



The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs Edition

On The Greens

Wednesday 13 February – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams
 Friday 15 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) – mufti
Saturday 16 February – 8.15am The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs
Sunday 17 February – 8.30am The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs
 Monday 18 February - 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls
 Wednesday 20 February – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided
 Monday 25 February - 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls
 Wednesday 27 February – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams
Club Day Partner: Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village
 Friday 1 March - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) – mufti
 Saturday 2 March – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Triples (Any Combination)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 15 February – Club Night
 Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.
The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs Meet & Greet
 Racing – Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia
 Cricket* - Burger King Super Smash Auckland Aces vs Central Stags
 Super Rugby* - 7.35pm Chiefs v Highlanders
 NRL All Stars* - 7.15pm Australian Indigenous All-Stars vs NZ Maoris
Saturday 16 February
 Racing – Eilerslie, Invercargill (Thoroughbreds), Oamaru (Harness), and racing from across Australia including Flemington – Black Caviar Lightning
 Cricket* - 11am 2nd ODI Blackcaps v Bangladesh
 Super Rugby* - 7.35pm Blues v Crusaders
Sunday 17 February
5.15pm – The Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs - Prize Giving
 Racing – Gisborne (Thoroughbreds), Winton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia
 Cricket* - Burger King Super Smash Grand Final
 Super Rugby* - 10.40am Jaguares v Lions
 * viewing selection is determined by the members.

Pairs Parking This Weekend

Parking is a premium at the Club for tournaments and this Saturday is no exception. Saturday the Club has the Good Home Women's Pairs, starting at 8.15am, while the Birkenhead Artisan Market will be on at the School next door from 9am –1pm. Bowlers are still able to park in the School carpark Saturday, this is an understanding we have with the School. There are additional carparks available at the kindergarten on the other side of the apartments next to the Club.
 Sunday we will have additional parking inside the School gates available.



Friday Afternoon Open 2-4-2 Pairs Friday 15 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) – mufti Names in by 12.45pm, team and single entry, \$5 per player, Cash prizes.



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**Easter Triples is now full
Entry \$120 is now due**

Dick Bree Almost

Out of the Dick Bree Triples section play Saturday emerged two Birkenhead teams. A last minute team cobbled together to avoid a bye in section 8 and surprise qualifier. The team of Mark Rumble off the front, Adam Richardson two and a recently returned to bowls Jerome Rusk. The other team being Shane Gibson with Evan Thomas in the middle and Brian Wilson skipping.

Having successfully made it through section play Rumble, Richardson and Rusk were under no illusions of the task ahead and that they were the under dogs striking Browns Bay's Tony Grantham, Adam Haywood and Scott Cottrell first up Sunday. Cottrell's team showed their prowess coming away with a comfortable win (23-3).

Section play Gibson, Thomas, and Wilson beat Northcote's Greg Newby (18-10), then went on to take down Glenfield's Gary Helmling (22-10). The third game was a different story. Up



BNH Dick Bree Triples 2019 runners-up from Birkenhead, Brian Wilson (s), Evan Thomas and Shane Gibson

against Mahurangi East's Martin Short and lost (18-22). Wilson's trio knew they could afford to lose by 5, so snuck in on differential (+16) to Mahurangi East's (+15).

Post section Sunday and first up a reasonably comfortable victory in the quarter finals against Mairangi's Neil Buckner (17-4). The semi-final and Wilson's trio all played outstanding against the favoured Browns Bay team of Kerry Chapman, Brent Turner and Lindsay Gilmore with Browns Bay conceding with an end to go (17-10).

The final with Birkenhead up against the bookies favourite Browns Bay's Tony Grantham, Adam Haywood and Scott Cottrell. Cottrell's trio had just ended last season's runners-up Northcote's John Hindmarch, Mike Haggart and Kenny Moran's aspirations in the semi (18-4).

Wilson, Thomas and Gibson were in the final the whole way. Down (13-12) playing the second to last end. Holding one and Cottrell played a runner that got a good result coming off a short bowl and getting the jack back for two which gave them a 3 shot lead playing the last. Wilson also had some lucky results through the final. Wilson's trio all played reasonably well again, but Cottrell probably the difference between the teams, twice drawing the shot cold when 3 down.

Women's Centre Singles

There was one prominent Birkenhead name missing from this year's BNH Women's Centre Singles, that of 2018 winner Ruth Lynch. With Lynch not playing the waving of the Birkenhead flag rested on Adele Ineson's and Judi Farkash's shoulders. A far cry from the dominance Birkenhead had in this centre event last season.

Farkash a second year bowler had a tough section by anyone's standard up against 2018 runner-up Mairangi Bay's Theresa Rogers, Orewa's Jacqui Broderson and Orewa/Bowls NZ HP squad member Wendy Jenson. Farkash held her own and although losing all three games, successfully achieved the goals she had set.

