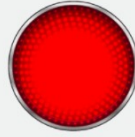




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Bowls North Harbour Bowls3Five National Interclub winners: Birkenhead You Travel —Sandy Cleghorn (s), Maxe Janssen and Robbie Henson.

*On behalf of the team I'd like to thank everyone for their support and good wishes . It was a real team effort. Maxi and Robbie played some great bowls and we all worked together to achieve the win.*

Sandy

## Bowls3Five Round-up

by John Hindmarch

Bowls North Harbour had their Bowls3Five tournament last weekend, Birkenhead entered 10 teams into the competition with a range of intermediate and senior bowlers, day one done and dusted and teams meet back at club to see who qualified five got through to day two 50% strike rate brilliant, Post section day two 4 win round one, round 2 eight teams left and all four rinks have a Birkenhead team playing on them what a great sight, round 3 two teams left Birkenhead Good Home, Marty Short, Evan Thomas, Linda Phillips, and Birkenhead You Travel Sandy Cleghorn, Robbie Henson, Maxe Janssen, Marty's team tried hard but as the saying goes there can only be one Sandy and has chargers through to final against Takapuna Gary Banks, Laurie Kean, Irene Costello. Birkenhead You Travel win first set, lose second set, down to a tie break, Maxe is on the jack win looks good Banksy steps up and runs Maxe off the head two shots Takapuna then Sandy has his last bowl after some debate that Sandy had no intention of listing to runs the head removes the shot bowl and stays for one shot, Birkenhead win final and the crowd went wild cheering kissing the jumping up and down, great to see so many supports there in club colours, Well done Team.

*Five out of ten Birkenhead teams qualified for the last sixteen on Sunday*

*Birkenhead Licensing Trust (Curtis Ennor, Loz Croot, Daymon Pierson) – defeated in last sixteen*

*Birkenhead Jet Couriers (Connie Mathieson, Mike Turner, John Hindmarch) – defeated in Quarters*

*Birkenhead New World (Faye Judge, Keith Burgess, Lionel Drew) – defeated in Quarters*

*Birkenhead Good Home (Linda Phillips, Martin Short, Evan Thomas) – defeated in Semis*  
*Birkenhead You Travel (Maxe Janssen, Robbie Henson, Sandy Cleghorn) – Bowls3Five winner*

*Sandy, Robbie and Maxe will now travel to Naenae in Wellington to represent Bowls North Harbour at the National Bowls3Five finals 6-8th May.*



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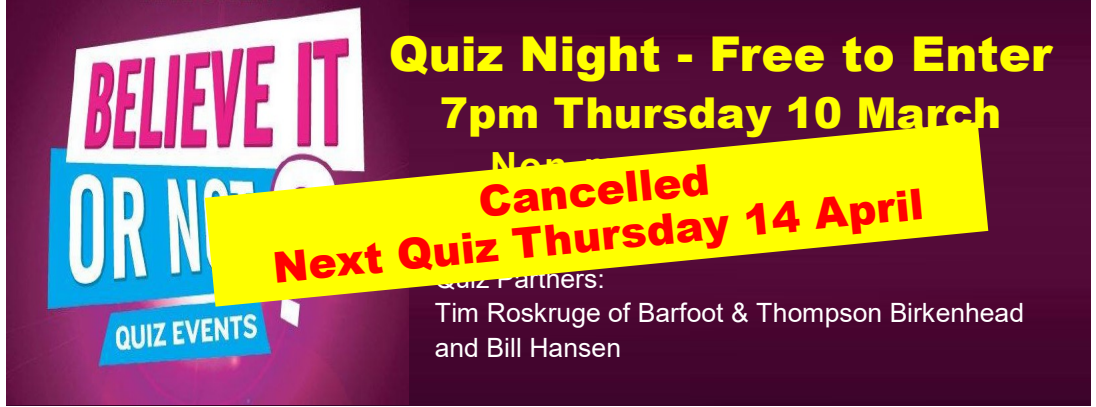
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QUIZ EVENTS

**Quiz Night - Free to Enter**  
**7pm Thursday 10 March**

**Cancelled**  
**Next Quiz Thursday 14 April**

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

**On the Greens**

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

- 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)
- Friday 1 April – 3.30pm 70s v 80s+ (AC -mufti)
- Saturday 2 April – Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 1
- Sunday 3 April – Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 2
- Wednesday 6 April – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)
- Saturday 9 April – 8.30am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, Full & Life members only)

