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QUIZ EVENTS

THURSDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT

Second Thursday in the Month
7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club

Thursday 14 December

Team and single entry
Ring Emmie 0275 297 297

On The Greens

Check outside greens board to see which green is open for practice.

- Wednesday 6 December – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)
- Friday 8 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)
- Sunday 10 December – 9am Sunday Tournament - Ham (OACT)
- Wednesday 13 December – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)
- Friday 15 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)
- Saturday 16 December – 8.30am Championship 1-5 fours (AC)
- Sunday 17 December – Corporate Day
- Wednesday 20 December – 9.30am Rod Mahon Memorial Tournament – Ham (OACT)
- Saturday 23 December - Leads and Twos (AC, Single Entry)
- Sunday 24 December - 1pm Stue's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC, Single Entry, Mufti)
- Wednesday 27 December - 10am Christmas Club Day (AC, Single Entry, Mufti)
- Wednesday 3 January - 10am New Year Club Day (AC, Single Entry, Mufti)
- Saturday 6 January - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs
- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs

Inside This Weekend

Friday 8 December – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500
Racing – Matamata, Riccarton (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park & Dunedin (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Saturday 9 December

Racing – Ellerslie & Trentham (Thoroughbreds) Invercargill & Addington (Harness) and racing from across Australia

Cricket* – 11am 2nd Test Day 1 - Blackcaps vs West Indies

Sunday 10 December

Racing – Waipukurau (Thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Cricket* – 11am 2nd Test Day 2 - Blackcaps vs West Indies

* viewing selection is determined by the members

52nd Christmas Shield

Our annual tussle with Northcote now in its 52nd year. Birkenhead retained the shield last year when played down at Northcote.

This year we trip back down the hill to Northcote to defend the Shield at 5.30pm Wednesday 13 December. The reason for the trip back to Northcote is a catch up / even up on the home and away aspect of the shield. Play starts at 5.30pm and is followed by prize giving and a meal. Dress is mufti, teams comprise of Open Men, Open Women, 1-5 Year teams. 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, it's a great night. There will be no membership or Joker 500 draws that night.

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Important Notice: Gaming Machine Jackpot
 All the Club's gaming machines are linked to the jackpot
 The jackpot can be struck anytime between \$800 - \$1000

2012/13, 2015/16 and Now 2017/18

A stunning Saturday greeted the players out to win Bowls North Harbour's Women's Centre Singles. Secretly the Club's hopes were high for a title here. Trish Croot defending Champion and with the Centre Mixed Pairs title under her belt already, Ruth Lynch holder of multiple centre titles including the singles and Adele Ineson on the fringe of breaking through and a very capable singles player.

As it would happen after Saturday's section play Trish Croot, Adele Ineson and Ruth Lynch had all made it to post section on Sunday. Defending Champion Croot first up against Glenfield's Caroline Dubois, Croot just showed how dominant she can be running away with a 21-0 win.

Ineson had to her work cut out for her against Helensville's Deb Presland, but Ineson came away from this encounter with the win (21-15). Lynch's first opponent for the day was Glenfield's Lisa Helmling whom Lynch dispatched (21-10).

All three Birkenhead ladies were into the next round, the semi-finals. Croot on the top half of the draw and now having to play fourth-year bowler Theresa Rogers from Mairangi Bay. Rogers had beaten Browns Bay's much favoured Elaine McClintock in section play the previous day. While Ineson and Lynch met each other in the bottom half of the draw. Birkenhead was guaranteed at least one player in the final, possibly two.



BNH Women's Centre Singles winner Ruth Lynch (Birkenhead) in action on the greens at Mairangi Bay, wearing the shirt with pride.
 Photo / Murray Mathieson

Unfortunately Croot, after sitting around after the earlier thrashing she dealt out, went down to Rogers (12-21). The Ineson Lynch semi saw Lynch come away the victor (21-10) and into the final.

Mairangi / Birkenhead, Rogers / Lynch final.

The odds on Rogers taking the title were heavily stacked against her up against one of North Harbour's talented and experienced bowlers, Ruth Lynch.

Rogers shocked all as she stepped out to a 6-0 lead, then 12-1. After 11 ends Rogers was still ahead 14-4. Next end Lynch scored a one (14-5). Rogers picked up a two the following end (16-5) then the commentator's curse "five shots away from her very first open women's centre final championship".

Lynch crawled her way back to trail by two (16-14). Rogers picked up a two on the next end, could have been a three if she had played her last bowl, but she elected not to. Lynch scored a one on the next and Rogers a one on the end following (19-15).

The following end Rogers was holding three shots, the game and the title. Lynch's last bowl and what a pressure bowl it was. Lynch drew it, one to Lynch (19-16).

