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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

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CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS THIS WEEKEND

Entries close 5pm Thursday 23 November

Saturday 25 November - No Championship play Sunday 26 November - Men's & Women's Championship Fours

On The Greens

Check outside greens board for the status of each green.

For practice, scrims until Saturday (last application of leaf hardening spray)

Wednesday 22 November – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Friday 24 November - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 25 November – 8.30am Men's Championship Fours - moved to Sunday

- 8.30am Women's Championship Fours - moved to Sunday

Sunday 26 November – 8.30am Men's Championship Fours

- 8.30am Women's Championship Fours

Monday 27 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (5)

Wednesday 29 November – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Friday 1 December - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 2 December – Corporate booking

Sunday 3 December – Corporate booking

Monday 4 December – 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (6)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 24 November - Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing – New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park & Invercargill (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Saturday 25 November

Racing – Pukekohe & Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds) Geraldine (Harness) and racing from across Australia including Ascot – Railway Stakes & Winterbottom Stakes

Rugby League World Cup* - 6pm Semi Final #2 Tonga v England

Sunday 26 November

Racing – Te Rapa (Thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

52nd Christmas Shield

Our annual tussle with Northcote now in its 52nd year. Birkenhead retained the shield last year when played down at Northcote.

This year we trip back down the hill to Northcote to defend the Shield at 5.30pm Wednesday 13 December. The reason for the trip back to Northcote is a catch up / even up on the home and away aspect of the shield. Play starts at 5.30pm and is followed by prize giving and a meal. Dress is mufti, teams comprise of Open Men, Open Women, 1-5 Year teams. We would like to see as many bowlers as possible competing on the night. If this is you put your name on the white board in the club, it's a great night.

There will be no membership or Joker 500 draws that night.

Here One Day, Gone the Next

It was only a couple of weeks back we were thanking Peter Svendsen and his crew for the fine work planting the natives on the by-pass bank, plants that the club had kindly been given. Sadly some low life has struck again and 60% of the newly planted grasses and plants have been stolen under the cover of darkness. We wait and see if the remaining 40% stay!



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Second Thursday in the Month
7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club

Thursday 14 December

Team and single entry Ring Emmie 0275 297 297

Richardson and Munro

Centre Pairs last weekend with three women's teams and ten men's teams in Birkenhead colours. At the collusion of the first day, Saturday, the women had all failed to make post section and of the men only three teams had qualified for post section. Nigel Drew and Randall Watkins, John Hindmarch and Mike Haggart were expected to qualify, although Hindmarch had to get past last years Centre Pairs winners to get there.

The third team second year bowlers Stacey Munro and Adam Richardson flew under the radar and came up trumps. First game of the day and it was against fellow club mates Gary Cooley and Curtis Ennor. A game that was neck and neck the whole way. On the final end Richardson and Munro were down on the head four or five but with Munro's last bowl he claimed the end and the win. Next up Orewa's Lomas and Jacket a game Richardson and Munro got out to a handy lead but then took the foot of the throat and walked away that little bit wiser with a draw. Last game the lads were up against Beach Haven's Fowler and Blackmore a relatively easy win compared with the two previous games and for their efforts Richardson and Munro nailed a spot in Sunday's post section.

Sunday dawned overcast and wet and not surprisingly BNH cancelled play on Sunday and transferred the post section of both the Men's & Women's Pairs to Saturday 25th November ,Centre Reserve Day.

Post section this Saturday sees Drew/Watkins v S.Cox/ D.McDonald (Riverhead), Ricahrdson/Munro v D.Ambrose/B.Rogers (Miarangi Bay) and Hindmarch/Haggart v C.Taylor/B.Smith (Takapuna)

December 4 Fast Approaching

Be amongst the first to receive detailed confirmed information, advance tickets and entries to the various functions and tournaments over Easter 2018 to celebrate the Club reach the mile stone of 75 years.

75th Jubilee "Registration of Interest" is now open, you are urged to fill in a "Registration of Interest form" to avoid disappoint. Note we need all your contact details on the form. Registrations of Interest close Monday 4 December.