**Inside this Weekend**

- Friday 11 March – Open 3.30pm**
  - Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500
  - Racing – Gore (Thoroughbred), Addington (Harness), Palmerston North, Addington (Dogs)
  - Super Rugby Pacific\* - 7.05pm Blues v Highlanders
  - NRL\* - 8pm Raiders v Sharks
  - Saturday 12 March – Open 11am**
  - Racing – Pukekohe, Trentham (Thoroughbred), Invercargill (Harness)
  - Super Rugby Pacific\* - 4.35pm Hurricanes v Moana Pasifika
    - 7.05pm Crusaders v Chiefs
  - A-League\* - 7pm Brisbane Roar v Wellington Phoenix
  - NRL\* - 5pm Roosters v Knights
  - 7.30pm Warriors v Dragons
  - Sunday 13 March – Open 11am**
  - Racing – Ellerslie (Thoroughbred), Rangiora (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)
  - ICC Women's Cricket World Cup\* – 11am New Zealand v Australia
  - Super Rugby Pacific\* - 4pm Waratahs v Force
  - NRL\* - 6.05pm Eels v Titans
- \* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

**Christmas Shield at Northcote Next Tuesday**

The annual challenge against Northcote, played for over fifty years, will take place at **Northcote 5pm Tuesday 15 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 white board.





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## St Patrick's Day

All things considered this year's Saint Patrick's Day will be somewhat subdued, but Thursday 17 March is still St Patrick's Day. The Club will open from 3.30pm with Irish music, Guinness and Baileys to enjoy and whatever else the day-evening brings. One thing for sure is that it will be fun no matter what form it takes.

## March Quiz & Housie Cancelled

Due to the increase of Omicron cases within our community, and for the health and safety of staff and members, The Birkenhead Bowling Club Quiz Night (Thursday 10 March) and Housie/Bingo night (Thursday 17 March) have been cancelled. We hope to be back running Thursday 14 and 21 April respectively. Until then keep safe.

## RSA Closed

The Birkenhead RSA is currently closed, as posted on their facebook page "Due to the increase of Omicron cases within our community, and for the health and safety of staff and members, The Birkenhead RSA will close for at least a week from Monday 7th March 2022. This includes the club restaurant".

Covid is in our community and a number of Bowling Club members are currently isolating. A timely reminder to follow the protocols of the Red setting around mask wearing and social distancing... And, if you are symptomatic, please get tested. Please follow the health guidelines and if unsure, please ring health line.



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### Only Two Spots for Easter

Birkenhead Easter Triples currently has two spots left. With \$1,000 first prize and a total prize pool \$2,500 minimum guaranteed why wouldn't you enter? While many of the top bowlers are out chasing the big money in tournaments across the Auckland region. The astute bowler will be at Birkenhead this Easter (Friday 15 and Saturday 16 April). Two days of competitive, yet social, any combination triples (OACT). Included in the entry is morning tea and buffet lunch both days, to the high standard that Birkenhead is known for, along with a sausage sizzle after play on the Friday. \$150 per team, Limited to 16 teams. Fish available Friday lunch (must be pre-ordered) for the non-meat eaters.

Entry forms are available by emailing the Club Secretary. Limited to 16 teams, no teams are confirmed unless the entry fee is paid in full.

### Old China Wanted

Wanted: Donations of Old-Fashioned China –

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If you have any unwanted items (doesn't need to be matching sets) in your cupboards we will gladly take them off your hands. Or if you are passing by Op Shops maybe you could pop in and see if you can snap up a bargain.

Ask your family and friends to keep a lookout too. Any items can be dropped at the Bowling Club (93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead) or phone 0275 297297 and we will gladly pick them up. Thank you for your support.



### One Hundred & Eighty Update

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#### Shanghai Sundays

Come join in Sunday afternoons to play social darts with anyone that wants to have a go. Club darts are available and free advice is in abundance. With no registration or experience required, a bunch of our darts players turn up 3pm 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. You never know where it may lead your competitive nature to..... The City of Sails darts league!


