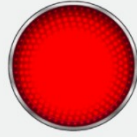




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Clubrooms & Greens are Open, with restrictions

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On the Greens

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

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 (4)

Wednesday 2 March - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Saturday 5 March – BNH Bowls3Five – 2 greens required

Monday 7 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (5)

Wednesday 9 March – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Saturday 12 March - 1-5 Fours (AC)

Sunday 13 March - 1-5 Triples (AC)

- Championship Reserve Day

Monday 14 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (6)

Wednesday 16 March – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch

Saturday 19 March - Women's Fours- qualifying

- Men's Fours - post section

Sunday 20 March – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided

Wednesday 23 March – 10am Club Day – Ross Trust Me Murray Tournament (AC – Single Entry)

Wednesday 30 March – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Inside this Weekend

Friday 25 February – Open 3.30pm - \$5 Friday

\$5 Friday. Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, **Hospice Raffles**

Racing – Wanganui (Thoroughbred), Alexandra Park, Invercargill (Harness), Palmerston North, Addington (Dogs)

BPL14* - 6pm Eliminations and Finals (if available)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 7.05pm Chiefs v Moana Pasifika

NRL Preseason* - 8pm Manly Sea Eagles v Canberra Raiders

Saturday 26 February – Open 11am - 6.30pm (Private Function from 6.30pm)

Racing – Matamata, Otaki (Thoroughbred), Ashburton (Harness),

Super Rugby Pacific* - 4.35pm Brumbies v Drua

NRL Preseason* - 5pm New Zealand Warriors v Gold Coast Titans

Sunday 27 February – Open 11am

Racing – Oamaru (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 3.35pm Blues v Hurricanes

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.



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\$5 Friday

Friday 25th February

Standard tap beer pints, bottle beer and a glass wine all discounted to \$5 for the day!

** Terms & Conditions apply, excludes craft beer, spirits, RTDs, champagne/bubbles*

Band and Auction Saturday

The Soul Agents will entertain this coming Saturday evening with all ticket sales from this sold out evening going the Hospice. To boost the donation to hospice there will be a number of auctions throughout the evening. Amongst the items to be auctioned are a framed print of Island Bay Wharf by a prominent local photographer, a 4 burner bbq with a side cooker, a cheese box filled with a selection of fine cheeses accompanied by other goodies, and the use of a Kia Sportage for a weekend (Friday afternoon to Monday morning). All items up for auction on the Soul Agents evening 26 February are open to absentee bids. Simply email chairperson@bowlsbirkenhead with details of the item you wish to bid on and the maximum you wish to go to and we will get someone to bid on your behalf.

Hospice Raffles Drawn Friday

This Friday just after 6pm we will draw the 15 raffles (30 draws) that have been on sale for Hospice over the past three weeks. Some raffles are sold out, but others still have a few numbers available. Remaining raffles are \$2 per number, per raffle. Some of the items available in the raffles: Stanley Fatmax Angle Grinder, Pie dish & bottle of wine, Bottle of Glen Allachie Scotch Whiskey, Taste the difference Air Fryer, Set of 4 Chelsea Winter Coffee Mugs, Birkenhead Brewing Co Voucher \$100, Cooler bag with beer (Turners Car Auctions), The Malt \$50 Voucher, Pristine Beauty \$25.00 Voucher, Breville Deep Fryer, Mad Millie Gin Kit, Game Over \$80 Voucher, Mini Cocotte & Baker dish, Kiwi Valley Family Pass \$55.00, Platter & Popcorn Maker, Bliss Hair Salon Voucher \$87.00, Magnum Veuve de Vernay \$40.00, Baby Blankets donated by Devonport Knitters, Plan Co Giftbox, Kings Plant barn pack, Tray (24) cans of Red Bull, Dutch Delight voucher.



