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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 11 January 2017



Today's Club Draw \$250 & Joker \$500

On The Greens

Wednesday 11 January - 10am Club Day (AC) Thursday 12 January - 6pm Handicap Singles - Rd 1 (Mixed - Mufti) Wednesday 18 January - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) Thursday 19 January - 10am Club Day (AC) Saturday 21 January - Greens Required - Centre Event Sunday 22 January - Greens Required - Centre Event Monday 23 January – 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (7)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 13 January – Club Night

Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500 Circlet: New Zealand v Bangladesh (1st Test, day 2), Tennis: ASB Men's Classic, Basket Ball: Breakers v Sydney Kings Live racing Nelson & Cambridge (harness) and across Australia Saturday 14 January Circlet: New Zealand v Bangladesh (1st Test, day 3), Tennis: ASB Men's Classic (final)

Live racing Ellerslie, Wellington, Kumara, and across Australia Sunday 15 January Circlet: New Zealand v Bangladesh (1st Test, day 4)

Live racing Rotorua & Nelson (harness), Manukau (dogs) and across Australia.

Greens Matters

By Glenn Ibbett – Green Keeper

After a busy start to the Bowling Season. The top green has sustained some damage to the ends. While some I expect wear and tear, it was more than I expected. So over the course of the Christmas New Year period. I have reseeded these areas and germination has started. So we can hope to get back onto this green in a couple of weeks. As for the bottom green. It has fared much better with minimal damage. Over the upcoming weeks/months I will be applying fertilisers and wetting agents to our greens to aid with quick recovery and to deter heat stress on those hot days that will be coming. We will also be applying water to the greens during the intermission of playing days.

Handicap Singles

The New Year playing season starts with the Mixed Handicap Singles commencing 6pm tomorrow night Thursday, 12 January.

Played under the "sudden death" format it's all about the first to 21 shots, no second chances here.

Round 1 tomorrow evening sees: Wafer (4) v Thomas (0), Stevens (1) v Mason (10), Belcher (7) v Belcher (8), Croy (4) v Croot (0), Wallace (8) v Abela (4), Pierson (1) v Burgess (0), Croot (8) v Drew (0), Beer (10) v Henson (8). Fortunately the following rounds are play over a series of weeks Round 2: 2 February, Round 3: 9 February, Final: 23 February.

Charity Tournament - Monday 6 February

For many years on Waitangi Day Birkenhead Rotary in conjunction with Bowls Birkenhead and supported by Birkenhead RSA, have raised funds in support of charities. We typically raise around the \$7,000 mark for the chosen charity.

Teams of fours, any combination, mufti (many teams dress to a theme), a non-bowler in each team is encouraged (after all this is a fun day, raising money for a good cause) Loads of raffles and auctions.





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Teams confirmed for #BPL05 in Auckland

From Bowls Australia website

All eight franchises have confirmed their line-ups for the fifth instalment of the Bowls Premier League to be staged in New Zealand

The fifth instalment of the Bowls Premier League is gearing up for its inaugural staging in Auckland New Zealand with eight powerhouse franchises lining up for the revolutionary fast-paced event.

In another first for BPL, viewers will be treated to matches played on a portable rink inside the North Shore Events Centre, the home of the New Zealand Breakers basketball team, with 20 hours of live broadcast on Sky Sports NZ and Fox Sports here in Australia from February 27 to March 2.

When trying to predict a winner it will be hard to bet against BPL04 Champions the BCiB Sydney Lions with their unchanged playing line-up for the contest across the ditch.

Australian Jackaroos Aron Sherriff, Ben Twist and Karen Murphy can create history as the first BPL side to go back-to-back with the Sydney Lions; the foreign territory will prove challenging for many franchises however the Sydney Lions boast plenty of experience competing in New Zealand and have activated a change in their coaches box.

Someone who knows about Australian teams succeeding in New Zealand is National Coach Steve Glasson OAM who recently guided his Australian contingent to a record breaking haul at the 2016 World Championships in Christchurch and will replace Gary Willis at the helm of his former BPL team the BCiB Sydney Lions.

The Blackjacks have boosted their hopes with the return of New Zealand legend Jo Edwards who lifted the trophy alongside team mate Shannon McIlroy, the recently crowned World Singles Champion, in BPL03.

2016 World Fours Champion Blake Signal steps in for Ali Forsyth whilst in the coaching arena Dave Edwards' allegiance is now with Club Pine Rivers owned franchise the Brisbane Pirates and replacing him as both the BPL coach and New Zealand Blackjacks National Coach is former World Champion Sharon Sims.

Another franchise to trigger a change to their line-up is the Brisbane Pirates which have failed to make a finals appearance since the inaugural BPL where they claimed the \$40,000 first prize in front of a home crowd at Club Pine Rivers.

Australia's number one ranked female bowler Natasha Scott and former Australian representative Sean Baker survived the cull, however Commonwealth Games gold medallist Kelvin Kerkow OAM was not so lucky, paving the way for an in form Jeremy Henry to step back into the BPL arena. Henry represented the Perth Suns in the opening two instalments where they featured in



BPL04 - The victorious Sydney Lions

both finals campaigns and was then poached by the Brisbane Pirates in 2013. After a year on the sidelines, the numerous World Title holder and flag bearer for Northern Ireland at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, will be back on your screens establishing a formidable maroon's outfit capable of reclaiming the BPL trophy.

