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Millie Millie Millie Oi! Oi! Oi!

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Birkenhead's Millie Nathan continued her great form with a comfortable win in the women's one-to-five year singles. In the final she beat Takapuna's Judi Farkash 21-8.

Millie, of course, has been competing with distinction in the open ranks and the previous weekend made the senior championship final where she was runner-up to Black Jack Selina Goddard. She is also a centre representative in the open ranks.

She beat another strong player in the semi-final, Takapuna's Skye Renes, 20-13, having beaten the same player in post-section in the senior championship seven days earlier.

Farkash performed well to make the final and was a decisive 21-9 winner in the semi-final over Helensville's Sharon Parker.

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Bowls North Harbour 1-5 Year Women's Centre Singles winner: Birkenhead's "Golden Girl" Milika Nathan.



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7pm Thursday 14 April
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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 each green's current status.

- Wednesday 6 April – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)
- Saturday 9 April – ~~8.30am Darington Lanigan Singles~~ – postponed until 1 May
- ~~8.30am Women's Championship Triples~~ – postponed until 24 April
- 8.30am BNH 1-5 AC Pairs - "A Green"
- Sunday 10 April - 8.30am Men's Championship Singles - Qualifying
- ~~8.30am Women's Championship Fours~~ – cancelled
- Wednesday 13 April – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)
- Friday 15 April – Easter Triples (OACT) - day 1
- Saturday 16 April – Easter Triples (OACT) - day 2
- Sunday 17 April - 8.30am Men's Championship Singles - Post Section
- Championship Reserve Day
- Monday 18 April - Championship Reserve Day
- Wednesday 20 April – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch
- Friday 22 April – 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Teams & Single Entry – mufti
- Saturday 23 April – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)
- Championship Reserve Day
- Sunday 24 April – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)
- 8.30am Women's Championship Triples
- Monday 25 April – ANZAC Day – Greens closed until 1pm
- Wednesday 27 April – 10am Club Day – Fish'n Chip Day (AC – Single Entry)
- Friday 29 April – 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Teams & Single Entry – mufti

Inside this Weekend

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

- Friday 8 April – Open 3.30pm**
- Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500
- Racing – Awapuni (Thoroughbred), Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Palmerston North, Addington (Dogs)
- A-League* - 4pm Western Utd v Wellington Phoenix
- Super Rugby Pacific* - 7.05pm Highlanders v Moana Pasifika
- NRL* - 8pm Warriors v Cowboys
- Saturday 9 April – Open 11am**
- Racing – Riccarton, Rotorua (Thoroughbred), Winton (Harness)
- HSBC World Sevens Series* - 1.50pm Singapore day 1
- Super Rugby Pacific* - 4.35pm Hurricanes v Crusaders
- 7.05pm Chiefs v Blues
- NRL* - 5pm Raiders v Storm
- 7.30pm Rabbitohs v Dragons
- Sunday 10 April – Open 11am**
- Racing – Pukekohe (Thoroughbred), Methven (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)
- HSBC World Sevens Series* - 2pm Singapore day 2
- NBL* - 3pm NZ Breakers v South East Melbourne Phoenix
- NRL* - 6.05pm Sharks v Panthers
- * Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.



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Wednesday 6 April
Members Draw \$500 \$ \$45 Drawn 5pm - 6pm
Joker 500 Drawn 6pm

Covid Policy Rescinded

The Board of Management, in line with changes received from Bowls New Zealand and Bowls North Harbour respective Covid policies, yesterday passed to rescind the Club's Covid 19 Policy adopted 6 November 2021 along with the Covid 19 Policy updates adopted 29 November 2021, this is with immediate effect.

Membership Card Waiting for You

Is your Club membership card waiting for you at the Club?. There are a number of unclaimed cards awaiting their perspective owners. Your card is not just a way of proving you are a current member of the Birkenhead Bowling Club but also allows you to collect BeeRewards for use on future purchases at the Club's upstairs bar. It also gives you access to many bowling clubs and Clubs New Zealand affiliated clubs throughout the country. So, if you haven't picked up your membership card it will be at the Club waiting for you, just contact the Club Secretary to collect yours.

This Weekend's Playing Programme Rewritten

This coming weekend's play on the Greens is vastly different from that in the handbook. The Darington Lanigan Singles were due to have been played Saturday, but due to the covid restrictions prior to Christmas the Darington Lanigan Singles has been postponed until Sunday 1 May to make way for the Women's Triples. But the Women's Championship Triples has now been moved from Saturday to a new date 24 April. After all this the Darington Lanigan Singles could have been played Saturday after all. Sunday and its Club Men's Championship Singles qualifying (post section Sunday 17 April). The Women's Championship Fours were to get underway but are now cancelled, according to the entry chart.

Number Two for Syd

New to the sport, first year bowler Syd Walker is making his presences known having skipped his 1-5 year triples team to success a couple of weeks back. Then last Friday late afternoon Walker found himself again in a final. But this time challenging for the 1-5 Year Championship Fours title, skipped by John Hannan, Walker himself at three, Bev Rolfe two and .Fay Judge off the front. Up against Chad Nathan, Warren Lush, Stephanie Langford and Miranda Starck. Both teams with only one life so this was a winner takes all final over fourteen ends. All square after four ends (4-4) and again after seven ends (6-6). End eight Nathan picked up a single shot to lead (7-6). Hannan's four replied with a three, then Nathan a single again (8-9). End eleven is where it stopped for Nathan, as Hannan and co over the final four ends picked up three singles and a two on the final end to claim the 1-5 Year Championship AC Fours tile (8-14). Number two 1-5 title for Walker with the first-year singles still to be played later this month.



