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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year



Birkenhead's victorious Cadness Cup team: David Eades (2), John Janssen (3), Gary Wallace (S) and Barry Reyland (L)

Cadness Cup

Reproduced from BNH website

Birkenhead and Takapuna were respective winners of the Cadness Cup competitions which concluded on March 24.

Birkenhead, skipped by Gary Wallace, with John Janssen at three and David Eades and Barry Reyland up front, won the men's version in a play-off between the two sections.

The Birkenhead Hornets won that after an extra end against Browns Bay Bolters, with Manly Lions and Beach Haven Badgers the defeated semi-finalists.

It was the second consecutive season Birkenhead had won the competition, repeating the 2022 triumph when Lionel Drew, who was unavailable for the final rounds this year, was skip.

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On the Greens

Note: the status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current status. Due to an ever changing playing calendar members are advised to check Club noticeboards and entry clipboards for updates.

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

Wednesday 5 April - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Friday 7 April – Easter Triples (OACT) - day 1

Saturday 8 April – Easter Triples (OACT) – day 2

Wednesday 12 April - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 15 April – 8.30am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, Full & Life members only)

– 8.30am Men's Championship Fours – continuation from 22/4

Sunday 16 April - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs – continue 23/4

Wednesday 19 April – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch

Friday 21 April – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry

Saturday 22 April – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (mixed) – continues 23/4

Sunday 23 April – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (mixed) – continuation from 22/4

– 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs – continuation from 16/4

Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day – Greens closed until 1pm, no play/practice until 1pm

Wednesday 26 April - - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Friday 28 April – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry

Saturday 29 April – 9am Leads and Twos (AC Drawn, Single Entry)

Sunday 30 April – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – Lunch provided

Wednesday 1 May - - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)

Saturday 6 May – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Triples (AC)

Sunday 7 May – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Fours (AC)

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

Friday 12 May - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) Team & Single/Individual Entry

Saturday 13 May – Birkenhead Bowling Club Closing Day and Prize Giving

Wednesday 19 May - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT - mufti) – BYO Lunch

Saturday 23 May – May Extended Triples (OACT – mufti) -day 1

Saturday 24 May – May Extended Triples (OACT – mufti) -day 2

Inside this Weekend

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

Friday 31 March - Open 3.30pm – Club Night

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Manawatu, Addington (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North, Ascot Park (Dogs)

Super Rugby Pacific* – 7.05pm Moana Pasifika v Highlanders

NRL* – 8pm Raiders v Panthers

Saturday 1 April – Open 8am

Racing – Avondale, Awapuni (Thoroughbreds)

Super Rugby Pacific* – 7.05pm Chiefs v Blues

NRL* – 5pm Sea Eagles v Knights

- 7.30pm Dragons v Dolphins

Sunday 2 March – Open 8am

Racing – Ascot Park (Thoroughbreds), Cheviot (Harness)

Super Rugby Pacific* – 3.35pm Hurricanes v Force

NRL* - 6.05pm Sharks v Warriors

* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

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





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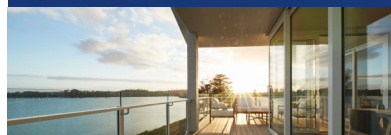
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No Bags

The Club receives revenue from hiring out various areas of the Club. Downstairs is perfect for meetings and there are a number booked. Members are reminded to not leave their bowls or bags in this area.

Cape Takes Singles

Saturday saw ten 1-5-year men turn out for the rescheduled 1-5 Year Championship Men's Singles. Bookies favourites BNH 1-5 Rep William Tonga, talented all-rounder Mitch Cameron and Club new-comer Nick Cape where there as were the first years Bill Robertson, Zakk Johnson and Craig Moverley and Mark Van Echten. Dennis English, Kieran Jones and Syd Walker filled out the field.

After day one, played under the two-life system, five remained, Cape the only two lifer, with Cameron, Moverley, Tonga and Jones on one life.