Ineson suffered a first game loss in section play to Helensville's Kelly Clark (20-21), before going on to make short work of Milford's Val, a late replacement for Takapuna's Julie Kerry. Then a comfortable win over Mairangi Bay's Colleen Rice (21-13), but the damage was done with the first game loss. Ineson was a shock non-qualifier having finished this event last season third equal. Clark went on to record three wins emerging as the section winner. Clark lost her first game Sunday to Orewa's Jan Harrison (4-21). The semis, both Jensen (21-18) and Harrison (21-16) came away with wins setting up an all Orewa final. The final, Jensen easily accounted for Jan Harrison (21-10) to claim the 2019 BNH Women's Centre Singles title.

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Bowls3Five Interclub Update

With two qualifying rounds completed Birkenhead sits with Orewa atop of the section, with five wins each.

Birkenhead had a clean sweep over Northcote (3-0) on the first evening as did Orewa surprising a much fancied Takapuna side (3-0).

Just last night up against Takapuna on their home green, Birkenhead won (2-1). As did Orewa over Northcote (2-1).

Next stop is Orewa. Tuesday 19 February (note this is a date change) - Birkenhead vs Orewa Blue, Takapuna Gold vs Northcote. It is all down to the three games between Birkenhead and Orewa to see who finishes top and who finishes second in the section.

Finish top of the section and it's into the semi finals, finish second and it's down to the best runner up across all sections to qualify for the semi-finals

Semi-Finals – Tuesday 5 March (Reserve Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 March)

Final – Tuesday 12 March (Reserve Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 March)

Richardson & Nathan into Final

The semi-finals of the Handicap Pairs played over the past couple of weeks saw Doug Campbell up against Adam Richardson while Gary Wallace took on Milika Nathan.

Campbell and Richardson, with Richardson on a 7 shot start Campbell scored a four on the first end! The next five ends all went Richardson's way, pulling out to a lead (14-4) before Campbell scored again (14-6). Richardson moved on to a 13 shot lead (19-6) before Campbell reached double figures with a 4 (19-10). Campbell made a late surge to trail by 3 shots (20-17). But the 1 shot came Richardson's way for the win (21-17)

The other Semi, a so called battle of the sexes, with the men's 1-5 year singles champion Gary Wallace up against the women's 1-5 year singles champion Milika Nathan. Nathan with a 4 shot start scored a 1 on the first end with Wallace taking the next two ends (4 & 2) to be all locked up (6-6). Over the next few ends Nathan snuck ahead to lead by 1 shot (10-9). Nathan's run to 21 was impressive scoring 3, 2,2,1,1 & 2 to Wallace's 2 shots.

With Nathan securing the victory (21-11) she now meets Richardson in the final, date and time to be advised.

Facebook and Cancellations

For those that are on Facebook, please 'like' our "Birkenhead Bowling Club" page. Also, get your friends & family to 'like' our page! The page is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening at the Club!

For up to date cancellations and any changes in start times go to our facebook page www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead or ring the club.

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10am Club Day, Wednesday 27 February

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Goddard, White, Emerton, Prideaux

Bowls New Zealand's Summer of Bowls rolls back into Birkenhead this weekend for the second instalment. Hard on the heels of the successful Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village \$5,500 Men's Pairs only two weeks prior, The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs gets underway in its new February slot, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17, a move away from the traditional March spot plagued by bad weather.

Saturday 16 February at 8.30am possibly the most talented field to grace the tournament will roll their jacks down the green for the first end in The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs. Celebrating 10 years, the calibre of the field is a fitting tribute to a tournament that was started by Emmie Swart and Leanne Chinery when the women were first accepted as playing members at Birkenhead, under the leadership of then President the late Rod Mahon.

Selina Goddard, Marilyn Emerton, Debbie White, Lisa Prideaux, Leeane Poulson, Ashleigh Jeffcoat, Lisa White, Wendy Jensen, Kimberley Hemingway along with Birkenhead's very own centre gold star, 3 bars and National title holder Ruth Lynch are just a few of the talented women bowlers to assemble chasing a share of the \$6,500 prize pool.



National Singles Champion Debbie White (right) and runner-up Selina Goddard (left) will both be in action on the greens at Birkenhead this weekend, but with different playing partners.

