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Wednesday 8 March - 10am Club Day (AC)

- Entries close 5pm 1 - 5 Year Women's Singles Championship

Saturday 11 March - 8.15am "The Good Home Birkenhead" Open Women's Pairs - day 1

Sunday 12 March - 8.30am "The Good Home Birkenhead" Open Women's Pairs - day 2

Monday 13 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (12)

- Entries close 5pm Handicap Pairs (AC)

Wednesday 15 March - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)

- First round 1-5 WSC to be played on or before 15 March

Thursday 16 March - 10am Club Day (AC)

- Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Pairs

- Entries close 5pm Women's Championship Pairs

Friday 17 March - 1pm 242 (OACP)

Saturday 18 March - 9am Men' Championship Pairs & Women's Championship Pairs

Sunday 19 March - 9am Men' Championship Pairs & Women's Championship Pairs

Monday 20 March - First round Handicap Pairs to be played on or before 20 March

Wednesday 22 March - 10am Club Day - Ross "Trust Me" Murray Tournament (AC Single Entry)

- Second round 1-5 WSC to be played on or before 22 March

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Inside This Weekend

Friday 10 February - Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing: Alexandra Park and Westport (harness) and across Australia

NRL - 8pm New Zealand Warriors v Melbourne Storm

Saturday 11 March

Racing: Ellerslie and Hawera (thoroughbreds), Invercargill (harness) & across Australia including Flemington - Australia Cup & Newmarket Handicap, Rosehill - Coolmore Classic. Super Rugby - 7pm Blues v Highlanders

Sunday 12 March

Racing: Wyndham (thoroughbreds), Reefton (harness) Manukua & Wanganui (dogs) and across Australia

Lawson's Compliment

Bowls New Zealand National Interclub was played on the club's greens last Friday and Saturday. Saturday saw Gary Lawson playing the singles for Sumner on the top green.

Gary in passing said the green played well, no problems with it. Gary had played on rinks 1 and 2 playing across the club house.

1-5 to 20,000

Jerome Rusk beat Jimmy Heath (21-20) to stop Heath claiming the 1-5 Men's Singles title for a third consecutive year. Gary Wallace was crowned handicap singles winner for the season after beating Jacqui Belcher (21-14) in the final. Gary Beer, Gary Wallace and Robbie Henson took out the 1-5 Triples with two lives remaining, with Jacqui Belcher, Loz Croot and Peter Svendsen coming in runners-up. Meanwhile on the greens at Browns Bay Ross Haresnspe, Lance Tasker, Rory Soden (Browns Bay), Tony Grantham (s) won the Heartland Bank 20,000.



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BPL05

Saturday 25 February the Domina BCiB Sydney Lions came to visit and meet the members as we were their host club. Coach Steve Glasson presented President Greg Utting with a signed Sydney Lions shirt, that will grace our club walls some time soon. A great night was had by all with the night finally finishing at around 2am Sunday morning at our sponsor's The Good Home Birkenhead.

Sunday the official opening of BPL05 was held at our club with officials from Bowls Australia and Bowls NZ along with the teams and supporters in attendance. Thanks to Sharon Catchpole, Emmie and Bernie for preparing the impressive spread, Bowls Australia were most impressed.

Monday it was all on, first rounds played at Sunnybrae with the evening round on the new indoor rink in the Northshore Event Centre. Birkenhead's corporate table at the evening session was well supported and situated beside the Club Mount Lewis supporters and visits from the players made it all the more enjoyable. Birkenhead's Jerome Rusk marked in the evening sessions along with Sheryl Johnson umpiring, Trish Croot time keeper, while Jerry Belcher donned the Sydney Lion costume a few nights

Finals night, Thursday, as far as Birkenhead team support could not have turned out better with The Sydney Lions and the New Zealand Blackjacks to meet in the final if all went well, and it did producing a dream final, Lions v Blackjacks. The Lions came away the BPL05 champions and after the formalities at the Event Centre moved on to our club sponsor the Good Home Birkenhead to continue to celebrate until the wee hours of the morning. Thanks Alan and his staff, in particular Reece, for enabling the team and supporters to celebrate the win at The Good Home.



