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## Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

### Three Out of Five

The BNH PPL competition is still a relatively new event on the Harbour calendar, devised five years ago it was initially played in the evenings across several weeks. The first event was won by Birkenhead. Northcote surprised all taking out the second instalment while Orewa claimed the honours for 2019-20. Birkenhead had another taste of success taking out the 2020-21 event and now back-to-back winners after taking out the PPL on Sunday afternoon.

From the six sides entered Birkenhead ended up with first (You Travel, PPL Tournament winners), second (Ryman) and fifth (Carpet Mill) in Section 1. Section 2 and Birkenhead was first (Good Home) and fifth (Jet Couriers). Section 3 Birkenhead (Emmie Swart Limited) finished in sixth spot. Section 4, the cellar dwellers, all the Birkenhead sides had played well enough on the Saturday to avoid this section Sunday. Congratulations to all the winners, especially the overall winners Birkenhead You Travel (Nigel Drew, Mark Rumble, David Eades, Ling Qu, Jack Huriwai, Jamie Chen).

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**Club Night Friday**  
Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500, Free Pool & Darts,  
TAB, Gaming with jackpot and more.... Club Open 3.30pm

## On the Greens

Both greens are currently closed.

Top (A) Green is closed to all play, has been reseeded around the edges.

Bottom (B) Green will be open after Opening Day.

Note: The status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for each green's current status.

Saturday 27 August – 12.30 Opening Day Mini Tournament (Single/Individual Entry)

Friday 2 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single/Individual Entry - mufti

Saturday 3 September - 9am Allan Meekings Memorial (AC, Drawn, Single Entry)

Wednesday 7 September – 10am Club Day (AC – Single Entry)

Friday 9 September - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single/Individual Entry - mufti

Saturday 10 September – 8.30am Handicap Pairs (AC)

Sunday 11 September - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) - Lunch provided

Wednesday 14 September - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Friday 16 September – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single/Individual Entry – mufti

Saturday 17 September - 1pm KB/JK Afternoon Roll-up

Wednesday 21 September - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch

Friday 23 September – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Teams & Single/Individual Entry – mufti

## Inside this Weekend

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

**Friday 26 August – Open 3.30pm – Club Night - \$6 Friday**

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

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

**NZ Darts Masters – 7pm until games end, on the Big Screen**

NPC\* - 7.35 Waikato v Manawatu

NRL\* - 8pm Panthers v Warriors

**Saturday 27 August – Open 11am**

**Birkenhead Bowling Club Opening 4pm**

Racing – Te Rapa, Awapuni (Thoroughbred)

**NZ Darts Masters – 7pm until games end, on the Big Screen**

NPC\* - 2.05pm Hawke's Bay v North Harbour

- 4.35pm Auckland v Otago

NRL\* - 5pm Raiders v Sea Eagles

- 7.30pm Sharks v Bulldogs

**Sunday 28 August – Open 11am**

**Bub Pike's Memorial – 11am**

Racing – Matamata (Thoroughbred), Rangiora (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)


NPC\* - 2.05pm Wellington v Taranaki

- 4.35pm Northland v Southland

NRL\* - 4pm Wests Tigers v Dragons

- 6.05pm Titans v Knights

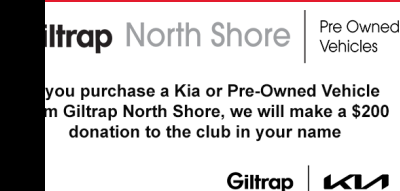
\*Sports viewing selection is determined by the members



**Quiz Night - Free Entry**  
7pm Thursday 8 September  
Non-members welcome  
**Cancelled**  
Next Quiz Thursday 13 October

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





## PPL

By John Hindmarch

We did it again for the third time in the last five years Birkenhead has won the PPL competition this year with six teams entered on day one, three qualified for division 1, two for division two, and one for division 3, great effort by all bowlers, congratulations to the winners Nigel Drew, Mark Rumble, David Eades, Ling Qu, Jack Huriwai, Jamie Chen, not only did we win but second as well with Lionel Drew's team of Keith Burgess, Sandy Cleg-horn, Faye Judge, Joe Korkis, Barry Reiland, And we haven't finished yet winners of division 2 with Trish Croot, Willy Noora, Gary Wallace, Chad Nathan, Adam Richardson, Milly Nathan, Fantastic effort by all, This was a great way to Welcome our new bowlers for this season to Birkenhead, Ling Qu and Jamie Chen good to have these ladies on board, Thanks to all the Sponsors, you bowlers did the club proud, well done Jet Couriers who wore there sponsors shirts on the day and looked very smart,

