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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

Both greens are now closed until further notice for winter renovations.

Inside this Weekend

Due to availability of staff, opening and closing times may change without notice.

Friday 8 July - open 3.30pm - Club Night

Racing – Addington (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

Bowls - Bowls NZ National Champion of Champions Pairs - *streamed when available* **Saturday 9 July - open 11am**

Racing – Te Rapa, Hastings (Thoroughbred)

Bowls - Bowls NZ National Champion of Champions Pairs - *streamed when available* International Rugby* - **7.05pm All Blacks v Ireland**

Sunday 10 July - open 11am

Racing - Hawera (Thoroughbred) Addington (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

Bowls - Bowls NZ National Champion of Champions Pairs - *streamed when available* NRL* - 6.05pm Broncos v Dragons

*Sports viewing selection is determined by the members

Today - Members Draws \$220 & \$500 - Joker 500 only 9 cards left

Croot and Hill Chase National Honours

Last weekend saw BNH/Helensville's Bart Robertson come up just short in the Bowls New Zealand National Men's Champion of Champions Singles at Hastings. Robertson was defeated by Onerahi's Dean McMurchy (11-21) in the final.

This weekend is the pairs turn, with Birkenhead's Trish Croot and Kirsty Hill making the trip south to Dunedin in pursuit of national glory, Bowls New Zealand National Women's Champion of Champions Pairs. Section play gets under way Friday with three or more wins required from four games to qualify for post-section Sunday. Croot and Hill's day gets under way at 8am Friday up against Featerston's Dale Rowe and Olivia Mancer, followed by Hikurangi's Diane Lawrence and Leanne Stewart at 10.20am and to close off Friday's play 2.40pm Queenstown's Debra Lloyd and Jane Anderson. Saturday a sleep in with the girls final section play game at 10.20am against Victoria's Sarah Taukamo and Mary-Ann Wilson. This is Champ of Champs with the eighteen women's pairs having come from club championships through centre playoffs to make the national final, no mean feat in itself. The men's, Helensville's Bart Robertson is back after last weekend's singles with Ricky Howe along to complete the pair representing North Harbour. Live streaming of the event will be on the screens at the Club over the three days (8-10 July).



Darts Section Partners



















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Super Stingers Summon Sensational Strength!

By Alan Oliver

Super Stingers summon sensational strength securing seven straight strong successes! The Stingers were at home last Saturday against Tamex from Club Onehunga and have now achieved seven straight wins in the City of Sails darts league.

Tossing the tungsten for the Stingers this time were David (The French Connection), Willie (The Conqueror), Steve H (Yorkie Pud) and Alex (Fighting Rabbit). I have to say a huge thank you to David for stepping at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances. This was also his first game for The Stingers!

In the first four games (reverse pairs), David and Willie picked up one win from two (2-1, 1-2) and Steve and Alex lost both in close games (1-2, 1-2). This meant a bit of pressure on the guys going into the singles games 3-1 down.

The guys quickly pulled out some incredible darts in the singles. They picked up three wins and a loss in the first round, making the game all square at four all. In the second round the guys won all four games to gain a four point lead – an amazing comeback! They then drew 2-2 in round three and won the last 3-1 and a 12-8 win overall. Special mention must go to Willie for winning all his single's games (2-1, 2-1, 2-1, 2-0). Alex picked up three wins out of four, and David and Steve both got two wins. A double winner of this weeks 'Sting in the Tale' award. Scoring 3 is normally a special achievement reserved for one player on the day – but not this week. Congratulations to

both Willie and Alex for hitting the scoring minimum. Alex was king of the 100+ scoring, with an impressive ten 100+ scores, including 2 x 140s and 2 x 100 starts. Willie hit eight 100+ scores including a 140. On his debut, David smashed a super six 100+ scores including a 140 and 104 start. Bringing up the rear was Steve with three 100+ scores, including a 145 which was a close attempt at hitting 170 – unlucky Steven!

The Stingers are back in action next Saturday 9th July, away against the MOAs at Swanson RSA. Can they make it eight in a row?

We'd love to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors again without whom there would be no correctly published and alliteratively challenging Stinger's headline.

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- Tim Roskruge at Barfoot & Thompson
- Spray & Relax Moss & Mould Treatment

This week's featured sponsor is Spray & Relax Moss & Mould Treatment owned by a great friend of The Stingers, Dean Fairfield AKA 'Stretch'.