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Hop-eration Forces Coaching Cancellation.

By Colleen Sexton

Coaching has been cancelled for Monday 13th March, due to one Coach, 'who told me his hips were making music' has now had a Hip Hop-eration. The other Coach is trying their hand at the RSA Nationals in Matamata. Coaching will resume the following Monday 20th March

NZ Open Pairs

As we went to press last week Birkenhead's Schalk Mouton having teamed up with Brown's Bay club mates Rory Soden and Scott Evans had just won the NZ Open Men's Triples.

Birkenhead's Tony Grantham and Browns Bay's Kerry Chapman where to play the NZ Open Men's Pairs final against Chris Le Lievre and Jamie Hill at 10am live.

The first end killed and replayed, Le Lievre 2-0. The third end Chapman and Grantham are on the board 4-1. Then a one on the following end 4-2. The next six ends all go Hill, Le Lievre's way 14-2. Fourteen of the eighteen ends played Le Lievre, Hill lead 18-5. The fifteenth end Chapman and Grantham play an outstanding end picking up five bringing the score to 18-10. The next end goes Chapman, Grantham's way 18-13. Seventeenth end is Chapman, Grantham's with a one 18-14. The last end saw Grantham play three great bowls holding three. Le Lievre bowls don't make it through to take it back. Chapman and Grantham wining the end, but the game and title went to Le Lievre and Hill 18-16.

Stormed Into Knockout

By Jerome Rusk

The Birkenhead Bees Junior Inter Club squad have stormed into the knock out phase of the competition with a resounding 3-0 tie win against Mairangi Bay Green. The Bees sat 3rd in the standings going into this final round robin, knowing that a good night at the office would ensure a top 4 finish. The top 8 go through to the finals day to be held at Milford Bowling Club on Saturday March the 25th. If any members would like to attend to support the next generation of players coming through we'd love to have you there. It means a lot to us to see our peers on the side lines cheering us on! Thanks to our Managers Adele and Dale for your attendance and support!

With the last round having been shifted to Takapuna at short notice, we were back at official venue Northcote. With the greens fast and true, congratulations must go to the hosts for presenting a superb surface. Also a cheerio to Mike 'Fish' Haggart for the sausages and the bread. Yummmmm...

To the bowls, In the triples, Jacqui Belcher withdrew due to illness (Or was it fatigue from her sterling work running up and down, rousing up the crowd on finals night at the recently held BPL) with super-sub Loz Croot stepping in to lead, joining Sydney Lions mascot Jerry Belcher at 2 and Skip Jimmy Heath. After adjusting to the conditions of the green, the Triples team found their rhythm and clicked into gear, proving to be too strong for their counterparts, streaking away to a 28-4 win. Each bowler played their part with constant multiples being scored. They have finished unbeaten in section play. Well done.

After a weekend on Waiheke, Skip Robbie Henson managed to shake off 'island time' to partner his lead Gary Wallace in the pairs. The first quarter of the match was tight but then the lads got into their stride they dominated the middle of the game eventually pulling away. Gary Wallace, playing nicely from the front, laid the foundations and Robbie played vital shots at the right time as the Pairs team triumphed 19-12. The boys are showing they are going to be a tough proposition come finals day.

In the singles, Jerome Rusk added the 3rd win to an awesome evening with a comfortable win 21-5. Enjoying mostly shorter lengths, he managed to get out to an early lead and continually added as the game wore on. An unbeaten section play run for him also.

All the players can be very satisfied with their efforts, both on and off the green. Matches have been played in a manner in which the club can be proud. Hope to see you all on finals day.



