

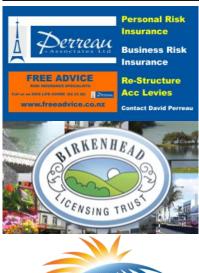
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Wednesday, 4 February 2015











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# **Ryman Healthcare Men's Open Pairs Edition**

#### **On The Greens This Week**

Wednesday 4 February - 10am Club Day (AC)

Friday 6 February - 9am Rotary Charity Tournament - postponed

Saturday 7 February - 8.15am Ryman Healthcare Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs (day 1) Sunday 8 February - 8.30am Ryman Healthcare Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs (day 2) Monday 9 February - 6pm United Travel Birkenhead - Social Bowls Wednesday 11 February - 10am Club Day (AC)

Thursday 12 February - Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Pairs

- Entries close 5pm Women's Championship Pairs

# **Diary Dates - Open Tournaments**

The Good Home Birkenhead Open Women's Pairs(2 days) Sat 14 & Sun 15 March Seafood Tournament (OMF) Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April.

## **Rotary Charity Tournament – Postponed**

Waitangi Day 6 February, 9am,

This tournament has been postponed - New date to be advised.

## **All Disciplines Are Birkenhead's**

No one dared to dream the result prior to the BNH Women's Centre triples starting last weekend, Birkenhead had claimed a number of Centre Titles this season, could we get the last one?

With only two sides entered, Colleen Sexton (s), Mavis Smith, Ruth Hitchcock and Reen Stratford (s), Denise Samuel, Connie Mathieson, Birkenhead's chances were riding on these two. After Saturday's section play both teams had made Post Section to be played at Birkenhead on Sunday. Unfortunately Sexton's team succumbed to Carl Barne's Sunnybare side in the first round. It was a different story for Reen's team, beating Mairangi's Margaret Elsby 20/11 and then a convincing semi-final win over Mary Guldbrandsen's Sunnybrae 20/8. The final was Birkenhead vrs Brown's Bay (Lisa Parlane (s), Anne Easton, Gail Dick) with the



BNH Women's Centre Triples 2014-15 Champions Connie Mathieson, Reen Stratford (s) and Denise Samuel *Photo: Murray Mathieson* 

winners after 17 of the 18 ends being Birkenhead's Reen Stratford (s), Denise Samuel and Connie Mathieson. Birkenhead now holds all the Women's Centre Disciplines — Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours, an awesome achievement.

BNH Men's 1-5 Year Singles Jimmy Heath won through to the semi-finals but went down to the eventual winner Miarangi's Michael Jelley. Tony Grantham was our sole representative on Sunday in the post section of BNH Men's Centre Singles. Unfortunately Tony went out to the eventual winner, Colin Rogan.

Birkenhead's ladies centre achievements this season BNH 2014 - 15 Women's Centre Singles - Champion BNH 2014 - 15 Women's Centre 1-5 year Singles - Champion BNH 2014 - 15 Women's Centre Pairs - Champion & Runners-up BNH 2014 - 15 Women's Centre1-5 years Pairs - Runners-up BNH 2014 - 15 Women's Centre Triples - Champion BNH 2014 - 15 Women's Centre Fours - Champion

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## **\$5,500 Ryman Healthcare Men's Open Pairs**

Now it is fourth year and with the continued support of tournament partners Ryman Healthcare. The field has grown from strength to strength each year. Previous winners have all returned along with many regulars and a few new comers. The successes of the tournament was evident when entries opened to the general bowling population in mid December we had one spot to fill and that was filled and paid for within an hour. Playing for \$1,500 first prize and an additional \$4,000 distributed through various sections certainly has the guys chasing. Tournament Chef Stuie and his harem of helpers is back on board serving up culinary delights for morning tea and lunch. Play starts Saturday morning and concludes with five finals at 3:15pm Sunday followed by Prize Giving.