Last year's winners Natasha Grimshaw and Gaylene Harvey are unavailable due to Hawkes Bay representative duties. However Jenny Jones makes a welcome return to the tournament since winning it back in 2013 with the late Fay Yates. Past winners Kerrin Roberts, Elaine McClintock (2014), Anne Dorreen, Lisa Parlane (2015) and sisters Estelle Hickey, Lynda Ralph (2016) are all back attempting to be the first to lift the Chinery Swart Cup twice. First round Saturday sees current New Zealand

singles champion Debbie White and Queenstown's Christine Buchanan start their campaign off against Helensville's Deb Presland and Kelly Clark. Bowls NZ Talent development squad members, Carlton Cornwall's Ashleigh Jeffcoat and Kimberley Hemingway strike recently selected to Bowls NZ High performance squad Orewa's Wendy Jensen and partner Browns Bay's Paulette Mytton. Past Tournament winner's sisters Estelle Pretorious and Linda Ralph will have their work cut out up against Kahutia's Dayvina Mills and Glenys Whiteman (holder of 62 centre titles, a National record for the most titles won by a woman bowler). Former Blackjack and recent Wellington Women's Singles runner-up Naenae's Lisa White travels north to accompany Takapuna's Trish Croot, first up against Papakura's Karen Forest and Donna Jackson.

Possibly the tournament favourites the talented Selina Goddard joins forces with one half of the current New Zealand Pairs Championship team Merryland's Lisa Prideaux as they take on the Orewa pair of Lyn Davey and Maureen Howden. Elaine McClintock and Kerin Roberts return but this year under the Orewa Club chasing their second tournament win, but will have to get past Carlton Cornwall's Hetty Bolscher and Sue Curran.

Tournament regulars Mangawhai's Sue Wightman and Kensington's Ann Muir make the trip south in the yellow machine to meet the only full Birkenhead team Mavis Smith and Adele Ineson first up.

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Round two, now living up north and playing out of Kensington, Sheryl Johnson has Takapuna's Robyne Walker off the front. Walker played well during the recent Nationals and if she brings that form a Walker /Johnson win will be on the cards in the meeting with Mairangi's Colleen Rice and Takapuna's Jacqui Belcher. Now at Orewa, Gail Dick has joined forces with club mate Jacqui Broderson up against Pt Chev's Jeanette TeNana, minus her regular lead daughter Stephanie, has Glen Eden's Karen Broad. Birkenhead's "Dynamic Duo" Fredrick and Lynch aren't there as Fredrick is out with injury. Lynch has paired up with Belmont Park's Amy Little and a second round match against the proven pair of Orewa's Lisa Parlane and Takapuna's Anne Dorreen will certainly test the untried pair.

Another team out of Orewa adding to the Orewa Club's dominant presence, Christeen Dalzell and Jan Harrison find themselves taking on Bolscher and Curran. Ling Qu a member of the current Australian Open Women's Fours Championship team is with St Heliers's Catherine Bien, on paper should be too strong for Mairangi's Trish O'Malley and Jo Baxter.

Round three after lunch and a change of greens, some just looking for the third win and basically securing a spot in the top sixteen while others having dropped a game are hunting two wins in the afternoon. Pt Chev's Jenny Jones and Chris Peg take on Jensen and Mytton which could prove to a tight tussle. Half of the current Australian Open Women's Fours Championship team, former Australian Jackaroo, Kawana's Marilyn Emerton and St Heliers's Leeane Poulson take on Carlton's Karen Hema and Birkenhead's Milika Nathan. Meanwhile Thames's Ruth Hitchcock and Deidre Moxsom will be hoping for a win over Pt Chev's Angela Temple and Jenny Stockford.

Round four a do or die round for some as the teams jockey for position and seedings for Sunday's knock out draws. Mercury Bay's Colleen Sexton and Mairangi Bay's Jan Gledhill will have Mills and Whiteman in their sights. Mairangi Bay pair of Theresa Rogers and Sheryl Wellington take on club mates O'Malley and Baxter in the last round of the day.

Sunday it's business time with payers drawn as per their seeding's from the previous day's results. The top sixteen it is straight into knock out with losing teams dropping to various flights below. The Consolation has two rounds to play to determine the top four to play the semis with the remainder moving onto the "Last Chance Challenge". It all winds up with the prize giving at 5.15pm.

Past Winners

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| 2010 Noelene Culpan, Jan Jones (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 <i>Abandoned due to the weather</i> |
| 2018 Natasha Grimshaw, Gaylene Harvey (s) | |

Out, But Not Out

The matriarch of the Club, Carole Fredrick, holder of two New Zealand Championship titles and in excess of twenty five North Harbour titles has paired up with long time playing partner and friend Ruth Lynch in each of the previous Women's Pairs tournaments. This year, year number ten, Carole will be on the side lines due to an injury that has taken her off the greens for the rest of the season. While Carole won't be on the greens she will still be taking an active role in the tournament, not only on the tournament committee that she has done for many years, but this year she will be the Tournament Ambassador. Carole knows how the tournament runs and the workings of the Club. Those new and not so new to the tournament any questions see Carole and she will see you are looked after.



