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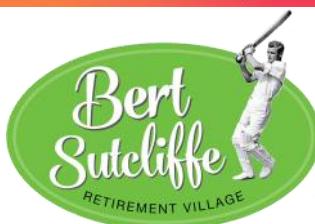


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## On The Greens

**Wednesday 18 January - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)**

Thursday 19 January - 10am Club Day (AC)

**Monday 23 January - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (7)**

Wednesday 25 January - 10am Club Day (AC)

Thursday 26 January - Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Singles  
- Entries close 5pm Women's Championship Singles

Friday 27 January - 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)

Saturday 28 January - 9am Men's Championship Singles  
- 9am Women's Championship Singles

Sunday 29 January - 9am Men's Championship Singles  
- 9am Women's Championship Singles

Monday 30 January - Men's Champ Singles, Women's Champ Singles Reserve Day

Wednesday 1 February - 10am Club Day (AC). Sponsor: Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Thursday 2 February - 6pm Handicap Singles Round 2

## Inside This Weekend

**Friday 20 January - Club Night**

Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500

Live racing Blenheim & Cambridge (harness) and across Australia

**Saturday 21 January**

Live racing Trentham, Gore, Thames (harness), and across Australia

**Sunday 22 January**

Live racing Te Rapa, Blenheim (harness), Manukau (dogs) and across Australia.

## Handicap Singles

Handicap Singles got underway last Thursday on a very pleasant evening for bowls.

Results: Round 1 : Wafer (4) v Thomas (0) - 9-21, Stevens (1) v Mason (10) - Stevens by default, Jerry Belcher (7) v Jacquie Belcher (8) - 12-21, Croy (4) v T.Croft (0) - 15-21, Wallace (8) v Abela (4) - 21-18, Pierson (1) v Munro (10) - 21-20, L.Croft (8) v Drew (0) - 21-17, Beer (10) v Henson (8) - 10-21.

Round 2: 2 February sees Thomas (0) v Stevens (1), Belcher (8) v T.Croft (0), Wallace (8) v Pierson (0), L.Croft (8) v Henson (8)

Round 3: 9 February, Final: 23 February

## Charity Tournament - Monday 6 February

For many years on Waitangi Day Birkenhead Rotary in conjunction with Bowls Birkenhead and supported by Birkenhead RSA, have raised funds in support of charities. We typically raise around the \$7,000 mark for the chosen charity.

Teams of fours, any combination, mufti (many teams dress to a theme), a non-bowler in each team is encouraged (after all this is a fun day, raising money for a good cause)

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## We're Going to Win this Event

"We're going to win this event" were Jack Huriwai's words to his lead Robbie Henson prior to the start of play Saturday. Saturday 14 January first round of BNH Men's Centre Fours Championship. Robbie Henson off the front, Jimmy "Jandals" Heath in at two, Daymon Pierson at three and Jack Huriwai skipping with the job of pulling the best out of his team. Drawn in Section 1, team 1, first up McMurchy's Browns Bay team and a three shot win (15-12), Takapuna's

Dorreen next up and a one shot win (12-11), game three Mairangi's Popplewell and a six shot winning margin (16-10) and a spot in post section Sunday and the only bye available. The other Birkenhead team joining Huriwai's team in post section was Evan Thomas with Peter Nathan, Merv Garred and Mark Rumble having qualified with three wins. Post section Sunday morning Thomas took on Mairangi's Rodojkovich but Rodojkovich proved to strong winning 17-7. Huriwai with the bye first round had to wait for the outcome of the Browns Bay's Cottrell v Northcote's Hindmarch game. Cottrell being the eventual winner. So it was the much favoured side Cottrell, Chapman, Evans and Soden to play Huriwai's boys for a place in the final. Huriwai started off with a two, missed scoring on the next two ends before picking up a four, two and two. Up 10-3 after six ends. Ones where exchanged for the next four ends when Cottrell picked up a four to bring them one behind Huriwai. Two for Cottrel on the next end and putting them one in front of Huriwai, 11-12 after twelve ends. The next two ends of three and one shots went to Huriwai and a surprising 15-12 victory. The other semi final saw Rodojkovich give Arnerich's Orewa team a 32-2 hiding.

The final saw Huriwai's team set the ball rolling with one shot on each of the first two ends, Rodojkovich claimed three shots next end, followed by a five to Huriwai on the fifth. After seven ends the scores were locked at eight all. The following seven ends all went to Huriwai, two, one, five, three, one, three and two. A decisive 25-8 victory to Huriwai's team and the Bowls North Harbour Men's Centre Fours title. Robbie Henson told the Bee Express after the win "Jack said we were going to win it". Congratulations Robbie Henson, Jimmy Heath, Daymon Pierson and Jack Huriwai.



Bowls North Harbour Men's Centre Fours Final - Jack Huriwai in action.



Bowls North Harbour Men's Centre Fours Champions 2016-17  
Jimmy Heath, Robbie Henson, Daymon Pierson, Jack Huriwai (skip)

Fours it was only Colleen Sexton, Mavis Smith, Jacqui Belcher and Adele Ineson, out of the Birkenhead teams entered, qualified for post section on Sunday and up against Hillary Ross's Mairangi team. Ross came away the winner and went on to lose the final to Rona Turner's Browns Bay four. Sexton's team had to settle for third.

