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# 200 and Still Going

When the first edition of the Bee Express was emailed out to just over 100 individuals at 5.45am on Wednesday 8 October 2014 no one envisaged it would still be going over five years later. It was just a two page publication listing the upcoming week's play on the greens at Birkenhead, a couple of short information like articles and a rundown on one of the Club's sponsors. The very first article was written by Carole Fredrick "Match Committee Matters" outlining the requirements and obligations of singles and marking, defaulters and requested a member for the match committee as Colin Spence had resigned. The first edition the Battle of the Bridge, between Auckland Bowls and Bowls North Harbour, got a mention as it was played on the greens at Birkenhead and featured a number of Birkenhead members. Jo Utting won the Club Membership draw the previous Friday, picking up a cool \$100. Friday nights back then came with free nibbles around 6pm, the Joker 500 didn't exist then.

Today's 200<sup>th</sup> edition goes out to over 350 individuals, is posted on the Club's website and facebook page. It is read throughout New Zealand and offshore in Australia, Samoa, Wales, England, it reaches into many clubs, offices and into Bowls New Zealand's national office itself, with New Zealand CEO Mark Cameron saying he enjoys the regular Wednesday read. Social member Debbie Jones says its not a Wednesday if The Bee Express is not waiting in her in box for a read before starting work.

From the very first edition the Bee Express has trumpeted Birkenhead's successes and Birkenhead has had plenty to trumpet about over the past 200 editions. The 29 October 2014 edition announced Keith Burgess's return to President after 27 years since he last held the position. Many of Birkenhead's triumphs have been reported on. Such as. December 2014 saw Ruth Lynch claim her 20th centre title winning BNH Centre Singles. That pre-Christmas season the Club made its first big push into the Christmas Corporate market holding eleven functions in ten days. January 2015 Danny O'Connor became just the third man in the 100-year history of the New Zealand bowls championships to claim 10 National titles. February 2015 Birkenhead's ladies won the BNH Women's Centre Triples Championship, BNH Women's Centre Singles, BNH Women's Centre 1-5 year Singles, BNH Women's Centre Pairs and BNH Women's Centre Fours. March 2015 Peter Belliss, Tony Grantham, Lance Tasker and Danny O'Connor, all members of Birkenhead, won the inaugural Heartland Bank 20,000 held at Browns Bay. Mike Nagy made his Blackjacks debut taking on Australia in the Trans-Tasman tournament, alongside Tony Grantham. November 2015 Birkenhead won both the Women's Pennants Division 1 beating Manly and Men's Pennants Division 2 beating Mairangi Bay. December 2015, the 50th year of the Christmas Shield between Northcote and Birkenhead and won by Birkenhead six games to two. Birkenhead Women won BNH Interclub Premier One.

Mike Nagy playing in the Blackjacks comes away from the Asia Pacific's played in Christchurch with gold in the Men's Triples and the Men's Fours. Birkenhead's Daymon Pierson accompanied by Browns Bay's Christeen Dalzell won the National 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs Champions in April 2016. World Bowls Championships 2016, Men's Fours Gold for Birkenhead's Mike Nagy as he teamed with Mike Kernaghan, Ali Forsyth and Blake Signal for victory.



Birkenhead's Gayle Melrose in action, the Battle of the Bridge - 8 October 2014 edition (first edition)

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Harbour glory came again to the Club in January 2017 with the Bowls North Harbour Men's Centre Fours Championship won by Jimmy Heath, Robbie Henson, Daymon Pierson, Jack Huriwai (skip)

The Birkenhead Bees, became Bowls North Harbour Junior Interclub Champions in April 2017 and in turn went on to win the Mercedes Rose Bowl a month later. December 2017 BNH Pennants Men's Division 1 winners and March 2017 saw Birkenhead become the first BNH PPL winners

Birkenhead's Mark Rumble, Lionel Drew (the God Father of the side, as called by Kevin Hickland), Randall Watkins and Nigel Drew (s) came oh so close in January 2019 finishing third equal in the Taranaki Men's Open Fours

May 2019 Birkenhead's Peter Nathan and Milika Nathan (third year) became the BNH 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs Champions. October 2019 Colin Godfrey aka "Captain Starlite", stunned everyone winning Handicap Singles over Adam Richardson. A week later Birkenhead's 2019-20 Women's Singles Champion was crowned, Millie Nathan a third year bowler.