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Club Night Friday - 25 February
\$5 Friday* all day
Meat Raffles from 4.30pm
Joker 500 drawn 6pm
Hospice Raffles drawn 6.05pm
and more....
**Terms & Conditions apply*

Early Close Saturday for Private Function
 Private function, The Soul Agents and Hospice Auctions this coming Saturday night. Doors open for the evening at 6.30pm. All those without tickets/invitations must vacate the Club rooms by 6.30pm. *The Bee understands there are a few tickets/invitations floating around.*

Social Bowls
 You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five continued Monday, numbers down but not that was unexpected. The weather gods looked favourably with a clear sky to start. Three games later and we had found our winners, with two three winners vying for first place and first choice of the personally selected range of wines up for grabs. Third place was clear cut with only one two and a half winner.

You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five continues Monday 28 February, 7 March and concludes on 14 March with more prizes that usual up for grabs and a slap-up meal.
 Results:
 First: Bowls Deep – Sarah, Chad, Josh
 Second: Holiday Byrds – Steph, Linda, Cathy
 Third: Fuzzi Duck – Dave, Mark, Brian
 Consolation: - XFit – Graeme, Barry, Rob

Missing Jacks, Kitties, Whites
 Members, if you have any jacks can you please return them to the Club.
 Thanks from Dougie Match Committee

BeezKnits
 It is getting close to that time again when we do the delivery out to Middlemore for the prem-babies. Drop-off at the Club from 3.30pm Monday to Friday or from 11am Saturday and Sunday.

Bake-off Whispers
 The Bee is hearing whispers of another bake off, word on the street is it is next month, possibly homemade sausage rolls, shortbread, or something completely different. Whenever or what it is keep honing those baking skills. Any excess baking can be dropped off at the Club Saturday afternoons around 3pm for the Club's many baking connoisseurs to savoury and praise the baker..

Days 1 to 4 but No Day 5
 The evening games of BPL14 playoff live each night from 6pm on Sky Sport from Tuesday 21 to Thursday 24 February, but the finals night Friday 25 is not scheduled in Sky Sport's guide!

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Triples and Singles

Last weekend Birkenhead Headquartered the Centre Women's Triples and Men's Singles. Birkenhead's sole Women's Triples entry Ruth Lynch, Milika Nathan and Loz Croot won two of their three section play games at Browns Bay. But so did two other teams in their section, leaving Lynch's trio in third place in the section and dipping out of a playoff spot Sunday.

While the ladies were at it at Browns Bay, Birkenhead hosted four of the fifteen sections in this seasons Centre Men's Singles. Both Birkenhead's Mark Cartwright, having not played much this season, and Adam Richardson performed well on their home greens, both with two wins from three games. Adam only going down by one shot (21-20) to section winner Steve Cox and just being pipped by Orewa's Willie McIvor for the "Next Best Section Player" spot in Sunday's post section.

Sunday's post section and Birkenhead's hopes, on a home green, sat with Daymon Pierson. Dual member Gary Wallace had made post section but playing under Orewa. Wallace struck Browns Bay's Colin Rogan first up with Rogan giving Wallace a lesson in singles play (21-3) to see Wallace home for morning tea. Pierson up against Manly's Kevin Rainsford took it in his stride to move to the last eight with a solid win (21-15). Last eight or quarters, Pierson had his work cut out against a vastly more experienced Neil Fisher. Pierson quickly and possibly surprisingly found himself well up on Fisher, in fact in excess of ten shots or more. Fisher fruitlessly pulled back the shots before Pierson finally put the nail in the coffin with the jack driven into the ditch for the win (21-12).

Semis and Browns Bay's Brian Wilson was next in Pierson's sights. Some telling bowls played by both but with Wilson proving the superior player this battle and Pierson bowing out (15-21). Wilson went onto play Helensville's Bart Robinson, defending BNH Centre Singles Champion and winner of multiple Centre Singles titles, in the final. A stunning final ensued with Wilson leading (19-18) when Robertson drew three shots to pull off a stunning win (21-19) and his tenth Harbour title for a bar.

