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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 21 June 2023



Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

Both greens are closed for winter renovations.

Inside this Weekend

Due to availability of staff, opening and closing times may change without notice. Friday 23 June – Open 3.30pm – 9pm - Club Night Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500 Saturday 24 June - Open 11am – 9pm Super Rugby Pacific Final* - 7.05pm Chiefs v Crusaders NRL* - 5pm Dolphins v Eels - 7.30pm Panthers v Knights Sunday 25 June – Open Midday – 7.30pm NRL* - 4pm Broncos v Titans - 6.05pm Rabbitohs v Cowboys * Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.

Club Night - Every Friday

Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500 and more......

AGM 2023 - BoM 2023-24

AGM 2023 came and went last Sunday morning leaving a number of changes at the Board of Management level. President & Chairperson - John Croy, Vice President – Douglas Campbell, Secretary – Bev Rolfe, Treasurer – Elaine Utting, Board Members - Evan Thomas, Keith Burgess, Vaughan Henderson, Lauranne Croot, Curtis Ennor.

BNH Annual Awards Function

BNH Clubs are invited to attend the BNH Annual Awards Function to be held at Browns Bay Bowling Club at 1.30 pm on Sunday 25 June 2023.

Birkenhead has a number of seats reserved for our members attending. Those wishing to attend put your name on the white board in the Club.

BNH Winter Coaching

The BNH winter coaching program (for all players, regardless of experience) has commenced under the roof at Orewa on Saturdays 10th (completed), 17th (completed) & 24th June, 9:00 am to 12 noon. The cost is \$5.00 per day, payable on the day. The final coaching session on the 24th will include a sausage sizzle.

Attendees must be either full or first year members of a club in the Bowls North Harbour Centre. To register, email bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz

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Quiz Night - Free Entry 7pm Thursday 13 July Non-members welcome Enter on the night

Quiz Partners:

Tim Roskruge of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen

Calendar Dates for 2024

BNH Umpies Tournament @ Birkenhead Friday 12 January 2024 Summer of Bowls Birkenhead Men's Pairs – Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 February 2024 Summer of Bowls Birkenhead Women's Pairs – Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 February 2024 Sandy's Seafood Tournament – Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 April 2024

That is It

This is the last edition of Bee Express; the Bee is retiring. First published Wednesday 8 October 2014, primarily a summer publication for the Match Committee (Carole Fredrick was Convener back then) to convey to members not only what was ahead but any changes to the playing programme. It evolved quickly to publishing Club news, other bowling related news along with general happenings in the Club and general bowling interest articles of interest to Club members and followers. Published weekly during the summer bowling season, there were the sporadic publications over the winter months if anything Club newsworthy cropped up. With the Darts section in the Club the Bee Express became an all-year publication as darts is at its most active during the winter months. Terry Moverley commented on his time as The Bee, "I have enjoyed putting it together

over the past eight plus years, we have shared some great Club moments during that time and seen circulation grow to individuals around the planet and into bowling clubs and organisations in both New Zealand and Australia.

Highlights have included the Club's Seventy-fifth Jubilee, Danny O'Connor's 10th National title, hosting the Sydney Lions for BPL05 (Ben Twist, Aron Sheriff, Karen Murphy, Steve Glasson and supporters), Australian lawn bowls legend Karen Murphy later returned for the Good Home Women's Pairs. The Club's three annual marque tournaments \$6,000 Men's Pairs, \$6,500 Women's Pairs and Sandy's Seafood Tournament, the Club successfully Headquartered the inaugural weeklong Bowls North Harbour Masters, the many BNH Centre titles that have come the Club's way over the past nine years. Mike Cartwright's controversial and often close to the bone column "The Doghouse" was a firm favourite of many and to the disgust of a few.

The hardest write ups were of memories for members we had lost, Danny O'Connor, Kevin Croasdale, Dale Ineson, Carole Fredrick, Jack Renwick, Ian McCallum, Bub Pike and Garry Moverley, to name a few.

What I will not miss will be the hours writing, sourcing material, and formatting each week for the Wednesday publication deadline and then the early 4am start Wednesday to get it out in everyone's email box, Facebook and up on the Club's website before heading off to my full-time job at 6.30am.

I can look back on The Bee Express with pride and astonishment that I ever published the first edition in the first instance and then a further three hundred and fifty-six after that. Thanks goes to all those that have contributed and supported the Bee Express over time, it's been fun, but this is the last." The Bee signing off.

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