Birkenhead 1-5 Year AC Fours winner: John Hannan (5), Bev Rolfe (2), Fay Judge (L) and Syd Walker (3)



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Summerset at Monterey Park Seafood Tournament

Having been part of the Birkenhead playing calendar for around twenty years the annual Seafood Tournament is certainly a highlight of each season. Originally a two-day men's fours the change in recent years to any combination has ensured its survival. This year's tournament was full early with thirty-two teams but then the covid restrictions kicked in and along with some teams being covid shy the numbers dropped and were eventually capped at twenty-four teams and even then, the twenty fourth spot team changed repeatedly before Randall Watkins secured the last spot available.

The tournament has only had a couple of sponsors over the years, Ra Te Amo for much of that and Wheels on Wairau, thanks to Graeme Rutherford, these last few years and this season we welcomed Summerset at Monterey Park for the first time.

Saturday 2 April arrived, and Sandy Cleghorn dressed in his Club blazer got the tournament underway, everyone poured out onto the green and settled into two days of bowls, eating seafood, drinking, seafood raffles and just having a good time. The weather couldn't have been any better and as for the greens, if you like a quick green last weekend was the time to be on Birkenhead's, green keeper Brendon Kelly had both running superbly. By the time Sunday afternoon arrived and seven games had been played and all players had been sufficiently feed and watered over the two days it was down to the prizegiving. Prizes all seafood were given out with Tony Grantham's four taking out first prize with an unbeaten weekend of seven wins. Beach Haven's Roy Parkers four with six wins claimed second spot. Parkers only loss was to Lionel Drew's team who went onto secure third spot with five wins and a draw. Of the five winners it was John Hindmarch's four with forty-six ends claiming fourth spot, nudging out Evan Thomas by five ends, Ruth Lynch by twelve ends and Jack Huriwai by fourteen ends.

Results at a glance:

- First: S.Mulholand, S.Yates, R.Watkins, T.Grantham (s) – 7 wins
- Second .S.Wilson, A.Wilson, S.Doolan, R.Paker (s) – 6 wins
- Third: B.Reyland, C.Rice, K.Burgess, L.Drew (s) – 5 wins, 1 draw
- Fourth: M.Rumble, D.McDonald, M.Short, J.Hindmarch (s) 5 wins, 46 ends



Good Friday 15 April

Non-members welcome

\$10 per ticket* (limited door sales on the night)

Doors open 7pm

Happy Fish play from 7.30pm

Tickets available from the Club

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Busy Easter Ahead

Easter less than two weeks away and a busy Easter it will be at the Club. Friday is day one of the two-day Easter Triples, with sixteen teams chasing a piece of the \$2,500 cash prize pool. Additional tournament meat raffles will be on sale throughout the day. With very few other places open Friday of Easter its always busy and Stue's free sausage sizzle around 4.30pm is sure to bring them in.

Club Night as usual with Merv spinning the numbers in the weekly meat raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500 and those other vices that make up Club Night at Birkenhead just to good not to be there. One change for Good Friday is from 7pm the Club has Happy Fish playing live. This is a ticketed event and all those staying past 7pm must have a ticket (\$10 on sale now), secure your ticket early as door sales may not be available.

Saturday and day two of the Easter Triples culminating in the Prizegiving at 4.30pm and all the cash being handed out.

Sunday sees the post section of the Club's Men's Championship Singles and always a good watch with a cool refreshment in one hand. Monday is an unknown as it is a Championship Reserve Day and could possibly be the last chance before BNH Champ of Champs to find Birkenhead's representatives for this covid truncated season.

High Tea - Full House

Tickets have been on sale for just under two weeks and the "Full House" sign has gone up. Saturday 7 May, Birkenhead's High Tea returns, this time in support of Sweet Louise and the theme for the afternoon is "Gatsby". Register with Emmie 0275 297297 for any ticket returns that may become available. Sorry no tables these tickets will be ones or twos.

70's V. 80's

by Vaughan Henderson

The annual 70's v. 80's game was played on Friday 1 April and due to start at 3.30pm. By 3pm there were only 11 entries on the board and of those, only three were over 80. Some selective "ageing" of the players and a little arm twisting got a senior member of the club to join in making 12 in total. Four teams playing 10 ends of three bowl triples was a workable combination and play finally got underway at 3.45pm. 80's Team 1 (Colin Godfrey, Dennis McSweeney and Gillian Rainbow) was tasked with playing 70's Team 1 (John Hannan, Vaughan Henderson and Mark Hitchcock). 80's Team 2 (Keith Burgess, Tommy Winton and John Lindridge) took on 70's Team 2 (Peter Svendsen, Barry Reyland and Mari Hannan). The outcome: A clear win to both the 80's teams – Team 1 by four points and Team 2 by 8 points. My thanks to Doug Campbell (Match Committee) for arranging the rinks for us to play the full ten ends.

Alex Abela had planned to play but managed to put his back out in the week prior and had to withdraw. Alex would like to pass on his best regards to all and will be returning to bowls once his health permits.

Housie! Bingo!

Thursday 21 April

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