



Powering
Birkenhead
Bowling Club
Clubrooms



On the Greens

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

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

Saturday 15 December – BNH Centre Fours – Section Play (1 Green required)

Sunday 16 December – BNH Centre Fours – Post Section (2 Greens required)

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

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

Monday 24 December – 1pm Stuiie's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC, Single Entry)

bowlers and non-bowlers welcome – Mufti

Wednesday 26 December – 1pm Boxing Day Afternoon (AC, Single Entry) – mufti

Wednesday 2 January – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry – Club uniform or creams)

- Bowls NZ Nationals - Men's Singles (1 Green)

Thursday 3 January - Bowls NZ Nationals - Women's Pairs (1 Green)

Wednesday 9 January – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry – Club uniform or creams)

Wednesday 16 January – Wednesday Triples Tournament (OACT) – lunch included



Inside this Weekend

Friday 14 December – Club Night

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

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

Saturday 15 December

Racing – Te Rapa, Palmerston North, Invercargill (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park (Harness), and racing from across Australia.

International Cricket* - 11am 1stTest Day 1 – Blackcaps v Sri Lanka

A-League* – 7.30pm Wellington Phoenix v Central Coast Mariners

Sunday 16 December

Racing – Ellerslie (Thoroughbreds), Rangiora, Winton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

International Cricket* - 11am 1stTest Day 2 – Blackcaps v Sri Lanka

Boxing* - 2pm Canelo Alvarez vs Rocky Fielding from Madison Square Garden

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

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With a Smile

Thirty two teams stepped out on the greens at Takapuna Monday all chasing the \$1,000 first place prize. It was Takapuna Bowling Club's two day Birthday Tournament. Amongst them all was Lionel Drew's all Birkenhead team of himself at skip, Shane Gibson at three, the Club Matriarch Carole Fredrick at two and Keith Burgess off the front. After a good first day Drew had had four out of four. Day two and another day of awesome weather conducive of good bowls and Drew's team kept the winning run going.

Coming into the last game it was announced Drew's team were the only seven winner so far. Only needing the win in the last game to take out the top prize with Takapuna's Chris Taylor and co standing in their way. Taylor proudly announced to everyone that his team was going to stop Drew's run to eight. That wasn't to be the case with Drew's team bowling over Taylor (19-4) to take the top spot and the \$1,000 prize money. Speaking to Fredrick after the win she said "we all played well together, Keith played extremely well off the front drawing like a mustard plaster". When asked how many wrong biases Burgess had over the two days Fredrick replied with a smile "no wrong biases".

Last Coaching for 2018

The last Monday coaching session of the year will take place on Monday the 17th December. Coaching will resume in the new year, date to be advised.

Congratulations Ann Lepper
 The Salesperson for Birkenhead Branch 2017 | Top 25 within the Barfoot & Thompson company 2017



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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 13 December
Team and single entry
Enter on the night

It's Gone!!

Last Wednesday evening on the greens at Birkenhead was the 53rd year of the Christmas Shield. The annual evening of bowls and comradery between the two clubs of Birkenhead and Northcote. Mother Nature had threatened to derail the evening early morning but a fine day allowed the challenge to get underway on time.



A very happy Northcote with the Christmas Shield. Left: Tom Edwards (President), Greg Taylor and Lyle Fraser

With four men's teams and two women's teams competing for the Shield while two teams played in the name of just the spirit of the Christmas Shield. At the conclusion of 90 minutes of play Birkenhead had two good wins and a differential of plus seven, but that is where the good news finished. Northcote took out the remaining four games to win overall four games to two and take the Christmas Shield down the hill.

The wait now starts before Birkenhead travels to Northcote in twelve months' time to try and regain the Shield. Congratulations Northcote.

Christmas Shield Results: Overall: Birkenhead 2 wins – Northcote 4 wins
 Game results: Men 18-4 , 9-11 , 6-9 , 4-7 Women 7-16 , 17-7

Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament

Stuie has treated is body like a temple and incredibly stood the testament of time and it is fortunate we still have him here today. Initially this tournament was run as a bit of a joke to celebrate Stuie's 59th birthday, in preparation for his 60th the following year. Seven years on the annual tournament on the afternoon of 24 December has continued to prove popular. Curtis Ennor has run this for the past three 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 Monday 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 Stuie's birthday and his first year into free bus rides thanks to Winnie's gold card.

Pennants Over

Ten weeks of Pennants finished last Saturday for Birkenhead. The Men's Premier, Stingers, having won the title last season had to settle for third place behind Orewa and Browns Bay. The Women's Premier, Bees, finished a respectable third behind the recently strengthened teams of Orewa and Takapuna. Men's Division 1, Bumble Bees, also finished their division in third place behind Manly and Riverhead. Men's division 2 , Bee Keepers finished down the track, but ahead of Browns Bay. Takapuna and Orewa finished top of that division. Pennants over we now look forward to 1-5 Year interclub and Bowls3Five Interclub both starting in February.

Handicap Singles Schedule

Round One result to be lodged on or before Thursday 20 December.
 Round Two result to be lodged on or before Thursday 17 January.
 Round Three result to be lodged on or before Thursday 14 February.



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Helpers Needed Urgent!!

