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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 7 December 2016



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BIRKO BINGO

Tomorrow
Thursday 8 December
First Game 7pm

Entry restricted to 18 years and over

BREAKING NEWS

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Mal Moves

By Emmie Swart

The club would like to thank Mal Wallace for his help doing bar work and providing the lovely rose display in the gardens. Mal is moving to Orewa. He is staying on as a bowling member but will not be able to do the rose garden or the bar hours. Thanks Mal and we will miss your happy face on a Tuesday behind the bar.

BREAKING NEWS

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On The Greens

Wednesday 7 December - 10am Club Day (AC)

- 5.30pm Christmas Shield (*played at Birkenhead*)

Friday 9 December - 1pm 242 AC Pairs

Sunday 11 December - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT - Ham)

Wednesday 14 December - 10am Club Day (AC)

Friday 16 December - 1pm 242 AC Pairs

Saturday 17 December - Centre Event - Greens Required

Wednesday 21 December - 9.30am Rod Mahon Memorial Tournament (OACT - Ham)

Saturday 24 December - Stuie's Birthday Tournament (OAC, Single Entry, Mufti)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 9 December – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500

Live racing Alexandra Park and Dunedin (harness) and across Australia

Saturday 10 December

World Bowls Championships - showing live - 9am: Men's Fours, 1pm: Women's Triples
Live racing Hamilton, Palmerston North & Invercargill (thoroughbreds), Addington (harness), and across Australia

7pm Band, Parker vs Ruiz, Pizza – Event Cancelled

Sunday 11 December

World Bowls Championships - showing live - 9am: Women's Pairs, 1pm: Men's Singles
Live racing Ellerslie (thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula & Winton (harness), Manukau (dogs) and across Australia.

Christmas Shield - Tonight

Our annual tussle with Northcote. Birkenhead won it back off Northcote last year on the greens at Birkenhead, the 50th year it had been played.

The 51st challenge is tonight on the greens at Birkenhead. Play starts at 5.30pm, dress for the night is mufti. A presentation of the Shield and a meal follows the games.

**Today's Club Draws \$50, \$400 & \$400
Joker \$500**



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Continuous Ham Raffles

Continuous Ham Raffles are on sale at the club's bar. When each raffle is full Merv Garred will draw it. Winning hams will be available for collection from 5pm Wednesday 21 December, good luck.

Clown Free Christmas Party

No clowns this year due to the bad publicity they have received of late and Sandy isn't available that day.

The Kids Christmas Party is again kindly supported by Tim Roskruge (Barfoot Thompson agent) and United Gaming and will be held Sunday 18 December. Starting at 10am. Morning Tea for the kids, Disco, Karaoke and Santa and his sack. Bring a present to the value of \$15 with your child's name and age on it for the Santa sack.

World Bowls Medal for Nagy

World Bowls Championships got under way last week in Christchurch with Birkenhead's Mike Nagy competing in the triples discipline (Ali Forsyth, Blake Signal, Mike Nagy).

With only one loss in pool play to Australia (9-19) and finishing top of their pool the guys looked good. With a bye into the semi where they came up against Australia again with the same outcome, a loss (10-18). So it was a bronze for New Zealand. Australia went on to lose a gripping final to England.

Yesterday saw Mike's team with Ali Forsyth, Blake Signal and Mike Kernaghan begin their chase of the gold in the men's fours, with three wins. Finals action is live on TV this weekend at the club.



World Bowls Championships 2016, Men's Triples Bronze Medallists Mike Nagy, Blake Signal, Ali Forsyth (NZ)

The Trusts New Zealand Open

The 10th anniversary event of The Trusts New Zealand Open will be from the 14th - 22nd February 2017.

Auckland Bowls will once again offer online entry and payment. Please note that entry forms are no longer sent by post. We look forward to returning to Blockhouse Bay Bowls for post section play as well as using up to 20 clubs across Auckland for qualifying. Entries close on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 5pm. Entry forms can be found at www.aucklandbowls.co.nz



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Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Joker 500 on sale from 5pm, Club Membership Draw drawn between 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Joker 500

Every Wednesday and Friday, numbers on sale from 5pm—6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at 6.15pm. The purchaser of that winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receive the corresponding prize with the top prize being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday.

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An Outstanding weekend

By Lauranne Croot,
Women's results Jerry Belcher

I've watched some exciting bowls competitions over the last couple of months as a spectator at Dunedin's North East Valley 10,000, Hong Kong International Pairs, Birkenhead's clubs triples and fours and this weekend's Men's and Women's Centre Pairs was no exception. Superb bowls, great sportsmanship and of course rivalry between the North Harbour Clubs were on display.

After the qualifying rounds of the Men's Centres Pairs, at the end of play on Saturday, saw three Birkenhead teams Tony Grantham and Scott Mouton, Nigel Drew and Randall Watkins, Shane Gibson and Keith Burgess through to the last 16. In the Women's, Carole Fredrick and Jacqui Belcher together with Connie Mathieson and Mavis Smith were the two Birkenhead teams through to the last 8.

