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## On The Greens

Wednesday 5 April - **Greens Closed (no play or practice)**  
Friday 7 April - **4pm - Handicaps**  
**Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 & Friday 7 April**

Saturday 8 April - 9am **Wheels On Wairau" Seafood Tournament (OMF) - day 1**  
Sunday 9 April - 8.30am **Wheels On Wairau" Seafood Tournament (OMF) - day 2**  
Wednesday 12 April - 10am Club Day (AC)  
- Entries close 5pm Women's Champ Singles  
Friday 14 April - 12noon **Afternoon Open Tournament (OACT - mufti - free entry)**  
- Handicap Pairs Round Four to be played on or before 14 April  
Sunday 16 April - Women's Champ Singles  
Monday 17 April - Women's Champ Singles  
Wednesday 19 April - **Wednesday Triples Tournament (OACT)**

## Inside This Weekend

### Friday 7 April – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500  
Racing: Alexandra Park, Addington (harness) and across Australia  
**7pm - "Freight" an evening of Chicago Blues, live until late.**  
Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Hurricanes v Waratahs  
NRL\* - 8pm Knights v Bulldogs

### Saturday 8 April

Racing: Te Aroha, Trentham, Riccarton (thoroughbreds), & across Australia including Randwick - Australian Oaks, Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Sydney Cup.  
Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Highlanders v Blues  
NRL\* - 5pm Sea Eagles v Dragons, 7.30pm Titans v Raiders

### Sunday 9 April

Racing: Pukekohe (thoroughbreds) Rangiora & Winton (harness) Manukau (dogs) and across Australia  
NRL\* - 4pm Warriors v Eels, 6pm Storm v Sharks  
\* viewing selection is dependant on the members.

## Honey Bees Runners-up

The Cadness Cup has wound up for another season. Birkenhead entered two teams in this event played over a series of Fridays culminating in the finals/playoff day last Friday. Both Birkenhead Bumble Bees and Birkenhead Honey Bees missed out on the Cadness Cup playoff with Northcote finishing section play ahead of the Honey Bees and Mairangi Green pipping the Bubble Bees on count back. Both Birkenhead teams played it out in the Plate section with Evan Thomas's Birkenhead Honey Bees finishing runner-up to Mairangi. If it wasn't for Birkenhead Mairangi would have had a clean sweep of the event.

Results;  
Cadness Cup; winners - Mairangi Bay, runners-up - Mairangi Bay  
Plate; winners - Mairangi Bay, runners-up - Birkenhead  
Consolation; winners - Mairangi Bay



Birkenhead Honey Bees: Evan Thomas (s) Jerry Belcher, Bruce Cochrane and Robbie Henson, Plate runners-up

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**Pipped at the Post**

Loz Croot and Jacqui Belcher were the only Birkenhead entry in this season's Bowls North Harbour Women's 1-5 Pairs. Saturday was section play with the winner of both sections securing a spot in the final the following day. Croot and Belcher topped their section and moved through to Sunday's final, up against Mairangi Bay's Trish Hardy and Wilkinson. Hardy and Wilkinson had the home advantage as Mairangi's greens were down for all Harbour finals on Sunday. Mairangi drew first blood with a two on the first end. Croot and Belcher pegged it back a were one in front after four ends (4-3). They built up a lead to be up by four after eight ends, Mairangi came back at them to be two behind after eleven ends. Maintaining the lead of two after fourteen ends (12-10). End fifteen and Mairangi scored a four to put them in front by two. Croot and Belcher picked up a three on the thirteenth to be one in front with two ends to play. Croot and Belcher put up a gallant performance but unfortunately the last two ends both went the way of Mairangi and so did the title.

Birkenhead fielded four teams in the Bowls North Harbour Men's 1-5 Pairs with Garry Wallace and Robbie Henson the victors from section five and Stacy Munro and Adam Richardson the victors from section three and a spot in post section on Sunday. Sunday came and Wallace and Henson were up against Takapuna's Don Mackintosh and Bob Telfer. Takapuna came away the winner and into the semi-final. As the draw will have it Takapuna met the other Birkenhead qualifier, first year bowlers Munro and Richardson. The Takapuna proved to much as Munro said with smile "man we got towelled, their lead was on it all the time". Takapuna went on to win the final.

Bowls North Harbour Champ of Champ Pairs were also played over the same weekend culminating in the finals at Mairangi on the Sunday. Both Birkenhead teams dropped out early on the Saturday. Helensville's Kelly Clark and Deb Presland took out the women's title on an extra end over the much fancied Browns Bay pair of Elaine McClintock and Anne Dorreen. The men's saw Orewa's David Eades and Murray Vallance take on Browns Bay's Brad Reichert & Brian Wilson with Eades and Vallance the winners.

**Grants, What's Covered**

By Emmie Swart

The Board would like to inform all our members how our grants are going to enhance the club.

