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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 29 September 2021



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LEVEL 3

Auckland is at Alert Level 3
Clubrooms, Greens & Surrounds closed

On The Greens - Closed until further notice

Both greens and surrounds are closed.

Wednesday 29 September - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - cancelled Friday 1 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - cancelled Saturday 2 October - 8.30am Handicap Pairs (AC) - postponed Sunday 3 October - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) -- cancelled Wednesday 6 October - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) - cancelled Friday 8 October - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti Saturday 9 October - 9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn, Single Entry) Sunday 10 October - 8.30am Handicap Singles (Mixed)

Wednesday 13 October - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry) Sunday 31 October – BNH Pennants

Inside this Weekend - Closed until further notice

Friday 1 October – Closed Saturday 2 October – Closed Sunday 3 October – Closed

YOU Travel SOCIAL BOWLS 3 FIVE Starts 6pm Monday 8 November

More info and entry phone/text Evan on 021 057-5491 or email socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Continuous Ham and Salmon Raffles

Christmas is fast approaching and again the popular continuous ham and salmon raffles return. One Draw Ham and Two draw salmon raffles will be on sale at the Club from Level 2. Two dollars per number, per raffle. Each raffle will drawn the Friday after it is sold out, drawn during the club Members Draw time slot. Winning raffles will be available for collected after 5pm Wednesday 15 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club. Raffles not collected on the 15 December 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.



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Club Night every Friday

Social Bowls3Five - November 8

Social Bowls3Five starts 6pm Monday 8 November and will see the Birkenhead greens inundated with social bowlers as the Club commences the first of six pre-Christmas evenings of YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five. If you're keen to enter a team or would like to play and don't have a team, give Evan a call 021 057-5491 or email socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Free loan bowls, no experience necessary, greens open for practice from 5pm. Teams may comprise of three non-bowlers (never been a playing member of a club) or to nonbowlers and a bowler. Spare bowlers are also required most evening, contact Evan if you can help out there. Each evening concludes with a prize-giving and a meal.

Country & Western Night Postponed

The Country & Western Night featuring country singer JamesRay on Saturday 16 October has been postponed due to limited capacity in the Club because of Delta Level 2. Those that have purchased tickets can get a full refund from Emmie. All is not lost as we are working on a new date to bring JamesRay to the Club to entertain our members and guests.

Cards Updated

New membership cards have arrived with revised artwork and additional detail on the front and Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead on the reverse.

The new cards feature two numbers, one a personal membership number which links you to the ClubsNZ reciprocal rights system via the QR code now on the card, the second is a sequential Members Draw Number for the purpose of the Members Draw drawn each Wednesday and Friday. The QR code on the cards not only enables our cards to conform with the ClubsNZ app but also future proofs them to enable the Club to run various promotions for our members.

Replacement cards are available at \$5 each, members are solely responsible for the security of their membership card.

New cards for those that have paid their sub in full by yesterday, Tuesday 28 September will be available for collection when the Club opens back up under Level 2.

The New Card Layout Explained:



Wednesday & Friday Members Draw number. This number changes every year. It is **NOT** your membership number.

QR Code for ClubsNZ App , Reciprocal rights system & Club members benefits

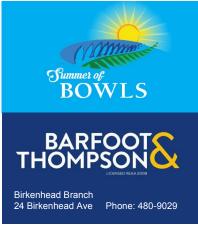








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Restrictions on Club Sport are Strangling the Chartered Club Industry

Media Release, Clubs New Zealand 27 September 2021

If the Alert Level restrictions are not eased soon, we will see clubs closing their doors for good, says Clubs New Zealand.

"Clubs have continually supported the measures put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, however, the current restrictions, which prohibit most club activities, including sports are strangling our clubs and reducing them to nothing more than food and beverage outlets", says Chief Executive Larry Graham.

"We are incredibly concerned with how quickly the guidance can change and the inconsistent approach to enforcement. Our member clubs are doing everything they can to create a safe and welcoming environment in compliance with the Public Health Order, and yet, we are hearing reports daily of other venues operating with full bar service and little physical distancing. It is becoming increasingly difficult for clubs to enforce the restrictions when customers can "go down the road" and not be restricted.

"When the country (excluding Auckland) moved to Alert Level 2 the guidance provided that recreational and sporting activities such as pool, snooker, darts and bowls could resume within clubs (with restriction) as they have under previous instances of Alert Level 2. Since then, the guidance has been reviewed multiple times, with clubs being told that sports were prohibited, then allowed, and then once again prohibited all within the space of one day. The reason these activities are prohibited within a club is the food and beverage rules which requires customers to be seated at a table at all times.

