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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 23 August 2017

















Three Membership Draws & Joker 500 Today Total Value Available \$1,400

On The Greens

Both greens are currently closed

The bottom green has had all the backboards replaced with the backboards now the same height all round. Thanks Terry Henshaw and his crew.

Saturday 9 September – 12.30pm Opening Day Mini Tournament Wednesday 13 September – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) Friday 15 September – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 25 August - Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing - Taupo (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Saturday 26 August

Racing - Ellerslie & New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds) and racing from across Australia Investec Rugby Championship* - 7.30pm All Blacks v Australia

NRL* - 5pm Titians v Bulldogs, 7.30pm Storm v Rabbitohs

Sunday 27 August

3.30pm - 6pm Sunday Blues Jam

Racing - Te Aroha (Thoroughbreds), Forbury Park (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

NRL* - 4pm Warriors v Sea Eagles, 6pm Panthers v Dragons - Due to the Sunday Blues Jam upstairs, the Warriors game will be on the screen in the downstairs lounge. * viewing selection is dependent on the members.

Three Draws Left

Counting today's membership draw, there are only three membership draws left (23, 25 & 30 August) utilising the 2016-17 season membership numbers. The draw on Friday 1 September will utilise the new 2017-18 season membership numbers.

To be in the membership draw from Friday 1 September onwards you must have paid your 2017-18 sub in full by or on the Sunday prior to each draw.

New membership cards will be available on Opening Day for those that have paid on or before Sunday 3 September.

Club Membership Draw is drawn Wednesdays between 5pm - 6pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize

Opening Day & Guest Speaker

Only Seventeen more sleeps. Invitations emailed and posted. Saturday 9 September Birkenhead opens for the 2017-18 summer season, our 75th year. As has become a much anticipated tradition in recent years a guest speaker is booked and ready to go. The day kicks off with at 12.30pm with Opening Day Mini Tournament, Single Entry - Open to Full members, entry is free, names in by 12.05pm.

4pm formal speeches, guest speaker (sponsored by Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead), opening of the green, followed by a selection of finger foods for everyone's enjoyment. Dress: Partners and Social Members: smart casual

Full Members: Club Uniform or bowling attire where appropriate.

A Pure Gem

Keith Burgess forever thinking suggested to his wife Margaret that they could probably get by with only one car. Margaret immediately replied "how will you get to bowls?". Needles to say Keith and Margaret still have two cars.



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Membership Subscriptions Due

To qualify for any discounted fee, were applicable, subscriptions are to be paid on or before Saturday 9 September 2017. To play in Bowls North Harbour Centre 2–4–2 Mixed Pairs, Ivan Kostanich Memorial Men's Premier Open Singles and Auckland Bowls Women's Premier Open Singles you are required to be a financial member.

Reps, Winter Cup, Canoe & Campi Cups

Tony Grantham has been named in the Blackjack team to participate in November's Trans-Tasman series. The event is being held on Australia's Gold Coast, and will be used as a rehearsal for the 2018 Commonwealth Games which are being held at the same venue.

Bowls North Harbour played Bowls Taranaki out under the roof at Pukekohe with the following Birkenhead members playing in their respective teams, 1-5 – Jimmy Heath, Jerry Belcher, Jerome Rusk, 1-8 – Daymon Pierson, Open – Scott Mouton and Randall Watkins. Bowls North Harbour came away with 19 wins and 3 draws to Bowls Taranaki's 11 wins and 3 draws

Birkenhead came runners-up to Browns Bay in the Women's Winter Cup. After dropping all there games on the first day they fought back over the next four weeks. But Browns Bay had the jump on them and Birkenhead had to settle for the runners-up spot. In the Men's Winter Cup neither Birkenhead teams made the knock out stage, there is always next winter

Last weekend saw those involved in the Auckland Coaches Association 1-5 year winter coaching programme compete for the Canoe (men) and Campi (women) Cups. Birkenhead's members were representing the North West section.

The Campi Cup played on the carpet at Epsom Bowling Club with a field of twenty was won by a North West team comprising Jacqui Belcher (Birkenhead), Barbara Williams and Judy McSweeney.

The Men's equivalent the Canoe Cup was played on the carpet at Bridge Park with twenty eight teams out to claim the trophy. Birkenhead's Jimmy Heath skipping his North West team made the top eight but lost their first game on the Sunday and dropped to the Plate section which they went on to win. Outside of the top eight in the Consolation Garry Beer and two players from other clubs came forward and won the Consolation. A fitting way to show off what had been learnt over the winter.

Handbooks

The Club handbook is at the printers and we expect to have it available to members this coming Friday. The playing programme for the coming season is also available for download from the clubs website: www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/club-programme.

A big thank you to John Croy's wife, Sonya, who spent more than a few hours proof reading the handbook for us.

