's 1-5 Year Championship Singles
- 8.30am Men's 1-5 Year Championship Singles
- Sunday 27 February - Championship Reserve Day
- Monday 28 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (5)
- Wednesday 2 March - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
- Monday 7 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (6)

Inside this Weekend

- Friday 28 January - Open 3.30pm - \$5 Friday**
Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500
Racing - Invercargill (Harness), Palmerston North, Southland, Addington (Dogs)
Tennis* - 3.30pm Australian Open Day 12
 - Saturday 29 January - Open 11am**
Racing - Trentham, Riccarton (Thoroughbred)
 - Sunday 30 January - Open 11am**
Racing - Eilerslie (Thoroughbred), Methven (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)
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 - Monday 31 January - Open 2.30pm**
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\$5 Friday This Friday

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Red Setting

- We can open with up to 100 people and based on 1m distancing (which is lesser) per defined space.
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- We must sight all customers' My Vaccine Passes, and it is strongly recommended we verify.

100 limit!

One of the restrictions under Red Traffic Light is a 100 person limit and based on 1m distancing. Out on the greens we don't have a problem, but inside the Clubrooms we must be mindful of this requirement. At tournaments preference will be given to participants and officials. Friday Club night preference is to Club members.



Centre Update

BNH Weekly Reminder

The Bowls North Harbour Weekly Reminder is currently arriving in the Club's inbox past the deadline to make the Wednesday edition of Bee Express. For the current BNH Weekly Reminder go to Bowls North Harbour's website www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/news/. The conditions of play for the Women's National Interclub sevens can also be found there.



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Programme Updates and Cancellations

With the everchanging Traffic Light Covid Protection Framework, changes to the playing programme and alike are inevitable.

The Bee Express each week publishes the latest programme updates looking three to four weeks ahead. For urgent changes and cancellations go to the Club's facebook page www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead or ring the Club.

We Have, But!

We have items to raffle and auction, a headline sponsor Birkenhead RSA, catering staff ready to prepare lunch, the charity Harbour Hospice, the liquid refreshments and an Auctioneer. What we don't have are the teams and individuals to participate and make the day the success that it deserves and has been in the past.

Unfortunately, due to lack of entries the Club has reluctantly made the disappointing decision to cancel the upcoming Charity Tournament on Saturday 5 February.

Thank you to those that had entered, you are no doubt as disappointed as we are at having to cancel. Thanks to all those individuals and companies that have gifted items and services to have been raffled and auctioned off on the day, we will be in touch with you all individually. The Birkenhead RSA has confirmed the \$500 they contribute will still be fourth coming for Hospice. The Sole Agents function with ticket sales going to Hospice may see some items raffled and auctioned for Hospice that night. The rest may be raffled and auctioned off at various tournaments/events during the year. We may have lost the bowling day but the Club is still dedicated to raising as much money as possible in support of Harbour Hospice.

Two Life Fours

Not often at Birkenhead is a Men's Championship played under the Two Life System, but this seasons Men's Four commenced last Saturday is just such a Championship with only five entries.

First round with all teams cock-a-hoot, two lives and ideas of holding the fours trophy aloft. Sandy Cleghorn's four with Mick Moodie, Gary Wallace and Robbie Henson met Nigel Drew and co, Lionel Drew, Martin Short and Mark Rumble with Drew dropping below the line going down (16-8). John Hindmarch with Mike Haggart, Dennis McSweeney and Warren Lush defeated Joseph Korkis, Vaughan Henderson, John Hannan and Sydney Walker (15-13).

Second round with Steve Yates coming off the bye from the first round with Jack Huriwai Jimmy Heath and Adam Richardson struck Hindmarch. Hindmarch initially took the lead, leading by one shot after the tenth end (10-9). Yates then won the next four out of five ends to end up on the right side of the ledger with a win (19-11). The battle below the line Drew was never troubled by Korkis, up by fourteen shots (15-1) after eight ends, and finished the fifteenth end ahead (16-8) to send Korkis home.

