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52ND CHRISTMAS SHIELD 5.30PM TONIGHT

On The Greens

Check outside greens board for the status of each green.

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 – 9am Leads and Twos (AC, Single Entry)

Sunday 24 December - 1pm Stueie's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC, Single Entry, Mufti – non-bowlers welcome)

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 15 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

Cricket* - 3.30pm The Ashes 3rd Test Day 2

NBL* - 7.30pm NZ Breakers vs Adelaide 36ers

Saturday 16 December

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

Cricket* - 3.30pm The Ashes 3rd Test Day 3

Sunday 17 December

10am Kids Christmas Party

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

Cricket* - 3.30pm The Ashes 3rd Test Day 4

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

Corporates, Corporates & More Corporates

The Club is currently right in the middle of the Corporate Christmas season with yesterday being the busiest day with ninety dining at 2.30pm and a further one hundred and sixty dining at 6.30pm. The previous Friday we hosted three corporates and still ran our regular Friday afternoon 242 tournament. That Friday saw the bar take quadruple from the usual Friday. There are still corporates to accommodate and member's assistance is required to aid the smooth running of these. If you can help out, it's usually only for an hour or two, phone Emmie 0275 297 297.

52nd Christmas Shield - Tonight

Our annual tussle with Northcote is played tonight at Northcote. Although there is the Christmas Shield up for grabs and the bragging rights that go with it. It is an evening of comradery between the two clubs.

Play starts 5.30pm followed by awarding of the trophy and a meal. Dress mufti.

There will be no Membership or Joker 500 draws tonight

Championship 1-5 Fours (AC) This Saturday



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BELIEVE IT OR NOT?
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

Pennants Finals This Sunday

This Sunday sees two Birkenhead sides, Men's Division 1 and Women's Division 1, out chasing Pennants glory. Men's Division 1 and Women's Division 1 have both made the finals and both are up against Browns Bay.

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

Sunday 17 December, start time is 9:30am – 21 Ends

BNH Men's 1-8 Nationals Squad

A squad of 10 has been selected to prepare to represent Bowls North Harbour for the Men's 1-8 Nationals in March next year.

This will be further reduced to 7 participating players and a reserve, early next year.

Congratulations to those Birkenhead members who have been selected from 7 clubs in North Harbour, Jerry Belcher, Jimmy Heath & Daymon Pierson.

Kids Christmas Party Sunday

The Kids Christmas Party (12 years of age and under) is again kindly supported by Tim Roskruge (Barfoot Thompson agent) and United Gaming and will be held Sunday 17 December. Starting at 10am with The Bubble Man Bubble Show, morning tea for the kids, followed by Santa and his sack. Bring a present to the value of \$15 with your child's name and age on it for Santa's sack. To assist with catering, member's name and numbers of children attending on the white board in the club please.

Ham Raffles Collection Tomorrow

Thank you all those that have supported the continuous ham raffles over the past month and congratulations those that are collecting hams tomorrow.

Any raffles sold and not drawn will be drawn after 5pm, so if you haven't won a ham yet there is still time.

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: Raffle 1 - Ben Rzoska, Raffle 2 - Merv Garred, Raffle 3 - Chris Overy, Raffle 4 - Maureen P, Raffle 5 - Peter Svendsen, Raffle 6 – Robyn Autridge, Raffle 7 - Terry Miller, Raffle 8 - Peter Svendsen, Raffle 9 – Dave Moore, Raffle 10 – Brian Dunn, Raffle 11 – Michelle Galloway

Stuie's Birthday Tournament Christmas Eve

Stuie has treated his body like a temple and incredibly stood the testament of time and its fortunate we still have him here today. Initially this tournament was run as a bit of a joke to celebrate Stuie's 60 birthday. Six years on the annual tournament on the afternoon of 24 December has continued to prove popular.