The weather held for both days and Sunday morning saw the competitors awake to a beautiful Auckland day – at last no rain, but clear blue skies and hardly any wind. The scene was set for an exciting day of bowls ahead. After the first game on Sunday morning two Men's Birkenhead teams were through to the quarter finals with Nigel Drew and Randall Watkins missing out to the favoured Brown's Bay team of Kerry Chapman and Rory Soden. Jacqui and Carole lost to Rona Turner and Paulette Mytton (Browns Bay) 20-11 in their quarter final game. Although disappointed at losing, they were both very happy that they met their goal of getting through section play, with three wins of which one of them was over Lisa Parlane and Anne Dorreen of Browns Bay.

Connie Mathieson and Mavis Smith won their first game on Sunday in what was a thrilling last end to win 13 – 12 against Helensville putting them through to the semi final. Unfortunately they lost the semi final 17 – 10 against Sunnybrae's Mary Guldbraadsen and Tira Campbell (disappointing for Mary who lost the final as she was going for her 10th North Harbour title). Jan Gledhill and Colleen Rice from Mairangi Bay were the eventual winners in the Women's Centre Pairs. If any of you get the chance, ask Mavis about her heart stopping start to Sunday morning's play where she turned up to Milford only to find that she wasn't in the draw. The second qualifier had been included by mistake. The mistake was rectified quickly!

The Men's Quarter finals for our Birkenhead teams saw Keith Burgess and Shane Gibson playing Steve Cox and Dwayne McDonald (Riverhead) winning 25 – 15. Tony Grantham and Scott Mouton had a cliff-hanger against the favourites of the tournament Kerry Chapman and Rory Soden. After being down 11 – 1 after 4 ends, the spectators watched an exciting comeback and some great shot play by Grantham. Such was the comeback on the 18th end, the scores were tied at 16 all. On the extra end Mouton drew a front toucher and this resulted in Brown's Bay trying to draw off Mouton's bowl or kill the end. Kerry Chapman drove one of his bowls and missed. On his second bowl he drove again, hit his closest bowl resulting in all his teams' bowls being removed from the head. On his last bowl Kerry missed Scott's toucher by a whisker. The Birkenhead supporters were able to let out a huge sigh of relief and cheer. What a competitive and well fought game.

The Long Read continues over



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The Long Read continued

It looked close to being an all Birkenhead final but unfortunately this wasn't to be. Keith and Shane fought back but narrowly lost in the semi final on the very last end to Dave and Bart Robertson (Helensville). Both teams played exceptional shots. It was thrilling to watch. The other semi-final saw Grantham and Mouton up against John Janssen and Murray Mathieson. The standard of play again was outstanding seeing the Birkenhead combination jump out to a 14-0 lead resulting in the Takapuna side conceding on the 15th end. Grantham and Mouton had a convincing semi-final win to see them through to the final against the Robertson brothers. The final began with the Robertsons having a great start to jump out to an 8 nil lead after 3 ends. The Birkenhead supporters knew that Grantham and Mouton were not going to let this game get away from them and both pulled together with Scott leading exceptionally well and Grantham either adding to the count or showing his ability to remove or sit bowls at a critical time. The game changer was when the scores were locked at 11 all and Scott called Tony to change to his back hand resulting in the jack being sliced for 4 shots. Helensville were then having to play catch up with the Birkenhead combination holding together and capitalising on their lead with the final score 21 -16!

As a spectator over the weekend, I was very proud to be a member of the Birkenhead Bowling Club. The camaraderie, the players, the support from club members and the outstanding bowls on display was wonderful to be a part of. What a fantastic weekend with a great result for Birkenhead Bowling Club. Congratulations Tony Grantham and Scott Mouton for winning the Bowls North Harbour Inc 2016 – 2017 Men's Centre Pairs and to Connie Mathieson and Mavis Smith for doing extremely well in representing Birkenhead in the semi-final. Here's hoping for more Birkenhead winners in what has started as a great bowling season for the Club.

On behalf of the Birkenhead Bowling Club I'd like to congratulate and wish the following Birkenhead Bowling Club members all the best in representing North Harbour this weekend up North against Northland, Far North and Auckland in the Rep teams:- T.Grantham, R.Watkins, S.Mouton, L.Helmling, T.Croot, D.Samuels, A.Ineson, S.Johnson (as a non-playing manager), J.Belcher, J.Rusk, J.Heath, D.Pierson, J.Belcher, C.Wafer and L.Cutler (managing 1-5 girls).

Band and WBO Fight Saturday - Cancelled

The Soul Agents band and showing Parker's World Title Fight at the club on Saturday 10 December has been cancelled.

The Good Home, owned by the Birkenhead Licensing Trust, is showing the boxing with no cover charge, this is a chance to show your support of the Trust, an organisation the club has benefitted greatly from over the years.

The Club will operate normal closing hours on Saturday 10 December. All tickets sold will receive a full refund, return these to where you purchased them from.

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By Stephen Dil

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Sudoku

The solution to this week's Sudoku will be published in the next Bee Express.

How to solve a Sudoku puzzle can be found on the club's website www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/sudoku.html

Last week's Sudoku puzzle solution

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