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Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament
Monday Afternoon 24th December
 Single Entry - Mufti
 Bowlers & Non-bowlers welcome



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On The Greens

As the greens may close at any time always check the greens open/closed sign for green's status.

Wednesday 19 December – Rod Mahon Memorial Tournament – Ham (OACT)

Saturday 22 December – Leads and Twos (ACP, Single Entry)

Monday 24 December – **1pm Stuie's Birthday Tournament (OAC, Single Entry)**
Non-bowlers welcome – Mufti

Wednesday 26 December – **1pm Boxing Day Afternoon (AC, Single Entry) – mufti**

Wednesday 2 January – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry – Club uniform or creams)

- 8.30am Bowls NZ Nationals - Men's Singles - Section Play

Thursday 3 January - 8.30am Bowls NZ Nationals - Women's Pairs - Section Play

Saturday 5 January - 8.30am Bowls NZ Nationals - Women's Pairs - Post Section Play

Wednesday 9 January – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry – Club uniform or creams)

Wednesday 16 January – Wednesday Triples Tournament (OACT) – lunch included

Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournery - 24 December

Monday 24 December, names in by 12.45pm, play starts 1pm, three short games, prize giving and all over around 4pm. Open to bowlers and non-bowlers, Single Entry, Mufti, \$5 entry, loads of prizes. Come and join in the fun as we celebrate Stuie's birthday and his first year of free bus rides thanks to Winnie's gold card.

Markers for Nationals

We require markers on Wednesday 2 January for two sections of the Summerset National Open Championships Men's Singles being play at the Club. The pay is huge, morning tea and lunch accompanied by the traditional marker's payment of a pint or two.

If you are available to mark let Emmie Swart know. Markers are to be in Club uniform.

Following on from the Men's Singles, Thursday 3 January we host a section of the Women's Pairs and Saturday 5 January part of the Women's Pairs Post Section.

Raffles Five to Three & Draws Continue

Friday raffles will continue over the Christmas New Year period. Friday 21 December will be the last night for five raffles. The raffles will continue but with only three raffles available each Friday until later in January when we see the return of five raffles. Members Draw along with the Joker 500 will both continue over this period in their regular slots.

Charity Tournament - Wednesday 6 February

For many years on Waitangi Day Birkenhead Rotary in conjunction with Bowls Birkenhead and supported by Birkenhead RSA, have raised funds in support of charities. Last year we broke our record and raised over \$10,000 for the chosen charity. Teams of fours, any combination, mufti (many teams dress to a theme and some just dress up), a non-bowler in each team is encouraged. after all this is a fun day, raising money for a good cause.

Boxing Day Afternoon
 Any Combination, Single Entry - Mufti
 Names in by 12.24pm for a 1pm start



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Leads & Twos

Entries Close 5pm Tomorrow, Played Saturday 22 December

Inside over Christmas & New Year

Friday 21 December – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.

Racing – Ashburton (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia
NBL* - 7pm NZ Breakers vs Illawarra Hawk

Saturday 22 December

Racing – Te Rapa, Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds), Winton (Harness), and racing from across Australia.

A-League* - 7pm Wellington Phoenix vs Brisbane Roar

Sunday 23 December

Racing – Gore (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton (Harness), Palmerston North (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

Cricket (Burger King Super Smash)* - 3.50pm Otago Volts vs Canterbury Knights

Monday 24 December

Racing – Cambridge (Harness), Cambridge (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

Tuesday 25 December

Club Closed – Merry Christmas.

Wednesday 26 December

Members Draw, Happy Hour, Joker 500

Racing – Ellerslie, Palmerston North, Dunedin (Thoroughbreds), Westport (Harness) and racing from across Australia.

Live Sport*

Thursday 27 December

Racing – Rotorua, New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds), Gore (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)
Live Sport*

Friday 28 December – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.

Racing – Timaru (Thoroughbreds), Westport, Cambridge (Harness), Invercargill, Wanganui (Dogs)
Live Sport*

Saturday 29 December

Racing – Matamata, Stratford (Thoroughbreds), Banks Peninsula (Harness)
Live Sport*

Sunday 30 December

Racing – Taupo, Kurow (Thoroughbreds), Reefton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)
Live Sport*

Monday 31 January

Racing – Alexandra Park, Winton (Harness) Palmerston North (Dogs).
Live Sport*

Tuesday 1 January

Racing – Ellerslie, Hastings Waikouaiti (Thoroughbreds), Dunedin (Dogs).
Live Sport*

Wednesday 2 January

Members Draw, Happy Hour, Joker 500

Racing – Tauranga, Tauherenikau (Thoroughbreds), Tauherenikau, Omakau (Harness), Wanganui (Dogs)

Bowls NZ Nationals – Qualifying Men's Singles & Women's Pairs**

Thursday 3 January

Racing – Te Aroha, Omakau (Thoroughbreds), Rangiora (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs).
BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men's Pairs & Women's Pairs****

Friday 4 January – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.