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# Bowls3Five Wonder Weekend for Birkenhead

reproduced from BNH website 7/3/22  
by Lindsay Knight

The Birkenhead club-rooms will almost certainly ring for years to come as the amazing exploit of one of the club's most prominent and most popular players, Sandy Cleghorn, in winning Bowls North Harbour's 3-5 championship becomes folklore.

And if there is ever any brief silence on the subject then the irrepressible Sandy will be always on hand to ensure it is forever heard first and foremost in any conversation. Not that anyone should complain. For Cleghorn, who has never forgotten after many years living in Auckland's he's a West Coaster, in winning the championship final at Browns Bay at the weekend skipped his inexperienced line-up of Robbie Henson and Maxe Janssen to a truly remarkable triumph.

There are many factors worth celebrating. For one, Maxe Janssen at lead is just a second-year player. For another, Robbie Henson, once a leading league player, is only a seventh-year bowler, despite already having a centre title to his name, the championship fours in 2016-17.

But perhaps of more relevance is that but for some miracle shots by Sandy the title would never have been Birkenhead's. This was not only in the final against an excellent Takapuna team of skip Garry Banks, two Laurie Kean and lead Irene Costello, but also in the semi-final against another Takapuna team of Robyne Walker, Bevan Smith and Jason Parker.

Had Sandy not intervened late in each game with some remarkable saving shots this would have been undoubtedly an all-Takapuna final.

In the semi-final after the two sets had been squared Robyne looked to have wrapped up the match in the tie-breaker with two superb skip shots, only for Sandy to run into the head with his weighted bowl and take the win.

The win in the final was even more astonishing and an illustration of just how unpredictable, even cruel, bowls can be, especially in the condensed format in which three-five is played.

For four-fifths of the match Banks, Kean, a recent recruit to Takapuna from Orewa, and fourth-year player Costello had been by far the superior team. They comfortably won the first set 9-2 and appeared to be heading for the title when they were just as dominant in the second set's first three ends with a 5-0 lead.

But on the fourth end both teams took their power play when winning shots are doubled and it was this that turned the game. Irene, as she had been all match and for much of the tournament, was immediately straight onto the jack and that meant Takapuna was holding the game even with an end left.

However, cometh the hour and cometh that man Sandy. With his first bowl he all but removed Irene's shot bowl and with his second he went even better, pushing out not only Irene's shot bowl but a close second by Laurie to give himself three shots. So instead of being 0-7 down and out of the contest Birkenhead suddenly had the lead at 6-5. They then foiled Takapuna's attempt to draw the set on the fifth end which would have meant a win, and on the extra end again through Sandy just sneaked inside what had been Takapuna's shot bowl.

All of this was achieved with Sandy's rather distinctive style when on delivery most of his bowls were bounced. It was hardly out of any coaching manual and indicated that Sandy in his long career had never had any remedial sessions with Birkenhead's master coach, Keith Burgess. But his winning virtue was that whatever his unorthodoxy he was never short in attacking the head.

So it will be Cleghorn, Henson and Janssen who will represent North Harbour in the national playoffs at Wellington's Naenae club on May 6-7. If the event is televised Sandy is sure to be a star attraction.

Of the 54 teams in the event 30 were from either Takapuna or Birkenhead so it was perhaps not surprising that all the semi-finalists came from those clubs. Besides the Cleghorn-Walker showdown Banks and his team beat Marty Short, Evan Thomas and Linda Phillips decisively in the other and continued in that vein for much of the final.

It was an especially fine effort overall by Birkenhead, though, for of its 10 teams five made it through to post-section. Because of the cut-throat nature of the format and the impact of even more luck that is an essential aspect of conventional bowls there were many notable casualties in section play. This number included two of those who won last season, Wendy Jensen and Simon Poppleton.

Inevitably, there may be divided opinion over whether some clubs should have an excessive number of entries. But a counter view might be that this is simply abiding by a Bowls New Zealand to have as many players as possible involved in a concept which is proving so popular, especially in Australia.

The final also offered evidence that three-five isn't just for the athletic young. Three of the players, Cleghorn himself, Banks and Irene are all closer to being 80 than 70.



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### Social Bowls

Not only Omicron cutting the numbers down but the available day light hours are definitely getting shorter. But we still managed to get the three games in Monday night in the penultimate evening for the summer. Dropping to only ten teams but the competition was fierce as usually with teams bring out the tape and fine for doing so, after all this is social bowls and tapes are not in the spirit with all infringements fined for Hospice. Unfortunately the final night of You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3five set down for next Monday has been cancelled due to Covid and staff availability.

