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 The Clubrooms & Greens are closed.

Awards Go Birkenhead's Way

With the BNH Prize-giving and Awards cancelled last Sunday the Special Award winners were published by Bowls North Harbour last Thursday. Birkenhead's Terry Moverley took out BNH Administrator of the Year for the second year running along with the converted President's Cup. The last Birkenhead member to receive the President's Cup was Dennis Matthews and that was for work on the BNH Board. Not to be out done by his son Birkenhead's Garry Moverley was named BNH Umpire of the Year. The Birkenhead Bowling Club after a number of years not putting forward a nomination decided to test the waters and put a nomination in for BNH Club of the Year. It therefore came as a pleasant surprise to be named 2019-2020 BNH Club of the Year beating out the likes of Takapuna and last year's winner Orewa.

A big thanks must go to Evan Thomas "the master of the pen". Evan has penned the Club's nominations in recent years and after this year's results we will not be letting him out of our sights for next few years.

It was good to see Northcote's (dual member at Birkenhead) Mike Haggart recognised for his efforts inside and outside of the Northcote Club with the BNH Volunteer of the Year award.

The winners of the Umpire of the Year, Administrator of the Year and Club of the Year have been forwarded to Bowls New Zealand by Bowls North Harbour for consideration for the national awards. Figures crossed and hopefully more recognition for the Club to come. Full list of Special Awards:

- Volunteer of the Year – Mike Haggart (Northcote)
- Administrator of the Year – Terry Moverley (Birkenhead)**
- Coach of the Year – Graham Dorreen (Takapuna)
- Umpire of the Year – Garry Moverley (Birkenhead)**
- Official of the Year – Lesley Langer (Bowls North Harbour)
- Young Bowler of the Year – Callum Clark (Helensville)
- President's Cup – Terry Moverley (Birkenhead)**
- Supreme Award – Selina Smith (Takapuna)
- Club of the Year – Birkenhead Bowling Club**

On the Greens

Both greens are currently closed.

Saturday 22 August – ~~12.30pm Opening Day Mini-Tournament~~ - **POSTPONED**
 - ~~4pm Official Opening~~ - **POSTPONED**

Wednesday 26 August - ~~10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)~~ - **CANCELLED**

Friday 28 August – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Team & Single entry – mufti

Wednesday 2 September – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Friday 4 September – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Team & Single entry – mufti

Wednesday 9 September – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

Sunday 13 September - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - lunch provided

Wednesday 16 September - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - BYO Lunch

Inside this Weekend - Closed

Friday 21 August – **Club CLOSED**

Saturday 22 August – **Club CLOSED**

Sunday 23 August – **Club CLOSED**

First Port for Updates

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

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Sunday Tournament (OACT) - lunch provided

Sunday 13 September - 9am

Wednesday 16 September (OACT) - BYO Lunch

Wednesday 16 September - 9.30am

Not a Good Start

Wednesday a week back the first Bee Express for the summer season was published outlining the successes of the Club over the winter after two months of frustration with the Club not able to trade. The outlook was looking promising with the Covid delayed Prize-giving, Opening Day ready to go ahead unburden by the restrictions of recent months and everyone looking forward to getting back out on the greens and into a busy season. But that was short lived as we were put in to Level 3 midday Wednesday and we came to a grinding trading halt.

Little did we know that we would be back to Level 3 lockdown? The Club rooms closed, the greens closed with bills to pay but not a cent coming in. The first major function of the new social committee brought tears to our eyes as it was forced to cancel due to reasons beyond our control. The loss of the sold out Arabian Night last Saturday evening was a blow to the Club and those that had worked so hard on it to bring the evening of Saturday 15th to life. BNH then cancelled the BNH Prize-giving. Then came the second blow Level 3 was being extended until at least Wednesday 26 August. That was the Club Prize-giving, Opening Day and the final evening of Social Indoor Bowls all postponed. Housie tomorrow evening has just been outright cancelled. Now we wait and see, wait for Level 2 and what restrictions come with it, but it is fairly safe to assume it will be similar to last time, signing in, seated at tables, distancing along with other restrictions.

BNH Awards Presentation Day

Unfortunately, BNH advised Thursday that the awards presentation day which was scheduled for last Sunday 16 August was not able to go ahead in view of the uncertainty of the times currently facing with the Covid 19 lockdown, the event was therefore cancelled. Preparations for the event were well in hand with all the cups/trophies engraved with the winner's names. These cups will not be presented this year and will be held at the Centre's office. The award certificates for the winners and runners-up, the badges, gold stars and bars, and the awards booklet have all been prepared and available for presentation. As Bowls North Harbour are unable to present these in a formal event as such, these items will now be prepared for distribution to the clubs, who can arrange to pass them on to the members who have been successful during the past season.

A presentation will be organised at the Club to acknowledge and present Birkenhead's Ruth Lynch with her 4th Gold Bar (25 centre titles).



