



## Bar Christmas Ham Raffles pickup from 5pm today

### This is Christmas

Back one Monday evening early November Birkenhead kicked off their 1-5 Year Interclub campaign in section 1 with a clean sweep against Northcote/Beach Haven as did Takapuna over Sunnybrae/Milford.

Two weeks later and up against Sunnybrae/Milford and another clean sweep, while Takapuna maintained their unbeaten record with a clean sweep against Northcote/Beach Haven

Week three and with both Birkenhead and Takapuna sitting on 6 wins and 18 points apiece, it was only the net shot differential that separated the two and Takapuna had a 23 shot advantage there.

The winner between Birkenhead and Takapuna would top the section while the other would have to wait another week for the results of section 3 to know if they would take up the next best team spot at the conclusion of the round robin competition.

Section 3 finished off their round robin competition the following week and Birkenhead was declared next best team and had secured the fourth spot in the finals, joining section 1 - Takapuna, Section 2 - Milford Mariners and section 3 - Manly Blues

Monday 16 December under the cover at Orewa and minus Birkenhead's manager, Jimmy Heath had a prior family engagement, with Peter Nathan standing in as manager a blind draw was conducted. Birkenhead drew winners of section 3 Manly Blues and went on to beat them two games to one. Takapuna clashed with Milford Mariners, with Takapuna coming away the victors' two games to one.

The final and a mouth-watering clash between Birkenhead and Takapuna, a repeat of the fight for the top of section 1 a couple of weeks back when Takapuna downed Birkenhead. This was Birkenhead's night to shine. Millie Nathan playing the singles downed Bob Telfer, the pairs Gary Wallace and Chad Nathan won while the triples Robbie Henderson, Adam Richardson, Warren Lush suffered a one shot loss for Birkenhead to win two games to one. With the win comes the 1-5 Year Interclub title and the right to represent North Harbour latter in the season for the prestigious Mercedes Rose Bowl at Hikurangi Bowling Club. Bowls North Harbour President Maureen Taylor commented on Birkenhead's win "Well done especially to Millie - in both singles came back from well down to win"

With Birkenhead having secured BNH Men's National Interclub Sevens earlier and now BNH 1-5 year Interclub title, it sure feels like Christmas has come early this year.

The final at a glance:

Birkenhead played Takapuna – won by two games to one

Singles: Millie Nathan (Birkenhead) beat Bob Telfer 14/11

Pairs: Gary Wallace & Chad Nathan (Birkenhead) beat Jerry Belcher & Wynne Gray 11/5

Triples: Gordon Jenkins, Jacqui Belcher, Dennis Hall beat Robbie Henson, Adam Richardson, Warren Lush (Birkenhead) 10/9



Birkenhead's winning 1-5 Year Interclub side:

Back row: Gary Wallace, Millie Nathan, Chad Nathan.

Front row: Adam Richardson, Robbie Henson, Warren Lush.





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**Housie! - Thursday 19 December**  
 Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George  
**Cash Prizes First Game 7pm**  
**Housie cards only \$1 per card**  
 Further info ph: 0275 297297, Entry restricted to 18 years and over  
**Housie! the third Thursday in the month**

**On the Greens**

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

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  
 Wednesday 1 January - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – mufti  
 Saturday 4 January - **1pm Stinger 200 Club Arvo (6) – Single Entry AC – Mufti**  
 Sunday 5 January – **9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided**  
 Wednesday 8 January - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)  
 Saturday 11 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs – 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs  
 Sunday 12 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs – 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs

**Stueie's Birthday Mini Tournament**  
**Tuesday Afternoon 24th December**  
 Single Entry - Mufti - 1pm Start  
 Bowlers & Non-bowlers welcome

**Inside this Weekend**

**Friday 20 December – Club Night**  
 Raffles, Happy Hour, Members Draw, Joker 500  
 Racing – Otaki (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from Australia.  
 Live Sport\*

**Saturday 21 December**  
 Racing – Te Rapa, Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds) Winton (Harness), and racing from Australia  
 Live Sport\*

**Sunday 22 December**  
 Kids Christmas Party - 12.30pm  
 Racing – Gore (Thoroughbreds), Rangiora (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from Australia  
 Live Sport\*

\* Viewing selection is determined by the members.

