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**10am Club Day, Wednesday 27 March**  
*Come and join us for a Wednesday out of the ordinary courtesy of Club Day Partner Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village*  
**Single Entry - Dress: Club uniform or creams**

## On the Greens

- Wednesday 27 March – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams  
*Club Day Partner: Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village*
- Saturday 30 March – First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)  
- Women's Championship Triples
- Sunday 31 March – continuation of First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)
- Wednesday 3 April – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams
- Saturday 6 April – 9am Wheels on Wairau Seafood tournament (OACF) – day 1
- Sunday 7 April – 9am Wheels on Wairau Seafood tournament (OACF) – day 2
- Wednesday 10 April – 10am Club Day – Ross "Trust Me" Murray Tournament (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams
- Saturday 13 April – 9am Darrington Lanigan Singles (mixed, 65+)
- Wednesday 17 April – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided
- Friday 19 April – Carpet Mill Archers Road Easter Triples – day 1
- Saturday 20 April – Carpet Mill Archers Road Easter Triples – day 2

## Inside This Weekend

- Friday 29 March February – Club Night**  
Raffles, Happy Hour, Members Draw, Joker 500  
Racing – Te Awamutu (Thoroughbreds), Addington, Palmerston North (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs) and racing from across Australia  
Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Hurricane v Crusaders  
NRL\* - 8pm Raiders v Knights
- Saturday 30 March**  
Racing – Eilerslie, Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), and racing from across Australia including Rosehill – The BMW  
NRL\* - 5pm Sea Eagles v Warriors
- Sunday 31 March**  
Racing – Invercargill (Thoroughbreds), Methven (Harness), Invercargill (Dogs) and racing from across Australia  
NRL\* - 6.05pm West Tigers v Bulldogs  
\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

## Jandals Skips to Success

As the end of the season approaches participant number drop off, as was the case last Saturday with only six teams of triples competing in the Allan Meekings Memorial. Four games of ten ends played over the day in hot conditions. The winners with three wins and a draw were the Jimmy "Jandals" Heath skipped team with first year bowler Warren Lush off the front and octogenarian Tommy Winton steadying the team up in the middle. Runners up with two wins and a draw were Evan Thomas skip with Judy Farkash and Dennis McSweeney leading

**First Year Mixed Singles**  
**8.30am Saturday 30 March**  
Entries close 5pm Thursday 28 March

**Congratulations Ann Lepper**  
 The Salesperson for Birkenhead Branch 2018 | Top 25 within the Barfoot & Thompson company 2018

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# 7.30pm Friday 24 May

## Pencil it in

### Women's Singles

Sunday dawned overcast with some much needed rain. The rescheduled women's championship singles was due to get under way at 8.30am, with the greens under water the decision was made to delay the start till 9.30am. With a number women unavailable numbers were depleted and it was possibly the smallest field to contest the title.

Play finally got under way at 10am. A round robin with the top two playing off for title in a final.

After the completion of the round robin two finalists were found, Milika Nathan and Katrina Holland. The final, a game that saw Holland step out to a lead (11-2) before Nathan picked up a couple of multiple shot scoring ends (7-11). Holland although having played less than a hand full of times this season had experience behind her. Four scored over the next two ends, while Nathan picked up three over three ends before Holland scored a one to regain the mat (10-16). Nathan's sporting tenacious was showing as she picked up a one and three to come within three of Holland (13-16). Two to Holland on the following end, followed by a one to Nathan (14-18). Two conceded on the next end before the measure came out and another shot was added to Holland's haul and that was all that was required. The three shots gave Holland the game (14-21) and the Women's Championship Singles title for the season.



Women's Championship Singles, winner: Katrina Holland, runner-up: Milika Nathan

### No Utting Card This Time

The Utting family has become synonymous with the number two cards in the Joker 500 draw having family members repeatedly drawing a two card and claiming the \$10 that comes with such a card. The twos in the deck have become unofficially known as the "Utting" cards. Last Friday Jo Utting was the lucky drawer and with only sixteen cards to choose from there was a lot of excitement in the Club that the Joker could go. Jo reached up and selected a card from the sixteen remaining, turned and showed the card..... the Joker!. Jo walked away with a cool \$500 cash.