National Pairs Champion Lisa Prideaux (left) will team up with Selina Goddard chasing the \$1,500 first prize on offer at Birkenhead this weekend. Prideaux pictured here with National Pairs Champion team mate Val Smith



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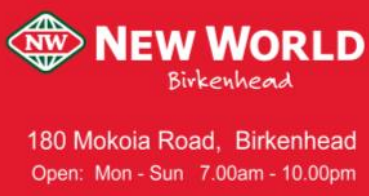
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Who Is Marilyn Emerton?

One of the first entries into the Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs was from Leane Poulson, a name that didn't ring any bells. But we soon found out she was part of the current Australian Open Women's Fours Championship team and 2018 winner of The Trusts Open Women's Singles. Leane would be playing with a friend from Australia. Nothing more was said, new blood into the tournament is always good. The entry arrived and the skip was named as Marilyn Emerton. Who is this Marilyn Emerton, uncle Google was called on and yes, she has done some bowling in her time and continues to do so.

Source: *Bowlsplus Magazine*

Representing Australia and Queensland and still loves bowling after 35 years

From Hervey Bay to Club Kawana, with Queensland and Australia in-between. Read our player profile on Marilyn Emerton from Club Kawana and how she still loves bowling after 35 years.

I started playing bowls in 1982 at Hervey Bay Bowls Club. We (my late husband) and I were introduced to lawn bowls while we were playing tennis. The sport appealed to us and we quickly adapted to becoming bowlers.

We were coached by state rep, Max Fish. He was a great coach and it didn't take long before we were sought after to play lead for some very good teams. I continued to lead for 15 years and never wanted to play anywhere else.

Three years later we moved to Brisbane and that's where it all took off for me. I was selected in all the challenge matches, which was quite an honour back then, and before too long I was included in the State Side 1990. I continued to play for Queensland until just a few years ago.

I was selected to play for Australia which was an enormous thrill, as I had worked very hard on my game. I practiced at every opportunity and challenged myself regularly. The team went to Royal Leamington Spa in England to contest the World titles and I came home with a gold medal.

I continued to play for both Queensland and Australia with very good success. I won gold medals in the Asia Pacific Championships in Two Bowl Triples and Fours. I also played Trans-Tasman, Commonwealth Games and brought home more medals. When I was selected to play singles for Australia in the Asia Pacific Championships, I thought nothing could come near to that. However, I also won the right to represent Australia in the World Indoor Championships in Ireland, where I went through to the finals.

I had a great deal of success playing with my old mate, the now departed Ken Luck. We won Club Mixed Pairs, District Mixed Pairs and the State Mixed Pairs. The best win for us was the National Mixed Pairs, which was fantastic as it carried with it a holiday in Europe, a purse of \$6,000 along with bowls bags and many of other things including a holiday in Western Australia.



Former Jackaroo Marilyn Emerton will be out on the greens at Birkenhead this weekend with lead Leane Poulson.

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State Singles, State Pairs, State Fours, Champ of Champ Singles, Champ of Champ Pairs and Champ of Champ Fours are among a few of my Queensland achievements. I have also won numerous National titles including Australian Pairs, Australian Fours and was Runner Up in Australian Singles.

Having played for Queensland and Australia for as long as I have, I have amassed a lot of medals. The agony of this is, when I die I don't know what will become of them.

I have only been a member of Club Kawana for just over a year, and it is a great club to belong to. I am made to feel right at home in this club. Members have embraced me and have made me most welcome.



2018 Australian Open Women's Fours Champions, Leeane Poulson, Diane Strawbridge, Ling Qu and Marilyn Emerton (s). All but Strawbridge will grace Birkenhead's greens this weekend

I thoroughly enjoyed my time playing Premier League for Club Kawana this year. Thanks go to Kurt for selecting me to lead for him and having the faith in me to do the job. As a coach, I would strongly recommend that anyone aspiring to succeed in this sport needs to put in a lot of hard work. Practice, practice, practice.

I have been asked on several occasions why some people make it and some people don't. I often advise people to put in the hard yards and usually the results speak for themselves.

In my case, I was watching an interview with Ivan Lendl the tennis player, early in my career, and he was asked what made him stand out from the rest. He said, "I am not a natural so I have to work twice as hard as anyone else". This was something that struck a chord with me, as I thought if I am a natural, but worked as hard as I could, then I could become really good.

I have had a few mentors in my time and also looked up to a lot of good bowlers and usually received good guidance.

The game has changed a lot since I started, and the bowls, as well as the greens are no longer what they were, but the love of the sport keeps me going and the challenges ahead are still as possible as they ever were.

