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### Birkenhead Again

Eleven Birkenhead players spread through seven teams stepped out on the greens across North Harbour last Saturday in pursuit of BNH Mixed 242 Pairs glory. In recent history Birkenhead has a strong showing in this Centre event with one member, Daymon Pierson, gaining a New Zealand title from the National finals back in 2016.

Section play done and dusted saw Birkenhead teams Gary Wallace and Mavis Smith along with Peter Nathan and Milika Nathan through to post section along with Daymon Pierson paired up with Orewa's Christeen Dalzell, and Lionel Drew with Mairangi's Theresa Rogers

Pierson/Dalzell saw off Wallace/Smith (14-8) in the quarter finals, Drew/Rogers also moved forward to the semi finals with a one shot win (14-13). Birkenhead's father and daughter combo, Peter and Milika bowed out going down (7-10) to Browns Bay's Brian Wilson and Orewa's Jan Harrison in a closely fought game.

Semis and for Birkenhead came an opportunity of a player in each of the final teams or the unthinkable of no one!

Pierson/Dalzell beat Wilson/Harrison (10-8) while Drew/Rogers event came to an end with a loss (14-15) to Takapuna's Trevor Forward & Connie Mathieson.

The final and a chance for Pierson and Dalzell to move on to the National finals, but Forward and Mathieson stood in their way. After the completion of twelve ends only one shot separated the teams (11-10) but that all important one shot difference was in favour of Pierson and Dalzell and with it can the BNH Mixed 242 title, the first centre title of the 2020-21 season, the fourth centre title for Pierson, now only one off a gold star. For the record, a Birkenhead player or players have taken out the BNH Mixed Pairs title for seven of the past nine years:

- 2012-13 **Merv Garred, Adele Ineson**
- 2013-14 **Reen Stratford** (Birkenhead), Neil Fisher (Browns Bay)
- 2015-16 **Daymon Pierson** (Birkenhead), Christeen Dalzell (Browns Bay)
- 2017-18 **Trish Croot, Tony Grantham**
- 2018-19 **Peter Nathan, Milika Nathan**
- 2019-20 **Doug Parlane** (Birkenhead), Lisa Parlane (Orewa)
- 2020-21 **Daymon Pierson** (Birkenhead), Christeen Dalzell (Orewa)



Orewa's Christeen Dalzell and Birkenhead's Daymon Pierson victorious again in BNH Mixed 242 Pairs

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## Alert Level 2 from Midnight

We move to Alert Level 2 at midnight tonight and all going well to Alert Level 1 at midnight on Wednesday 5 October. While at Alert Level 2 contact tracing and being seated in the Club are still in place, but gatherings have moved up from 10 to 100, but bubbles remain. Practice on the green must still adhere to the rules already set out. Our first Wednesday Club Day can finally happen next Wednesday 30 September. All jacks and mats must be sprayed with the sanitiser provided before placing back in the white box, this also applies to any score boards used.

## On the Greens

*B Green open – strict Covid-19 rules and regulations must be followed  
A Green currently closed.*

*Note: the status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current greens status.*

Wednesday 23 September – ~~10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)~~ – **CANCELLED**

Wednesday 30 September - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Friday 2 October – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Team & Single entry – mufti

**Saturday 3 October – 9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn, Single Entry)  
- 4pm Official Opening of the Summer Season & the greens**

Wednesday 7 October - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Saturday 10 October - 8.30am Handicap Pairs (AC)

Sunday 11 October - 8.30am Handicap Singles (Mixed)

Wednesday 14 October - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

## Inside this Weekend

### Friday 25 September - Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500

Racing – Ascot Park (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park & Addington (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and from across Australia

Mitre 10 Cup\* – 7.05pm Wellington v Bay of Plenty

NRL\* – 8pm Titans v Knights

### Saturday 26 September

Racing – Ellerslie & New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds) and from across Australia

Mitre 10 Cup\* – 2.05pm Tasman v Waikato

- 4.35pm Southland v North Harbour

- 7.05pm Hawke's Bay v Canterbury

NRL\* – 5pm Bulldogs v Panthers

- 7.30pm Sharks v Raiders

### Sunday 27 September

Racing - Banks Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from across Australia

