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On the Greens

A Green - The top green is currently closed, except for limited Club events.

B Green - The bottom green is open for practice.

As greens may close at any time always check the greens open/closed sign for green's status.

Wednesday 28 November – 10am Club Day – Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village (2)

Saturday 1 December - 9am BNH Pennants (Round 9 - All teams are at home)

- 12.30pm Stinger 200 Club Arvo - \$250 Jackpot must be won

Sunday 2 December - 9am Sunday Tournament - Ham (OACT)

Monday 3 December – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls (5)

Wednesday 5 December – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) - Club uniform or creams
- 5.30pm Christmas Shield – Birkenhead vs Northcote

Friday 7 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 8 December – 9am BNH Pennants (Round 10 - Bumble Bees & Bee Keepers are at home).

Monday 10 December – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls (6) – Final evening

Wednesday 12 December – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) - Club uniform or creams

Saturday 15 December – BNH Centre Fours – Section Play

Sunday 16 December – BNH Centre Fours – Post Section

Wednesday 19 December – Rod Mahon Memorial Tournament – Ham (OACT)

Saturday 22 December – Leads and Twos (ACP, Single Entry)

Inside this Weekend

Friday 30 November – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.

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

World Rugby 7s* - 5.50pm Day 1 of the Dubai Rugby Sevens

Saturday 1 December

Racing – Ellerslie, Wanganui (Thoroughbreds), Oamuru (Harness), and racing from across Australia including Ascot – Winterbottom Stakes.

UFC* – 1pm Dos Anjos vs Usman

World Rugby 7s* - 6.20pm Day 2 of the Dubai Rugby Sevens

Sunday 2 December

Racing – Cromwell (Thoroughbreds), Methven (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

UFC* – 1pm Dos Santos vs Bam Bam Tuivasa

A-League* – 6.30pm Wellington Phoenix vs Perth Glory

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

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Free Sausage Sizzle Saturday after Pennants

Rescheduled Stinger & Handicap

It all started last Wednesday losing the Wednesday Triples with two full greens and it just rolled on into the weekend forcing the cancellation of The Pennants Saturday morning and the Stinger 200 in the afternoon. Sunday fared no better with the Handicap Singles pulled without a bowl being played. We were fortunate enough to get Social Bowls away on Monday evening as the weather man had predicted thunderstorms!

The Stinger 200 Club Afternoon has been rescheduled for earlier time of 12.30pm this coming Saturday. As for the Handicap Singles the format has been revised and entries are now open, further details can be found later in this edition.

Stinger 200 this Saturday 12.30pm!

Due to the fantastic weather last Saturday, not!, the final Stinger 200 afternoon was unfortunately cancelled. But all is not lost, we still have \$250 that must be won. This Saturday afternoon the \$250 will be up for grabs and it must be won, along with the cash playing prize money. Due to all our Pennants teams playing at Birkenhead the Stinger 200 will get way earlier than usual. Names in by 12.15pm, play starts 12.30pm - dress: mufti.

Super Saturday

The stars have aligned for this Saturday at the Club and it is all set for a busy day. It all starts Saturday morning when all Birkenhead's pennants sides are at home, yes all four, Men's and Women's and both greens will be in play.

A free sausage sizzle at midday day for all, followed by Stinger 200 at 12.30pm out on the greens, with cash prize money and the jackpot of \$250 must be won.

Northcote on our Greens

Northcote members have been invited to practice on our greens while their greens are brought back up to playing standard. They will also be on our greens as a club from time to time. This is not new for Birkenhead, in previous years we have extend the same invitation to Northcote when circumstances have dictated.

Handicap Singles

Due to the cancellation prior to any play in the Handicap Singles last Sunday the format has been revised.

Play in each round is by mutual agreement between the players and must be completed and the result lodged with the Controlling Body by the date scheduled.

Entry is now open for the rescheduled Handicap Singles. **All entrants in the previous cancelled draw must re-enter themselves. A new draw will be held after entries close 5pm Thursday 6 December.** Dress for each round is mufti, with the exception of the final. The Final (Dress: Club Uniform or Creams) is to be played at Birkenhead at 4.30pm on a Friday date to be determined.

Full conditions of play will be posted with the draw in the club rooms.