Birkenhead Bowling Club
8th Annual Women's Open Pairs
Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 March 2017
\$6,500 Prize Pool **\$1,500** First Prize



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This weekend it is the turn of the ladies to take over the greens for "The Good Home Birkenhead" Women's Open Pairs. This Saturday at 8.15am 32 teams play their first end of the tournament with the aim of making the top sixteen and a chance at the \$1,500 first place along with their names engraved on the Chinery Swart Cup.

The Good Home Birkenhead Women's Open Pairs Draw for Saturday 11 March

	Round One	Round Two	Round Three	Round Four
Lead - Skip	Rink	Rink	Rink	Rink
Ruth Lynch, Carole Fredrick (Birkenhead)	A1	A3	B5	B2
Sue Edwards, Deb Presland (Helensville)	A1	A4	B6	B7
Jacqui Belcher, Sheryl Johnson (Birkenhead)	A2	A4	B7	B1
Sue Scott, Gail Clarke (Pt Chevalier)	A2	A3	B8	B4
Joy Hall, Karen Hema (Mangere / Carlton Cornwall)	A3	A5	B1	B4
Sue Martin, Loretta Leach (Blaketown)	A3	A6	B5	B1
Betty Mitchell, Manu Timoti (Hikurangi)	A4	A6	B8	B3
Lesley Langer, Lin East (Browns Bay)	A4	A1	B7	B2
Bev Lomas, Lyn Davey (Orewa / Browns Bay)	A5	A7	B6	B8
Anne Bateman, Carol Bennett (Onehunga & Districts)	A5	A8	B2	B3
Barbara Staal, Trish O'Malley (Birkenhead / Mairangi Bay)	A6	A8	B3	B5
Paris Baker, Denise Samuel (Birkenhead)	A6	A5	B4	B8
Moana Stainton, Emma Waerhu (Mangere)	A7	A1	B2	B6
Anne Dorreen, Lisa Parlane (Browns Bay)	A7	A2	B1	B5
Ling Qu, Catherine Bein (St Heliers)	A8	A2	B4	B7
Lesley McLinden, Molly Tipene (Mangere)	A8	A7	B3	B6
Phil Russell, Rosary Sellick (Pt Chevalier)	B1	B3	A5	A2
Mavis Smith, Adele Ineson (Birkenhead)	B1	B4	A6	A7
Steph Pascoe, Jenny Te Nana (Woolston / Pt Chevalier)	B2	B4	A7	A1
Margaret Davies Gayle Melrose (Papakura)	B2	B3	A8	A4
Lavinia Ruka, Doreen Jensen (Onehunga & Districts)	B3	B5	A1	A4
Hetty Bolscher, Estelle Hickey (Carlton Cornwall)	B3	B6	A5	A1
Maureen Howden, Margaret Oates (Takapuna / Browns Bay)	B4	B6	A8	A3
Joanne Ikui, Siosiana Simpsona (Pt Chevalier)	B4	B1	A7	A2
Eilen Shand, Shona Chambers (Browns Bay)	B5	B7	A6	A8
Trish Croot, Lisa Helmling (Birkenhead)	B5	B8	A2	A3
Karen Horscroft, Maree Attwood (Kensington)	B6	B8	A3	A5
Kerrin Roberts, Elaine McClintock (Browns Bay)	B6	B5	A4	A8
Jill Fraser, Alison Rennie (Carlton Cornwall)	B7	B1	A2	A6
Connie Mathieson, Colleen Sexton (Birkenhead)	B7	B2	A1	A5
Ruth Hitchcock, Claire Tawharu (Hauraki / Onehunga)	B8	B2	A4	A7
Jan Harrison, Christeen Daizell (Browns Bay)	B8	B7	A3	A6



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On the BPL05 Blue Rink

By Jerome Rusk

When I first witnessed the Bowls Premier League (previously known as the APL) some 4 years ago on Sky Sport, the format struck a chord. Awesome, amazing, vibrant, fun... I could go on. It was at that time that my imagination began to kick into gear. "Imagine playing in an event like that! How cool would that be!". Well to be realistic that would likely be some way off. "Well I could always be a marker in an event like that!" was probably more relevant. So every version of the BPL that came and went the same thought went through my mind... I could always be a marker one day. That thought eventually got tucked away in the depths of my thinking, stored away like a favourite old shirt in the back of my drawers, that maybe I might one day whip out and wear to the right occasion.