Thirty five years is a long time to play the one sport, but it will always be on the top of the list for me.

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BPL09 To Round Out The Summer of Bowls

For those still riding the high of BPL08, fear not, with the next instalment just around the corner as the sport's flagship entertainment format returns to New Zealand. The ninth edition of the Bowls Premier League (BPL) will again be held at the state-of-the-art Naenae Bowling Club in Lower Hutt, Wellington from February 25-28, following a successful running of the event at the \$6.25 million regional venue in April, 2018. Eight teams will battle it out for the \$25,000 winner's purse, most recently claimed by the Brisbane Pirates who clinched BPL08 in front of an electric home crowd at Club Pine Rivers in November.

Hometown heroes the New Zealand Blackjacks see the return of international star Shannon McIlroy at the expense of Ali Forsyth, while there are minimal changes to the teams elsewhere.

Ellen Ryan and Ben Twist return from international duty to again suit up for the Moama Murray Steamers and BCiB Sydney Lions respectively, while Matthew Lucas is handed the coaching reigns at the Club Helensvale Gold Coast Hawks.

#BPL09 will be broadcast LIVE into primetime to both Australian and New Zealand audiences on Fox Sports Australia (from 4-9pm AEDT) and Sky Sports NZ (from 6-11pm NZDT), while the day sessions will be streamed live via the Bowls Australia Facebook Page.

BPL09 Team Lineups:

Brisbane Pirates – Alex Marshall, Michael Breen, Kelsey Cottrell, Dave Edwards (Coach)
Club Helensvale Gold Coast Hawks – Aron Sherriff, Nathan Rice, Georgia White, Matthew Lucas* (Coach)

Asahi Illawarra Gorillas – Jeremy Henry, Aaron Teys, Kay Moran, Wes Falconer (Coach)
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The UBC will be great to watch – with our innovative scoring system, every bowl has the potential to score points, keeping spectators on the edges of their seats!

Initially, the UBC events will be held in Australia but the company has a strong focus on increasing the participation of our sport throughout the world which could result in events being staged overseas in the near future.

OUR GAME

The Ultimate Bowls Championship is the most lucrative bowls event in the world, with a record prize pool of \$500,000, as well as a broadcast package that will allow us to showcase our great game through 22 countries around the world. The UBC is a pairs event; however, all teams will consist of three players who will rotate during each event. There will be three events played across the year.

The format of the UBC has been strategically designed to appeal to both the bowls enthusiasts, and to people who enjoy watching sport at its best in a fast-paced, exciting event. We will see a winner of every match after just 25 minutes, which will have spectators both at the venue, and watching on TV at home, on the edge of their seats.

One of the UBC's most exciting features is its dynamic and innovative scoring system. Players will have the opportunity to score points with every bowl that is played. A 'toucher' will earn their team 3 points, as will holding the shot when the leads have finished their bowls.


Both teams will have the opportunity to earn points on the same end; 10 points for the closest bowl, 5 points for the second-closest and 3 points for the third-closest.

Rather than using the traditional scoreboards, we will be modernising our sport by using electronic screens which will be positioned at the end of each rink. All screens will be connected to UBC's newly-developed web-based app which will automatically update the score as points are awarded.

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THE TEAMS

We have 24 fantastic teams on board so far for the inaugural 2019 season. These teams are from not only all across Australia but New Zealand and Asia too. Numerous pre-selected players are from even further afield giving the UBC a truly international flair.



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Tight in Section Three

BNH 1-5 Year Twilight Interclub got underway with the first round played Monday evening 14 January. Birkenhead getting off to an undefeated start, they had the bye first round. Takapuna Blue played Beach Haven with each side coming away with a win, a draw and a loss out of the round.

Birkenhead's quest for 1-5 year glory finally got underway last Monday up against Takapuna Blue at Takapuna. The singles, Garry Wallace, came away with a comfortable win (21-6). Along with the pairs Milika Nathan and Stacy Munro (s) (17-10). It was a different story for the triples, Judi Farkash, Lauranne Croot and Robbie Henson (s). Down (12-2) they clawed their way back to be three behind playing the last end, and needing a four for the win. Takapuna's lead trailed the jack and sat on it. Birkenhead unsuccessfully attempted to dislodge it and in the process dropped a five, to lose by eight (11-19).

Takapuna having completed qualifying, sits on two wins and a draw. Beach Haven have one win and a draw, but with a round to play. Birkenhead sits with two wins and a round to play.

The final evening of qualifying is next Monday against Beach Haven. Originally drawn to be played at Birkenhead, but due to Social Bowls has been transferred to Beach Haven. The final round of qualifying is all important, finish in the top two of the section and progress to the quarter finals on Monday 18 February with section winners having the home green advantage.