Handicap Singles Schedule:

Thursday 6 December – 5pm Entries close, 5.30pm draw published.
Thursday 20 December – Round One result to be lodged with the Controlling Body.
Thursday 17 January – Round Two result to be lodged with the Controlling Body.
Thursday 14 February – Round Three result to be lodged with the Controlling Body.
Thursday 28 February – Round Four result to be lodged with the Controlling Body..
Final - to be played 4.30pm at Birkenhead on a Friday, date to be determined by the Controlling Body.



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QUIZ EVENTS

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53rd Christmas Shield @ Birkenhead

Our annual tussle with Northcote, now in its 53rd year, to be played next week. Birkenhead retained the shield last year when played down at Northcote. This year we will set out to defend the Shield at 5.30pm Wednesday 5 December on our home greens. 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. Players are \$5 and includes a free meal, Supporters are welcome to share in the meal at \$5 per person, both are payable on the night. There will be both the members draw and Joker 500 that night along with meat raffles and of course there will be the ham raffles on sale available at the bar.

Kids Christmas Party

Correction: In last week's Bee Express the date stated in the write up for the Kids Christmas Party and the entertainment were incorrect, it should have read Sunday 9 December.
 The Kids Christmas Party (12 years of age and under) is again kindly supported by Tim Roskrige (Barfoot Thompson agent) and United Gaming and will be held Sunday 9 December. Starting at 10am with entertainment and 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.

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10am Club Day, Wednesday 28 November

Come and join us for a Wednesday out of the ordinary courtesy of Club Day Partner Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Single Entry - Dress: Club uniform or creams

Centre Event Closing Dates

Upcoming closing dates for Centre events - dates are when entries close with the club secretary:

- BNH Centre Pairs - Sunday 16th December 2018
- BNH Master's Pairs - Sunday 16th December 2018

Pennants Update

Everyone is at home this round on Saturday, sausage sizzle for all and Stinger 200 for members follows on from the mornings play.

Update received from the Centre:

Pennants Round 8 was abandoned due to weather, and as such, according to the COP: 'If a match result can not be decided then the match shall be considered a draw and each team shall be awarded 7.5 competition points'

In response to queries raised regarding Pennants:

1. If you have to play 70 percent of your games to be eligible to get a Centre title in Premier 1, how does an abandoned round count?

The board minutes from May 2017 state quite clearly that to be "eligible for a Centre title a player must play in 70% of completed rounds plus the final". Board Minutes are available on the BNH website. Therefore, the seventy percent will be calculated from 9 rounds, not ten, due to the one abandoned round so far.

2. If you were playing Glenfield in the Premier Men's Competition and they only put up 2 teams and you never played what's the calculation then?

Teams that played Glenfield in these situations were asked to submit their third team on the team sheet, and these players will get credited for playing, as in effect they have won their game by default.

Updated standings after Round 8:

Women's Premier	GP	BP	TP	GW	SF	SA	Diff
Orewa	52.5	39	92	18	484	305	179
Takapuna	46.5	27	74	16	430	366	64
Birkenhead	40.5	18	59	14	387	407	-20
Mairangi Bay	25.5	27	53	8.5	392	412	-20
Browns Bay	28.5	15	44	9.5	357	445	-88
Manly Ladies	22.5	18	41	7.5	326	441	-115

Men's Premier	GP	BP	TP	GW	SF	SA	Diff
Browns Bay Gold	46.5	45	92	16	449	331	118
Orewa Red	40.5	33	74	14	418	382	36
Birkenhead Stingers	37.5	27	65	13	419	355	64
Takapuna 1	37.5	21	59	13	379	373	6
Mairangi Bay Blue	34.5	15	50	12	361	420	-59
Glenfield	16.5	3	20	5.5	291	456	-165

Men's Div.1	GP	BP	TP	GW	SF	SA	Diff
Riverhead	46.5	39	86	16	506	357	149
Manly Blue	46.5	33	80	16	448	360	88
Birkenhead	40.5	33	74	14	446	390	56
Mairangi Bay White	37.5	21	59	13	418	379	39
Northcote	28.5	15	44	9.5	342	465	-123
Milford	16.5	3	20	5.5	323	529	-206

Men's Div.2	GP	BP	TP	GW	SF	SA	Diff
Takapuna 2	46.5	42	89	16	465	310	155
Mairangi Bay Green	40.5	33	74	14	391	392	-1
Orewa	43.5	27	71	15	408	333	75
Hobsonville A	37.5	21	59	13	362	390	-28
Birkenhead Beekeepers	22.5	18	41	7.5	341	411	-70
Browns Bay Black	25.5	3	29	8.5	329	459	-130

Handicap Singles - Changed Format

Entries close 5pm Thursday 6 December



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Bowls Is Changing

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Bowls is changing. Not because it wants to. But because it has to.

