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**LEVEL 3**

**Auckland is at Alert Level 3 - Phase 1**

Clubrooms closed

"A Green" open for practice (bookings required)

## On The Greens

**A Green - Open for Practice (bookings required, conditions apply)**

**B Green - Closed**

Handicap Pairs (AC) - **postponed**

Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn) - **postponed**

Handicap Singles (Mixed) - **postponed**

Men's Championship Singles - **postponed**

Wednesday 27 October - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - **cancelled**

Friday 29 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 30 October - BNH Pennants - **cancelled**

Sunday 31 October - BNH Pennants - **cancelled**

Wednesday 3 November - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - **cancelled**

Sunday 7 November - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - Lunch provided

Monday 8 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls 3Five (1) - **cancelled**

Wednesday 10 November - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - **cancelled**

Friday 12 November - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) Team & Single Entry - **cancelled**

Saturday 13 November - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs - **postponed**

- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs - **postponed**

Sunday 14 November - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs - **postponed**

- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs - **postponed**

Monday 15 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls 3Five (2) - **cancelled**

Wednesday 17 November - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - **cancelled**

Saturday 20 November - BNH Men's Fours & Women's Fours - **postponed**

Saturday 21 November - BNH Men's Fours & Women's Fours - **postponed**

Monday 22 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls 3Five (3) - **cancelled**

Wednesday 24 November - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - **cancelled**

## Inside this Weekend - Closed until further notice

Friday 29 October - **Closed**

Saturday 30 October - **Closed**

Sunday 31 October - **Closed**

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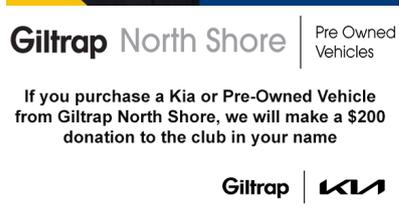

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"A Green" is open for practice with conditions. Hand Sanitizer to be used before and after practice. Full members only,  
**No guests or visitors practicing or spectators on Club grounds.**

1. "A Green" will be used and only 4 rinks will be used
  2. Only singles or pairs to be played
  3. Practice will only be on Tuesday to Saturday between 11am and 5pm. 1 and half hour bookings.
  4. Jacks will be in a bucket with soapy water. Used jacks to be placed back in the bucket. Mats to be wiped down after use
  5. All bookings to be via Joseph Korkis Phone number 021 2635606
  6. All Bowls NZ rules to be adhered to
  7. No alcohol on licensed property
  8. Club rooms and shed to remain shut (includes toilets)
- Joseph will be present at all bookings

## Social Bowls3Five 2021?

By Evan Thomas (20/10/21)  
Hi there social bowlers – we hope you have survived the winter and look forward to the arrival of summer.

You may be aware that our next series of social bowls was due to commence on Monday evening 8th November. You all will also be painfully aware the effect COVID19 has had on our community, and the restrictions that have been placed on our everyday lives. As you know, the Prime Minister announced yesterday afternoon Auckland was to remain under Level 3 Stage 1 restrictions until at least 2nd November. What happens at that time who knows, it may be a continuance of Level 3 stage 1, or perhaps a move to stage 2. What we do know is there remains a great deal of uncertainty, together with the unknowns as to rules around gathering numbers, hospitality rules, vaccinated or unvaccinated persons etc. With this uncertainty it seems unlikely we will be able to commence social bowls at Birkenhead on the 8th November. We will monitor the situation and be in contact with you once things become clearer as further announcements are made. We may be able to have a few weeks of bowls, if not the usual six weeks prior to Christmas.

But to get us in a position to be up and running as and when we are able, please let Evan Thomas be aware of your intention to be join in once we are able to commence. Remember teams of 3 where possible, 6pm start. And feel free to have others you may know join us with additional teams. Our greens are looking good, all we need is the removal /reduction of COVID!

Please let Evan know of your intended participation at [socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz](mailto:socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz) or 0210575491.

## Social Bowls3Five Update (25/10/21):

Following on from the Prime Ministers COVID-19 update last Friday 22nd October, where we were advised of vaccination rates necessary to allow us to move through the various traffic light frameworks which in turn will dictate our levels of movement, it seems unlikely we will be able to commence social bowls this year. It seems unlikely Auckland as a region will get to the fully 90% vaccinated rate early enough to allow us to have a meaningful competition prior to Christmas.

Added to this are the (at present) unknown rules and requirements around vaccine certification and how that might apply to our Club, and be managed.

Despite this, please continue to advise Evan Thomas of your intend to participate, just in case things change quickly, or at least to set us up for a quick start early in 2022. We will keep you posted as we find out more about the upcoming rules and vaccination rate progression.

**Ladies.....**

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# The Dog House

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

Well another week has gone by and we are still in COVID handcuffs with no key to unlock the restraints. It's a good thing that we now have a traffic light system that we can all understand and we now have a timeframe for when we can get back to playing bowls, probably September 2022. I must admit I've given up watching Mrs Ed's updates on TV. It's a bit like watching the news, she starts off by saying "Good Afternoon" and then proceeds to tell us why it's not. I'm surprised she doesn't apologise at the end of it as that seems to be the thing to do these days when you make an absolute "cluster" of things.

On saying all that, it's plainly obvious that I have picked a good time to be Club Captain because at this rate I won't have to do anything until I need to seek re-election....not that anything has changed because generally my only contribution to the club has been through the purchase of a Guinness, and even then it's bought by someone else.

