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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

Both greens are now closed until further notice for winter renovations.

Inside this Weekend

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

Friday 1 July – open 3.30pm – Club Night

Racing – New Plymouth (Thoroughbred), Addington, Invercargill (Harness), Southland (Dogs)

NRL* - 8pm Knights v Titans

Saturday 2 July – open 11am

Racing – Ruakaka, Hastings (Thoroughbred)

International Rugby* - **7.05pm All Blacks v Ireland**

NRL* - 5pm Bulldogs v Sharks

- 7.30pm Cowboys v Broncos

Sunday 3 July – open 11am

Racing – Wingatui (Thoroughbred) Addington (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

NRL* - 4pm Warriors v Wests Tigers

- 6.05pm Dragons v Raiders

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members

**Today - Members Draws \$150 & \$500
- Joker 500 only 11 cards left**

Those Awards

Along with a long list of centre events won by the Club and its members on the greens over the past season last Sunday produced further accolades for the Club and various individual members.

First up was Ruth Lynch joining Birkenhead's dearly departed and fondly remembered members Danny O'Conner (inducted 2020) and Carole Fredrick (inducted 2021) in being inducted a BNH Legend. Lynch's family were there to cheer her on as Gary Stevens gave an outline of Lynch's achievements, and Lynch was presented the award.

Terry Moverley took out the Administrator of the Year Award for the third time in the past four years, unfortunately Moverley was not present, he was back at the Club working on Club matters, President Joseph Korkis accepted the trophy on Moverley's behalf.

Milika Nathan after an outstanding season on the greens claimed both the 1-5 Year Women and Young Bowler of the Year awards.

Chairperson, and life member, Emmie Swart was called on by MC Miles Davis to join BNH President Maureen Taylor up the front and as she did so it was announced "Club of the Year – Birkenhead!". Swart said later "this club, the bowlers, the dart players, the social members, those that use our facilities, along with all those in our community that venture inside the front doors from time to time, they are all what makes a Club of the Year and I'm so proud of this one (Birkenhead)".

Birkenhead's BNH Awards (*In order of presentation*)

Bowls North Harbour Legend – Ruth Lynch

Bowls North Harbour Administrator of the Year - Terry Moverley

Bowls North Harbour 1-5 Women bowler of the Year – Milika Nathan

Bowls North Harbour Young Bowler of the Year – Milika Nathan

Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year - Birkenhead



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- 2021 Brent Turner
- 2022 Pat Robertson
- 2022 Ruth Lynch

Our Living Legend

The following is Gary Stevens's introduction given to Ruth Lynch as she was inducted as a BNH Legend at the BNH Awards presentation last Sunday.

Let's see if I can capture in a few words those qualities that make our next Inductee an obvious choice to join the elite players of Bowls North Harbour.

She packs a ton of ability and so much knowledge and experience into a small frame.

She is so competitive and sets herself very high-performance standards.

But with all that determination, she's very practical and down to earth with a great sense of humour.

And above all, she just loves playing bowls at all levels – National, Centre and Club championships or even midweek events – Ruth Lynch plays with the same intensity and enjoyment.

It is appropriate that Ruth's illustrious bowling deeds are being recognised today with her elevation to the ranks of Bowls North Harbour's legends.

For in so doing she joins her great friend and best bowling buddy, Carole Fredrick, within that group of elite players. Together Carole and Ruth are synonymous names in North Harbour women's bowling.

Like Carole, Ruth has had a phenomenal record in the centre and with 25 titles has four bars to the gold star she won in 2003-04 in the champion of champion triples.

Carole was part of that team and she was also in the same Sunnybrae team when Ruth won her first centre title, in 2001-02 in the champion of champion fours.

But their most memorable triumph together came in the 2011-12 season when at the Carlton-Cornwall club they were respectively skip and three in the Birkenhead four which won the national championship title. Others in that four were Gayle Melrose and Lisa Helmling and the victory was all the more precious for both Carole and Ruth because it was achieved in a CLUB team, at a time when "stacked" composite dream-teams had long since become the norm at national level.

When Carole died early in 2020 Ruth spoke through her grief to pay her friend a tribute. "We had some great wins, but what I cherish most is that we played for fun and what I remember most are the laughs we had together."

