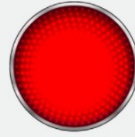




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BREAKING NEWS

Christmas Shield Returns to Birkenhead

Birkenhead 4 wins, 1 draw / Northcote 2 wins & 1 draw

Blue Tsunami (What Wave?)

by John Hindmarch

We won the BNH Men's Interclub at Brown's Bay on Saturday for the second time in the last two years. I would like to thank all the supporters that came out and cheered the boys on, it was great to hear you all. The boys had to come from behind and I'm sure your support was the encouragement they needed to get that extra effort. Thanks to Tony Grantham who played singles in the first two rounds but couldn't play the final rounds due to NZ commitments. So his spot went to Peter Nathan who in my mind was our player of the day with three out of three wins. Pairs of Evan Thomas and Daymon Pierson played well with two out of three wins in a very good field of pairs side's. The fours of Nigel Drew [s] Jack Huriwai, Martin Short and Mark Rumble, this team was fantastic through the whole tournament going undefeated, seven wins and two draws. Finally, I would like to say what great team spirit this team has and it's been a privilege to manage them through this tournament, go the blue tsunami [what wave?].



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Bowls North Harbour Men's National Interclub 7s winners: Birkenhead

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St Patrick's Day

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.

On the Greens

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

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)

Saturday 26 March - BNH Dick Bree Triples - 2 greens required

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)

Sunday 10 April - Championship Reserve Day

Inside this Weekend

Due to currently availability of staff open and closing times may close without notice.

Friday 18 March – Open 3.30pm

Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Cambridge, Addington (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 7.05pm Highlanders v Moana Pasifika

NRL* - 8pm Dragons v Panthers

Saturday 19 March – Open 11am

Racing – Trentham, Tauranga (Thoroughbred), Wyndham (Harness)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 4.35pm Fijian Drua v Force

- 7.05pm Hurricanes v Chiefs

NRL* - 5pm Titans v Warriors

- 7.30pm Sharks v Eels

Sunday 20 March – Open 11am

Racing – Banks Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup* – 11am New Zealand v England

Super Rugby Pacific* - 3.35pm Crusaders v Blues

NRL* - 6.05pm Knights v Wests Tigers

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

Miss Marmalade Returns

Miss Marmalade is back in business with marmalade available for gold coin to Hospice.



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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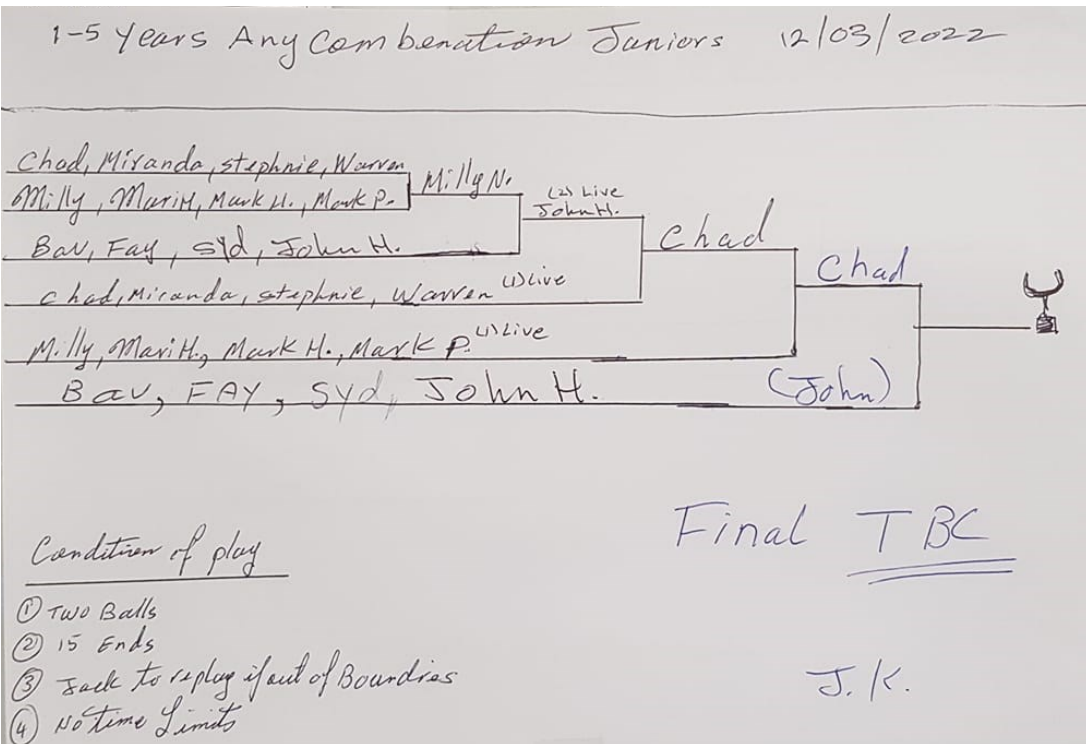
1-5 Fours with a Difference