Spray & Relax was formulated many years ago with the help of an experienced industrial chemist who wanted a strong product that was also non-caustic, non-bleaching and non-acidic. Spray & Relax was born, and thousands of metres of driveways, decks, tennis courts and more, have been successfully sprayed over the last 50 years.

Spray onto any exterior surface (only excluding polycotton tents) and simply walk away - the weather will do the rest. No water-blasting or scrubbing is required.

If you'd like to know more, visit <u>www.sprayandrelax.co.nz</u> or have a chat with the big fella next time he's in the club.



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Darts - Did You Know

By Alan Oliver

Each week, The Stingers will bring you something interesting from the world of darts. The game itself likely originated in Medieval England in the first couple of decades of the 14th century (some believe it was French in origin) and so has a rich and varied history that led to the game we know and love today.

Did you know that the best quality darts are nearly always made from a metal called tung-

Tungsten, also known as wolfram, is a fairly scarce metal of steel grey colour with some

unique characteristics. For example, Tungsten has the highest melting point of all known minerals and the highest boiling point of all of the existing elements. Great, but why make darts from it? Tungsten is used to make darts because it is such a dense metal. The more tungsten a dart barrel has, the smaller it can be made without losing weight. The higher the tungsten content, the higher the quality of the dart and the most used alloys are anywhere between 80% and 90% tungsten.

Tungsten darts will be more durable and offer a more extensive range of machine knurling patterns that provide better grip with less potential for slipping.

Scientifically speaking, this is a big old lump of Tungsten.

Now you know why the best quality darts are made from tungsten.



Quiz Night - Free Entry 7pm Thursday 14 July Non-members welcome

Enter on the night

Quiz Partners: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Bill Hansen and Tim Roskruge

How to Crochet

Have you wanted to learn how to crochet a granny square?

Birkenhead Bowling Club's, Beezknits will be providing a beginner's course granny square crocheting lesson with a free cup of tea or coffee.

Date: Tuesday 12th July Time: 11am to 12pm

Cost: \$10 (Money going towards wool for the Beezknits

Middlemore Prem Baby Foundation)

Place: Birkenhead Bowling Club, 93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead, plenty of free parking available in the Club's carpark.

Registration: Please contact Emmie 0275297297 You will need a ball of 8ply wool and a size 4 crochet hook.



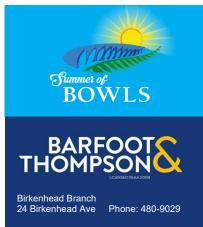








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JamesRay at Last

At last we have JamesRay confirmed after the initial date stifled by Covid lockdowns. One of the hottest country rock artists performing today. JAMESRAY is a multiaward winning international performing and recording artist.

His awards include the NCMA Male Artist of the Year and the VACNZ Top Male Artist. He has been a grand finalist for BEST MALE COUNTRY ARTIST by the Kiwi Pro-Am national music awards.

He is an ACMA Award winner for the Best Original Song, Best Male Vocalist and Best Overall Performer. He is also an NZCMA Entertainer of the Year Songwriter Winner. His Album, "Chasing the Dream" was a New Zealand Music Tui Grand Finalist in both the 'Best Country Album' and 'Best Country Song'.

Sony Records has included JAMESRAY on "NZ's Best Country Songs" compilation CD along with Bic Runga, Dave Dobbyn and many other great kiwi artists. His New Zealand train song; "Ride the Rollin' Thunder", was included on Sony's second compilation: 'Godzone Country - The Very Best of New Zealand Country Music.'

Country & Western

Tickets \$20 pp On sale now

Saturday 6 August from 7pm
Birkenhead Bowling Club, 93 Mokoia Rd, Birkenhead
Non-members welcome

Entry restricted to 18 years of age and over

- James Ray (from USA)
- Best Dressed Prize
- Tickets available from the Club or email: tickets@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Y'all put on your boots and mosey on down...

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\$6 Friday

The last Friday of the month

Standard tap beer pints, bottle beer, glass of wine All discounted to \$6 per item for the day!