## Membership Discount Deadline Saturday!!

Thanks to all those that have paid their subs to date, with a special thanks to those members that have included a donation with their payment. Discounted subs were available until Opening Day 27 August, Membership subs for 2022-23 may be paid direct into the Club's account (ASB Account No: 123035-0699644-01), use your name as the reference and "SUB" or paid across the bar.

## Only Three More Sleeps

Saturday 27th of August is the day Birkenhead opens for the 2022-23 summer season, our 80th season. As has become a much-anticipated tradition in recent years a guest speaker is booked and she is ready to go. Thanks again to Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead making our guest speaker possible. The day kicks off at 12.30pm with Opening Day Mini Tournament, Single Entry - Open to full members, entry is free, names in by 12.15pm. 4pm formal speeches, guest speaker, opening of the green, followed by a selection of finger foods for everyone's enjoyment. Dress: Full Members: Club Uniform or bowling attire where appropriate. Partners and Social Members: smart casual.



## OPENING DAY 2022/23

## Birkenhead Bowling Club

**4PM Saturday 27th August 2022**  
at the Club Rooms, 93 Mokoia Rd, Birkenhead.

*Formal speeches, guest speaker  
And ceremonial opening of the greens  
This will be followed by a selection of finger foods  
Dress:  
Partners and Social Members: smart casual  
Full Members: Club Uniform  
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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

### In Memory of Our Bub – Sunday 11am

We lost our club mate and life member Bub Pike back on 26 August 2021, during a time of heavy covid restrictions depriving many of a chance to say goodbye to our beloved friend. Bub's family have invited all Club members to a special memorial to be held in Bub's honour at 11am Sunday 28 August at the Birkenhead Bowling Club.

### Quiz & Housie September Cancelled

Due to technical difficulties, unfortunately September's Quiz Night (Thursday 8 September) and Housie/Bingo (Thursday 15 September) have been cancelled. Both will return in October with Quiz Night on Thursday 14 October and Housie/Bingo a week later on Thursday 21 October.

### Miss Marmalade

Miss Marmalade has been busy again and there are fresh stocks of marmalade available for purchase from the Club. A gold coin (preferably \$2) per jar is all that is asked for, with all monies going to Hospice.

### Handbook 2022-23

The handbooks are on the delivery truck somewhere and are expecting to have them available to members on Friday night.

Due to reduced numbers ordered (advertising dollars are tight) this year handbooks are available initially from the Club Secretary on request.

The playing programme for the coming season is also available for download from the Club's website, [www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/club-programme](http://www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/club-programme).

A big thank you to those who spent more than a few hours collating, proofing and producing the handbook along with the club programme for the coming season. The handbook has been published for the past twelve years and continues to be free of charge by Akarana Publishing Company. Thanks Graham Lambert (Guppy) for your great service and continued support.

### Last Members Draw and New Cards

The last Members Draw utilising the 2021-22 numbers is tonight. Memberships that have been paid in full have been allocated a new draw number for the 2022-23 season and these numbers will be used for Friday's Members Draw.

Members are advised to cut through the QR code on their old cards before disposing of them responsibly.

## Housie! Bingo!

### Thursday 15 September

Caller: Kevin "Scratch" Smith

**Cancelled**  
**Next Quiz Thursday 20 October**

**Bingo cards only \$1 per card**

Further info ph: 0275 297297, Entry restricted to 18 years and over

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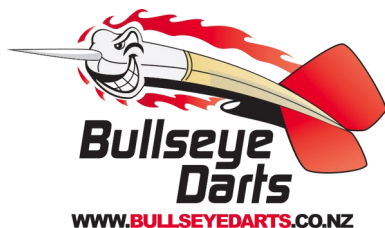
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**City of Sails Darts League:**  
**The Stingers v The Whalers**  
 Away at a neutral venue  
 2pm Saturday 27 August

## Shanghai Sundays

Come join in Sunday afternoons to play social darts with anyone that wants to have a go. Club darts are available and free advice is in abundance. With no registration or experience required, a bunch of our darts players turn up 3pm Sunday afternoon to play darts with a twist – at any point in the game, if you throw a shanghai (a single, double, and treble of the same number), you win the game! It can be quick turn-around games which is awesome for all playing and a great chance to catch up with friends and meet new people. You never know where it may lead your competitive nature to..... The City of Sails darts league!

## Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

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



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## Darts - Shanghai Sundays

### Sunday afternoons 3pm @ the Club

All welcome, loan darts available, loads of free advice!

## Watch the NZ Darts Masters Live at the Club!

Can't make Hamilton for the Darts. Come and join us for all the action over two nights live on the big screen in the Club.

Yes, live on the big screen at the Birkenhead Bowling Club on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th August from 7pm until games end, the NZ Darts Masters is being held in Hamilton this year and sees some of our best local talent placed into the first round against the biggest names from the pro-tour, the PDC.

Come watch the

# TAB New Zealand Darts Masters

## LIVE ON THE BIG SCREEN

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th August  
**7pm until games end**

Birkenhead Bowling Club - 93 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead







## Starship Charity Gig

Put a ring around Saturday 1 October on the calendar. The Soul Agents take to the stage in the Birkenhead Bowling Club on a mission to beat the \$21,000 raised last time for the Starship Foundation. This is a Barfoot and Thompson event, tickets (\$25 each) will be available via them. The Club will have a limited number of tickets to sell when ticket sales open. Watch out for further details to be posted.

## "Getting Started" Available

"Getting Started" - Basic Techniques of Lawn Bowls is a 34 page handbook produced by the Wanaka Bowling Club with significant material and editorial assistance from BowlsNZ. Bowls NZ not only supplied suitable text and diagrams but also were involved in the editing process to ensure the handbook is fully compliant with current New Zealand practices and coaching protocols.

This would be possibly the only publication currently available in New Zealand that specifically focuses on the needs of newer bowlers although there are timely reminders for more experienced bowlers.

Limited copies of the handbook are available from the Birkenhead Club Bowls Shop at cost, \$17.00 per copy.



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# Birkenhead Bowling Club

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## Open Tournaments 2022-23

### Wednesday Triples OACT - 9.30am - BYO Lunch

Entry: Club 4804793, Evan 021 0575491

21 September, 19 October, 16 November,  
21 December (Rod Mahon Memorial) - Ham - Lunch provided  
18 January, 15 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May

### Sunday Triples OACT - 9am - Lunch provided

Entry: Club 4804793, Merv 021 0447627

11 September, 2 October, 6 November,  
4 December (Ham), 8 January, 19 March, 30 April

### New Year \$1,000 Afternoon Pairs OACP - Mufti

Entry: [secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz](mailto:secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz) or 027 6661618  
12.30pm Sunday 1 January

### Waitangi Day Charity Tournament OACF - Mufti

Lunch provided - Teams are encouraged to include a non-bowler

Entry: Club 4804793

Monday 6 February

### Extendeds - Morning Tea & Lunch Provided

Entry: Club 4804793

Seafood Tournament OACF - Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 April

\$2,500 Easter Triples OACT - Friday 7 & Saturday 8 April

\$2,000 May Extended OACT - Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 May

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## The Doghouse

*Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls and other matters. 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.*

### The Carnival is Over.

Well, it's that time of year again when I promise so much and deliver bummer all. Every year I start the season and threatened to leave the wife for a set of Aero bowls but succumb like some pathetic child who's on the promise of getting an ice block to suck on if he's a good boy.

This year is going to be different, and I'm going to take a couple of concrete pills and harden up. I started with this weekend's PPL Carnival. I had no idea what was involved but being a carnival, I expected to have two days of fun and enjoyment and be surrounded by clowns. Clowns were involved but the only ones in Manly were the ones in Jet Courier polo shirts.

The Saturday started for us up at Manly and I was fortunate to have the luxury of playing with Loz who tends to go very gentle on me if I don't come up to her standards. We made the fatal mistake of hitching a lift with Sandy who, let's face it should have stopped driving when he retired 30 years ago. We got too Manly in one piece, but I did have to go to the toilet as soon as I arrived just to clean myself up.