Saturday, three teams competed for the Club 1-5 Year AC Fours Championship title. The format a two-life system but a departure from the one described in the Laws of the Sport or any lawn bowls draw manual. This version, origination unknown, sees the first-round byes come from the bottom and loser of subsequent rounds receive the bye and the charting is unique to say the least.

Round one Warren Lush, Stephanie Langford, Miranda Starck and Chad Nathan (s) where defeated comfortably by Mike Pugh, Mark Hitchcock, Mari Hannon and Milika Nathan (s) (12-23).

Round two and Milika Nathan's four having won the previous round had to take on John Hannon (s), Sydney Walker, Fay Judge and Bev Rolfe, while Chad Nathan's losing team sat out having been award the bye and time to reassess their first-round efforts. Unfortunately, Malika's four were defeated (5-14) in a game they never looked comfortable playing, but the reward for the loss was a bye in round three. The tables turned on Hannan's four in round three with Chad Nathan's four taking control from the first end and never taking the foot off the throat to secure the win (19-8) after thirteen of the fifteen ends played. Interesting to note that if played under the Laws of the Sport Milika Nathan's team would have played either team but with Milika going in with two lives and a possible different mindset and outcome.

The last round of the day should have been at the least a potential final, but it was a case of the winner of the round will play the team sitting out on a bye in the final. So it was siblings Chad Nathan against Milika Nathan both with one life with the winner playing John Hannon's four, also with one life. Chad stepped out to a thirteen-point lead after eight ends (15-2), the team never looked troubled finishing off Milika's team (18-6) after thirteen ends and sending Milika home. The final, both with one life, will see Chad Nathan's four take on John Hannan's four at a date to be determined.



Birkenhead 1-5 Year AC Championship Triples chart.

Three New Names on the Cup

After the draw of difference the previous day, Sunday's round robin with a play-off for the top two looked simple enough, and it was. Four teams stepped out and played two rounds without the third round having to be played as two teams had unassailable overall leads and could not be beaten for a spot in the final. Mark Hitchcock, Kieran Jones, Maxe Janssen (s) progressed with two wins (22-10) (16-6) as did Bev Rolfe, Fay Judge and Sydney Walker (s) (23-14) (15-7). A Janssen / Walker final over fifteen. Walker's triple never looked in trouble throughout the final finishing with a decisive win (18-8) to claim the 1-5 Year AC Fours tile for the season.



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Birkenhead Win the Men's Interclub Sevens
reproduced from BNH website 14/3/22
by Lindsay Knight

Peter Nathan stepped into the illustrious shoes of international bowler Tony Grantham and filled them with distinction to spearhead Birkenhead to a deserved win in the North Harbour men's inter-club sevens competition at the weekend. With Grantham in trials for the Black Jacks Commonwealth Games team, Nathan replaced him as Birkenhead's singles specialist for the finals at Browns Bay and achieved a perfect record. His 21-9 quarter-final win over Milford's Charlie McDonald anchored Birkenhead's 3-0 win in that match and his 21-6 win over Takapuna's Brent Malcolm in the semi-final helped Birkenhead to a 2-1 win in that contest. Then in the final he accounted for Browns Bay's Brian Wilson, recently a close runner-up in the centre singles championships, 21-17 to provide one of the two wins Birkenhead needed to take the title. Nathan's excellence was a reminder of his singles expertise. For as well as winning the centre mixed pairs with his talented daughter Millie in 2019 he himself was the centre singles champion in the 2013-14. As a junior with Glenfield in 2008 and 2010 he was the centre's one-to-five singles champion. But it would be wrong to assume Birkenhead's success in the sevens was simply down to Nathan's heroics for overall it was an exemplary team effort. Evan Thomas and Daymon Pierson were strong in the pairs as was the Nigel Drew-skipped four of Jack Huriwai, Marty Short and Mark Rumble. Both in the qualifying rounds and on the final day Birkenhead was the essence of consistency. Thomas and Pierson in particular were pivotal in the final, winning by one shot in a cliff-hanger against Brown's Gideon van den Bergh and replacement player John Feast. Birkenhead's wins in the singles and pairs made the fours result irrelevant, with another tense contest between Drew's four and Browns Bay's Neil Fisher, John Walker, Lindsay Gilmore and Colin Rogan being called off at 11-all. The sevens win capped off a rewarding few days for Birkenhead, with the club still rejoicing in the three-five victory from last weekend of Sandy Cleghorn, Robbie Henson and Maxe Janssen. In the other quarter-finals Browns Bay beat Orewa 2-1 in another close contest, decided effectively in the singles by Wilson's 21-20 win over Willie McIvor, Mairangi Bay beat Riverhead 3-0 and Takapuna beat Helensville 2-1, with centre singles champion Bart Robertson Helensville's only winner. In the semi-finals Browns Bay beat Mairangi Bay 2-1 and Birkenhead's only loss to Takapuna was in the pairs when Thomas and Pierson lost to Brett O'Riley and Jerry Belcher, the latter being in especially fine form.

