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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

Blue Ribbon Double

BNH Centre Fours, the disputable “blue-ribbon” Centre event of the season. Lacking the numbers of previous years but that could most likely be put down to the apathy that is prevalent in today’s society.

Birkenhead had been honoured with headquarters for the event with play programmed on both greens across the weekend.

Birkenhead fielded one, sole, lonely, entry in the Women’s event skipped by Trish Croot. Section play for the women was all at Beach Haven, yes, the total field of sixteen teams. Croot’s team with Connie Mathieson off the front, Lauranne (Loz) Croot in at two and Milika Nathan, certainly had their work cut out for themselves in the “Pool of Death” with Orewa’s Christeen Dalzell, Takapuna’s Wendy Jensen and Orewa’s Elaine McClintock all circling. Round one and a win (26-10) over Jensen. Round two victory (13-8) over McClintock. Round three and a loss!! (11-17) going down to Dalzell, leaving Croot and Dalzell both on two wins and one loss each. Countback comfortably favoured Croot and Croot was through to the semis the following day.

While the sole Birkenhead women’s team were qualifying, up the road at headquarters Birkenhead, Birkenhead had five teams spread-out over the six sections. Section play results of the day determined the top of each section and the next two best to make up the eight to contest the knockout phase the following day. Nigel Drew narrowly missed out on countback for the section to Riverhead’s Steve Cox and then one of the next best two spots. John Hindmarch with Evan Thomas off the front, Peter Nathan and Mike Haggart in three, fought it out with Takapuna’s Walter Howden for section two, with both on two wins and a draw a piece. The draw came in the last game (12-12), the game between the two. Hindmarch came away top of section on count-back, but Howden picked up a next best spot. Chad Nathan and co kept those in section four honest. Section five, Steve Yates four promised much after a good round one win (22-8) but just failed to fire after that, can’t win them all. Garry Wallace in Section six missed on count-back as three of the four teams from the section had two wins apiece and the countback went Helensville’s way. Sunday dawned bright and sunny but the Centre had already relocated finals play from Birkenhead to undercover at Orewa. Birkenhead had one team in the women’s and one in the men’s, no one was saying but most were thinking, wouldn’t it be great to have both our teams in their respective finals, but there were hours of bowls to be played before then.

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Birkenhead pulls off the double. Women’s Centre 4s Champions: - Lauranne Croot (2), Connie Mathieson (L), Milika Nathan (3), Trish Croot (s), Men’s Centre 4s Champions: - John Hindmarch (s), Peter Nathan (2), Mike Haggart (3), Evan Thomas (L).

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Early start for the men's quarter finals and the blind draw had popped up Hindmarch v Howden, a repeat match they had drawn in section play Saturday. No drawn game this time as Hindmarch's team moved into the semis with a convincing win (17-9). Semis and up against Browns Bay's Neil Fisher, John Walker, Colin Rogan, Brian Wilson, the bookies favourite for the title. The game started with a bit of niggles as the players found their levels. After the end of play it was Hindmarch moving onto the final with the win (15-7), Fishier's team were sent packing. On the top side of the draw it was Manly's Keith Benson skipped four with Denham Fernell, Kevin Rainsford, Andy Dorrence that made the final with wins over Helensville's Bart Robertson (15-10) and Riverhead's Steve Cox (11-9). The women's semi and Croot's four made hard work of a nail-biting one-shot win (10-9) over Orewa's Elizabeth Ring, Val Taylor, Mary Wright and Tira Campbell. Into the final and it wasn't getting any easier up against Takapuna's so-called star studded four of Lisa Dickson, Lauren Mills, Robyne Walker and Anne Dorreen.

The final, well finals, the earlier dream of Birkenhead in both finals had materialised. Could our teams go one step further and add to the Club's already impressive haul for the season?

Hindmarch's four got off to a good start (5-0) after three ends of the regulation fifteen ends and up (10-1) after six ends. Their dominance continued to remain in front and never really threatened not to win (13-11) and claim the BNH Centre Men's Fours title for 2022-23. While Hindmarch's four were marching to glory. Croot's four were putting Dickson and co. in their place and sending a clear message. Croot up (5-0) after two ends and moved out to a handy lead (11-0) after six ends. Croot's four played solid draw bowls led off the front by Connie Mathieson setting the scene. Eight ends passed and Dickson had finally scored an end (12-2). Dickson killed seven ends trying to pull her team into the game but Croot's four just bided their time to finish with an end to spare, an unexpected comfortable win (18-4) and the BNH Centre Women's Fours title for 2022-23.