Cross-town rivals the Gold Coast Hawks have re-arranged their side with Commonwealth Games gold medallist and World Champion Mark Casey joining his Australian and Club Helensvale team mates Lynsey Clarke and Brett Wilkie back into their star-studded lineup.

Australian Jackaroo Nathan Rice will replace Anthony Kiepe as the Gold Coast Hawks Coach.

Another World Champion back for BPL05 is former MVP, the Messenger Press Adelaide Endurance star Scott Thulborn off the back of his recent victory in the World Champion of Champion Singles at Club Helensvale; however this comes at a cost to Wayne Ruediger who had been present for Adelaide's four consecutive finals appearances.

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We'll see another BPL debutant make his mark in New Zealand; Perth Suns newest recruit John Slavich will not go un-noticed in BPL05 and will add some spark to the team from the west.

Two other franchises have opted for an unchanged line-up for BPL05; the Blundstone Melbourne Roys, BPL04 semi-finalist, and the Murray Steamers, the BPL04 runner-up franchise will stick with their teams for the Auckland instalment. BPL05 will be broadcast live on Sky Sports NZ and Fox Sports Australia at 6.00pm to 11.00pm NZDT (4.00pm to 9.00pm AEDT) from February 27 to March 2. The broadcast matches will be filmed at North Shore Events Centre, while the day-time rubbers will be played at the nearby Sunnybrae Bowling; entry is free of charge to both

venues. BPL05 Teams-Adelaide Endurance Max Kleinig Scott Thulborn Breeana Dickson Coach-Les Carter

Melbourne Roys

Dylan Fisher Aaron Wilson Tiffany Brodie Coach- Todd Simmons

Perth Suns Kristina Krstic John Slavich **Pieter Harriss** Coach- Therese Hastings Brisbane Pirates Sean Baker Natasha Scott Jeremy Henry Coach- Dave Edwards

Murray Steamers Ryan Bester Ellen Ryan Michael Walker Coach- Barry Brennan

Sydney Lions Aron Sherriff Ben Twist Karen Murphy Coach- Steve Glasson Gold Coast Hawks Lynsey Clarke Mark Casey Brett Wilkie Coach- Nathan Rice

New Zealand Blackjacks Jo Edwards Shannon McIlroy Blake Signal Coach- Sharon Sims

TAB

TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.

Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Joker 500 on sale from 5pm, Club Membership Draw drawn between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Raffles resume Friday 21 January 2017

Club Membership & Joker Draws

Club Membership & Joker 500 draws drawn Wednesdays & Fridays. Club membership drawn between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize.

Joker 500, numbers on sale from 5pm—6pm. Purchase a number or numbers, a winning number is drawn at 6.15pm. The purchaser of that winning number selects a card from the Joker cabinet and receive the corresponding prize with the top prize being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday.

\$6,500 Women's Pairs

Two day \$6,500 Women's Pairs, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March 2017. The season is rolling on and the 2017 Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs is just under three months away. With it's \$6,500 total prize pool and \$1,500 for first place this is a tournament not to be missed. Further details and entry forms will be available soon from Face book and from the clubs website.

Normal opening hours 3pm - 5pm daily.

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Spotlight on Sponsors

Thanks John for your continued support and your assistance on our legal matters. *Source Blomkamp Cox website*

John Cox has been in private practice as a barrister and solicitor for twenty years. He has been the principal of Blomkamp Cox Solicitors since 1999. He specialises in business and property law, residential and business conveyancing, estate and financial planning and trusts, insolvencies and civil litigation and family law. He has appeared before all

courts and tribunals up to, and including, the Court of Appeal. He has been a Senior Trustee Member (MNZTA) of the NZ Trustees Association since 1999, the Honorary Solicitor of the Birkenhead Bowling Club Inc. since 1999, and a legal advisor at the Birkenhead Citizens Advice Bureau since 1990. He has been a member of the Public Issues Committee of the Auckland District Law Society Inc. since February 2009, and has drafted several issued papers for the committee. John founded and led the



Campaign for the Privy Council in 2003 and 2004, opposing the abolition of appeals from New Zealand to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London.

Outside the law, John Cox has had a lifelong interest in general and military history, politics, heraldry and vexillology, genealogy, anthropology and archaeology. He was a member of the Auckland Division of the Royal New Zealand Navy Volunteer Reserve, HMNZS Ngapona, from 1995 to 2009, serving as a Lieutenant. He was a correspondent of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London) from 1996 to 2002, and an oc-

of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London) from 1996 to 2002, and an occasional book reviewer for the Australian Defence Force Journal. He has been a member of the Defence of New Zealand Study Group since 1997. John Cox is also a leading New Zealand vexillolographer. He was the founder of the New Zealand Flag Institute Trust in 2004, and remains the trust's Executive Director. He was a founding member of the Monarchist League of New Zealand Inc. (now Monarchy New Zealand) in 1995. He was a councillor from 1999 to 2008, and treasurer from 2000 to 2004. He was a member of the Heraldry Society of New Zealand (formerly the Heraldry Society (New Zealand Branch) Inc.) from 1983 to 2008, serving as councillor 1994 to 2008, and legal advisor 1995 to 2008. John has been a councillor of the Royal Commonwealth Society (Auckland Branch) since 2013. John's other hobbies include classical music, running and gardening. John is married, with one son.



A holiday shot of the resort , in sunny Hawkes Bay, "the Bee" spent the Christmas New Year break