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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 22 February 2023



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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

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

Wednesday 22 February – Matthews Memorial Pairs (AC 60+, Single Entry – Full & Life members only) Friday 24 February – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 25 February – 8:30am Men's 1-5 Year Championship Singles

8:30am Women's 1-5 Year Championship Singles

Sunday 26 February – 8.30am Men's Championship Fours – continuation from 22/1

- 8.30am Women's Championship Singles - continuation from 30/1

Monday 27 February - 6pm You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five Wednesday 1 March - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Monday 6 March - 6pm You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five

Wednesday 8 March - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 11 March - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs

- 8.30am Women's Championship Singles

Wednesday 15 March – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch

Saturday 18 March – 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs - continues to 16/4

Sunday 19 March – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided

Wednesday 22 March - 10am Club Day - Ross Trust Me Murray Tournament (AC - Single Entry)

Wednesday 29 March - - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 1 April – Sandy's Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 1

Sunday 2 April – Sandy's Seafood Tournament (OACF) – day 2

Inside this Weekend

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

Friday 24 February - Club Night - \$6 Friday

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing - Riccarton (Thoroughbreds), Auckland at Cambridge, Wyndham (Harness),

Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

Bowls NZ National Fours* - 3.30pm Day 2

BPL17* – Final Day – 6pm Super Rugby* – 7.05pm Crusaders v Chiefs

Saturday 25 February

Racing – Matamata, Otaki (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton (Harness)

Bowls NZ National Fours* – 12pm Day 3 Super Rugby* – 4.35pm Moana Pasifika

- 7.05pm Highlanders v Blues

Sunday 26 February

Racing - Cambridge, Wyndham (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

Bowls NZ National Fours* – 12pm Day 4

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

Live Bowls on Our Screens

Check out Sky Sport channel 600 this coming week for loads of live bowls action from here at the Bowls New Zealand Nationals and BPL17 across the Tasman. Details and times listed are as per Sky TV Guide 21/2/23

Wednesday 22 February - BPL17 - Day 2 - 6pm - 12am

Thursday 23 February - Bowls NZ: National Fours Day 1 - 12pm - 6pm

- BPL17 - Day 3 - 6pm - 12am

Friday 24 February - Bowls NZ: National Fours Day 2 - 12pm - 6pm

- BPL17 - Final Day - 6pm - 12am

Saturday 25 February- Bowls NZ: National Fours Day 3 – 12pm – 6pm

Sunday 26 February - Bowls NZ: National Fours Final Day - 12pm - 6pm Monday 27 February - Bowls NZ: National Mixed Pairs Day 1 - 12pm - 6pm

Tuesday 28 February - Bowls NZ: National Mixed Pairs Day 2 – 12pm – 6pm



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66 Friday

Friday 24 February

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

Three Spots Left

Birkenhead Bowling Club has the pleasure of welcoming back our Tournament Partners for the Birkenhead Easter Triples: Platinum Tournament Partner: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead. Gold Tournament Partner: Birkenhead Bowling Club President Joseph Korkis. Thanks to both Tournament Partners for their continued support in making this tournament possible. With \$1,000 first prize and a total prize pool \$2,500 minimum guaranteed with morning tea and lunch each day, why wouldn't you enter?

The astute bowler will be at Birkenhead this Easter (Friday 7 and Saturday 8 April). Two days of competitive, yet social, any combination triples (OACT). Included in the entry is morning tea and buffet lunch both days, to the high standard that Birkenhead is known for, along with a sausage sizzle after play on the Friday. \$150 per team, Limited to 16 teams of which there are only three spots left. Fish available Friday lunch (must be preordered) for the non-meat eaters. Entry is available by emailing the Club Secretary, secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz.

Centre Events, 18 & 19 Feb 2023

Reproduced from BNH website (20/2/23)

by Lindsay Knight

Mairangi Bay had double cause for celebration when two centre championships were decided at Birkenhead on Sunday.

After Gaye Horne, Joy Watkinson and Theresa Rogers had won the women's triple title, club-mate David Payne won the men' singles title.

In the women's final the Horne-skipped triple beat Orewa's Elizabeth Ring, Trish Higginson and Tira Campbell 21-11 and Payne beat Browns Bay's Brian Wilson in the men's final 21-16.

The women' win brought Rogers, one of North Harbour's most consistent lady leads, to the verge of a bar to her gold star, a remarkable feat as she has been playing bowls for barely a decade. For Horne, still a junior player, it was her second open title adding to the champion of champions triples success in 2020-21 and followed a memorable national championships when she beat the Black Jack Tayla Bruce in section play.