Results:

- First: NOTA – Mark, Karen, Kieran
- Second: X-Fit – Graeme, Bazza, Rob
- Third: Drop Kicks – Jimmy, Evan, Cheryl
- Consolation: - Tuis – Brian, Merv, Stewart

### #BPL14 The Best Ever: Murphy

Reproduced from Bowls Australia website 6/3/22  
 By Val Febbo

Sydney Lions star and four-time BPL champion Karen Murphy has labelled the most recent Bowls Premier League edition in Moama as one of the best ever.

Speaking to Bowls Australia's 'The Right Line' podcast, the former World and Commonwealth Champion and Jackaroos assistant coach said aside from the positive result, the players were just happy to congregate together and compete again following extended COVID-19 lockdowns across the nation.

"The players were just so happy to be together and actually playing on the big stage, I think everyone really enjoyed it," Murphy said.

"Putting my work hat on for a minute, as an overall, all the players were really mindful of the COVID situation and took it really seriously.

"Everyone stuck to their guns and didn't go to restaurants and pubs or things like that and from that angle I thought it was a great event and it just ran seamlessly."

When it came to an epic final night on the Murray, Murphy admits in the second semi-final she thought Brisbane's Alex Marshall had put the dagger in the Lion's hopes of a record fourth title before Aaron Wilson stole the show with a magnificent response.

"I think when we were waiting for Tattie (Marshall) to play his last bowl I was thinking, 'Oh well, I can go back to the room, have a shower, get changed, come back and watch the rest of the night. We made finals, it was a good effort.'," she said.

"I probably thought that again against Adelaide as well but they were both cracking games and Disco really found his fifth gear on that entire final day, not even the night, he just started.

"He was up and about on the Friday morning and I could just tell that it was going to be good.

"It was nail-biting stuff, those games can all go either way, you can get beaten on a lucky rub or you can get beaten on a really great bowl."

The former Right at Home Jackaroo's Lions teammate Ben Twist finished runner-up in the BPL MVP voting and was a member of the inaugural All Star team at the event.

Murphy lauded Twist's performance and says it is the best she has ever seen him play. "Benny Twist, it's probably the best I've seen him play, ever, on outdoor or indoor greens," she said

"He really embraced the skipper's role initially, and he played really well as skip when he and Omar (Aron Sherriff) used to change over.

"Benny was just awesome."



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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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# Club Night Friday

## Members Draw, Meat Raffles, Joker 500 and more....



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### Centre Update

#### BNH Weekly Reminder 7 March

The full Bowls North Harbour Weekly Reminder can be found on Bowls North Harbour's website [www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/news/](http://www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/news/).

#### 1. Covid Matters

If you have been playing in a centre event, or any event, and you subsequently test positive please as a courtesy let your team members or people you have been playing against who you particularly socialised with know to look out for symptoms

#### 2. Mens Interclub 7s Post Section

The month between the Section play and the post section has now passed. A blind draw was done this morning and attached a copy is available on the website. Please ensure if your club has made it to the post section they have a copy of the draw. The original COP are also available on the website.

#### 3. Entries open for forthcoming events IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE!

Thanks to all players entering competitions who have paid the entry fee separately into the bank account in a timely manner  
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If you are not getting your invoice please contact us asap

We are still working on getting a new banking application up and running but it is taking a little while

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.

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Enter by: 2022-03-11 – **Closes this Friday**

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Enter by: 2022-03-11 – **Closes this Friday**

Entry Fee: \$25 to be paid on receipt of your invoice

#### **BNH Men 1-5 Year Singles being played on 2/3 Apr 22**

Enter by: 2022-03-18

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#### **BNH Women 1-5 Year Singles being played on 2/3 Apr 22**

Enter by: 2022-03-18

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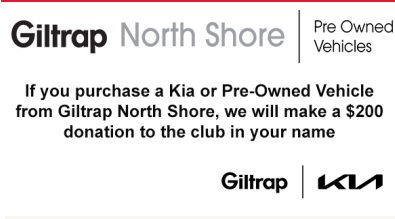
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**BIRKENHEAD BOWLING CLUB Friday 15th April**



**One Big Friday**

Good Friday, 15 April, is shaping up to be one big day for the Club. During the day the Easter Triples will play out day one on the greens. Followed by a sausage sizzle at 5.30pm as Club Night continues until 7pm with raffles, Members Draw and Joker 500 all up for grabs. At 7pm the Club has a private function with the live band Happy Fish entertaining until close. Details on how to can get your Invitation available soon.