So when word got out that the BPL Auckland version was signed and sealed I was super excited to attend, at that stage just as a spectator. The thought of plucking that favourite shirt out hadn't entered my thinking until the request for 'young' people were needed for the TV games in the evenings. Hmm... that shirt... so I put my name forward, imagining it as a fun thing to do but also a golden opportunity to learn. Learn about the format, about bowls in general, about how events like these are run. But the biggest reason for me personally to be a part of the BPL was to learn about composure and being a part of a big televised event. To enjoy being nervous, to embrace each moment... to understand what it is like to be 'in the spotlight', even if it was as a marker and not necessarily as a player. Hey, it is the closest one can get to being a player without actually being a player. As a junior player with aspirations to go as far as I can I thought this would be the ultimate opportunity and challenge.



Blackjack's Shannon McIlroy with Birkenhead's Jerome Rusk marking

As it turned out it was all I expected it to be. There were times I was nervous. There were times I was relaxed. There were times that were funny. Ha, there was even a time where I removed the kitty from the ditch which shouldn't have been removed. A booboo... on telly. For a second that little voice of self-doubt crept in. In that moment it threw me. But then I went back to one of the reasons I was there, to learn about composure. Jo Edwards was quick to offer her support "don't worry about it..." she was of course right. From there I was the most focussed I had been for the 2 nights of marking, I came home strong. So in the end I am thankful for that booboo. Learning achieved!

Being a part of the BPL was one of the biggest highlights of my time in the sport thus far. To rub shoulders with the players, the managers... to be there on finals night when the crowd was the most raucous I've ever seen a bowls crowd! If you didn't make it this time then seriously make the effort next year! As for me I'm thankful I had the opportunity to whip out that favourite old shirt... to follow that initial thought from some 4 years before. Thanks BPL, you were awesome!

National Club Championship Finals

Birkenhead's Trish Croot, Tony Grantham, Scott Mouton, Jack Huriwai, Daymon Pierson, Jimmy Heath & Robbie Henson are all off to Dunedin over the next few days and into next week in pursuit of a National Title in the National Club Championship Finals. Having won their respective Bowls North Harbour Centre events during the season they have earned the right to represent our centre and our club on the greens at the Taieri Bowling Club.

Croot is first up playing the Women's Singles tomorrow Thursday 9 & Friday 10 March, followed by Grantham and Mouton on Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 March in the Men's Pairs. Wednesday 15 and 16 March sees Huriwai, Pierson, Heath and Henson chase the Men's Fours title. All the best to all representing Birkenhead. Updates on progress can be found on the Club's facebook page, Birkenhead Bowling Club, as we receive them.

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Handicap Pairs Update

By Gary Stevens

We postponed this championship from last Saturday because of the National Interclub Finals at our Club. There are no weekend days available due to Centre, Club and BowlsNZ events scheduled to be played on our Greens. Therefore this will be played at Twilight and we realise that some of the 1 – 5 women are also playing their singles championship at twilight during this period. Hopefully there won't be a clash.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Monday, 13 March 2017

First round to be played on or before 20 March
Round Two to be played on or before 27 March
Round Three to be played on or before 3 April
Round Four to be played on or before 10 April
Semi Finals to be played on or before 17 April
Date of Final to be advised.

Format – probably random draw but to be decided when we know the number of entries. Please note that Daylight Savings ends on 2 April.

