



ANZAC Day at Birkenhead

Monday 25 April we honour those Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations, in the way we as Kiwis have become accustomed to since 1916.

The Club is open ANZAC Day, Monday 25 April, as we go to print we understand there will be no march this year, so we will be opening later than previous ANZAC Days at mid-day. Greens are closed until 1pm, no play or practice until 1pm.

No bet can be sold or gaming machine played prior to 1pm. TAB and Gaming machines open from 1pm with racing from Avondale (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton (Harness), Addington (Dogs) and across Australia.

Live sport with an NRL* game at 6.05pm Roosters v Dragons, unfortunately the Storm v Warriors at 9pm is just too late for the Club.

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

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 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

Saturday 30 April – 9am Leads and Twos (AC, Drawn, Single entry)

- Championship Reserve Day

Sunday 1 May - 8.30am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, Full & Life members only)

Wednesday 4 May – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Sunday 8 May – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided

Inside this ANZAC Long Weekend

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

Friday 22 April – Open 3.30pm

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

Super Rugby Pacific* - 8pm Chiefs v Waratahs

Saturday 23 April – Open 11am

Racing – Pukekohe, Riccarton (Thoroughbred)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 7.05pm Blues v Fijian Drua

NRL* - 7.30pm Cowboys v Titans

Sunday 24 April – Open 11am

Racing – Awapuni (Thoroughbreds), Geraldine (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 4pm Highlanders v Brumbies

- 6.30pm Crusaders v Rebels

NRL* - 4pm Knights v Eels

- 6.05pm Panthers v Raiders

Monday 25 April – ANZAC Day - Open Midday

Racing – Avondale (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton (Harness), Addington (Dogs)

NRL* - 6pm Dragons v Roosters

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

Housie! Bingo!

Thursday 21 April

Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George

Cash Prizes First Game 7pm

Bingo cards only \$1 per card

Further info ph: 0275 297297, Entry restricted to 18 years and over

Housie! Bingo! every third Thursday in the month



A Champions Perspective

By Nigel Drew

The post section of the Champ Singles was played Easter Sunday, with 9 hopefuls setting out to win what in my opinion is the toughest champ event of the calendar.

No rain to ruin the day but plenty of wind to add to the challenge!

Due to the odd number of playing numbers all but 2 got the bye, and the unfortunate couple that had to play first up at 8.30 were Jack Huriwai and Curtis Ennor – both former Singles champions (Jack in 16/17, Curty in 14/15)

Big ups to Chad Nathan for marking that early! From what I saw Jack was just a bit more consistent on the draw and pulled away to win 21 – 7

The rest of the field had made their way to the club and the quarter finals were able to get under way a bit earlier than the scheduled 10am

Top of the draw saw Mark Rumble (2 x past winner and heavy joint favourite to win another) tackle Adam Richardson (Centre Junior Singles winner and a real up and comer at the club). It was nip and tuck for the first dozen ends with mostly singles being scored – Marks experience and consistency started showing through deeper into the game and he pulled away to win 21 – 9.

Peter Nathan (another past winner and joint favourite after his heroics in the Interclub finals) took on Gary Wallace (A talented Singles player who had reached the final in 2 of the previous 3 years) This was likely to be a ding dong battle and so it proved to be – Nathan got away to a slow start and found himself 11 – 4 down before mounting his comeback. Some great bowls being played and it came down to a last end shootout with Nathan on 20 and Wallace on 19. I didn't see the last end but apparently Nathan tried running the jack into the ditch with his first bowl and missed. Wallace pounced with a close one that heaped the pressure on and added another with his next bowl – they both stayed there for a 21 – 20 win and some stern post mortems from daughter Milli to father Pete about his last end tactics!

Bottom of the draw had Huriwai up against a promising junior William Tonga. Some great heads throughout the game and Willie more than held his own for a majority of the match. With the score 15 – 13 to Jack it was wide open but again, the experience prevailed and he went on to a 21 – 13 win. A great experience for Willie and he'll only get better playing in this sort of company.

I was up against John Hindmarch – neither really expected to trouble the heavyweights later in the day - unfortunately for Johnny I brought my A game and picked the tricky conditions far quicker for a comfortable 21 – 9 victory. No one was more surprised about that than me!

Into the Semi finals and perennial finalists Rumble and Wallace at the top of the draw – these guys seem to have a thing about close games and another was anticipated. Muppet had other ideas and was all over the jack to start the game, quickly racing out to a 15 - 6 lead. Everyone thought it would be a very quick game apart from the very tenacious and talented Wallace! After missing a run shot through 2 bowls that you didn't think a bowl could get through it all started unravelling for Rumble. He lost his weight while Wallace seemed more and more comfortable in the windy conditions. In the end a tremendous 21 – 19 win for Gary so he's booked his place in yet another final.