**Who are Happy Fish?**

If you caught Happy Fish on Good Friday last year you know exactly who they are and how good a show they put on. For the initiated, Happy Fish are an electric duo featuring Sue Joll on guitar-vocals and Gordon Joll on drums who play a collection of original and popular songs with an emphasis on Kiwi music. Happy Fish has emerged from a deep respect for each other's talents. Gordon Joll is one of New Zealand's most accomplished musicians, a drummer of world-class status who has played a part in shaping New Zealand's musical history for over 40 years, having collaborated with such great names as Herbs, Hello Sailor, Rock Candy, Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra, Billy T. James, Tom Sharplin, Hammond Gamble, The Mockers, Glen Moffatt, Brendon Ham the list goes on. He is an inducted member of the New Zealand Music Hall of Fame. Gordon has toured with the Bourbon County Brothers as Kenny Rogers support band, backing for Jody Direen and other recent tours with Hammond Gamble and Midge Marsden. Sue Joll, guitarist, the singer-songwriter has been an all-around social musician for 30 years as a bass player for Monique Rhodes, Doc Savage and Hashtag and rhythm guitarist and vocalist for Too Wild and Fatal Attraction. Happy Fish now bring an exciting mix of Kiwi music, and well-known classics. Together they create a truly exciting and original sound. Happy Fish performs with a passionate and professional enthusiasm to engage any audience that enjoys Kiwi music, dancing and having a great time in general. Happy Fish combines the sonic possibilities of the electric guitar and drum kit to create a full and exciting sound to accompany Sue's accomplished vocals.

**Housie! Bingo!**

**Thursday 17 March**

Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George

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**Next Housie Thursday 21 April**  
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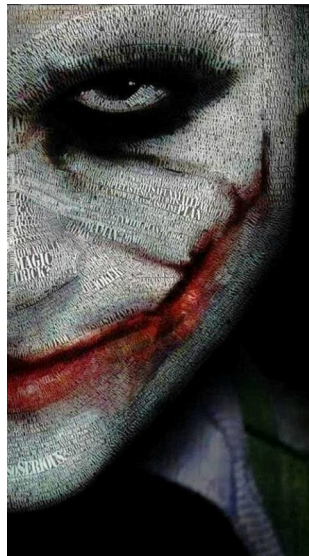
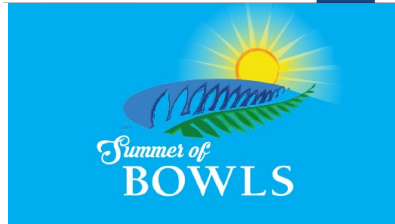
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**Ross "Trust Me" Murray Tournament**

by Vaughan Henderson

The Ross "Trust Me" Murray tournament (Wednesday 23 March) is held in memory of Ross Murray. Ross joined the Birkenhead Bowling Club in 1988 and over the next 20 years held various positions including Chairman of the Mid-week Match Committee, the Match Committee and was Secretary for a time. In 2009 he was made a life member of the club. In his autobiography, he describes himself as an innovator and always wanting to try something different. The tournament is no exception! The format is four games of 8 ends with Game 1 - three bowl Pairs, Game 2 - four bowl pairs (2x4x2), Game 3 - two bowl Triples and Game 4 - two bowl Fours.

Each player has his/her own card and records the points scored (each member of each team in each discipline scores the same). Bonus points (4 for a win, 2 for a draw) are added to the actual number of points scored). To make this format work, a minimum of 24 players are needed and the draws need to be worked out a day in advance. Please put your names on the board at the Clubrooms so I can get in indication of how many are interested in playing. If we do not get enough interest the 23 March will revert to a club day.

**Spotlight on Club Partners**

This week we spot the spotlight on Ryman Healthcare's Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village. Ryman Healthcare having been sponsoring at the club over the past six years. Now days focusing on the Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village situated just down the road from the club in Birkenhead

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