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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

LEVEL 2

Auckland is currently at Alert Level 2
The Clubrooms & Greens are open.

On the Greens

Bowls North Harbour has revised the Centre playing programme and Birkenhead's programme has been revised accordingly. **Changes are in red.**

Wednesday 10 March – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)
Monday 15 March – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (12)
Wednesday 17 March – **10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)**
- ~~9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT)~~ – **CANCELLED**

Sunday 21 March – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided
Monday 22 March – **6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (10)**
Wednesday 24 March – 10am Club Day – Ross "Trust Me" Murray Tournament (AC – Single Entry)
Monday 29 March – **6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five (11)**
Wednesday 31 March – **Matthews Memorial Pairs (AC 60+, Single Entry - Full & Life members only) – NEW DATE – players must re-enter on the clipboard.**
Friday 2 April - Easter Triples (OACT) – day 1 of 2
Saturday 3 April - Easter Triples (OACT) – day 2 of 2
Sunday 4 April - **1-5 Year Women's Singles - day 2 – 8.30am start**
- **1-5 Year Men's Singles - day 2 – 8.30am start**
- **1-5 Year Triples (AC) - day 2 – players report midday**
Monday 5 April - **8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Fours (AC) – NEW DATE**
- **12.30pm Bowling Club & RSA Social Bowls Afternoon**

Wednesday 7 April – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)
Saturday 10 April – "Wheels on Wairau" Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 1 of 2
Sunday 11 April – "Wheels on Wairau" Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 2 of 2
Wednesday 14 April – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)
Wednesday 21 April – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO lunch
Friday 23 April – **3.30pm 70s v 80s – AC mufti – NEW DATE**
Sunday 25 April – Greens closed until 1pm (ANZAC Day)
- 1pm 1-5 Year Championship Reserve Day

Inside This Weekend

Friday 12 March – Club Night
Raffles, Joker 500, Members Draw (*Members Draw is subject to being in Alert Level 1*)
Racing – Pukekohe (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Westport (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and from Australia
NBL* - 7pm Perth Wildcats v New Zealand Breakers
NRL* – 8pm Knights v Bulldogs

Saturday 13 March
Racing – Ellerslie, Trentham (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), and from Australia
NRL* – 5pm Warriors v Titans
- 7.30pm Rosters v Sea Eagles
Super Rugby Aotearoa* - 7.05pm Crusaders v Chiefs

Sunday 14 March
Racing – Gore (Thoroughbreds), Reefton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from Australia
Super Rugby Aotearoa* - 3.35pm Blues v Highlanders
NBL* - 4pm New Zealand Breakers v South East Melbourne Phoenix
NRL* - 6.05 Raiders v Wests Tigers

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

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Quiz Night - Free Entry
7pm Thursday 11 March
Non-members welcome
Enter on the night

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

70s v 80s New Date

The annual 70s v 80s challenge was set down for Friday 16 April, but with the change of playing dates by BNH now sees the Cadness Cup played on that day. The 70s v 80s will now be played Friday 23 April at 3.30pm, supporters are welcome so come early and watch the players battle it out for bragging rights. The Club bar will be open.

2032 Olympics the Target for Bowls

Reproduced from Bowls Australia website

By Val Febbo

Bowls Australia's (BA) CEO Neil Dalrymple has put forward his case why the sport of bowls should feature at the 2032 Olympic Games, if Brisbane are selected as the host city.

The Queensland capital has emerged as a front runner to host the event in eleven years' time, following on from this year's delayed games in Tokyo, Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028.

Each host nation is entitled to propose the inclusion of new temporary sports to the Olympic programme for their event, with Japan electing for baseball/softball, karate, skateboarding, sports climbing and surfing, which were approved by the International Olympic Committee.

Considering the strong ties that bowls has with the state of Queensland and the nation more broadly, Dalrymple is confident that it would be the perfect entry point for the sport into an Olympic Games.

"As a host country, bowls is intrinsically linked to

Australian society and the bonus is that we are blessed to have exceptional facilities, especially in Queensland," Dalrymple said.

"[For the Paralympics] bowls as a sport can be modified very easily to allow people with different disabilities to play it.

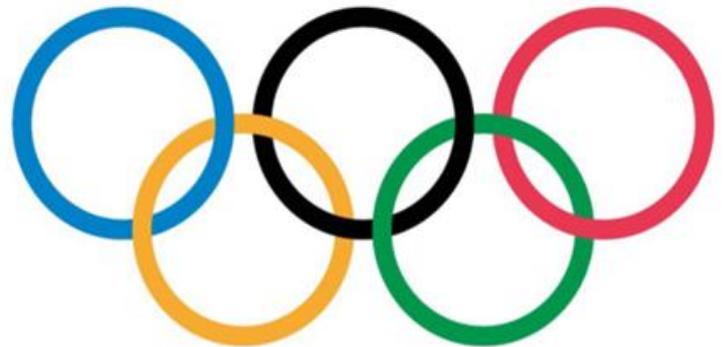
"Bowls features strongly in the Commonwealth Games, as a core sport, has a thriving para-sport component, and has made strong inroads in participation by non-Commonwealth nations, particularly the Asian and Southeast Asian regions in recent times."

