



# The Bee Express

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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 11 May 2022



## Sweet Louise

HIGH TEA 2022



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## \$8,000 for Sweet Louise!

"Over and above our expectations" was Chairperson Emmie's response when the final figure was declared Tuesday evening. She was congratulated by the Board on a fantastic event. Further details on Birkenhead's extraordinary High Tea Fundraiser over page.



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## Back to the 20s

“Sold Out” over a month back, the High Tea in support of “Sweet Louise” on Saturday was eagerly awaited by many. The Gatsby theme went down a treat with a fine effort put in by those in attendance.

Doug Campbell behind the bar suitably attired with waist coat and bow tie, Ian Utting in “white-tie” complete with tails served the bubbles.



Ian Utting and Doug Campbell ready to serve our guests.

Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon Shane Prince was also dress for the part. The room was set, three tier cake stands loaded with goodies, saucers, cups and tea pots along with champagne flutes adorned the tables. Carefully positioned curtaining, lighting and displays concealed the fact the space is actually a bowling club.

Monique Feron’s “Elektra Dancers” from Abbraccia School of Dance provided the afternoons entertainment with an outstanding 40 minute set. One dance in particular, to the song titled “Konduku”, was choreographed by Feron in honour of her own sister, Teri, who recently lost her battle with breast cancer. The dance performed in gold (not the usual white) was a fitting dedication to all those ladies who have lost their fight with breast cancer. Young Greta Mazza had everyone mesmerised as she glided over the floor like a White Heron. It brought a tear to many an eye in the room, as they remembered family and friends they had lost. “Sweet Louise’s” Kathy McKay, National Fundraising Manager, thanked those present for their support and spoke of “Sweet Louise’s” devotion of providing practical, emotional and social care and

support for New Zealanders living with incurable breast cancer. Providing the compassion and care they need to live as well as possible, for as long as possible. This is all done with no government funding, “Sweet Louise” relays on donations alone.

The platinum sponsor of the afternoon was Shelley Boyed of Barfoot and Thompson Birkenhead who also took the opportunity to thank everyone for their donations, but also to present a cheque of \$1000 to the Club for sales of two members houses.

Barfoot and Thompson’s Pete Taylor auctioned off various items. Including a 1.5m x 1m original oil on canvas by local artist Graham Young, titled “At the Bridgeway”, of the much-loved picture theatre at Northcote Point. The painting had originally been purchased by Yvette Plunkett and her late husband, and past Parton of the Bowling Club, Bill Plunkett. Yvette recently lost her own fight against cancer and her daughter gifted the painting to be auctioned at the High Tea in support of “Sweet Louise”. The reserve was reached early as the serious bidders continued to escalate their bids. Final bid was a little over two-thousand and went to a local. Yvette would have been pleased to see it reach the amount for “Sweet Louise” and the painting to return to the local area.

The afternoon concluded with a rock and roll performance by the North Harbour Rockers On the day the figure announced was \$6,700, but with further donations the final figure had climbed to an outstanding \$8,000!. Stand up ladies and gentleman and give yourself a pat on the back for a truly amazing effort..... truly outstanding, well done.



The Ineson and Smith table, mothers and daughters, enjoy the High Tea.

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

Quiz Partners:

Tim Roskrugge 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 each green's current status.*

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

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

Saturday 14 May – ~~Closing Day~~ – **Prizegiving 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

## Prize Giving - 6pm Friday 13 May

Finger food will be supplied.

### Inside this Weekend

*Due to availability of staff, opening and closing times may change without notice.*

**Friday 13 May – open 3.30pm - Prize Giving 6pm**

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

Super Rugby Pacific\* - 7.05 Highlanders v Force

NRL\* - 8pm Bulldogs v Knights

**Saturday 14 May – open 11am**

Racing – Arawa Park, Hawera (Thoroughbred), Winton (Harness)

Super Rugby Pacific\* - 4.35pm Fijian Drua v Moana Pasifika

- 7.05pm Blues v Reds

NRL\* - 5pm Warriors v Rabbitohs

- 7.30pm Titans v Dragons

**Sunday 15 May – open 11am**

Racing - Ascot Park (Thoroughbred), Ashburton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific\* - 4pm Rebels v Chiefs

NRL\* - 3.50pm Sharks v Raiders

- 6.05pm Roosters v Eels

\* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members

### Champ of Champs Update

Centre Champ of Champ events started Saturday, 23 April. Birkenhead has claimed BNH Women's Champ Of Champ Pairs with 4 more Champ of Champ events to go.

BNH Women's Champ Of Champ Pairs – winners: Trish Croot, Kirsty Hill (s)

BNH Women's Champ Of Champ Fours – 14/15 May 2022 – Fay Judge, Milika Nathan, Mavis Smith, Ruth Lynch (s)

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

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

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

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## Weekend Unwound

The home greens were quite Saturday, all the action was happening inside the Club. Bowls North Harbour Champ of Champ triples were underway, the Men, Mark Rumble, Martin Short and Nigel Drew were at Manly. Orewa's Ted Jackett, Murray Vallance and Bruce McClintock were the first targets in Drew's sights and a comfortable win (12-7), Quarters and next in the Birkenhead firing line was Takapuna's Dennis Hale, John Whiteford and Don Tabuteau, another win for Drew's lads (22-15). Semis and Northcote's Tom Edwards, Dave Pierce and Shaun Bayne (s), stood in the way of a finals birth, and Northcote did just that. Edwards, Pierce and Bayne moved on to the final after downing Drew's trio by a single point (14-13). The final Helensville's Ricky Howe, Bart Robinson and Kylie Clark comfortable account for Northcote, with Bayne's trio waving the white flag early (23-6). A 3-peat for Robinson having already won the Champ of Champ Singles and Pairs over the previous two weekends.