And that's Ruth's attitude to playing bowls.

Carole's passing was perhaps the motivation a few months later when Ruth joined her as the only two women in the centre to have four bars to their gold stars. Ruth clinched her 25th North Harbour title when she skipped Millie Nathan, then only a third-year player, and Amy Little to the champion of champion triples title.

But perhaps the greatest of Ruth's centre titles was achieved as a singles player. In the 2017-18 season in the women's championship singles Ruth found herself trailing Mairangi Bay's talented Theresa Rogers 4-16.

Theresa was only a third-year player but as she has demonstrated so many times since she is, and was even when a junior, an uncompromising competitor and extremely hard to beat, particularly with a 12-point lead. But Ruth summoned up all of her vast experience and by remaining calm and focussed finished with a 21-19 win. Later that season she again beat Theresa 21-14 in the champion of champion singles.

Though essentially a team player Ruth, like all top players, has been an accomplished singles exponent with six of her 25 centre titles coming in singles events.

For many years Ruth was a stalwart member of the centre's representative teams, and after a period away of her own choosing she finally bowed to the repeated requests of selector Graham Dorreen to again make herself available because he valued her experience and leadership.

He says "She was an amazing skip with excellent weight control and an awesome competitive spirit. She could always play a killer shot when needed, the mark of an outstanding competitor who could completely reconfigure a game."

I think those comments by Graham say it all.

They sum up why Ruth Lynch is a Legend in Bowls North Harbour and I am delighted to invite her to come up and receive that recognition.



Birkenhead's Ruth Lynch with the Legends Bowls North Harbour Trophy, now bearing her name.



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Jammies In June

In conjunction with the BeezKnits knitting donations we kindly receive at the club for the Middlemore Foundation, please note the Middlemore Winter Warm Up Appeal is also being held, again managed by the Middlemore Foundation. This annual winter campaign is to assist kids living in poorly ventilated, cold and crowded homes to help keep them warm in winter.

So along with knitting and wool donations the club will gladly receive items such as warm winter pyjamas, blankets, hot water bottles (preferably new), heaters or draught stoppers. Any such donations will be gladly received at the Birkenhead Bowling Club for forwarding on to the Middlemore Foundation. Let's help these kids through the winter.

No Rest this Winter

Usually at this time of the year the Bee goes into hibernation for a rest over the winter months. This winter, this is not the case. The Bee Express will continue weekly as the darts section are in full flight with the City of Sails Darts League and the Calliope Harriers are still running around Birkenhead every Wednesday evening and beyond on weekends. Any winter bowls action we will reported on as it comes to hand, reports need to be received by 4pm the Tuesday prior to publication on the Wednesday, web@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz.

Harbour's Board

Sunday, the Bowls North Harbour AGM was held at Takapuna Bowling Club. Maureen Taylor retained her position as BNH President for a further 1 year term. Neil Connell retained his position as BNH Vice President for a further 1 year term. Trish Croot and Steven Yates were elected as BNH Board Members for a 2 year term after being co-opted onto the Board during the 2021-2022 Season.

The BNH Board for 2022-2023 is as follows:

President: Maureen Taylor
Vice President: Neil Connell

Board Members: Steven Yates (Chairman), Robyne Walker, Trish Croot, Garth Partridge and Michael Beretta.

Regulations Amendment

The Board of Management meeting in May agreed to amend the Club's regulation 8.4, removing the word "written" as per a recommendation put forward by John Croy.

The regulation now reads:

8.4 Management of Board Portfolios

Board Members shall be responsible to the Board for the management of their portfolios in accordance with the responsibilities detailed in Appendix I and the Board approved planned objectives and shall provide ~~written~~ reports detailing progress against set objectives to each monthly Board meeting.



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BNH Centre Awards

Reproduced from BNH website

By Lindsay Knight.

So many personal highlights occurred at Bowls North Harbour's annual meeting and awards ceremony held at the Takapuna club on Saturday it is difficult to sort any one as being higher or more significant than others.

But the elevation to life membership of former centre chairman and successful coach, Graham Dorreen, might well have come as the biggest surprise, particularly for the recipient who as he sat at the morning's annual meeting as Takapuna's delegate had no inkling of what was to come.