Christmas Shield 5.30pm Tuesday

The annual challenge "Christmas Shield" against Northcote, at Birkenhead 5.30pm Tuesday 6 December. Aiming for a 5.30pm start but depending on traffic a start no later than 6pm There are three Open Men's Fours, one Open Women's Fours, one 1-5 Year Any Combination Fours teams and possibly additional open any combination dependent on numbers from both clubs. One round/game is played of 1 hour 20 minutes in mufti followed by awarding of the Christmas Shield and a meal. Entry per player to play is \$10 includes a free meal, nonplayers pay for their meal \$10. A whiteboard for names available for selection, and supporters is up in the Club.

On the Greens

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 (Women's) – 2 Greens

Sunday 27 November - BNH Centre Interclub 7s (Women's) – 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 - cancelled~~

- BNH Centre Interclub 7s (Women's) – 2 Greens

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)

Inside this Weekend

Friday 25 November - Open 3.30pm – Club Night

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Cromwell (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

Saturday 26 November

Racing – Te Rapa, Wanganui (Thoroughbreds), Geraldine (Harness),

Sunday 27 November

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

Racing – Cromwell (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness)

NBL* - 4pm Sky Sport NZ Breakers v Brisbane Bullets

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.



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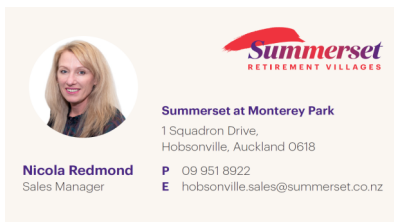

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Continuous Raffle Winners

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. Ham raffles are single draw while Salmon raffles are two draws. Results to date:

- Ham Raffle 1 – John Hannan
- Ham Raffle 2 – Zakk Johnson
- Ham Raffle 3 – Zakk Johnson
- Ham Raffle 4 – Don Martin
- Ham Raffle 5 – Charlie Harvey
- Ham Raffle 6 – *on sale*
- Ham Raffle 7 – Debbie Jones
- Ham Raffle 8 – *on sale*
- Ham Raffle 9 – *on sale*
- Ham Raffle 10 – *on sale*

- Salmon Raffle 1 – *on sale*
- Salmon Raffle 2 – *on sale*
- Salmon Raffle 3 – *on sale*
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November \$6 Friday Postponed!

The last Friday in the month is \$6 Friday, it has been that way since Covid was a junior and so it was to have been this coming Friday. Unfortunately, due to a corporates in the Club Friday and technical limitations running numerous events on the till, Friday's \$6 Friday has been postponed until the new year. Thank you everyone for your anticipated understanding. Remember to swipe your card Friday for member prices.

Santa is coming to Highbury!

Santa is coming to Highbury! And we are not talking about some shriveled up old bowler dressed up in a Santa suit. Christmas is fast approaching and planning for the 2022 Rotary Birkenhead Christmas Parade is fully underway. Participating in the parade is great opportunity to gather your group together for a fun community activity and we'd love to have you join the parade. If you're interested in participating in this year's Rotary Birkenhead Christmas Parade get in touch at parade@rotarybirkenhead.org.nz The parade is on Saturday 10 December 2022 at 5pm.



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Children's Christmas Party

By Elaine Utting

Childrens Christmas party – Sunday December 18 th 2022 starting at 11am. Please put your child's name and age on the parcel you buy for the Christmas tree. for catering purposes a list is in the club rooms to enter the names and numbers from your family who will be attending. Santa will be arriving via the Volunteer Firebrigade

Line Dancing Beginners Classes

By Elaine Utting

Line dancing beginners classes – with Dominic Tesoriero in our Club rooms – every Tuesday, except the 1st Tuesday of the month, from 2pm. \$5 each. Then time for a wine or two. Everyone welcome. Equiries to Elaine Utting 02747861023

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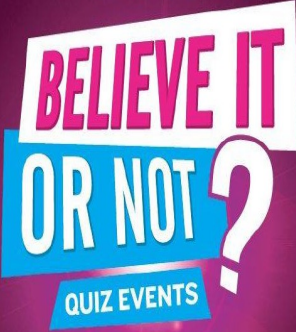
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Check out the Bowls NZ dedicated event page to access results and live-streaming as the event progresses, click on the following link:
<https://bowlsnewzealand.co.nz/news/world-champion-of-champion-singles-draw-and-results-hub/>



Wanted and Unwanted Records After BPL16

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.

