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Ryman Healthcare Men's Open Pairs Edition

On The Greens This Week

Wednesday 3 February - 10am Club Day (AC)
Saturday 6 February— 8.30am Birkenhead Rotary Charity Tournament (OACF)
Sunday 7 February - 8.15am Ryman Healthcare Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs
Monday 8 February - 8.30am Ryman Healthcare Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs
Wednesday 10 February - 10am Club Day (AC)
Friday 11 February—1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)
Saturday 13 February - Greens Required for Centre event
Sunday 14 February - Greens Required for Centre event
Monday 15 February— 6pm United Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls

Two From Two For Croot

Trish Croot took her second club championship of the season last Sunday beating Adele Ineson in the final of the Women's Singles to go along with her Championship Triples title won a few weeks earlier. With the Women's pairs and fours titles to be played in the coming weeks Croot will be hoping for a clean sweep.

Seven players turned up Saturday ready for two days of singles play, under the two life system. Croot defeated Helmling in the first round, then moved on to down Adele Ineson, Denise Samuels and Christine Wafer in subsequent rounds. Lining up a potential final against Ineson. Ineson won that game (21-18). Now with one life each it was all on with winner takes all. Croot got her revenge and the title with a comprehensive win (21-11).

Sixteen players lined up Saturday in the Men's Champ Singles to play four qualifying games, with three and four winners moving through to Sunday and post section. Surprise non qualifiers for Sunday were Merv Gared, Randal Watkins, Bruce Cochrane, Doug Parlane all having lost two or more games. Tony Grantham down to play was a late withdrawal due to off shore work commitments. The first round Sunday saw Curtis Ennor see off Lionel Drew (21-18), Peter Natham beat Keith Burgess (21-8) and Jack Hurawai take down Nigel Drew (21-10), Greg Utting had the bye.

Utting played Ennor last game of qualifying and with Utting needing the win as he had been beaten by Hurawai the previous game, Ennor was through with three wins under his belt. Utting defeated Ennor to qualify. As luck would have it, or not, Ennor's defeat of Drew



Birkenhead Women's Singles Champion, Trish Croot



Birkenhead Men's Singles Champion, Peter Nathan, and Runner up, Greg Utting relaxing after the final.

lined him up against Utting. Utting again repeated the previous day's performance defeating Ennor and dispatching the defend Champ and securing Utting a place in the final. Nathan defeated Hurawai (21-18) to secure his place in the final. Nathan looked to have the final in the bag at 20-9 up over Utting. But Utting's determination fought back taking the next six ends to be just behind 20-17. Nathan finally got the one shot he should have had a few ends previous. Nathan defeating Utting 21-17 and Nathan taking Birkenhead's 21016 Men's Singles Championship title.



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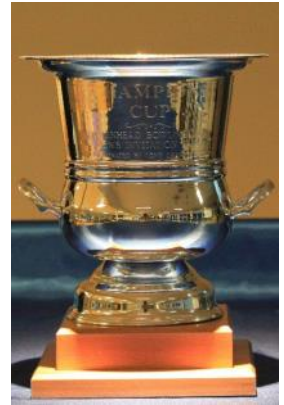
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\$5,500 Ryman Healthcare Men's Open Pairs

Now it is fifth year and with the continued support of tournament partners Ryman Healthcare. The field has grown from strength to strength each year. Previous winners have returned along with many regulars and a few new comers to keep everyone honest. The successes of the tournament was evident when entries opened to the general bowling population in early January we had one spot to fill and that was filled and paid for within an hour. Playing for \$1,500 first prize and an additional \$4,000 distributed through various sections certainly has the guys chasing. Tournament Chef Stuie is back on board serving up culinary delights for morning tea, lunch and his free sausage sizzle Sunday.

Past Winners:

- 2012..... Jamie Hill, Neville Hill
- 2013..... Tony Garelja, Vladimir Marsic
- 2014Jordan King, Danny Delany
- 2015.....Justin Goodwin, Tony Grantham



The Champions Cup donated by Tony Grantham

Club Membership Draw - \$400 & \$200 Today

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

The Draw open to all categories of membership, if you hold a current membership card (the one with Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead on the back) you are in the draw.