Not only was the day special for Graham but so, too, was it for the Birkenhead, Helensville and Takapuna clubs, for Helensville's Robertson family and for Birkenhead's Milika (or Millie) Nathan and Ruth Lynch.

The recognition of Graham Dorreen was for his huge contribution he has made to the centre as well as three of its clubs, Milford, Browns Bay and Takapuna, in the relatively short span, 15 years, in which it has been involved in the sport.

Nominating Graham for Honorary Life Membership, board chairman Steve Yates said his service had been exceptional. This had included a term as centre chairman 2016-19, his introduction of the Bias funding scheme, the impact he had had at three clubs, and, of course, his successful coaching, of the men's development and women's representative teams.

At Browns Bay he had helped start the Heartlands tournament as well as the hosting of the 2014-15 national championships, at Milford the still flourishing Milford 5000 and in his current term as Takapuna chairman he had spearheaded many upgrades, especially of its facilities.

It was a double for Takapuna as far as centre appointments went. Brett O'Riley, currently a World Bowls member, was made the centre's patron. Despite his relative youth, Brett has played bowls for 42 years and among his many distinctions, playing and administratively, have been two appearances in national finals.

In the afternoon's awards ceremony, emceed by radio personality Miles Davis, the remarkable playing careers of Birkenhead's Ruth Lynch and of the late Pat Robertson, from Helensville, were rewarded with their induction into the centre's legends.

The occasion was made even sweeter for the respective clubs of each of these outstanding players, and for Robertson's family in particular. Pat's nephew, Bart, was proclaimed the centre's supreme player of the year after the dominant seasons he has enjoyed in championship events.

When he started his illustrious career at Helensville, which brought him 16 centre titles and in 1984 the national pairs championship with Ivan Kostanich, Pat also started a family dynasty for wife Thelma, his son Wayne, brother Pete senior and nephews Pete junior and Bart, all became centre champions, and in two cases gold star holders.

Thelma and Wayne travelled from Canterbury to be at the ceremony and after being proclaimed the centre's supreme winner for the 2021-22 season, an emotional Bart paid tribute to Pat. "I learnt the game from uncle Pat," he said. "He taught me how to read a head." Ruth's family was also in attendance as she was inducted into the elite and so joined her great friend and bowling mate, the late Carole Fredrick. With Carole she shared many of her 25 centre titles as well as the 2012 national fours title. Legends voting panel convener Gary Stevens, as a long-time Birkenhead club-mate of Ruth's, took special pride in presenting Ruth's citation.

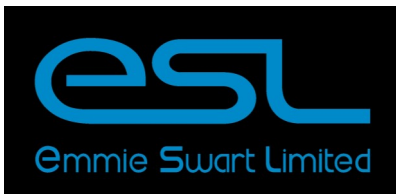
Just as Bart Robertson made many trips to the podium to receive his swag of awards so, too, did Birkenhead's Millie Nathan almost wear herself out walking the red carpet. She received honours galore in both one-to-five and open events, and was a runaway winner of the women's junior award and as the centre's "Young Bowler" of the Year.

As chairperson Steve observed, the awards were dominated by Birkenhead, Helensville and Takapuna members. Birkenhead, because of the exploits of Millie and several others in centre championships, were worthy winners of the centre's club of the year title, but in any other season the other two would also have had strong claims.

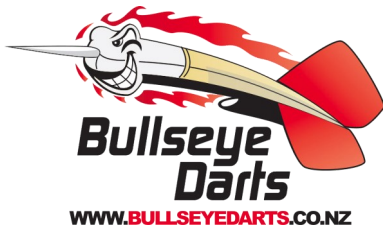
Another appropriate touch was Bowls New Zealand chief executive Mark Cameron, a member of the Riverhead club, adding to the many honours won by the great umpire and centre legend, Mairangi Bay's Jean Ashby, with a Bowls New Zealand Lifetime Achievement Award.