Scratchy is Itching

By popular request Bingo! Housie! Tombola!, whatever you like to call it, is back at Birkenhead. Scratchy is itching to call the numbers and hand out the cash to the lucky winners. Thursday 28 February, 7pm first game called, ten games in an evening finishing around 9pm.

Umpires Tournament - (OACT)

BNH Umpires do a fantastic job at all of our Centre events, and often within clubs as well. This tournament is one of their only fundraising efforts during the year – please get along and support this hard-working group!

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New Zealand Women's Bowling Association 1948 – 1996

This essay written by Fiona Hall was first published in Women Together: a History of Women's Organisations in New Zealand in 1993. It was updated by Jeanette Sinclair in 2018.

1948 – 1993

by Fiona Hall

The New Zealand Women's Bowling Association (NZWBA) became the governing body for women's bowling in New Zealand in 1948. It set the uniform code, rules and procedures for play, and organised national and international teams and tournaments. Although bowling was a popular sporting pastime in the nineteenth century, it did not develop as an organised sport for women until after 1900. The first women's bowling club in New Zealand was probably the Kelburn Bowling Club, formed in 1906. All other bowling clubs and associations at that time were run by and for men, and, more importantly, they owned and controlled the greens on which they played. Women took part in club activities by providing afternoon teas, and some clubs allowed them to play, but only unofficially and at very restricted times. Women had to overcome considerable resistance before they could take up the sport.



The formation of the Meadowbank Ladies' Bowling Club in North Otago was a good example of the difficulties some women bowlers experienced. The early records of the Meadowbank Bowling Club praised the assistance 'given by the ladies in dispensing tea and biscuits', but there was no record of the women playing bowls. In 1907 Bessie Miller, on behalf of the women from the Meadowbank Tennis Club, wrote to the bowling club and asked for permission to form a 'ladies' bowling rink' and to control their own membership. This request was declined, but the women were given permission to play bowls on the green during the year—although not, presumably, when the men wished to play. Twenty years later, another group of women asked to be allowed to form a ladies' club. This request, and another in 1932, were also refused, but the opposition was weakening.

Finally, in 1934, the men's club agreed that the women could form the Meadowbank Ladies' Bowling Club. They could elect their own officials and committee, arrange matches with other women's clubs, and 'transact business which was deemed necessary in the interests of play of the ladies' section'. But the women still came under the jurisdiction of a general committee from the men's club on all matters relating to the use of the green and the club premises, and were limited to playing on certain days of the week and at certain times.

Two days later, some members of the men's club tried to reverse the decision. When their bid was rejected by the club committee, several of them promptly resigned. The men's club made several attempts to limit the membership of the women's club; many male bowlers felt it should be restricted to their own members' wives, daughters or sisters. Not until 1978 were women permitted to use the greens whenever they wanted, including Saturdays and public holidays, 'except that in the evenings and at weekends the men retain preference on any green available'.

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The women's bowling clubs which formed throughout New Zealand during the early decades of this century organised themselves into provincial centres. In 1947, representatives from eight centres—Otago, Auckland, Wellington, Manawatu, Buller and West Coast, South Canterbury, Otago Central and Southland—gathered at the Otago Ladies' Bowling Association Pavilion and decided to form the New Zealand Women's Bowling Association (NZWBA). The inaugural meeting was held in Dunedin in 1948, with E. Adess (Otago) as president and Lavinia Boles (Auckland) as vice-president. By 1950 twelve centres were affiliated, with approximately 3584 members.

That first meeting of the NZWBA proposed that it adopt the rules of the men's association—the New Zealand Bowling Association—with alterations and additions to suit the Women's Council'. These were mainly concerned with uniforms and tournament rules. From that time, each club set its own rules, and there were some slight differences in uniforms and procedures. The NZWBA adopted cream and gold as its colours, and at the 1949 annual meeting defined the uniform: 'White dresses, white bowling hats, bowling shoes (No Wedgies) and stockings must be worn'. In 1952 the association decided that cream uniforms were also acceptable. There were several challenges to this dress code over the years, particularly concerning the length of dresses, the wearing of stockings and the wearing of white or cream trousers. The proposal in 1950 that the length of dresses be optional and that stockings or sockettes be allowed was not passed by the annual meeting; the rule remained that dresses must be twelve inches from the ground and stockings only be worn. Necklaces and other jewellery were not permitted, and smoking was not allowed on the green at national tournaments.

From 1948 the NZWBA built a strong administrative structure, which became the basis for many of the advances made by the sport, and in the 1950s began to organise national competitions. The Dominion Fours competition, played for the Watson Rose Bowl, began in 1951, the pairs in 1952 and the singles in 1957. These competitions took place at the annual Dominion Tournament, renamed the National Tournament in 1988.



