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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 14 January



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New members Welcome.

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GOOD

On the Greens this week

Wednesday 14 January - 10am Club Day (AC)

Friday 16 January—1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 242) team & single entre welcome

Saturday 17 January - Greens required for BNH Centre event

Wednesday 21 January - Wednesday Tournament (OACT)

Thursday 22 January - 10am Club Day (AC)

Thursday 22 January - Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Singles

Diary Dates - Open Tournaments

Rotary Charity Tournament (OACF - mufti - non bowlers welcome) Friday 6th February Ryman Healthcare Open Men's Pairs (2 days) 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.

Club Championship Triples Decided

The first club championships of the season were decided last weekend with Ruth Lynch (s) Carole Fredrick and Lisa Helming taking out the Women's Triples over Gayle Melrose (s), Collen Sexton and Trish Croot on the Saturday, played under a round robin system. While after two days of play in the Men's Championship late on Sunday Lionel Drew (s), Keith Burgess and second year bowler Jerome Rusk championed over Nigel Drew (s), Dennis Matthews, and Peter Nathan.

Danny's a perfect 10 with another NZ title

Written by Grant Hassall for stuff.co.nz (7 January 2015)

Birkenhead's Danny O'Connor became just the third man in the 100-year history of the New Zealand bowls championships to claim his 10th title at Browns Bay earlier today. O'Connor was a member of a composite side skipped by Aramoho's Peter Belliss and

including Richard Girvan (Onehunga) and Lance Tasker (Tauranga) that withstood a spirited late comeback in the final from Raymond Martin (Victoria) to win 17-13. Martin's team included Monte Pawa and Rory Soden (both Glen Eden) and Richard Corry (Victoria).

After the frustration of losing the pairs final on an extra end on Sunday with Girvan, O'Connor was not to be denied this time. He equals Nick Unkovich and Gary Lawson with 10 titles on the all-time list. O'Connor has now won the singles and pairs one each and the fours on eight occasions, the first being with Unkovich way back in 1975.

With some telling shots in the first two-thirds of the final from Girvan and Belliss – twice he converted two down to two up – the game had a sense of inevitably about it at 16-4. But Martin's young side showed plenty of



A very happy Danny O'Connor, 10 National Open Tiles including 2015 National Men's Fours .

character. They took the next four ends, which was highlighted by a five on the penultimate end, to bring the score to 16-13 playing the last.

With Martin's front stuff growing in confidence, they held two fine shots, before Tasker drew an absolute beauty to arrest the decline. Pawa and Martin were unable to take find the necessary three and a relieved O'Connor was able to reflect on a momentous achievement, even if he did admit to being "a little bit numb".

The victory was the seventh national title for Belliss, a second for Girvan and a fourth for Tasker.













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Club Membership Draw - Today \$400

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

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