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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 23 September

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## On the Greens This Week & Bit Further

Wednesday 23 September - 10am Club Day (AC)  
 Saturday 26 September - 1pm Club Draw AC)  
 Wednesday 30 September - 10am Club Day (AC)  
 Friday 2 October - 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)  
 Saturday 3 October - Pennants Day 1 (am)  
 - 1pm Handicap Singles—Rounds 1 & 2

## And We Are Off

Last Saturday signalled the opening of our summer season with Opening Day 2015. Mother nature had threatened not to play her part, but on the day the roll up got under way with a good field made up of playing and social members competing together. Chairperson Emmie Swart opened the afternoon formalities, of which one of the highlights was the announcement Dennis Matthews had been awarded "Administrator to Year" at the Bowls New Zealand Awards held earlier in the day. After a few short speeches Peter Montgomery was introduced to the members and guests, numbered in excess of 170. Peter gave us an insight into the America's Cup and other sailing events he had covered in his broadcasting career. Following Peter was the time honoured tradition of formally opening the green for the season.



Peter Montgomery signing his book, groupies Jerome Rusk (front) Peter Svendsen, Jackie Belcher, and John Croy

Black Jack Tony Grantham raised the flag, Carole Fredrick holder of 25 Centre tiles put down the first jack, Jimmy Heath up and coming 1-5 year straightened the jack and Danny O'Connor holder of 10 National titles delivered the first bowl way past the jack. With the formalities completed a magnificent spread was put out that the ladies had prepared and the party continued well into the evening. With Opening day over the Centre Executive fours were played the following day with Birkenhead's team unfortunately not featuring in the prizes. This weekend sees the men competing in the Ivan Kostanich Men's Premier Open Singles here in Harbour and the women across the bridge in the Women's Premier Open Singles. Who will join Daymon on the podium next?



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## Club Membership Draw

Drawn Wednesdays between 4.30pm - 5.30pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize. Happy hour Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm (note: no happy hour on open tournament Wednesdays)

**Members have two minutes from the time the drawn name is announced to make themselves known to the "Caller" to claim the prize.**

## 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!!

THIS WEEKS CLUBTAB PRIZE DRAW ON 26/09/15 IS FOR \$10,000

WEEKLY PRIZE DRAW

LAST WEEKS PRIZE OF \$5,000 WAS NOT WON AT WOOLSTON CLUB

## Spotlight on Sponsors

This week we put the spotlight on "Barefoot and Thompson Birkenhead". Sponsor of many tournaments, our score cards, past two opening days and more recently our membership cards.

Source: <http://www.barfoot.co.nz/birkenhead>

The team at Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead are a group of down-to-earth, hardworking locals who can help take the stress out of buying, selling or renting in this accessible North Shore suburb.

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