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Championship 1-5 Year Singles Men's & Women's This Weekend

Entries close 5pm Thursday 24 January (tomorrow)
Play starts 8.30am Saturday 26 January

On The Greens

Wednesday 23 January – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams
Club Day Partner: Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Friday 25 January - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) - mufti

Saturday 26 January – 8.30am Women's 1-5 Year Championship Singles
– 8.30am Men's 1-5 Year Championship Singles

Saturday 27 January – 8.30am Women's 1-5 Year Championship Singles
– 8.30am Men's 1-5 Year Championship Singles

Wednesday 30 January – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams

Friday 1 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) – mufti

Saturday 2 February – 8.15am Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village \$5,500 Men's Pairs

Sunday 3 February – 8.30am Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village \$5,500 Men's Pairs

Monday 4 February - 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls

Wednesday 6 February - 12.30pm Tommy's All-Comers Arvo Tourney

Saturday 9 February - BNH Men's Centre Singles Section Play (1 Green required)

Inside This Long Weekend

Friday 25 January – Club Night

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

Racing – Pukekohe (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness), Invercargill, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Tennis* - 5pm Australian Open

Saturday 26 January

Racing – Trentham, Riccarton, **Ellerslie – Karaka Million, Karaka Million 3YO Classic** (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), and racing from across Australia.

Rugby Sevens* - 11am Day 1 of the NZ Sevens from Hamilton

Cricket* - 2.30pm 2nd ODI – Blackcaps v India

Football* - 7pm Wellington Phoenix vs Melbourne City

Sunday 27 January

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

Rugby Sevens* - 11am Day 2 of the NZ Sevens from Hamilton

Basketball* - 2pm NZ Breakers vs Brisbane Bullets

Tennis* - 1pm Australian Open

Monday 28 January

Racing – Te Teko (Thoroughbreds), Palmerston North (Dogs) and racing from across Australia


Cricket* - 2.30pm 3rd ODI – Blackcaps v India

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

10am Club Day, Wednesday 23 January

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Ineson Smith Storm the Final

Four teams took to the top green early on a stunning Saturday, all on one mission to claim the Women's Championship Pairs tile for the season. Played under the two life system first up Barbara Staal and Ruth Lynch up against Katrina Holland and Emmie Swart. Holland's first game of bowls since moving back to Auckland from Wellington a couple of years back. A longer break for Swart as it had been close to three years. Holland/Swart trailed 4-11 after eleven of the eighteen ends, but that's where the game changed with Holland/Swart taking the remaining seven ends to win 14-11. The much fancied team of Adele Ineson and Mavis Smith up against the second year pairing of Judi Farkash and Milika Nathan. Ineson/Smith led all the way but only finished one shot ahead after Farkash/Nathan picked up a four on the final end, final score 14-13 to Ineson/Smith

Round two saw two one sided games with the battle of the one lifers Staal/Lynch going down to Farkash/Nathan 13-20. While the two lifers saw Holland/Swart drop below the line as the result of a demolition by Ineson/Smith winning 8-21. Club Matriarch Carole Fredrick was unavailable to play due to injury and now Lynch was out, the first time this early in a club championship in recent memory.

Round three, with Ineson/Smith receiving the bye, it was down to Farkash/Nathan and Holland/Swart to fight it out for the other spot in the potential final. Nathan as deadly as ever, it is a true sporting talent she possess, guided her lead Farkash to a comfortable win over Holland/Swart 21-5 and the spot in the final.

Sunday a slightly cooler day with play on the bottom green. Ineson/Smith with two lives up against Farkash/Nathan with one life. Would this prove to be a final or just a potential final?. Ineson/Smith stepped out and won the first eight ends (15-0). Farkash/Nathan got on the board on the ninth end and scored on the twelve and fifteenth ends but all the rest were Ineson/Smith running out the convincing winners (22-5) and claiming the Women's Championship Pairs title.



Women's Pairs Champions Adele Ineson and Mavis Smith enjoying a celebratory wine.

Monster Meat Raffle

50 Draws

Limited to 100 tickets

\$20 per ticket

Drawn at the conclusion of play Saturday 2 February (approximately 5.30pm)
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Monday, Monday, So Good to Me

Monday 4.45pm they start to trickle in, Kevin Croasdale has both greens set up and ready to go.

5pm they are either settling in having a drink and a chat or out on the green having a last minute practice.

Its organised chaos at 5.45pm as Evan Thomas works out who is here, who isn't and if teams need players.

6pm and twenty six teams head out onto the greens for the start of YOU Travel Social Bowls for the New Year. Three games later they are back in the Club for the prize giving and the meal prepared by Bernie Hall.

The first night was an overwhelming success with the expectations of a few more teams when Social Bowls resumes on Monday 4 February.

Results: Monday 21 January.

1st "Three Men Down" Tony, John, Rob (s)

2nd "5 Eyes" Glenn, Mike, Dougie (s)

3rd "Dropkicks" Pete, Jimmy, Cheryl (s)

Consolation: "Blue Bowls" Sam, Lexi, Pat (s)

There is still time to join in, phone Evan on 021 0575491 if you're keen, it's a great way to spend Monday evening.



Cheryl Thomas enjoying an evening of Social Bowls



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Final Still to Come

Saturday on possibly the hottest day of the year to date, sixteen teams stepped out on the green at 8.30am in an effort to qualify for Sunday. Four games of eighteen ends later, with the final team coming off after 6pm made for a long day for some, but this is Champion bowls.

Through to Sunday's seeded draw and knock out stage were one four winner (Sandy Cleghorn/Peter Nathan), six three winners (Evan Thomas/Daymon Pierson, Shane Gibson/Brian Wilson, Doug Parlane/Mick Moodie, Mike Haggart/John Hindmarch, Mark Rumble/Nigel Drew, Jimmy Heath/Lionel Drew) and the best two winner (plus 23 diff, Jack Huriwai/Randall Watkins).

