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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

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On The Greens This Week & Bit Further

- Wednesday 9 March - 10am Club Day (AC)
- Thursday 10 March - *Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Fours*
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- Friday 11 March - 1pm 242 (OACP)
- Saturday 12 March - 9am Men's Championships Fours
- 9am Women's Championship Fours
- Sunday 13 March - 9am Men's Championship Fours
- 9am Women's Championship Fours
- Monday 14 March - 6pm United Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls
- Wednesday 16 March - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)
- Thursday 17 March - 10am Club Day (AC)
Entries close 5pm 1-5 Year Fours

Last Bowl Again For Sisters

Back in 2013 sisters Estelle Hickey and Lynda Ralph lost the final of the ,then known, The Slipp Inn Birkenhead Women's Open Pairs by one shot after the rain came down and Jenny Jones played a stunning bowl to steal the show and deny the sisters the win.

Was 2016 finally to be Hickey and Ralph's year to take the title they had sought after since playing in the first tournament back in 2010. Having qualified sixth seed on Saturday the sisters won their first game (21-10) in the Cup Championship and then went on to win their second and semi final games in simlair fashion, they were in good form and no sign of rain in the forcast.

On the other side of the draw the previous untried pairing of Joy Hall and Jenny Stockford, who had qualified thirteenth seed, set about first taking down Birkenhead's current Club Pairs Champions Lynch and Fredrick (14-11) much to the heart break of the partisan crowd, before beating Chrissie Peers and Tere Tauti

and then the Browns Bay's pair Kerin Roberts and Elaine McClintock.

The Cup Championship final looked fairly one-sided with the sisters having played together many times and in fine form up against an untried pairing, but one that had been improving as the tournament progressed. After four ends of the fourteen end final Ralph was up 4-1 and looking good. The next fours ends were all Stockford's picking up eight shots, 9-4 to Stockford after eight ends, could Stockford's run continue? Ralph stepped up, took the next five ends to go ahead 11-9 with one end to play. The final end was won by Stockford with a single shot but the victory, \$1,500 winners cheque and their name on the Chinery Swart Cup was Hickey and Ralph's by a solitary point (11-10).

After Saturdays play the teams where seeded on the days play with seeds seventeen to thirty two fighting it out in the Consolation. Birkenhead's Trish Croot and Lisa Helmling missed the Cup Championship on differential finishing Saturday seeded lower than most would have expected. Sunday was a new day and the pair set out to take out the Consolation and that they did wining 16-9, 15-7, 14-11 and eventually beating Maria Smith and Agnes Motu 16-8 in the final and nailing the Consolation for the second year running.



Lynda Ralph and Estelle Hickey, 2016 \$6,500 The Good Home Birkenhead Women's Open Pairs winners

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2016 The Good Home Birkenhead Results

Cup Championship:
 Winners - E.Hickey, L.Ralph (s)
 Runners-up - J.Hall, J.Stockford(s)
 Third equal - R.Hitchcock, C.Tawharu (s)
 Third equal - K.Roberts, E.McClintock(s)
 Cup A Flight:
 Winners - C.Bennett, D.Jensen (s)
 Runners-up - P.Baker, D.Samuel (s)
 Cup B Flight:
 Winners - R.Jelly, A.Bateman (s)
 Runners-up - K.Horcroft, M.Attwood (s)

Consolation:
 Winners - T.Croot, L.Helmling (s)
 Runners-up - M.Smith, A.Muto (s)
 Consolation Flight:
 Winners - R.Hammond, E.Waerehu (s)
 Runners-up - J.McKeena, F.Yates (s)

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Our Tournament in World Bowls Publication

Following on from the success of this year's Ryman Healthcare Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs. Inside Bowls, World Bowls official magazine, featured a five page write up on Birkenhead's tournament.
<http://www.insidebowlsmag.com/mar16/index.html?r=44>
 A copy of the article is also available on www.bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz and at the club.

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