"Registration of Interest" forms available from the Club, the Club's website or contact the Club Secretary email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or phone/text 027 6661618 There is something for everyone during the five days of celebration.

Champ Fours, Women & Men Sunday Start

Both the Women's and Men's Club Championship Fours entries close 5pm this Thursday. Due to the centre pairs now using the Saturday, both the men's and the women's Club Championship Fours will now not get underway 8.30am Sunday morning.

Use 'Em or Lose 'Em

Remember when you first started playing all you wanted to do was play in a tournament, but getting into a team to play even just one tournament didn't come easy.

We have first year playing members looking for a break, if you can accommodate any of them into a team somewhere give them a ring. It's the old rule use 'em or lose 'em.

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Birkenhead Bowling Club \$6,500 Women's Invitation Pairs

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 March 2018

Kids Christmas Party

The Kids Christmas Party (12 years of age and under) is again kindly supported by Tim Roskruge (Barfoot Thompson agent) and United Gaming and will be held Sunday 17 December. Starting at 10am with The Bubble Man Bubble Show, morning tea for the kids, followed by Santa and his sack. Bring a present to the value of \$15 with your child's name and age on it for Santa's sack.

To assist with catering, member's name and numbers of children attending on the white board in the club please.

BPL06 Disappointment and Pride

BPL06 the \$100,000 event held at Brisbane's Club Pine Rivers, came and went last week and what a few days and evenings it was. Birkenhead had two teams to cheer on firstly and foremost the Blackjacks, but after BPL05 and the Club hosting the Sydney Lions and their supporters our support is spread.

Sadly the Blackjacks, Ali Forsyth, Shannon McIlroy and Jo Edwards lost the tie break in the last game of the fourteen preliminary rounds to finish in fifth, one win and one spot out of the Finals.

Back to back BPL winners the Sydney Loins, Karen Murphy (600+ international appearances for Australia), Aron Sheriff (300+ international appearances for Australia) and new comer Corey Wedlock, Lions regular Ben Twist was on international duties at the Hong Kong Bowls Classic, looked good from the onset topping the table after day one and never dropping further than second on the table.

Having finished the preliminary rounds in second overall, the Sydney Lions finals started off against top qualifier Murray Steamers. Win this and it is straight into the Grand Final and that is exactly what they did winning 8-2, 7-1. Murray Steamers then went on to lose too new comers Illawarra Gorillas.

The Grand Final was played out against Illawarra Gorillas with Sydney Lions taking it out convincingly 10-0, 8-1 to claim an incredible hat-trick of BPL victories. The victory was made so much sweeter when Aron Sheriff was rightly named "Most Valuable Player". Syd-

ney Lions coach Steve Glasson, forever the diplomate, after the victory, "The BCiB Sydney Lions are delighted to have taken out their 3rd successive BPL Title. We would like to sincerely thank BCiB. Mt Lewis BC and all the supporters for their contribution to our team's exciting win. To our NZ Sister Club - Birkenhead, thanks once again for your magnificent support and encouragement as well.



Victorious Sydney Lions (front row) Cory Wedlock, Karen Murphy, Aron Sheriff, surrounded by Club Mount Lewis supporters.

Apart from the delight in winning this event, The Sydney Lions would like to congratulate Bowls Australia and all franchises on a magnificent event which showcases all that is great about our much loved game.

Suffice to say celebrations went according to plan with Mt Lewis President Mr Fred 'Roadie' Ayoub still enjoying the occasion back at 'The Lions Den'.."

The Bowls Premier League will return in April from here in New Zealand





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Only Six Spots Left

Invitations to Birkenhead's \$5,500 Men's Invitation Pairs went out a few weeks back and entries are flowing in. We are unfortunately restricted to 32 teams and the "Invitation Entry Offer" exceeds that number. As The Bee Express goes to print there are only six spots left. If you received an invitation we urge you to act quickly to avoid disappointment. Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 February 2018, \$5,500 prize pool, \$1,500 first prize, morning tea & buffet lunch included each day.