Besides the awards and certificates to championship winners and runners-up there were these Special Awards for the year: Volunteer: Lyn Davey (Orewa), Administrator: Terry Moverley (Birkenhead), Coach: Graham Dorreen (Takapuna), Greenkeeper: Tony Rickerby (Takapuna), Umpire: Sue Rossiter (Takapuna), Official: Chub Roberts (Hobsonville), President's Cup: Neil Connell (Helensville), 1-5 Year men's winner: Andy Dorrance (Manly), 1-5 Year women's and Young Bowler of the Year: Milika Nathan (Birkenhead), Open men's winner and Supreme award: Bart Robertson (Birkenhead), Open women's winner: Selina Goddard (Takapuna), Club of the Year: Birkenhead

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Darts section meet 3pm Sunday afternoons - New players welcome

City of Sails Darts League: The Stingers v Tamex

At home in the Hive, 2pm Saturday 2 July

Stingers playing Saturday are Jewy, Taffy, Damon & Randall

Darts - Did You Know

By Alan Oliver

Each week, The Stingers will bring you something interesting from the world of darts. The game itself likely originated in Medieval England in the first couple of decades of the 14th century (some believe it was French in origin) and so has a rich and varied history that led to the game we know and love today.

Did you know how many ways there are to score 501 in just 9 darts?

Taking out a leg in just 9 darts is the holy grail for dart players and the dartboard offers thousands of scoring combinations as you attempt to work your way down from 501 to then finish on a double.

Whilst some argue (including me) that a 9 dart finish is harder to achieve than a hole in one in golf and maybe 'easier' than hitting a 147 in snooker, the reality is that a 9 dart finish requires some seriously accurate and consistent darts!

Thankfully, there are lots of ways of doing it – 3,944 to be precise!

But, what if you need to hit a double to start the game as we do in The City of Sails darts league? Thankfully, there are still a possible 574 combinations of 9 dart finish with a double start also.

Rest assured, if someone ever hits a 9 dart finish at the club, you'll know, as you'll hear their scream wherever you are on the North Shore!



Professional darts player, John Lowe on his way to hitting the first ever televised 9 dart finish in 1984 at the World Matchplay Tournament.



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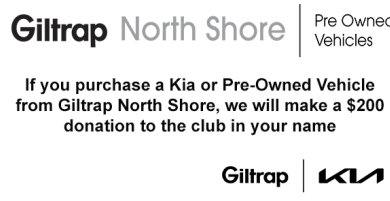
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The BeeRewards points system now in operation is being enjoyed by many members. Collecting BeeRewards points is not compulsory. If you don't wish to collect the points just don't scan your membership card when purchasing from the bar or alternatively you can donate them back to the Club or you can donate your points to the New Bar fund. A form for donating BeeRewards points is available in the Club bar.

"Getting Started" Available

"Getting Started" - Basic Techniques of Lawn Bowls is a 34 page handbook produced by the Wanaka Bowling Club with significant material and editorial assistance from BowlsNZ. Bowls NZ not only supplied suitable text and diagrams but also were involved in the editing process to ensure the handbook is fully compliant with current New Zealand practices and coaching protocols. This would be possibly the only publication currently available in New Zealand that specifically focuses on the needs of newer bowlers although there are timely reminders for more experienced bowlers. Limited copies of the handbook are available from the Birkenhead Club Bowls Shop at cost, \$17.00 per copy.

Each Month

Quiz Night in partnership with Tim Roskrige of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen:- 7pm the second Thursday in the month.
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Lawn Bowls Athletes Named to the NZ Team

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand's website (22/06/22)

Bowls New Zealand and the New Zealand Olympic Committee are proud to announce the following lawn bowls athletes for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The five women and five men to compete in their respective combinations:

- Women's Singles: Katelyn Inch
- Women's Pair: Katelyn Inch (S), Selina Goddard (L)
- Women's Triple: Val Smith (S), Tayla Bruce (2), Nicole Toomey (L)
- Women's Four: Val Smith (S), Tayla Bruce (3), Selina Goddard (2), Nicole Toomey (L) (Reserves: Leeane Poulson and Clare Hendra)
- Men's Singles: Shannon McIlroy
- Men's Pair: Shannon McIlroy (S), Tony Grantham (L)
- Men's Triple: Ali Forsyth (S), Mike Galloway (2), Andrew Kelly (L)
- Men's Four: Ali Forsyth (S), Mike Galloway (3), Andrew Kelly (2), Tony Grantham (L) (Reserves: Lance Pascoe and Chris Le Lievre)

