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## Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

### On the Greens

Top (A) Green is closed to all play.

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Note: The status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for each green's current status.

Friday 2 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single/Individual Entry - mufti

Saturday 3 September - 9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn, Single Entry)

Wednesday 7 September - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Friday 9 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single/Individual Entry - mufti

Saturday 10 September - 8.30am Handicap Pairs (AC)

Sunday 11 September - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - Lunch provided

Wednesday 14 September - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Friday 16 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single/Individual Entry - mufti

Saturday 17 September - 1pm KB/JK Afternoon Roll-up

Wednesday 21 September - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - BYO Lunch

Friday 23 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Teams & Single/Individual Entry - mufti

### Inside this Weekend

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

#### Friday 2 September - Open 3.30pm - Club Night

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing - Addington, Invercargill (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

NPC\* - 7.35 Manawatu v Tasman

NRL\* - 8pm Bulldogs v Panthers

#### Saturday 3 September - Open 11am

Racing - Wanganui, Riccarton (Thoroughbred)

International Rugby - 7.05pm New Zealand v Argentina

NPC\* - 2.05pm Northland v Auckland

- 2.05pm Taranaki v Waikato

- 4.35pm Southland v Wellington

NRL\* - 5pm Warriors v Titans

- 7.30pm Dragons v Broncos

#### Sunday 4 September - Open 11am

Racing - Te Rapa (Thoroughbred), Ashburton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

NPC\* - 2.05pm Canterbury v Hawke's Bay

- 2.05pm Otago v Bay Of Plenty

- 4.35pm North Harbour v Counties Manukau

NRL\* - 4pm Knights v Sharks

- 6.05pm Wests Tigers v Raiders

\*Sports viewing selection is determined by the members

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**Quiz Night - Free Entry**  
**7pm Thursday 8 September**  
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**Cancelled**  
**Next Quiz Thursday 13 October**

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**The First Sunday Tournament of the Season  
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Sunday 11 September  
9am Start, Lunch Provided**

**We Are Open**

Saturday afternoon the Club opened for its 80<sup>th</sup> season. The weather gods looked favourable on the day but due to the rain over the previous two days the planned afternoon mini tournament was cancelled.

With the tournament cancelled it was on to later that afternoon when the Official Opening of the season ahead got underway proper. Just after 4pm and an air of excitement in the Club, well at least among the horse racing punters, Chairperson Emmie Swart got the proceedings underway welcoming everyone before introducing Bowls North Harbour President Maureen Taylor, who thanked the Club for its continued support of the Centre and wished everyone a good season ahead. Shane Prince, Club Co-Patron and Deputy President of Birkenhead Licencing Trust. Prince wished everyone well for the coming season before doing his bit of electioneering for the upcoming Birkenhead Licencing Trust election, reminding those present of the assistance the current BLT members, Stuart Weir, Marilyn Nicholls, Paula Gillon, Marcus Reynolds and himself had given the Birkenhead Bowling Club.



Then it came to our guest speaker, none other than former jockey Noel Harris with 2,167 raceday winners in New Zealand, along with winning the jockeys' premiership in both New Zealand and Singapore. Harris or "Harry" known to most, kept the attention of those in attendance with an interesting insight into life of a jockey plying their trade in New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.

Champion jockey Noel Harris kept everyone amused opening day with his insight of a jockey's life.

To follow on from "Harry", President Joseph Korkis gave a rundown on his own background and where he sees the Club moving forward, before announcing those that were to deliver the first Jack, bowl the first bowl and raise the flag. Bev Rolfe, the club's "Most Improved Junior" for the past season, delivered the first jack. Trish Croot bowled the first bowl, which was very nearly a toucha. While the jack and bowl were going up the green John Hindmarch was raising the flag for the first time this new season.

It was then time to enjoy a hot ham bun, or two, wash it down with a few cold ones along with a chat

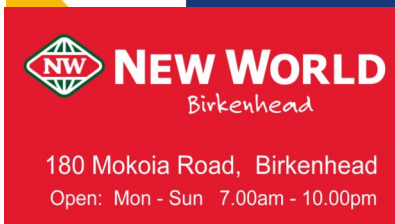


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## In Memory of Bub

Bub Pike may have passed away just over a year ago, but the sense of loss is still very present as over 160 turned out Sunday at the Club for Bub's Memorial. Covid restrictions this time last year had stopped all from giving Bub the send-off he deserved. With Bub on the table up front surrounded by images of this time the memorial got underway.

Bub and Val's son John spoke of the early years before daughter Maureen joined John to complete the picture.