Looking to meet him were Jack and myself – I was looking forward to a close game and win or lose wanted to enjoy it. Well if Johnny caught the brunt of my A game, Jack well and truly got my F game. It was 14 – 1 after 7 ends and I was lucky to have 1!

I couldn't work out the rink and Jacks bowls a metre or more from the kitty were good enough for multiples end after end. This was going to be a very quick embarrassment and no, I wasn't enjoying it one bit!

I'm not sure what clicked but I started finding the line and weight a little better from that point – Jack was still plonking them around the kitty but I started getting one each end that little bit closer – the long and short of it was a 21 – 20 win to me after a couple of match saving drives when Jack held game.

Not sure I deserved to win that one but was pretty stoked to find the resolve to fight back like that...

Onto the final against Gary – not a familiar spot for me as I don't normally play the Singles and Gaz has been at the pointy end for 4 or 5 years now, so I was going to have to be at my best. And so it proved where I picked the conditions quickly and Gaz couldn't quite work out the swirly wind throughout (this wont be his last final though, I can guarantee that).

A comfortable 21 – 9 final score and my first Singles title – pretty happy with that I've got to say!

A huge thanks to the markers, Chad, Jimmy, Milli and Lionel for giving up their time to help – everyone enjoyed the day and It was particularly good to see some of future champions mixing it with the big boys

Champ of Champs next week – hope I leave my F game at home!!!

Easter Triples

Easter came and it was all that it was cracked up to be. Friday sixteen teams took to the greens for two days of bowls chasing \$1,000 first prize and if they could get that then a piece of the \$2,500 prize pool on offer.

The weatherman put on a perfect day for bowls and the top green played it's part with compliments around how good it was playing. At the conclusion of day one The Roger Andrew triple led the field on four straight wins, closely followed by Steve Arms, three wins and a draw. Nipping at Arms's heels was the Gary Wallace trio on three wins having dropped a game to the New Lynn's Parmesh Raman. Local teams Evan Thomas and Daymon Pierson finished the day with two wins, one draw and a loss, but more importantly within reach of the leaders.

Saturday, day two, Both Thomas and Arms dropped their respective first games of the day, Thomas to Roger Andrew and Arms to Gary Wallace. Arms dropped another game in round seven to Lionel Drew. Pierson put a dent in Andrew's amour with Pierson winning their round six encounter. But that was Andrew's only stumble as his trio, himself at lead, Leeane Poulson at two and Mark Hall skipping, won the next two rounds to finish the eight rounds with seven wins and one loss and were presented with the winners cheque for \$1,000. The Gary Wallace's trio came in second with six wins. Third and fourth were both on five wins and a draw and were separated only by ends. Arms claiming third spot with sixty-two ends as opposed to Thomas's sixty-one ends in fourth.

John Hannan's triple with first year Sydney Walker and second year Mike Pugh although lost eight straight preformed with distinction keeping their opponents honest with a couple of finishes one shot the difference.

Thanks goes out to our tournament partners, platinum Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and gold Birkenhead Bowling Club Vice President Joseph Korkis.

Easter results at a glance:

Winners: Roger Andrew, Leeane Poulson, Mark Hall (s) – 7 wins

Second: Willie McIvor, Matt Higginson, Gary Wallace (s) – 6 wins

Third: Pax Vermulen, Mark Griffiths, Steve Arms (s) – 5 wins, 1 draw, 62 ends

Fourth: Sandy Cleghorn, Steve Doolan, Evan Thomas (s) – 5 wins, 1 draw, 61 ends

Consolation Saturday Morning: Dee Freeth, Warren Seeque, Paul Freeth (s) – 2 wins, 18 ends

Consolation Saturday Afternoon: Mark Rumble, Mike turner, John Hindmarch (s) – 2 wins, 17 ends

Easter Draw: John Payne, Mick Moodie, David Payne (s)



Orewa's Paul Freeth enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of the Easter Triples



TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Open ANZAC Day from 1pm

Racing from Avondale (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton (Harness), Addington (Dogs) and across Australia.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.



System Down!!

The Club's MATV system is great and works efficiently when persons aren't running the control screens flat by unplugging the power. A recent incident this happened, and the control screen was down for at least five days before anyone was notified just prior to a league game. Fortunately, a work around was found. Members and guest are asked not to unplug the control screens to recharge their phones or other devices. The control cabinet is also out of bounds for those without an in-depth working knowledge of the system, this is to prevent serious and expensive damage to the system. We have had in the past an incident when the TAB pod was taken out of action due to the power being switched off by a member and a technician having to be called in to restore operation.

