



## Clubrooms & Greens Closed Until Further Notice

### Truly Unique and Testing Times

These are truly unique and testing times we are heading into. Due to the latest COVID-19 precautionary measures put in place by the Government, Birkenhead Bowling Club will be temporarily closed until further notice, effective immediately Tuesday 23 March.

Both the clubrooms and greens are now closed. The past few days the Club has been prepared for the extended close down period. Thank you Eliane Utting, Emmie Swart, Terry Moverley, Joseph Korkis and Bernie Hall for seeing to this task.

We thank you our members for your continued support and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Take care and look out for each other.

#### Bowling Calendar:

- All organised bowls play have been cancelled, effectively bring the 2019-20 season to a close.
- Seafood, Easter Triples and Power Play Pairs have all been cancelled
- Birkenhead Closing Day & Prize Giving, to be advised.

#### Social Calendar:

- All social events have been suspended for the foreseeable future.
- Lemon Juice was to play live Good Friday has been cancelled, a full refund to ticket holders
- Texas Hold'em, Quiz Night and Bingo/Housie have been suspended.
- Happy Hours, Club Membership Draws, Joker 500 and raffles have been suspended.

### From Oz

Tuesday the Club receive an email from past member Tug Wilson, Tug and Marica were last here for the Masters, to pass onto the members:

*"Greetings. All the very best for the coming months take care one and all  
Regards, Tug & Marcia Wilson"*

### Club Updates

The Club will continue to utilise electronic means to update members. Facebook is the most timely means to update ( <https://www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead/> ).

The regular Wednesday Bee Express will continue as long as we can.

### You're Not Alone

We are aware we have a number of members out there on their own, please feel free to contact any member of the Board if you have any questions or just want a chat. If you would like a member to contact you on a regular bases during these times of uncertainty, just to say "hi" and check-up how you're going email [secretary@bowlsbirkenhead](mailto:secretary@bowlsbirkenhead) or phone/txt 027 6661618 and we will pop you on the scheduled phone call list.

The Club is here to assist all members were possible.

## Take care and look out for each other

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**Happy Hour, Members Draw & Joker 500 have been suspended**

**Bowls New Zealand Update**

*UPDATED Monday 23 March 2020 2:00pm*  
 Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update  
 As of Monday 23 March, Bowls New Zealand require ALL bowling clubs to cease ALL activity (until further notice).  
 New Zealand is at Alert Level 3 and will move to Alert Level 4 within the next 48 hours. Stay at home people – but stay connected. We ALL need to be vigilant in our response to Covid-19 and the spread into our communities.  
 We have a number in our bowls community that live alone and/or are isolated from their family and friends due to Covid-19. Please, pick up the phone, connect by email or Facebook – look out for your fellow bowlers.  
 If you have a question, concern or simply want to have a chat then get in touch with any of the Bowls New Zealand team.

**Bowls North Harbour Update**

*Received 20/3/20, before Alert Level 3 and Level 4 announcement*  
 In the light of this advice the Match Committee considered the effect on the remainder of events which were in progress and scheduled for the remainder of the season and have agreed the following –  
**Cadness Cup** – The remaining games have been cancelled and the results of the first three rounds will be used to determine the winners. In the women's event the winners were Mahurangi East and the runners-up Takapuna Blue. In the Men's event Mairangi Bay were the winners and Takapuna 1 were the runners-up. The results of the first three games for both these events has already been posted on the website. Completed  
**Bowls3five** – The finals for both the Open Interclub and the Junior Interclub events scheduled for 26 March at Takapuna club have been postponed until further notice. Consequently, the Regional final will also be on hold until we can complete the Centre finals. Men's Singles and Women's Triples – These events were scheduled for 28 & 29 March, are now cancelled and will not be played. Entry fees will be refunded to the clubs.  
**Champ of Champ Singles for both Open and Juniors** - These events, which were scheduled for 4 & 5 April, will be postponed until further notice. Entry fees will be held pending a further decision being made on these two events.  
**Champ of Champ Pairs/Triples/Fours** – These events for both Men and Women are scheduled for playing during the month of May. At this stage these events are postponed until further notice and entry fees received will be held. Clubs should continue to advise their entries for these events pending further notice.  
**Open 1-5 year Singles and Pairs and the Open 1-8 year Triples and Fours** – These events for both Men and Women were scheduled for playing during the month of May. They are now cancelled and will not be re-scheduled for this season. Any entry fees already paid will be refunded.  
**Open 2-4-2 Pairs** – This event scheduled for 13-14 June has been cancelled and will not be held.  
**Mercedes Rosebowl** – We are waiting to hear from Hikurangi club but assume they will follow the Bowls NZ guideline and it will be postponed or cancelled. We will inform Birkenhead (the winning team) when we get an update  
 Events scheduled for after the 30 June will be considered at a later date.  
 The annual meeting of Bowls North Harbour and the Awards function are scheduled for the Sunday 21 June. In view of the numbers expected at these functions being in excess of the current recommendation of 50 or less a decision on these events proceeding will be made at later date.

**Keep Safe**