Racing – Roxburgh, Cambridge (Harness), Addington, Cambridge (Dogs).

BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men's Pairs & Women's Singles**

Saturday 5 January

Racing – Whangarei, Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds), Timaru (Harness).

BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men's Singles & Women's Pairs**

Sunday 6 January

Racing – Geymouth (Thoroughbreds), Cromwell (Harness), Manukau (Dogs).

BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men's Pairs & Women's Singles**

* viewing selection is determined by the members. **subject to availability



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Second Thursday in the Month
7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club
Thursday 10 January
Team and single entry
Enter on the night

THURSDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT

Hams Available Today

Bar ham raffle winners are able to pick up their winning ham, or hams in some cases, from 5pm today at the Club.

Any remaining ham raffles will also be drawn just after 5pm today.

Winners to date:

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| Raffle #1 - Warren Lush | Raffle #2 - Logan Smith | Raffle #3 - William Bradley |
| Raffle #4 - Evan Thomas | Raffle #5 - Robbie Henson | Raffle #6 - Robyn Autridge |
| Raffle #7 - Warren Lush | Raffle #8 - Kevin Croasdale | Raffle #9 - Randall Watkins |
| Raffle #10 - Patricia Disse | Raffle #11 - Brian Dunn | Raffle #12 - Emmie Swart |
- Raffles #13 & 14 on sale now and will be drawn tonight at 5pm

Raffles not collected today will be named and placed in the chiller for collection, the club and persons running the raffle are not responsible for any raffles left in the chiller.

Short Time Not a Long Time

Damien Ryder joined our bar staff in October to pickup the short fall in shifts. Having worked in bars and held a mangers certificate previously he was no stranger to working a bar. He was between jobs when he started and we knew he would only be available for a shot time. Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for him, he has been offered a position back in the IT world where his skill are valued to the utmost. We wish Damien all the best in his move back into IT and thank him for his efforts at the Club. His last shift is Friday 21 December, fingers crossed we can get him back occasionally.



Home Free

Auckland Transport and NZ Police are working together over the Christmas 2018 and New Year holiday period to reduce the number of instances of drink-driving on Auckland roads. So, this Friday 21 December, all buses and trains will be from 4pm to end of service. Leave the car at home and let Auckland Transport get you there safely! And if you haven't used the buses or trains before, why not give it a go? This offer is not available on ferries, Skybus or Waiheke buses

Leave the car at home

FREE

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The Ultimate Bowls Championship (UBC)


Extracts from *The Ultimate Bowls Championship* website <https://ultimatebowlschampionship.com.au/>

The Ultimate Bowls Championship (UBC), to be inaugurated in 2019, is the world's richest lawn bowls tournament, featuring record prize money and the world's best players. The championship is innovative, fast, high-stakes, competitive and engaging to play. The UBC is a celebration of the sport of lawn bowls. It has been designed to respect, showcase and grow the game we love.


We have 20 fantastic teams on board so far for the inaugural 2019 season. These teams are from not only all across Australia but New Zealand and Asia too. Numerous pre-selected players are from even further afield giving the UBC a truly international flair.

The South Island Storm is one of two New Zealand teams in the UBC. The new team coming out of the South Island of NZ will receive plenty of support, and is sure to be competitive with the signing of New Zealand Blackjack player Andrew Kelly as their marquee player. Kelly, a top competitor on the NZ PBA circuit, is both honoured and excited about the opportunity given to him by the team. He comes with many years of international experience and the Storm will be looking forward to him leading them to UBC success.





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The proud owners of New Zealand's Wellington Hornets are a group of close mates who all have a strong passion of the sport of bowls. All experienced business people, the group are looking forward to travelling to Australia to cheer on their mighty Hornets team. The Wellington Hornets will hold the weight of New Zealand on its shoulders, and is sure to have significant support from across the ditch. One of the most successful players in New Zealand, Gary Lawson will spearhead the team, alongside Australian star David Ferguson. The team in the yellow and black will entertain the crowds of the UBC!

The inaugural UBC Draft Night will be held at the Broadbeach Bowls Club, Gold Coast, on 31st January 2019. This will be the first ever lawn bowls Player Draft. The event will be livestreamed to our Facebook page and our website. It is sure to be an exciting evening and everyone is welcome to come along! How does the UBC Draft work? All players who have registered with the UBC gain their place in the draft.

The list of registered players is monitored by all team owners, so they can start planning who they would like to select to complete their ultimate team.