Once the dust settles on a **Bowls Premier League (BPL)** event, we often uncover numerous records either equalled or broken, and the most recent edition of the made-for-television tournament at **Club Pine Rivers** was no different.

Here are some of the highlights that have emerged from the pulsating BPL16.

Back-to-back champions

The **Melbourne Pulse** entered rarified air with a second consecutive championship, becoming the third franchise in BPL history to achieve the feat after a straight-sets win over the **Adelaide Pioneers** on Friday night.

Only the **Sydney Lions** (BPL04-06) and **Tweed Heads Ospreys** (BPL12-13) have gone back-to-back previously, with Sydney being the sole squad to achieve the elusive three-peat, something the Pulse will be striving for in February when BPL17 commences at Moama Bowling Club.

Five grand finals

Scott Thulborn and **Wayne Ruediger** joined an illustrious group of players to have played in five or more BPL grand finals after the Adelaide Pioneers reached the decider for the second time in franchise history.

The pair are the sixth and seventh players respectively to achieve the feat after playing in three each for the former **Adelaide Endurance** team that reached the ultimate decider in APL01-03.

Ryan Bester, **Aron Sherriff**, **Aaron Teys**, **Michael Walker** and **Karen Murphy AM** have all played in five, with Bester the only player to have progressed to six deciders.

Most grand finals lost

Unfortunately for Thulborn and Ruediger, that total of five is also the amount of grand final defeats that they have suffered during their time in the BPL.

The pair went into the event equal with Ryan Bester on four, but with the runner-up finish they pull ahead one clear Bester, who is a two-time champion.

Most votes for an MVP winner

Corey Wedlock polled an astonishing 49 out of a possible 54 votes in the MVP voting at BPL16 to claim his maiden award and an All Star cap in what was a lean tournament for the Ospreys.

The previous record was set by Aron Sherriff at BPL15 in May, where the Steamers star and five-time MVP took home 47 votes to claim the award.

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Most finals series played

The **Moama Steamers** extended their own record of most finals series played after booking passage with a tie-break win over the Pioneers in the final round.

Moama's tally now stands at 11, missing just four finals campaigns since the franchise's inception in APL02.

The **Moreton Bay Pirates** also moved to double figures in this category, appearing under lights on a Friday night for the tenth time.

Two-time All Star

Rebecca Van Asch capped off another strong BPL performance on a personal front as she earned a second consecutive All Star team cap, joining **Gary Kelly, Corey Wedlock** and coach **Jeremy Henry** in the latest squad.

Van Asch is just the second player in history to make the team twice, after Aron Sherriff achieved the accolade at BPL14 and 15.

First two-time All Star Coach

Jeremy Henry became the first two-time BPL All Star team coach after the Pulse's back-to-back championships.

At BPL15 however, two coaches were given the nod as Henry was forced to leave before the Friday final, with **Scott de Jongh** taking the reins for the concluding rounds and finals night.

Henry joins the likes of **Steve Glasson OAM** and **Wayne Turley OAM** as the only coaches to have won the title on multiple occasions.

The All Star team awards were introduced in BPL14, after Glasson and Turley guided their teams to victory.

Multiple wooden spoons

The **Gold Coast Hawks** became just the fourth franchise to record multiple wooden spoons at the BPL.

It was a week of frustration for the Hawks who again showed flashes of brilliance in epic contests but would ultimately fall in the majority of them.

250 gamer

Aron Sherriff ticked off a major milestone at BPL16, notching up his 250th game in the competition.

Sherriff is one of the most successful players at the competition with an equal record four titles and an astounding five MVP crowns across three franchises.

To put his longevity into perspective, the Moreton Bay Pirates and Sydney Lions both notched up 250 games as teams in the BPL.

1000 games

At BPL16, a special milestone was marked with the 1000th match being played in the opening game of Thursday morning.

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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).
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2. Entering a National Event for the 2022-2023 season is done on BowlsHub Aotearoa.
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ENTRIES CLOSE: Singles and Pairs: Monday 12th December, 11:59pm, Fours and Mixed Pairs: 30th January 11:59pm