No one has heard the expression 'We need to change if we're to survive in the future' more than Mark Cameron.

Cameron has been Chief Executive of Bowls New Zealand for just over 15 months now, and in that time he's personally visited over 200 of the nearly 500 clubs throughout New Zealand. "No one's ever said to me 'keep things the same'", says Cameron, "but almost everyone has told me that bowls needs to change. And we are."

It's a plight that's being recognised across sports. All sports. Even rugby. Because the slower-paced environment that allowed traditional weekend-hungry sports to flourish in former years, has been overtaken by a crowd of entertainment choices that need to deliver quick fun hits to time poor Kiwis of all generations, genders and ethnicities.

"We're like many other sports," says Cameron, "We have a loyal base of fans who love the traditional formats of the game – and we need to continue to cater for them. But even these fans realise that the bowls that they know and love isn't going to be the bowls that attracts new participants. And we need to create new appeal."

There's already been a lot of change taking place over Cameron's 15 month tenure.

First and foremost has been the introduction of a nationally-recognised short format of the game ... bowls' version of cricket's T20, rugby's Sevens or netball's Fast5.

"Bowls3Five has been introduced at three levels," explains Cameron. "New bowlers can front up to their local bowling club with a mixed team of 3, and compete in a weekly club (business house/Bowls3Five) competition. On top of that, we'll also be running an annual national competition to uncover the best Bowls3Five club in New Zealand. And the invitational Bowls3Five league which has been attracting great ratings on SkySports TV, will be the 'big dance' that showcases our sport to new aspirants."

That's a big change in itself. It's been 23 years since bowls was last on TV regularly in New Zealand.

But change is also happening at club level. "While we hear a lot about clubs closing," says Cameron, "We don't hear so much about the financial boost the release of under-utilised assets is giving back to bowls. There's wonderful good news stories all around the country, where we're starting to see facilities like we used to enviously visit on the Gold Coast."

"11 clubs in New Zealand now have covered greens. Even the visiting Aussies here for BPL07 at Naenae in April this year remarked what a great facility it was. And that's just the start. I'm aware of another 12 clubs that have plans to cover greens in the next two to five years."

Better club facilities are also translating to better club membership.

"Most of our clubs now realise that restricting membership to mad, keen bowlers is sending the club backwards. Instead, we're seeing casual bowlers welcomed with open arms, attracted by competitions like business house bowls. We're seeing clubs embracing other sports like darts, snooker, and petanque. And we're seeing clubs recognising that they can be the busy gathering place at the heart of the local community."

One such 'bowls' club already has 900 members in New Zealand. "Rather than overwhelming the traditional bowls membership, these 'new' members allow our sport to continue to flourish by providing finance, facilities and most importantly, prospective new bowlers. What's more, full-time managers are being appointed, acknowledging that these 'clubs' are far bigger than the voluntary enterprises of the past."

The results are already coming in. Club membership grew by nearly 4% in the 2017/2018 year. And unrecorded casual visitations are anecdotally growing even more. "Taking the staff to a local bowling club has now become a 'go to' Christmas party option." But change isn't just happening at the grassroots level.

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Like other sports, Bowls New Zealand is also recognising that the game at the highest level is no longer just a volunteer pastime. And the Commonwealth Games isn't just a matter of selecting the best amateurs to represent their country every four years. "New Zealand now has bowlers playing semi-professionally, and there is now a demand for an elite development programme. A ranking system is currently being established for our bowlers. And for the first time this year, we held a gala awards evening celebrating the best of the bowls community."

The Bowls NZ team has also brought new technology to bowls, embracing the many and varied new digital technologies on offer.

