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Prize Giving

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

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

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

Wednesday 11 May – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Friday 13 May – 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Teams & Single Entry – mufti

Saturday 14 May – ~~Closing Day~~ - (Prize-giving 6pm Friday 13 May)

Wednesday 18 May – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT - mufti) – BYO Lunch

Wednesday 25 May – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT - mufti) – BYO Lunch

Saturday 28 May – May Extended Triples (OACT - mufti) – day 1

Sunday 29 May – May Extended Triples (OACT - mufti) – day 2

Inside this Weekend

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

Friday 6 May – open 3.30pm

Racing - Otaki (Thoroughbred), Addington (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 7.05pm Blues v Rebels

NRL* - 8pm Raiders v Bulldogs

Saturday 7 May – open 11am - 2pm – High Tea (sold out)

Racing – Riccarton, Te Rapa (Thoroughbred), Ascot Park (Harness),

Super Rugby Pacific* - 4.35pm Moana Pasifika v Waratahs

- 7.05pm Chiefs v Brumbies

NRL* - 5pm Sea Eagles v West Tigers

- 7.30pm Roosters v Titans

Sunday 8 May – open 11am

Racing - Woodville (Thoroughbred), Rangiora (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific* - 3.35pm Hurricanes v Fijian Drua

NRL* - 4pm Storm v Dragons

- 6.05pm Sharks v Warriors

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

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QUIZ EVENTS

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

Leads & Twos, Sausage Rolls, Darts and CoC

A fairly even field with no standout pairs combinations stepped out Saturday to compete in this season's Leads and Twos. After four rounds two teams emerged with three wins a piece. Mark Hitchcock and Warren Lush with three wins and twenty-two ends and Fay Judge and Vaughn Henderson with three wins but twenty-one ends.

Hitchcock and Lush were crowned champion Lead's and Two's team, Lush's first win of the weekend. Sunday saw Lush on the podium again but not for his bowling prowess, but his culinary skills taking out the sausage roll bake off a truly man size sausage roll. Word on the street is the next bake off will be carrot cake, after custard square and banana cake were dismissed.

Saturday also saw The Stingers Darts made their debut in the City of Sails Darts League with a re-sounding seventeen games to three games win over Heading Home Bar's United Nations.

While the Club was busy Saturday Jimmy Heath and Jack Huriwai were out chasing the BNH Champ of Champ Men's Pairs title and they almost got there. First round they comfortably defeated Sunnybrae's Guy Duley and Graye Allnutt (27-6), next up another win this time over Mairangi Bay's Peter Orgias and Allan Langley (17-14) and a spot in the semi where Helensville's Ricky Howe and Bart Robertson were waiting, Robertson having claimed the Champ of Champ Singles title the weekend before. A close game pursued with the result coming down to the final end with Heath and Huriwai having their chances and at one point the game winner, but it was Howe and Robertson that came away the winners (19-16). Howe and Robertson then went on to defeat Northcote's Greg Taylor and David Pierce in the final (25-7).

While the Heath and Huriwai were competing Birkenhead's Trish Croot and Kirsty Hill were doing the same but in the women's equivalent, BNH Champ of Champ Women's Pairs. Croot and Hill are no slouches and both have the titles to show. Big hopes were riding on their success, and they did not disappoint.

Milford's Kathy Brown & Laraine Moore were the first sent home by Croot and Hill (17-10). A comfortable win over Hobsonville's Elizabeth Ballam and Hanaan Shahwan (26-14). Into the Semis and what a semi up against Takapuna's Wendy Jensen and Robyne Walker, with Croot and Hill progressing to the final with win (12-8). Mairangi Bay's Theresa Rogers & Sheryl Wellington had been making their way to the final on the bottom half of the draw, defeating Orewa's Elaine McClintock & Kerin Roberts (19-8) to make the final.

First end of the final and it is five to Croot and Hill, but Mairangi come back to draw the scores after five ends (5-5). The next four ends all went to Croot and Hill, three, four, two and three, to lead (17-) after seven ends. Croot and Hill have their bowls on a string, unbeatable. Then ends eight, nine and ten went Mairangi's way, but still behind (17-9).

End eleven and Croot and Hill cracked the twenty shot mark (20-9). Over ends thirteen to seventeen Mairangi picked up some singles, but Croot and Hill had set solid foundations at the start, and no one was taking this game from them. Shake hands time came at the conclusion of the seventieth end (24-13) and Croot and Hill were crowned BNH Champion of Champion Women's Pairs Champions. Next stop represent Birkenhead and Bowls North Harbour at the National Champ of Champ Pairs on 8th – 10th July in Dunedin.



Leads and Twos Champions : Mark Hitchcock and Warren Lush



BNH Champion of Champion Women's Pairs Champions: Birkenhead's Trish Croot and Kirsty Hill (s) with BNH President Maureen Taylor

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Champ of Champs Update

Centre Champ of Champ events started Saturday, 23 April. Birkenhead has claimed BNH Women's Champ Of Champ Pairs with 6 more Champ of Champ events to go.