Pre-selected players will not be available for selection in the Draft.

The order of selection will be determined randomly on the night, so team owners will have to be flexible with their selections. This is part of the beauty and excitement of the UBC Draft.

The inaugural UBC event will be held at the Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club on April 4th & 5th, 2019.

The second UBC event will be held at The Deer Park Club on August 15th & 16th, 2019.

The third and final UBC event of 2019 will be held at the Moama Bowling Club on December 12th & 13th, 2019.

Broadcast on in New Zealand through SkySport NZ

All UBC events will be livestreamed through UBC's website and Facebook page





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Handicap Singles Schedule

Round One result to be lodged on or before Thursday 20 December.

Round Two result to be lodged on or before Thursday 17 January.

Round Three result to be lodged on or before Thursday 14 February.

Under the Radar

Currently under the radar, but not for long, there is an tournament with \$1,000 minimum first prize and total prize pool \$2,500 minimum guaranteed.

While many of the top bowlers are out chasing the big money in tournaments across the Auckland region. The astute bowler will be at Birkenhead this Easter. Two days of competitive, yet social, any combination triples (OACT). Included in the entry is morning tea and buffet lunch both days, to the high standard that Birkenhead is known for, along with a sausage sizzle after play on the Friday.

Carpet Mill Archers Road Easter Triples

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 April.

\$120 per team, entry payment is required to confirm entry.

For entry phone / text 027 6661618 or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz



TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.

Nationals Live On Our Big Screen

The Summerset National Open Championships 2019 Singles & Pairs are played here in Auckland from 2 – 8 January. At Birkenhead besides hosting some of the qualifying and post section play we will also be showing** games live on the big screen at the Club. Come in and relax while enjoying some live bowls in the comfort of the Club with TAB facilities available.

Schedule:

Wednesday 2 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men's Singles & Women's Pairs

Thursday 3 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men's Pairs & Women's Pairs

Friday 4 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Qualifying Men's Pairs & Women's Singles

Saturday 5 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men's Singles & Women's Pairs

Sunday 6 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men's Pairs & Women's Singles

Monday 7 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men's Singles/Pairs & Women's Singles/Pairs

Tuesday 8 January

BowlsNZ Nationals – Post Section Men's Singles/Pairs Finals & Women's Singles/Pairs Finals

**subject to availability

Boxing Day Afternoon - Mufti

Christmas Day over, come join us Boxing Day for an informal afternoon of bowls. Format and prize money dependant on the number of entries.

Any Combination, Single Entry, names in by 12.45pm for a 1pm start.





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Merry Christmas

The Board of The Birkenhead Bowling Club would like to wish all our members, Club Partners and friends of the club a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels over this festive season. Thank you for your continued support of the club and we look forward to catching up in the New Year.

Bee on Holiday

There will be no Bee Express published Wednesday 26 December or Wednesday 2 January as the Bee is flying off on holiday in search of some Manuka. Wednesday 9 January will see the next Bee Express back in your email boxes. Until then have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanks to all those that have supported the publication, the feedback has been great.



Birkenhead Bowling Club Christmas | New Year Trading Hours

Times are subject to change, dependant on staffing levels and patronage.

DECEMBER			
Friday	21st	1pm - 10pm	Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	22nd	11am - 9pm	9am Leads & Twos <i>(Club only, Graded Lead or Two, Single Entry, Any Combination)</i>
Sunday	23rd	11am - 8pm	
Monday	24th	11am - 8pm	1pm Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament <i>(Open Single Entry, Any Combination - mufti)</i>
Tuesday	25th	Closed	Christmas Day
Wednesday	26th	11am - 8pm	1pm Boxing Day Club ArvoDraw <i>(Single Entry, Any Combination - mufti)</i> 4.30pm - 5.30pm Happy Hour, Members Draw, Joker 500,
Thursday	27th	11am - 8pm	
Friday	28th	11am - 9pm	Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	29th	11am - 9pm	
Sunday	30th	11am - 8pm	
Monday	31st	11am - 8pm	New Years Eve
JANUARY			
Tuesday	1st	11am - 8pm	New Years Day
Wednesday	2nd	8am - 8pm	10am Club Draw <i>(Single Entry, Any Combination - Club uniform or creams)</i> Bowls NZ Nationals - Men's Singles <i>(Section Play)</i> Club Membership Draw, Joker 500,
Thursday	3rd	8am - 8pm	Bowls NZ Nationals - Women's Pairs <i>(Section Play)</i>
Friday	4th	11am - 9pm	Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour
Saturday	5th	11am - 9pm	Bowls NZ Nationals - Women's Pairs <i>(Post Section)</i>
Sunday	6th	11am - 8pm	