**Carry on Over Christmas/New Year**

Many places reduce hours or close down over the Christmas/New Year break, not the Birkenhead Bowling Club. Starting Saturday 21 December the bar is open from 11am each day, excluding Christmas Day, up to and including Sunday 5 January. Friday Club night meat raffles continue as do all our regular draws, Membership and Joker 500 and happy hour. Wednesdays are the same happy hour, members draw and Joker 500 all continuing over the break. The only day the Club is closed is Christmas Day.

**Leads & Twos**  
 Entries Close 5pm Tomorrow, Played Saturday 21 December





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**Quiz Night 7pm**  
**Thursday 9 January**

*Free to enter - Non-members welcome*

Quiz Partners:  
Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Bill Hansen & Tim Roskrige

## Stuie's Returns

What has become in recent years a Club tradition is Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament and this year is no exception. Initially this tournament was run as a bit of a joke to celebrate Stuie's 59th birthday, in preparation for his 60th the following year. Eight years on the annual tournament on the afternoon of 24 December, Christmas Eve, has continued to prove popular. Curtis Ennor has run this for the past four years and kept it going in the spirit it was intended, light hearted and fun, and has done a fine job. He has again offered to run it this year on Tuesday 24 December, names in by 12.45pm, play starts 1pm, three short games, prize giving and all over around 4pm. Open to bowlers and non-bowlers, Single Entry, Mufti, \$5 entry, loads of prizes. Come and join in the fun as we celebrate Stuie's birthday.

## 1-5 Year Fours

It was one green of seventy-five Christmas partying engineers and support staff on the Saturday (7 January) followed on Sunday (8 January) by a vastly different group. Eight 1-5's headed out on to the green at 8.30am in pursuit of the 1-5 Year Fours title and doing so before the predicted afternoon thunderstorms arrived. Under the two life system, fifteen ends with a two hour time limit, the hot favourite Adrian Pollack, Adam Richardson, Millie Nathan and Gary Wallace took on the underdog and sentimental favourite Warren Lush, Vaughan Henderson Mari Hannan, and John Hannan. The first game saw Hannan raise the white flag after fourteen ends and the time limit ran out (4-26).

Game two and a tighter game with Hannan up after the first three ends (6-0). Hannan dropped a three and a five on ends seven and eight to trail Wallace (8-10). The following four ends went to Hannan to lead (17-10) with three to play. Ends thirteen and fourteen saw a single shot in each go the Wallace, but he was denied the chance of the win when the two hour time limit expired. Hannan, after the game one result, a somewhat unexpected winner (17-12).

Game three and the winner takes all final, under threatening skies. Hannan's team got away to a handy start securing the first three ends to lead (4-0). Wallace's team taking the following two ends to draw even (4-4). Hannan made a jump with a one and three to pull away by four shots (8-4). Singles on the next three ends and Wallace had pulled within one shot of Hannan. A two on end eleven and Wallace was in the lead for the first time (8-9). A further single to Wallace saw Wallace take two shot lead with two ends to play. End thirteen and Wallace improved to lead by one (8-11). As the heads changed the game was intensifying two ends to play and Hannan had a chance for the underdogs. Fourteenth end and the time signal went off, the two hour time had run out. The final took on a very different scenario with shot selection changing dramatically. Suddenly Hannan had to grab a two to force an extra end. It was not to be for Hannan's team as they went down one on the fourteenth end, with Adrian Pollack, Adam Richardson, Millie Nathan and Gary Wallace securing the 1-5 Years Fours title for the season (8-12).

1-5 Year Fours at a glance:

Game 1: Wallace bt Hannan (26-4, 14 ends)

Game 2: Hannan bt Wallace (17-12, 14 ends)

Final: Wallace bt Hannan (12-8, 14 ends)

## Not too Late, Single Women Wanted

Monday 16 December came and went and so did the close off for entries into the Bowls North Harbour NZ Masters. But this was not quite the case, as NZ Post delivery times have got slower in recent years it has meant that the Centre is able to leave entries open until Monday 23 December for entries emailed or hand-delivered. They are also keen on some single entry women's entries to partner up with some of the single entry men available for the Masters mixed pairs scheduled for Wednesday 19 February.