We ripped into the first game at 8.30am and I had the pleasure of playing the North Harbour scribe Lindsay Knight. I was expecting an ear blasting from Lindsay for some of the crap I have had published in the Bee Express but being the gentleman he is, he went easy on me.

After an hour and a half, we finished our first game with a lucky win and as we walked off the green, we were told in no uncertain terms that we were not allowed a break until we had our bye, and it was straight into our second game. Obviously, something you do at a carnival I thought, so off we went, into the next game. As we came off the green Loz and I noticed that some of the other players had calculators in their hands. Two games and 11.30am. Now maths wasn't my strongest subject at school and to be honest I didn't really have one, but it didn't take too much working out to realise that playing eight games was going to have us finishing at 8.30pm. Now anyone who plays bowls will realise that most people who play the game are one step away from being dead and are usually in bed by 8.30pm. Playing to that time wasn't going to work so calls had to be made. I had Guinness and wine to drink and there was no way I was waiting until 8.30pm.



Mike Cartwright in action last weekend during the BNH PPL

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My call was in vain, and I came off the phone feeling like I was back at school and had just been caned by my maths teacher. Me and the other 39 bowlers did as we were told and continued our merry way at the PPL Carnival until we either collapsed through exhaustion or our blood sugar levels plummeted to zero because we couldn't have lunch until our bye. Our first bye didn't occur until 4pm and you can guess by that time that even Loz was getting angry.

Thankfully after the 5<sup>th</sup> game some common sense came into play, and we could put one of our bowls to bed and play with just two. By then it was too late for me as I had phoned my wife and told her to bring my pyjamas and cup of milo up to Manly.

We finished at around 6pm after we threatened to call Health and Safety and we found three of the older members cuddled up and asleep in the corner of the green.

The following day at Mairangi I had to put up with my partner going on about how stiff she was. Apparently, she couldn't bend over to deliver the bowl. I told her not to worry about it because every time I'm stiff I can't bend over either. It didn't really matter because I couldn't deliver a newspaper that day and Loz and I crashed to 1 win and 5 losses.

Thankfully there are better players than me at Birkenhead and the club cleaned up the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> division. Not a bad start to the new bowling season.

I just want to say a big thanks to all the volunteers that helped this weekend and had to put up with the plethora of abuse from everyone else who knew better, apparently. The lady who looked after us at Manly on Saturday looked as if she was about ready to polish off a bottle of gin when we left and probably did.

In the words of the lovely Judith Durham "The Carnival is Over, I will love you till I die" I'm not too sure about the "I will love you till I die" bit because sadly Judith died a couple of weeks ago and she doesn't have to make the decision about whether to play in next year's carnival.... she's lucky.

Until next time.

## Changes to Laws Of The Sport

Reproduced from World Bowls website

The World Bowls Laws Committee (LC), in conjunction with World Bowls Member National Authorities (MNAs), undertakes a comprehensive review of the Laws of the Sport on the same 4-yearly cycle as the Commonwealth Games. The last such review was held in 2014 – it led to the publication of the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Third Edition'. (A review was not undertaken in 2018 because the board of World Bowls (WB) and MNAs felt that wholesale changes to the Laws were unnecessary at that time.)

In the period between reviews WB, the LC and individual MNAs can propose revisions to the Laws whenever circumstances demand. Any such revisions are submitted to a biennial WB Council Meeting for approval. Revisions to the 'Crystal Mark Third Edition' were approved at each of the last two Council Meetings – in December 2016, April 2018 and June 2020 respectively. Revisions which are either awaiting approval or have been approved are recorded in the 'WB Laws Decisions' section under the 'Laws and Umpiring' link on the WB website until they are incorporated into the Laws of the Sport.