At this point Rogers got stuck, the commentator's curse was working. Lynch picking up three twos on consecutive ends to go out (19-21). The title was Lynch's, a title she has won twice before, 2012/13 and 2015/16, it also makes number twenty-three centre titles in her trophy cabinet, just two behind her good friend Carole Fredrick.

Thanks to the modern age those that couldn't make it out to the greens at Mairangi were able to watch the final via the internet. At the Club the action was relayed live complete with commentary from Birkenhead's very own Jerome Rusk, on the main screen and made for a pleasant afternoons viewing. Was also nice to replay it when Ruth returned victorious to the Club later that afternoon.

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LION BREWERIES

Every Friday is Club Night
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.

Dick Bree Triples

Bowls North Harbour Dick Bee Triples got underway Saturday with five Birkenhead teams in the field, including 2015/16 Champions Jimmy Heath, Daymon Pierson and Jack Huriwai.

Only Huriwai's triple made it to post section with their post section game being played Saturday following section play. But that's where Birkenhead stopped with Huriwai going down to Takapuna's Norm Scott-Morrison, Martin Martinego & John Janssen. A number of dual members were still in Sunday, Tony Grantham (Browns Bay), John Janssen (Takapuna) and John Hindmarch, Mike Haggart (Northcote). Grantham's team bowed out at the quarterfinals and Janssen's team who had seen off Huriwai were themselves seen off by Hindmarch in the semi-finals. Hindmarch, Haggart and fellow Northcote member Kenny Moran came up against Takapuna's Chris Taylor, Bevan Smith and Dennis Hale in the final. The final started off neck and neck, at the halfway mark it was 7 all after 9 of the 18 ends. But Taylor's triple slowly got on top and went on to win the Dick Bree Men's Triples (20-8).

Winners, Winners

Last Wednesday Ale Pena (Spanish Ale) found the "Joker". Her father's lucky number is 13 so she counted 13 cards across and down and lo and behold there it was the "Joker" and \$500 cash. Upon realising she had won she broke into Spanish and no one could understand her for a few minutes, she was clearly excited.

To cap the working week off Friday the Membership Draw was struck, Jackson Ennor claimed a cool \$400 just by being in the club when his number was drawn. The joker cabinet has been reloaded and the membership draw is on the climb. Club Membership & Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Club Membership Draw is 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.



An excited Ale Pena found the "Joker" and \$500 cash.



\$400 membership draw winner, a very happy Jackson Ennor (left), Merv Garred presenting the prize

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50 Years Service

Fifty years, four generations and countless meal. Elaine has been delivering meals on wheels on the North Shore for an incredible fifty years. The reason for her long service Elaine said "simply because it's a lovely thing to do". She use to take her two sons around at Christmas time giving small gifts of jaffas or the like to those she visited. Her four grandchildren have also accompanied her on deliveries over the years and now her two great grandsons accompany her. Elaine says "the elderly love chatting with the youngsters and spoiling them". Elaine was this week recognised on 1ZB for fifty years voluntary service with the Red Cross. Congratulations Elaine on serving such a worthy organisation for so long. Besides being past President Greg Utting's mother, Elaine is an active social member of the Bowling Club supporting many of the club's social events and plays in our Monday evening social bowls. She is often at the club on Friday Club nights waiting patiently for her number to come out in a raffle, the Joker 500 or the membership draw.



Elaine Utting fifty years of delivering meals on wheels on the North Shore.

Rep Weekend

This Saturday and Sunday Bowls North Harbour representative squads will be in action on the greens at Browns Bay and Mairangi Bay
 Saturday 9th December – 1-5 & 1-8 Men at Browns Bay, Women at Mairangi Bay
 Sunday 10th December Open plus invitation players at Browns Bay
 This representative weekend will see players from Northland and Auckland play on our greens, as Far North were unable to attend for the Open event on Sunday, Auckland & BNH have made up the sides to ensure everyone gets a good work out, as selection spots are up for grabs for the National Intercentre events in March.
 The following Birkenhead members will be out on the greens in Harbour colours.
 Women's Open Side – Trish Croot, Adele Ineson
 Men's Open Side – Tony Grantham, John Hindmarch, Randall Watkins
 1-8 Men's Side – Jerry Belcher, Jimmy Heath,
 1-5 Women's Side – Jacqui Belcher, Loz Croot
 1-5 Men's Side – Stacy Munro, Jerome Rusk

Birkenhead Leading the Way

Each month Channel Magazine focuses on an area of Bowls North Harbour, written by Lindsay Knight. December's edition focused on Birkenhead and Takapuna clubs leading the way. "Two of North Harbour's bowling clubs are successfully meeting the challenges which confront recreational sport these days are Takapuna and Birkenhead." writes Lindsay Knight.



