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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

BNH Men's & Women's Centre Fours – CoP

The CoP for the BNH Men's & Women's Centre Fours were revised again on Tuesday 15 November, this replaces all previous issues. The latest CoP and draw can be found on BHN website.

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 16 November – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch

Saturday 19 November - ~~1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC Single Entry~~ – cancelled
- BNH Centre Fours – 2 Greens

Sunday 20 November - **BNH Centre Fours – 2 Greens**

Monday 21 November – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (3)

Wednesday 23 November - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Friday 25 November – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 26 November - ~~1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC Single Entry~~ - cancelled
- BNH Centre Interclub 7s – 2 Greens

Sunday 27 November - **BNH Centre Interclub 7s – 2 Greens**

Monday 28 November – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (4)

Wednesday 30 November - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 3 December - 1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC-Single Entry

Sunday 4 December – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT - Ham) – Lunch provided

Monday 5 December – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (5)

Tuesday 6 December – 5.30pm Christmas Shield (Birkenhead vs Northcote @ Birkenhead
– Men's & Women's & 1-5 Year teams – mufti + meal)

Wednesday 7 December - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

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

Saturday 10 December – 8.30am Women's Championship Triples (day 1)
– 8.30am Men's Championship Triples (day 1)

Saturday 11 December – 8.30am Women's Championship Triples (day 2)
– 8.30am Men's Championship Triples (day 2)

Inside this Weekend

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

Friday 18 November - Open 3.30pm – Club Night

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

Saturday 19 November

Racing – Tauranga, Pukekohe (Thoroughbreds), Timaru (Harness),

Darts* – 8am Grand Slam of Darts

Sunday 20 November

Darts Section (in the Hive) 3pm - Shanghai Sunday – darts with a twist, new players welcome

Racing – Hastings (Thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula (Harness), Southland, Manukau (Dogs)

Rugby* - Northern Tour – 6.30am England v All Blacks

Darts* – 8am Grand Slam of Darts

NBL* -3.45pm Sky Sport NZ Breakers v Adelaide 36ers

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

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Thursday 17 November

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What a Weekend for Sport

Last weekend came and brought with it a number of upsets across various sporting codes. The Black Ferns were crowned Women's Rugby World Champions after beating tournament favourites England Saturday night at Eden Park. A few hours later, on the other side of the planet Samoa made the Rugby League World Cup Final after beating the host side, England. Australia's Wallabies went down to Italy for the first time ever in the Autumn Nations Series. While both South Africa and Argentina also went down to their respective oppositions. The All Blacks had a lucky escape with a come from behind win against Scotland, while Canterbury's Scott Robinson, aka "Razor", coach Barbarians beat the All Blacks XV. The UFC was no exception with Israel Adesanya losing his UFC middleweight title, losing by TKO to Alex Pereira in the final round of a fight Adesanya had controlled for four rounds.

Back here in Harbour, Bowls New Zealand's covid delayed 2021-22 National Interclub Sevens Finals were played out over Saturday and Sunday on the greens at Browns Bay. Birkenhead had won the right to play having won the North Harbour competition and then progressed on to take out Region One. After two days of round robin play featuring singles, pairs and fours, Birkenhead finished in fourth place in front of Alexandra and Hastings, Elmwood Park successfully defended the title they won the previous year, taking out the coveted first place, with Manurewa Cossie in second and Taranaki's Paritutu in third.

The Women's and it was North Harbour's Takapuna coming through to take out the Women's National Champions just ahead of Naenae.

With all the action around the planet and just up the road at Browns Bay, you could have forgotten Birkenhead had its own action happening in the form of the Women's Championship Pairs Saturday and concluding on Sunday. Played under the two-life system after Saturday's play was down to a potential final between pairing of Lauranne Croot and Mili-ka Nathan with two lives and Jamie Chen and Colleen Rice with one life having last a life to Croot and Nathan (11-17) the day before. All tied up after two ends (2-2), with the following five ends shots traded to be all locked up again after seven ends (6-6). It was not long after that Croot and Nathan stepped out to a sixteen shot lead (22-6) after thirteen of the eighteen ends had been played.

Chen and Rice came back winning the following three ends to be within nine, and a slim chance to win, with two ends to play. But a single shot to Croot and Nathan on the seventeenth end sealed the victory (23-13) and the potential final, had turned into a final and with it the Women's Championship Pairs title to Croot and Nathan.



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#BPL16: Melbourne Pulse Go Back-To-Back

Reproduced from *Bowls Australia* website
By Val Febbo

The Melbourne Pulse have made history at #BPL16 becoming the third team ever to go back-to-back following a straight sets win over the Adelaide Pioneers in the grand final. The Dandenong Club franchise ended the evening session undefeated as they joined four other teams to have claimed multiple BPL championships.

Following a tough morning where Barrie Lester, Ellen Ryan and Gary Kelly claimed just one victory from their three encounters, the trio would enter the finals with a double chance in second spot on the table behind only the Moreton Bay Pirates.