BNH Women's Champ Of Champ Pairs – winners: Trish Croot, Kirsty Hill (s)
National Champ of Champ Pairs on 8th – 10th July in Dunedin

BNH Women Champ Of Champ Triples – 7/8 May 2022 – Bev Rofle, Trish Croot. Kirsty Hill (s)

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 – Fay Judge, Milika Nathan, Mavis Smith, Ruth Lynch (s)

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

NATIONAL INTERCLUB

BOWLS 3 FIVE
FINALS

Bowls3Five National Finals

Sandy Cleghorn, Maxe Janssen and Robbie Henson head to Wellington on Thursday in pursuit of National Bowls3Five glory at Naenae Bowling Club and if Cleghorn plays like he did on the final day when they won the right to play the National Finals, they have every chance of victory.

Drawn in section 1 along with Blenheim Suns (Marlborough), Clyde Scorchers (Central Otago), Coromandel Mussels (Thames Valley), Milton (South Otago), Nelson Spirit (Nelson), Putaruru (Waikato) and Stokes Valley Vipers (Wellington).

Friday and an early start 9am against Coromandel Mussels. Two more rounds that day, including a date with Stokes Valley Vipers (Seamus Curtin, Finbar McGuigan, Nicole Toomey) in the second game before the last game of the day against Milton and a 1pm finish.

Saturday sees a further four rounds played. First up Clyde Scorchers followed by Putaruru, then Nelson Spirit (Jo Edwards, Val Smitha, Murray Scott) and to finish up section play against Blenheim Suns (Jan Gallop, Maurice Symes, Val Symes), all done by 2.20pm. Then the waiting starts to see if they are in the top two of the section and if they are proceeding to the quarter finals 10am on Sunday. Win the final later that day and it is a spot in the televised Sky Sport League.

Clyde Scorchers vs Birkenhead Stingers Section 1 qualifying match will be streamed live on Youtube: 9am – 10.15am Saturday, May 7.



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Stingers Buzzing After Awesome First Game!

Last Saturday saw the start of the City of Sails darts season for The Stingers and what an opening day it was!

After a champagne toast to welcome in the new team and season by our Club President Randall, The Stingers went on to beat their opposition (United Nations) by 17-3.

As it was the first game of the season, The Stingers used the maximum of 8 players and had plenty of support from other Stingers players and club members.

In the first four games (reverse pairs), Steve H (aka Yorkie Pud) was paired with Bryce (The Thumb) and Alex (Fighting Rabbit) was paired with Glenn (Double 'ard). Our first pair won both games and second pair won one game, giving The Stingers a positive start and 3-1 lead going into the singles.

Singles players were Taffy (The Taffynator), Paul (Bullseye), Willie (The Conqueror) and Al (Mr Fister).

Paul and Taffy won all four games and Willie and Al won 3 out of 4, giving The Stingers a huge 14 points out of 16.

There was some good scoring on the day with Paul hitting 13 ton-plus scores including three 140s and a 100 finish. Taffy hit 7 ton-plus scores including a 140. Al hit 6 ton-plus scores including two 140s and the high score of the day of 160. Willie hit 4 ton-plus scores and one 140. Glenn hit a high score of 121 and Bryce got in with a 101 start!

There was an awesome vibe in and around the team and it was great to see everyone in their new Stingers shirts.

The good feeling continued, and the drinks kept flowing as the team were joined by club members, Birkenhead Football Club members, Stingers Sponsors, friends, and some darts legends from the RSA to farewell Al before he heads south to Rangiora. Everyone had an awesome evening and partied until very late!

Next weekend, The Stingers are playing away against Tons of Bull at Swanson RSA. The team will be Steve H, Alex, Taffy, and Willie. All the best for next week guys!

We'd love to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors again without whom there would be no Stingers team.

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One special last mention goes to Stinger, Paul Webber (aka Bullseye) for breaking the world record for the longest bullseye ever thrown.

On 17th July 2021, Paul threw a dart into the bullseye from 7.01m away!!

<https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/farthest-distance-to-throw-a-bullseye-in-darts>

Paul is the owner of Bullseye Darts and a great guy to get all your darting gear from – www.bullseyedarts.co.nz

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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May Extended Triples Meat Raffle 20 Draws!

In conjunction with the May extended Triples we have **ONE RAFFLE, TWENTY DRAWS** (meat), \$10 per number, limited to one hundred and twenty numbers Drawn Sunday 29 May at the conclusion of play (approx. 4:10pm) Available now at the Bar or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz to secure your favourite number.

Here is Your Chance

The Club may have the Board of Management overseeing the overall running of the Club but the grassroots are run by the various members and committees. Although some seem to think the fairies behind the green keeper's shed magically set up and coordinate the smooth running of the club, it's not the case!. It is members working together, behind the scenes, putting a bit in here and there, for the benefit of others in general. If you can assist in a position or on a committee listed here put your name and signature on the board in the Club or return a completed "Expression of Interest" form.

Club Captain, Club Almoner, Selectors, Match Committee, Mid-week Tournament Committee, Sunday Tournament Committee, Roll-up Committee, Sponsorship Committee, Social Committee, House Committee, Grounds and Maintenance Committee, Greens Superintendent, Delegate to BNH, Substitute Delegate to BNH, 1-5 Year Coordinator, and Website Director. No experience is needed on various committees as those serving along with you will show you the ropes, you just need to be keen, we all started somewhere. Come on, come and help out, the Club needs you.



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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. Still supporting the Monday Social Indoor Bowls League but have now added their support to the High Tea this weekend in support of Sweet Louise.

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