At the Nationals at Taieri last season, Bowls New Zealand experimented with live-streaming the finals with commentator Kevin Hickland. Live-streaming has now become a norm on the bowling green as well as a norm in the interview studio.

The bowls community is now thriving on a diet of a revamped website, Facebook and Instagram. Tablets have been installed at many clubs to allow on-going engagement with casual visitors.

"We have deliberately upped our communication game," observes Cameron, "Bowls New Zealand can now engage far more easily with the bowls community, and (perhaps scarily!) the bowls community can now engage far more easily with us."

When Bowls New Zealand established a new 'Summer of Bowls' for this coming season, the new communication channels certainly allowed bowlers to express their pleasure or displeasure with the changes.

"That's the thing about change," smiles Cameron. "Everyone wants change. But there's as many opinions about how we should change as there are bowlers in New Zealand."

At least most bowlers are agreed with Cameron about one thing. Standing still won't cut it. And even some of the changes already made or being contemplated won't cut it, and Cameron may find himself eating humble pie.

But the bowling gods may smile on other changes, and they may secure the future of the beautiful game we all love and enjoy.

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Six Thousand & Counting

There is an interesting photo from Bowral Bowling Club's (NSW Australia) website on the Birkenhead Bowling Club facebook page and as of this morning it had reached over 6,000 people views, engaged over 900 of them and 64 shared it.

The story behind the Maasai Warriors, as was discovered on a recent visit to Bowral Bowling Club and the Bradman Cricket Museum, they were sponsored over from Kenya by the cricket club. The lawn bowls was something new for them try one afternoon, to add a bit of variety in their trip.



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Corporate Helpers Needed

The Corporate Christmas season is upon us and over the next month the Club gains a lot of revenue through corporates using our green and club rooms. The funds raised go to benefit the entire club. Volunteers are the life blood of the success of these functions. Catering is taken care of but we need numbers to show them what to do out on the green. If you are able to assist at some stage phone Tommy Winton, there are various dates to choose from, your help will be appreciated.

Continuous Ham Raffles & Winners

Christmas is fast approaching and again the 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 Wednesday 19 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club. Raffles not collected on the 19 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.

- Raffle No.1 - Warren Lush
- Raffle No.2 - Logan Smith
- Raffle No.3 - William Bradley

Pencil These In

- Wednesday 19 December – Rod Mahon Memorial – Ham Tournament
- Monday 24 December – 1pm Stue's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC, Single Entry, mufti)
- Wednesday 26 December – 1pm Boxing Day Afternoon (AC, Single entry - mufti)
- Thursday 10 January - 7pm Quiz Night
- Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 February – Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village \$5,500 Men's Pairs
- Wednesday 6 February – Birkenhead Rotary Charity Tournament
- Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 February - The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs
- Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 April - Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament



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Saturday 8 December at 4pm – 5pm

Here comes Santa Claus.....

Come along to the Santa Parade in the Village with a view. Hosted by Rotary Birkenhead. Counting down to the Parade - only 10 more sleeps to go! It's not just the Santa Parade this year, there are lots of activities before the Parade even starts. This year Rotary has partnered with the Birkenhead Village shops for market stalls from 2pm before the parade starts at 4pm. Look out for these Christmas helpers as you walk around Highbury before the parade.



Members Cash Draw

Club Membership Draw is drawn Wednesdays between 5 - 6pm, and Fridays between 5 - 7pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize (members have two minutes to make themselves known to the draw caller).

Joker Draws

Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Joker 500, numbers on sale from 5pm - 6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at just after 6pm. The purchaser of that winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receives the corresponding prize with the top prize available being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday. Every card has a cash prize.

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WATCH THIS SPACE

Spotlight on Club Partners

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.

Source: www.3dproducts.co.nz

3D Products is New Zealand's leading manufacturer of educational furniture, whiteboards and noticeboards. Our company was established in 1986 to supply early-education furniture including Family Corner appliances, cots & beds, changing tables, primary & intermediate school furniture, teachers aids, easels, library display & storage, art equipment, tables & chairs, outdoor equipment, trikes, trolleys, whiteboards, glassboards, noticeboards & pinboards, blackboards & chalkboards, room dividers & folding noticeboards, lockable noticeboards, plus much more. These are all designed to meet the needs of our New Zealand teachers and children including our NZ business sector, offering strength, style and functionality.

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