Only last week the Club celebrated winning BNH

Men's National Interclub Seven's, the first Men's Interclub title since 2001 and there have been some near misses and heartache along the way.

There have been the heart breakers. December 2018 the shock of losing the Christmas Shield on home turf to Northcote and to add insult to injury Northcote put the Christmas Shield on the front of their 2019-20 handbook.

Some lighter moments have also featured regularly. Take Robbie Henson in February 2016, he was due to play fellow club mate Gerry Sapucci in the first game of section play in BNH 1-5 year Men's Singles. On the way to Orewa Robbie sends a text to Gerry that he had broken down on the motorway and to come rescue him. Gerry left Orewa to rescue Robbie only to see Robbie drive through the intersection going towards Orewa. It was Robbie's plan to disrupt Gerry's pregame build up, it didn't work as Gerry won the section and moved on to post section.

In January 2018 the Bee Express covered Stui receiving his SuperGold card, courtesy of Winston. The Bee did miss out on covering Stui's new teeth only a few months back, after years of hearsay.

Who could forget the fairies at the bottom of the green? But reality has proved time and time again it just isn't true. Just ask those that arrive early before each day of play and prepare the green, set out the boards, mats and chalk the green. The same is true around the club, the fairies don't magically repair, paint or perform any one of the numerous tasks that keeps the Club looking great. And we have found no evidence of fairies in the kitchen either, fairies apparently hate washing cups. The Monday morning lads can be found each Monday between 9am and midday mucking in doing odd jobs.

February 2019 Dougie Campbell sold what possibly is the most expensive can of coke every sold in a New Zealand bowling club. The team of sisters from Carlton Cornwall, whom shall remain nameless, purchased two cans of coke and with two pushes Estelle had purchased the most expensive can of coke every sold at Birkenhead. A whopping \$200 a can and she had purchased two of them! Dougie had pushed in the extra zeros being unfamiliar with the till and Estelle just punched in her pin number without checking the total. It wasn't until the receipt was checked that everyone realised Dougie's record breaking sale. It made his sales for the morning look fantastic, but we had to pay it back much to the relief of a stunned Estelle.



A very happy Danny O'Connor, 10 National Open Tiles including 2015 National Men's Fours - 14 January 2015 edition

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Out of all the 200 editions it is hard to go past these two little gems. Keith Burgess forever thinking suggested to his wife Margaret that they could probably get by with only one car. Margaret immediately replied "how will you get to bowls?". Needless to say Keith and Margaret still have two cars. Then there was Bob Murphy doing a drawn draw from names on the white board turned to those present and asked "who the hell is R A?" the response back was "Ra" as in Ra Te Amo.

Our tournaments have been written up in international publications. Following on from the success of 2016 Ryman Healthcare Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs. The March edition of Inside Bowls, World Bowls official magazine, featured a five page write up on Birkenhead's tournament.

February 2017 Birkenhead hosted BPL05 team Sydney Lions, Aron Sherriff, Ben Twist, Karen Murphy and Coach Steve Glasson. The Sydney Lions went on to win BPL05 and a number of Birkenhead members were seen celebrating with them till the wee small hours of the Friday morning at the Good Home Birkenhead.



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BNH Pennants Men's Division 1 Winners - Birkenhead, Standing: Shane Gibson, Curtis Ennor, Daymon Pierson, Randall Watkins, Evan Thomas, Mark Rumble, Peter Nathan  
Front: Jimmy Heath, Jack Huriwai - 20 December 2017 edition

June 2017 Colin Barrow become the first and to date the only social member to hold the office of Club Chairperson. August 2018 Birkenhead's two day Women's Pairs and two day Men's Pairs were endorsed by Bowls New Zealand as part of the summer of bowls and continue to be so this season..