Women play bowls at their own club in Gisborne in the 1950s. The Riverside Women's Bowling Club established in 1941 with 20 members. In 1996 the women's and men's clubs amalgamated.

The Women's International Bowls Championships were held in New Zealand in 1973 and 1988, and women's bowling became a Commonwealth Games sport in 1982. New Zealand produced several outstanding women bowlers, including Millie Khan, Judy Howat, Elsie Wilkie and Cissie Winstanley. Khan, winner of 12 national titles, was the first of a family dynasty of champion women bowlers. She was also a strong advocate of women's composite teams being able to play at the national championships, as men had been able to do.

By 1991, the association had over 30,000 members in 614 clubs and 26 provincial centres. In the early 1990s women's bowling, long a very popular sport in New Zealand, continued to grow in popularity and in national and international significance. In 1993 the NZWBA began negotiating to amalgamate with the New Zealand Bowling Association within the next few years. The two associations shared the same basic rules and organisational structure; their established tournament calendars would remain, and be administered from a central office. A task force comprising both NZBA and NZWBA personnel was formed, under the chairmanship of Terry O'Connor, to formulate a structure that would be acceptable to the existing national associations and meet the challenges facing the sport as it moved into the twenty-first century.

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1994 – 2018

By Jeanette Sinclair, President, Bowls NZ, 2018

The task force working on amalgamation of the men's and women's national bowling associations received over 1400 written submissions, engaged professional legal and financial help to work through the technical issues, and held 31 meetings round the country. In 1995 a prospectus was released detailing the advantages of amalgamation at a national level, in order to give all members, clubs and centres an opportunity to contribute to the process. In arriving at the structure for Bowls New Zealand Incorporated, the first priority was to ensure fair and equitable representation of both men and women. In May both associations voted to amalgamate from 1 May 1996, with only one women's centre voting against the proposal.

The New Zealand Women's Bowling Association held its last half yearly general meeting on 18 March 1996. The inaugural council meeting of Bowls New Zealand, on 1 May 1996 in Wellington, was attended by 52 councillors representing the 26 centres, and they noted that the Gisborne East Coast Centre was already operating as an amalgamated centre. At the time of amalgamation there were 68,210 members in total—42,413 men and 25,797 women. A tour to South Africa took place that year, the first time a combined men's and women's team had travelled overseas.

After the amalgamation, women were treated equally at all levels of bowling, in accordance with the stress placed on equality during the pre-amalgamation forums. There was to be no differentiation with regard to gender among national coaches, selectors and all personnel involved at national level. The positions of President and Vice-President of Bowls New Zealand were to be held by a woman and a man, with each position alternating between men and women. In 2012–2013, Cushla McGillivray became the first woman to chair the board.

From 2000 to 2018, New Zealand's women bowlers achieved the highest accolades on the world stage, with Jo Edwards winning two world titles and three Commonwealth Games gold medals. Women had also received life membership and honours for their services to the game, and were playing a very important role in the successful administration of Bowls New Zealand at all levels.

Of the almost 123,000 players, 43,245 of them women, who came under Bowls NZ's purview in 2017–18, two-thirds were casual members; while full club members rose by almost 4 percent on the previous year, social players rose by close to 6 percent. The organisation recognised that it now played a significant part as a community hub, valuable in combating rising rates of adult loneliness and depression, as well as a sporting venue. It had also worked hard to change its profile, continually challenging the stereotype of bowls being a game for old people by introducing innovative formats, appealing to younger competitors, and providing support to its international athletes. These efforts enabled Bowls NZ to continue delivering a sport that was enjoyable, entertaining and accessible to all, based on its core values: Enjoy, Grow, Share, Honour, Succeed.

Saturday, Sunday Setup

Four persons required on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 February to set up both greens each morning. It's an early 6.30am start to have both greens set up by 7.45am

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The Peters Take the Cash

Wednesday saw Peter Svendsen walk out the Club \$395 better off, having won the smaller of the two Members Draws up for grabs.

Friday and Svendsen's name came out again but he was not present, so that draw jackpotted to today. The "Must Go" \$500 Members Draw drew in a good crowd and was won on the first draw. Making Friday night a cheap night out for our winner social member Peter Edwards.

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The Draw - Day One

The teams for this year's Women's Pairs have come from far and wide made up of players from New South Wales, Queensland, Queenstown, Wellington, Thames, Whitianga, Gisborne, Waikato, Northland, Auckland and North Harbour.