Mitre 10 Cup\* – 2.05pm Auckland v Manawatu

- 2.05pm Taranaki v Otago (RS)

- 4.35pm Counties Manukau v Northland

NRL\* – 5pm Warriors v Sea Eagles

\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

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## Opening Day – Saturday 3 October

Opening day, our third attempt, is set down for Saturday 3 October, with the formal part of the day starting at 4pm. The traditional Opening Day roll-up or in recent years mini tournament has been replaced with the Allan Meekings (Any Combination, Drawn, Single-entry) starting at the early time of 9am and finishing by 3pm, in plenty of time for the Official Opening at 4pm. Those wishing to enter the Allan Meekings can do so via the Championship clip boards in the Club. With only one green available members are urged to enter early as numbers are limited.

The formal Opening starts at 4pm with the traditional speeches and for the tenth year running, a guest speaker. Followed by the formal opening of the greens for the coming summer season.

## Miss Marmalade

Obviously Birkenhead is a club of marmalade lovers. Louise Fox has made in excess of 60 jars of marmalade over the past couple of months and every one of them given away free of charge in the Club. We are heading towards the end of the grapefruit season so all good things must come to an end. Any empty jars with lids can be dropped off at the Club for next grapefruit season. Many have donated sugar to the cause and Louise is very grateful for that. If you would like to show your appreciation and thank Louise in a tangible way a wee glass of wine would be nice as she relaxes after the past few months of marmalade making, thanks Louise.

## Small Disk to the Inside

The key to a good bowl is small disk to the inside, a fact that Club Convenor of Coaches Keith Burgess tries to install in all that attend his coaching sessions. Coaching is available to all full playing members, if you require assistance in a particular aspect of your delivery or game contact Keith (027 4824884) and he will see you right or he will put in touch with the right person.

Monday afternoons from 3.30pm are reserved for coaching on the greens at that Club. The coaching is free of charge, although a cold drink of amber colour from a fountain mounted on a bench top placed in front of the coach after a session is always appreciated. All first years are encouraged to attend Monday afternoon sessions, a few Mondays of coaching will save you weeks of frustration and you will get to meet your fellow first years and other members of the Club. If you are unable to attend Monday afternoons, phone Keith and a suitable time can be arranged to start you off on your bowling career, with the small disk to the inside.

## Wednesday Club Days at Last

Wednesday Club Days finally get underway for the summer 9am Wednesday 30 September. Under Alert Level 2 access to the green is via the Club, all must be signed in for contact tracing Covid restrictions are to be observed.

All playing members welcome. These days are ideal for first years and newer members to the club to meet fellow members and enjoy the hospitality and comradery out on the green and inside the Club. Dress of the day is creams or club uniform. Bring your lunch along and enjoy a relaxing day out on the greens. Single entry with teams drawn and graded.

**Fourth Time Lucky!**

**Prize-giving 2019-20**

**Rescheduled – 6.30pm Friday 2 October**  
 Now incorporating Birkenhead's BNH Prizes & Awards

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**Birkenhead Bowling Club**  
**Opening Day**

**Rescheduled Again!**  
**Saturday 3rd October at 4pm**

**Formal Speeches**  
**Guest Speaker**  
 (Sponsored by Barfoot and Thompson Birkenhead)  
**Ceremonial opening of the greens**

**Almost Delivered**

Many would have noticed the pile of knitted garments mounting up in the Clubrooms. They were due to be dropped off in August but due to the Covid restrictions the hospital has been unable to receive them. Emmie and Clive "Taffy" attempted to drop them all off yesterday for the wee ones (prem babies) but "The Bridge" has delayed the drop off for a day or two, this time next week the wee ones will be enjoying fruits of our BeezKniters. The Club utilises the resources within its membership to support premature babies. A number of members and others from outside of the Club, have been knitting booties, hats, mittens, vests, blankets and various other items to keep the premature babies and new-borns leaving Kidz First Hospital warm. Our BeezKniters donate their knitting under the "BeezKnits" name and formally operate from the Club, where the Birkenhead Bowling Club has become a drop-off point, delivering knitwear to Middlemore at least monthly, more frequently if demand requires. If you're keen to help out the "BeezKnits" contact Emmie (0275 297 297) or Louise (021 2357121).