# Stinger 200 Club Arvo - \$350 Jackpot

Saturday 4 January - Jackpot must be won\* \*T's & C's apply

## Don't Wait, You'll Miss Out

Sit back, sit on your hands, wait and see, do this and you will miss out on the best tournaments at Birkenhead. Teams from outside realise what great tournaments Birkenhead runs and get in quick when entries open. First the Carpet Mill \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Pairs, then \$6.500 The Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs both have teams that missed out from being too late putting entries in. The Carpet Mill \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Pairs was full long before it was due to be opened up to the general bowling population. The Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament in April with teams coming from as far away as the West Coast, Christchurch is the latest to fill and at the time of going to print had three teams in reserve. The Giltrap North Shore Easter Triples is limited to only sixteen teams and it too will fill. Birkenhead's new PPL style tournament at the end of May has caught the imagination of those outside of the Club and early interest suggests it too is looking like a quick fill.

The choice is all yours, sit back and miss out or jump in quick and nab your spot. Some tournaments may require the entry fee paid to secure a spot.

## Together to Pull it Off

As we roll towards the end of the Christmas Corporate season some of the stories come out over a glass on wine.

The big one this season would have to be the big Corporate that was booked for a Saturday that Emmie had mistakenly put down for a Thursday. She managed to cancel the food and the helpers for the Thursday, but at 12.30pm she received a call from Logan Smith at the primary school that 20 people were outside the club. She had marked them down for Friday 13th but it should have been Thursday 5 December. Emmie contacted them to inform them she will be there soon. Half an hour later and four frantic phone calls later the bowling started. Followed by at 3pm, only half an hour off the scheduled dining time, Bernie Hall had put together the full Christmas dinner they had booked. Vaughn Henderson and Joseph Korkis helped them play bowls and Amy Kim ran the bar while Emmie went and bought the necessary stock for the salads. When the Bee spoke to Emmie latter she said "I have to say Vaughn even helped Bernie with the salads, dessert and clearing of tables". Louise Fox arrived for her scheduled crochet lesson but that was put aside and she started to help with the function. Casual Foodies provided the Club with the vegetarian meals needed. Bernie has now decided that vegetarians are not that bad after all. The four vegetarians were all very pretty young women.

The accountant who paid the bar tab thanked Emmie and said they will be back and they could not believe we could have done such a great meal and fun day for them in such a short time. Great to have members that at such short notice got together and we made a success. At the conclusion of the function Emmie told Bernie she is resigning but he told her she is fired. Needless to say Emmie is still working her magic with the corporates. The first booking for Christmas 2020 has already been received, the Club must be doing something right.

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## That was Social Bowls

Monday evening (9 January) saw the Club's pre-Christmas YOU Travel Birkenhead Social bowls draw to a close. A field of 24 teams took to the green last Monday evening. Still limited too one green with teams alternating for green time, but this didn't seem to worry anyone to much, it gave more time to socialise.

As in true social bowls fashion and what has become a tradition, the final night is a little special, featuring hot ham on the bone and fresh steamed mussels on the dinner table and over thirty individual prizes up for grabs. Prizes were given out covering the try-hards, of which there were six teams in the running, to the first place for the night with two wins. First place on the night went to "Hungry Jacks" Kath, Rob and Helen (2 wins, 8 ends, 21 shots for)

Thanks goes out to Evan Thomas for countless hours confirming teams each week and turning the organised chaos prior to start of each week into a tournament. Also thanks, Bernie Hall, slaving away in the kitchen donating his time each week to feed the hungry players and often the supporters.

You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls gets back underway for a further six evening 6pm Monday 3 February 2020. Teams and individuals wishing to play contact Evan Thomas ph: 021 0575491 email: socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

## Easter Triples Entries Open

Entry is now open for the Giltrap North Shore \$2,500 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. Fish is available Friday lunch as a replacement for meat.