Selection will not come easy, with other sports such as cricket, squash and netball also vying for their own place at sport's showpiece event, but bowls has its advantages.

It is a rapidly growing sport in the regions of China, Hong Kong and Malaysia, while the volume of participation continues to increase globally, none more so than in Australia, making it more than just a Commonwealth discipline.

The thriving participation and spectatorship in Queensland for events such as the Australian Open and Bowls Premier League have cemented the popularity of the sport, while the hosting of the 2018 Commonwealth Games and impending World Bowls Championships have bolstered its credentials on the global arena.

The sport has never been more primed to compete under the five famous rings, and should Brisbane be selected as an Olympic host city, a debut in one of bowls' true heartlands would mark the most monumental occasion in its history.



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The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

North Harbour Singles

I had a bit of a break writing for the Bee Express because I was conscious that some of my comments were a bit close to the mark, and as Terry quite rightly pointed out it does go a bit further than the Birkenhead Bowling Club and some people who don't know me might not quite understand my sense of humour.

So what have I been doing for the last four weeks, well I have been waking up at 1am every morning, with pyjamas on, and contemplating if I should be worried about what people think of me. The result of those sleepless nights is now exhibited on this piece of paper you are reading and have I decided that the world has gone to "PC" and that sometimes you just have to expose your middle finger.

So, to the North Harbour Singles. Now I don't mind singles because you don't have to impress anybody else and if you lose then you don't have to walk around the club trying to avoid your team mates. Three weeks without a bowl in my hand meant I wasn't going into the weekend of bowls with high expectations, something I should imagine Jacinda Adhern's husband feels every time he enters his bedroom. Looking at Jacinda, I should imagine that social distancing is something she quite likes when it come to the bed....or is she?

So off I went with my trusty Taylor Vector VS's to my first game against, guess, yes someone from that filthy rich club of Takapuna. Now this guy was born, bred and lived in the Takapuna suburb of Pukekohe. Jason was a bloody nice guy and I enjoyed getting beaten by him and was thankful that it was in the early rounds so that I didn't get a mention on the Takapuna Facebook site. Jason beat me 21-18 and I wasn't too depressed about my performance, although I was disappointed about losing to someone from Takapuna again...maybe if I was playing for money I might do a bit better. The next game was against the eventual winner of the group from Mairangi Bay. I won't mention his name because he plays in a set of white "Croc's" and that should be enough to identify him, for anyone that plays the circuit. I picked up later in the game and eventually won 21-14 to give myself a chance of qualifying, but, the dreaded "marking" had other ideas. Going into my last game I couldn't get back up to the level of game two and the 80 year old Dave McMurphy gave me a lesson on line and length. By the end of that game I was walking up and down the green with all the grace of a hippopotamus with gout and realised that playing a bit more might mean my quads get some reprieve.

On the way home me and Mick Moodie analysed our performances by blaming everything from the greens and wind for our inability to qualify. Later that night just after 8pm I got a phone call from Mick all excited. At that time I thought he'd won lotto and was about to give me a couple of hundred thousand. Alas, no, Mick had found out that he had qualified as top of the group. Apparently no one had read the conditions of play, Mmmmm, where have I heard that before, and Mick had accumulated the most shots, not the best differential as everyone thought. Good on yah Mick I said, actually disappointed he hadn't added to my bank account.

The following day I made the trip to Browns Bay to watch the knockout stage. To be honest I only went there to watch Mick and any other Birkenhead qualifiers. To my surprise there were three Birkenhead boys in action, not those I expected though. Mick of course, Chad, who had done better than his Dad, again, and poor old Lionel had the pleasure of being dragged out of his bed to mark. The boys didn't progress any further but at least they got there.

Later in the afternoon I sat down to watch the over hyped America's Cup. Let's face it watching the America's Cup is a bit like having sex with a virgin. The hype and expectation gets you excited but the experience leaves you wishing you had just gone out and bought a sack of potatoes. I don't expect the finals will be any different and we will all sit there waiting for Team New Zealand to celebrate by supping on an Italian Prosecco. Until next time.....providing I haven't upset someone, of course.