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Boxing Day Afternoon - Mufti

Christmas Day over, come join us Boxing Day for an informal afternoon of bowls. Format and prize money dependant on the number of entries. Any Combination, Single Entry, names in by 12.45pm for a 1pm start.

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 - Masters Events

From Bowls North Harbour

Bowls North Harbour Masters Events proudly sponsored by Ryman Healthcare have been rescheduled - new playing dates and closing dates below:

Playing dates:

Monday February 25th – Masters Pairs AC – Entries close Friday February 15th

Monday March 18th – Masters Triples AC – Entries close Friday March 8th

Monday March 25th – Masters Fours AC – Entries close Friday March 15th

Enter directly to the Bowls North Harbour office - bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz or (09) 4759941

\$6,500 Women's Pairs

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 saw the \$6,500 Women's Invitation Pairs successfully played out on the greens at Birkenhead with Natasha Grimshaw and Gaylene Harvey (s) taking out the top prize of \$1,500.

2019 sees the tournament in a new date slot, 16 & 17 February, and endorsed by Bowls New Zealand as part of the Summer of Bowls.

We are again grateful for the continued support from "The Good Home Birkenhead".

Tournament entry nominations & enquires phone 0275 297297

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

2018 - Natasha Grimshaw, Gaylene Harvey (s)



2018 Winners Natarsha Grimshaw and Gaylene Harvey with "The Good Home Birkenhead" representative Shane Prince



Congratulations Ann Lepper

The Bowler for Birkenhead Branch 2017 | Top 25 within the Barfoot & Thompson company 2017

Consistently making a difference to those who have successfully achieved their 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of playing, proving their skills. Ann & her team earned their appreciation & thanks to all those who were able to provide her with the use of the Top Bowler in the green Parkland area.

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Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament
 Monday 24th December, 1pm Play Starts
 Bowlers & Non-bowlers welcome

Santa Rocks Birkenhead

Sunday saw the Club's annual Kids Christmas Party rock the club with magician Stefan Sageman entertaining the 40 plus kids. Bruce Cochran (Santa) and Bailey Watkins (the Elf) donned the outfits and of course when they arrived in the big red fire engine all those little eyes lit up. Thanks Sabrina Cox, dressed as a Christmas tree this year, and her merry troop of helpers who again co-ordinated the morning and fed and watered all the kids. Thanks must also go out to our two joint-sponsors Tim Roskrug of Barfoot and Thompson and United Gaming for their continued generous support of this annual event.






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CHRISTMAS HAM RAFFLES

ON SALE NOW! AT THE BAR

Still Time to Win

There is still time to win that Christmas ham. On sale now from the Club's bar. Each raffle is drawn the Friday following the raffle being sold out. Hams available for pick up from the Club after 5pm Wednesday 19 December. 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.

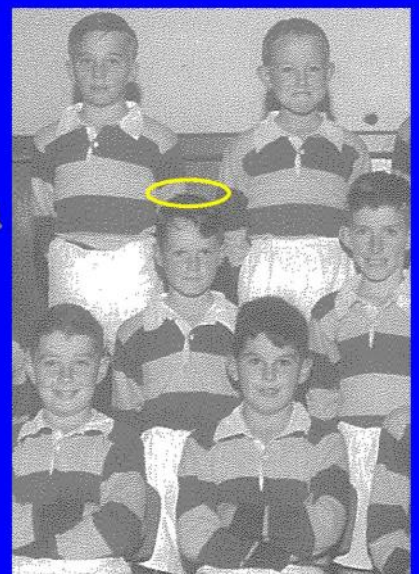
Winners to date:

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| Raffle #1 - Warren Lush | Raffle #2 - Logan Smith | Raffle #3 - William Bradley |
| Raffle #4 - Evan Thomas | Raffle #5 - Robbie Henson | Raffle #6 - Robyn Autridge |
| Raffle #7 - Warren Lush | Raffle #8 - Kevin Croasdale | Raffle #9 - Randall Watkins |
| Raffle #10 - Patricia Disse | | |

Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament Monday 24 December

1pm Start Names in by 12.45pm

Open, Single Entry Dress: Mufti Entry \$5 per player



Bowlers & Non-bowlers welcome

Congratulations Ann Lepper
 The Skipper for Birkenhead Branch 2012 | Top 25 within the Barfoot & Thompson company 2012

Consistently making a difference to those who have successfully achieved their 25th year of playing bowling from 1993.
 Ann & her team received their appreciation & thanks to all those who supported them in making their way to the Top 25 Skippers in the Barfoot & Thompson.

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Handicap Singles

Handicap singles draw has been drawn and is on display in the Club. 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. 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 have been posted with the draw in the club rooms. Handicap Singles Schedule:
 Round One result to be lodged on or before Thursday 20 December.
 Round Two result to be lodged on or before Thursday 17 January.
 Semi finals result to be lodged on or before Thursday 14 February.
 Final - to be played at Birkenhead at 4.30pm on a Friday, date to be determined by the Controlling Body.

Nationals at Birkenhead

The Bowls New Zealand Summerset National Open Championships 2019 Singles & Pairs is played in Auckland starting Wednesday 2 January culminating in the Finals on Tuesday 8 January at Carton Cornwall Bowling Club. Birkenhead's greens will see play on 2 January for the Men's Singles and 3 January for the Women's Pairs.

Note: Wednesday 2 January Club Day will take place on the available green.

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