

# The Bee Express



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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 10 December 2014













### On the Greens this week

Wednesday 10 December - 10am Club Day (AC) Thursday 11 December - 5pm entries close Leads and Twos. Saturday 13 December - 9am Leads and Twos (AC, Single entry) Sunday 14 December - 9am Ham Tournament - Sunday Fours (OACF) Wednesday 17 December - 9am Rod Mahon Memorial - Wednesday Triples (OACT)

## **Diary Dates - Open Tournaments**

Rotary Charity Tournament (OACF - mufti - non bowlers welcome) Friday 6th February Ryman Healthcare Open Men's Pairs (2day) Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February The Good Home Birkenhead Open Women's Pairs(2 days) Sat 14 & Sun 15 March Seafood Tournament (OMF) Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April.

### Welcome in 2015 at The Club

Come party with us and see the new year in at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

- · Live Band, thanks to our friends at Wheels of Wairau for sponsoring this.
- Buffett meal. Both bars operating.
- Tickets \$30, meal included.
- · Tickets on sale from www.bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or the club's bar.



## **BNH National Sevens Interclub**

Last weekend BNH Sevens Interclub concluded, with Birkenhead Women's Premier 2 side coming a commended second having played against what was the best sides other North Harbour clubs could muster. Birkenhead's Premier 1 Women's also came a close second in the two horse race that was Premier 1.

The Men's side did not fare so well, Premier 1 was taken out by Browns Bay with Riverhead second. Birkenhead's Premier two made the play offs, but dropped out after the first

This was all on top of losing the Christmas Shield to Northcote on Wednesday evening.

## **Nationals at Birkenhead - Update**

Bowls New Zealand Heartland Bank National Open Championships starts late December and runs through until early January. This year for the first time in its 101 year history, the event is being held on Auckland's North Shore, with the host club being the Browns Bay Bowling Club.

Birkenhead plays its part in providing greens for Section Play and some Post Section. We require markers for singles, if you are able to mark please put your name on the white board in the club. Markers will be fed each day and refreshments provided at the conclusion of the day. Members from other clubs are welcome to assist. We require markers for the following days.

Day 1 Sunday 28th December - Women's Singles

Day 3 Tuesday 30 December - Men's Singles

Our greens are used 7 days during the Nationals and each day they have to be set up for play. If you can spare an hour (7am - 8am), even for just 1 morning let Kevin Croasdale know your assistance will be much appreciated.



## Otawa Family Trust







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## **Club Membership Draw**

Drawn Wednesdays between 4.30pm - 5.30pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

Happy hour Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm

## **Friday Club Nights**

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards Happy hour 5 - 6pm.

Free Nibbles around 6pm

Club Membership draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm

Bring a friend along, they may enjoy it and join as a social member or a 1st year bowler!!

## **Spotlight on Sponsors**

This week we put the spotlight on "The Birkenhead Licensing Trust". Although not a sponsor, but with the Trust's support over the years the club has benefited from many grants.

Source http://www.birkenheadlicensingtrust.org.nz

The Trust is a net proceeds-committee of the Lion Foundation and is responsible for approving grant funding to the local community groups in Birkenhead and surrounding areas from gaming funds generated by Lion Foundation.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust was established in 1967 after voters decided that the Birkenhead Council area should change from 'dry' to 'wet' under the control of a licensing trust.



In 1970 the Birkenhead Trust Hotel was opened, with catering facilities designed to cater for all locals.

A period of expansion was followed by the economic slump of the late 1980s, the recipe for a loss-making enterprise. In 1992 the trust hotel complex was sold and only the whole-sale outlet retained.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust then sat for a number of years, accumulating revenue through the wholesale outlet and distributing interest accrued to local community groups. Meanwhile local licensing reins were loosened, allowing other operators to apply for licenses.

In the interim the Trust sought other suitable sites. In 2002 the Slipp Inn Pub had been opened by Allen Vaughan, who had a long history with Lion Breweries. In 2006 the Trust approached Mr Vaughan with an offer to buy the Slipp Inn, as it seemed a good fit for several reasons: the Trust is a net-proceeds committee of the Lion Foundation; grant funding to the local community comes from funds generated by Lion Foundation; the Trust was already the pub's landlord; the pub fitted the family-friendly ideal of the Trust; and the gambling facility was a source of revenue.

But, you ask, what is the difference between a Trust operation and a private or brewery-owned enterprise? Well, all profits from bar and restaurant sales and gaming proceeds are distributed in the local community through the Lion Foundation, rather than going into a big national pool for distribution nationally.

As Mr Vaughan points out, "The Trust does a lot of good in the community, it is not self-rewarding or ruled by self-interest, there are no paid directorships, and all six trustees are chosen by the electorate in the local body elections. As a result close to \$1 million annually has gone back into the community in recent years."

More recently the Trust bought the Glenfield pub Inn Field; revenues go back into the Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote areas from both establishments.

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# BOWLS BIRKENHEAD KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**MEMBER'S CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN** 

(CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER)

**SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER** 



Please bring your child a wrapped Present (labelled with your child's name & age) to the value of \$15 for the Santa sack

Names and numbers on the white board at club for catering purposes



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