Cleghorn having the bye in the second round was know time to turn it on against the only other remaining two lifer, Yates. The initial lead was taken by Yates up (7-5) after seven ends before Cleghorn held it until Yates pegged it back to be ahead (12-11) after eleven ends. Pretty much one way traffic from here as Yates stepped out the lead to be ahead (15-11) going into the last. Cleghorn picked up a three on the final end but not enough to snatch the win, which was all Yates (15-14). In doing so Yates had secured the bye in round four and straight into a potential final with two lives.

Below the line was Drew and Hindmarch, the winner to play Cleghorn for the spot opposite Yates. The Drew v Hindmarch clash promised much but delivered a surprisingly one-sided game with Hindmarch pulling the pin after ten ends and trailing by fifteen shots, a win to Drew (19-4). Drew will now meet Cleghorn on Saturday 19 March, if not sooner, with the winner having to beat Yates's four twice to claim the Championship.



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Double Monday Finals

If you thought one final would be nice to come and watch, just wait! This coming Monday at 8.30am sees Mark Rumble, Martin Short and Nigel Drew (s) take to the green against Chad Nathan, Peter Nathan and Evan Thomas (s) in the final of the Men's Championship Triples.

Then at 11am Steve Yates / Daymon Pierson v Martin Short /John Hindmarch while Mark Rumble / Nigel Drew v Jimmy Heath / Jack Huriwai playing off the semi-finals of the Men's Championship Pairs. The winner of each moving forward to final at approximately 2pm. While the men are fighting it out the ladies will be playing their Championship Singles.

A Welcome Windfall

Only four weeks since Mark Rumble nailed the last Joker 500, last Friday evening Steve Harrison name came out

of the draw to have a go for the Joker. Harrison a new social member and avid darts player stepped up to the cabinet and pulled a drawing pin to reveal the Joker card and with it \$500 cash for his pocket. Harrison a native Yorkshireman was so excited he was hard to understand with that broad Yorkshire accent, but we did learn that his car had failed it's WOF that day and he had to shell out his darts trip money on repairs. The \$500 now meant he

could cover both expenses. Wednesday, we see a new deck in the cabinet, under the Red Light setting the selling of Joker 500 numbers won't be walked, but will be set up on a table near the bar.



Steve Harrison with his \$500 windfall from the Joker 500 last Friday

Red Light – Raffles and Draws

This "Customers must be seated and separated" restriction certainly hamper the selling of Friday meat raffles, but as the majority of numbers are presold and with a little ingenuity the raffles will continue.

Under previous Alert Level 3s and Red Traffic Light the Members Draw had been suspended. This time round the Members draw will continue.

The Sole Agents – Full House

Tickets have been flying out the door and a crowd in excess of 150 was expected. Due to the Red Setting restrictions ticket sales have been suspended as we cannot accommodate more than 100.

Effectively the Sole Agents on Saturday 26 February is sold out / full house, unless we move to the Orange Setting and any additional tickets will be available at the door on the night.

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3. The 'Select a pass or certificate' screen will open. Select 'My Vaccine Pass' and then select 'Continue'.
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Taranaki Open

by *Evan Thomas*

Sunday 16th January saw the Birkenhead team of Chad Nathan, Peter Nathan, Evan Thomas and Mairangi Bay ring-in David Payne (together with team Manager Cheryl Thomas) travel to New Plymouth to participate in the 117th edition Taranaki Open Men's Fours. With an expectation of hoping to at least qualify (needing 6 wins from 8 section play games to do so) this was no easy task, with 158 teams of fours participating. Our first game was at Fitzroy Bowling Club so Sunday afternoon saw us having a practice there on their green and team positions confirmed. After an enjoyable complimentary BBQ at Fitzroy that evening we re-convened at Fitzroy next morning. About ten minutes prior to play another team meeting was held, team positions were altered, and we commenced play.

We successfully negotiated teams from Te Kuiti and locals Fitzroy to go home satisfied with two wins for the day.

Tuesday saw play recommence at West End Bowling club. A quick team meeting by the teams Brains Trust confirmed the same playing positions from the previous day, and again were successful against teams from Paritutu and Manaia – so far so good with four from four.

Wednesday saw us at Vogeltown and we managed a win against a team from Inglewood. Five from five – how easy is this game!

The last game on Wednesday saw us up against a strong team led by renowned NZ bowler Maurice Symes. With windy conditions on a quick green Maurice showed us how this game can be played under difficult conditions, and we were beaten 11-25 – the game now not so easy. Maurice played superbly against us, well supported by his team members, including Paul Matheson.

