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BNH Pennants Men's Division 1 Winners - Birkenhead  
Shane Gibson, Curtis Ennor, Daymon Pierson, Randall Watkins, Evan Thomas, Mark Rumble, Peter Nathan  
Front: Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai

## Early Christmas Present

Last Sunday saw Birkenhead in the finals of both the Men's Division 1 and Women's Division 1 Pennants on the greens at Milford, with both sides up against the powerhouse sides from Browns Bay.

In the Men's at the completion of the three games of 21 ends the results stood at 21-13 to Browns Bay, 15-26 to Birkenhead, 19-19 draw, over all 55-58 to Birkenhead and the Men's Division 1 Pennants title comes to Birkenhead for the first time ever.

The Men's teams: Jack Huriwai (s), Daymon Pierson, Jimmy Heath - Shane Gibson (s) Peter Nathan, Curtis Ennor - Randall Watkins (s), Evan Thomas, Mark Rumble  
Shane Gibson was awarded player of the day with his team securing the 16-21 win.

The Women were not so fortunate finishing runner-up to Browns Bay. Drawing one game, losing another by one shot but the 24-10 loss was the nail in the coffin. But after lying fifth after the first day to make the final was further than all other clubs, with the exception of Browns Bay. A nice achievement never the less and with a number of 1-5 year players in the side the future looks good.

## On The Greens

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 Stui'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

Sunday 7 January - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs  
- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs

Wednesday 10 January - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Wednesday 17 January - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)

Thursday 18 January - 6pm Handicap Singles - Rd 1 (mixed, mufti)



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## Inside This Christmas Weekend

### Friday 22 December – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Ashburton (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park & Addington (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

### Saturday 23 December

Racing – Te Rapa & Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds) Winton (Harness) and racing from across Australia.

Cricket\* – 11am 2nd ODI Blackcaps vs West Indies

Football\* – 7pm Wellington Phoenix vs Sydney FC

### Sunday 24 December

Racing – Gore (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton & Cambridge (Harness), Cambridge (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

Cricket – 3pm Super Smash Live Auckland Aces vs Wellington Firebirds

### Monday 25 December – Christmas Day - Open 3.30pm – 8pm

Yes we are open Christmas day

### Tuesday 26 December – Boxing Day - Open from 11am

Racing – Ellerslie – *Zabeel Classic*, Palmerston North & Dunedin (Thoroughbreds), Westport (Harness) and racing from across Australia.

Cricket\* – 11am 3rd ODI Blackcaps vs West Indies

- 1pm The Ashes – 4<sup>th</sup> Test day 1

\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

## Safely Returned

Played for the 52nd year last Wednesday evening, Birkenhead and Northcote battled it out on the green at Northcote. At the conclusion of play Birkenhead had retained the Christmas Shield with three wins and a draw as opposed to Northcote's two wins and a draw. Evan Thomas picked up a three on the last end of his teams game to get the draw and secure the shield and see it safely returned to Birkenhead's trophy cabinet for another year.

## Not All Henson's Way

Saturday dawned bright as two teams took to the greens at Birkenhead in pursuit to the 1-5 Year Championship Fours title for the season. What appeared to be a foregone conclusion on paper turned out to be anything but. Robbie Henson's four with Barry Reyland, Adam Richardson and first year bowler Judi Farkash were up against Milly Nathan's all first year four of brother Chad Nathan and husband and wife John and Mari Hannan.

Game one of the two life system Henson's nailed a four on the first end and stepped out to a 6-0 lead after three ends. The following seven ends it was only ones scored and the majority by Milly's side. Eleven ends and the score was locked at eight all. A three to Milly on the twelfth and with it came the lead for the first time 8-11. Henson picked up the remaining three ends to lead after fifteen ends 13-11 and take game one.

Game two a much tighter fight with Henson holding the lead for the first nine ends, Milly took the lead after the tenth 7-8 and after the thirteenth was in front 9-10. Henson nabbed a single shot on the fourteenth to draw level 10-10. Milly picked up a one on the final end to win 10-11 and force a third game, a final.

The final, winner takes all, no second life. Henson's side picked up a four on the first end and after seven ends was up 9-3. Milly's side came back at them to be trailing by three after nine ends. The next two ends and a total of five shots were Henson's. Milly took the next two ends to trail 9-14 with two to play. The last two ends went Henson's way (9-16) along with the 1-5 Year Championship Fours title.

Winners - Judi Farkash, Adam Richardson, Barry Reyland, Robbie Henson (s)  
Runners-up - John Hannan, Mari Hannan, Chad Nathan, Milly Nathan (s)



Birkenhead 1-5 Year Championship Fours winners.