Sandy Cleghorn spoke on behalf of the Club reciting the following from the 1 September 2021 edition of the Bee Express:

*Another Precious & Loving Angel Chosen*

*Thursday afternoon the news came through that Life Member Bub Pike had passed away peacefully, his beloved wife Val at his side. Just three days short of his ninety-second birthday, Harold Pike or "Bub" as most knew him had spent half his life as a member of the Birkenhead Bowling Club. Bub had come from rugby league having played for Northcote Tigers which he continued to support right up to his passing. Bub joined Birkenhead Bowling Club initially as a social member and became a playing member in 1976 showing some promise in his initial season taking out the First Year Singles title. This was followed up the following year leading for Dall Millett's four to take out the Intermediate Fours Championship. A long wait between titles, twenty-six years in fact, when in 2005 the Veteran Singles went Bub's way. Bub's name may not be etched on the boards as many times as others, nevertheless he has been a very active playing member of the Club, on the greens at Birkenhead and at outside clubs. But titles alone didn't make the club member Bub was. Bub was one of life's gentlemen with not a bad word for anyone, could chat to anyone with time to listen, a well-respected member. A builder by trade Bub had a hand in many of the additions to the Club over the years always willing to help out. Awarded life membership mid 2000s Bub continued to work tirelessly about the Club. Even after going into the home with his wife Val, Bub would still turn up on a Monday morning to help out where he could and catch up with the guys. Up until recently he was a regular Saturday morning, if not to play a game of pool but to watch and chat, have a wee punt on the machines and a half of old dark, before getting picked up by a family member, often a grandson. Following Bub's passing the accolades flowed on social media: "Bub you were a fine gentleman", "Great memories top bloke", "one of the most humble graceful souls", "A Gentleman with heart and wit", "he was a real gentleman", "such a beautiful soul", "amazing guy and loved by all, a great man", "a true friend and gentleman to everyone", "always had a smile and a kind word to share", "Another precious and loving angel chosen", "We lose another legend".....*

*Bub and Val's eldest grandson had the final word of the scheduled speakers, he spoke of the warmth that Bub and Val emanated, a warmth that could definitely be felt throughout the room that day. Of the scheduled speakers where long-time family and Northcote Tigers friends Dave Lepper and Graeme Norton. With the formal part of the memorial concluded it was time for shared spread put on by Bernie, Emmie, Louise and Lynn. The following hours were filled with stories and enjoying the Club's warm hospitality, something Bub had played a great part in over the course of many years.*



Birkenhead Bowling Club Life Member Bub Pike

*Bub Pike*

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## Allan Meekings Memorial

### Entries Close Tomorrow, Played Saturday

One of the few remaining Club members only, drawn, graded tournaments left in the calendar, Allan Meekings Memorial. Played this coming Saturday, 9am 3 September. Entry is single/individual entry with teams drawn, names on the entry clip board sheet in the Club. Entries close 5pm tomorrow evening, Thursday 1 September. This tournament is ideal for the new bowlers in the Club where they get to play in teams with seasoned bowlers, an opportunity that is somewhat hard to get when you're just starting out and therefore an opportunity not to be missed.



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## A Not So Long Sixteen Weeks

As we say hello to the getting back out on the greens for the summer ahead. Monday saw the final evening of Social Indoor Bowls, which had been played in four, four-week legs, a total of sixteen weeks/Monday evenings. The traditional final leg final night prize-giving and dinner went a little differently as the final leg had reduced numbers and with team members out here and there due to sickness and covid it was pretty much single entry with the individuals accruing points on their results.

As it happened, all those that played and were present at the Prize-giving went home with something.

The results from series four:

First - Gill, Second - Tommy, Third - Stuart, Fourth - Diana, Fifth - Julie  
Sixth – Louise aka Miss Marmalade.

The big thank you to Shelley Boyed and Lance Clarke of Barfoot and Thompson Birkenhead for their support of the indoor bowls over the winter months. A special mention for raffles, singing at prize giving in the style of Marilyn Munro and her dedication for indoor bowls our Fay Kingham.

The long green mats and those tiny black and brown indoor bowls have gone back into the cupboard to reappear late May 2023.

But in between there is You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five, stating Monday 7 November.

For further information and entry into You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five contact Evan on 021 0575491 or email [socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz](mailto:socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz)

## Quiz & Housie September Cancelled

Due to technical difficulties, unfortunately September's Quiz Night (Thursday 8 September) and Housie/Bingo (Thursday 15 September) have been cancelled. Both will return in October with Quiz Night on Thursday 14 October and Housie/Bingo a week later on Thursday 21 October.

## Handbooks?

We received a small parcel of handbooks last Friday, much to our disappointment, only twenty handbooks. The courier had decided to play God and leave the bulk of the delivery, over three hundred, for another day!!

They have since delivered the remaining handbooks to the Club.

Due to reduced numbers ordered (advertising dollars are tight) this year handbooks are available initially from the Club Secretary on request.

