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## On the Greens

Refer the Club's facebook page for daily updates and changes to the programme over the Christmas/New Year and Bowls New Zealand Nationals period.

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 Stue'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  
Monday 2 January - **Nationals - 1 green - top**  
Tuesday 3 January - **Nationals - 1 green - top**  
Wednesday 4 January - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry) - Club Uniform/Creams  
- **Nationals - 1 green - top**

Friday 6 January - **Nationals – 2 greens**  
Saturday 7 January - ~~1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC-Single Entry - cancelled~~  
- **Nationals - 2 greens**  
Sunday 8 January – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided - 16 teams  
- **Nationals - 1 green - top**  
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) – Garry Moverley Memorial – Lunch provided  
Monday 16 January - You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five  
Wednesday 18 January 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) -BYO Lunch

## Inside Over the Break + Nationals

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

**Friday 23 December - Open 3.30pm – Club Night**  
Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500  
Racing – Matamata (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness), Southland, Palmerston North (Dogs)  
**Saturday 24 December – Open 11am**  
Racing – Hawera (Thoroughbreds), Cambridge, Winton (Harness), Cambridge (Dogs)  
**Sunday 25 December – Closed**  
**Monday 26 December – 2.30pm**  
Racing – Pukekohe, Otaki, Wingatui (Thoroughbreds), Westport (Harness)  
**Tuesday 27 December – 2.30pm**  
Racing – New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds), Gore (Harness) Addington (Dogs)  
**Wednesday 28 December – 2.30pm**  
Racing – Arawa Park, Phar Lap Raceway (Thoroughbreds), Westport (Harness), Palmerston North (Dogs)  
**Thursday 29 December – 2.30pm**  
Racing – Cambridge, Banks Peninsula (Harness) Manukau, Addington (dogs)  
**Friday 30 December - Open 2.30pm – Club Night - \$6 Friday**  
Racing – Taupo, Kurow (Thoroughbreds) Reefton (Harness), Palmerston North, Addington (Dogs)  
**Saturday 31 December – Open 11am – Ticket required from 6.30pm**

**7pm - New Year's Eve Party - ticket required**  
Racing – Hastings (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park (Harness), Cambridge (Dogs)  
**Sunday 1 January – Open 11 am**  
Racing – Te Rapa, Riverton (Thoroughbreds), Rangiora (Harness)  
**Monday 2 January – Open 8am – Nationals**  
Racing – Tautanga, Tauhere (Thoroughbreds) Wairarapa, Central Otago (Harness)  
**Tuesday 3 January – Open 8am – Nationals**  
Racing – Matamata, Omoto (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Dogs)  
**Wednesday 4 January – Open 8am – Nationals**  
Racing – Otaki (Thoroughbreds), Kapiti Coast, Roxburgh (Harness) Palmerston North (Dogs)  
Darts - 8am PDC World Championship Final  
**Thursday 5 January – Open 2.30pm**  
Racing – Reefton (Thoroughbreds), Cambridge, Addington (Dogs)  
**Friday 6 January – Open 8 am – Nationals**  
Racing – Ruakaka (Thoroughbreds), Wyndham (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)  
**Saturday 7 January – Open 8am – Nationals**  
Racing – Awapuni, Kumara (Thoroughbreds), Cambridge (Harness)  
**Sunday 8 January – Open 8am – Nationals**  
Racing – Pukekohe (Thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)



## TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club

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**CONTINUOUS RAFFLES**  
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**No Action Here**

As Birkenhead's greens lay idle last weekend, the women had moved their Championship Fours to a date yet to be determined, members were in action around the place and not all bowls. A contingent of ten disappeared down to Te Rapa for a boys day at the races getting fed and watered in the comfort of the Fosters Lounge a top of the grandstand, with a visit by Noel Harris, to celebrate Stuie Moorcroft turning 70. Then upon their return walked into a packed Club and Stuie's surprise birthday party, with family members having flown in from Australia and Samoa. Trish Croot had the most glamorous of all, hob knobbing with the elite of bowlers, while officiating at Moama Bowling Club at the latest Ultimate Bowls Championship event in Australia. Sunday morning saw some brief action inside the Club while taken over by the under twelves as a dozen kids enjoyed the Club's Kids Christmas Party complete with a clown and Santa, aka Tommy Winton, making an appearance to hand out presents, minus the elf this year.