Southlanders Crowned Champs at Good Home Birkenhead Pairs

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website, March 8, 2021

By Michael Burgess

When Lynda Milne and Linley O'Callaghan lined up for the first day of action at the Birkenhead Women's Pairs last month, no one would blame them for feeling a little jaded. While most of the field had driven from nearby Auckland suburbs, Milne and O'Callaghan had made epic journeys to be there.

Milne lives in Invercargill, which meant a two-hour drive to Queenstown then a flight, while O'Callaghan is based in Alexandra, around 1,500km from the Queen City.

"It's a long way," agreed Milne. "Linley went up last year, accompanying two others from Queenstown, who played Birkenhead

before the Masters. She was only a spectator but enjoyed watching it and decided to play this year. When she was looking for a partner I said, "I'm keen" and decided to bring my husband as well."

It turned out to be a profitable decision, as the pair took out the title, in the 12th year of the popular women's event. The duo had never played together before but knew each other's game well.

"We play against each other all the time," says Milne, who belongs to two Invercargill clubs (Waikiwi and Te Rangi). "So we gelled together quite comfortably – we have similar playing styles."

It wasn't plain sailing, especially on the first day.

"We played on a different rink and it was quite fast," says Milne. "It was hard to adjust to and that's where we had our one loss."

The pair gained ninth seeding for post section play, one of seven duos with three wins, with teams from Queenstown and Tauranga the only unbeaten combinations.

The speed was more manageable on the Sunday – "it was a bit slower" – and the South Island duo remained relaxed as they progressed through the draw.

"We were quite confident," says Milne, of their approach. "We were playing well together, and Linley was leading superbly, which is such a big factor in pairs play."

They won their last sixteen match 18-11 – after leaping out to a 15-0 lead – and were even more impressive in the quarter final, with a 28-6 victory.

The semi-final against Jenny Stockford and Angela Temple was a thriller, locked up at 12-12 heading into the last end before the Southerners gained two shots, to book a place in the decider.

In the final they were up against the Birkenhead combination of Trish Croot and Ruth Lynch, with the locals hoping for the first home win at the tournament since 2012.

"We weren't nervous," said Milne. "We are experienced enough and had nothing to lose. All you can do is play to the best of your ability."

After a tight start (3-3 after four ends) the South Island team accelerated away, accumulating steadily, including a five on the seventh end.

At 17-6 with two ends to play Croot and Lynch conceded, rounding off a wonderful weekend for the intrepid travellers.

"The support we had was phenomenal and it was great to get to know some of the Auckland bowlers," says Milne. "And the organisation was absolutely superb. I have to mention the catering, with full cooked meals, which I understand was mostly done by the men. It was a top of the line tournament and we will definitely be going back next year."

Tournament organiser Terry Moverley said the event was a "big success" and everything went to plan – even the weather. He was grateful to the 26 teams that participated and especially major sponsor The Good Home Birkenhead.



Lynda Milne and Linley O'Callaghan

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Takarua and Reed win Carpet Mill \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Pairs Tournament

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website, March 8, 2021

By Michael Burgess

As Alex Reed and Aiden Takarua sealed their victory in the 2021 Carpet Mill Birkenhead Men's Pairs tournament, their overriding emotion was relief.

While there was plenty of pride at triumphing over a strong field, Reed and Takarua also knew a monkey was off their back.

The Pt Chevalier combination are a promising duo, who have made significant progress since they teamed up four years ago.

They had impressed in many tournaments, but had never managed to triumph in a pairs event.

"We got down to the last four in lots of them," says Reed. "And we lost our club pairs final two or three years in a row. There had been lots of semi-finals and quarter finals in big pairs' events so this was important."

"It can become a habit, that's the danger, so it was nice to prove a point and get over the line and hopefully it's not a one off."

And they did it in fine style, considering the 2021 field was labelled by organisers as the strongest in tournament history, with so much pedigree and quality among the 32 teams.

"It's a great challenge," says Reed. "When you get there on the first day and see two greens full, and you look around and they all know what they are doing."

"There were lots of people with national titles and centre titles and former and current New Zealand champions. It's cool to be in that sort of company. In our first game we faced Jamie Hill, who won the national pairs earlier this year."

Reed and Takarua were one of only three teams to emerge from qualifying with a 100 per cent record and were seeded second for post section play, with 2020 champions Roger Andrew and David Clark the fifth seeds.

In the round of 16 Reed and Takarua were pushed against Neil Fisher and Bryan Chapman, before prevailing 14-12. The quarter final was also close, but they progressed with a 13-10 win.

The semi final looked a difficult assignment, as their Birkenhead opponents enjoyed plenty of local support, but the youngsters made no race of it, with a comfortable 11-4 victory.

In the final they faced 2021 national singles champion Mike Galloway, playing alongside Martin Dixon. The experienced duo, who made the Birkenhead decider in 2019, gained an early 5-2 lead, before Reed and Takura changed their game plan.