* Terms & Conditions apply, excludes craft beer, spirits, RTDs, champagne/bubbles

Logan MIP

The second round of the Social Indoor Bowls League came to its conclusion last Monday evening after four weeks and twelve games. Fuzzy Duck took out the top spot with ten wins while second spot was hotly contested over the four weeks between Un-win-A-Bowls, Trev's Trio, Barfoots and Alba, but it was Alba who stayed steady with seven wins and draw to secure second spot. Bowler Babes cruised into the "Thanks for Participating" spot with their two wins and two draws. Special award for most improved player, presented by none other than Marilyn Munro impersonator, Fay-Louise, went to young Logan from the Barfoots team. A special thanks to Barfoot and Thompson's Shelley Boyed and Lance Clarke for their continued support of the Social Indoor Bowls League. The evening concluded with hamburgers and chips thanks to Bernie Hall.

Round three of Winter Social Indoor Bowls League gets under next Monday (11 July) and will continues the follow three Monday evenings. Team and individual entry available, arrive around 6pm ready for a 6.30pm start, with the evening finishing around 7.45-8pm. Everyone is welcome. More info or to enter in advance contact: The Bowling Club – 09 480 7493 or Debbie – Mobile: 021 781 374 or Email Debbie.jones@britomartgroup.org

BNH Welcome Brett O'Riley as our Patron

Reproduced from BNH website (28/06/22)

Brett O'Riley has kindly accepted the Board's offer of him becoming our new Patron for Bowls North Harbour.

He certainly doesn't need introducing and please find below a brief summary of Brett's achievements and current roles both Commercially and within Bowls.

Brett O'Riley is chief executive of the EMA (Employers and Manufacturers Association in New Zealand), having commenced in that role in January 2019. He is a graduate of Victo-

ria University of Wellington, with post graduate qualifications from MIT (Boston) and Singularity University (San Jose). He returned to New Zealand from Australia in 2009 and has spent the last 12 years dedicated to the goal of growing the capability of New Zealand businesses and the innovation eco-system, as founding CEO of the NZICT industry association, founding deputy CE of the Ministry of Science + Innovation, and as chief executive of economic development agency Auckland Tourism, Events & Economic Development.

Brett has played bowls since he was a teenager, played in the New Zealand Emerging Players team in 1991 and has been runner-up in the New Zealand National Singles and National Fours. He has been a bowls journalist and broadcaster throughout this time, is a member of SSI, and has played bowls in many countries around the world over the years. Brett was vice chair and then chairperson of the Professional Bowls Association between 2002 and 2008,



BNH's new Patron Brett O'Riley

and served as a Director of World Bowls Tour during this time, while also involved in the running of the PBA New Zealand branch. He was also briefly an observer on the World Bowls board as the PBA representative during the presidency of Australia's Betty Collins. More recently Brett has served on the Bowls New Zealand board. Brett is an active member of the Takapuna Bowling Club where he is selection convener and a match committee member, and he is a member of the Bowls North Harbour Representative Open Men's selection panel, having retired from representative play last season.

Brett has recently taken over the role of Regional Director for the Oceania Region, replacing Australia's Darryl Clout, the recently elected World President.

It is an Honour for Bowls North Harbour to have such an outstanding figurehead as our new Patron.











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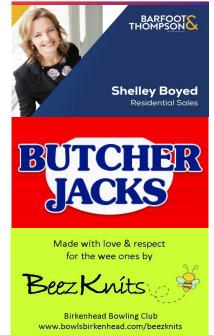
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Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events, Company Social Events, Weddings, Birthday Celebrations, Anniversary Parties, Breakfasts



Our History - Birkenhead

Reproduced from "A Bit of History & Celebrations Guide" marking the Club's 75th Jubilee in 2018. Originally published "Zooming in on the History of Bowls at the Birkenhead Men's Bowling Club 1943-89" Complied by Jack Gledhill.

To some extent the development of the Birkenhead Bowling Club over the years has kept pace with that of the borough itself. Born in the war years (1943), it could be said that the men involved were elderly, unfit for war service or in an essential war service but were determined to prove some- thing: that they had the initiative, the self-reliance and the drive to build a bowling club, of which its members were and are today very proud. The population and economic growth of the area may also have had some influence on its development. During the war years the numerous gardeners, horticulturists and orchardists became more affluent through the market boost given by the Americans in the Pacific War requiring their products.

But the greatest impetus to local growth and development followed the building of the Auckland Harbour Bridge in 1959. According to Margaret McClure in her "Story of Birkenhead", "Birkenhead was a semi-rural out-post" in the 1950's but twenty years later a city of over 20,000 people.