Trish Croot and lawn bowls legend Alex Marshall MBE

According to Beach Haven's FB page John Croy was out on the green down there skipping his team to success winning the Presidents Trophy, the abbreviated report off FB follows.

*Last Tournament of 2022 to Honour a Past President. The Ian Cowley Memorial Cup is played to honour one of our most respected Past Presidents, Ian Cowley, whose tenure was laced with good humour and an enormous amount of energy and carried the Club through some difficult times. Through his efforts the Club survived and has grown in reputation for friendliness and contribution to North harbour Club competitions and Tournaments. Ian was always supportive of the notion that bowling should not only be a great sport, it should be fun, and to this end his Memorial Tournament is played in mixed gender format and Fancy Dress of one sort or another. This year they ranged from Christmas gear to Beach Haven "T" shirts via some grass skirts..... Despite a very iffy forecast, the weather played ball while we played bowls for the prescribed number of games and ends, finishing just before the rain returned in earnest putting a dampner on a private party event scheduled for later in the day.*



John Croy, Eileen Ponting, Richard Ponting

*Fun Tournaments such as this may be lighter hearted than some others, however the skills shown on the green were as sharp as would be seen anywhere and there were some close results in many games. After the final scores were tallied up John Croy's team of Richard & Eileen Ponting won the Day.*



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### Merry Christmas

The Board of The Birkenhead Bowling Club would like to wish all our Members, Club Partners and friends of the Club a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels over this festive season. Thank you for your continued support of the Club and we look forward to catching up in the New Year.

### Nationals Live On Our Greens and Big Screen

The Summerset National Open Championships Singles & Pairs 2023 are to be played on the greens of played in Auckland and North Harbour from 2 – 9 January. Browns Bay is the Headquarters with all the finals. If you don't fancy the trip to Browns Bay, fighting for a spot to see and standing in the heat, come join us closer to home. The Birkenhead Bowling Club will be showing games live\*\* on the big screen. Come in and relax while enjoying some live bowls\*\* in the comfort of the Club with TAB facilities available.

\*\*subject to availability

### Clash - Sunday 8 January

The Club's monthly Sunday Triples is scheduled for 8 January, and we always knew there may be a clash with the requirements of the Nationals. And there is, Bowls New Zealand also wish to use a green for Nationals Post Section that day. To keep all parties happy Birkenhead will accommodate all that day. The Sunday Triples Tournament (lunch included) limited to 16 teams will go ahead on the bottom green, while the Nationals Post Section play out on the top green.



**Birkenhead Bowling Club**  
**Last Tournament for 2022**

**Stuie's Birthday**  
**Mini Tournament**

**Saturday 24 December**

**Names in by 12.30pm**  
**1pm Start**  
**All over by 4pm**

**Open, Single/Individual Entry**  
**Dress: Mufti**  
**Entry \$5 per player**

**Bowlers & Non-bowlers welcome**

**To enter phone Club: 480 7493**  
**or name on whiteboard in Club**



# CALLIOPE ATHLETIC AND HARRIER CLUB

## Calliope Corner Merry Christmas etc.

The weather has been disrupting our usual activities more than Covid at present, although there does still seem to be a lot of it about. I seem to have sailed through various meetings where Covid has been present, putting it down to good immunity afforded by a whacking dose of the lurgy earlier in the year.

Keep safe over the summer. Hopefully you will find some interesting places for running and walking. Remember to hydrate....with water. I seem to have been talked into something called the *Summer Sizzler*, a 7th January half marathon which starts on the waterfront, the waterfront of Mangakino that is at Lake Maraetai/Waikato River. It's along the river trail so I'm hoping for a little shade, and will definitely be hydrating appropriately after. We start up again after New Year on the 4th Jan, but that's always a casual, quiet run. Keep an eye on the revised dates for the Bill Taylor races if you want to be in the running. **We welcome new people to come and give Calliope a try any Wednesday at 6.30pm.** Meantime, have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Martin

## Race Report - Westcoaster 10th December 2022

Well that's my third and probably last Wescoaster. I last did it 2 years ago, when conditions were softer on the sand, but firmer on the trails. This year was an unholy combination of muggy December weather and slippery winter-like conditions underfoot on the clay farm tracks. Very difficult to get a grip and my thoughts of letting it rip on the downhill were just that, thoughts. At least the sand sections were firmer after a little rain.

