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**Birko Bingo**



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

## On The Greens

- 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 Championship Singles
- Monday 17 April - Women's Championship Singles
- Wednesday 19 April - 9.30am **Wednesday Triples Tournament (OACT)**
- Thursday 20 April - 10am club Day (AC)  
- Entries close 5pm Championship 1st Year Singles (Mixed)
- Friday 21 April - 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)  
- Handicap Pairs Round Semi finals to be played on or before 21 April
- Saturday 22 April - 9am - Championship First Year Singles (Mixed)
- Sunday 23 April - *Championship Reserve Day*

## Inside This Easter Weekend

Our regular barperson Chrissie is having a much earned break over Easter. We will have staff on that aren't familiar with all aspects, so please be patient as they tend to the bar, TAB and gaming machines. The club & facilities are open from 11am daily all Easter long.

- Thursday 13 April - Open from 2.30pm**  
7pm - 9pm Birko Bingo  
Racing: New Plymouth (gallops) Alexandra Park, Addington (harness) Wanganui & Manukau (dogs)
- Good Friday 14 April - Club Night - Open from 11am**  
Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500  
Racing: Singapore & Perth  
Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Crusaders v Sunwolves  
NRL\* - 6pm Bulldogs v Rabbitohs, 8pm Knights v Roosters
- Saturday 15 April - Open from 11am**  
Racing: Tauranga, Hastings, Riverton (gallops) Hawera, and Addington (harness) Manukau (dogs) and Australia including Randwick - All Aged Stakes  
Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Blues v Hurricanes  
NRL\* - 5pm Sea Eagles v Storm, 7.30pm Raiders v Warriors
- Sunday 16 April - Open from 11am**  
Racing: Australia and Singapore  
NRL\* - 6pm Panthers v Sharks
- Easter Monday 16 April - Open from 11am**  
Racing: Riverton (gallops) Hawera & Banks Peninsula (harness) Palmerston North (dogs)  
NRL\* - 6pm Eels v Wests Tigers

\* viewing selection is dependant on the members.



## TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.

## Hikurangi Here We Come!

By Jerome Rusk

The Birkenhead Bees are the 2016-17 Bowls North Harbour Junior Interclub Champions! Taking on the strong Mairangi Bay White team in the final, they came away with a rousing 2-1 victory. It is a title not held by the club since the 2012-13 season and it means the squad travel to Hikurangi for the Northern Region finals on May 7.

It was a fine but breezy Monday evening at the Club and the packed viewing deck watched on as the Triples team, again consisting of Jerry at lead, Jacqui at 2 and 'the Jandle' at skip, jumped out of the gates quickly to establish an early lead and were never threatened, taking the match 20-8. Jerry was on fire at the front, continuing his hot form of recent months, so much so that Jimmy said with glee "I didn't have to do too much... an armchair ride". Jacqui also slotted in some corksers when needed. "It was good to put the pressure on their lead, a good team effort" trumpeted Jerry. Co-Manager Dale Ineson's inspiring words ringing in Jerry's ears throughout "think of the road trip". An impressive unbeaten season for the Triples team.

After dropping a four on the first end, Pairs team Gary and Robbie (skip) fought back valiantly as the game progressed to eventually take the lead late in the match. Mairangi clinched the last few ends to edge the lads out 11-15. "Gary was awesome tonight" said Robbie. The pairs team have played with fight each week and their combination is growing stronger. A good omen for the future.

Jerome took out the Singles to wrap up the tie, holding off newly crowned Mairangi Singles Champ Fata Letoa. The score was even early but slowly but surely Jerome pulled away to win 17-8. "It was a mixed performance but a win is a win and we're off to Hikurangi!". Rusk bowled 2 amazing wrong biases along the way, making coach Keith Burgess proud. Another highlight of the match was Co-Manager Adele Ineson marking the match with her handbag present.

So all in all, an excellent season for the Bees and an opportunity to represent the Club and the Centre in the far North. Thanks goes out to all the support we've received throughout the season especially for the turnout for Mondays final. The squad really does appreciate it! Thanks as always to our management team, the physio and mental skills coach. Special mention to Loz Croot who played brilliantly earlier in the season when called in. Look out Hikurangi, here come the Bees!

## Break From Tradition

Entry numbers down from previous years due to other tournaments in the Auckland region Sandy made the decision to open, what had for the past fourteen years been the sole domain of the men, to women. Saturday dawned a stunner of a day with twenty six teams ready for two days of bowls accompanied by some great seafood for morning tea and lunch. Stuie back on deck with the assistance of Bernie made sure the players weren't going hungry. At the conclusion of the first days play there were four undefeated teams, Alf Smith, Terry Cullen, Tony Grantham and Bruce Baker

Sunday saw both Cullen and Smith start off with a win but losing their last two games to drop out of the prizes. Evan Thomas who had dropped a game on Saturday to Robbie Henson's team, a team that their total combine years of bowls only adds up to five, won all three games Sunday to secure second place. Grantham went down to Mike Feek's team first game Sunday won the next and drew his last, Feek had not won a game on the first day. Grantham finishing in third and the best preformed of the Birkenhead teams.