So with one further win required to qualify with two games remaining we ventured down to Inglewood Bowling club on Thursday, and managed to beat a team from Te Puke so we achieved our six wins, and were not required to play our eighth game. So in a way, mission accomplished.

From the 158 teams entered, 38 teams managed to qualify with the 6 wins from 8 games. So being quite pleased with ourselves with our qualification, we were a bit worried when we saw our post section

draw as against Wanganui great Peter Belliss with his Aramoho team. Peter's team was the only team to win eight from eight in section play. Our game was scheduled for Friday afternoon on the slick Paritutu B green, so bags were packed, cars loaded, ready for the return trip to Auckland following the game so as to be able to play in the Birkenhead club fours the following morning.

Again the team brains trust called a meeting prior to the game to determine if team positions should be changed but team management made a call that no, leave the team as is given it had worked thus far, despite again tricky conditions with a gusty wind prevailing.

After Birkenhead secured an early lead, Peter's team then went ahead 17-10, and a return to Auckland looked likely. But Birkenhead secured a 5 and a 2 to get back into the game and went on to win 28-20. This got us down to the last 14 in the event.



Birkenhead's Chad Nathan in action at the recent Taranaki Open Men's Fours.

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Cars unloaded, back to accommodation for the night, a team meal at Butlers Reef pub at Oakura, then back to Paritutu A green for the Saturday morning game against a Takaro (Palmerston North) team led by Mark Noble. Mark has overcome difficulties in his life after being run down by a car at age 13 leaving him classified now as a disabled bowler. Mark has gone on the win two Commonwealth Games Silver medals in two Commonwealth Games in para-sports bowling events representing New Zealand, as well as winning many titles against able bodied bowlers. In addition, Mark is also a correspondence Grand Master at Correspondence Chess, so clearly a person of many talents. If you wish to read about Marks achievements against adversity, check out <https://bowlsnewzealand.co.nz/our-people/profile-mark-noble/>

Knowing if we got past Mark, our next game would probably be against the strong Gary Lawson team, cars were once again loaded for the return to Auckland. After an early lead against the Takaro team, we were headed, only to fight back and to be 20-20 after 24 ends. Their No 2 player drew two close bowls and despite run shot attempts by our No 3 and skip, they both failed to move these shot bowls (the lead and second of our team confident they would have been able to do so), so a narrow defeat 20-22. Mark's Takara team then went on the comfortably beat the G Lawson team but were subsequently edged out in the semi-final by the eventual West End tournament winning team of Craig De Faria.

So all in all a very enjoyable week of bowls and we were very happy how we performed. All greens were a pleasure to play on, and the hospitality generous at all clubs we played at. It is well worth the trip to any bowlers considering it for next year.



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They Are Unstoppable!

Kirsty Hill has come to Birkenhead with a reputation and the bowls titles to back it up. Paired up with Trish Croot they were always going to be a hard pair to beat. Last Sunday as the men settled into their Champ Fours the potential final of the Women's Pairs got under way on rink six. Trish Croot and Kirsty Hill with two lives up against Milika Nathan and Ruth Lynch with one life. Opening the game with two shots each over the first four ends (2-2). Then a four to Croot/Hill (6-2). The following ends Nathan/Lynch kept within touching distance but just not enough to gain the lead. After twelve ends Nathan/Lynch trailed by two shots (10-8). Five more ends and the distance apart had grown to nine shots (17-8) and with one end to go, hands were shaken, congratulations given and Trish Croot and Kirsty Hill were crowned the seasons Women's Championship Pairs winners, with two lives intact.


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Twelve to Two

Twelve teams lined up for this seasons Men's Championship Triples, including Evan Thomas's triple with Peter and Chad Nathan, all three fresh from a week of bowls at the Taranaki Men's Open. Last seasons Triples Champions, Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai and Steve Yates were aback along with the bookies favourite Mark Rumble, Martin Short and Nigel Drew. John Hindmarch with regular team man Mike Haggart and Steve Arms off the front, on paper looked good.

Round one of four to see who qualified: Hindmarch surprised all with a sound win (21-11) over Yates. Thomas had a narrow win over N Drew (18-16).