Basically, there are nice views on the Westcoaster, but if you are trying to race it's difficult to appreciate them. So much vertical, slippery suffering. I think even the surefooted super-walker Murray took a tumble. Fiona said she preferred the Waitomo run last month, which was also challenging. (This was her first event in a Calliope singlet! Bravo!) Basically I'm not selling it for you, the consensus was let's find something else to do next year.

But good old *Total Sport* there is always a complementary Speights (or two) after the race so all is forgiven. Well maybe. And the post-race massage was good quality and came with some added advice which I implemented promptly. So some wins there. Also I came 4th in my age group again which is getting annoying. May the fourth be with you (always).

Name	Race	Overall	Gender overall	Age group
Martin Fey	21k run	38/287	36 <sup>th</sup>	(50-59) 4 <sup>th</sup>
Fiona Sherwin	11.5k run	87/193	35 <sup>th</sup>	(40-49) 9 <sup>th</sup>
Murray Stevens	21k walk	5/23	3 <sup>rd</sup>	(70+) 1 <sup>st</sup>






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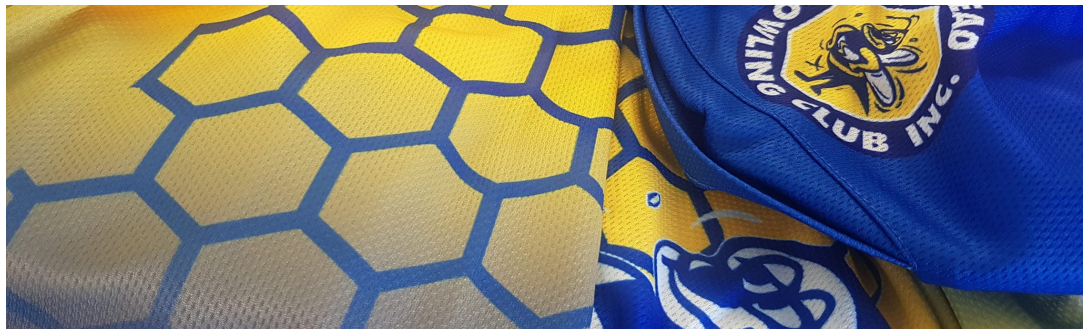
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### New Shirts Have Landed

The new Club shirts have landed in time for the Nationals, Designed with the consultation of a number of members the new shirts certainly stand out for the right reasons. Shirts will be available for members to purchase in the next few days, the price \$45.

### Birkenhead Shorts

You have the new Club Shirt, what is the bottom half looking like?. How about a pair of black Club shorts to finish of the look and look shape out on the green. Black Club shorts are available for purchase, \$30 a pair, with Birkenhead down the leg. Everyone loves the fabric and fit. There is currently stock available in the Club shop.

### Facebook and Cancellations

For those members that are on Facebook, please 'like' our "Birkenhead Bowling Club" page. Also, get your friends & family to 'like' our page! The page is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening at the Club! For cancellations go to the Club's facebook page [www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead](http://www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead) or ring the Club.

**\$1,000 Afternoon**  
Pre-Nationals Warm-up

**New Years Day**  
**\$1,000 Pairs Afternoon**  
Any Combination – Mufti

**Sunday 1 January 2023**  
12.30pm Start

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## Carry on Over Christmas/New Year

Many places reduce hours or close over the Christmas/New Year break, not the Birkenhead Bowling Club. The Club will be open from 8am on all days the Nationals are played on our greens.

Saturday 24 December, the bar is open from 11am each day on weekends, excluding Christmas Day, up to and including Sunday 8 January. During the week on days where there is no Nationals play on Birkenhead's greens the bar will open 2.30pm. Friday Club night meat raffles continue as do all our regular draws, Membership and Joker 500 and \$6 Friday on 30 December. Wednesdays sees members draw and Joker 500 both continuing over the break. The only day the Club is closed is Christmas Day.