#### **Past Winners:**

2012..... Jamie Hill, Neville Hill 2013.....Tony Garelja, Vladimir Marsic 2014 .....Jordan King, Danny Delany



The Champions Cup donated by Tony Grantham

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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**

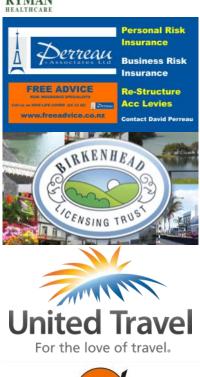
Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Free Nibbles around 6pm Club Membership draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm Bring a friend along, they may enjoy it and join as a social member or a 1st year bowler!!

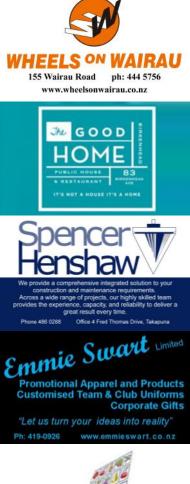


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### Masic, Sain, Grantham, Delany, Hitchcock

Marsic , Sain, Garelja, Goodwin, Grantham, Delany, King, Haresnape, Fisher, Chapman, Hill, Fitness, O'Connor, Cox and Birkenhead's very own Hitchcock, just a sample of the strong field assembled for 2015 Birkenhead's Ryman Healthcare Men's Open Pairs to be played on the greens at Birkenhead over Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 February.

With a total prize pool of \$5500, the winners collecting \$1500 and presented the "Champions Cup", donated by Tony Grantham. Grantham, who missed the inaugural tournament Grantham teams up again with Eastbourne's Justin Goodwin in their third attempt to lift the Cup. 2013 winners now under Riverhead, Wally Marsic and Tony Garelja, 2013 winners, both having played on the Birkenhead greens during the Nationals know what to expect. Riverhead is further represented by the club pairings of Steve Cox / Grant Goodwin and tournament new comers Duane McDonald / David Ross.

Last year's winners Danny Delaney / Jordan King, King recently selected in the NZ Development Side are out to defend their title and must be hot favorites. Orewa pairing of David Eades / Scott Curren have the potential to fire but as of yet have not, the tournament has not been kind to them in the past, could this be the year of their golden run?.

Barry Rajendram has left his brother at home and journeying up from the Waikato with him will be Jacob Patterson, both out of the Ngaruawahia club.

Birkenhead's Danny O'Connor, current Nationals Fours Champion, has Dennis Matthews as his wingman.

Now back playing out of Birkenhead, Ross Haresnape isn't travelling light to this tournament with partner Otahuhu Railway's Shane McGonggle. Howick's Bryan Chapman with the ever steady Neil Fisher is another team that has not quite fired at this tournament, could this be their year?

Inaugural tournament winners father and son Neville and Jamie Hill have a new name on their shirts and Neville says "having the support of Emmie Swart Limited will be all the difference", we wait to see.

Northcote's Joe Whitelaw originally with



2014 Winners - Jordan King, Danny Delany (s) with Ryman Healthcare representative Jill.Gregson

Freeling's (South Australia) John Grantham now pairs up with Browns Bay's Brian Wilson, as John has work commitments. The Pukekohe Club makes its debut with Alan Gibbons / Shaun Pennell travelling up the southern motorway in search for some glory. Hikurangi's Ken Fitness has paired up with Mike Bradshaw from Onehunga and Districts. Also venturing down from the winterless north are Coopers Beach's Trevor Smith with KeriKeri's Kevin Williams. Also from KeriKeri David Hood brings with him Kaitaia Combined's Barry Allison. New comers are Opononi's Sean and Mike Fitzgerald along with

Arapohue's Sandy Foy and Kevin Gainfort from Thames Coast Onerahi's John Dunn returns for his fourth tournament accompanied by Neil Connell Hillsbro's Rory Sedon steps in the helm with fellow club mate Ciaran McElvanna after Shane Gibson was unable to play, Shane tells the Bee Express he'll be back next year. Local Birkenhead Club team Nigel Drew / Mark Rumble playing pairs for the first time since their Junior days. The Scott Mouton / Peter Nathan combination could be worth a watching, untried combination with ability to claim some scalps. Gary Stevens / Mike Hitchock will be hoping to "mow" through the field chasing some cash. Birkenhead's President Keith Burgess has grabbed Carlton Cornwall's Russell Hocking. While Carlton Cornwall's Terry O'Connor and freshly crowned National Pairs Champion Petar Sain would be excepted to feature in the top four mix.

