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On The Greens

Wednesday 30 November – RSA Tournament
Friday 2 December - 1pm 242 AC Pairs
Saturday 3 December - Centre Event - Greens Required
Monday 5 December – 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (6)
Wednesday 7 December -10am Club Day (AC)
- 5.30pm Christmas Shield (*played at Birkenhead*)
Friday 9 December - 1pm 242 AC Pairs
Sunday 11 December - **Sunday Tournament (OACT - Ham)**

Inside This Weekend

Friday 2 December – Club Night
Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500
"Freight" play live from 7.30pm
Live racing Alexandra Park and Addington (harness) and across Australia

Saturday 3 December
World Bowls Championships - showing live - 9am: Women's Fours
- 1pm: Men's Triples
Live racing Ellerslie and Wellington (thoroughbreds), Oamaru (harness), and across Australia

Sunday 4 December
World Bowls Championships - showing live - 9am: Men's Pairs
- 1pm: Women's Singles
Live racing Waipukurau (thoroughbreds), Methven (harness), Manukau (dogs) and across Australia.

Christmas Shield - Update

Our annual tussle with Northcote. Birkenhead won it back off Northcote last year on the greens at Birkenhead, the 50th year it had been played. Northcote's green renovation needs a bit more time. This year's Christmas Shield will now be played at Birkenhead, Wednesday 7 December. Northcote will hold the annual shield challenge in 2017 & 2018 to bring the balance back. Play starts at 5.30pm and is followed by prize giving and a meal. Dress is mufti, teams comprise of Open Men, Open Women, Junior and possibly a first year team. We would like to see as many bowlers as possible competing on the night. If this is you put your name on the white board in the club. Five dollars per player, that includes a meal, it's a great night.

"Freight" Free & Live Friday

Come join us Friday 2 December.
The band "Freight" will bring their brand of Chicago style Blues to the club. They will be playing from around 7.30pm until late.
Freight is a six piece band playing Chicago style Blues - great to listen to; great to groove along to; great to boogie to if you're in the mood!!!! Entry is free.

Continuous Ham Raffles

Continuous Ham Raffles are on sale at the club's bar, When a raffle is full Merv Garred will draw it. Winning hams will be available for collection from 5pm Wednesday 21 December, good luck.



BIRKO BINGO

7pm Thursday 8 December

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No Band, No WBO Fight

It is with great disappointment the Club has had to cancel the Soul Agents band and showing Parker's World Title Fight at the club on Saturday 10 December. Those involved with the organising the night felt that after poor advanced ticket sales the risk of the event running at a financial loss was unacceptable. To those that had supported the event and the sponsors of the night, we are sorry for the cancellation, thank you for your support. The Good Home, owned by the Birkenhead Licencing Trust, is showing the boxing (undercards and main event) with no cover charge, this is a chance to show your support of the Trust, an organisation the club has benefitted greatly from over the years. The Club will operate normal closing hours on Saturday 10 December. All tickets sold will receive a full refunded, return these to where you purchased them from.

Kids Christmas Party

Kindly supported by Tim Roskrug (Barfoot Thompson agent) and United Gaming. This year's ever popular Kids Christmas Party will be held Sunday 18 December. Save the date, times and details to come.

Nagy Chases Gold

World Bowls Championships got under way yesterday in Christchurch with Kiwis supporting our Black Jacks, Birkenhead will also be following club member Mike Nagy's progress in the men's triples and fours as represents New Zealand and chases world championship gold. Yesterday up against Jersey, Australia and Canada the men's triples (Ali Forsyth, Blake Signal, Mick Nagy) came away with a win against Jersey and Canada but a loss against Australia.

Today they take on Ireland, Samoa and USA, Thursday it's Wales, Namibia and Malaysia and if it all goes to plan the knock out section on Saturday culminating in the final on Sunday.

Next week Tuesday 6 December the men's fours (Ali Forsyth, Mike Kernaghan, Blake Signal, Mike Nagy) kicks off.