The draw for day one, four games to establish the all important seedings for day two:

Team	Round One	Round Two	Round Three	Round Four
Christine Buchanan, Debbie White (Queenstown/Hinuera)	A1	A7	B2	B3
Kelly Clark, Deb Presland (Helensville)	A1	A2	B4	B6
Kimberley Hemingway, Ashleigh Jeffcoat (Carlton Cornwall)	A2	A3	B4	B5
Paulette Mytton, Wendy Jensen (Browns Bay/Orewa)	A2	A4	B6	B1
Linda Ralph Estelle Pretorius (Carlton Cornwall)	A3	A4	B5	B6
Glenys Whiteman, Dayvinia Mills (Kahutia)	A3	A5	B7	B2
Chris Pegg, Jenny Jones (Pt Chevalier)	A4	A5	B6	B7
Robyne Walker, Sheryl Johnson (Takapuna/Kensington)	A4	A6	B7	B3
Jacqui Belcher, Colleen Rice (Takapuna/Mairangi Bay)	A5	A6	B1	B7
Jacqui Broderson, Gail Dick (Orewa)	A5	A1	B2	B4
Jan Gledhill, Colleen Sexton (Mairangi Bay/Mercury Bay)	A6	A7	B1	B2
Karen Broad, Jeanette TeNana (Glen Eden/Pt Chevalier)	A6	A1	B3	B5
Trish Croot, Lisa White (Takapuna/Naenae)	A7	A2	B3	B4
Donna Jackson, Karen Forrest (Papakura)	A7	A3	B5	B1
Leeane Poulson, Marilyn Emerton (St Heliers/Kawana - QLD)	B1	B3	A5	A2
Sheryl Wellington, Theresa Rogers (Mairangi Bay)	B1	B4	A6	A7
Lisa Prideaux, Selina Goddard (Merylands - NSW/Carlton Cornwall)	B2	B4	A7	A1
Maureen Howden, Lyn Davey (Orewa)	B2	B3	A8	A4
Ruth Lynch, Amy Little (Birkenhead/Belmont Park)	B3	B5	A1	A4
Milika Nathan, Karen Hema (Birkenhead/Carlton Cornwall)	B3	B6	A5	A1
Kerin Roberts (Browns Bay) Elaine McClintock (Orewa)	B4	B6	A8	A3
Sue Curran, Hetty Bolscher (Carlton Cornwall)	B4	B1	A7	A2
Ann Muir, Sue Wightman (Kensington/Mangawhai)	B5	B7	A6	A8
Adele Ineson, Mavis Smith (Birkenhead)	B5	B8	A2	A3
Ruth Hitchcock, Deidre Moxsom (Thames)	B6	B8	A3	A5
Anne Dorreen, Lisa Parlane (Takapuna/Orewa)	B6	B5	A4	A8
Jan Harrison, Christeen Dalzell (Orewa)	B7	B1	A2	A6
Ling Qu, Catherine Bien (St Heliers)	B7	B2	A1	A5
Jo Baxter, Trish O'Malley (Mairangi Bay)	B8	B2	A4	A7
Jenny Stockford, Angela Temple (Pt Chevalier)	B8	B7	A3	A6



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Schedule:

Saturday 16 February:	Sunday 17 February:
8.15am Official Welcome, Trial ends	8.15am Trial ends
8.30am Round 1	8.30am Game 1
10.15am Morning Tea	10.15am Morning Tea
10.45am Round 2	10.45am Game 2
12.35pm Lunch	12.35pm Lunch
1.15pm Round 3	1.15pm Semi-finals
3.15pm Round 4	Last Chance Challenge
5.30pm Day 1 results	3.15pm Finals (no time limit)
5.45pm Day 2 draw announced	5.15pm Prize Giving

Times in *Italic* are approximate only. Schedule subject to change without notice.



Quiz Night Tomorrow!
Thursday 14 February
 7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Good Home Birkenhead". The Good Home is certainly a welcoming establishment to visit. Owned by the Birkenhead Licencing Trust and managed by Alan Vaughan. The establishment has supported the Club for many years and continues to support the two day \$6,500 Women's Pairs this weekend.

Source <http://www.thegoodhomebirkenhead.co.nz>

WELCOME TO THE GOOD HOME, YOUR NEW HOME AWAY FROM
 MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Situated in Birkenhead Village, we're a modern suburban gastro pub. Step inside the Good Home Birkenhead and the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. With a sun drenched courtyard and multiple interior spaces including an airy living area, more intimate dining room, cosy sports den and inviting lounge, we have spaces for every occasion and season. A great spot to relax with friends and family, whether it's for a leisurely lunch or dinner, after-work socialising, or watching the game, why not come check us out for yourself?



BAR: Our bar is fully stacked with the finest selection of beer, wine and speciality cocktails. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest Happy Hour drink and bar snack specials.

FOOD: Our menu is honest homestyle cooking at its best, and the ideal complement to our wide selection of craft and chilled beers and regionally specific New Zealand wines.

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