BeeRewards Suspended or Voided

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

Don't Waste Your Years

Too many 1-5 year bowlers waste their first five years, not playing all they can. Don't listen to the doom and gloomers that advise you to not play in tournaments and championships because you are new to the sport, not experienced enough or could get soundly beaten. It is a fact that you will lose more games of bowls than win them and there is no disgrace in that. The only way to improve and enjoy the sport to the fullest is to play, play, play and push yourself. We know we all now live in a PC world where if the minority had their way every game would be a draw and it's only about participation, but sport in reality is about winning to prove you're better than your opponent. You have five years to get as much experience out the sport before year six and you're out in the open class. Don't sit back, play everything you can, chances are the advice of "don't play because you're not up to it" came from someone that wasted their first five years. If you're still unsure seek the advice of a Club coach.

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Members Draw Today
Wednesday 23 February - Drawn between 5pm & 6pm


Christmas Shield Date at Northcote

Postponed from before Christmas the annual challenge against Northcote, played for over fifty years, will take place at Northcote 5pm Tuesday 22 March. Northcote currently holds the Shield and it's time for it to travel back up the hill.

Aiming for a 5.30pm start but depending on traffic a start no later than 6pm There are three Open Men's Fours, one Open Women's Fours, one 1-5 Year Any Combination Fours teams and possibly additional open any combination dependant on numbers from both clubs. One game is played of 1 hour 20 minutes in mufti followed by awarding of the Christmas Shield and a meal. Entry per player to play is \$10 includes a free meal, non-players pay for their meal \$10.

Those available to play put your name on the whiteboard in the Club, Northcote don't have as much green space as Birkenhead but will endeavour to give all those on the whiteboard a game.

Non-players/supporters that want a meal, please also indicate on the same whiteboard.

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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)

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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.

I know it's been a long time, but I was advised by several people to give the bowls fraternity a break from my cynicism and sarcasm as it was having a detrimental effect on some members of various clubs. I wasn't too bothered about the Birkenhead members because most of them can't read but I knew that if I carried on "taking the piss" sooner or later someone was going to haul me in front of some sort of disciplinary committee where I'd receive the William Wallace treatment and sent packing back to my mummy wrapped in a butcher's cloth. As I have been told, we live in a sensitive world and dinosaurs like me, need to drop dead.

So here I go, I'll try and be nice. A few weeks ago, I played in a social drinking tournament at Pringle Park. Why anyone would call a bowling club Pringle Park is beyond me. Apart from having no idea where the club is, it always reminds me of chips in a tube. I'd played there once before but still had to use google maps to remind myself of where it was. Driving out west always gets me depressed as everyone wears black and you get the feeling, they are all heading to a funeral. With that in mind I was pleasantly surprised when I walked into Pringle Park, for a start, everyone was sober, but on top of that the members were very welcoming with Kerry just about giving me a kiss. It was obvious from the smells emanating from the kitchen that we were in for a bloody good feed at lunch time, so it was good to see Pringle Park being the responsible host!!

It was a triples tournament with a \$900 first prize so it was nothing to be sniffed at and I made the decision to stay sober until we had no chance of winning. I had been given the opportunity to play in a stacked team consisting of myself, Steve, and a member of the blue wave, or is he. Charlie turned up with his Aero Turbo's and as anyone who watches them will tell you, if the drink doesn't make you sick, then watching Charlies bowls will.

We started off with a "Spider" and although I tried the old trick of waiting till everyone had played their bowl it didn't work, and I ended up in the bloody ditch. We played well during the day with Charlie being outstanding, even when he had to play two bowls that weren't even his. We missed our third game to Jamie by one which in the end cost us \$900. I wasn't too bothered as the money was only going to Katrina's Botox treatment anyway.

The highlight of the day for me was the hospitality and the lunchtime meal. The ladies, am I allowed to say that, delivered up a roast meal that my mother would have been proud of. It consisted of every animal on a New Zealand farm, cooked to perfection, with roast potatoes that crunched in your mouth. They even had pork crackling that would have put a few thousand into the local dentist pockets. I have to say there is only one club that I know that could match that meal, and that clubs in Mokoia Road.

On a final note, if you every get the chance to play at Pringle Park then take the opportunity, you won't regret it, just take your own tube of chips. It's nearly as friendly as Birkenhead and the bars always open. If it is closed the RSA is right next door.

Until next time.