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March Housie/Bingo 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 Housie/Bingo Night (Thursday 17 March) has been cancelled. We hope to be back running Thursday 21 April. Until then keep safe.

Joker Suspended

Due to unforeseen circumstances the popular Joker 500 run Wednesday and Friday evenings has been suspended until Wednesday 23 March.

Champs and Interclub from the Supporters

By Trish Croot

Saturday was a double day of bowls, with the junior championships on at the club and the Men's Interclub at Browns Bay.

Supporting the juniors came first with the Junior mixed fours teams lining up. I was absolutely stoked about their efforts and abilities during my time watching them on Saturday morning.

They have all substantially progressed this year and its fantastic to see them going so well. Extremely proud coach. I didn't get to see them on Sunday but I hear that Fay, Bev and Syd were very consistent to win the Triples. I was excited to hear that!

The afternoon was at Browns Bay following the men's Interclub team. Adam, Loz and I arrived in time to watch The Stingers take on Takapuna. A "heart in mouth" moment for the whole 3 games. Pete Nathan played outstanding to beat Brent Malcolm who really didn't have a chance to even get out of the starting block with Pete scoring a 4 on the first end and that more or less dictated the game to the finish. One game completed left the pairs and fours. The pairs were down and struggling to make a come-back against a solid Brett O'Reilly and Jerry Belcher. The fours were neck and neck for most of the game, and it wasn't till they scored a number that they clearly stamped their mark, a couple of ends from home. All the fours played well and worked consistently as a team.

The mid-afternoon game and final against Browns Bay who had come through their semi-finals with a 2-1 win over Mairangi Bay. Judging from previous rounds, we all knew that it would be tough to beat them, and it left us sitting on the edge of our seats for the first 10 ends in all games. The leads were see-sawing across the three disciplines and the shots hard to win with heads changing repeatedly. With support from the sideline, we cheered all the great bowls and encouraged our team to step up the anti and secure the wins. Evan was drawing three bowls within a mat giving Damon a solid base but trying to retain those shots wasn't pretty! When the wins came, Pete getting the singles and the pairs immediately victorious in their game within seconds of Pete, the fours declared their game a draw and the trophy became Birkenhead's.

We are extremely proud of the team for holding their nerve and playing good tactical games. And as a selector, a whew moment when you know we picked the team that won! Congratulations to all players over the weekend for your wins and your efforts. Woop Woop!!



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The Dog House

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

A few weeks ago I played in the North Harbour Singles champs and was lucky to be drawn at Birkenhead. Not that it counted for much as I hadn't thrown anything down there for weeks. As fortune would have it I was drawn against two Birkenhead players, Willy and Chris, with a final game against Kylie from Helensville. Now as anyone who has played bowls will tell you if you haven't played for a while you tend to play pretty well when you first get back into it. That was the case for me, no expectation and no thinking, and as a result I played pretty well those first two games with 2 from 2. Going into the last game I was reasonably confident although I knew Kylie had made the final last year so was not going to be easy. I started off with a hiss and a roar and got out to a 5 shot lead but then something happened. Kylie started to find his range and and I started to think too much. He put me under pressure with his brilliant drawing game and I became about as decisive as the UN and NATO with my decision making. He hammered me 21-13 in the end and deservedly made the last 16. Me, well I had Sunday to do as Katrina wanted.