The days of controlling screens/tvs in the club using a sky remote is a distant memory.

BNH Champ of Champs

The end of the season is fast approaching, Prize giving less than a month away Friday 13 May, and Centre Champ of Champ events start Saturday 23 April. The Club has submitted entries in all disciplines and is only waiting on results from the Women's Champ Triples and Fours to complete the list of players for the Centre.

BNH Women Champ Of Champ Singles – 23/24 April 2022 - Milika Nathan

BNH Men Champ Of Champ Singles – 23/24 April 2022 – Nigel Drew

BNH Women Champ Of Champ Pairs – 30/1 May 2022 - Trish Croot. Kirsty Hill (s)

BNH Men Champ Of Champ Pairs – 30/1 May 2022 - Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai (s)

BNH Women Champ Of Champ Triples – 7/8 May 2022 - TBA

BNH Men Champ Of Champ Triples – 7/8 May 2022 - Mark Rumble, Martin Short, Nigel Drew (s)

BNH Women Champ Of Champ Fours – 14/15 May 2022-TBA

BNH Men Champ Of Champ Fours – 14/15 May 2022- Jimmy Heath, Adam Richardson, Jack Huriwai, Steve Yates (s)

BNH Women 1-5 Year Champ Of Champ Singles – 21/22 May 2022 - Milika Nathan

BNH Men 1-5 Year Champ Of Champ Singles – 21/22 May 2022 - Chad Nathan

Didn't Receive the Bee Express

You didn't receive the weekly Bee Express in your inbox as expected?. Firstly check your spam various email managing software from time to time decides some email accounts are spam. We also at times receive bounce backs from Bee Express and other Club emails this is due to the account we use reaching its limit or the recipients service provider suspecting we are spamming.

Unfortunately we don't have time to go through the bounced emails. If you don't receive a copy in the following weeks, email web@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz and we can see if we can assist at our end.

The Bee Express can be downloaded from a link on the Club's Facebook page www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead or directly from the Club's website www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/the-bee-express. The website carries all 303 back issues along with today's issue.





Club Night Fridays

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Championship Dress

All players in Club Championships are to play in Birkenhead Bowling Club uniform or in creams/white as prescribed in the Club's Regulations. Other Club's shirts/uniforms are not allowed in Club Championship events.

Check the Shed is Locked

Easter Monday President Randall happen to venture down to the Green Keeper's shed looking for some plaster. As it happened he didn't need the key, the shed was unlocked and left wide open from the previous days play. All those putting gear away are asked if you're the last one, please lock the door behind you.

BIRKENHEAD BOWLING CLUB
93 MOKOIA ROAD, BIRKENHEAD PH: 480 7493

MAY EXTENDED TRIPLES

(Open Any Combination Triples - Mufti)

28 & 29 May 2022

Morning tea & lunch included
Sausage sizzle Saturday

CASH PRIZES

Entry \$120 per Team
Limited to 16 teams
Entry phone/text 027 6661618
or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Tournament Partner:



www.jetcouriers.co.nz



Members Draw
Wednesdays drawn 5pm - 6pm
Fridays drawn 5pm - 7pm

One of NZ Oldest Sports Clubs Joins

We welcome the Calliope Athletic and Harrier Club to Birkenhead Bowling Club. In particular the Harriers with members now part of the Bowling Club under the "Social Member" category.

Having been based at the "Birkenhead War Memorial Park" at the bottom of Mahara Ave across from the Birkenhead Leisure Centre. The club rooms were located beneath the now demolished grandstand. After a stint at the cricket club and then the Memorial Park carpark, their home is now Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Birkenhead's Calliope is one of the oldest athletics clubs in Aotearoa, New Zealand. They are a family friendly club which offers, running, walking and athletics for people of all ages and abilities. Check out their website <https://www.calliopeahc.org/> more information.

Running (Harriers)

Calliope provides a range of activities and events for both runners and walkers of all abilities. They meet every Wednesday night at 6:15pm at the Birkenhead Bowling Club, with a run or walk beginning at 6:30. People of all ages are welcome.

Editor's note: Take a look at their website www.calliopeahc.org for and an interesting insight and history.



Calliope Runners (Harriers)

Putting the Rumours to Rest

Rumours are circulating and the Bee can confirm keep Saturday 2 July free for the Soul Agents Starship Children's Hospital benefit gig, limited tickets will be available to Club members.