With a guaranteed \$1,000 first prize, total prize pool of \$2,500, Morning tea and lunch each day, and

limited to only sixteen teams the Giltrap North Shore \$2,500 Birkenhead Easter Triples is sure to fill quickly as it did last season. To enter put your entry on the white board in the Club and pay the entry fee (\$150 per team) over the bar at the Club or direct into the Club's bank account.

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. Entry payment is required to confirm entry.

## 1 in 23

There is a 1 in 23 chance of selecting the Joker today, but you have to be in to have a chance. Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Joker 500, numbers on sale from 5pm - 6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at just after 6pm. The purchaser of that winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receives the corresponding prize with the top prize available being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday. Every card has a cash prize.

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## Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020

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## Bowls Birkenhead centres the "Summer of Bowls" on the Shore

by Rob Davis, reproduced from Bowls New Zealand's website

For bowlers wanting to mix their holidaying and lawn bowling, the North Shore of Auckland will make a great place to enjoy a 'bowlscation' in February in 2020.

Four Bowls New Zealand 'Summer of Bowls' are scheduled to be played over the month, catering for both men and women, young and old, and novice and expert bowlers.

The programme starts off on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with the annual Milford 5000 Triples for mixed teams of 1-8 year bowlers at the Milford Bowling Club. On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, the Carpet Mill Birkenhead Men's Pairs are being played, followed by the Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs the next weekend on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February – both at Bowls Birkenhead. And the Bowls North Harbour New Zealand Masters is being played on the North Shore during the week of 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February.

A total prize money of \$27,000 over the 4 tournaments adds more than just icing on the cake to make the Shore the place for bowlers to visit over summer.

"But people need to be quick," says Bowls Birkenhead Club Secretary Terry Moverley. "Entries have already filled for the Men's and Women's Pairs, but we're taking a waiting list. People need to get in touch with us as soon as."

Those contact points are as follows –

Milford 5000 Mixed Triples <https://bowlsmilford.co.nz/>

Carpet Mill Birkenhead Men's Pairs [secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz](mailto:secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz)

Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs [bwopenpairs@gmail.com](mailto:bwopenpairs@gmail.com)

North Harbour New Zealand Masters <https://www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/masters-2020-entry-forms/>

"We've got World Singles Champion Karen Murphy playing in the Women's Pairs," says Moverley. "Karen's represented Australia over 650 times at international level."

"As a bonus, she's going to spend the Thursday and Friday (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>) at Birkenhead running bowls clinics for both men and women. What's more, one of the participating women will be invited to pair up with her

In the Women's Pairs Tournament over the weekend. It's a great opportunity to potentially play with a bowling legend!" Both women and men interested in joining one of Karen's 2-hour clinic sessions can contact Moverley directly at [secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz](mailto:secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz)

While other clubs might view all this tournament organisation with trepidation, Bowls Birkenhead seems to take it all in its stride.

Not only has the club become renowned for running the successful Men's and Women's Pairs in February, but also the Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament (next year on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020), the Giltrap North Shore Triples over East (next year on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020), and the Birkenhead Power Play Pairs next year at the end of May 2020.

"On top of this, we also run a regular monthly Wednesday and Sunday tournament," adds Moverley. "We have no problem attracting players. We put it down to the fact that we put all the sponsors' money and entry fees back into the tournaments as prize money and hospitality. The club just makes a few dollars from what we pick up over the bar."

It's a formula that has seen Bowls Birkenhead attract a membership of 300 or so, with slightly less than half of those full playing members.

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**BUTCHER JACKS**





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"We have an ideal spot for a bowling club here," says Moverley. "We have the advantage of drawing membership from a large catchment area on the North Shore of Auckland, but we also enjoy the sense of belonging to the small community of Birkenhead village."

That means things like the fact that the Birkenhead Fire Brigade are 'ex officio' members of Bowls Birkenhead, and who also provide the magic at the Kids' Christmas Party every year at the club (this year on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12:30pm).

It also means that the club is continually developing its infrastructure.