Hard copy can be picked up around the Shore or have a look online <https://www.channelmag.co.nz/channel/columnist/takapuna-and-birkenhead-bowling-club-s-leading-the-way/>

Pencil These In

- Tuesday 6 February - Birkenhead Rotary Charity Tournament
- Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 February - \$5,000 "Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village" 1-8 Year AC Triples
- Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 March - \$6,500 "The Good Home Birkenhead" Invitation Women's Pairs
- Thursday 29 March – Monday 2 April (Easter) - 75th Jubilee



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Achievements Away From Home

Wednesday 29 November, Mick Moodie skipped two Glenfield players to win the open triples tournament of 14 teams at Beach Haven. Finishing second in that same tournament was Loz Croot with two Glenfield players.

Thursday 30 November, Evan Thomas was successful in winning the Mairangi Bay 2:4:2 men's pairs tournament of 28 teams accompanied by a Mairangi Bay player. Well done to all these Birkenhead players and their team

Continuous Ham Raffles

Continuous ham raffles are now on sale at the bar. Two dollars per number, per raffle. Each raffle is drawn the Friday after it is sold out. Drawn during the club membership draw time slot.

Winning raffles may be collected after 5pm Thursday 14 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Raffles not collected on the 14 December will be named and placed in the chiller for collection, the club and persons running the raffle are not responsible for any raffles left in the chiller.

- The winners to date:**
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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Draw 1 - Ben Rzoska | Draw 2 - Merv Garred |
| Draw 3 - Chris Overy | Draw 4 - Maureen P |
| Draw 5 - Peter Svendsen | Draw 6 - Robyn Autridge |
| Draw 7 - Terry Miller | Draw 8 - Peter Svendsen |
| Draw 9 - Dave Moore | |

Coaching Mondays

A quote from December's Channel Magazine "club learners can be taught the game by renowned coaches like Keith Burgess (Birkenhead)".

The Monday afternoon ritual, coaching, from 3pm or at other times on request. If you have any questions contact Keith Burgess 027 4824884.





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BNH Centre Event Closing Dates

All Centre event closing dates stated below are with the Club Secretary.
Men's Centre Singles & Women's Centre Triples closes Sunday 24 December 2017
Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Centre Singles closes Sunday 11th February 2018.

Finals Day Pennants Venues

Sunday 17th December sees Birkenhead out chasing both Women's Division 1 and Men's Division 1 titles. Start Time is 9:30am – 21 Ends
Women's Division 1 – Browns Bay Nifty Nines v Birkenhead Bellbirds at Milford
Men's Division 1 – Browns Bay Hawks v Birkenhead Bullets at Milford

\$5,000 1-8 Year Triples

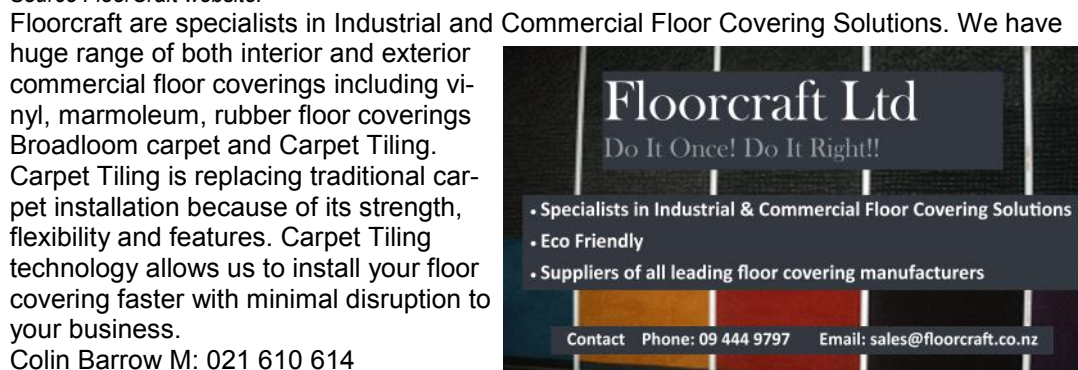
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 February will see 32 teams competing in the inaugural Birkenhead 1-8 Year AC Triples Tournament. With a \$5,000 prize pool and \$1,500 alone being allocated to the winners, this tournament is sure to pull some strong teams. Besides the prize money and two days of competitive bowls, the teams will enjoy morning tea and a sumptuous buffet lunch, in the style Birkenhead is renowned for, each day.
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The Club thanks, Tournament Partner "Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village" for their support of this 1-8 Year Triples Tournament.

Men's Championship Singles Post Section
8.30am Saturday 20 January, Reserve day Sunday 21 January

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "FloorCraft". When Colin Barrow is not running round the club fixing everything or tending to Board matters, he and wife Lynn are running their business "FloorCraft".

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