The Women's Champ of Champ, Bev Rolfe, Ruth Lynch and Kirsty Hill (s), Lynch being a late replacement for Trish Croot having to withdraw on medical advice. First round was against Takapuna's Wendy Jensen, Trish Hardy and Jan Calcott, at Takapuna! A good tussle with Hill's trio coming from behind to squeeze out Takapuna by a single point (16-15). Onto the quarters against Manly's Elaine Ferguson, Rozel Kyle and Fays Bavestock (s) unfortunately that is where Rolfe, Lynch and Hill's run came to an abrupt end going down (11-20). Manly went on to lose the final (15-18) on an extra end to Orewa's Christeen Dalzell, Maureen Howden and Jan Harrison.

While the Champ of Champ were underway in Harbour, Maxe Janssen, Robbie Henson and Sandy Cleghorn were making their TV Rink debut live on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GE1-Nig5qhs>) from the Naenae Bowling Club in Wellington. Unfortunately, the TV game the Birkenhead Stingers came away with a loss and Henson the dubious honour of two wrong biases live on TV.

The Bowls3Five National Interclub Finals had started the day before, Friday. Cleghorn's trio "Birkenhead Stingers" were in section 1 and up against some strong combinations. The qualifying was played over eight rounds with the top two teams in the section progressing to Sunday's post section knock-out.

Round one, the Birkenhead Stingers were defeated by Thames Valley's Coromandel Mussels on the tiebreaker. Round two, defeated again on the tiebreaker but this time by Wellington's Stokes

Vipers, Nicole Toomey, Finbar McGuigan, Seamus Curtin, one of the favoured sides to win overall.

Round Three, defeated two sets to nil by South Otago's Milton Marvels. Round four, the Stingers had the bye and the end of day one with not a win and time to reflect on what could have been if the tie-breakers had swung in their favour.

Sunday and TV stars for Round Five, the TV game and not the result you wish for, going down 2 sets to nil to

Central Otago's Clyde

Scorcher. Round six and again defeated on the tie break against Waikato's Putaruru.

Round seven and a win at last, on the tie breaker and against the very talented Nelson's Nelson Spirit team with Murray Scott and internationals Val Smith and Jo Edwards.

Round eight, another win defeating Marlborough's Blenheim Suns, Maurice Symes, Val Symes, Jan Gallop on the tie breaker.

From section 1 it was Stokes Vipers and Nelson Spirit progressing through to the post section knock-out the following day. Nelson Spirit went out first round to Takaro Tui (Manawatu) on the tiebreak. While Stokes Vipers made the semis but went out to the eventual winners Canterbury's Elmwood Park Saints, Mandy Boyd, Gary Lawson, Kelvin Scott.

The Birkenhead Stingers stats: played 8, won 2, lost 5, bye 1, shots for 57, shots against 73, Score %78.80, set points 4, match points 6. Five of the seven games played went to a tiebreaker.



Maxe Janssen at the Bowls3Five National Interclub Finals .

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Darts section meet 3pm Sunday afternoons - New players welcome

City of Sails Darts League:  
Tons of Bull v The Stingers

Away, Swanson RSA, 2pm Saturday 14 May

## 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!

## 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.



# JOKER 500

## WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

## ON SALE FROM 4PM

## DRAWN 6PM

## \$500 AVAILABLE EACH DRAW

\* TOP PRIZE AVAILABLE AT EACH DRAW, TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

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## Spotlight on High Tea Partners & Volunteers

This week a slightly different take on our "Spotlight on Club Partners" spot.

We thank those that made last Saturday's High Tea in support of Sweet Louise the success that it was, with a special mention of the Club's Social Committee that drives these events, Elaine Utting, Debbie Jones, Fay Louise Kingham, Louise Richardson, Joseph Korkis and Emmie Swart.

Events such as the "Sweet Louise" High Tea don't happen without Event Partners and the volunteers working tirelessly before and during the event.

It's hard to come up with adequate words to describe how much their support means. They are dedicated, focused, hardworking and full of innovative ideas. We thank them for their support of our "Sweet Louise" High Tea fundraiser.

### High Tea Partners:

Shelley Boyed of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead (Platinum Partner)

Joseph Korkis

Argus – Greg Utting

Aluro Healthcare NZ - Karen Prince

Annette (Yvette Plunkett's daughter) - "At the Birdgeway" painting

DKSH New Zealand - Sonia Neely

Party And Fun Hire

Carlton Party Hire – Ellice Road

The Good Home Birkenhead

Postman's Leg

Spoilt Mairangi Bay

Birkenhead, Beach Haven, Birkdale Community

Paul Randall

Margaret Burgess

Shanan Halbert

Kristine Ellison and Adele Ineson

Monique Feron's "Elektra Dancers" from Abbraccia School of Dance

North Harbour Rockers

### High Tea Volunteers:

Emmie Swart

Shane Prince - MC

Terry Moverley

Louise Richardson

Lynn Barrow

Bernie Hall

Mavis Smith

Elaine Utting

Debbie Jones

Fay Louise Kingham

Fay Judge

Ruth Lynch

Heather Winton

Doug Campbell

Ian Utting