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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

- 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)
- Sunday 11 December – 8.30am Women's Championship Triples (day 2)
– 8.30am Men's Championship Triples (day 2)
- Monday 12 December – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (5)
- Wednesday 14 December - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)
- Saturday 17 December – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours (day 1)
- Sunday 18 December – 8.30am Women's Championship Triples (day 2)
- Monday 19 December – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (6)
- Wednesday 21 December – 9.30am Rod Mahon Memorial (OACT – Ham) – Lunch provided
- Friday 23 December – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry
- Saturday 24 December – 1pm Stueie's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC – Single Entry – Mufti)
- Wednesday 28 December - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry - Mufti)
- Saturday 31 December - 1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC-Single Entry - Mufti
- Sunday 1 January – 12.30pm New Years Day \$1,000 Pairs afternoon (OACP) - Mufti
- Wednesday 4 January - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry - Mufti)
- Saturday 7 January - 1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC-Single Entry
- Sunday 8 January – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided
- Wednesday 11 January - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)
- Saturday 14 January -- 1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC-Single Entry
- Friday 13 January – BNH Umpires Association (OACT) – Gary Moverley Memorial – Lunch provided

Inside this Weekend

- Due to availability of staff, opening and closing times may change without notice.*
- Friday 9 December - Open 3.30pm – Club Night**
 - Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500
 - Racing – Tauranga (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)
 - Baseball - 7pm Auckland Tuatara v Melbourne Aces
 - Saturday 10 December - Open 11am**
 - Racing – Te Rapa, Awapuni, Ascot Park (Thoroughbreds), Akaroa (Harness)
 - Football – 7.05pm Wellington Phoenix v Western Sydney Wanderers
 - Ruby – 7.35pm HSBC World Sevens Series two from Cape Town
 - Sunday 11 December - Open 11am**
 - Darts Section** (in the Hive) 3pm - Shanghai Sunday – darts with a twist, new players welcome
 - Racing – Methven (Thoroughbreds), Southland, Manukau (Harness)
 - * Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

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Interclub wrap-up Birkenhead Women

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By Trish Croot

I almost gave our irregular commentator Mike Cartwright a call to talk to him about writing the summary from the last two weekends, but I feel like I have pissed enough people off over the past weekend if you were currently watching Facebook like TV. So in my own words which in no way resembles the club's opinion, here is what happened - the drama and the intrigue and then the fall-out.

The Birkenhead Women's side for Interclub 2022-23 season by all accounts would be one of the "unlikely winner" category that we have fielded since the women arrived at Birkenhead over 10 years ago. Having said that, what we may have lacked in numbers - we just scraped together a side (on the Thursday), didn't lack for belief in ourselves that we could do better than our failure to launch in 2021. Milly, Loz, Connie, Jamie and myself were the key players, and then 2 of our 1-5 girls, LJ and Fay, both in their infant bowling careers but no less gutsy. Fay was only available one of the days on the first weekend, so Bett was our spare player for the Sunday.

Millie, playing the singles and myself and Connie in the pairs, left Jamie, out of her usual position to skip Loz and the two girls off the front. Luckily, it was expected that both the pairs and singles would give us a fair start and perhaps keep us in the tournament till the last day. As recorded, both the teams won their respective 6 from 6 games over the tournament to get us to the last game. The fours, did what we hoped they would do, win the odd game here and there and be close wherever possible. The girls held together for the 6 games very well with some very classy bowls from all the the team at times during the weekend.

And then came the game which really was the final - game 7 against the Takapuna reigning champions and National interclub winners. It was noted while it wasn't their team that won that final however, no less than an international in Selina playing singles, Adele and Robyne in the pairs (Adele is an ex-Birkenhead member) and then former international Wendy Jensen skipping current BNH rep players in Trish Hardy, Keiko Kurihara and Lauren Mills. Formidable opposition for any 1-5 player.

The club selectors decided to use the Conditions of Play to our full advantage and swap our team around to ensure we were going to give ourselves the best chance of knocking off the team 2-1. The points going into the last round - just 1 point - 1/2 a game separated the two teams. We submitted our team sheet prior to the commencement of the round and notified the appropriate persons that we were making a change and then proceed to the 12pm start time.

LJ - our very gutsy 1-5 player was nominated to play the singles as a sacrificial lamb (poor girl), no change to the pairs and Millie went to skip in the fours, Loz at 3, Fay at 2 and Jamie to her natural position of lead.

And that's when the controversy started. Stepping onto the green with every intention to play at 12pm, Takapuna (according to the FB article), immediately switched their team to counter our changes. In our mind, perhaps after the 12pm start and with no team sheet filled in, but nonetheless they got permission to do so and then it became game-on. LJ did an admirable job against Adele in the singles, up 7-0 before the game got interesting. Very brave and more aware of what the big time looks like. The pairs, well unfortunately went down to a very on fire Selina, who played outstanding (as she also did on the Sunday for the rep team). The Birkenhead fours were a stand-out - Millie and Loz played every shot in the book, and drew every bowl with some great performances from Jamie and Fay. Very proud of them for that and getting the win. Congratulations Takapuna for being the winners.