Quest for 'Olympic Dream' draws closer

Reproduced from World Bowls website

By David Allen February 20th, 2017

Last year a pathway for lawn bowls to achieve official International Olympic Committee (IOC) Recognition arose when our number of participating member nations was formalised to be in excess of fifty – a minimum requisite criteria.

And although there is more work to be done, a meeting last week in Lausanne, Switzerland at IOC headquarters, between senior officials and the world leadership of lawn bowls, saw a hearty welcome, and much positive and respectful reaction to the quality of World Bowls' application. This was also fortified by a mutual agreement to work together in the spirit of open-armed encouragement and support.

Leading the World Bowls executive delegation was president John Bell and chief executive Gary Smith, who, as part of the recently lodged 'Lawn Bowls application for IOC Recognition' bid, met with Mike Joyce, IOC Coordination des Sports manager; and two representatives from SportsAccord, Philippe Gueisbuhler, head of Administration and Convention; and Michel Filliau, senior advisor to the President in charge of Membership Relations.

'I'm delighted with the excellent work done to date, along with the meeting in Lausanne,' President John Bell said on return. 'The meeting was extremely positive and has given us clear guidelines on how to progress our application. It will hopefully set us on course for achieving our sport's 'Olympic Dream.'

Mr Bell added the meeting clearly demonstrated the IOC has undoubted respect for both our sport and our bid for official recognition; saw many positives in our assessment; and is impressed by the globalisation of lawn bowls, its popularity, its values and its good governance.

It was acknowledged that the future development of lawn bowls at all levels is inextricably linked to IOC Recognition.

In keeping with the recommendations outlined at our meeting, World Bowls will now pursue membership of the SportAccord International Federations' Union. SportAccord is the umbrella organisation for all (Olympic and non-Olympic) international sports federations as well as organisers of multi-sports games and sport-related international associations. The lawn bowls application will be submitted to SportAccord's General Meeting in April 2018; and if successful, the World Bowls bid for IOC Recognition will be resubmitted to the IOC to be considered by one of the IOC Executive Board meetings later that year.

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 Garry Wallace mobile number is incorrect, replace with 0275 271361
 Stacy Munro, first year, 4821154 or 027 3841278
 Adam Richardson, first year, 022 3825014
 Ken Mason, first year, 4837787 or 021 2954474
 Gary Beer change membership from social to first year, 021 395776
 Mal Wallace landline replace it with 09 427-8039 (he has moved house)

Seafood Tournament

Entry is now open for the Club's annual Seafood Tournament with Wheels On Wairau returning as tournament partner. This open men's fours tournament played over the two days of Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April will see 32 teams battle out for some of the best seafood prizes on offer around. Fully catered with seafood morning tea and seafood lunch provided both days, this is not to be missed. Limited to the first 32 paid up teams. Further details and entry contact Sandy Cleghorn 027 2006696

Seafood Tournament

Open Men's Fours

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April 2017

Start 9am Saturday, 8.30am Sunday

Seafood Prizes, Seafood Raffles

Seafood Morning Tea (provided both days)

Seafood Buffet Lunch (provided both days)

\$200 per Team

Limited to the first 32 teams paid in full

Further details & Entry: Sandy 027 2006696

Club: 480-7493

Tournament Partner:

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Friday Club Nights

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Club Membership & Joker Draws

Club Membership & Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Club membership drawn between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

Joker 500, 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.

Spotlight on Sponsors

This week we put the spotlight on "The Good Home Birkenhead". The Good Home is certainly a welcoming establishment to visit. Owned by the Birkenhead Licencing Trust and managed by Alan Vaughan. The establishment has supported the Club for many years and continues to sponsor the two day women's pairs on this weekend.

Source <http://www.thegoodhomebirkenhead.co.nz>

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Our mouth watering menu - designed by North Shore food consultant and acclaimed chef Mark Gregory and our own chef Joe Brockliss - is honest home-style cooking at its best, and the ideal complement to our wide selection of craft and chilled beers and regionally specific New Zealand wines.

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