The solitary victory for the squad would come over crosstown rivals Melbourne eXtreme, who's event was effectively ended with the defeat as they would fall behind the Moama Steamers with just one round to play.

Melbourne would take on Brisbane in the qualifying final for a place in the decider and claimed a straight sets win before sealing a dominant victory over Adelaide to claim the historic title.

Adelaide themselves enjoyed a wonderful day, finishing fourth and falling in just one match in the final home and away rounds to the Steamers in a tiebreak.

The teams would reconvene in the first game of the finals as the Pioneers came from a set down to take the match in a tiebreak before putting on a sensational display to account for the Sydney Lions as they progressed to the final three.

Katelyn Inch, Wayne Ruediger and Scott Thulborn would meet the Pirates for a place in the decider and despite losing the opening set, the Pioneers would force a tiebreak with an end to spare in the second set.

In the breaker, Thulborn was tasked with pulling off a perfect draw to send his team through to the grand final and he nailed it to sink the parochial Pine Rivers crowd. In their fifth BPL final each, Thulborn and Ruediger were unable to claim the elusive title as the Pulse maintained their stranglehold on the event.

The next Bowls Premier League will be held in Moama from February 20-24, 2023



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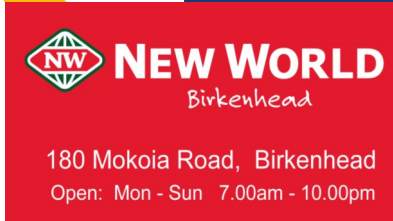
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Helen Stallard – Member World Bowls Laws & Constitution Committee

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website, November 14, 2022

In a huge recognition of her knowledge, her skills and her experience, Helen Stallard has been appointed to the World Bowls Laws & Constitution Committee.

It's a real feather in her cap. And Helen is looking forward to coming to grips with this new challenge, which comes on top of her existing roles with both indoor and outdoor bowls at Bowls New Zealand.

"The committee is responsible for overseeing the laws of the game," explains Helen. "For reactively reviewing suggestions for changes that come from the worldwide bowls community, and proactively recommending changes to the board and the annual general meeting."

"It's also responsible for interpreting those laws, and fostering a high level of understanding of the laws amongst the international bowls community."

Many bowlers may be surprised to learn that such a committee even exists ... they may never have even noticed any changes in the laws of the game while they've been playing.

And that would be understandable. Bowls does tend to be a 'quiet' game in terms of change ... particularly compared to other sports like rugby where the laws seemed to be relentlessly and continuously debated. Every year for instance, there seems to be a new ruling on how straight the ball needs to be fed into the scrum or thrown into a lineout!

"Our laws do change though," says Helen. "Perhaps more subtly. One recent example was the fact that if a skip stops his own team's bowl from reaching the head, then that team forfeits the whole game rather than just losing that particular bowl."

"Bigger changes have happened in the past," Helen adds. "For example, the idea of having a universal set of laws recognised in every bowls-playing country didn't come in until quite recently. Before then, countries were left to their own devices."

"Those first international laws were published in 'The Laws of the Sport' in 2008. It's the game's 'Bible' ... 60 laws of the game encapsulated in an A6 booklet of 110 pages. There's been two new editions since then ... a revision in 2011 and one in 2015. The 4th edition is about to come out next year, and will be in effect in New Zealand from 1st April 2023."

"However, there won't be any really noticeable changes ... the new edition contains what I'd describe as 20 or so tidy-ups which everyone should understand very easily. The committee puts a lot of effort into ensuring that it's in plain English, and not some unfathomable lawspeak. Like previous editions, the book's been certified by 'Crystal Mark'."

Helen replaces former Bowls New Zealand Chief Executive, Kerry Clark, on the Laws & Constitution Committee.

"There's 6 members of the committee," explains Helen. "They come from all around the world ... Allan Thornhill from England is the Convenor (replacing Kerry Clark), Nick Watkins from Canada, Mark Cowan from Australia, Roger Black from Scotland, Shubhra Kathuria from India, and of course, now, myself."

"They're not strangers though. I already know them all."

And like Helen, they're all there performing a labour of love. There's no stipend. There's no paid junkets to exotic locales to get together and ruminate while dining on the fatted calf. The committee is to all intents and purposes 'virtual'.

"We email each other as required," says Helen. "And I imagine there may even be the odd zoom meeting. I guess if some or all of us end up at the World Bowls championships or the Comm Games together, then we'll make a point of meeting face-to-face. But there's no budget for us to do that."

That will resonate with Kiwi bowlers ... who will be interested in keeping the laws of the game simple, and the costs of playing the game even simpler!

But that won't stop them from being extremely grateful to not only have someone like Helen Stallard going into bat for the way we want to play bowls in New Zealand, but grateful to have Helen Stallard herself ... she's someone we've all appreciatively relied on for years for keeping order on the greens in New Zealand.

Congratulations Helen. And a big, big thanks for taking up this role.