The Joker 500 is drawn Wednesdays and Fridays with numbers on sale from 4pm - 6pm. The winning number is drawn just after 6pm (you don't have to be present to claim the prize). The purchaser of the winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receives the corresponding prize with the top prize available being \$500. Every card has a cash prize.



Jo Utting, a very happy Joker 500 winner

**Every Friday is Club Night**  
 Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm  
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QUIZ EVENTS

**THURSDAY NIGHT  
IS QUIZ NIGHT**

**Second Thursday in the Month  
7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club**

**Thursday 11 April**

**Team and single entry  
Enter on the night**

## The New Zealand Open Masters

Reproduced for BowlsNZ website:

Announcing a new National Tournament: The New Zealand Open Masters Ratified by Bowls New Zealand, the tournament will be run by Bowls North Harbour, on the North Shore in Auckland City from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020.

Planning is already underway. And North Shore bowls stalwart, Garry Banks, has put up his hand to lead the organising team.

Banks isn't short on ambition for the tournament. "The Masters provides a great opportunity for everyday bowlers to have a go against their peers," explains Banks, "It's the chance for them to enjoy a great run at a tournament where they won't potentially be shut down by the big guns."

The reason for that is simple. The Pairs and Fours tournament (men, women and mixed) will provide three age brackets: 50-59 year olds; 60-69 year olds; and 70-79 year olds. "With the expectation that there will be more interest in the mixed," says Banks "we've added a fourth any combination range in the: 80+ year olds."

"Mixed age teams won't get any advantage," says Banks. "the team will be required to play in the age bracket of the youngest member."

But it's not just the age competition that will make the Masters more attractive. "Like the World Masters, the Golden Oldies, the Invictus Games and others, it's about the spirit of the tournament," explains Banks "and in particular like-minded bowlers playing together. Although there are national titles at stake, the primary aim of the games is for participants and their partners to have a great time on and off the green."

Banks is quietly optimistic that the new New Zealand Open Masters will not only attract many North Shoreites, but from greater Auckland and the North Island. "We're also expecting people from throughout New Zealand, and Australia ... and even the United Kingdom. For overseas visitors, it is a great opportunity to combine their favourite holiday with a visit to New Zealand."

The organising group of Garry Banks, Graham Doreen, John McCormick, Maureen Taylor and Tony Popplewell from Bowls North Harbour, Martin McKenzie (Bowls New Zealand) Denise Thomson Ryman Healthcare plan to make it as easy as possible for a fabulous visit to New Zealand. "We're engaging Quay Travel as an Events Manager who will look after airfares and accommodation, as well as a programme for partners who don't wish to play in the tournament. "Kiwis have been going to the Over 60's tournament in Queensland," says Banks, "and we believe that the Masters will be just as attractive to Aussies." "The bowls at the World Masters Games in April 2017 in Auckland was a great success," says Banks, "as was the dress-rehearsal New Zealand Masters tournament in November the previous year. There's a lot of interest in Masters bowls."

Formal invitations and details will be sent out to all Clubs soon. As well as publicity in Australia and other bowls-playing nations. "Ryman Healthcare are making their company's many resources available to help make the Tournament a great success plus putting up \$NZ10,000 of prize money at stake," adds Banks, "But that's simply icing on the cake for the 6 new national titles holders."

Meantime, keep this date Free: 17th February to 21st February 2020. And watch the Bowls North Harbour Website for more details.

-Rob Davis

**Bowls North Harbour 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs**

Entries close direct with Bowls North Harbour Sunday 17 April  
Played Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 May

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 6.30pm the Thursday of the round

**NRL Round 4 selections close**  
**6.30pm Thursday 4 April**

\* Terms and Conditions apply, based on 25 entries.

### Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Club Partner 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.

In 2002 a Drainage Department was added to the Company. Galbraith Plumbing & Drainage Limited is a member of Master Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers NZ Inc. 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.

Kelvin and Adam have also worked together for a number of years and work well together as a team; between them they have a vast amount of experience and knowledge in their respective fields of plumbing and drainage and work together on most projects.

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**Women's Champ Triples - This Saturday 30 March**