Birkenhead's Ruth Lynch, 4th Gold Bar, an impressive 25 Centre titles

Cancellations & Postponements

Lets hope that this will not happen too many times this coming season. This current Covid outbreak has disrupted our Club programme both in the Club and out on the greens.

- Indoor Social Bowls - Monday 17 August - Postponed date to be advised
- Housie/Bingo - Thursday 20 August - Cancelled
- Prize-giving 2019-20 - Friday 21 August - Postponed date to be advised
- Opening Day Mini tournament - Saturday 22 August - Postponed date to be advised
- Opening Day Formal Opening - Saturday 22 August - Postponed date to be advised
- Club Day (AC, single entry) - Wednesday 26 August - Cancelled

New Numbers

The Members Draw is on hold until we reach Level 1, by then the new 2020-21 Member numbers will be in action. To get your new Member number you must have paid your 2020-21 sub on or before the Sunday prior to the draw. Due to the current level 3 the production of membership cards has been delayed.

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Birkenhead Bowling Club - Opening Day

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BNH Coaching Cancelled

BNH Coaching on 15th August was cancelled due to COVID Level 3. The remainder of the coaching on 22nd and 29th August has also been cancelled for the same reason.

NZ to Host World Singles

Reproduced from World Bowls website, August 13, 2020

Following the recent World Bowls board meeting it was announced that next year's World Singles Champion of Champions winners will be crowned in Lower Hutt, New Zealand. In fact, the 2021 and 2022 championships will both be hosted at the Naenae Bowling Club; 2021 is scheduled for 20-27 November, while 19-26 November is set down for 2022's extravaganza.

This annual championship, first conducted in Australia at Moama in 2003, offers the ultimate 'rags to riches' fairytale story – fact is, any club singles winner, anywhere in the world, can progress through at regional, state and national level to win a shot at a world title – a place in this competition is won out on the green without the necessity to curry favour with national selectors.

New Zealand has previously hosted this event on four occasions. In Christchurch on the South Island, at Fendalton (2005, 2014) and Burnside (2006, 2013), while next year the world spotlight will shine on Naenae, located at the south west tip of the North Island.



"Since the last World Championships in Christchurch in 2016, Bowls New Zealand has hosted several rounds of Australia's Bowls Premier League, so hosting the World Champion of Champions and having international bowls back in

From the last time this event was staged in New Zealand at Fendalton in 2014. **Men's medals:** Ali Forsyth (NZ) bronze; David Holt (Australia) bronze; Iain McLean (Scotland) gold, Fairus Jabal (Malaysia) silver.

New Zealand is something that our bowls community will get right behind," Mark Cameron, chief executive of BNZ said following the announcement.

"Along with the talent the Champion of Champions brings, is the possibility that you can have a match-up between a world singles champion, or a Commonwealth Games medal recipient, and a junior club champion on any given day, which makes this particular competition so special, what other sport is there in the world where this can happen?"

New Zealand has a proud heritage of presenting major international bowls events. It has orchestrated the World Bowls Championships – conducted every four years – on three occasions in 1988 (Auckland), 2008 (Christchurch) and 2016 (Christchurch), while it has hosted Commonwealth Games bowls competitions three times, in 1950 at the Carlton club in Auckland; 1974 at Woolston Workingman's in Christchurch; and at Auckland's Pakuranga Combined club in 1990.

"Bowls New Zealand has a fine record of showcasing our sport at its finest," said World Bowls chief executive Gary Smith, "so we are all excited about the next two years' champion of champions events.

"The New Zealand tender was successful against several other outstanding bids, which were much appreciated. So, combine NZ's big event experience at an excellent venue, world-famous greens plus a field of international champions and everyone attending is assured a feast of great bowls."

Last time New Zealand welcomed all national singles champions to contend for the ultimate honour two Scots, Iain McLean and Lorna Smith, claimed the 2014 men's and women's crowns in Christchurch, when the Flower of Scotland bloomed in the 'Garden City'.

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2020-21 Programme

The handbook is at the printers but with Level 3 restrictions we are unsure if there will be any delays. The printer is doing their best to get it out to us as soon as possible.

The playing programme for the coming season is available for download from the Club's website, www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/club-programme

Club for Hire

The Club is for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations not only during the summer but also over winter. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor Bowls Tournament.

There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area, it can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function. Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green. Full catering options are available. A commercial grade kitchen and cooking facilities are also available.

All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297)

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week it's our friend Graeme Rutherford's Wheels On Wairau. Wheels On Wairau have in past years sponsored a Sunday Tournament. A couple of years back they increased their Club Partnership arrangement and now are Club Partner for the annual two day Seafood Tournament. Many club members have purchased cars and regularly use the vehicle service centre at Wheels On Wairau and the reports back are all good. Thanks Wheels On Wairau for your continued support.

From *Wheels On Wairau website*

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