Round two: Lionel Drew with Keith Burgess and Adam Richardson continued their winning way with a (29-9) spanking, with Hindmarch waving the white flag after 15 ends. N.Drew made up for the first-round loss easily accounting for John Croy, Dougie Campbell and Mick Moodie (25-6). Yates picked up his first win (22-5) beating Warren Lush, Curtis Ennor and Robbie Church. Thomas walked away with another win (22-7) against Sydney Walker, John Hannan and Joseph Korkis (s).

Round Three: Only L.Drew and Thomas remain undefeated. Thomas carried on his winning way (14-9) with what was a tight game against Church. The battle of father and son or Drew and Drew with the son, Nigel, needing the win to have any hope of qualifying lead from the start and came away with a comfortable win (21-10). Yates made hard work of his game against Korkis, dropping six shots on ends 16 & 17 to trail by two going into the last. But a three on the last end gave Yates a one shot victory (15-14)

Round Four: Korkis upset L.Drew beating him (15-9) and ending his triples hopes of qualifying. Thomas was due to take on Hindmarch, but Thomas had qualified and Hindmarch couldn't, so the two teams adjourned to the clubrooms for some chilled refreshments. Church pulled one out of the bag to end Moodie's hopes (23-9). As it turned out the battle between N.Drew and Yates had more on it than just the winner qualified and the loser was out, as it turned out it was for the one remaining spot in the final. N.Drew initially took control climbing to a (10-5) lead after nine ends. Yates's triple clawed their way back to be level (14-14) after fourteen ends. The final four ends where divide two ends a piece, Yates scoring a one and a four while N.Drew scored two threes to finish one shot ahead and win (20-19).

Final: 8.30am Monday 31 January
Chad Nathan, Peter Nathan, Evan Thomas (s) v Mark Rumble, Martin Short, Nigel Drew (s)

Mean's Champ Triples qualifying at a glance:

- John HindmarchW , L , L , DNP
- Joseph Korkis L , L , L , W
- Nigel DrewL , W , W , W
- Robbie ChurchL , L , L , W
- Steve YatesL , W , W , L
- Mick MoodieW , L , W , L
- Evan Thomas W , W , W , DNP
- Lionel Drew..... W , W , L , L



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Race Day Saturdays

Since the installation of the Club's TAB Self-service Pod back in February 2015 the racing area of the Club has seen some slight changes but essentially retained its racing vibes. With two dedicated 60" screens dominating the area and its own audio it is there for the punters in the Club to enjoy at any time the Club is open. It is certainly the place to be Saturdays with all the fields from New Zealand and Australia posted on the boards, Sunday fields are posted depending on anticipated Club patronage. Saturdays you may be lucky to pick up a tip from Stuie, a favourite of course, or an outsider from Johnny, after he has dissected the form of every horse and jockey running that day. Even if you don't wish to have a punt it is still an enjoyable area of the Club to wind away a Saturday afternoon over a few cold ones and yarn or two. *The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.*



A very happy Robbie Henson with two trifecta winning "easy bets" exactly the same giving a half share each or a full share with both..... total win \$36

Waitangi 2022 Charity Tournament

(OACF - Mufti - Non-bowlers welcome)

Saturday 5 February

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*\$50 2021-22 season and \$50 2022-23 season, additional terms & conditions apply.

Use Only Your Card

Besides being a requirement of the Club's License and Constitution having your current membership card on you while frequenting the Club enables you to collect and redeem BeeRewards points over the upstairs bar. The BeeRewards points are non-transferable and may only be accrued and used by the card holder, if found using someone else's card you, them or both may have your BeeRewards suspended. Remember when you scan your card your name comes up on the till in front of the bar staff.

High Viz Workwear

A recent BoM meeting the Board clarified the position on the wearing of high-viz clothing in the Club. Clean high viz workwear may be worn in the Club Monday to Thursday. It is not acceptable clothing Friday to Sunday.

Extract from Club Handbook:

CLOTHING OFF THE GREEN

A reasonable and clean standard is expected. Bare feet, gum boots, dirty work shoes, singlets, sleeveless shirts, dirty or unkempt clothing, clothing bearing offensive images or wording are not permitted in the Clubrooms.

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.

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