Baker started Sunday with a draw, the closest his team had come to a loss. They went onto win their last two games and be the only undefeated team finishing with six wins and a draw for the two days.

First: Bruce Baker's team 6 wins & 1 draw, Second: Evan Thomas's team 6 wins Third: Tony Grantham's team 5 wins & 1 draw, Forth: David Eades's team 5 wins 43 ends



Seafood Tournament winners: David Payne, Mic Moodie, Stuart Mackechine, Bruce Baker (s)

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Ann has been awarded her recognition of \$2000 in different award categories for her participation in the Top Bowlsman of the year award.

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# SKY SURVIVOR

## NRL Round 7 selections close 6.30pm Thursday 13 April

### Sky Survivor Update

Twenty five players started off and after the first weekend, NRL round six, only twelve survived with eleven going out on the Cowboys upset loss alone. There will be another Sky Survivor starting soon. If you wish to be in see John Hindmarch (name and one off \$20 entry fee required) once we get twenty five paid up it will start. \$400\* for the winner(s) and two of \$50 drawn from those knocked out. \*Full terms and conditions available in the club.

### Under 8's National Title

While the Seafood Tournament was on Birkenhead's Daymon Pierson was out on the bowling greens in Christchurch. It was the National Under 8's Intercentre and Pierson was there in the Bowls North Harbour fours team. Friday and Saturday was section play with the top two sides going through to the knock out stage on Sunday. Harbour finished section play in top position with twenty seven game points, just!. Both Waikato and South Canterbury also had twenty seven game points. Harbour had a plus fifty three differential, Waikato a plus forty three and South Canterbury plus thirty seven. Waikato went through with Harbour to the next day.

Sunday dawned and Harbour had Wellington to deal with first, Harbour won all three disciplines and a spot in the semi. Dunedin had beaten Taranaki and set up a Harbour Dunedin semi. Harbour came through the semi with a win in each discipline to knock Dunedin out. The final was next. Waikato had finished second to Harbour in section play and had played their way past West Coast (2-1), Canterbury (2-1) to reach the final. Having played each other in section play with Harbour only taking the singles discipline Waikato were the slight favourites. With the section play results behind them Harbour set out to win a national title. By the time the last bowl was counted Harbour had won the singles (21-15), won the pairs (18-11), won the fours (13-11) and won the national title for the second year in a row, a great achievement.

Singles: Rory Soden (browns Bay) Pairs Errol Koroi (s) (Orewa) Bevan Smith (Takapuna) Fours: Brent Malcom (S) (Northcote), Daymon Pierson (Birkenhead) Don Ambrose (Mairangi Bay), Walter Howden (Takapuna)

The Women's Under 8's Harbour side, with Birkenhead's Paris Baker playing singles, finished section play in second with Wellington topping the section. Knockout and first up was Taranaki with the women coming away with a clean sweep and a spot in the semi up against Wellington who had just beaten Auckland. The semis was where the women's title hopes stopped as they were beaten (2-1) by Wellington. Wellington met Dunedin in the final with Dunedin taking the title with two wins.

# Free Tournament!!!

**Birkenhead Bowling Club**  
**Friday 14 April (Good Friday)**  
**Starts 12noon**  
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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**

**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

## Friday Club Night - Open Good Friday

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Joker 500 on sale from 5pm, Club Membership Draw drawn between 5.30 - 6.30pm.

## Club Membership & Joker Draws - Good Friday

Club Membership & Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Club membership drawn between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

Joker 500, numbers on sale from 5pm - 6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at 6.15pm The top prize being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday.

## Spotlight on Sponsors

This week sponsor is Galbraith Plumbing & Drainage Ltd, and since coming on board the club has been grateful for their prompt efficient service.

*From Galbraith Plumbing and Drainage website*

Galbraith Plumbing and Drainage has been operating on the North Shore of Auckland for over 100 years, we are based in Barrys Point Road, Takapuna.

Kelvin Houten is the Manager and owner of Galbraith Plumbing and Drainage; Kelvin originally completed his apprenticeship under Galbraith Plumbing Limited upon leaving school. Kelvin is a Registered and Craftsman Plumber and has been plumbing for over 30 years. Kelvin is also IQP Backflow Registered.

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Adam Squire is the Drainage Supervisor; Adam joined Galbraith Plumbing & Drainage Limited in 2002. Adam is a Registered Drainlayer and has been involved in drainage and drainlaying for over 30 years.

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