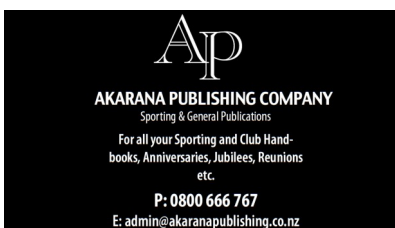
Continuous Raffle Winners

Continuous ham and salmon raffles are now on sale at the bar. Each raffle is drawn on the Friday after it is sold out with the hams and salmon available for pickup after 5pm Wednesday 21 December.

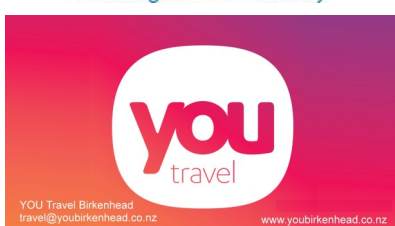
Results to date:

Ham Raffle 1 – John Hannan
 Ham Raffle 2 – Zakk Johnson
 Ham Raffle 3 – Zakk Johnson
 Ham Raffle 4 – *drawn this Friday*
 Ham Raffle 5 – Charlie Harvey
 Ham Raffle 6 – *on sale*
 Ham Raffle 7 – *on sale*
 Ham Raffle 8 – *on sale*
 Ham Raffle 9 – *on sale*
 Ham Raffle 10 – *on sale*

Salmon Raffle 1 – *on sale*
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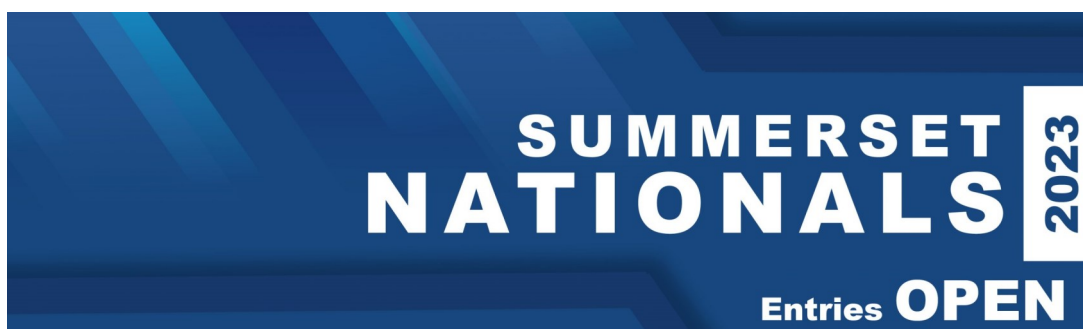
Social Bowls Results

Monday saw round three of You Travel Social Bowls 3 Five played under clear skies.

The winners circle:

First: Alba* - Pat, Tommy, Gill (3 wins, 10 ends, 22 shots for)
 Second: TAJ – Jamie, Al, Tony (2 wins, 1 draw, 11 ends, 23 shots for)
 Third: Fuzzy Duck* – Julie, Dave, Mark (2 wins, 10 ends, 22 shots for)
 Fourth: Beards 'r' Us – Craig, Mike, Zakk (2 wins, 9 ends 21 shots for)
 Fifth: Charlie's Two Angels – Ruth, Perry, Raquel (2 wins, 8 ends, 14 shots for)
 Consolation – Tuis – Stewart, Brian, Jan (won the last game, 4 ends, 12 shots for)
 Evan is still taking entries from those that wish to play this side of Christmas.
 To enter contact Evan Phone: 0210575491, email: evan.cheryl@xtra.co.nz) or letting the Club know on 480 7493.

* are also prize winner from previous round



Entries for 2023 Summerset Nationals Now Open!

Summerset National Singles & Pairs: North Harbour/Auckland, 2nd-9th January

Summerset National Fours & Mixed Pairs: Central Otago, 23rd Feb-2nd March

Bowls New Zealand moved towards an online event management system for National Events in the 2021-2022 season, called BowlsHub Aotearoa.

This system was a great success and is therefore being retained for the 2022-2023.

This means:

1. Every member entering a National Event in the 2022-2023 season will need to have a profile with BowlsHub Aotearoa (If you entered a national event last season, you will already have a profile).
If haven't registered yet, this can be done by going to bowlshub.co.nz/signup. Once you've created an account you can log in to BowlsHub Aotearoa at www.bowlshub.co.nz (take note of your National ID/Membership number once you've logged in.)
2. Entering a National Event for the 2022-2023 season is done on BowlsHub Aotearoa.
3. Once you've logged into BowlsHub Aotearoa navigate to "My Competitions" and you will be able to enter the 2023 Summerset Nationals.
4. If you're entering a pairs or fours event you will need to know the National ID/ Membership Number of every member in your team. If you're entering a pairs or fours event you will need to know the National ID/Membership Number of every member in your team. (Your teammates should know their National ID/Membership Number if they've signed up and logged in once)

ENTRIES CLOSE: Singles and Pairs: Monday 12th December, 11:59pm, Fours and Mixed Pairs: 30th January 11:59pm




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Check out the Bowls NZ dedicated event page to access results and live-streaming as the event progresses, click on the following link:
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