Curtis Ennor has run this for the past two years and kept it going in the spirit it was intended, light hearted and fun, and has done a fine job. He has again offered to run it this year on Sunday 24 December, names in by 12.45pm, play starts 1pm, three short games, prize giving and all over around 4pm. Open to bowlers and non-bowlers, Single Entry, Mufti, \$5 entry, loads of prizes.

Come and join in the fun as we celebrate a milestone birthday for Stuie, as he joins the ranks of a pensioner and Winnie's gold card.

Hams available for collection

from 5pm tomorrow at the Club
+ remaining ham raffles on sale & drawn



Birkenhead Bowling Club

\$6,500 Women's Invitation Pairs

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 March 2018

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\$6,500 Women's Invitation Pairs

In June 2009 under the Presidency of Rod Mahon the men of Birkenhead voted to allow women full membership of the club. Emmie Swart and Leanne Chinery set out to put Birkenhead on the map of women's bowls and announce that the women had arrived. Thus the Women's Open Pairs Tournament with its big money and high class was born. The initial tournament, organised in a short period of time, with prize money of \$4,300, was an overwhelming success. In 2013 and in its fourth year with "Slipp Inn" sponsoring for the third consecutive year and prize money was \$6,500. 2014 the tournament reached its fifth year and to celebrate the prize money was raised to \$7,000. 2015 and 2016 saw the tournament full early again with a number of teams in reserve. 2017 the weather intervened and unlike 2013 the 2017 tournament was forced to be abandoned. 2018 and Sunday 17 and Sunday 18 March the \$6,500 Women's Invitation Pairs will be played out on the greens at Birkenhead with a top prize of \$1,500. We are again grateful for the continued support from "The Good Home Birkenhead".

- Past Winners:
- 2010 – Jan Jones, Noelene Culpan(s)
 - 2011 - Dale Lang, Genevieve Baildon (s)
 - 2012 – Chrissie Peers, Denise Samuel (s)
 - 2013 - Fay Yates, Jenny Jones (s)
 - 2014 - Kerrin Roberts, Elaine McClintock (s)
 - 2015 – Anne Dorreen, Lisa Parlane (s)
 - 2016 – Estelle Hickey, Lynda Ralph (s)
 - 2017 – Auckland Weather - *Abandoned*

Achievements Away From Home

Over the two days of Monday and Tuesday this week, the Birkenhead team of Lionel Drew, Shane Gibson, Carole Frederick and Keith Burgess played in the Takapuna Birthday Tournament. Played over two days, the event consists of four games of fours, and four games of pairs, where no pair can play together twice. This team finished the two days with 6 ½ wins from eight games, and finished in second place. A very good effort in a field of 30 teams, including some strong combinations.

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

The Trusts New Zealand Open

The Trusts New Zealand Open will be next played from the 10 - 18 February 2018. The headquarters will be Blockhouse Bay Bowls with a number of other clubs, including Birkenhead, used for the qualifying stages of the event.



Entries close on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 5pm.

Charity Tournament - Tuesday 6 February

For many years on Waitangi Day Birkenhead Rotary in conjunction with Bowls Birkenhead and supported by Birkenhead RSA, have raised funds in support of charities. We typically raise around the \$7,000 mark for the chosen charity. Teams of fours, any combination, mufti (many teams dress to a theme), a non-bowler in each team is encouraged (after all this is a fun day, raising money for a good cause)

Men's Championship Singles Post Section

8.30am Saturday 20 January, Reserve day Sunday 21 January



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SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER AT 10AM



THE BUBBLE MAN BUBBLE SHOW MORNING TEA (KIDS ONLY) SANTA

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75th Jubilee – Gala Dinner

Undoubtedly the social highlight of the 75th Jubilee celebrations will be Jubilee Gala Dinner on Sunday evening 1st April. For one night only, the club will be transformed into an establishment fitting such an occasion. The club would like to thank Jubilee Platinum Partner Barfoot and Thompson Birkenhead for their assistance in making this event possible. During the evening our Master of Ceremonies will entertain and guide those attending through the various stages of the evening and history of the club, sharing some gems in the process. An evening that includes a sumptuous three-course dinner, complimentary wine, speeches and followed by the highly polished Mermaids Dance Band to dance the night away to. This will be a night they will talk about for years to come, unfortunately for the comfort of those attending numbers are limited. Those intending to play in the Jubilee Triples on Sunday and attend the Dinner will be able to do so with ease as the Triples will be all over, including prize-giving, by 3pm. The Gala Dinner gets underway at 6pm.