## Nagy and Grantham in Blackjacks Squad

From Bowls New Zealand website

### Blackjacks Squad Announced

The first squad named by the new Bowls New Zealand selection panel of Sharon Sims (convenor) and Peter Belliss has today been announced. With the departure of long term coach Dave Edwards post the very successful recent World Championships in Christchurch a new 15-person squad has been announced that will remain in place till the end of June 2018. Included in this period will be several events including two Trans-Tasman test series and the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. In naming her first squad Sharon Sims said that "given that every one of the team medalled at World Bowls 2016 and we have 5 current World Champions the selectors felt it appropriate to largely retain the existing squad". Tony Grantham (North Harbour) and Paul Girdler (Dunedin) have been added to the men's team while Selina Goddard (Auckland), Tayla Bruce (Canterbury) and Mandy Boyd (Canterbury) join the women. Grantham and Girdler are both experienced international players and if needed can between them fill any position within the combinations selected to play. Goddard, Bruce and Mandy Boyd are also all capped Blackjacks. Goddard is fresh from winning the singles title at the recent Heartland Bank National Open Championships while Bruce was a member and lead of the champion fours team at the same event. Having missed the World Championships for personal reasons Boyd re-joins her sister Angela in the squad. She brings with her vast experience at skip in both the fours and triples and form that has led to numerous National titles and a bronze medal (with Goddard, Amy McIlroy and Smith) at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Sims added that "while this is our current squad for the upcoming camps and events the door is far from shut. We saw some performances at the recent Heartland Bank Open in New Plymouth that shows there are several players knocking at that door and if their form continues to demand selection then changes will be made. As a team, we had a great World Championships but there is still room for improvement. Beating the Australians on their own greens will be tough. We did it here so we know it can be done, now with some slight changes and improvements we can do it there too" she added. The full Blackjacks squad named today is;

### Women;

Jo Edwards, Val Smith, Kirsten Edwards, Katelyn Inch, Angela Boyd, Selina Goddard, Tayla Bruce, Mandy Boyd

### Men;

Shannon McIlroy, Ali Forsyth, Blake Signal, Mike Kernaghan, Mike Nagy, Tony Grantham Paul Girdler

## Green Centre Sprinkler

Those using the greens are asked to replace the centre sprinkler when finished. The green keeper has requested that those doing so lift both the sprinkler stand and hose, do not drag the stand across the green. When placing the sprinkler in the centre of the green check that the hose to sprinkler connection is secure, as this does work itself lose.



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## Hand Book Updated Phone Numbers

Alan Little's landline number please cross out, it's not his.

John Davidson's landline replace it with 419-5371

Christine Wafer's landline replace it with 09 428-1197 (she has moved house)

Garry Wallace mobile number is incorrect, replace with 0275 271361

Stacy Munro, first year, 4821154 or 027 3841278

Adam Richardson, first year, 022 3825014

Ken Mason, first year, 4837787 or 021 2954474

Gary Beer change membership from social to first year, 021 395776

## 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.

**Raffles resume this Friday 20 January 2017**

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# Raffles resume

## This Friday 20 January

### \$6,500 Women's Pairs

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The season is rolling on and the 2017 Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs is just under three months away. With it's \$6,500 total prize pool and \$1,500 for first place this is a tournament not to be missed. Further details and entry forms will be available soon from Face book and from the clubs website.

### Club Membership & Joker Draws

Club Membership & Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Club membership drawn between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

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### Spotlight on Sponsors

This week it's our friend Graeme Rutherford's Wheels On Wairau. Wheels On Wairau have in past years sponsored a Sunday Tournament. This year they are sponsoring the Seafood Tournament. Many club members have purchased cars and regularly use the vehicle service centre at Wheels On Wairau in recent years and the reports back are all good. Thanks Wheels On Wairau for your continued support.

From Wheels On Wairau website

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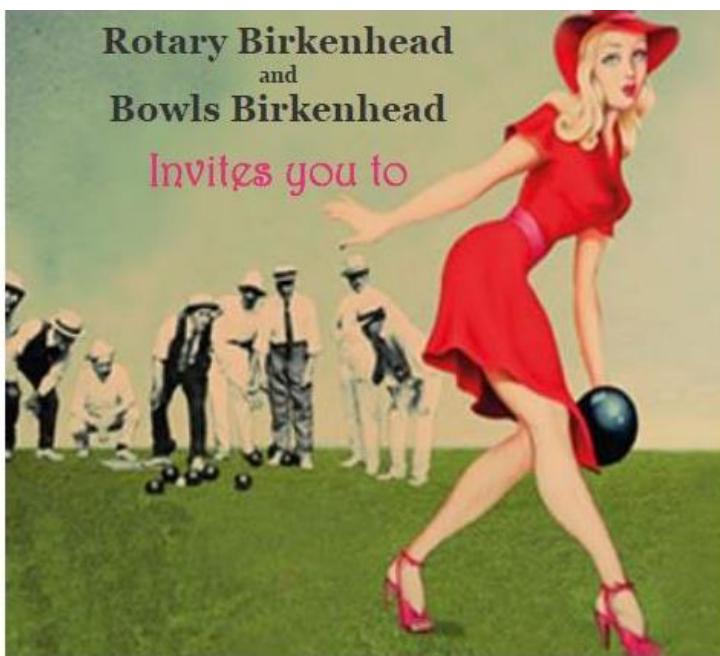
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