



Stinger 200 Club Arvo - \$300 Jackpot
1pm Saturday 19 October - Cash prizes & Jackpot

On The Greens

Note: "A" green will be unavailable for play until November.

- Wednesday 16 October – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) – *BYO lunch*
- Friday 18 October – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – *Team & Single entry – mufti*
- Saturday 19 October - 1pm Stinger 200 Club Arvo - *Single Entry Any Combination - Mufti*
- Sunday 20 October - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - *lunch provided*
- Wednesday 23 October – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)
- Saturday 26 October – 8.30am Men's Championship Singles
- Sunday 27 October – 8.30am Men's Championship Singles
– 8.30am Women's Championship Singles
- Monday 28 October – 8.30am Women's Championship Singles
- Wednesday 30 October - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)
- Monday 4 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (1)
(Triples, 1 x Bowler & 2 x Non-Bowlers or 3 x Non-bowlers)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 18 October – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Members Draw, Joker 500
Racing – Addington, Cambridge (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from Australia

Mitre 10 Cup Rugby* - 7.35pm Semi Final 1 - Bay of Plenty v Manawatu

Saturday 19 October

Racing – Rotorua, Ashburton (Thoroughbreds) and racing from Australia, including Randwick – The Everest, Caulfield – Caulfield Gup & Caulfield Classic.

- Mitre 10 Cup Rugby* - 2.05pm Semi Final 2 – Tasman v Auckland
- 4.35pm Semi Final 3 - Hawke's Bay v Otago
- 7.35pm Semi Final 4 - Wellington v Canterbury

Sunday 20 October

Racing – Otaki (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from Australia

**Viewing selection is determined by the members.*

Waitangi Day Charity Tournament

This season it is all in support of Harbour Hospice. Pencil in Thursday 6 February 2020 for one of the best days on and off the bowling green. Entries are now open. Items to donate for raffles and auctions ring Louise Fox 021 2357121

Housie! - Thursday 17 October
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Tuesday 5 November
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Heath Watkins Shine Through

Saturday promised to be a good day weather wise but the first round started off with rain threatening and some heavy drops did fall on the green, but it cleared to become an ideal day for bowls. Twelve any combination teams were out to chase the Handicap Pairs title. At short odds were Millie Nathan/Peter Nathan, Lauranne Croot/Tony Grantham, Peter Kawana/John Hindmarch and Jimmy Heath/Randall Watkins. With four teams having the bye first up the others hit the green 8.30am sharp.

Judi Farkash/Lionel Drew the first upset of the day rolled Nathan/Nathan (16-12). Croot/Grantham made it past Chad Nathan/Mick Moodie (17-13) after Nathan/Moodie staged a late comeback claiming the last five ends, but two fours dropped earlier in the game proved unrecoverable. Heath/Watkins come from behind (9-15) assisted by a strange opposition call to beat Garry Wallace/Gary Stevens (16-15). Adam Richardson/Keith Burgess made short work of Vaughn Henderson/Colin Godfrey, scoring on twelve of the fifteen ends (20-12).

Second game with the byes eliminated. Peter Kawana/John Hindmarch had little problems defeating Warren Lush/Robbie Church (22-7), John Croy/Evan Thomas cruised past Dennis McSeeney/ John Lingridge (27-8). Farkash/Drew bowed out to Croot/Grantham (13-17). Richardson/Burgess against the two Premier One Harbour Reps Heath/Watkins were all square after five ends (6-6), but then a one and a five to Heath/Watkins opened the flood gates with Heath/Watkins comfortably taking the game out (24-7).

Semis, Heath/Watkins continued to show their class with Croot/Grantham conceding after 12 ends (17-6). Kawana/Hindmarch were not so dominate against Croy/Thomas, only ahead by three shots after ten ends (11-8). A three and a one to Kawana/Hindmarch saw the gap step out and one shot to each team on the final ends wasn't going to deny Kawana/Hindmarch a spot in the final.

Kawana/Hindmarch with three and Heath/Watkins a one on the board the final got underway. Kawana/Hindmarch drew first blood, one shot followed by a two to lead (6-1). All square after nine of the fifteen ends (9 all). Heath/Watkins picking up two threes but dropping a four the following end to lead (15-13). The thirteenth end and Heath/Watkins extend their lead by one (16-13). A four to Kawana/Hindmarch and a lead change by one shot to Kawana/Hindmarch. The final end and holding shot to Kawana/Hindmarch would secure them the title. One shot to Heath/Watkins would force the extra end or two shots or more and the title would be all Heath/Watkins. When the last bowl of the fifteenth end came to rest it was one definite shot to Heath/Watkins and the measure came out to confirm the second shot and with it the title for the season (18-17). Randall Watkins successful last year had continued his run but this year with Jimmy "Jandals" Heath leading.