Sunday Cape sat out the first round with a bye, Jones defaulted gifting Tonga the win leaving Cameron and Moverley to play. Moverley jumped out to a surprise lead after four ends (6-0). But once Cameron settled and found his line he pegged back Moverley and passed him, ultimately taking a comfortable win (21-8). Cameron sat the next round out with the bye while Cape and Tonga battled it out. What started off as a tight game after nine ends it was all locked up (8-8). But at that point Cape stepped out to take eleven unanswered shots (19-8). Tonga came back with eight shots over six ends to be three behind (19-16). Two ends later and two shots to Cape (21-16), Tonga was on his way home while Cape progressed to a potential final with his two lives intact.

Cape and Cameron lined up, Cameron had to beat Cape twice while Cape only had to hold his composure and play the steady bowls he had been playing throughout on the championship for the win.

Cameron got out of the gates well and found himself leading (4-0), but after seven ends it was all locked up (5-5). Cape's steady line and weight control shone through comfortably taking the win (21-8) and the Club 1-5 Year Championship Men's Singles title. Next stop BNH 1-5 Year Men's Singles Champ of Champ..

BNH Women's Centre Singles & Dick Bree Triples

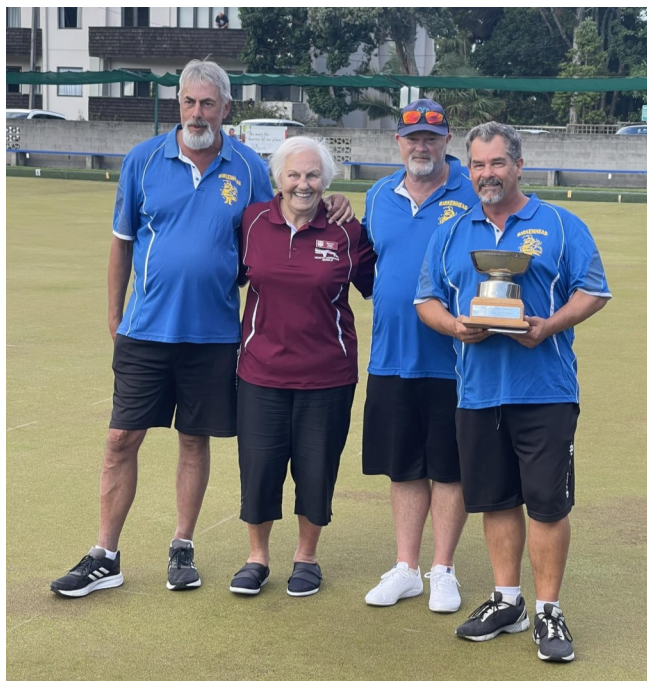
Extracts from BNH website

Takapuna club member Skye Renes achieved the rare, remarkable feat of a centre open singles title at the weekend while still only a junior.

In The Grove Orewa BNH women's championship final at Mairangi Bay Skye beat another bright prospect, Birkenhead's Millie Nathan, 21-17. But on an adjacent rink there was still satisfaction for the Birkenhead club for almost at the same time as the singles finished David Eades skipped Nigel Drew and Mark Rumble to a tense 19-18 win in the Dick Bree championship triples.

The Birkenhead triple beat a gallant Roy Parker-skipped Beach Haven line-up in a match evenly contested all the way and one which could have gone to an extra end but for a tight umpire's measure giving Beach Haven just one shot on the 18th end.

Skye's deserved win capped what has been an impressive record while still in the one-to-five ranks. Besides her many junior successes she already has two open titles, the champion of champion fours in 2020-21 and the championship triples last season. Though Millie won the first three ends to be ahead 3-0 it was Skye who was the more dominant player in the early stages. By often gaining the edge with her opening bowl or when Millie did have several shots either cutting the count or shattering the head with some accurate drives she jumped away to a 17-7 lead after 17 ends. But Millie showed her true ability with a commendable fightback to extend the match to a marathon 26 ends.



Winners of the Centre Dick Bree Men's Triples, Birkenhead's Mark Rumble, Nigel Drew and David Eades. Trophy presented by BNH President Maureen Taylor.



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MULTI-NATIONS 2023

DAY FIVE QUALIFYING



Multi Nations Live

The Multi Nations is currently underway across the ditch. Tony Grantham is there as part of the Blackjacks team. Various games are broadcast, free to view, on Bowls New Zealand's YouTube page, <https://www.youtube.com/@bowlsnewzealand>

Today, Wednesday 29 March you can catch Tony in action at 11.45am NZT as he and Andrew Kelly take on Queensland in pursuit of Multi Nations glory.