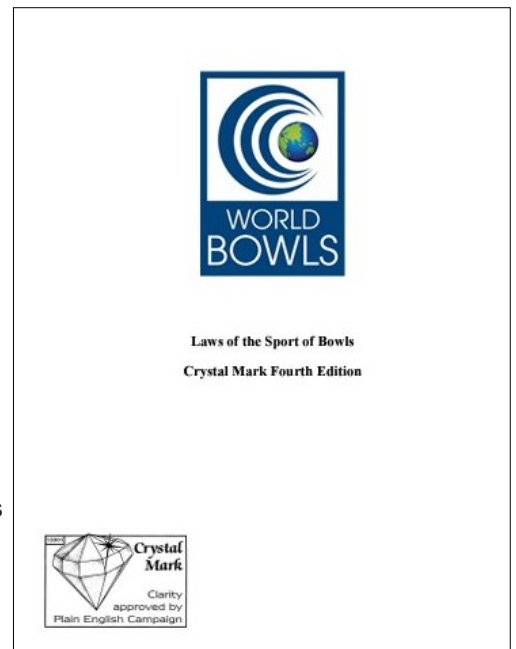
(Note that, in addition to revisions to the Laws, the 'WB Laws Decisions' section of the website contains the LC's decisions on MNAs' enquiries relating to the Laws – such as seeking clarification of the intent of a law and seeking guidance on the interpretation of a law.)

In 2021, a review was undertaken and the Crystal Mark Fourth Edition was approved at the Biennial WB Council Meeting in August 2022.

A copy of the 'Crystal Mark Fourth Edition' along with a copy of the revisions to the Fourth Edition can be downloaded from Birkenhead's website under "Laws & Domestic Regs"

The Laws allow MNAs to make regulations – called 'Domestic Regulations' (DRs) – to cover a number of aspects of the sport. They also allow Controlling Bodies to decide what Conditions of Play (COPs) are necessary to govern their competitions. Contact your MNA for details of these.

[Participants in the sport, therefore, should be in possession of a current version of the Laws. In addition, they should be in possession of a document containing the DRs and COPs produced by their MNA.]



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## BowlsHub Aotearoa – Player ID

from BNH, Michelle Kean, Centre Manager email: bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz

BowlsHub Aotearoa (bowlshub.co.nz) is an on-line event/member management system that is being implemented for the forthcoming season. BNH have been using BowlsHub Aotearoa for all tournaments since the Champ of Champs, in parallel with our standard manual event management.

It is our intention to have BowlsHub Aotearoa implemented as our only mechanism of event management for the 2022-2023 season onwards.

All players who wish to compete in Centre and National events, will need to create a login to BowlsHub Aotearoa and player profile, which in turn, will give you an ID number, that will be required when entering all Centre and National tournaments.

The process is straight forward and only requires an email address to do this.

Should a player not have an email address, they will need to speak directly with their Club, who will provide assistance.

## National Quiz Night

The National Party's Northcote Electorate has a Quiz Night fundraiser coming up at the Club. Club Members are welcome to take part if they wish.

If you enjoy a great night out in this environment, with an atmosphere of warm friendship, please come and join in. Newcomers very welcome! If you're an individual, a couple, a small group or a full table of eight, please register your interest to the email below. Looking forward to an awesome evening.

- When: Tuesday 6th September from 7pm
- Where: Birkenhead Bowling Club, 93 Mokoia Rd
- How Much: Cover charge of \$20/pp includes quiz entry and finger food
- RSVP: Contact michellemoxenham@gmail.com to register your team of up to 8 and receive payment details
- Please bring cash for the bar and for auctions and quiz items



## Crochet & Wine

### Tuesday Afternoons

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## The Beckoning in Birmingham

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By Abhishek Saini

While the Indian teams aren't yet among the heavyweights in lawn bowls, their success in Birmingham shows that now they aren't easily crumbling under pressure. The medals gave the players some much-needed attention.

In early August, as the Commonwealth Games were underway in Birmingham, Indian sports fans trawled the internet for the answer to a simple question — what is lawn bowls?

The country's women's fours team had beaten New Zealand in the semifinal to qualify for the gold medal contest. Lovely Choubey, Nayanmoni Saikia, Pinki, and Rupa Rani Tirkey got people hooked to their sport, which is relatively unknown to most.

Long before the breakthrough in Birmingham, India's journey in lawn bowls started at the 2007 National Games in Guwahati. In three years, a contingent was ready to compete at the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

India also fielded lawn bowls teams in 2014 and 2018. The teams won nothing, the sport got no attention.

All that changed at Victoria Park, where the team qualified for its first final and assured India of a medal. People wanted to know the rules of the sport, India's best players and their stories.