NZ Racing Board \$15,000. We have permission to use all this money to repair the backboards and artificial grass carpet. This grant however does not fully support the quoted prices. We are asking for members help to dismantle the current backboards and any skills required to repair so we can get as much done as possible. We do not currently have enough funds to resurface the green to maniototo so it will stay as starweed. If you are prepared to help can you please contact Colin who will be overseeing this project for us.

Birkenhead Licensing Trust \$59,697. Covers the Green Keeper's wage, Purchasing a water blaster for the club, upgrading of the wooden floor in the dining area and upgrading all the lights to LED upstairs and downstairs. The grant covers the cost of the lights and the electrical installation but once again we have a shortfall as it does not cover the cost of repainting the ceilings. We would like members to please help with this if possible. Please contact Colin who will also be looking after this part. On behalf of all the members of our club I would like to thank The NZ Racing Board and The Birkenhead Licensing Trust for their on going support.

**Birko Bingo**  
  
**Thursday 13 April**  
**7pm first game**  
**Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George**  
 Entry restricted to 18 years & over



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# SKY SURVIVOR

NRL Round 6 selections close 6.30pm Thursday 6 April

## The Bees March On

By Jerome Rusk

The Final of the North Harbour Junior Inter Club beckons for the Birkenhead Bees after they swept aside the strong Mairangi Bay Blue team. A healthy sized crowd was on hand at the club to witness the new breed at the club take out the Semi Final 3-0. Jerome Rusk took on Bay's Neil Buckner in the singles and it proved to be a close encounter. Rusk took an early lead edging out to 5-0, then out to 10-5. Things were looking good but Buckner kept eating away and with two ends to play in the 18 end match Jerome was ahead 11-10. On the 17th, Rusk picked up a 2 and Neil was only able to take a single on the last, therefore meaning a win for Rusk and a 1-0 lead to the Bees. "My fourth bowl saved me on at least 4 ends, saved my bacon... going from being down on the head to picking up shots, that was awesome!"

Regular pairs combo, lead Gary Wallace and skip Robbie Henson sealed the tie for the Bees by beating their Bay counterparts 21-10. The boys have cooked up a very handy combination this season and made the quarterfinals of the NH Junior Pairs held last week-end. Gary's leading came to the fore and Robbie followed him up thus the lads having a comfortable lead throughout. "Really happy with how we played tonight", beamed Wallace. A feature of their play has been there doggedness and this win will give the boys great confidence going into the final.

The unbeaten triples team featuring Jerry & Jacqui Belcher and skip Jimmy Heath put the icing on the cake by taking out their match 15-12. Jerry and Jacs performed solidly up front, but Jimmy was needed to play some bombs at the back end to keep the momentum swinging in their favour. "I had to play 2 telling bowls, taking the jack into the ditch and then dead drawing on another... I really want to win this final, I won it in my first year as a Junior and I want to win it on my last (Jimmy's fifth)".

So off to the final we go. It's great to see the Juniors going so well and the team are very thankful for the support from the club and those that were there on Monday night. We encourage all supporters to come along and be as vocal as they want to be, it can really lift the players (as we saw at this years BPL). A win next Monday in the final at Birkenhead would see the team venture to Hikurangi to play in the Regional Inter Club finals. Thanks always to our managers Adele and Dale Ineson. A big thumbs up to Loz and Jacqs for making the Women's Junior Pairs final and to Stacy and Adam who made the Men's Junior Pairs semi finals... well done. See you all next Monday.

# Free Tournament!!!

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# Junior Interclub Final

## Birkenhead v Mairangi Bay

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## Updated BNH Centre Dates

The latest list of BNH Centre dates received, note that some differ from those previously published by the Centre.

**BNH Champion of Champion Triples** - 29th - 30th April 2017

**BNH Women's 5 Years & Under Triples, Men's 5 Years & Under Triples** - 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Entries close with Birkenhead Club Secretary 5pm Monday 10th April

**BNH Champion of Champion Singles** - 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**BNH Champion of Champion Fours** - 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**BNH Men's 1-8 Years Fours, BNH Women's 1-8 Years Fours** - 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Entries close with Birkenhead Club Secretary 5pm Monday 24th April 2017

**BNH Men's 5 Years & Under Singles, BNH Women's 5 Years & Under Singles** - 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Entries close with Birkenhead Club Secretary 5pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**BNH Junior Champion of Champion Singles** - 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**BNH Open 2-4-2 Pairs** - 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Entries close with Birkenhead Club Secretary 5pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Spotlight on Sponsors

This week it's our friend Graeme Rutherford's Wheels On Wairau. Wheels On Wairau have in past years sponsored a Sunday Tournament. Recently they have increased their sponsorship and now sponsor the annual two day Seafood Tournament. Many club members have purchased cars and regularly use the vehicle service centre at Wheels On Wairau in recent years and the reports back are all good. Thanks Wheels On Wairau for your continued support.

*From Wheels On Wairau website*

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