Glenfield player Jimmy Gifford, now resident in "The Tron", will lead for Birkenhead's Merv Garred. Neighbouring club Northcote show their presence on the greens with the pairing of Mike Haggart / John Hindmarch along with the Glenfield club and the Brian Nolan / Garry Helming, and David Gear / Tom Campbell combinations. Glenfield's Bruce Baker brings with him Ryman Healthcare Men's Open Pairs virgin Doug Campbell. Mairangi Bay is represented by Gary Seddon / Glenn Stratford and Gary Banks has Pt Chev's John Petelo with him.

With players fresh from The Nationals and Taranaki Fours competitions, these guys are on the top of their game, and expect to see some exciting competition over the two days.



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## **Spotlight On Sponsors**

This week it's Ryman Healthcare. Having been sponsoring at the club for only a short period of time but their ongoing partnership with the club has enable the club to run some flag ship tournaments. The big one being the 2 day Men's Open Pairs and returning next New Year the "Chilcott Cup"

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# Let The Battles Commence

Greens prepared for battle, 32 teams take to Birkenhead's greens.

Saturday 7 February is all about securing a position in the top sixteen with all teams playing four rounds to gain their seeding for Sunday's winners play winners draw and a slice of the \$5,500 cash prize pool.

Round one throws up some intriguing battles. Miarangi's Seddon/Stratford up against the talented G.Goodwin/Cox pair. Battle of the new comers Fitzgerald/Fitzgerald vrs Gibbons/Pennell. Haresnape/McGonagle shape up against the untried pairing of Mouton/Nathan. The all Auckland tussle McElvanna/Sedon vrs T.O'Connor/Sain with Sain fresh from Nationals success. Current Glenfield player Campbell/Gear clash with Gifford/Garred. Riverhead - Kerikeri clash, McDonald/Ross vrs Smith/Williams, Connell/Dunn vrs Hitchcock/Stevens. Local derby Haggart/Hindmarch takes on Birkenhead's own Rumble/Drew. Shaping up to be what potentially could be cracker of a game Curren/Eades take on defending champions King/Delany.

Round two, win or lose round one there are still three to be played. Hill/Hii vrs Whitelaw/Wilson. Grantham/J.Goodwin slug it out against Fitness/Bradshaw. Hindmarch's draw gets no easier as they take on Garelja/Marsic. Glenfield's Campbell/Baker will be out the put Far North's Allison/Hood back on the bus to the Cape. Patterso/Rajendram will endeavor to out class Gainfort/Foy, Cox/G.Goodwin vrs Chapman/Fisher

Round three and getting into the business end chasing the top 16 spots. Hindmarch with lead Haggart aka "Fish" hope to slip past King/Delany. Rumble/Drew take on Curren/Eades in an all Harbour rumble. Matthews/D.O'Connor vrs Chapman/Fisher

Nolan/Helmling vrs Campbell/Gear in an all Glenfield clash. Mouton/Nathan will be hoping to see a few of legendary K.B. wrong bias when they come up against the Burgess/Hocking combination.Petelo/Banks vrs Gifford/Garred. McGonagle/Haresnape face off against 2013 tournament winners Garelja/Marsic

Round four, last round of the day and no doubt a number of sides will be hunting the win to force their way into the top sixteen. Burgess/Hocking have possibly their hardest game of their day playing King/Delany, but they are more than capable of being the victors.

Hill/Hill takes on tournament new comers Pukekohe's Gibbons/Pennell. McDonald/Ross vrs Mouton/Nathan

Sunday is "pay day" and sees the top sixteen compete for the \$1,500 first prize, while the remainder of the field does battle for the minor places and still a possible pay day.