"The loss of club activities such as pool, snooker, darts, and bowls has severely restricted club operations with many of our member clubs reporting a reduction in trade of 80% or more at Alert Level 2. Clubs within the Auckland region have advised Clubs New Zealand that they are better off remaining closed at Alert Level 3, then trying to operate at such a reduced capacity at Alert Level 2.

"Clubs New Zealand believes that the loss of these activities coupled with the frequent changes to guidance has resulted in an increase in abuse towards club employees and volunteers. We are receiving daily reports of abuse towards club employees which is a serious health and safety concern on top of the concern posed by covid. The average New Zealander is not privy to the Public Health Order or varying interpretations of covid guidance, and therefore does not understand that their sporting and recreational activities (which are critical to their sense of health and wellbeing) are not permitted because their club is licensed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.

"Clubs are telling us that members are not coming back under this instance of Alert Level 2, because their sport and recreational activities are not available.

"Chartered Clubs do not operate for the primary purpose of the sale and supply of alcohol, but rather to conduct, administer and maintain a club for its members. The current Alert Level 2 restrictions and in particular the requirements placed on food and drink businesses reduce a club to a food and beverage service and fails to acknowledge the club's primary purpose, simply because it holds a club licence.

"Recreational and sporting activities are a fundamental part of club life and should not be confused with "pub games". Recreational and sporting activities within clubs are the home to New Zealand's amateur sports covering codes such as 8-ball, darts, billiards and snooker, indoor and outdoor bowls, table tennis, golf, fishing and more. These activities are member-based activities (i.e., they are not open to the public) and are the basis for more than 50 regional and national sporting tournaments a year. Recreational and sporting activities play a major role in preventing social isolation among our members and are critical in preventing the negative impacts Covid-19 is having on our members mental health and wellbeing.

"Clubs New Zealand understands that initially there was a greater need for caution in response to delta, however, we are now urging the Government to ease the restrictions and allow recreational and sporting activities to be conducted under the Alert Level 2 settings as they have under previous instances of Alert Level 2. To date Clubs New Zealand has received no response from the Covid Response Minister.

"Clubs New Zealand strongly believes that allowing recreational and sporting activities to resume within a club setting will not increase the risk of covid transmission but will instead go some way to alleviate the negative impacts covid has on mental health and wellbeing among club employees, volunteers, and members.







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Returns and On Holds

Friday meat raffles return under Level 2, as does the Joker 500 on Wednesdays and Fridays but under Level 2 neither will be walked. The Members Draw will return under Level 1.



Melbourne Cup Long Lunch

The hope is that we are in Level 1 by November and the long lunch can run without restrictions. If Level Delta 2 prevails the long lunch will run but with a reduced capacity of 50 persons.

Experience Melbourne Cup Day at Birkenhead for yourself and join us for the race that stops two Nations. Come and make an afternoon it with the exclusive Melbourne Cup Long Lunch with all the trimmings. Birkenhead Bowling Club Tuesday 2nd November for the 161st running of the Melbourne Cup. TAB facilities available, five large screens tuned to the racing action, Full Bar, Open from 11.30am.

Certainly, something a little different......

- A sumptuous buffet lunch, the menu includes Glazed Champagne Ham, Prawns, Half Shell Oysters, a selection of cold dishes and salads, finished with dessert.
- Beverage package including: selected New Zealand wine, sparkling wine, light and standard beers and non-alcoholic beverages.***
- Afternoon tea featuring a selection of cheeses and cold meats platters.
- Large screens 65", 86" & 110" tuned to the racing action
- TAB Race books for Ellersille, Wingatui and Flemington races (available in the Lounge)
- Convenient access to TAB betting facilities on site.
- · Loads of prizes up for grabs including best dressed Lady and Man.
- And more.....

Individual tickets available or get a group together and save on the per head price with tables for 6 or 10.



TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.







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The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the author's and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Well it's been about five weeks since we started Jacinda's enforced holiday. If this was a normal bowls year then we would be four weeks into the bowls season and there would have been countless marriage break-ups and a number of club titles dished out to all those that, according to the others, were lucky. Mentally I'm still a dickhead and I'm plying myself with ethanol (alcohol)....yes it powers rockets...but does little to lift me out of the doldrums of a lockdown. I'm so bored I've enrolled in a L3 Turf course to study grass and see if I can produce enough of it to send to our beloved PM so she has something to chew on when she's giving a press conference. Anyway less of the verbal diarrhoea and onto part two of my sport prowess.