## Stuie's Birthday Tournament – 24 December

Twelve years of annual tournaments on the afternoon of 24 December, Christmas Eve, has continued to prove popular. Curtis Ennor has run this for the past five years and kept it going in the spirit it was intended, light hearted and fun, and has done a fine job. He has again offered to run it this year on Saturday 24 December, names in by 12.45pm, play starts 1pm, three short games, prize giving and all over around 4pm. Open to bowlers and non-bowlers, Single Entry, Mufti, \$5 entry, loads of prizes. Come and join in the fun as we celebrate Stuie's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are just thankful that he has treated his body like a temple, that he can be with us today.

## Bowls North Harbour Umpires Association

# Garry Moverley Memorial

Open Any Combination Triples Tournament  
For all bowlers

## \$300 First Prize

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# SUMMERSET NATIONALS 2023

## Nationals Schedule

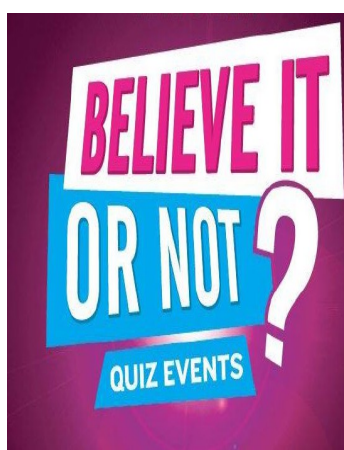
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January 2nd – 3rd 2023: Men's Pairs Qualifying  
Women's Singles Qualifying  
Open Disability Singles Qualifying  
January 4th – 5th 2023: Men's Pairs Qualifying  
Women's Singles Post-Section  
Open Disability Singles Post Section  
January 6th – 7th 2023: Men's Singles Qualifying  
Women's Pairs Qualifying  
Open Disability Pairs Qualifying  
January 8th – 9th 2023: Men's Singles Post-Section  
Women's Pairs Qualifying  
Open Disability Pairs Qualifying

### House Trained & In Need of Accommodation

Steve Smith and Dusty Reader, disputably two of Northland's finest bowlers, have had their accommodation for during the Nationals pulled from under them. At this late stage the remaining accommodation in harbour is expensive, \$2,000 for seven nights. Both are house trained, have clean habits, are good with other pets and children, come with impeccable references and would like to stay together (not in the same bed). If you are in a position to help out, know of somewhere or someone that can, please contact Steve email: [stevebowlersmith@gmail.com](mailto:stevebowlersmith@gmail.com) or phone: 021 2377374.

## BeezKnits

The Club utilises the resources within its membership to support the premature babies. These little ones need all the help they can get to give them a fighting chance to be future bowlers. Our members knit booties, hats, mittens, vests, blankets and much more to keep the premature babies and newborns leaving Kidz First Hospital warm. From a small informal group the "BeezKnits" have been formed, knitting for a specific purpose and donating all. The "BeezKnits" operate from the Club, where the Birkenhead Bowling Club has become a drop-off point, delivering knitwear to Middlemore on a regular bases. If you're keen to help out or join the "BeezKnits" contact Emmie (0275 297 297). Talking to a member of the Middlemore Foundation Wool Program they currently need knitted blankets, peggy squares and cardigans. Donations of wool (4 ply & 8 ply) to the Club (or money to purchase wool) will be gratefully accepted at the Club, it is amazing how far one ball of wool or \$5 will go for the wee ones.



**BELIEVE IT OR NOT? QUIZ EVENTS**

**Quiz Night - Free Entry**  
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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)

# Carole Fredrick Invitation Women's Triples

## Saturday 28 January

### 8.30am Start

Limited to 16 teams

# \$600

First Prize

# \$1,500\*

Total Prize pool

Morning tea & lunch provided  
\$60 per Team

Entry enquires phone: 0275 297297 or  
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# SUMMERSET NATIONALS 2023

**Playing schedules for the Summerset National Singles and Pairs Tournament will be published on Bowls New Zealand's website no later than Friday 23rd December.**

## Strong Entries for Summerset Nationals

*Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website*

The 2023 Summerset National Singles and Pairs will be hotly contested next month, with the number of entries reflecting the highest participation rate in twenty years. Hosted by the Auckland and North Harbour centres, more than a dozen qualifying and post-section greens will be in play as the search begins for this season's national champions.