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!!

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Junior Interclub Kicks Off

Over the upcoming weeks, one evening a week our junior players represent our club as they compete to become the North Harbour Junior Interclub Champions and qualify to represent Bowls North Harbour in the Regional Junior Interclub Play-offs for the prestigious Mercedes Rose Bowl, hosted by bowls Northland.

The first round was played Monday night with both the triples and pairs coming away with wins. Birkenhead's Singles player, first year, Jerry Belcher played a fifth year bowler from Mirangi Bay, unfortunately Jerry just went down with a strong performance.

Ashton, Chapman, Cameron, Nagy

In 2012 a big money men's pairs tournament was staged at Birkenhead with total prize money of \$5,000 of which \$1,500 went to first place. Tony Grantham donated a cup "The Champions Cup". Stuie Moorcroft put on a magnificent morning tea and lunch. The tournament was full over a month out. Teams came from the as far away as Far North, Waikato, and Bay of Plenty. After two days of highly competitive play Neville and Jamie Hill came out the champions.

After five years the tournament has never looked back and grows each year. The tournament continues to fill early and continues to evolve to the needs of the bowlers, our tournament partner and our club. It has continued to attract top bowlers from within our region and beyond. In recent years and including this year we have had players from Australia. The fields have always been strong, with each year getting stronger. President Keith Burgess said "the field for this year would be the strongest yet and to pick a winner is not an easy one and narrowed it down to six teams".

Last year's winners Birkenhead's Tony Grantham and Eastbourne's Justin Goodwin are aiming to be the first team to not only win the title twice, but also back to back.

2013 winners Wally Marsic and Tony Garelja return, in their lucky red shirts.

2014 winners Jordan King and Danny Delany are back but with different team mates, Jordan King with New Zealand Black Jack Mike Nagy, crossing the ditch to play and Danny Delany leading for young talent Scott Cottrell.

Star bowler Kerry Chapman makes his first appearance at the tournament paired up with fellow first timer Dwayne Cameron, a formidable pairing and sure to create some exciting play over the two days.

2015 New Zealand National Pairs Champions Petar Sain and Rob Ashton are set ruffle a few feathers. Birkenhead's Allan Stewart pairs up with past club mate and current New Zealand Open Pairs winner Central Cambridge's Jessie Russell. Birkenhead's very own ten times National title holder Danny O'Connor returns with Hillsboro's Peter Thorne giving a hand.

Neighbouring Club Glenfield fields four teams Brian Nolan/Gary Helmling, Mick Moodie/Jimmy Gifford, Doug Campbell/Bruce Baker and Terry and Tommy Campbell. While Northcote has Mike Haggart and former Mr New Zealand Kenny Moran, in different teams, waving their flag.

Birkenhead's current club pairs champions Evan Thomas and Doug Parlane have only played together this season and are a team just starting to gel and could go far. Nigel Drew with the ever consistent Mark Rumbel off the front. Make up the only two full Birkenhead teams in the field.

Otahuu Railway's Mark Hall makes his first appearance accompanied by club mate Joe Whitelaw hoping to steam through the field and not become a train wreck.

Those making the trek south from the winterless north are Steve Smith, Dusty Reader, Ken Fitness, John Dunn, Eric Pattillo, Sam Nelson and David Hood.

Birkenhead's President Keith Burgess having played each year has this year snared Riverhead's Bart Robinson in the hope of getting some of the \$5,500 prize pool.

Riverhead's Steve Cox and Grant Goodwin the most consistent placing team each year just haven't been able to claim the top prize, this year could be theirs but there are some tough teams to get past first. It all starts 8.15am this Sunday morning culminating in five finals being played on the top green Monday afternoon at 3.15pm.