On to the Club Captain.....now I could be wrong and I stand to be corrected but I'm not sure that the Club Captain role is as prominent as it should be at Bowls Birkenhead, or any other club for that matter. I had no idea what I was supposed to do so I sought some advice. I didn't go to Google because Katrina knows everything and she told me that I was unlikely to get my name in the book by winning anything, so I might as well volunteer for a position at the club. Thanks honey, what the hell does that have to do with the role.

So after receiving a bit of useless advice from the person I love, I then went to the person who does know everything, the club secretary. Terry found a list tucked away in the recycle bin of the computer that outlined the role of the Bowls Birkenhead Club Captain. I was a bit surprised because the list was a bit longer than I thought so I printed it off and decided to read it in bed before going to sleep. That's what I do now when I go to bed !! Now for those of you that do not know, the role of the club captain has 10 points, probably 9 more than what it really needs. To give you some idea of what reading it was like, I fell asleep when I got to point 4 when it said I have to be the "liaison between the members and the board". I mean what a thankless job that's going to be. It conjured up memories of when I was in the Riot Squad in London and having to keep rival football fans apart before they ripped out each other's throat with their mothers kitchen knife. Sometimes me and my colleagues just wanted to leave them to it and just go in after its all finished and pick up the pieces. Can't do that at Bowls Birkenhead as the police would shut the club down for weeks to do a scene examination....can't have that.

Point 5 on the list said "To listen to, and if necessary, act upon members grievances and /or suggestions". Let's be honest that's pretty easy at Birkenhead, all any bowler complains about is the club bar prices and the state of the greens. The greens are now off that list due to job Brendon has done on them, although, come the time when we can actually play, there is bound to be someone who will find a straightener somewhere, probably a skip.

Well I think I have dribbled on enough about the Club Captain. What I am hoping when Mrs Ed's releases the shackles is that I can add some value to the Club Captains role. Remember, change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Until next time

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## Update on BNH Tournaments

Received from BNH (email: 26/10/21)

The Match Committee have just met and due to the Covid Restrictions in place that will not be updated before 29 November the following changes have been agreed

**The Mens and Womens Fours will be moved to 2-3 April 2022**

**Interclub 7s will be moved to 29-31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

Any entries already submitted for these events will be held over to the new dates.

The Battle of the Bridge to be held on 7 December 2021 will be reviewed by Bowls North Harbour and Auckland in the next couple of weeks.

The Umpires tournament on Friday 12 November to be held at Mairangi Bay has also been cancelled. The Umpires Association is very grateful to the bowlers of North Harbour for the wonderful support they give us, and are therefore very disappointed that the Covid lockdown restrictions are preventing us from holding this tournament. Being eternal optimists, we are hopeful that our tournaments scheduled for 2022 will be able to proceed.

*Note: BNH Men's and Women's Fours now clashes with Birkenhead's Seafood Tournament, Birkenhead is allocated to be the HQ for the BNH Centre Fours.*

*BNH Interclub 7s now clashes with Birkenhead's Carole Fredrick Invitation Women's Triples on 29th, Birkenhead's Women's Championship Singles on the 31. It also clashes with the Milford 5000 (29 & 30), a Summer of Bowls event.*



### The Blue Room

During level 3 the greens have been open for practice (with bookings required and conditions) while the inside of the Club has remained closed since 11.59pm on Tuesday 17 August. Prior to this a refurb of the pool/TAB area had been approved to accommodate 2 additional dart boards with various equipment purchased. While Level 4 halted all works, Level 3 gave some room for work to proceed, although drawn out to accommodate social distancing of the various trades and stages. The area has been repainted with three dart boards, manual and electronic scorers. The TAB field boards have been repositioned to the one wall. The pool table, TAB machine and screens retain their spots. Job completed and now just waiting to welcome members when the Club finally reopen. Thanks goes to the following for their time to make this project possible: Bernie Hall, Colin Barrow, Robbie Henson, Greg Utting, Barry Reyland, Jimmy Heath, Terry Moverley, Frank Roberts, Randall Watkins, Chris Overy, Curtis Ennor, Shanon Hall and Rayne.

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### Carpet Green Use

Received from Sunnybrae (26/10/21)

As you know we are the local bowling club with a carpet green and we are very happy to allow other club members to come a use our great facility. There are a few rules that anybody using the carpet green need to abide by.

- 1/ Please make sure you scan in with your Covid Tracer app. It does not come up as Sunnybrae bowling Club but as Covid testing station. This doesn't matter just as long as you trace please.
  - 2/ If you use a mat and Jack please make sure these are disinfected before and after use. There are spray bottles in the cupboard and in the trolley where jacks and mats are kept. This is really important and as the club is not always manned please make sure this is done.
  - 3/ If you come down and there are others playing please SOCIAL DISTANCE. This is not only for yourself but for others.
  - 4/ If you are the last to leave please make sure the carpet green is locked and also the toilet. If you don't know where the key goes after locking up please ring Jackie on 02102654793 and she will advise you of its home. We had a case yesterday where our facility was left open we think all night. This is an open invitation for vandals etc. and quite disturbing. Please be vigilant.
- Please follow these rules and we will all come out of this smiling.

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The never ending changing of the playing programme for 2021-22 continues as Bowls North Harbour adjusts their programme to accommodate changes due to covid restrictions. In doing so it also throws Birkenhead's already tight programme into disarray giving the Club's Match Committee an unwanted headache. The latest publish revised programme can be found on the Club's website  
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