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## On the Greens this week

Wednesday 3 December - 10am Club Day (AC)

Wednesday 3 December - 5.30pm **Christmas Shield, Birkenhead vrs Northcote**, played at Northcote, dress: mufti, meal included.

Saturday 6 December - BNH National Sevens Interclub

Sunday 7 December - BNH National Sevens Interclub

Wednesday 10 December - 10am Club Day (AC)

## Diary Dates - Open Tournaments

Ham Tournament - Sunday Fours (OACF) 9am Sunday 14 December, lunch provided

Rod Mahon Memorial - Wednesday Triples (OACT) 9.30am Wednesday 17 December, lunch provided. Reserve day Thursday 18 December

Rotary Charity Tournament (OACF - mufti - non bowlers welcome) Friday 6th February

Ryman Healthcare Open Men's Pairs (2day) Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February

The Good Home Birkenhead Open Women's Pairs(2 days) Sat 14 & Sun 15 March

Seafood Tournament (OMF) Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April.

## BBC Kids Christmas Party Sunday 21 December

## U5 Title for Wafer, 20 Open Titles for Lynch

Not having the luxury of the bye in the first round of BNH Women's Under 5 Years Singles Post Section it was an early start for Christine Wafer up against B.Lomas (Orewa) and winning 21-14. Into the semis she progressed and up against Orewa again, this time T.O'Malley, Christine settled into the task at hand and took out the semi 21-13.

Following in the footsteps of Ruth Hitchcock in the same event last year, Christine had made the final and against a more favoured opponent.

Nerves well hidden, Christine set out to work against Shelly Wilson (Sunnybrae). Christine plugged away picking up ones and building a lead only to drop a few big ends, but she stuck to her guns and rebuilt her lead.

Some fine draw bowls played by both players but the first to reach 21 was Birkenhead's Christine Wafer. After the final she told The Bee Express it was about the "F" word, she had it written on her wrist..... "Focus"

Common sense prevailed in the BNH Women's Singles with news late last week that Ruth Lynch was now in the post section. In fact the lady that had been awarded the slot at the conclusion of section play also retained her slot. Both had been affected by the withdrawal of a player during a section play game.

With Gayle Melrose, Denise Samuel & now Ruth Lynch all in post section, Birkenhead rightfully fancied the chances of a title. All three made it through the first round, Gayle dropped out the second round going down to Wendy Jensen, Denise and Ruth successfully negotiated the second round only meet each other in the semis with Ruth coming away the victor after some great bowls between the two. Browns Bay's Wendy Jensen came through from the other side of the draw to set up a formidable opponent for Ruth.

Prior to playing the final Wendy got some advice from a Brown Bay club mate to go and feel the wind. Wendy did just that and then was blown away by Ruth Lynch who lead the all the way winning 21-13 and adding 1 more to her count to bring it to an impressive 20 centre titles.

Birkenhead currently holds all the major BNH Women's Centre trophies competed for this season and it's only the beginning of December, Women's Centre Fours, Women's Centre Singles and Women's 5 Year Under Centre Singles.



Ruth Lynch expresses her joy winning BNH Centre Singles and her 20th centre title with a wee fist pump.



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## BNH National Sevens Interclub

Last Sunday saw the start of the BNH National Sevens Interclub. Birkenhead fielded a team in each division, play continues 6 & 7 December.

Results from day 1:

Women's Division 1: not played until next Saturday (Birkenhead vs Browns Bay)

Men's Division 1: won 4 out of 7 and currently sit in third place behind Browns Bay and Riverhead

Women's Division 2: won 5, Drew 1 out of 9

Men's Division 2: won 7 out of 9 and currently lead section A

## Club Membership Draw

Drawn Wednesdays between 4.30pm - 5.30pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

Happy hour Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm

## Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards

Happy hour 5 - 6pm.

Free Nibbles around 6pm

Club Membership draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm

Bring a friend along, they may enjoy it and join as a social member or a 1st year bowler!!

## Spotlight on Sponsors

This week we put the spotlight on "New World Birkenhead". A long time sponsor but with the arrival of Owner/Operator, Steve Purton the support has increased. Our Friday raffles and tournament meat prizes all come from Steve's store. The Sunday Fours Ham Tournament this month's is sponsored by New World Birkenhead with all the Hams provided by Steve's store.

Source <http://http://www.newworld.co.nz/upper-north-island/auckland/birkenhead/>

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## Nationals at Birkenhead - Update

Bowls New Zealand Heartland Bank National Open Championships starts late December and runs through until early January. This year for the first time in its 101 year history, the event is being held on Auckland's North Shore, with the host club being the Browns Bay Bowling Club.

Birkenhead plays its part in providing greens for Section Play and some Post Section. We will be requiring markers for singles, if you are able to mark please contact Emmie Swart on 027 529-7297 or email: emmie@emmieswart.co.nz, Markers will be fed each day and refreshments provided at the conclusion of the day. Members from other clubs are welcome to assist. We require markers for the following days.

Day 1 Sunday 28th December - Women's Singles

Day 3 Tuesday 30 December - Men's Singles

## Welcome in 2015 at Your Club

Come party with us and see the new year in at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

- Live Band, thanks to our friends at Wheels of Wairau for sponsoring this.
- Buffett meal. Both bars operating.
- Tickets \$30, meal included.
- Tickets on sale soon from www.bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or the club's bar.
- Are you in town for the nationals? This is the New Years eve party for you.



## In The Picture



BNH Women's Centre Singles winner Ruth Lynch and BNH Women's Under 5 Singles winner Christine Wafer



Christine Wafer celebrating with her support crew Ruth Hitchcock, Barbara Staal, Christine Wafer, Trish Mahon



BNH Centre President, Dennis Matthews presenting Ruth Lynch the BNH Women's Centre Singles winners cheque.



BNH Centre President & Birkenhead member, Dennis Matthews presenting Christine Wafer the BNH Women's Centre Under 5 Singles winners cheque.



A festive poster for a New Year's Eve party. The background is dark with colorful bokeh lights in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. At the top, the text 'BOWLS BIRKENHEAD' is written in a bold, white, outlined font, with 'INVITE YOU TO OUR' underneath it in a smaller, similar font. The year '2015' is prominently displayed in large, white, 3D-style numbers. A red banner with a white border and the text 'Tickets Available Soon' in red is slanted across the middle of the '2015'. Below the year, the words 'NEW YEARS EVE PARTY' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the date 'WEDNESDAY, 31ST DECEMBER, 2014' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, followed by 'LIVE BAND, FROM 7.30 PM till LATE' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A small line of text at the very bottom reads 'Band is sponsored by Wheels on Wairau'.

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