The Club marked its 75<sup>th</sup> jubilee over Easter 2018 with five days of celebrations, including four tournaments with a total prize pool of \$7,600, The Black Tie Gala Dinner was the social highlight of 2018 and saw the poem by Colin Barrow written for the occasion, "The Band of Men", recited for the first time and published in the Bee Express. As the Club moved to provided more entertainment within the Club, the TAB made its appearance in February 2015 with Melbourne Cup celebrated in the years after. December 2017 the gaming machines were connected up to a progressive jackpot to enhance the gaming experience. March 2017 Sky Survivor made its first appearance and has become popular during the rugby league season. Today we have our regular monthly Quiz Nights, Housie and Texas Hold'em

The Club's Bowls shop has featured prominently throughout the years, from the article on "Bowling Shoes Banned" to specials on bowling gear. With the assistance from BLT saw the August 2017 upgrade to surrounds around B Green and May 2018 installation of solar power in to the Club. Emmie Swart's June 2018 Excellence Award was covered highlighting her outstanding service to the Club.

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Musos have continued to entertain the membership and guests with The Mermaids Dance Band, The House Band, Freight, Soul Agents, Blues jam sessions, R K Express, Love Jones and The Renegades all performing in the Club.

The Bee Express has acknowledged the passing of some good friends and club mates, Danny O'Connor, Club Patron Bill Plunkett JP, Life Member & Past President Jack Gledhill, Life Member Jack Renwick, Life Member Don Carter, Gentleman Ray Urwin and the unreplaceable Kevin Croasdale.

May 2018 the Membership draw was put on hold as we had been reported to Internal Affairs we had been unintentionally in breach of the gambling legislation, but after a rejig was back up and running a couple of weeks later. June 2019 saw the installation of new AV system, thanks to a grant from the Birkenhead Licensing Trust. The Bee Express had the pleasure of announcing

in September 2019 the World Bowls Champion singles player Karen Murphy would be competing in February's Women's Pairs and running her Bowls Clinic at Birkenhead. We have seen sponsors become Club Partners, some have come and gone, some have had name changes and rebranded, The Club has been grateful to have had them all and we look forward to continuing long and mutually beneficial partnerships into the future. That was the past 200 editions of the Bee Express, we wait now to see what the future editions have install each Wednesday during the summer bowling season.



Ray Urwin a true gentleman - 17 December 2014 edition

## On the Greens

Note: "A" green is currently unavailable for all play.

Wednesday 27 November - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Saturday 30 November - Corporate Afternoon

Sunday 1 December - 9am Sunday Tournament - Ham (OACT) - lunch provided

Monday 2 December - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (5)

(Triples, 1 x Bowler & 2 x Non-Bowlers or 3 x Non-bowlers)

Wednesday 4 December - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Friday 6 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - mufti

Saturday 7 December - 1pm Stinger 200 Club Arvo (5) - Single Entry AC - Mufti

Sunday 8 December - 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Fours (Any Combination)

Monday 9 December - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (6)

(Triples, 1 x Bowler & 2 x Non-Bowlers or 3 x Non-bowlers)

Wednesday 10 December - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Saturday 14 December - Championship Reserve Day

Sunday 15 December - Championship Reserve Day

Wednesday 18 December - 9.30am Rod Mahon Memorial Tournament - Ham (OACT) - lunch provided.

Saturday 21 December - Leads and Twos (ACP, Single Entry)

Tuesday 24 December - 1pm Stueie's Birthday Tournament (OAC, Single Entry) - Non bowlers welcome - mufti

### 2020

Wednesday 1 January - 10am Club Day - mufti (AC, Single Entry)

Saturday 4 January - 1pm Stinger 200 Club Arvo (6) - Single Entry AC - Mufti

Sunday 5 January - 9am Sunday Tournament - (OACT) - lunch provided

Wednesday 8 December - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Saturday 11 January - 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs  
- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs



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## Inside this Weekend

### Friday 29 November – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Members Draw, Joker 500  
 Racing – Otaki (Thoroughbreds), Addington, Alexandra Park (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from Australia.  
 Cricket\* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Test - Blackcaps v England  
 Bowls\* – 7pm – World Bowls Challenge

### Saturday 30 November

Racing – Wanganui, Ellerslie (Thoroughbreds) Oamaru (Harness), and racing from Australia, including Ascot – Winterbottom Stakes  
 Cricket\* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Test - Blackcaps v England  
 Bowls\* – 2.30pm – World Bowls Challenge  
 Rugby 7's\* - 11.30am - Regional Sevens

### Sunday 1 December

Racing – Cromwell (Thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from Australia  
 Cricket\* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Test - Blackcaps v England  
 Rugby 7's\* - 11.30am - Regional Sevens  
 \* Viewing selection is determined by the members.

