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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 5 December 2018



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## Handicap Singles (Mixed)

**Entries close 5pm tomorrow, Thursday 6 December**

### On The Greens

*As greens may close at any time always check the greens open/closed sign for green's status.*

Wednesday 5 December – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry – Club uniform or creams  
- 5.30pm Christmas Shield – Birkenhead vs Northcote - Mufti

Friday 7 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 8 December – 9am BNH Pennants (Round 10) Bumble Bees & Bee Keepers are at home.

Monday 10 December – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls (6) – Final evening

Wednesday 12 December – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry – Club uniform or creams)

Saturday 15 December – BNH Centre Fours – Section Play (1 Green required)

Sunday 16 December – BNH Centre Fours – Post Section (2 Green required)

Wednesday 19 December – Rod Mahon Memorial Tournament – Ham (OACT)

Saturday 22 December – Leads and Twos (ACP, Single Entry)

Monday 24 December – 1pm Stuie's Birthday Tournament (OAC, Single Entry) Non-bowlers welcome – Mufti

## Helpers Needed Urgent!!

To assist with Corporates in December  
See Tommy Winton if you can help out

### Inside this Weekend

#### Friday 7 December – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.

Racing – Alexandra Park, Dunedin (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

International Cricket\* - 6.50pm 3rd Test Day 5 – Pakistan v Blackcaps

#### Saturday 8 December

Racing – Trentham, Eilerslie, Wanganui (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill, Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), and racing from across Australia including Ascot – Kingston Town Classic.

ABL\* - 12pm Auckland Tuatara vs Sydney Blue Sox (Game 1)

- 3pm Auckland Tuatara vs Sydney Blue Sox (Game 2)

A-League\* – 7.30pm Sydney FC vs Wellington Phoenix

#### Sunday 9 December

Racing – Waipukurau (Thoroughbreds), Bank Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

NBL\* – 2pm NZ Breakers vs Sydney Kings

\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

## Christmas Shield Tonight

### Birkenhead vs Northcote

**5.30pm at Birkenhead, followed by a meal**  
*All those with their name on the white board will get a game*




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Ann Lepper  
Member of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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**BELIEVE IT OR NOT?**  
QUIZ EVENTS

**THURSDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT**

**Second Thursday in the Month**  
7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club  
**Thursday 13 December**  
Team and Single Entry  
Enter on the night

## 53rd Christmas Shield @ Birkenhead Tonight

All players on the white board will get a game.

Our annual tussle with Northcote now in its 53rd year.

Birkenhead will set out to defend the Shield at 5.30pm tonight, Wednesday 5 December on our home greens. Play starts at 5.30pm and is followed by prize giving and a meal. Dress is mufti, teams comprise of men's and women's teams. We would like to see as many bowlers as possible competing on the night. Players are \$5 and includes a free meal, Supporters are welcome to share in the meal at \$5 per person, both are payable on the night. There will be both the members draw (\$290) and Joker 500 tonight along with meat raffles and of course there will be the ham raffles on sale available at the bar.

## Centre Events Closing Dates

Upcoming closing dates with club secretaries for Centre events:

BNH Centre Pairs - Sunday 16th December 2018

BNH Master's Pairs - Sunday 16th December 2018

## Weekend Round Up

Friday midday the sun was out and the first corporate of the festive season was about to bowl off, all 60 of them. The Club was looking good outside and in. Joseph Korkis had decorated inside the Club the previous day and it sure is Christmassy. The corporate got away under the watchful eye of Tommy Winton and his band of helpers. After a couple of hours bowling and just general good times they sat down to on a fine meal prepared by Bernie Hall. Reports back are all good, they really enjoyed themselves.

Saturday and the field was set for Super Saturday with all four pennants sides at home in the morning followed by a sausage sizzle at lunch and then onto the Stinger 200 with its \$250 jackpot. The centre pulled the pin on the pennants at 6.30am and our greens closed due to the expected weather that was forecast forcing the cancellation of the sausage sizzle and the Stinger 200. The rain finally came about 5.30pm Saturday evening, Murphy's law.

Sunday and yes, a reasonable day for the first of our two ham tournaments (the other being the Rod Mahon Memorial 19 December). No four winners, two three and a half winners and a few three winners. First place went to Geoffrey Eskridge, his father and some other dude from Central Bowling Club, all taking home a ham for their efforts.

Monday and YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls was struck by the weather and closed greens, but the evening went ahead with the teams enjoying the raffles, a meal and the prize giving after the winners were decided drawing ends and points and wrong biases (in support of Hospice).