JamesRay will finally get to play the Club Saturday 6 August more details and tickets available soon.

Our 2021 New Years Eve party was scuppered due to covid restrictions, but we are going to give it another go this year and Happy Fish will play an extended set to get us into 2023. This will fit in nicely with the those arriving early for the Summerset National Singles and Pairs played in Auckland & North Harbour 2 - 9 January 2023.

AGM 2022
10am Sunday 12 June 2022

Social Indoor Bowls Monday's

Birkenhead will again be running a winter indoor social bowls program. This follows on from the successful introduction last winter of the indoor bowls program. A fun thing to do on winter evenings, with the added bonus of not having to worry about rain, wind, fading light etc.

The first evening is scheduled to commence on Monday 2 May and run thereafter on the following Monday 9 May, 16 May and 23 May. If we get the support and interest we will run a second series commencing Monday 13 June.

Shelley Boyed and Lance Clarke from Barfoot Birkenhead have generously come on board again as sponsors, so there will be some prizes available to be shared.

Further details are –

- Teams can be made up of 3 people, or single entries are also welcome as we can make up teams.
- The evenings commence at 6.30pm.
- Casual clothing.
- Cost is \$5.00 per player, but on the final evening the cost will be \$10.00 per player as there will be a meal that evening.
- Indoor bowls are provided.
- Evenings will be three games of 5 ends, with the evening finished by 8.30pm.
- Meat Raffles.

If you can get your teams together (or single entry) and let Debbie Jones (co-organiser at debbie.jones@britomartgroup.org or text on 021781374) know or phone the Club on 480 7493, we can ensure we have some fun winter evenings.

Birkenhead Bowling Club

93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead

Social Indoor Winter Bowls

Sponsored by Shelley Boyed & Lance Clarke
of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead



Social Indoor Winter Bowls is back again for 2022.
Non-members welcome, no experience necessary,
bowls provided. You bring a smile and sense of humour

Monday 2 May
Monday 9 May
Monday 16 May
Monday 23 May

Teams are asked to arrive at the club at 6pm with first game to commence at 6.30pm.

Cost - \$5.00 per person per week for the first three weeks.
Week 4 \$10.00 per person includes a meal and prizes for 1st,
2nd & 3rd over the four weeks.

Meat raffles will also be on sale.

Teams of three or single entry - everyone is welcome.
Contact: The Bowling Club – 09 480 7493 or Debbie – Mobile:
021 781 374. Email Debbie.jones@britomartgroup.org



Quiz Night - Free to Enter
7pm Thursday 12 May
Non-members welcome
Enter on the night

Quiz Partners:

Tim Roskrige of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead
 and Bill Hansen

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!

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Stingers-104950312121619>

Updated Covid Guidelines

Updated Guidelines for bowling clubs under the covid-19 protection framework

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website

From 11.59pm Wednesday the 13th of April, all of New Zealand will move into 'Orange' on the COVID-19 Protection Framework.

What does this mean for bowling clubs?

- Indoor gatherings no longer have capacity or distancing requirements
- Mask wearing is now optional
- Clubs remain able to welcome all members (including unvaccinated)
- No QR scanning required

At all levels, the testing and isolation requirements remain as they are now. If you have symptoms or someone in your household tests positive, isolate and get tested.

Bowls New Zealand also encourages Centres and Clubs to now review their Conditions of Play and H&S policies, with the above changes to COVID restrictions in mind.

Club for Hire

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)

\$5 Friday

The last Friday of the month

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

Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events , Company Social Events , Weddings,
 Birthday Celebrations , Anniversary Parties , Breakfasts



Phone: Club 480 7493 or Emmie 027 529 7297

Email: privatefunction@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Prize Giving

A break from tradition, this seasons prize giving will be held Friday 13 May 6pm start. Finger food will be supplied.

Spotlight on Club Partners

The Club is fortunate to have so many Club Partners. Each one assisting the Club in their own way. The Board and Members sincerely thank every one of them for their support. Club Members are asked to support our Club Partners in a tangible way. Let them know you are a member of The Birkenhead Bowling Club, and that we appreciate their continued support.

Allan Meekings Memorial

Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead

Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Bill Hansen

Birkenhead RSA

Birkenhead Licensing Trust

Butcher Jacks

Carpet Mill

Dave Harper Memorial

Dil's Funeral Services

Emmie Swart Limited

Giltrap North Shore

Jet Couriers

Joseph Korkis

New World Birkenhead

Shelley Boyed & Lance Clarke

Summerset at Monterey Park

The Good Home Birkenhead

Tim Roskruge

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