## It Returns

After the shock loss of the Christmas Shield to Northcote, when they snatched it from Birkenhead at Birkenhead last Christmas, it was all important to return the Shield up the hill to Birkenhead. It was going to be a bit of an ask as Northcote was defending the Shield on home turf and rumour had it that they had their top players in. It wasn't star studded side that ventured down the hill from Birkenhead last night, but the Club has made its mark on the greens lately with teams that on paper are just everyday Club teams. Lionel Drew's selections made up of one women's five men's teams were sent out to do battle on the greens. When the battle was over and the dust settled the women's team had won as did four of the men's teams, an overwhelming victory to Birkenhead and the Shield reclaimed until it goes on the line again next year, this time on Birkenhead's greens. Northcote claim they win it when contested at Birkenhead. That will be twelve months away and in the mean time the Shield is safe and secure in Birkenhead's cabinet. The evening was finished off with the presentation of the Christmas Shield, a bite to eat and a few cold ones as has been done since 1956.



Birkenhead's President Joh Croy enjoying a celebratory drink have reclaiming the Christmas Shield last night.

## Battle of the Bridge

The annual Battle of the Bridge will this year be played on Sunday 1 December on the greens in Auckland. The Women's sections will be at Howick while the Men's sections battle it out on the greens at Point Chevalier. Congratulations to the following Birkenhead players who have been selected to represent North Harbour in the Battle of the Bridge:

Men's Premier 1: Randall Watkins  
 Men's Premier 2: Jack Huriwai (Team Captain), Jim Heath, John Hindmarch, Peter Nathan, Daymon Pierson.

Women's Premier 1: Ruth Lynch  
 Women's Premier 2: Milika Nathan



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## World Challenge this Friday and Saturday

*Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand*

*'Rest of the World' team for World Bowls Challenge announced - May 2, 2019*

International selectors left no stone unturned in their quest for success in announcing the 'Rest of the World' team to take on the mighty Australian Jackaroos in the forthcoming World Bowls Challenge.

A new blockbuster international bowls event – the flat green sport's equivalent to golf's iconic Ryder Cup – will be staged in Australia later this year.

The inaugural World Bowls Challenge, an exciting ten-side format will be staged from November 29-30 at the magnificent Moama Bowling Club and sees the world and Commonwealth champion Aussies up against the 'rest'. For the uninitiated, golf's immensely popular Ryder Cup is a time-honoured biennial competition between teams from Europe and the USA.

'My guys and gals will give a very good account of themselves at Moama,' said Rest

of the World team coach John Bell from England, who doubles as president of World Bowls, the sport's global governing body.

'It's a very good all-round group of players who know how to get the job done.'

Team captain Alex Marshall MBE totally agreed. 'A cracking good team – I'm really looking forward to playing with each and every one of them. Personally, I've always hoped to have a game alongside Jo Edwards, she's amazing, so maybe it could materialise.' Along with Marshall, a six-times Commonwealth Games gold medalist and six times world indoor singles champion, with a plethora of other accomplishments from his bejewelled career, are fellow Scot Darren Burnett, a gold medalist at last year's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, former Games singles gold medalist and world indoor singles champion; Shannon McIlroy from New Zealand, the reigning world singles and champion of champions titleholder; Canadian great Ryan Bester, a former world pairs champion and rated in the world's top five over the past few years; and Gary Kelly from Ireland, who won the recent World Cup at Warilla, then doubled up as a key member of the inaugural UBC champion team at the same venue.

The women's line-up is equally formidable, featuring New Zealand's Jo Edwards MNZM, the reigning Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist, world singles champion of champions and a six-time World Cup winner; Colleen Piketh from South Africa, a former Commonwealth Games pairs gold medalist; Canada's top lady Kelly McKerihen, who has featured in several podium finishes at recent world championships; English superstar Ellen Falkner, who has three Commonwealth Games gold medals, four world indoor titles and a world fours gold medal to her credit; and last but by no means least, is prodigiously talented England starlet Katherine Rednall who, at the tender age of 23, has already struck gold in the world indoor singles championship three times, plus a mixed pairs gold with Darren Burnett in 2016, while she collected bronze at last year's Commonwealth Games in Australia in the women's triples.

As someone remarked on the Rest of the World team composition, 'there's enough precious metal there to float a third world country's national debt'.