The playing programme for the coming season is also available for download from the Club's website, [www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/club-programme](http://www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/club-programme).

Again, a big thank you to Akarana Publishing Company who publish our handbook at no cost to the Club. Thanks Graham Lambert (Guppy) for your great service and continued support.



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## National Quiz Night

The National Party's Northcote Electorate has a Quiz Night fundraiser coming up at the Club. Club Members are welcome to take part if they wish.

If you enjoy a great night out in this environment, with an atmosphere of warm friendship, please come and join in. Newcomers very welcome! If you're an individual, a couple, a small group or a full table of eight, please register your interest to the email below. Looking forward to an awesome evening.

- When: Tuesday 6th September from 7pm
- Where: Birkenhead Bowling Club, 93 Mokoia Rd
- How Much: Cover charge of \$20/pp includes quiz entry and finger food
- RSVP: Contact michellemoxenham@gmail.com to register your team of up to 8 and receive payment details
- Please bring cash for the bar and for auctions and quiz items

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**Northcote Electorate**

Get your team together, and start researching your general knowledge, the Northcote Electorate is pleased to invite you to our

## QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRASIER

**Tuesday 6th September, 7:00pm**

**Birkenhead Bowling Club, 93 Mokoia Road, Auckland**

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 (Includes quiz entry and finger foods)

**Contact:** michellemoxenham@gmail.com  
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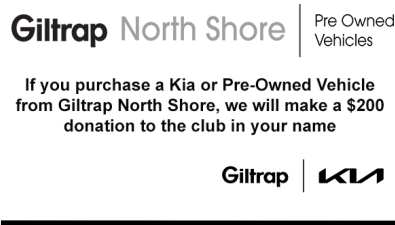
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## Tribute to Ross Haresnape

Reproduced from BNH website  
by Lindsay Knight

Ross Haresnape, much admired by North Harbour bowlers for his talent as a player and his judgement as a selector, has passed away, having battled ill health for some time. Though the bulk of his extensive bowling career was with the Auckland centre, Ross made a significant contribution to Harbour, both playing and selecting, for a decade or so from about 2004. He was in a group of top bowlers, headed by Rowan Brassey and Danny O'Connor, who switched to the Harbour centre because of a disagreement with the then Auckland centre administration. Their arrival provided Harbour with a boost in overall playing standards. Ross played firstly with Takapuna, helping that club win the national sevens inter-club title in 2005, then more regularly with Birkenhead and Browns Bay.



Ross Haresnape and Jack Huriwai, 2015 Birkenhead Men's Pairs Champions

In his relatively short time with North Harbour he made an immediate impact, winning 11 centre titles between 2006 and 2012 and so adding a bar to his gold star.

He, of course, won many other titles in Auckland and in a number of other centres and he won four national titles. The first of these was with the legendary Nick Unkovich in the pairs and the others in the fours with the likes of Brassey, O'Connor, Jamie Hill and Kerry Chapman. North Harbour's most decorated centre champion, Colin Rogan, played with him at club and Centre level and has fond memories of both the man and the bowler. He described him as one of the game's genuine characters who also enjoyed considerable success when acting as a centre selector.

"He could play some of the most amazing and you often were left thinking how in earth did he do that," Rogan said.

Bob Howitt, who was in the 2005 Takapuna national sevens side with Ross, is another who recalls him fondly and as a wonderful story-teller as well as fine bowler.

Bowls North Harbour and its clubs joins everyone in the New Zealand bowling community in offering Ross's family heartfelt condolences.

Ross's funeral is at 11am on Thursday, 1 September at Waikumete Chapel 2, followed by drinks afterwards at the Glen Eden Bowling Club.



**Housie! Bingo!**  
**Thursday 15 September**  
Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George  
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## The Doghouse

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls and other matters. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the author's and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Over the winter I don't play too much bowls. Come to think of it, I don't play that much bowls over the summer either. I generally make guest appearances which pretty much explains why I tend to deliver bugger all throughout the season. It's that thought that sticks in my mind as I pound the keyboard writing for the Bee Express and has me being very careful about what I say because ultimately, I can't really talk.

That being said, I do have to comment on the Commonwealth Games. Let's face it one of the best decision Bowls New Zealand every made was in the 1980/90's when ladies were allowed to have their own toilets at male bowling clubs. I say that because now us men can bask in the glory of the ladies success at the Commonwealth Games. We certainly can't do that with the men because there wasn't any. Ok, they were bronze medals, but considering they were playing on cow paddocks it was a pretty good effort. One thing that stood out was how much they enjoyed each other's company, and it was obvious they were gelling well as a team. As for the men, well the only gelling going on in that team was in front of the bathroom mirror. Any layman could see there wasn't a lot of love lost between some of those players, in fact, I've seen more respect between Vladimir PUTIN and Volodymyr Zelensky.