2015 Winners - Tony Grantham, Justin Goodwin with Ryman Healthcare representative Rachael Bolland



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THIS WEEKS CLUBTAB PRIZE DRAW ON 06/02/16 IS FOR \$10,000

Celebrating Five Years of Men's Pairs

To celebrate the tournament's fifth anniversary and the fifth time "The Champions Cup" is presented, all teams are entered into our \$400 Fifth Anniversary Draw. Drawn at the prize giving Monday 8th February, one team will walk away with the \$400. For full terms and conditions refer "Players Programme"

United Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls

United Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls returns 6pm Monday 15 February and continues for the next six Monday evenings.

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Spotlight On Sponsors

This week it's Ryman Healthcare. Having been sponsoring at the club for three years their ongoing partnership with the club has enable the club to run some flag ship tournaments. The big one being the 2 day Men's Open Pairs and in the New Year the "Chilcott Cup"

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Introducing The Teams

Teams for the 2016 Ryman Healthcare Open Men's Pairs

Lead - Skip
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Dan Delany (Otahuhu Railway) Scott Cottrell (Waiheke)
Peter Thorne (Hillsboro) Danny O'Connor (Birkenhead)
Brian Nolan (Glenfield) Garry Helmling (Glenfield)
Bevan Beckham (Clarks Beach) Barry Rajendram (Stadium)
Mike Bradshaw (Onehunga & Districts) Ken Fitness (Hikurangi)
Ken Moran (Northcote) Glenn Stratford (Mairangi Bay)
Duane McDonald (Riverhead) David Ross (Riverhead)
Bryan Chapman (Howick) Neil Fisher (Howick)
Mike Nagy (Birkenhead/Taren Point) Jordan King (Hillsboro)
Curtis Ennor (Birkenhead) Gary Brackon (Auckland)
Evan Thomas (Birkenhead) Doug Parlane (Birkenhead)
Mick Moodie (Glenfield) Jimmy Gifford (Glenfield)
Steve Cox (Riverhead) Grant Goodwin (Riverhead)
Doug Campbell (Glenfield) Bruce Baker (Glenfield)
Bruce McClintock (Browns Bay) David Eades (Orewa)

Lead - Skip
Sam Nelson (Hikurangi) David Hood (Kerikeri)
Bernie Yeo (Browns Bay) Gary Stevens (Birkenhead)
Alan Gibbons (Pukekohe Cossie) Shaun Pennell (Pukekohe Cossie)
Kerry Chapman (Browns Bay) Dwayne Cameron (Hinuera)
Scott Curran (Orewa) Ross Haresnape (Birkenhead)
Tony Garelja (Riverhead) Vladimir Marsic (Riverhead)
Dusty Reader (Whangarei) Steve Smith (Whangarei)
Terry Campbell (Glenfield) Tom Campbell (Glenfield)
Brad Reichert (Browns Bay) Brian Wilson (Browns Bay)
Mark Rumble (Birkenhead) Nigel Drew (Birkenhead)
Mike Haggart (Northcote) Stuart MacKechine (Glenfield)
Justin Goodwin (Eastbourne) Tony Grantham (Birkenhead)
Eric Pattillo (Kensington) John Dunn (Onerahi)
Keith Burgess (Birkenhead) Bart Robinson (Riverhead)
Jesse Russell (Central Cambridge) Allan Stewart (Birkenhead)
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Ryman Healthcare Men's Pairs Schedule

Come and watch the action. Enjoy some great bowls while enjoying the club's facilities. All the club's facilities are open from before the first game each day till late.

Playing Schedule:

Sunday 7 February:

8.15am Official Welcome
8.30am Round 1
10.45am Round 2
1.15pm Round 3
3.15pm Round 4
5.30pm Day 1 results
5.45pm Stuie's Free Sausage Sizzle
Day 2 draw announced

Monday 8 February:

8.20am Trial ends
8.30am Game 1
10.45am Game 2
1.15pm Game 3
3.15pm Finals (no time limit)
5.15pm Prize Giving
Times in *Italic* are approximate only. Schedule subject to change due to weather or other circumstances.



Birkenhead Women's Open Pairs

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