The selected 'Rest of the World' teams are:

Men: Alex Marshall MBE (Scotland), Darren Burnett (Scotland), Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand), Ryan Bester (Canada), Gary Kelly (Ireland).

Women: Jo Edwards MNZM (New Zealand), Colleen Piketh (South Africa), Kelly McKerihen (Canada), Ellen Falkner (England), Katherine Rednall (England).

*Editor: The selected "Jackaroo" teams are: Men: Barrie Lester, Aron Sherriff, Aaron Teys, Corey Wedlock, Aaron Wilson. Women: Kelsey Cottrell, Ellen Ryan, Karen Murphy, Natasha Scott, Rebecca Van Asch*

*World Bowls Challenge held November 29-30 at Moama Bowling Club, VIC, Australia  
The World Bowls Challenge is being broadcast live on Sky Sport Friday from 7pm and Saturday from 2.30pm*



New Zealand's Shannon McIlroy and Jo Edwards MNZM both in the "Rest of the World" team for World Bowls Challenge



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## Our Poem

At the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Gala Dinner held on Easter Sunday 2018, invited guests Bowls New Zealand CEO Mark Cameron, Bowls New Zealand Community Development Officer Martin Mackenzie, Co-Jubilee Platinum Partners Pete Taylor and Tim Preston, Birkenhead Licencing Trust Vice Shane Prince and our very own President John Croy all gave glowing speeches congratulating the club on reaching 75 years. Chairperson Colin Barrow stepped outside the box and recited a poem he had composed for the occasion. Here is that poem. It has been reproduced here from The Bees Express 04 April 2018.

### THE BAND OF MEN

– by Colin Barrow

*It was early in the year of 43-- when The Band Of Men-- met at the Forester's Hall.  
Fat Man-- had not yet been deployed-- and the Harbour Bridge -- was still a dream.  
Tired they were- - from the trudge up the hill-- made the need to split-- from Waitemata  
their call.  
Osborne The Mayor- -inspired them all-- and the meeting approved a scheme.-- Birken-  
head Bowling Club- is formed.  
Land was bought -- a plan was hatched --the dream of a green evolved.  
The band of Men-- with no time to lose- -attacked the land-- with picks and shovels --  
diggers and graders.  
Their need was great-- the land succumbed --the green complete-- opened November  
44.  
The Band of Men --took a sip- -then rolled a bowl- at the Head-- and smiled.*

*It was in the year of 68-- The Band of Men-- take time to celebrate.  
25 years had soon rolled by- -The Harbour Bridge-is- about to double in size.  
TV now--takes pride of place--in homes throughout the land.  
Clubs have spread--across our shores—Thousands of Bowlers-- now congregate.  
Bowls as a Sport- is riding high-and numbers continue to rise.  
Our club now-- has 2 greens – and the clubrooms are alive.  
The rattle of bottles--and the song of the till--is music to the ear.  
Stories are told-- of games that were played.-- Cigarette smoke-- fills the air.  
Work goes on--things can improve-- the club will surely grow.  
The Band of Men—looked down--then rolled a bowl- at the Head--and smiled.*

*It was in the year of 93--The Band of Men--take time to celebrate.  
50 years --had now rolled by--the World Wide Web is born--and mobile phones take  
hold.  
Bowling numbers-- had reached their peak-- and were slowly starting to wane.  
Sandy Cleghorn- runs the show—Keith Burgess- is there as well—Our Club was in good  
hands.  
The clubrooms expand --to fill the need.—an upstairs lounge is formed.  
Work continues on the greens-- they both have been renewed.  
New plant is bought--irrigation installed—improvements are being made.  
Players flock-- to play the Bass—the clubs reputation is high.  
The song of the till- is loud and strong - yarns and laughter- into the nights.  
The Band of Men—looked down--then rolled a bowl- at the Head--and smiled*

*It is the year of 20-18-- The Band of Men -take time to Celebrate.  
75 years have quickly rolled by –The pace of life is swift—social media becomes the fad.  
It's been 9 years -- since Woman players- first graced our greens- Social Members  
abound.  
Mixed Teams –are now the norm--Jaunty uniforms –and coloured bowls –add eye ap-  
peal to the scene.  
For the Purist—the grass will still get manicured—and the games remain the same.  
Carpet greens- and covered stadiums—Quick fire games—in a national league--is what  
the future holds  
Amalgamation- - consolidation-- the writing is on the wall.  
Our Club will adapt –and survive—we owe it to those Men  
The Band of Men—looked down--then rolled a bowl- at the Head--and smiled.*