**M M M Takes a Break**

School holidays start this coming Saturday 28 September through to Sunday 11 October. During this time the regular Monday Morning Maintenance (M M M) will also be taking a break. Monday 12 October will see the Monday Morning Maintenance return. Thanks all those that help out on a Monday morning your efforts do not go unnoticed.

**Facebook and Cancellations**

For those members 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 cancellations go to our facebook page [www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead](http://www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead) or ring the club.

**Prize-giving – Friday 2 October**

It must seem as though we are destined not to have our 2019-20 prize-giving. We will try for the fifth attempt Friday 2 October. Commencing at 6.30pm with Past President John and current President Randall doing a double act to get the proceedings underway. BNH Centre certificates and prize will also be presented. Honoured guest for the evening will be BNH Maureen Taylor.

**Quiz Night - Free Entry**  
**7pm Thursday 8 October**  
**Non-members welcome**  
**Enter on the night**

Quiz Partners: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Bill Hansen and Tim Roskrug



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**MELBOURNE CUP**



**Tuesday 3 November**  
**@ Birkenhead Bowling Club**  
**Stuie's Punters Bar & Winning Post Lounge**

**Melbourne Cup Day at The Club**

Experience Melbourne Cup Day at Birkenhead for yourself and join us for the race that stops two Nations. Come and make a day of it in the exclusive Winning Post Lounge with all the trimmings or enjoy the casual atmosphere of the Stuie's Punters Bar with a full bar operating. Whichever way you go, be at Birkenhead Bowling Club Tuesday 3rd November for the 160th running of the Melbourne Cup. TAB facilities available, five large screens tuned to the racing action, Full Bar, Open from 11am. Stuie's Punters Bar - Free Entry or the Winning Post Lounge – Limited Availability, booking required.

**Stuie's Punters Bar – Free Entry**

Join like-minded members and visitors punting/partying the day away in the Club. Set in the main bar/lounge area of the club, you'll be able to circulate between friends and join in the excitement as you back that winning horse.

Free Entry, No ticket required.

**Winning Post Lounge – Limited Availability**

Winning Post Lounge is the place to be for those who thrive in a social atmosphere right in the heart of the racing action. Watch all the action from the heart of the racing in the club! With large screen televisions tuned to the racing action, with all the benefits and frills that come with this exclusive area. Certainly something a little different..... All day access to the exclusive Winning Post Lounge.

- Sumptuous buffet lunch, the menu includes Glazed Champagne Ham, Prawns, Half Shell Oysters and a selection of cold dishes and salads. Finished with dessert.
- Beverage package.
- Afternoon tea featuring a selection of platters.
- Convenient access to TAB betting facilities on site.
- TAB voucher draws, "Lucky Punter Draw",
- Melbourne Cup sweepstakes on sale.
- And more.....

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**Centre Reminders**

The information below has been reproduced from a Centre email

- All Centre tournaments can be entered online at any time before the entry closing date. If you can see the tournament in the online registration list you can enter it
- Individual tournaments. Members to book their entries through the Online Registration Mixed Pairs played on 19 & 20 September. Successfully completed this weekend Ivan Kostanich Memorial Open Men's Premier Singles played on 26 & 27 September. This tournament has been cancelled. All those who have entered should send their bank account details to bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz to claim their refund if they have not already done so
- Next Club tournaments. Clubs to book entries through the Online Registration PPL Carnival Weekend played on 17 & 18 October, Entries close on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Pennants - played on 31 Oct, 1, 7 and 8 November, Entries close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.



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# Bowls New Zealand AGM

## Behind the scenes of the 25th Bowls New Zealand Annual General Meeting

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website – 17 September 2020

Last Saturday, the 25th Annual General Meeting of Bowls New Zealand was held at the Ponsonby Bowling Club in Auckland.

But it was a meeting like no others before it.

The Level 2.5 COVID lockdown in Auckland precluded gatherings of more than 10. So the traditional attendance by the 27 Centre delegates from throughout New Zealand, was instead replaced by a 'virtual' attendance by 25 of the 27 delegates via the digital platform Microsoft Teams.

Although the team at Bowls New Zealand of Martin Mackenzie, Erin Nurkka and Tamara Maher had already previously grappled with the technology to enable such remote collaborations within the bowls community, it was the first virtual annual general meeting for bowls.