BNH Development Team 2008/09: Nigel Drew, Mark Cartwright (rear), Tony Marinovich (Manager), Scott Cottrell (rear), Max Dick (Coach), Bob Howard, Martin Short, Trevor Forward

A few weeks ago we lost Trevor Forward from the Takapuna Club and I just want to agree with what everyone else has said about Trevor. I had played bowls against Trevor a number of times and was fortunate to be selected with him in the Bowls North Harbour Development team in 2008/9. Trevor, was our singles player and a smiling assassin. Very nice to talk and always with a grin on his face, but, on the bowling green he'd cut you off at the legs and have you wishing you had taken up another sport. Like Max Dick in this photo, Trevor will be missed by me and other members of the Birkenhead Bowling Club. As someone once said to me, it always happens to the nice guys. That's why people like me will be around for years. RIP Trevor. Lastly I just want to congratulate a couple of Birkenhead teams on their performances. One was to be expected and the other, well, and I don't think they will mind me saying, was totally unexpected. I bumped into Sandy at the Supermarket on Friday as he was buying raffle prizes for the club. He told me he had been roped in because Steve had COVID. Not a bad replacement Sandy and it looks like you, Robbie and Maxe all played exceptionally over the two days notwithstanding the fact that another Facebook site stated you were lucky. I'm not sure how you can be lucky over two days.

As for the premier team, well it continues to perform well and just shows that there is a lot of depth at the club. To replace Tony and still go on and pick up the inter club total speaks volumes for the work done by a lot of people at the club. It was good to hear that Tony was back wearing his Birkenhead colours in the early rounds and performing as expected. If only I could have drawn

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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.

Centre Update

Weekly Reminder – 15 March 2022

The full Bowls North Harbour Weekly Reminder can be found on Bowls North Harbour's website www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/news/

Dick Bree Triples

We have a bye in this tournament being held on 26th/27th March. Any team want to fill this bye and make the day more fun for everyone?

Entries open for forthcoming events

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Please make sure you get your entry in by the time the entries close to avoid disappointment. We will only take late entries to fill a bye

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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Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Birkenhead Licensing Trust". Although not a sponsor, but with the Trust's support over the years the club has benefited from many grants. Source <http://www.birkenheadlicensingtrust.org.nz>
 The Trust is a net proceeds-committee of the Lion Foundation and is responsible for approving grant funding to the local community groups in Birkenhead and surrounding areas from gaming funds generated by Lion Foundation. The Birkenhead Licensing Trust was established in 1967 after voters decided that the Birkenhead Council area should change from 'dry' to 'wet' under the control of a licensing trust. In 1970 the Birkenhead Trust Hotel was opened, with catering facilities designed to cater for all locals. A period of expansion was followed by the economic slump of the late 1980s, the recipe for a loss-making enterprise. In 1992 the trust hotel complex was sold and only the wholesale outlet retained. The Birkenhead Licensing Trust then sat for a number of years, accumulating revenue through the wholesale outlet and distributing interest accrued to local community groups. Meanwhile local licensing reins were loosened, allowing other operators to apply for licenses. In the interim the Trust sought other suitable sites. In 2002 the Slipp Inn Pub had been opened by Allen Vaughan, who had a long history with Lion Breweries. In 2006 the Trust approached Mr Vaughan with an offer to buy the Slipp Inn, as it seemed a good fit for several reasons: the Trust is a net-proceeds committee of the Lion Foundation; grant funding to the local community comes from funds generated by Lion Foundation; the Trust was already the pub's landlord; the pub fitted the family-friendly ideal of the Trust; and the gambling facility was a source of revenue. The Pub undertook extensive renovations and was reborn as "The Good Home Birkenhead" But, you ask, what is the difference between a Trust operation and a private or brewery owned enterprise? Well, all profits from bar and restaurant sales and gaming proceeds are distributed in the local community through the Lion Foundation, rather than going into a big national pool for distribution nationally. As Mr Vaughan points out, "The Trust does a lot of good in the community, it is not self-rewarding or ruled by self-interest, there are no paid directorships, and all six trustees are chosen by the electorate in the local body elections. As a result close to \$1 million annually has gone back into the community in recent years." The Trust also owns the Glenfield pub Inn Field; revenues go back into the Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote areas from both establishments.