At a glance:

Semis:

Peter Kawana, John Hindmarch (s) defeated John Croy, Evan Thomas (s) (11-8)

Jimmy Heath, Randall Watkins (s) defeated Lauranne Croot, Tony Grantham (s) (17-6)

Final:

Jimmy Heath, Randall Watkins (s) defeated Peter Kawana, John Hindmarch (s) (18-17)

Trespassers and the Gate

We are slowly tackling the problem of removing unwanted visitors and their dogs from the Club's grounds and greens. With a number recently being trespassed, a process the village and the primary school had already done. A combination lock has been fitted to the gate on the driveway. All members are asked, if you're the last one off the green to lock the gate behind you. There are cameras to record the comings and goings through the gate, but the best deterrent is the locked gate. The code to the padlock is the last four digits in life member Keith Burgess's land line phone number

Waitangi Day Charity Tournament - Thursday 6 February 2020

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Controlling the Dance Floor to the Green

First to 21 shots with a one hour 45 minute time limit, a mixed field of fifteen players took to the green in perfect conditions Sunday morning to contest this season's straight knock-out Handicap Singles. Tony Grantham, Peter Nathan and Lionel Drew the three players at short odds to claim the title. Grantham went out first round to Peter Nathan (21-14). While Nathan's offspring Chad and Millie also progressed to the second round with wins over Judi Farkash (21-5) and John Lindridge (21-3). Others to safely manoeuvre through the first round were, Garry Wallace (21-7), Colin Godfrey (21-13), Adam Richardson (21-8) and John Croy (21-17).

Second round and Lionel Drew entered the play after receiving the bye in the first round and first up against last season's winner Millie Nathan. Millie Nathan with a six shot start improved on that advantage to eventually take the game by eleven shots (21-10). Brother Chad Nathan up against Wallace, but Wallace was too good for Chad, with Chad bowing out (21-6). Meanwhile Peter Nathan was fighting it out with prolific lawn bowls practiser Colin Godfrey. All square (17-17) at the time limit, an extra end saw Godfrey claiming two shots and the win (19-17). The fourth game of the round saw last year's runner up Adam Richardson against President John Croy. Richardson got



Handicap Singles winner Colin Godfrey aka "Captain Starlite" and runner-up Adam Richardson aka Adam.

away to nine shot lead before Croy was on the board. Richardson continued to accumulate shots only dropping the occasionally one to soundly defeat Croy (21-6). Lunch time rolled round and Grantham, Peter Nathan and Drew were all gone. The Semis with last year's winner and bookies favourite Millie Nathan up against Godfrey, while Wallace took on Richardson in the other semi. Wallace got out to an initial lead but after nine ends it was all tied up (10-10). Wallace remained on ten for the next six ends while Richardson picked up nine unanswered shots. Wallace finally scored again, but Richardson took a single shot on each of the next two ends to move into the final (21-11). Richardson's opposition in the final was still battling it out, Millie Nathan and Godfrey. Godfrey got off to a good start but after twelve ends the scores were all square (8-8), again after seventeen ends (12-12) and after twenty ends (15-15). With the players now not only battling each other but also the time clock, Godfrey picked up a two to go ahead (17-15). The time limit up and with what would be the final deciding end Millie was only able to secure one shot, with Godfrey moving into the final (17-16).

Was this Richardson's year to shine or would Godfrey continue to spoil everyone's party and defy the bookies odds having moved in from 500/1 to 4/1, Richardson with odds of 2/1 obviously the bookies favourite. A final awaited and with a good crowd enjoying the warm afternoon the final got underway.

An unassuming Godfrey stepped up and after six ends the score was all locked up (6-6) and Godfrey had dropped a four in the process. Richardson took a small lead and after ten ends lead (10-8). That was where it stopped for Richardson as Godfrey took the next seven ends to finish out the game (21-10) and secure the title for the 2019-20 season, with Richardson once again the bridesmaid. For over forty years Godfrey controlled the dance floor spinning the disks as Captain Starlite, Sunday he certainly controlled the green at Birkenhead. A highly enjoyable final to watch irrespective of the final score.

At a glance:

Semis:

Colin Godfrey defeated Millie Nathan (17-16)

Adam Richardson defeated Garry Wallace (21-11)

Final:

Colin Godfrey defeated Adam Richardson (21-10)











Sunday 20 October

Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided

Social Bowls

Join Social Bowls and see what's been missing from your Monday evenings. This isn't like the game your grandfather plays. It's noisy, social, meet new people, short time, bar open, meal provided and loads of prizes each night. Phone Evan if you want in 021 057-5491 All starts 6pm Monday 4 November

The Week that Was

The second week in each month is usually a busy one and October has been no exception. Monday and the bottom green open for practice and coaching with Keith with a busy car-park and rinks in high demand, Tuesday and the Board of Management meeting. Wednesday saw Club Day held during the day and with Texas Hold'em, run by Chad Nathan, that night the club ticked over busier than normal. Mark Rumble cleaned up on the night with some cold hard cash for his efforts. Thursday started off a 6am with the kitchen in full swing for the wake starting at 12.30pm of past member Dave Danielson who sadly passed away the Thursday before. Bernie Hall had already put two full days of prep work in prior. Stuie was there to keep a watchful eye on his apprentice along with Louise and Sharon ensuring the quality and presentation standards were met. Thanks must go to the team Emmie Swart, Bernie Hall, Stuie Moorcroft, Louise Fox, Sharon Sowry, Terry Moverley, AmyKim Weston, Logan Smith and Mike Pugh for their help in making Dave's wake a success, the family certainly appreciated it. If they thought departure of the wake guests was the end of the day, it wasn't. It was just a chance to take a breath before reconfiguring the Club lounge and into Quiz Night. Doug Campbell ensured everyone stayed hydrated and that the tables were constantly cleared and cleaned, much appreciated by all those present. Quiz Master Ian took control for the next two half hours of our interactive quiz.