Anyway, while watching the Commonwealth Games, it became very obvious that the best job to have, was as a High-Performance Coach for the home nations. Most of their players could have got a job on Teletubbies and it was clear that high performance training for them consisted of sitting in a pub with a pint and a bowl of mushy peas. It worked and made you realise that maybe, just maybe, it's not all about eating weetbix and listening to sports psychologists. Finally got that off my chest, and so onto some bowls!!!

Birkenhead Bowling Club opened on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. I couldn't attend the opening because Katrina had other plans for me, and it didn't involve listening to a jockey. Instead, I had the pleasure of heading to a friend's house to watch the All Blacks. I'm not going into it because everyone's got an opinion on the All Blacks and in the words of Clint Eastwood "Opinions are like assholes, everyone's got one". What I will say it was about as depressing as watching the men's bowling team but at least I could get drunk. After my pathetic performance at the carnival last weekend, I was then surprised to get an invite to play in the final round of the 5's tournament at Browns Bay. Some players had apparently collapsed with exhaustion after the carnival and needed time to recuperate so they went for the idiot that survived. Jimmy told me that they were in contention to win the tournament which meant that if they lost, they had someone to blame. All of a sudden I was on a hiding to nothing and nothing is what they got as I continued my poor form and contributed "diddly-squat to their second place.

I didn't start too bad despite the fact that I turned up feeling a bit seedy after drowning my sorrows watching the All Blacks. We had a dodgy win first up but then I capitulated in my game of pairs with poor old Jack as I got as close to the kitty as Meghan Markle does to the Queen. It didn't get much better in the next triples when I think poor old Jack was considering enrolling me as a candidate for an assisted suicide. The last game of the day was the triples again and I think the two cans of V I had kicked in and I performed to some semblance of my potential. The lads finished second in the tournament only just missing out on the Neil McMaster Trophy.

I played with Neil a few years ago at Browns Bay and by the end of the day I was feeling a bit melancholy thinking about old times. The last couple of weeks has seen Bowls North Harbour lose three real stalwarts of the game in John Tobin, Merv Hellier and Ross Haresnape. I was fortunate to play with and against all three and enjoyed every minute of it, although Ross did cost me my only centre title chance.

Finally, hearing about the loss of fellow bowlers makes me realise one thing. I'm nearing the top of the tree and I could be next cab off the rank so play more bowls and enjoy the company.

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**Need a Player for Sunday 11 September?**  
First open tournament of the season is Sunday 11 September. There is a slight clash with BNH Prem Rep game against Waikato. If your team is short a bowler why not consider one of the Club's first years or new 1-5 year bowler to play in your team for the day.

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## ClubsNZ App

Get your hands on the future with Clubs New Zealand's App which can be downloaded on both Apple and Android. To download the App visit either the App Store or Google Play Store and search "Clubs New Zealand".

The Clubs New Zealand App is all about helping you get more out of your membership. As a member of a club you can access any of our network of 300 member clubs as a reciprocal visitor. The new Clubs New Zealand locator features a interactive map allowing you to easily see the clubs nearest you. Filters allow you to narrow your search results based on specific sporting interests or use the search to find a specific club. You can add clubs to your favourites list making it easier than ever to get in touch or use the favourites when planning your next road trip around New Zealand.

Visiting a club within the Clubs New Zealand family is a breeze with the new digital membership card. Once you have logged into the app and had your membership verified you will be able to show your in app digital membership card when travelling\*. Once you are logged in with your digital membership card you will be able to keep your key contact information up to date within the app ensuring you are always kept up to speed with important updates.

If you have further questions please see the FAQs linked below or get in touch with the National Office team on 0800 425 827.

## Crochet & Wine

### Tuesday Afternoons

Birkenhead Bowling Club  
93 Mokoia Rd, Birkenhead

The first Tuesday in each month at 2pm is "Crochet and Wine". Come along and learn a new skill, bring your crochet or knitting, come have a natter while enjoying some like-minded company. Wine will be available for purchase, while tea and coffee are free. Non-members welcome. \$5 per person with all money going towards supporting the Middlemore Foundation for the prem babies. Further info contact Emmie 0275 297297.

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**6 September**  
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**Saturday 10 September - Handicap Pairs**  
**Sunday 11 September - Sunday Tournament OACT**

**Starship Charity Gig**  
Put a ring around Saturday 1 October on the calendar. The Soul Agents take to the stage Saturday 1 October in the Birkenhead Bowling Club on a mission to beat the \$21,000 raised last time for the Starship Foundation. This is a Barfoot and Thompson event, tickets (\$25 each) will be available via them. The Club will have a limited number of tickets for sale, these will be available from Emmie. Watch out for further details to be posted.

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