An appearance in the final even got a dedicated television slot. The importance of being on live television is tremendous, for the individual as well as the sport, according to Tirkey. Indian teams never had this visibility in the past.

"Earlier, friends used to ask where they could watch me play and I had no answer. But, this time we had a full live telecast and everyone was able to see," said Tirkey, the women's fours team Skip. A skip in lawn bowls has the crucial responsibility of taking the final two bowls.

Before the final high, though, India's campaign at the Birmingham Games was on an all too familiar course of closely missing out on a medal. The first of these narrow misses came at the New Delhi Commonwealth Games where the women's triples team lost to Australia by a single point in the semifinal.

In 2014, the men's fours team made it to the last four but lost to England 14-12. India then lost the bronze medal match.

### On a roll at Victoria Park

But in Birmingham, something changed. The women's fours team, trailing the 2014 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist New Zealand by a point, snatched four off the final round to seal a berth in the final. India beat the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games runner-up South Africa in a closely-fought final to ensure India's first medal in the sport was gold.

These wins against top teams were not luck by chance. "We had prepared for such close situations after narrowly missing out on medals in previous editions of Commonwealth Games," said Tirkey.

A few days later, it was the men who made their mark. Playing against England — the bronze medallist from the 2018 Commonwealth Games — in the semifinal, India won three points in the last round to win the contest 13-12 and assure another medal for India. Despite a loss in the final, the men's team medal saw India end its campaign as the fifth-best nation in lawn bowls at the Games. More than the medals, India's wins established that it is at a level where it will not crumble easily under pressure.

What changed for India?

There was a pattern in India's losses against top teams in the past. "We used to concede four-five points from a single end which allowed our opponents to take big leads," said Tirkey. In Birmingham, the quartet had a clear plan — don't concede more than two points from an end. Tirkey took the responsibility.

Taking the last two attempts in every round in her designated role as skip, Tirkey ensured time and again that her bowls nudged out better-placed bowls of opponents.

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Landmark win: (From left) Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, and Rupa Rani Tirkey celebrate after winning the lawn bowls women's fours final. India defeated South Africa, the 2014 Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

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### The national camp

The Birmingham dividends came from investments made in Delhi, believes Anju Luthra, the team's manager. "We got our players into a four-month national camp (at the Yamuna Sports Complex in New Delhi), where our primary aim was to try different team combinations and simulate real games," said Luthra.

The camp, however, was not all smooth sailing. Like all sports, COVID-19 affected lawn bowls.

The Bowling Federation of India wanted to conduct the camp well in advance so that the players could leave for England and practise for at least a month before the Commonwealth Games. "A month (training in England) would have helped in getting used to the speed of the greens and overall conditions. But, we had to make do with training in India," said Sunaina Kumari, board member of the federation.

India's preparation was also affected by the team's coach from New Zealand not making it to the camp in Delhi.

Luthra, explaining how they continued in the absence of a coach, said, "As a makeshift solution, we brought in five technical associates from India, affiliated with the World Bowls (the sport's international governing body). They supervised the camp, made schedules, and even analysed player performances."

Even in Birmingham, a couple of weeks from the main event, the Indian players found shelter at a bowling club in North London when they could not obtain access to the training rinks at Victoria Park.

### A new dawn?

The medals got lawn bowls players some much-needed attention. "The players and the sport getting attention and financial support is our biggest win from these Commonwealth Games. I hope this proves to be the tipping point," said Kumari.

Currently, 20 States in India have lawn bowls teams, and Kumari hopes the Birmingham success will get the remaining States on board. "Apart from spreading the sport to more parts of India, the federation is looking to tap into the age-group categories and get younger people to start the sport."

For the players, the aim is a bit bigger. "If one gold medal out of a possible eight makes such a difference, imagine what will happen if we return with three or four?" said Tirkey.

Tirkey's desire for more success is not impractical.

India's medals came in the longest team format — the fours. The singles players, however, failed to make it past the group stage, while other team formats — doubles and triples, saw India bow out in ways similar to the past editions.

India will get a shot at cementing itself as a consistent lawn bowls side at the Asian Championships in Gold Coast next year. Medal wins at the Championship will help complement the Birmingham high.

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