Ross "Trust Me" Murray a Success

By Vaughan Henderson

Not played for a few years due to Covid and insufficient numbers last year, the tournament got off to a good start on Wednesday 22nd with 24 players. A last minute hitch with one player having to pull out was overcome when Doug Campbell offered to play for half a day and Gill Rainbow played in the afternoon.

The format is quite unique: every player has a card and records the outcome of the game. Four games of eight ends were played – three bowl pairs, 2-4-2, 2 bowl triples and three bowl triples. The players change for every game, so you don't stay in the same team. Scoring is based on points won and ends won are only used if there is a tie. Bonus points are applied with 4 points for a win and two points for a draw. The tournament provides for prizes for the top five points winners and a consolation prize for the person with the lowest points.

Winner was Don Martin with 56 points, second was John Croy with 50 points, 3rd place went to Kieran Jones with 49 points, in 4th place was Mike Pugh with 47 points and 5th place went to Barry Reyland with 46 points. The consolation prize went to Bill Robertson with 20 points. Bob Murphy did his best to win the consolation prize, also ending up with 20 points but had three losses and a draw against Bill Robertson's three losses and a win. Many thanks to all those who turned up to play and I hope we can do it all again next year.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY!

Darts Expands

With the expansion of the darts section in supplying two teams for the Auckland City of Darts League the Club has added an additional darts area to accommodate.

The main bar upstairs has "The Hive", the "Wrong Bias Bar" downstairs now has a yet to be named and almost completed darts wall.

Thanks goes out to Barry Reyland, Jimmy Heath, Terry Moverley, Randall Watkins, Colin Barrow, Bernie Hall and Zak Johnson for their assistance in making this new area playable and over the coming weeks up to the Birkenhead standard.

\$6 Friday Gone

Fridays were known for happy hour in the good old days, 50 cents of your drink. Once a worthy discount when drinks were cheap, but as prices rose the 50 cents became more of a hassle. Replaced with \$5 Fridays once a month and these proved successful coming out of covid lockdown. This was raised to \$6 Fridays and BeeReward points were accrued. February was the last month for \$6 Friday, as the Board has decided to discontinue \$6 Friday.



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Quiz Night - Free Entry

7pm Thursday 14 April

Non-members welcome

Enter on the night

Quiz Partners:

Tim Roskrige of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen

The Bee is Out of Here

The Bee is off for a much-deserved break, so this is the last "Bee Express" for a while. The next publication of "The Bee Express" will be Wednesday 17 May. During this time, for playing calendar updates refer the Club's notice boards and entry clipboards. The President's Friday evening "State of the Nation" also includes Club social and match committee updates. The Club's facebook will continue to carry Club updates over this time.

Easter Triples Raffles - Advanced Sales

No extend tournament or any bowling tournament for that matter would be complete without the meat raffles. Imagine how many wives think their husbands are winning bowlers bring home a meat pack each week for third place!!! The Easter Triples is no exception, there are eight meat raffles with two draws in each on offer during the Easter Triples. If you have seen/won a raffle at Social Bowls or Winter Indoor Bowls you already know the quality of meat supplied by Browns Bay Butchery, 6 Inverness Road, Browns Bay. Limited advance sales will be available at the bar from Monday 3 April.



BeezKnits

The Club utilises the resources within its membership to support the premature babies. These little ones need all the help they can get to give them a fighting chance to be future bowlers. Our members knit booties, hats, mittens, vests, blankets and much more to keep the premature babies and newborns leaving Kidz First Hospital warm. From a small informal group the "BeezKints" have been formed, knitting for a specific purpose and donating all. The "BeezKnits" operate from the Club, where the Birkenhead Bowling Club has become a drop-off point, delivering knitwear to Middlemore on a regular bases. If you're keen to help out or join the "BeezKnits" contact Emmie (0275 297 297). Talking to a member of the Middlemore Foundation Wool Programme they currently need knitted blankets, peggy squares and cardigans. Donations of wool (4 ply & 8 ply) to the Club (or money to purchase wool) will be gratefully accepted at the Club, it is amazing how far one ball of wool or \$5 will go for the wee ones.