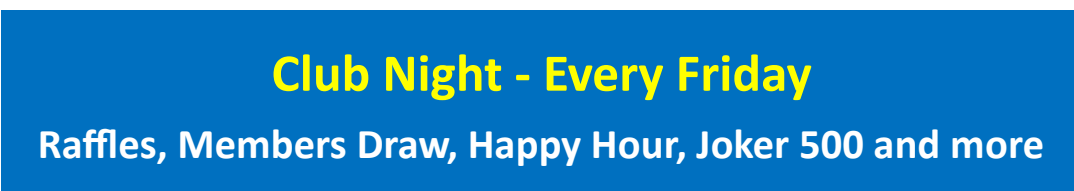
"We've continued to upgrade the club rooms over the years," says Moverley.

"Ten years ago we put in the sliding doors opening up to the front deck – it's a great spot to relax and enjoy the bowls. Six years ago we added a couple of offices. And soon we'll be refurbishing the bar."

"We've also got a team investigating whether we should cover one of the two greens. It's not an easy decision either way. We all enjoy the natural greens – there's one starweed and one maniototo. The maniototo can be a bit temperamental – the nematodes got the better of us for a while – but our greenkeeper will have it back in top shape for the new year."

Whatever decision the club makes, Bowls Birkenhead is, and will continue to be, a great venue for tournaments. Or even just a roll-up.

Or for that matter, even just a social stop to enjoy the company of the bowlers who have made Bowls Birkenhead a 'must visit' on the Shore.



## Mufti for Christmas - New Year

Play on Tuesday 24 December (Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament) up 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, T's and C's apply.

## Birkenhead Extended Tournaments Update:

Morning tea and lunch included at all extended tournaments.

Carpet Mill \$5,000 Birkenhead Men's Pairs\* – 8 & 9 February 2020 – **Full**

\$6,500 Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs\* – 15 & 16 February 2020 – **Full**

Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament – 4 & 5 April 2020 - **Full**

Giltrap North Shore \$2,500 Easter Triples - 10 & 11 April 2020 – **Currently accepting entries (limited to 16 teams)**

\$5,000 Birkenhead Power Play Pairs - 23 & 24 May 2020 - **Entries open early 2020 (limited to 16 sides)**

\*Bowls New Zealand "Summer of Bowls" tournament.

## Waitangi Day Charity Tournament

This season it is all in support of Harbour Hospice, Thursday 6 February 2020

Items to donate for raffles and auctions ring Louise Fox 021 2357121.

Entries are now open, teams are encouraged to include a non-bowler in their team. After all this is a fundraiser day for a fantastic cause, the town hall clock is not on the line.

## Kids Christmas Party

This coming 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.



## TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.



### Hams Available Today for Pick Up

Bar ham raffle winners are able to pick up their winning ham, or hams in some cases, from 5pm today at the Club.

Any remaining ham raffles will also be drawn just after 5pm today. Raffles not collected today 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 Atridge
- Raffle No.7 - #12 Graeme Norton
- Raffle No.8 - #22 Peter Svendsen
- Raffle No.9 - #35 Evan Thomas
- Raffle No.10 - #49 Bruce Cochrane
- Raffle No.11 - #48 Jo Utting
- Raffle No.12 - #49 Oscar Tyler

- Raffle No.13 - #29 Curtis Ennor
- Raffle No.14 - #45 Colin Barrow
- Raffle No.15 - #23 Bub Pike
- Raffle No.16 - #33 John Croy
- Raffle No.17 - #1 Tauke Kirwood
- Raffle No.18 - #13 Bob Waide
- Raffle No.19 - #25 Warren Lush
- Raffle No.20 - #39 Caro Hoyce
- Raffle No.21 - on sale & drawn today
- Raffle No.22 - on sale & drawn today
- Raffle No.23 - on sale & drawn today
- Raffle No.24 - on sale & drawn today

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## MEMBER'S CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN

(CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER)

# SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

# AT 12.30PM



## KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

## AFTERNOON TEA (KIDS ONLY)

# SANTA

Please bring your child a wrapped present (labelled with your child's name & age) to the value of \$15 for the Santa Sack. Names & numbers on the white board at the club for catering purposes.

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## Nationals Live On Our Big Screen

The Summerset National Open Championships Singles & Pairs 2020 are played in Christchurch from 2 – 8 January. The Birkenhead Bowling Club will be showing games live\*\* on the big screen. Come in and relax while enjoying some live bowls in the comfort of the Club with TAB facilities available.