## Handicap Singles Closes Tomorrow

Entry is now open for the rescheduled Handicap Singles. All entrants in the previous cancelled draw must re-enter themselves. A new draw will be held after entries close 5pm Thursday 6 December.

Play in each round is by mutual agreement between the players and must be completed and the result lodged with the controlling body by the date scheduled on the entry sheet.

## No Coaching This Monday

There will be no coaching on Monday 10th December, as both coaches are playing in extended bowls tournament elsewhere.

The last coaching session of the year will take place on Monday the 17th December.



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## Kids Christmas Party 10am this coming Sunday

### Bowls Revolution Takes Hold

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website.

The inaugural Bowls3Five televised league has exceeded Mark Cameron's expectations and the Bowls New Zealand CEO is already looking at potentially expanding next year's competition.

The six-week league culminated at the New Lynn Bowling Club in Auckland on Wednesday night (November 28), with the Point Chevalier Pirates dramatically beating the Gore Rams on a tie-breaker end to win the maiden title.

"Perfect, that's exactly what we wanted to deliver for this sport," Cameron said shortly after Alex Reed's championship-winning bowl.

"Bowls3Five was about delivering the sport to a wider audience...and I think that's what we've delivered.

"To show the sport of bowls to an audience that's probably familiar with it as the sport their grandparents play, but actually it's a sport they can play as well."

Mark Cameron has thanked SKY Sport for taking "the risk to show this sport" and has been encouraged by their feedback during the competition.

"Their words about round four were 'pleasantly surprised', which I take as a very positive statement.

"Ratings came through for the first five weeks and they're way up on previous bowls competitions."

Cameron is hopeful the partnership with SKY Sport will continue so they can look at developing the Bowls3Five televised league in year two.

"Clearly we want to grow this.

"If we can get a couple more clubs and a few more nights that'd be great, without over doing it."

Even without expansion there will be one new club in the league in 2019, with the Woodend Jets relegated after finishing last in the six-team competition.

There will be a national Bowls3Five interclub in March and April next year to find what team will replace Woodend.

Mark Cameron was aiming to have 50-60 clubs take up the format in year one, but has underestimated its popularity.

"A lot of our clubs have adopted the Bowls3Five brand and format for business house and social competitions, which is just fantastic.

"We've got about 150-160 clubs, who, over the summer, are going to fight out for that one spot in next year's competition."

Bowls New Zealand's CEO has also reserved special thanks for the players, especially those from the four non-Auckland clubs.

"They're taking annual leave to play in a bowls tournament for the benefit of bowls," Cameron said.

"The prizemoney was nice but I'm sure it wasn't enough to cover annual leave."



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# Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events , Company Social Events , Weddings, Birthday Celebrations , Anniversary Parties , Breakfasts

## BNH - Pennants Round 10

From Bowls North Harbour

Just a quick note from the Bowls North Harbour Match Committee regarding the final round of pennants this Saturday 8th December:

“All round 10 matches MUST be completed as scheduled”

## Birkenhead Village Santa Parade

Saturday 8 December at 4pm – 5pm

Here comes Santa Claus.....

Come along to the Santa Parade in the Village with a view. Hosted by Rotary Birkenhead. So it's not just the Santa Parade this year, there are lots of activities before the Parade even starts. This year Rotary has partnered with the Birkenhead Village shops for market stalls from 2pm before the parade starts at 4pm.

## Ham Raffle Winners

- Raffle #1 - Warren Lush
- Raffle #2 - Logan Smith
- Raffle #3 - William Bradley
- Raffle #4 - Evan Thomas
- Raffle #5 - Robbie Henson
- Raffle #6 - Robyn Autridge

There is still time to win that Christmas ham. On sale now from the Club's bar. Two dollars per number, per raffle. Each raffle is drawn the Friday after it is sold out. Drawn during the club membership draw time slot. Winning raffles may be collected after 5pm Wednesday 19 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club. Raffles not collected on the 19 December will be named and placed in the chiller for collection, the club and persons running the raffle are not responsible for any raffles left in the chiller.

## Access Control

In the interests of providing our members and visitors with a safe environment to enjoy the club, access controls have been added to the main and smokers deck doors. The access control is activated from behind the bar and primarily used towards the end of a day's trading. Most members will notice no difference from before with the exception that the main door only opens outward now.

A call point has been installed outside of the main door, this will put the caller in direct contact with the bar were access will be activated. Upon leaving when the access control is active, there is a "touch to exit" button on the wall beside each door. Please ensure the door is closed behind you when you exit.

## Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Barfoot and Thompson agent Tim Roskrige. Again this year joint supporter of the Kids Christmas Party. When Tim is not selling real estate he can be found drumming for the band Soul Agents. Thanks for your continued support Tim.

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