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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

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## On The Greens This Week & Bit Further

Wednesday 13 January — 10am Club Day (AC)  
Friday 15 January — 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)  
Saturday 16 January - 1pm Club Draw (AC)  
Sunday 17 January - BNH Women's Centre & 1-5 yearr Pairs, Men's Centre Fours.  
Wednesday 20 January - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)  
Thursday 21 January - 10am Club Day (AC)  
- Entries close 5pm 1-5 Year Men's Singles  
- Entries close 5pm 1-5 Year Women's Singles  
Friday 22 January — 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)  
Saturday 23 January - 9am 1-5 Year Men's Singles & 1-5 Year Women's Singles  
Sunday 24 January— 9am Sunday Tournament (OACF)

## 1st Years, 5 Years, 5 Minutes, 2 lives

The first Club Championships for the year 2016 kicked off on time last Saturday under damp overcast skies but these did clear. Men's Championship Pairs with fourteen entries and four games to play with three or more wins progressing to the knockout stage the following day.

Jerry Belcher and Robbie Henson were the surprise on the Saturday. Two first year bowlers, having entered at the last minute to avoid a bye. Narrowly going down to Drew/Drew (10-14), defeating Heath/Pierson (18-11) and Croasdale/Stevens (15-11), having to play Cochrane/Garred in the last game with both teams needing the win to progress through to Sunday. After eleven ends it was seven all, with two ends to play Belcher and Henson were one in front, but dropped a four then a one and Garred progressed with a 13-9 win. At the completion of Saturdays play six teams had three wins or more.

After the first round Sunday it was down to the semis where Drew/Drew defeated Rumble/Nathan (20-17) after Nathan being up 17-10 after fourteen ends. The other semi Thomas/Parlane defeated Cochrane/Garred (15-14) also having to fight hard for the win after being down 8-13 after fourteen ends.

The final Drew/Drew played Thomas/Parlane. Parlane jumped out of the blocks to a 7-1 lead after four ends. After six Parlane still lead 7-3 and picking up four shots over the next three ends the score stood at 3-12 to Parlane. Drew came close at 9-13 after fourteen but with Parlane securing a three and a one and Drew only picking up a one the game and the championship was won. Evan Thomas and Doug Parlane are Birkenhead's Men's Pairs Championship winners for this season. First Birkenhead club title for either player, Evan having been at Birkenhead for 5 years and Doug for 5 minutes.

The Women's Champ Triples was also played but under the two life system. Helmling/Fredrick/Lynch had certainly dominated this title with Lynch and Fredrick having won it ever time it has been played (six) and Helmling winning it five times, Sharon Sowry has also one it once.

Sheryl Johnson's team with Trish Croot and Connie Mathieson off the front had all eyes firmly focused on the title and where determined to change the guard. First round Lynch played Johnson with Lynch going down and dropping below the line. Sexton played Wafer and Wafer joining Lynch.

Round two Johnson defeated Sexton and Lynch push Wafer out of the tournament. Johnson sitting with the bye, Lynch saw off Sexton.

Sunday came with Lynch having to beat Johnson twice to regain the crown. But this was not Lynch's year. Going down to Johnson first game and Sheryl Johnson, Trish Croot and Connie Mathieson claiming the Women's Championship Triples title with two lives. Are we seeing a changing of the guard?, only time will tell.

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### New Club Bowls - \$2000 Grant

I am pleased to advise that NZCT's Net Proceeds Committee has approved a grant of \$2,000.00 to our club towards the purchase of five sets of bowls. Our Club bowls used for social and corporate bowls are lacking smaller size bowls. The club will be looking at purchasing some size one, and size two bowls with this grant. Emmie Swart, Chairperson Birkenhead Bowling Club

### \$5,500 Men's Pairs - Entry Available

Due to a couple of withdrawals we currently have two spots available in this tournament. To secure your team's entry ph 027 6661618 .

### Charity Tournament - Waitangi Day

In support of Neurological Research: Epilepsy, Motor Neuron, Stroke, Alzheimers, Parkinsons, Nervous Systems, Migraines, Multiple Sclerosis, Huntingtons, Brain Tumours.

#### 8.30am Saturday 6 February (Waitangi Day)

Teams of fours, Any Combination, Mufti, a non-bowler in each team is encouraged Loads of raffles, Auctions, Morning tea and lunch included, Team or Single Entry (\$15 per player)

For entry Phone: Club: 480-7493, Sandy: 480-1286 or 027 2006696, Email: eswartz@gmail.com

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

Two day \$6,500 Women's Pairs, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March 2016.

The season is rolling on and the 2016 Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs is just under two months away. With it's \$6,500 total prize pool and \$1,500 for first place this is a tournament not to be missed. Entry forms available from the club and www.bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz



### Club Membership Draw - \$300 tonight

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)

### Friday Club Nights - Raffles & Nibbles Back

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

**THIS WEEKS CLUB TAB PRIZE DRAW ON 16/01/16 IS FOR \$5,000**

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