Schedule\*\*:

- Thursday 2 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men’s Singles & Women’s Pairs
- Friday 3 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men’s Pairs & Women’s Pairs
- Saturday 4 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men’s Pairs & Women’s Singles
- Sunday 5 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men’s Singles & Women’s Pairs
- Monday 6 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men’s Pairs & Women’s Singles
- Tuesday 7 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men’s Singles/Pairs & Women’s Singles/Pairs
- Wednesday 8 January BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men’s Singles/Pairs Finals & Women’s Singles/Pairs Finals

\*\*subject to availability



## Birkenhead Bowling Club Christmas | New Year Trading Hours

Times are subject to change, dependant on staffing levels and patronage.

DECEMBER			
Friday	20th	2pm - 10pm	Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	21st	11am - 9pm	Leads & Twos <i>(Club only, Graded Lead or Two, Single Entry, Any Combination)</i>
Sunday	22nd	11am - 8pm	
Monday	23rd	11am - 8pm	
Tuesday	24th	11am - 8pm	1pm Stuie’s Birthday Mini Tournament <i>(Open Single Entry, Any Combination - mufti)</i>
Wednesday	25th	Closed	Christmas Day
Thursday	26th	11am - 8pm	Boxing Day
Friday	27th	11am - 9pm	Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	28th	11am - 9pm	
Sunday	29th	11am - 8pm	
Monday	30th	11am - 8pm	
Tuesday	31st	11am - 8pm	New Years Eve
JANUARY			
Wednesday	1st	11am - 8pm	10am Club Draw <i>(Single Entry, Any Combination - mufti)</i> Club Membership Draw, Joker 500, 4.30pm - 5.30pm Happy Hour
Thursday	2nd	11am - 8pm	
Friday	3rd	11am - 9pm	Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	4th	11am - 9pm	1pm Stinger 200 Cub Arvo (6) <i>(\$350 Jackpot must be won, Single Entry - mufti)</i>
Sunday	5th	11am - 8pm	9am Sunday Tournament (OACT)



### Merry Christmas

The Board of The Birkenhead Bowling Club would like to wish all our Members, Club Partners and friends of the Club a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels over this festive season. Thank you for your continued support of the Club and we look forward to catching up in the New Year.

### Bee on Holiday

There will be no Bee Express published Wednesday 25 December or Wednesday 1 January as the Bee is flying off on holiday in search of some Manuka. Wednesday 8 January will see the next Bee Express back in your email boxes. Until then have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanks to all those that have supported the publication, the feedback has been great.



### Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on long time Club Partner Dil's Funeral Services.

*By Stephen Dil*

Since 1960 Dil's Funeral Services has been meeting the needs of families as they cope with loss and sadness after a death. We provide funeral services based on the wishes of the families we serve. They are personalised, meaningful and memorable.

From the very beginning, we have run our company on a set of traditional family values that ensures you are met with sensitivity, empathy and warm professionalism as you begin plans to farewell your loved one.

From your first contact with us, our carefully selected and experienced staff will take the worry out of getting it right. We work sensitively to help you create a funeral service that will truly reflect their life, and the feelings of your family and friends.

This deeply personal approach formed the unique heart of our service when it was originally founded by Wilfred T Dil - and it remains in place today as our business continues into the third generation of family ownership.

Today the company is owned by Wilf's grandson Stephen Dil.

Equally important to remaining true to these original values has been our ability to evolve along with the times, to innovate and embrace new ideas and continue to meet the needs of changing generations.

We carry out our work as a 'family', with integrity, honesty and with the highest respect for you and your family. In line with the very best philosophy based on familial care and empathy - 'nothing is too much trouble'.

Our company stands apart as a funeral service provider and, at this difficult time, we can assure you that:

- We will listen to your needs and find out exactly what you want
- The funeral service we create together will be personal, individual and tailored exactly to your requirements
- Traditions and special requirements important to your family will be followed
- Help and guidance will always be available and you will have access to knowledgeable, experienced and sensitive staff
- You will have access to world class facilities including our award winning North Harbour Chapel.

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