"We decided to switch hands," said Reed. "There was a side towards the clubhouse which was a bit dodgy and a side away from it which we thought was a bit easier. We seemed to pick it a bit better after that."

They took seven of the next eight shots to lead 9-6 on the eighth end, then closed the door completely on their opponents, who never scored again, before they conceded on the penultimate end when trailing 15-6.

"We have played them a number of occasions in the last few years and they are a really good team," says Reed. "We managed to string ones and twos together and get a nice lead, so it wasn't as stressful as it could have been."

It meant Reed and Takarua, both seventh year bowlers, emerged unbeaten from the weekend, in their first bow at the Birkenhead event.

"It just clicked," says Reed. "Aiden played well in section play and I showed up in post section play which was good. We've now got a bit of mongrel. When you are down in a game we have won enough of those that it is not a frightening prospect."



Aiden Takarua and Alex Reed with the Champions Cup

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Reed (27) and Takarua (21) linked up in 2017, after Reed had moved to Auckland from Tauranga. The duo met playing indoor bowls at Pt Chev, at a time when Takura's previous teams had dispersed. They have won centre fours and triples events together and now have their first pairs trophy.

"We probably talk less now," said Reed, when asked how the partnership has developed. "There is a more non-verbal communication. We have more understanding and trust, so don't need to talk through shots as much."

Organiser Terry Moverley said the tournament had been a major success, highlighted by the fact there were five teams on the waiting list. He paid tribute to all the sponsors, including major backer Carpet Mill, adding that prizemoney would increase by \$500 to a total pool of \$6000 next year.

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The Club is for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations not only during the summer but also over winter. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor Bowls Tournament.

There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area, it can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function. Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green. Full catering options are available. A commercial grade kitchen and cooking facilities are also available.

All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the Club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297)

Update from the Centre - Date Changes

Reproduced from email 01/03/21 and website update 02/03/21

Centre Events

Centre Men's Triples - Dick Bree

This event moves to 5 & 6 June.
Closing date for entries has been moved to 21 May.

Centre Women's Singles

This event moves to 24 & 25 April.
Closing date for entries has been moved to 9 April. This is Anzac weekend and Monday 26 April, as the observance day, will also be available if required.

1-5 Men's and Women's Singles

This tournament 10-11 April
Closing date for entries remains at 26 March

Club Tournaments.

Interclub Sevens

Women's Interclub Sevens now to be played on 13 and 28 March

The COP and draws will be republished with just date changes

Men's Interclub Sevens now to be played on 13, 27 and 28 March

The COP and draws will be republished with just date changes

Cadness Cup

Women's Cadness Cup now to be played on Friday 12, 26 March and 16 April

The COP and draws will be republished with just date changes

Men's Cadness Cup now to be played on Friday 12, 26 March and 16 April

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Junior Interclub

Junior Interclub played on Sat 20th and Sun 21st March

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Housie!, Bingo! Every first and third Thursday in the month

\$2,500 Easter Triples

With \$1,000 first prize and a total prize pool \$2,500 minimum guaranteed why wouldn't you enter?. 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. 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. \$150 per team, Limited to 16 teams. Fish available Friday lunch (must be pre-ordered) for the non-meat eaters.

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Club Partner, Auckland Independently Qualified Person Limited (A.IQP).

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

For 20 years, AIQP has provided independent compliance consulting services that building owners, managers and tenants have used to keep their assets compliant in an efficient and economic manner. AIQP has kept their compliance under budget and on time. We know the ins and outs of commercial building compliance, and our knowledge can make all the difference in achieving a smooth compliance process.

AIQP is 100% Independent in its working relationships. This means we operate on the frontline on behalf of our client building owners. We won't allow unnecessary works to take place in the name of compliance. We know what is a requirement and what is "nice to have"

We know what questions a building owner should ask, and we can ask them on their behalf.

Over the years AIQP has saved Commercial Building Owners thousands of dollars in unnecessary compliance works.

SITE SURVEY (FREE OF CHARGE)

We are pleased to offer assistance to new or existing Commercial Building Owners
BUILDING WARRANT OF FITNESS
FILING ANNUAL BWOF WITH COUNCIL

A solutions based philosophy with a co-ordinated BWOF process realises an efficient and on time result.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE ASCERTAINING AND FILING

We can survey and file any CS application your building may require

INSPECTIONS

MONTHLY OWNERS INSPECTIONS

We can maintain the legislated inspection regime on behalf of the Building Owner.

SPECIFIED SYSTEMS

MANAGEMENT OF MAINTENANCE

We can coordinate and manage all your Specified System maintenance regimes as prescribed in the 2004 Building Act

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