For Watkinson it was her first open title, though she enjoyed considerable success as a junior. It was the second successive season in which Ring has made this final for last season she was again he losing skip, on that occasion to a Wendy Jensen-skipped Takapuna triple. It was another great effort on her part for she is now well into her 80s.

In the semi-finals Mairangi Bay won a thriller over Birkenhead's Trish Croot, Jamie Chen and Ling Ou 20-19 and Manly beat Browns Bay's Irene Donaldson, Judy Smith and Dee Freeth 20-12.

The men's singles final was between two of the centre's best draw bowlers, with the steady progress Payne has made in recent seasons rewarded with his first open centre title. But he, too, showed promise when he began the game at the now defunct Glenfield club before moving to Mairangi Bay.



Quiz Night - Free Entry 7pm Thursday 9 March Non-members welcome

Enter on the night

Quiz Partners:

Tim Roskruge of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen



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Club Night - Every Friday

Open from 3.30pm Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500 and more......

Late Entry to World Bowls Indoor Championships

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website (20/2/23)

In an exciting addition to the 2023 World Bowls Indoor Championships, New Zealand Blackjacks Andrew Kelly and Katelyn Inch have been given the nod to contest the prestigious silverware.

The event will showcase some of the world's best singles players and will be held at the Warilla Bowling Club from May 7 – 13 on the South Coast of New South Wales, Australia. New Zealand initially elected not to enter, but have since accepted a late entry to the competition in a bid to chase world glory.

Inch, who emigrated from Oxford to the Gold Coast in 2017, has been given the somewhat daunting task of filling the shoes of former world number one Jo Edwards – with Edwards stepping down from the international circuit in recent years.

Inch, who now plays out of the Kawana Bowls Club on the Sunshine Coast, has enjoyed regular domestic success in Australia – and narrowly missed a singles' play-offs berth in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. However, showing her grit and tenacity, she bounced back with a podium finish in the women's pairs, partnering Selina Goddard to

Kelly, who has been a proven performer on the carpet in recent years and has represented the New Zealand PBA side, knows what it takes to compete on the indoor arena. Most noticeably, Kelly will be known for his efforts against arguably the best player on the planet Alex Marshall, defeating him in straight sets in the 2018 World Indoor Singles at Potters Leisure Resort, England.

No stranger to the international scene himself, Kelly was a key part of the New Zealand triples and fours contingent in Birmingham - albeit unable to return with any medals. Recently named in the 14-strong team for the upcoming Multi-Nations, both Inch and Kelly will be hoping to continue a rich-run of form across the ditch as they attempt to tie-down a spot in the all-important selection for World Bowls, come August this year.

Bowls New Zealand Head Coach Mike Kernaghan was thrilled to have Kelly and Inch representing New Zealand at the high-profile event, pointing out it was an ideal opportunity to play closer to home, with the event itself returning to the southern hemisphere after twoyears in the UK.

"Both Andrew and Katelyn were delighted at being given this opportunity. (Of course) this is another chance to put them into the pressure cauldron against some top, top talent and see how they front up, but this is their moment to make a statement," Kernaghan said. "It all adds up to another opportunity, but can equally serve as important information for selectors when it comes to picking New Zealand's team to contest the World Bowls Championships on the Gold Coast later this year – it's great to have international bowls back in full swing and we're putting in the hard work to get the preferred outcome."

Kelly and Inch will be lining up against more than 30 other nations including household names such as Australia's Aron Sheriff and Kelsey Cottrell, Welsh stars Daniel Salmon and Amy Williams, Malaysia's Izzat Dzulkeple, Norfolk Island's Phil Jones and Shae Wilson and reigning champions Michael Stepney and Julie Forrest, who both get to return to the field to defend their title on behalf of Scotland.

Section play gets underway on Sunday 7 May 2023.

TWILIGHT YOU Travel SOCIAL BOWLS 3 FIV

Continues 6pm Monday 27 February

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



Call Leanne for more details.

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From BNH

Entries open for forthcoming events

Dick Bree Memorial Triples

Entries close 10th March. Entry Fee \$25 per player. Event held 25th and 26th March Women Centre Singles

Women Centre Singles
Entries close 10th March. Entry Fee \$25 per player. Event held 25th and 26th March
1–5 Year Men Centre Singles

Entries close 17th March. Entry Fee \$25 per player. Event held 1st and 2nd April.

1-5 Year Women Centre Singles

Entries close 17th March. Entry Fee \$25 per player. Event held 1st and 2nd April.

1-5 AC Centre Pairs

Entries close 31st March. Entry Fee \$50 per pair. Event held on 8th and 9th April. Upcoming events

Bowls3 Five Event

Event held on 4th and 5th March

Cadness Cup - Women and Men

Event held 3rd and 10th and 24th March.

Men Pairs Final

11th March at Manly Bowling Club