\$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.

This is the same weekend as NZ Open "Finals". If someone that has entered our 1-8 Year Triples Tournament is unable to play because they are in one to the finals of the NZ Open we will refund their 1-8 Year Triples Tournament entry.

Entry forms available from the Club, email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or the Club's website

The Club thanks Tournament Partner "Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village" for their support of this 1-8 Year Triples Tournament.



December 4 Came and Went

December 4 came and went and the 75th Jubilee Registration of Interest closed. The forms received have been processed and those that expressed an interest will receive preferential access to events and tournaments. Any space available after the preferential offer will be opened up to the bowling community and our local community in general.

There is something for everyone during the five days of celebration.

If you know of any past members, friends or relatives who would be interested in joining with us to mark this special occasion, please pass on their contact details to the Club Secretary and we will get the relevant information out to them.

email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or phone/ text 027 6661618.

It All Happens Easter 2018

Over Easter 2018 Birkenhead Bowling Club celebrates 75 years. It all starts Thursday afternoon 29 March 2018 with \$1,000 2-4-2 Pairs, finishing off Monday 2 April with a BBQ, with various bowling tournaments and social events in between. The bowling highlight of the celebrations will be the two day \$5,000 75th Jubilee Classic. While the social highlight will undoubtedly be the 75th Jubilee Black Tie Dinner complete with the Mermaids Dance Band providing the entertainment.

With nine events over the five days there is something for everyone..

Thursday 29 March

Jubilee \$1,000 2-4-2 Pairs (Open Any Combination Pairs - mufti - half day)

Jubilee 70s vr 80s

Jubilee Meet & Greet

Jubilee Quiz Night

Friday 30 March

Jubilee \$5,000 Classic (Open Any Combination Fours - playing fours & pairs) - day 1 of 2 Club Night - Raffles, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Live Music – The Love Jones - *ticketed event*

Saturday 31 March

Jubilee \$5,000 Classic (OACF) - day 2 of 2

Jubilee Classic Prize Giving

Evening - A chance to catch your breath, chill out, socialise in the club, Live sport on the screens (7.30pm Roosters v Warriors).

Sunday 1 April

Jubilee \$1,000 Triples (Open Any Combination Triples)

75th Jubilee Gala Black Tie Dinner & Mermaids Dance Band - *ticketed event*

Monday 2 April

Jubilee \$600 Social Bowls Afternoon

End of Celebrations BBQ

Copper Penny Salad

Leanne Chinery introduced the Club to the South African Copper Penny Salad and it has become a firm favourite with those that have discovered it, just ask Bub Pike and John Ennor to name a few.

Ingredients

- 1 kilogram carrots, sliced
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 x 420 gram can condensed tomato soup
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
- 2/3 cup white sugar

Directions

1. Bring a pot of water to boil, add carrots and boil until the carrots are just tender, approximately 10 minutes. Drain well.
2. In a mixing bowl combine the celery, green pepper, carrots and onion.
3. Bring tomato soup, oil, vinegar and sugar to a boil. Stir well. Remove the mixture from the heat and let cool, 10 to 15 minutes. Pour the mixture over the vegetables, mix until all of the vegetables are coated. Marinate this salad overnight before serving.

Serves 8, Cooking time 20 minutes, Prep time 15 minutes



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Rod Mahon Memorial Ham Tournament
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9.30am Wednesday 20 December
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Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Barfoot and Thompson agent Tim Roskrug. Again this year joint supporter of the Kids Christmas Party. When Tim is not selling real estate he can be found drumming for the band Soul Agents. Thanks for your continued support Tim.

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