Past club member Leanne Chinery, now residing down on the West Coast, is representing Canada in the women's fours, currently underway and up against New Zealand in the first game today, & triples next week. Finals action is live on TV this weekend at the club.




New Zealand Blackjack & Birkenhead member Mike Nagy

Championship Fours

By Gary Stevens

The small number of entries in both the Women's and Men's Fours Championships (4 and 5 teams respectively) lead to two round robins being held, with quite different results. Lisa Helming, Trish Croot, Jacqui Belcher and Christine Wafer played Carole Fredrick, Ruth Lynch, Barbara Staal and Connie Mathieson in a virtual final after each had won its previous 2 matches. Congratulations to Lisa's team, which proved to be far too strong on the day.

The Men's Championship was a cliff-hanger into the last round when Doug Parlane, Ross Haresnape, Garry Cooley and John Pilkington had to beat Jack Huriwai's team and a massive 19 shot differential in order to win the championship from Randall Watkin's (at that stage) undefeated team. Randall, Tony Grantham, Jerry Belcher and Schalk Mouton just lost to Nigel Drew's team. and watched on tenterhooks as Doug and his team stretched out to a 17 shot championship differential lead with just 4 ends to play. Enter Jack Huriwai. On consecutive ends, when down, Jack drove the jack (interesting!) into the ditch for 4 shots to win the championship for Randall's team. Special congratulations to Jacqui and Jerry Belcher on winning their first open titles. Both played consistently good bowls to contribute to their teams' successes.



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Match Committee Matters

By Gary Stevens

This year's Match Committee decided that both the Women's and Men's Fours Championships would be played (for the first time) under a Round Robin system because of the low number of entries – 4 Women's teams and 5 Men's teams.

We believe that the results were consistent with good contests.

However, we have listened to sound, constructive criticism, which was that the final results might (in future competitions) be manipulated.

Accordingly, in future, Round Robins will lead to a final with the top 2 "qualifying" teams playing off for the Championship.

Thanks to those who contributed to this decision.

Hand Book Updated Phone Numbers

Alan Little's landline number please cross out, it's not his.

John Davidson's landline replace it with 419-5371

Christine Wafer's landline replace it with 09 428-1197 (she has moved house)

Club Membership Draw - \$100, \$400 & \$400

Club Membership Draw drawn Wednesdays between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Joker 500 on sale from 5pm, Club Membership Draw drawn between 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Joker 500

Every Wednesday and Friday, numbers on sale from 5pm—6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at 6.15pm. The purchaser of that winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receive the corresponding prize with the top prize being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday.

Diary Dates - Open Tournaments

Sunday Ham Tournament (OACT), Sunday 11 December

Rod Mahon Memorial (OACT) Ham Tournament, Wednesday 21 December

\$5,000 Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village Mixed Classic – play fours & pairs (2 days), Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th January

Birkenhead Rotary Charity Tournament (OACF - mufti - non bowlers welcome), Monday 6th February

\$6,500 The Good Home Birkenhead Open Women's Pairs (2 days), Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 March

Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament (OMF), Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April.

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Spotlight on Sponsors

This week we put the spotlight on "3D Products". Greg & Jo Utting's company has supplied many of the white boards and notice boards around the club. The three pictures in the club's entrance hall were custom made by 3D Products. Northcote Bowling Club's tournament white boards were also made by 3D Products.

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Sudoku

The solution to this week's Sudoku will be published in the next Bee Express.

How to solve a Sudoku puzzle can be found on the club's website
www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/sudoku.html

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Last week's Sudoku puzzle solution

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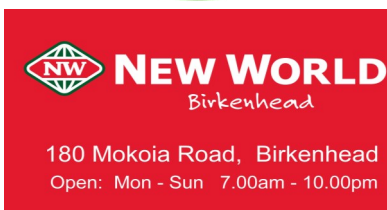
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