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Stingers Darts

By Alan Oliver

The first thing we have to say from The Stingers darts team is a huge thank you to all involved at Birkenhead Bowling Club for investing in such an awesome darts area and to all members for welcoming us as you have.

You'll know some of us from the bowls green and some from other local clubs and pubs – the rumours are true that darts players generally like a beer or two!

Combining existing players and some new from the club, we have registered a team to play in The City of Sails darts league. The league has been running for a long time and we travel to such far flung places as Glen Eden and Warkworth on Saturday afternoons.

Games start at 2pm and usually last a few hours (depending on how everyone is playing!). Depending on Covid, the league should run from mid-March for around 9 months.

As some of you may have seen, we also like to play social darts with anyone that wants to have a go (remember those beers we mentioned earlier?). With so many other local 'club nights' during the week, we'll be sticking to our favourite which is 'Shanghai Sundays'.

With no registration or experience required, a bunch of us turn up on a Sunday afternoon to play darts with a twist – at any point in the game, if you throw a shanghai (a single, double, and treble of the same number), you win the game! It can be quick turn-around games which is awesome for all playing and a great chance to catch up with friends and meet new people.

There's a lot more to come from darts at your awesome club and we look forward to meeting more of you. Game on!

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High Viz

The Club's BoM recently 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:

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Cyclonic Weather and a Global Pandemic No Match for Birkenhead Premier Pairs Tournaments

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Against all odds, the Birkenhead Premier Men's and Women's Pairs champions were found for 2022, with organisers breathing a sigh of relief following the final bowl.

Earlier in the month, the Carpet Mill \$6,000 Men's Pairs was carried out and the event was a success. So it's no surprise that not even ex-Cyclone Dovi or a high rise in Omicron cases could put a stop to The Good Home Women's Pairs action last weekend, with the two-day event proceeding in extremely challenging conditions.

As torrential weather bore down on large spread areas of the country, particularly parts of the North Island, Birkenhead remained in a world of their own – somehow progressing through the competition and stubbornly unwilling to add to the already long tail of COVID-19 cancellations.

Though with the class line-up on display, it was clearly going to take something quite extraordinary to cancel play on either weekend, with players keen to chase the coveted silverware and lucrative winners' cheques on offer.

The men's action saw Counties Manukau pairing David Clark and Roger Andrews defeat Nigel Drew and Mark Rumble in the grand finale, with last year's winners Alex Reed and Aiden Takarua and Carlton Cornwall duo Leif Selby and James Williams finishing third equal.

The Champions Cup A Flight was won by former Blackjack Jamie Hill and Mark Burgess, with Brent Malcolm and Greg Taylor finishing runners-up.

In other results, national fours' champions Steve Beel and John Gray combined to take out the Champions Cup B Flight, Daymon Pierson and Jimmy Heath secured the Consolation honours and Jeremy Brosnan and Jerry Belcher concluded the competition, wrapping up the Consolation Flight.

Meanwhile, despite atrocious weather conditions and two cancelled rounds, former New Zealand representative Wendy Jensen and Trish Hardy proved triumphant in the women's field, defeating Lisa Dickson and Judy Smith, 18-6.

Beaten semi-finalists were Jenny Stockford and Jo McKenna and Diane Strawbridge and Dawn Owens.

Across rinks, Central Otago duo Margaret O'Connor and Christine Buchanan proved too strong for Gaye Horne and Colleen Rice in the Cup A Flight, while Skye Renes and Keiko Kurohara took out the Cup B Flight opposite Catherine Bien and Ling Qu,

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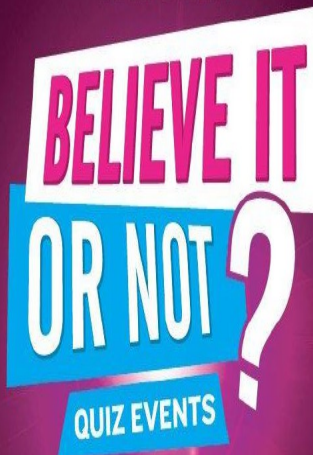
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Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spot light on Club Partners Lance Clark and Shelley Boyed of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead. They came on board supporting the Monday Social Indoor Bowls League over the winter months.

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