Jo Wallace and Terry Moverley looked after the all-important marking and scoring. Louise Fox's "Scud Missiles" took out the September quiz, but no upsets this month with "The Pink Panthers" in first place with two prefect rounds with one being a joker round and nailing the ponderous on the second round. Tim Roskrige's "Barfoot" team a little light on numbers was second, fourteen points behind. The surprise of the night was for third "No Better Offer" a team of two captained by Raymond Munce. Friday and the rain closed the green forcing the cancellation of the afternoon's 242, but that didn't dampen the spirit of Club Night. A whooping 12kg Champagne ham was up for raffle creating a lot of interest. Club Draws Friday saw Evan Thomas walk away with \$80 and Louise Fox pocketed the \$500. While the Joker 500 remained elusive, Daymon Pierson did draw a \$50 Ace in his attempt to find the Joker. Saturday, the Champagne ham raffle was drawn with the lucky winner being Merv Garred with number 96, he originally wanted 69, but it had already been snapped up. That night the Club hosted sixty members of the Karate fraternity for a social evening, they had been having a tournament in the primary school hall during the day. Thanks to all those members that helped out or supported the events during the week, the Club can't survive on just the weekend trade.



The winning team, The Pink Panthers: Adam, Leigh, Alex & Abigail.



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Christmas Shield 2019

The annual Birkenhead vs Northcote challenge. Northcote stole the show last year taking the shield off Birkenhead on Birkenhead's home green. It was such a monumental win it now graces the front cover of Northcote's 2019-20 handbook.

Originally carded for 5.30pm Tuesday 3 December in Birkenhead's handbook, this date has been changed due to a tournament at Browns Bay during the day.

This year's Christmas Shield will now be played at Northcote, 5.30pm Tuesday 26 November, dress mufti, followed by a meal. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

Handbook Updates (Bowling)

This list does not include social member updates

Peter Kawana – correct mobile number, 021 790968

Gary Stevens - delete published landline number

Doug Parlane – delete published mobile number

Charles Harvey – New - Full – Skip, handicap SCR Phone: 4887390 or 027 2558416

Gillian Knight- New - Full – Lead, Year 4, handicap 7 Phone 4887390 or 021 0550626

Phil Gibb – change from Social to Full – Two, handicap 5

Jeffrey Eskridge – change from Associate to Full - Skip, handicap 3

Adrian McCloy - 1st Year Full, Lead, handicap 10 Phone: 027 5443313

Stephen Garrett - 1st Year Full, Lead, handicap 10 Phone: 021 302040

Rob Finlay - 1st Year Full, Lead, handicap 10 Phone: 021 816241

Shaun Coffee-Todd - 1st Year Full, Lead, handicap 10 Phone: 021 2552333

Peter de Roo – change from Full to Social

Jerry Belcher – change from Full to Social

Kevin George (Scratchy) - change from Full to Social

Katrina Holland - change from Full to Social

Garry Cooley – Resigned

John Baxter – Resigned

Des Francis - Resigned

Please ensure that the Secretary is advised of any change of postal address, email address or telephone number. Email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

\$2,500 Easter Triples

Entry is now open for the \$2,500 Carpet Mill Archers Road Birkenhead Easter Triples. While many of the top bowlers are out chasing the big money in tournaments across the Auckland region. The astute bowler will be at Birkenhead this Easter, Friday 10 & Saturday 11 April 2020.

Two days of competitive, yet social, any combination triples (OACT).

Included in the entry is morning tea and buffet lunch both days, to the high standard that Birkenhead is known for, along with a sausage sizzle after play on the Friday.

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Birkenhead Bowling Club, ASB Birkenhead Account No: 123035-0699644-01 Use skips name and the abbreviation "-ET" of the tournament (eg. *Jones-ET*) as the reference.

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Calendar Dates

- Texas Hold'em** - 7pm second Wednesday in the month (registration from 6pm).
- Quiz Night** in partnership with Barefoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Tim Roskrige, Tim Webb and Bill Hansen:- 7pm second Thursday in the month.
- Housie! with Scratchy:** - 7pm third Thursday in the month.
- Melbourne Cup Day** – from 11am Tuesday 5 November
- Kids Christmas Party:** – 12.30pm Sunday 22 December

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we spot the spotlight on Ryman Healthcare's Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village. Ryman Healthcare having been sponsoring at the club over the past six years. Now days focusing on the Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village situated just down the road from the club in Birkenhead

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