Tournament Partner: Ryman Healthcare's new Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village.

HK International Bowls Classic 2017 - Pairs

Birkenhead's Mike Nagy and Stokes Valley's Blake Signal finished off New Zealand's Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 2017 Pairs campaign in fourth place in their section. Not high enough up the section to make the finals playoffs. The eventual winning pair were Australia's Ben Twist and Jesse Noronha. Noronha had earlier in the week won the singles discipline. Birkenhead members will remember Twist from the victorious Sydney Lions team we hosted at BPL05 earlier this year in Auckland.

Corporate Helpers Needed

The Corporate Christmas season is upon us and over the next month the Club gains a lot of revenue through corporates using our green and club rooms. The funds raised go to benefit the entire club. Volunteers are the life blood of the success of these functions. Catering is taken care of but we need numbers to show them what to do out on the green. If you are able to assist at some stage phone Emmie 0275 297297 or see Dave Moore, there a various dates to chose from, your help will be appreciated..

Birkenhead 1-8 Year Open AC Triples \$5,000* Cash Prize Pool \$1,500* First Prize

Entry forms available from the club or www.bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

\$5,000 1-8 Year Triples

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 February will see 32 teams competing in the inaugural Birkenhead 1-8 Year AC Triples Tournament. With a \$5,000 prize pool and \$1,500 alone being allocated to the winners, this tournament is sure to pull some strong teams. Besides the prize money and two days of competitive bowls, the teams will enjoy morning tea and a sumptuous buffet lunch, in the style Birkenhead is renowned for, each day.

This is the same weekend as NZ Open "Finals". If someone that has entered our 1-8 Year Triples Tournament is unable to play because they are in one to the finals of the NZ Open we will refund their 1-8 Year Triples Tournament entry.

Entry forms available from the Club, email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or the Club's website

The Club thanks Tournament Partner "Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village" for their support of this 1-8 Year Triples Tournament.











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\$5,500 Men's Invitation Pairs Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 February 2018

Sports Afternoons are Back

A few years back Birkenhead and Pt Chev would regularly hold sports afternoons between the two clubs, hosting alternately. After a brief discussion and not much thought these afternoons have been resurrected. The makeup of teams, format of the afternoon and other minor details are still to be finalised, but we are a goer. Pt Chev will host the first on Saturday 30 June, with Birkenhead hosting the return leg on Saturday 21 July. John Hindmarch is looking after the Birkenhead end, while Nick Bell sorts out Pt Chev. If you enjoy a social afternoon and a good laugh while playing a bit of pool, darts, indoor bowls and others, this is for you. Both clubs have TAB facilities and gaming machines.

Anyone interested in playing or just being a supporter let John now and circle the dates on your calendar.

BNH Centre Event Closing Dates

All Centre event closing dates stated below are with the Club Secretary.

Men's Centre Singles & Women's Centre Triples closes Sunday 24 December 2017

Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Centre Singles closes Sunday 11th February 2018

Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Centre Triples closes Sunday 4th March 2018

The Trusts New Zealand Open

The Trusts New Zealand Open will be next played from the 10 - 18 February 2018. The headquarters will be Blockhouse Bay Bowls with a number of other clubs, including Birkenhead, used for the qualifying stages of the event.

New Zealand Open Qualifying Event: 10th - 12th February 2018

The Trusts New Zealand Open: 13th - 18th February 2018

Disciplines to be played during both events are: - Singles, Pairs and Triples for both men and women -

Singles, Pairs and Triples for both men and women Any combination Pairs and Triples for disabled bowlers

The entry forms for The Trusts New Zealand Open 2018 are now available from Auckland Bowls website.

All entries must be submitted through the online system. Entries cannot be submitted unless you pay at the time. These forms are designed to be completed on the website - please do not print the forms.

Once your entry is submitted you will receive a confirmation email. Please do not hesitate to contact Auckland Bowls 09-623 3555 or info@aucklandbowls.co.nz for assistance. Entries close on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 5pm.



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