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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 11 February 2015

On The Greens This Week

Wednesday 11 February - 10am Club Day (AC)

Thursday 12 February - *Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Pairs*

- *Entries close 5pm Women's Championship Pairs*

Friday 13 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP2-4-2) team & single entry welcome

Saturday 14 February - 9am Men's and Women's Championship Pairs

Sunday 15 February - 9am Men's & Women's Championship Pairs continues

Monday 16 February - 6pm United Travel Birkenhead - Social Bowls

Wednesday 18 February - 9.30am Matthews Memorial Pairs (ACP 60+, single entry)

Thursday 19 February - *Entries close 5pm Allan Meekings Memorial*

Father and Son Fight Out the Final

The fourth annual Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs in partnership with Ryman Healthcare with its \$5,500 in prize money always promised to be a weekend of great bowls and fellowship and it delivered on both fronts.

Justin Goodwin/Tony Grantham claimed top seed on day one with a +51 differential followed by the father and son Jamie Hill/Neville Hill on +50. The untried Scott Mouton/Peter Nathan combination was equally impressive with 4 wins and finishing the day third seed. Rounding out the four winners were Onerahi's Neil Connell/John Dunn. Three wins and a draw helped Bryan Chapman/Neil Fisher secure 5th seed. The reformed Mark Rumble/Nigel Drew Birkenhead partnership looked as if it had never been apart with two strong wins in the morning and a 1 point win in the afternoon lead the field of three winners at 6th seed. Other three winners being Nick Kra-jancic/Petar Sain, Scott Curran/David Eades, Duane McDonald/David Ross and Alan Gibbons/Shawn Pennell at 10th seed. Steve Cox/Grant Goodwin started the day with a strong win followed by two narrow defeats and a 1 shot victory in the last to be the highest seeded 2 winner at 11th followed by John Patelo/Garry Banks, Doug Campbell/Bruce Baker, Barry Allison/David Hood and Jimmy Gifford/Merv Garred. Last year's winners Jordan King/Danny Delany slipped into 16th spot with 2 wins and a +2 differential, while 2012 winners Tony Garelja/Wally Marsic slipped into the Consolation section at 24 out of the 32 team field.

Top seed for the Consolation was Northcote's Mike Haggart/John Hindmarch pair with two wins and a -4 differential. Dennis Matthews/Danny O'Connor had 2 wins by 1 shot but with 2 loses and a -13 differential didn't aid their cause leaving them 18th seed. A slight hiccup in the Consolation draw posted Saturday saw two teams transposed, was rectified and not the catastrophic mistake it was made out to be.

Sunday saw the top 16 playing off for the \$1,500 first prize and the bottom 16 playing the Consolation. The first round of the Champions Cup Goodwin/Grantham took on King/Delany with Grantham the winner 14-5. Sain put an end to Hill's winning run with a 16-10 win in the 2nd round, Sain moved onto the semi-final only to go down to Cox/Goodwin 12-9. On the other side of the draw Goodwin/Grantham downed Connell/Dunn with a devastating 14-4 win in the semi.

The Finalists decided and at least one Goodwin was going to have their name on the "Champions Cup". Was it to be Grant Goodwin skipping Steve Cox or Grant's son Justin Goodwin leading for Tony Grantham? The arena set and with the other four finals happening either side the battle commenced. Neck and neck and at 10 ends it was 7-6 to Grantham. A 2 on the 11th end the score was in favour of Grantham up 9-6. The 12 end was the game decider with Grantham picking up a maxi and taking the score to 15-6, the thirteenth end one more shot to Grantham and it was shake hands time. The winners Goodwin and Grantham receiving \$1500 and the presented with Champions Cup.

Champions Cup Final: J.Goodwin, T.Grantham bt S.Cox, G.Goodwin (17-6)

3rd= N.Krajancic, P.Sain & N.Connel, John Dunn

Champions Cup "A" Flight Final: J.Hill, N.Hill bt S.Curran, D.Eades (15-10)
Champions Cup "B" Flight Final: D.McDonald, D.Ross bt M.Rumble, N.Drew (10-8)
Consolation Final: C.McElvanna, R.Soden bt T.Garelja, V.Marsic (15-5)
Consolation Flight Final: K.Burgess, R.Hocking bt B.Wilson, J.Whitelaw (8-7)

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Grant for Stage Two

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust has approved the club's application for a substantial grant towards Stage Two renovations (new stairs and the upgrade of the down stairs function lounge area). Many thanks have to go to Emmie Swart whom worked tirelessly in putting together the successful application.

TAB Coming Soon

Members will see a few changes over the next couple of weeks in the pool and darts area of the club as we make ready for the arrival of a TAB Pod. Two new 60" HD TV's will be the first sign with the Pod itself after that. It is anticipated the Pod going live on Friday 20 February. The introduction of the TAB Pod is additional facility for member's entertainment and an opportunity to broaden our current membership base. The TAB is one of the many benefits the Club's membership to Clubs New Zealand affords us. Gaining this facility has all been made possible by the ongoing efforts of Greg Utting and Emmie Swart.



The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.

Club Membership Draw

Drawn Wednesdays between 4.30pm - 5.30pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm.
Happy hour Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Free Nibbles around 6pm, Club Membership draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm
 Bring a friend along, they may enjoy it and join as a social member or a 1st year bowler!!

Spotlight on Sponsors

This week we put the spotlight on our Honorary Solicitor and sponsor John Cox. Thanks John for your continued support and your assistance on our legal matters.

Source *Blomkamp Cox website*

John Cox has been in private practice as a barrister and solicitor for twenty years. He has been the principal of Blomkamp Cox Solicitors since 1999. He specialises in business and property law, residential and business conveyancing, estate and financial planning and trusts, insolvencies and civil litigation and family law. He has appeared before all courts and tribunals up to, and including, the Court of Appeal.

He has been a Senior Trustee Member (MNZTA) of the NZ Trustees Association since 1999, the Honorary Solicitor of the Birkenhead Bowling Club Inc. since 1999, and a legal advisor at the Birkenhead Citizens Advice Bureau since 1990. He has been a member of the Public Issues Committee of the Auckland District Law Society Inc. since February 2009, and has drafted several issued papers for the committee. John founded and led the Campaign for the Privy Council in 2003 and 2004, opposing the abolition of appeals from New Zealand to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London.

Outside the law, John Cox has had a lifelong interest in general and military history, politics, heraldry and vexillology, genealogy, anthropology and archaeology. He was a member of the Auckland Division of the Royal New Zealand Navy Volunteer Reserve, HMNZS Ngaopona, from 1995 to 2009, serving as a Lieutenant. He was a correspondent of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London) from 1996 to 2002, and an occasional book reviewer for the Australian Defence Force Journal. He has been a member of the Defence of New Zealand Study Group since 1997. John Cox is also a leading New Zealand vexillologist. He was the founder of the New Zealand Flag Institute Trust in 2004, and remains the trust's Executive Director. He was a founding member of the Monarchist League of New Zealand Inc. (now Monarchy New Zealand) in 1995. He was a councillor from 1999 to 2008, and treasurer from 2000 to 2004. He was a member of the Heraldry Society of New Zealand (formerly the Heraldry Society (New Zealand Branch) Inc.) from 1983 to 2008, serving as councillor 1994 to 2008, and legal advisor 1995 to 2008. John has been a councillor of the Royal Commonwealth Society (Auckland Branch) since 2013. John's other hobbies include classical music, running and gardening. John is married, with one son.

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