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Secure your spot today email [secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz](mailto:secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz)

## That Was Pennants

Pennants came to an end Saturday for the two remaining Birkenhead sides. Birkenhead's Men's Premier side had finished in third place the week before. The Women's Premier side finished down the table as did the Men's Division 1 side and weren't required for the finals on the Sunday. We now wait for the outcome of the cluster meeting at Orewa on 2 December to see what format Pennants takes next season.

Final Placings:

Men's Premier: Winner - Mairangi Bay  
Runner-up - Takapuna (Birkenhead third)

Men's Division 1: Winner - Warkworth  
Runner-up - Manly (Birkenhead down the table)

Women's Premier: Winner - Takapuna  
Runner-up - Orewa (Birkenhead down the table)

## Kids Christmas Party

Pencil this one in for the little ones, a little bit later in December than previous years, but will still be just as much fun, Sunday 22 December the club is taken over by the kids. The Kids Christmas Party (12 years of age and under) is again kindly supported by Tim Roskrug (Barfoot Thompson agent) and United Gaming. Starting at 12.30pm with entertainment and afternoon 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. This is for all Club Member's children and grandchildren.

## 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 Emmie Swart, Joseph Korkis or put your name on the white board in the Club, there are various dates to choose from, your help will be appreciated.

## Mufti for Christmas - New Year

Play on Tuesday 24 December (Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament) to and including Saturday 4 January (Stinger 200 Club Arvo) is in mufti. The Stinger jackpot on Saturday 4 January will be drawn until a winner is found.

## Members Cash Draw

Club Membership Draw is drawn Wednesdays between 5 - 6pm, and Fridays between 5 - 7pm. Draws jackpot up to \$500 cash. Members must be present at the draw to claim the cash prize (members have two minutes to make themselves known to the draw caller).

## Club Night - Every Friday

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### The Drop Kicks

YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls cruised along Monday evening under clear skies, a great evening for bowls. With Pete skipping, Jimmy Birkenhead's most experienced social bowler in the middle and Cheryl off the front made lite work of the opposition. The "Drop Kicks" nailed first place for the evening with two wins, one an impressive 17-0. But more importantly was the number of ends, the top three teams all end the evening with seven ends. But the shots for sealed the final positions, twenty five, nineteen and eighteen shots for.

In a kind act or they were hiding something, "The drop Kicks" gave their first prize away to the team they played in the last game that evening, the team of girls, first year social bowlers, Tommy Winton, Social Bowls answer to Wednesday Triples burglar Keith Burgess, managed to float himself into the third placed team of the night. The best team name of the evening went to "Only Playing for The Food". Two more evenings of Social Bowls this side of Christmas, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December

Social Bowls at a glance:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Drop Kicks: Pete, Jimmy, Cheryl (2 wins, 7 ends, 25 points for)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – XFit: Rob James, Graeme (2 wins, 7 ends, 19 points for)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Bowling Stones: David, John, Linda (2 wins, 7 ends, 18 points for)
- Consolation (last game win) – Hungry Jacks: Helen, Rob, Tommy (win, 4 ends, 7 points for)

### Ten Hams Down

Under a month till Christmas and the continuous ham raffles are on sale now 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 18 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club. Raffles not collected on the 18 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 - #7 Barry Rayland
- Raffle No.2 - #47 Curtis Ennor
- Raffle No.3 - #19 Bub Pike
- Raffle No.4 - #16 Terry Moverley
- Raffle No.5 - #28 Bernie Hall
- Raffle No.6 - #9 Robyn Autridge
- Raffle No.7 - #12 Graeme Norton
- Raffle No.8 - #22 Peter Svendsen
- Raffle No.9 - #35 Evan Thomas
- Raffle No.10 - #49 Bruce Cochrane

### Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "New World Birkenhead". A long time Club Partner. Our Friday raffles and tournament meat prizes all come from Steve's store. The Sunday Triples Ham Tournament in December is sponsored by New World Birkenhead with all the hams from Steve's store.

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