Quarter finals, Cleghorn/Nathan top qualifiers succumbed to Huriwai/Watkins (9-26). Parlane/Moodie trailed Haggart/Hindmarch after thirteen ends (10-14) but a five and a one on the fourteenth and fifteenth ends saw them two in front (16-14). Three to Haggart/Hindmarch on the sixteenth and the lead changed (1617). A five to Parlane/Moodie on the seventh and one on the final end saw Parlane/Moodie win (21-17) and Haggart/Hindmarch out after a game that was tightly contested.

Thomas/Pierson made easy work after Heath/L.Drew conceded after fourteen ends (21-6). Rumble/N.Drew saw off Gibson/Wilson (16-2) after only ten ends.

Semis and Rumble/N.Drew continued their charge to the final with a comfortable win (22-9) over Thomas/Pierson.

The Huriwai/Watkins versus Parlane/Moodie which on paper was Huriwai/Watkins for the taking was anything but. After six ends Huriwai/Watkins led by four (8-4). The next seven ends were all Parlane/Moodie picking up a total of thirteen unanswered points to pass Huriwai/Watkins (8-17). A come back ensured with Huriwai/Watkins taking four of the last five ends, but not enough to pass Parlane/Moodie. Parlane/Moodie moving into the final with the win (14-18).

The Parlane/Moodie versus Rumble/N.Drew final will be played at a date to be determined as Rumble and Drew were playing in the Taranaki Men's Open Fours the following day.

Handicap Singles
Round Three result to be lodged on or before Thursday 14 February



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Markers Required Saturday 26 January Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Singles

Four Wins, Two More Needed

Possibly the best fours tournament in New Zealand with two games of twenty-five ends per day over four days of qualifying. Win six out of the eight to qualify for post section on the Friday, with the final played on Sunday or Monday dependant on numbers. Originally Mike Cartwright was included in the team to travel down for the 114th Taranaki Men's Open Fours this year, but work commitments forced his withdrawal, with the wily old fox Lionel Drew jumping at the chance to join son Nigel Drew and fellow club mates Randall Watkins and Mark Rumble as the only Birkenhead side at this year's tournament. Monday morning, the lads started their campaign off at Vogeltown beating the Central Levin side entered under the name of Ian Mahoney but skipped by Dereck Taylor 34-17. Mahoney, still recovering from a hip replacement seven weeks ago, slotted into the side at three. Drew followed up the e mornings win with another win in the afternoon over Naenae's R.Hicks, skipped by G.Clifford, (34-20) Tuesday morning it was off to the Fitzroy Club where Drew lined up against Aramoho's Ian Porteous a fellow two winner from the previous day, Drew went into morning tea after twelve ends up (13-7). After the break Porteous was the first to score followed by Drew on the next two ends (16-9). The next five ends Porteous clawed his way back to be all squared (16-16) after twenty ends. Drew picked up ones on the next three ends to lead by three shots (19-15), dropped a four on the twenty-fourth end to be one behind with one end to play. A one to Drew on the Twenty-fifth end the scores were all locked up again (20-20). An extra end with Drew scoring two shots and the win (22-20) in an extra end thriller. The afternoon Drew faced off against Waitara's Cliff Rona who had suffered three losses. Going into the afternoon tea break Drew was comfortably up (18-6). After the break it was all one way traffic with Rona conceding after seventeen of the twenty-five having been played (31-6). Wednesday, Drew is at West End playing Darren Scott (1W, 3L) first up on his home greens, followed by Pukekohe's Don Ramsey (3W, 1L) in the afternoon. Two wins today and they have qualified for post section on Friday. Drop a game and it will require beating either Fitzroy's Neville Goldsworthy or Rahu's Ian Lowry on Thursday at New Plymouth. The latter stages of this year's Taranaki Men's Open Fours post section is being streamed live. We will endeavour to stream it live at the Club.



Only two wins away from qualifying with four games to play. Mark Rumble, Nigel Drew, Randall Watkins, Lionel Drew relaxing at the end of day two.



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Lush Out Foxed With Tomatoes

Sunday afternoon saw the Club branch out into an area not seen before. The result of an alcohol infused brag over bacon and egg pies.

Louise Fox and Warren Lush walked in to the club last Sunday afternoon with pies in hand. These were no ordinary pies, one of these was the best bacon and egg pie. A group of judges assembled and the pies were presented by Adam Richardson, "pie number 1" and "pie number 2". A piece of each pie was tasted. Stacy Munro commenting how moist "pie number 2" was and that he enjoyed a moist pie. Jimmy Larsen made no comment as he tasted his way through two pieces and then went back for another piece. Robbie Church possibly the most astute judge there, dissected his piece of "pie number 2" to declare his was an egg pie! But on further inspection a piece of bacon was found. For a moment it was thought the British 'unruly tourists' had entered the Club as one of the judges yelled out "I found hair in my pie!", this was quickly dispelled and the tasting continued. After not much discussion but a lot of tasting the secret votes were cast. The votes were counted in front of all, with "pie number 1" being declared the winner by an overwhelming majority. May be due to the inclusion of tomatoes in the pie, some would say that there is no place in a bacon and egg pie for tomatoes, but it sure did make the pie stand out. Well done Louise Fox, Birkenhead's current bacon and egg pie champion, with Warren Lush coming in a close second.

Watch this space for the next bake off, rumoured to be a brownie bake off and Lush has threatened to bake a special brownie! Judging spots are filling fast.



Warren Lush runner-up and Louise Fox Birkenhead Bacon & Egg Pie Champion

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