In the men's action, 328 participants will line-up for the men's singles – up from 280 last year, while 205 pairs' combinations will take to the green, an increase of 23 on the number of entries in Christchurch.

The women's field will see 127 entrants in the women's singles – up from 110 last year, while 88 pairings will do battle in the pairs, an increase of eight teams overall.

A slight decrease in entries will see 30 names contest the Open Disability Singles, while 14 combinations will line-up for the Open Disability Pairs – both disciplines on par with previous versions of this event.

While entries have now closed, late entries to fill the existing byes will be accepted in the men's pairs and women's singles. To express your interest, please contact Bowls New Zealand directly.

Commenting on the overall entries, Bowls New Zealand chief executive Mark Cameron said it was a pleasing endorsement of format changes made several years ago.

"It's certainly great to see an increase in numbers, and that's been largely down to the splitting of the Nationals between the North and South Island - particularly the separation of the fours and mixed pairs from the singles and pairs," Cameron said.

"The format allows bowlers to pick and choose what works for them, with some attending one of the events and others travelling to both - that's a personal choice, but overall we have a very strong field in all disciplines. We can't wait to get underway."

The Summerset National Singles, Pairs and Disability disciplines will take place from 2 January to 9 January 2023, while the Fours and Mixed Pairs will be held in Central Otago from 23 February to 2 March.

For any assistance entering the Fours or Mixed Pairs, email [events@bowlsnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:events@bowlsnewzealand.co.nz)



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# \$6 Friday

## This Friday 30 December

Standard tap beer pints, bottle beer, glass of wine  
All discounted to \$6 per item for the day!

*\* Terms & Conditions apply, excludes craft beer, spirits, RTDs, champagne/bubbles*

# SUMMERSET NATIONALS 2023

**Birkenhead Green Allocations, Help Required!**  
Birkenhead will see its fair bit of play during the Nationals and setup of the greens is required each day. If you are an early riser and wish to help out setup contact Doug Campbell (022 3580878).

2023 Summerset Nationals Green Allocations				
	2/01/2023	3/01/2023	4/01/2023	5/01/2023
Birkenhead - Bottom				
Birkenhead - Top	Men's Pairs	Men's Pairs	Men's Pairs Post Section	

2023 Summerset Nationals Green Allocations				
	6/01/2023	7/01/2023	8/01/2023	9/01/2023
Birkenhead - Bottom	Women's Pairs	Women's Pairs		
Birkenhead - Top	Men's Singles	Men's Singles	Women's Pairs Post Section	

## Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events , Company Social Events , Weddings, Birthday Celebrations , Anniversary Parties , Breakfasts





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### Bee on Holiday

Today is last Bee Express for the year. There will be no Bee Express published Wednesday 28 December or 4 January as the Bee is flying off on holiday in search of some Manuka. A special thanks to Mike Cartwright for his irregular Un-PC column "The Dog Box" enjoyed by many. Thanks to all those that have supported the publication, the feedback has been great. Wednesday 11 January will see the next Bee Express back in your email boxes. Until then have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Continuous Ham & Salmon Raffles Drawn Today

With only days to go until Christmas, we draw the remaining continuous ham and salmon raffles at 5pm today. All previous winners, your hams will be available from 5pm..

Ham raffles are single draw while Salmon raffles are two draws. Winners 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 – Shannon Hall
- Ham Raffle 7 – Debbie Jones, Ham Raffle 8 – Bob Waide, Ham Raffle 9 – Robbie Henson
- Ham Raffle 10 – Chris Thomas, Ham Raffle 17 - Graeme Norton

**Ham Raffles 11 to 16 & 18 to 20, Salmon Raffles 1 to 10 - on sale & drawn today**

Note: Unclaimed raffles are stored at the winners risk.

# CONTINUOUS RAFFLES

Last raffle drawn Wednesday 21 December

# DRAWN TODAY!

## HAM

**1 Draw**  
**\$2 per Number**



## SALMON

**2 Draws**  
**\$2 per Number**



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