These ten athletes join the following Para Bowlers, confirmed for the Commonwealth Games earlier this year:

- Women's Para Pair (B5-B8): Pam Walker (S), Lynda Bennett (L)
 - Men's Para Pair (B5-B8): Mark Noble (S), Graham Skellern (L)
 - Vision Impaired Pair (B2/B3): Sue Curran (S), Gerald Brouwers* (L) and their Directors Bronwyn Milne and Kevin Smith
- *Gerald Brouwers has been selected to replace Deane Robertson in the B2/B3 vision impaired Mixed Pair discipline who was unable to achieve an appropriate classification.

The women's team is headlined by Val Smith, who will be attending her fifth Commonwealth Games. Smith is a World Champion and two-time medalist at the Commonwealth Games (Silver in Delhi 2010, Bronze in Glasgow 2014) and is looking to complete her medal set with a gold in Birmingham.

"It's incredibly exciting, I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to once again represent New Zealand," said Smith.

"The Commonwealth Games is our Olympics, it's the pinnacle, and to be my age, going to my fifth Games, makes me feel like a kid again. It's a great feeling and I can't wait to get there."

Joining Smith are Katelyn Inch, Tayla Bruce and Selina Goddard who are all aged in their twenties and have all experienced a Commonwealth Games in either 2014 or 2018.

Rounding out the women's Commonwealth Games team is Nicole Toomey, who will be attending her first Commonwealth Games.

The men's team is headlined by Shannon McIlroy, current World Champion in the Men's Singles, and Ali Forsyth also a current World Champion in the Men's Fours. Joining McIlroy and Forsyth are Mike Galloway, Tony Grantham and Andrew Kelly. Grantham last represented New Zealand at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, whilst for Galloway and Kelly this will be their first Games experience.

Meanwhile Gerald Brouwers has been selected to replace Deane Robertson in the B2/B3 vision impaired discipline. He will compete alongside Sue Curran.

Brouwers has been training by taking a bus and a train to get to Rocky Nook Bowling Club four or five days a week. Fiercely independent, he does not allow his lack of vision to define him. Having lost his sight a decade ago, he wanted to get back into playing sport as he had played rugby throughout his life and Lawn Bowls opened up a new world of opportunities for him.

"I'm excited, overjoyed and delighted, coming in as late replacement, I didn't think this would happen so to get that call was pretty special, absolutely amazing. It's been a dream to have the silver fern on my chest so I'm thrilled," said Brouwers.

"We're working as hard as we can with just a month to go and we're really hoping to come away with a result."

NZOC CEO Nicki Nicol extended her congratulations to the athletes.

"Well done to all of our lawn bowls athletes, we're thrilled to have you in the team and can't wait to see you take to the Birmingham greens next month."

The Birmingham 2022 lawn bowls competition at begins on Friday 29 July and finishes Saturday 6 August 2022.

The naming takes the total number of athletes currently selected to the New Zealand Team for Birmingham 2022 to 157.





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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)

\$1,000 Afternoon Pairs Partner or Partners

Summerset National Pairs and Singles hit Auckland and North Harbour from 2 January 2023. The afternoon of Sunday 1 January, Birkenhead will be holding an afternoon pairs tournament with \$400 cash for first from a total prize pool of \$1,000. Cash prizes for place getters, consolation and lucky team draws. Held last time the Nationals hit town this tournament proved a success, just shy of 32 teams.

We are looking for five tournament partners at \$100 each or one tournament partner at \$500 to share the publicity such a tournament brings. If you're able to come onboard or have any questions about being a tournament partner or any other partnership opportunities contact Emmie (0275 297297).

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 Time: 11am to 12pm
 Cost: \$10 (Money going towards wool for the Beezknits Middlemore Prem Baby Foundation)
 Place: Birkenhead Bowling Club, 93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead, plenty of free parking available in the Club's carpark.
 Registration: Please contact Emmie 0275297297
 You will need a ball of 8ply wool and a size 4 crochet hook.



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.

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