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Last Extended

May Extended Triples, Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 May, sees the last roll on the greens before winter renovations. Come and join us and our tournament partner Jet Couriers as we say goodbye to the 2022-23 summer season and chase some cash prizes, \$2,000 cash prize pool. Two days of competitive, yet social, any combination triples (OACT). As this is held after Birkenhead's closing day the dress code for this tournament is mufti. Included in the entry is morning tea and buffet lunch both days, to the high standard that Birkenhead is known for, along with Stue's free sausage sizzle after play on the Saturday. Limited to 16 teams, \$150 per team, entry payment is required to confirm entry. Enquiries and entry email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

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World Bowls Oceania Region Welcomes a New Event to the Calendar

Reproduced from World Bowls website.

World Bowls in partnership with Bowls New Zealand are extremely excited to launch the 2023 Digicel Oceania Challenge which will be a four-day tournament commencing on Friday April 14th and concluding on Monday April 17th to be staged at the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Digicel Oceania Challenge will for the first time ever bring together 10 international bowls teams from Aotearoa Maori, New Zealand Under 26, Tonga, Fiji, Niue, Tokelau, Samoa, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Norfolk Island. Aotearoa Maori and Tokelau are making their debuts at this level which is exciting for the players and their communities.

Regional Director Oceania for World Bowls, Brett O'Riley said the event will be a festival that will showcase Maori and Pacific cultures. Players will represent their island nations of origin, some resident in those islands, many residents in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia as part of the diaspora in both countries.

"It will be a true celebration of the cultures that make up our Oceania region, with players of all ages from teenagers through to some over 50 years of age, including some amazingly talented players who already have impressive records", said Mr O'Riley.

Each day's play will feature two sessions of qualifying, with the top teams progressing to the gold medal matches on the final day. Teams will be comprised of five men and five women, who will compete in all disciplines of bowls, including singles, pairs, triples, and fours. This will be the first ever International Bowls' tournament for many of the participating players and countries. There will also be an overall Digicel Trophy for the most successful combined result across the four disciplines.

The Digicel Oceania Challenge will be an exciting opportunity for these countries to come together and compete on a world stage and promote and develop the sport of Bowls in the Oceania region.

Bowls NZ CEO Mark Cameron said it is a chance to highlight the growth of participation in the local game by Maori and Pacific players, in the world's largest Polynesian city, Tamaki Makaurau Auckland.

"We are delighted to see the level of participation and interest from our local communities and diaspora, and Bowls Auckland are playing a huge part in the hosting of the event, which will hopefully stimulate further interest in our sport. We look forward to standing with mana whenua to welcome the visiting teams", said Mr Cameron.

The competition will be a great opportunity for all players to prepare for the World Championships to be played on the Gold Coast, Australia from August 29th – September 10th 2023.



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Reproduced from UpsideDowns Education Trust website

- **Purpose:** We believe that every child with Down syndrome should have the tools to develop their communication, confidence and independence, and the right to participate fully in society.

- **Mission:** We're empowering kids with Down syndrome to talk, read and write by helping fund speech language therapy

- **Vision:** Giving a voice to kids with Down syndrome

In New Zealand, a baby is born with Down syndrome is born every week on average. That's about 1 in 1,000 Kiwi families.

It is well-documented that "Speech and language therapy is the most important part of intervention services for children with Down syndrome if we wish to promote their cognitive (mental) and social development" (Buckley and Le Prevost, 2002). However, it may come as a surprise that the specialist education needed to ensure children with Down syndrome are equipped with the effective communication skills is not provided as part of the New Zealand Government's education curriculum. It is only available through private practitioners.

In 2003, a group of parents of kids with Down syndrome sought to address this need by establishing the UpsideDowns Education Trust. By helping fund speech and language therapy, we've ensured hundreds of kids have received tens of thousands of life-changing sessions and developed the ability to communicate effectively. The charity remains led by a volunteer Trust Board comprised predominantly of parents of children with Down syndrome



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The Birkenhead branch assists the Club in number of areas by way of Membership cards, score cards, opening day guest speaker. monthly Quiz nights, Kids Christmas Party, winter indoor bowls and a tournament or two 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 Roskruege, 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.

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