Initially the Birkenhead Bowling Club had one green, and a small Army hut for a pavilion. Twenty-five years later it had two full greens and a large pavilion. This growth did not occur without its problems.

One of the greatest problems affecting the club as a whole is the Auckland climate, which is fairly consistently humid throughout the year leading to a proliferation of diseases in plants and in soils. Prior to Christmas wet weather often prevents work from being carried out and lack of drainage through heavy clay has often resulted in the deterioration of the greens. After Christmas, the dry weather which normally occurs, requires daily watering of the greens, which combined with high soil temperatures, is also conducive to the growth and spread of diseases. In short, the climate is not a healthy one for bowling greens which grow grass or cotula weed.

Not all the natural features of the club's site are bad, however. Unlike some bowling clubs which are encircled by buildings or are on valley floors, the Birkenhead site lies on the top side of a ridge giving bowlers a pleasant open outlook. Its north aspect gives it the full benefit of sun which is most appreciated by members on the greens and in the clubhouse particularly during the cold winter months. The greens are also sheltered from the cold southerly, south easterly and south westerly winds which seem to be very prevalent these days.

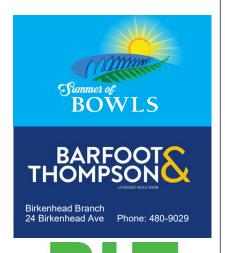








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Club for Hire

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)

Birkenhead Bowling Club

93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead

Social Indoor Bowls

Sponsored by Shelley Boyed & Lance Clarke of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead





Social Indoor Bowls continues for winter 2022. Non-members welcome, no experience necessary, bowls provided. You bring a smile and sense of humour

Monday 11, 18, 25 July & 1 August

Teams are asked to arrive at the club at 6pm with first game to commence at 6.30pm.

Cost - \$5.00 per person per week for the first three weeks. Week 4 \$10.00 per person includes a meal and prizes for 1^{st} , 2^{nd} over the four weeks and other prizes.

Meat raffles will also be on sale.

Teams of three or single entry - everyone is welcome. Contact: The Bowling Club – 09 480 7493 or Debbie – Mobile: 021 781 374. Email Debbie.jones@britomartgroup.org





This week we put the spotlight on Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and the team at the Birkenhead branch.

The Birkenhead branch assists the Club in number of areas by way of Membership cards, score cards, opening day guest speaker. monthly Quiz nights and a tournament or to including the Easter Triples.

Staff members support the Club's social scene and regularly have a team or two in the Monday evenings Social Bowls3Five and the monthly quiz nights are very popular with them. Along with the Birkenhead branch support, agents Tim Roskruge, Shelley Boyed

and Lance Clarke also sponsor in their own right.
Barfoot and Thompson Birkenhead's support of the Club is gratefully received.
Thanks Pete Taylor and your team for the continued support of the club, it's very much appreciated.
Source: http://www.barfoot.co.nz/

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The team at Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead are a group of down-to-earth, hardworking locals who can help take the stress out of buying, selling or renting in this accessible North Shore suburb. Many staff at the branch have been there for 10-20 years, and with all having lived in the area at some stage in their lives, they possess a



Pete Taylor, Branch Manager Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead

great deal of local knowledge. This local knowledge is combined with a wealth of experience in the real estate game. Barfoot & Thompson has been part of the Auckland landscape for over 90 years, and sells one of three homes in the Auckland area. Every property listed with Barfoot & Thompson is shared with all 60+ branches, each of whom can bring a buyer to your home and share in the sale. That's over 1,400 salespeople all selling your property - resulting in unparalleled reach and buyer competition. Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead also offer a dedicated property manager who can manage your rental or investment property for you - including carrying out maintenance and conducting rent reviews. To make it even easier, the Barfoot & Thompson office is centrally located on one of Birkenhead's two main shopping streets. So pop in and see how they can help take the stress out of your buying, selling or renting experience. Birkenhead is just a short drive or ferry ride from Auckland city, and has a mixture of traditional villas and contemporary family-sized properties as well as some more modern apartment complexes, many offering stunning harbour and city views. All the shops you need can be found in the local village, as well as some excellent bars and cafés. Nearby beaches, parks and reserves offer plenty to do in the weekends, and well-regarded pre-schools, primary and secondary schools make it popular with families.

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