Part Two

And so it began, my quest to play in the Metropolitan Police 1st team and cement my reputation in folklore. As you can see I wasn't your typical rugby player, I was fit, maybe not in a physical sense but that didn't bother me because by the time most of the gorillas got to

the breakdown I had cleared the ball from the ruck and it was on the way to the other side of the field. I wanted to be the Kevin Eveleigh of the Metropolitan Police rugby team and at the time I wasn't tracking too badly. I was a good boy, attending all the training and drinking with the right people....and...keeping up my running. In the early part of the season I settled into the second team playing at my blindside flanker and cementing my spot with some devastating performances....I'm exaggerating but its my blog. Late in October we were travelling up to a place called Nuneaton with the first team for a double header. I was approached by the coach who asked me if I had heard of a guy called John Gallagher. Apparently this guy had played for Wellington in New Zealand and was supposed to be good. He can't be that good I said to the coach, he plays for Wellington. Gallagher had just joined the Metropolitan Police and started at the Hendon police college. My task on the bus trip A young Mike Cartwright at the beginning of his was to find out as much as I could about trophy collecting the up-start and report back. On the trip up



I sat next to John Gallagher and interrogated him using my three year's experience in the British police. I threw a few names at him but unfortunately he knew them all....maybe he is the real deal, or maybe my interrogation techniques were shit, I suspected the later! Also returning from injury was the 1st team captain Paul Ackford. They were giving Ackford a run with us before moving him back to the 1st team the next week. We gave Nuneaton a bath and I made Gallagher and Ackford look pretty ordinary, or so I thought. Both teams won and we headed back to London on the team bus with our mouths wrapped around a few beers. Unfortunately for us we were reasonably serious and never had any bus girls travelling with us.....that's the price you pay for trying to play seriously. I obviously made an impression with Ackford because the following week I was promoted to the 1st team. As far as I was concerned I had reached the pinnacle of my rugby playing career and I was going to cement my spot for the next few years with a good display... or so I

The following week we travelled to New Brighton in Liverpool. I continued my interrogation of Gallagher to no avail.... I gave up when he told me he was a good mate of Murray Mexted !!. So there I was packing down with the best players the Metropolitan Police had to offer. I ran out proud as punch and ready to give my all in the name of my reputation. But, as I was about to find out the stands were full of parochial scouse's who were about to clip my wings and send my rugby career plummeting back into the doldrums..... Until next time





Christmas Shield 2021

The annual Birkenhead vs Northcote challenge has been run for over 50 years. Birkenhead lost the Shield last challenge on our own greens after Northcote won four games to Birkenhead's two.

This year's Christmas Shield will be played at Northcote, 5.30pm Tuesday 7 December, dress mufti, followed by a meal. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

Club for Hire

The Club is available for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations throughout the year. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit 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)





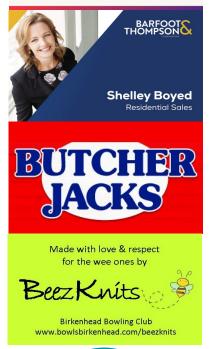


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From the Centre

BNH email 28 September COVID LOCKDOWN

Level 3 update

Under Level 3 there is really very little change as far as bowling club activity is concerned. Generally bowls clubs remain closed and no organised play is allowed.

Mandatory reporting requirements

There are requirements for mandatory record keeping which have been extended from the previous record keeping in place prior to this most recent lockdown.

The new requirements are more specific about what you as the owner/occupier of the premises must provide and keep record of, and these are spelt out in the notes provided by Sport New Zealand.

ENTRIES OPEN

BNH Power Play League Carnival - 16/17 Oct 21

We are still hoping to hold the PPL Carnival on 16th and 17th October, if we are in Level 2 by this date. Due to the restrictions on the greens and in the clubhouse at Level 2 we will be restricting the number of rinks being used on a green to 6. We are also restricting the number of greens being used at any one venue to 1, depending on the number of people allowed at a gathering BNH Men Pennants Premier Division, BNH Men Pennants Division 1.

BNH Women Pennants Premier Division, BNH Women Pennants Division 1,

BNH Mixed Pennants Section A, BNH Mixed Pennants Section B - 30-31 Oct & 6 Nov 21 CENTRE HANDBOOK

The Centre handbooks will be printed and available at your clubs by the time you are able to access your club rooms

MASTERS 2022

We have 33 entries to date

Date of tournament: 14th to 18th February 2022

The link is https://www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/masters/

BOWLS NEW ZEALAND CEO VISIT TO BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR

If we are down at Level 2, Mark Cameron will be visiting our Centre on 12th October at 6.30pm at Browns Bay Bowling club.





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Ladies.....

Women bowlers, beginners to experienced, new to the Club join for only \$50*

Contact Emmie (0275 297297), Trish (0224 823909) or come into the Club and have a look around.

\$50 2021-22 season and \$50 2022-23 season, additional terms & conditions apply.

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on Club Partner and Tournament Partner for the May Extended Triples, Jet Couriers.

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