The games conclude Sunday afternoon where the arena will be reset and the five finals battles will commence at 3.15pm..

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Lead - Skip

Shane McGonagle (Otahuhu Railway)

Ross Haresnape (Birkenhead)

Scott Mouton (Birkenhead) Peter Nathan (Birkenhead)

Danny Delany (Onehunga) John Petelo (Pt Chevalier)

Garry Banks (Miarangi Bay)

Vladimir Marsic (Riverhead)

John Hindmarch (Northcote) Mark Rumble (Birkenhead)

Mike Haggart (Northcote)

Nigel Drew (Birkenhead)

Tony Garelja (Riverhead)

Scott Curran (Orewa)

David Eades (Orewa) Jordan King (Hillsbro)



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## **Introducing The Teams**

Teams for the 2015 Ryman Healthcare Open Men's Pairs

Lead - Skip Jamie Hill (Manurewa Cosmopolitan) Neville Hill (Onehunga & Districts) Doug Campbell (Glenfield) Bruce Baker (Glenfield) Barry Allison (Kaitaia Combined) David Hood (Kerikeri) Brian Wilson (Browns Bay) Joe Whitelaw (Northcote) Neil Connell (Onerahi) John Dunn (Onerahi) Mike Hitchcock (Birkenhead) Gary Stevens (Birkenhead) Sean Fitzgerald (Opononi) Mike Fitzgerald (Opononi) Alan Gibbons (Pukekohe) Shaun Pennell (Pukekohe) Jacob Patterson (Ngaruawahia) Barry Rajendram (Ngaruawahia) Tony Grantham (Birkenhead) Justin Goodwin (Eastbourne) Ken Fitness (Hikurangi) Mike Bradshaw (Onehunga & Districts) Dennis Matthews (Birkenhead) Danny O'Connor (Birkenhead) Gary Seddon (Miarangi Bay) Glenn Stratford (Miarangi Bay) Steve Cox (Riverhead) Grant Goodwin (Riverhead) Bryan Chapman (Howick) Neil Fisher (Howick) Kevin Gainfort (Thames Coast)

Sandy Foy (Arapohue)

Keith Burgess (Birkenhead) Russell Hocking (Carlton Cornwall) Brian Nolan (Glenfield) Gary Helmling (Glenfield) Ciaran McElvanna (Hillsbro) Rory Soden (Hillsbro) Terry O'Connor (Carlton Cornwall) Petar Sain (Carlton Cornwall) Tom Campbell (Glenfield) David Gear (Glenfield) Jimmy Gifford (Glenfield) Merv Garred (Birkenhead) Duane McDonald (Riverhead) David Ross (Riverhead) Trevor Smith (Coopers Beach) Kevin Williams (Kerikeri)





## **Ryman Healthcare Men's Pairs Schedule**

Come and watch the action. Enjoy some great bowls while enjoying the club's facilities. All the club's facilities are open from before the first game each day till late.

Sunday 8 February:

Trial ends

8.20am

8.30am 10.45am 1.15pm 3.15pm 5.30pm 5.45pm	Round 1 Round 2 Round 3 Round 4 Day 1 results <b>Stuie's Free Sausage Sizzle</b> Day 2 draw announced	5.15pm Times in Ita Schedule si	
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<b>Birkenhead</b> Women's Open Pairs Sat 14 & Sun 15 March 2015 Start 8.15 am Saturday & 8.30 am Sunday			
\$6,500 Minimum Cash Prize Pool \$1,500* First Prize (*based on 32 entries)			
Morning tea and lunch provided both days \$100 per team Limited to the first 32 paid up teams			
Entry forms available from www.bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz facebook Birkenhead-Open Women's-Pairs Or the Club (93 Mokoia Road Birkenhead) For Info contact Leanne ph: 021-0737830 or Emmie 0275-297297 email: emmie@emmieswart.co.nz			
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