R. Henson (s), J. Farkash (L), A. Richardson (2), B. Reyland (3)



**Stuie's Birthday Tournament**  
 Sunday 24 December  
 Single Entry (bowlers & non-bowlers)  
 Names in by 12.45pm, start 1pm, \$5 per player, dress: mufti

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### Chairperson's Christmas Message

From Colin Barrow

I would like to wish all our members a safe and enjoyable festive season. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank all the people who helped with the following recent events at our Club. The social bowls team, who once again made it a great success. A special thanks must also go out to Emmie and her team who have nearly completed a very busy and successful corporate season. Thanks to Bernie and his team for his tireless work in feeding the masses. Thanks to Dave and his team for instructing and guiding our corporate guests in the art of bowling. Thanks to Sabrina and her team for a fantastic Kids Christmas party. A heart felt THANKS TO YOU ALL. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year

### Two Drews, But No Final

Sunday 28 November the Club Men's Championship Fours got underway after no play the previous day due to the Centre Pairs post section being played. At the conclusion of four rounds of qualifying Sunday, there was one four winner and six two winners, no three winners!. Although the intention was to have a final after qualifying, with only one team with three wins or more they were awarded the title. The only four winner, Lionel Drew (s), Sandy Cleghorn, Garry Cooley, Gary Wallace Birkenhead Champ Fours winners. The top two winner with a plus thirty-five differential, five shots greater than the four winner was Nigel Drew, Randall Watkins, Peter Nathan and Mark Rumble they have been awarded runners-up.

### Santa Rocks Birkenhead

Sunday saw the Club's annual Kids Christmas Party rock the club with an impressive show by the Bubble Man to entertain the 40 plus kids. Bruce Cochrane and Kevin Croasdale dawned the outfits and of course when they arrived in the big red fire engine all those little eyes lit up. Thanks to Sabrina Cox and her merry troop of helpers that co-ordinated the day and fed and watered all the kids. Thanks must also go out to Tim Roskruge of Barfoot and Thompson and United Gaming for their generous joint-sponsorship of the day.



### Achievements Away From Home

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Mick Moodie, Roy Parker accompanied by Gary Stevens won the Northcote ham tournament. Mick also successful in the meat raffle there as well. Apparently Mick's family are now well catered for ham salads over Xmas. Well done to all.

### Club Open Christmas Day

Anyone at a loose end Christmas day late afternoon the Club is open from 3.30pm – 8pm. Pop in for game of pool, prop up the bar for a while or have a social roll out on the green.

### Raffles Five to Three & Draws Continue

Friday raffles will continue over the Christmas New Year period. Friday 22 December will be the last night for five raffles. The raffles will continue but with only three raffles available each Friday until later in January when we see the return of five raffles. Club membership Draw along with the Joker 500 will both continue over this period in their regular slots.



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## Merry Christmas

The Board of The Birkenhead Bowling Club would like to wish all our members, Club Partners and friends of the club a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels over this festive season. Thank you for your continued support of the club and we look forward to catching up in the New Year.

## The Bee on Holiday

There will be no Bee Express published Wednesday 27 December or Wednesday 3 January as the Bee is flying off on holiday in search of some Manuka.

Wednesday 10 January will see the next Bee Express back in your email boxes. Until then have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and thanks to all those that have supported the publication, the feedback has been great.



# Birkenhead Bowling Club Christmas | New Year Opening Hours

Friday	22nd	2.30pm - 9.30pm	Raffles, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	23th	11am - 9pm	9am Leads & Twos (Single Entry, Any Combination)
Sunday	24th	11am - 8pm	1pm Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament (Open Single Entry, Any Combination - mufti)
Monday	25th	3.30pm - 8pm	Christmas Day
Tuesday	26th	11am - 7pm	Boxing Day
Wednesday	27th	11am - 8pm	Club Membership Draw, Joker 500, 4.30pm - 5.30pm Happy Hour
Thursday	28th	11am - 8pm	
Friday	29th	2.30pm - 9pm	Raffles, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	30th	11am - 9pm	New Years Eve
Sunday	31st	11am - 8pm	
Monday	1st	11am - 7pm	
Tuesday	2nd	11am - 7pm	
Wednesday	3rd	3.30pm - 8pm	10am Club Draw (Single Entry, AC - mufti) Club Membership Draw, Joker 500, 4.30pm - 5.30pm Happy Hour
Thursday	4th	3.30pm - 8pm	
Friday	5th	2.30pm - 9.30pm	Raffles, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour

Times are subject to change, dependant on staffing levels.  
If you are able to assist behind the bar over this period see Emmie or Colin.