"It was pretty stressful," remarked Nurkka. "Even though we've done live-streams before, there's a thousand things that can go wrong. Not only at our end, but at the delegates' end too."

"For instance, while we had delegates logging in to a 'waiting room' prior to the scheduled 10.00am start (a digital equivalent of television's 'green room'), we found we couldn't bring them on-line into the actual meeting as quickly as thought. We were pushed to start on time."

Bowls New Zealand Chief Executive, Mark Cameron, also initially found the experience challenging.

"It can be disarming just talking to a camera," observed Cameron. "And although you're facing an on-screen collage of the 25+ attendees, it's not the same as facing people in the flesh. You can see them ... but not hear them."

Bowls New Zealand Chair, Tony Lepper, also found the experience 'different'.

"Asking the meeting who's in favour of a motion, and who's against, takes a bit of getting used to when delegates are using an 'electronic hand' in Microsoft Teams. Fortunately, there weren't any contentious motions this year which required us to really test the voting process."

It's a difficult voting process at the best of times.

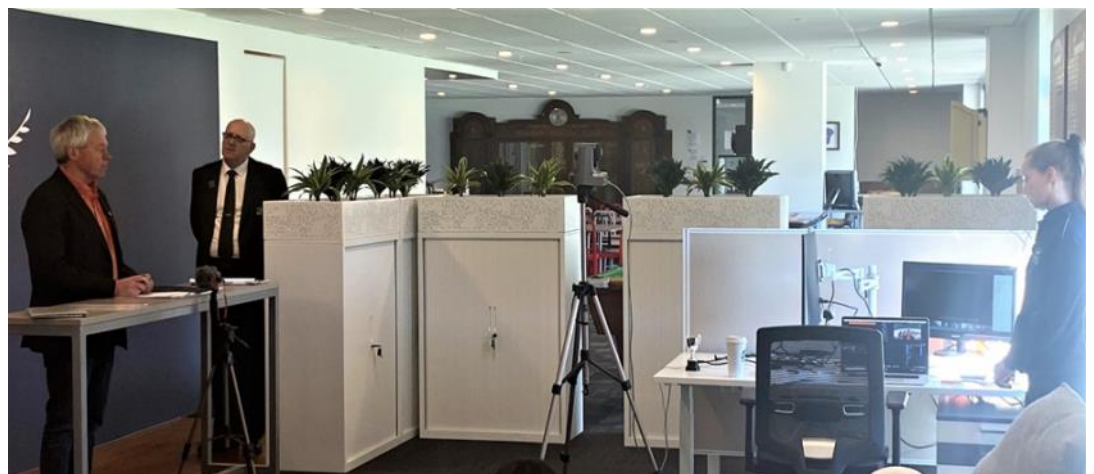
Like the electoral college system in the United States, each of the 27 Centre delegates has a varying number of votes at the annual general meeting.

"That ranges from the smallest centres with one vote like Bowls Gisborne-East Coast and Bowls Buller," explains Martin Mackenzie - on-hand as vote scrutineer. "Right up to the likes of Bowls Auckland with 5 votes and Bowls Canterbury with 7 votes. It's all based on their number of affiliated members."

The lack of controversy meant that the 2020 AGM was all over and done with in a record 30 minutes ... lock, stock and Chair's report (Tony Lepper), President's report (Mark O'Connor) and Chief Executive's report (Mark Cameron).

"The brevity of the meeting requires a little investigation," says Cameron. "Maybe there was in fact little to discuss. Or maybe the virtual AGM didn't easily allow engagement and comment. Or maybe our on-going communication had meant there were no surprises." Perhaps it was simply the financial health of Bowls New Zealand which prompted the brief AGM.

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Bowls New Zealand Chair addresses the 'meeting' watched by President Mark O'Connor and live-broadcasting Producer Tamara Maher



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"Despite COVID, it was great to be able to report to the AGM a \$39,000 surplus for the financial year," says Cameron. "Including an increase in commercial revenue from the likes of Summerset, Prebble Seeds and APEX Insurance which reduced our reliance on affiliation fees."

Whatever the case, Bowls New Zealand will be following up with delegates to see what worked and what didn't work with this virtual meeting.