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Stuie's Surprise Birthday

Saturday 17 December members are invited to join Stuie Moorcroft's family and friends to celebrate Stuie reaching 70 years of age, a truly momentous occasion considering how Stuie has treated his body like a temple for the last fifty-five of those seventy years. The party gets underway around 6pm at the Birkenhead Bowling Club, the caterers have been called in and there will be a DJ to dance the night away. Those coming are asked to arrive before 6.45pm in preparation to surprise Stuie not long after that. Please don't spoil the surprise and let the cat out of the bag in front of Stuie, the family is going to a lot of effort to make the occasion a surprise.

Social Bowls3Five Results

Our pre-Christmas league of You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five is coming to an end with next Monday the final night until January next year. But before then we must applaud those that made the podium last Monday evening.

The winners circle:

- First: Drop Kicks – Jimmy, Loz, Pete (3 wins, 12 ends, 25 shots for)
- Second: Barfoots – Tim, Shelley, Jamie (3 wins, 12 ends, 23 shots for)
- Third: Bev's Bowlers Threesome – Sue, Warren, Bev (3 wins, 12 ends, 21 shots for)
- Consolation – TAJ – Jamie, Al, Tony (won the last game, 4 ends, 6 shots for)

\$1,000 Afternoon

Pre-Nationals Warm-up

New Years Day

\$1,000 Pairs Afternoon

Any Combination – Mufti

Sunday 1 January 2023

12.30pm Start

\$400 First Prize

\$20 Entry Per Team

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Shield Remains

What has been in recent years a hugely successfully raid by Northcote, was not the case this year. The annual Christmas Shield challenge played between the Northcote and Birkenhead for over 55 years was up for grabs. Birkenhead had scooped it from Northcote earlier in the year (delayed due to covid) and this challenge was to take place at Birkenhead where Northcote had mounted successfully raids on the Shield. But with a sigh of relief Birkenhead successfully defend the challenge (5-1) to retain the Christmas Shield until December 2023 when it all happens again but down the hill at Northcote.

Results - Interclub 7's

Reproduced from BNH website (abbreviated)

Results—Interclub 7's

Two of the Bowls North Harbour centre's most successful clubs of recent years, Browns Bay in the men's competition and Takapuna in the women's, will carry North Harbour's hopes when the 2022-23 national inter-club sevens titles are decided later this season.

Browns Bay at the weekend foiled what would have been a Takapuna double by winning the men's final on its home green.

And Takapuna earned the right to defend the 2021-22 title won just a month ago by topping the women's round-robin at Birkenhead, edging out Birkenhead in what proved to be a dramatic finale.

Browns Bay in its win was also anchored by a core of vastly experienced players in multiple centre champions, and past national titleholders in Colin Rogan, John Walker, Neil Fisher and Brian Wilson.

In the quarter-finals it ousted the always dangerous Helensville, and in the semi-final Riverhead 9-0.

Takapuna whitewashed Milford in its quarter-final, then beat Mairangi Bay in the semi-final, the latter having beaten another of the favoured clubs, Birkenhead, in the quarter-final.

Browns Bay continued its dominance in the final over Takapuna, with Rogan winning the singles and then Wilson and Mulholland clinched the match by winning the pairs.

Waitangi Day Charity Tournament

This season it will again be in support of Harbour Hospice, Monday 6 February 2022 Items to donate for raffles and auctions contact Joseph Korkis. Entries are now open (team names on white board in the Club), teams are encouraged to include a non-bowler in their team. After all this is a fundraiser day for a fantastic cause, the town hall clock is not on the line.



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Club for Hire

The Club is available for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations throughout the year. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor bowls tournament.

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)



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Birkenhead Shorts

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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.

Winners to date:

Ham Raffle 1 – John Hannan	Ham Raffle 11 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 1 – on sale
Ham Raffle 2 – Zakk Johnson	Ham Raffle 12 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 2 – on sale
Ham Raffle 3 – Zakk Johnson	Ham Raffle 13 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 3 – on sale
Ham Raffle 4 – Don Martin	Ham Raffle 14 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 4 – on sale
Ham Raffle 5 – Charlie Harvey	Ham Raffle 15 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 5 – on sale
Ham Raffle 6 – Shannon Hall	Ham Raffle 16 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 6 – on sale
Ham Raffle 7 – Debbie Jones	Ham Raffle 17 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 7 – on sale
Ham Raffle 8 – Bob Waide	Ham Raffle 18 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 8 – on sale
Ham Raffle 9 – Robbie Henson	Ham Raffle 19 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 9 – on sale
Ham Raffle 10 – Chris Thomas	Ham Raffle 20 – on sale	Salmon Raffle 10 – on sale

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

SUMMERSET NATIONALS 2023
ENTRIES CLOSE: Singles and Pairs: Monday 12th December

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

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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.
3. Once you've logged into BowlsHub Aotearoa navigate to "My Competitions" and you will be able 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)