"Of course, we all hope things are back to normal this time next year. But maybe these virtual AGMs are a thing of the future ... either by necessity or design. There's pro's and cons : there's obviously a cost to traditional AGMs, but they're also an important opportunity to mix and mingle."

"We've now got \$2 million of reserves ... there for a rainy day," says Cameron. "With COVID, I guess it's fair to say it's raining now. So we're going to be using some of those reserves to invest more in the bowls community in the coming year."

**Wednesday Tournament (OACT)** - BYO Lunch  
Wednesday 21 October - 9.30am  
**Sunday Tournament - Ham (OACT)** - Lunch provided  
Sunday 20 December - 9am

### Virtual Arena Audience

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand facebook page

Bowls3Five on Sky Sport is back, featuring a brand new team in the Manurewa Cosmopolitan Kites and we're looking for a "crowd"!

Being an Auckland competition, it's always been difficult for fans from around the country to watch at the venue, and with this year also carrying the potential for restrictions to be imposed on audience numbers (Thanks COVID-19!), we will be creating a digital audience for the arena instead.

We would love your help to do it, so send us your best photos and you could find yourself and your mates featuring live on Sky Sport!

Send your pictures in to events@bowlsnewzealand.co.nz or via facebook messenger.

NB If you are submitting a photo of a group, please make sure you've got permission from everyone who is featured,



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 Enter at the Club (Clipboards) - Entry is free

**Each Month**

- **Quiz Night** in partnership with Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Tim Ruskruge, and Bill Hansen: - 7pm the second Thursday in the month.
- **Housie!** with Scratchy: - 7pm the third Thursday in the month.

**\$1,000 Pairs Afternoon**

Playing the National Singles and Pairs? Warm up with an afternoon of competitive bowls on the greens at Birkenhead. With a 12.30pm start, in mufti, a prize pool of \$1,000 what better way to warm up for your nationals campaign and possibly a bit of cash for your efforts. Further details and entries open soon.

**Spotlight on Club Partners**

This week we put the spotlight on "The Birkenhead Licensing Trust". Although not a sponsor, but with the Trust's support over the years the club has benefited from many grants. With the up coming Rugby World Cup the Good Home is showing the games live and free. Source <http://www.birkenheadlicensingtrust.org.nz>

The Trust is a net proceeds-committee of the Lion Foundation and is responsible for approving grant funding to the local community groups in Birkenhead and surrounding areas from gaming funds generated by Lion Foundation.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust was established in 1967 after voters decided that the Birkenhead Council area should change from 'dry' to 'wet' under the control of a licensing trust.

In 1970 the Birkenhead Trust Hotel was opened, with catering facilities designed to cater for all locals.

A period of expansion was followed by the economic slump of the late 1980s, the recipe for a loss-making enterprise. In 1992 the trust hotel complex was sold and only the wholesale outlet retained.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust then sat for a number of years, accumulating revenue through the wholesale outlet and distributing interest accrued to local community groups. Meanwhile local licensing reins were loosened, allowing other operators to apply for licenses.

In the interim the Trust sought other suitable sites. In 2002 the Slipp Inn Pub had been opened by Allen Vaughan, who had a long history with Lion Breweries. In 2006 the Trust approached Mr Vaughan with an offer to buy the Slipp Inn, as it seemed a good fit for several reasons: the Trust is a net-proceeds committee of the Lion Foundation; grant funding to the local community comes from funds generated by Lion Foundation; the Trust was already the pub's landlord; the pub fitted the family-friendly ideal of the Trust; and the gambling facility was a source of revenue. The Pub undertook extensive renovations and was reborn as "The Good Home Birkenhead"

But, you ask, what is the difference between a Trust operation and a private or brewery-owned enterprise? Well, all profits from bar and restaurant sales and gaming proceeds are distributed in the local community through the Lion Foundation, rather than going into a big national pool for distribution nationally.

As Mr Vaughan points out, "The Trust does a lot of good in the community, it is not self-rewarding or ruled by self-interest, there are no paid directorships, and all six trustees are chosen by the electorate in the local body elections. As a result close to \$1 million annually has gone back into the community in recent years."

The Trust also owns the Glenfield pub Inn Field; revenues go back into the Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote areas from both establishments.