The handbook has been produced free of charge the past seven years by Akarana Publishing Company. Thanks Graham Lambert (Guppy) for your great service and continued support. Akarana Publishing Company has kindly offered to produce the 75th Jubilee Programme. The 75th Jubilee Programme will be available at the Club



from Thursday 22 March 2018. It will be essential reading for those attending the celebrations.

Centre handbooks we have been advised by the Centre that they will be couriered out to clubs early September.

Christmas Bowls, Book Today

Looking for somewhere to hold your Christmas function? Everywhere to expensive? Why not try the club? Set in a central location that Birkenhead is, with great facilities and access to two bowling greens where you can 'have a roll up'. The bowling club will give you a unique not to be forgotten Christmas function. The Club is a great venue, offering good kitchen and bar facilities and flexible catering options. The Club can cater for a large number of guests and are generally cheaper to hire and have better bar prices than other function venues. If you're interested, let us know what you had in mind, our Function Coordinator will assist you from start to finish. It is never too early to book your Christmas bowls function, phone the club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297) or email privatefunction@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz











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75th Jubilee

Founded in 1943 and in 2018 we celebrate 75 years over five days of Easter. The Club is gearing up to celebrate this occasion with various tournaments and social events.

It all starts Thursday afternoon 29 March 2018 with 2-4-2 Pairs, finishing off Monday 2 April with a BBQ, with various bowling tournaments and social events in between. The bowling highlight of the celebrations will be the two day 75th Jubilee Classic. While the social highlight will undoubtedly be the 75th Jubilee Black Tie Dinner complete with the Mermaids Dance Band providing the entertainment. The Club has a committee specifically for the Jubilee Celebrations and the planning is well advanced for all nine events being held.

Various members have expressed an interest in assisting financially and to date a number of members have pledged various amounts, thank you to those members. If you are in position to and would like to contribute towards the celebrations financially, please contact Emmie Swart (0275 297 297), it may be anonymous if you wish. All those that contribute will be listed, name only, in the Jubilee Programme. It is great milestone to reach and the club plans on giving those that attended the various tournaments and social events the best experience possible.

Any past members, friends or relatives who would be interested in joining with us to mark this special occasion, please register your interest with the Club Secretary outlining your ties to the Birkenhead Bowling Club. email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz) or phone/text 027 6661618

There is something for everyone during the five days of celebration.

Thursday 29 March

Jubilee 2-4-2 Pairs (Open Any Combination Pairs - mufti - half day)

Jubilee 70s v 80s

Jubilee Meet & Greet

Jubilee Quiz Night

Friday 30 March

Jubilee Classic (Open Any Combination Fours - playing fours & pairs) - day 1 of 2 Club Night - Raffles, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Live Music - Love Jones - ticketed event

Saturday 31 March

Jubilee Classic (OACT) - day 2 of 2

Jubilee Classic Prize Giving

Evening - A chance to catch your breath, chill out, socialise in the club, Live sport on the screens.

Sunday 1 April

Jubilee Triples (Open Any Combination Triples)

75th Jubilee Black Tie Dinner & The Mermaids Dance Band - ticketed event

Monday 2 April

Jubilee Social Bowls Afternoon

End of Celebrations BBQ

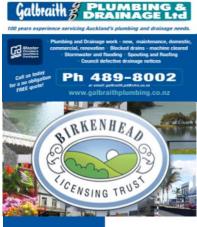
National Interclub Change

From Bowls New Zealand Circular #7 - July 2017

NATIONAL INTERCLUB Circular #6 previously advised that the Conditions of Play state "that if a player has played in Division 1 previously they cannot play in Division 2". Following good feedback from the Centres, it was agreed this Condition of Play was too restrictive and has now been restated to read: "New Zealand Representatives (Open and Development) and those who have won a National title which counts as a point towards a Bowls NZ Gold or Silver star will be ineligible to play in Division 2 for a period of 10 years from their last representation or title." Meaning New Zealand representatives and past National champions over the past 10 years will be ineligible to play in Division 2.







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Opening Day Guest Speaker

The past six years the Club's been fortunate to have had some great speakers at Opening Day. This year is no exception, who will stand in front of our honours boards this year.



Regular Open Tournaments

No season at Birkenhead would be complete without our regular open tournaments. The popular Friday 2-4-2 Afternoon Pairs returns but with more carded dates. Enter a team or Single Entry. Dress is mufti. If you can get Friday afternoons off this is the perfect way to spend it.

Evan Thomas has the ruins for our monthly Wednesday Triples starts 20 September, buffet lunch provided and with some nice meat packs for those that step up on the day. Included in this series of tournaments is the Rod Mahon Memorial in December, enter early if you want to play in this. Sunday Triples are Merv Garred's baby. Not quite monthly but pretty close to it. December 10 is the annual Ham Tournament, a tournament not to be missed. All Sunday Triples include a buffet lunch, with raffles and meat pack prizes on offer for the winners.



NAMES IN BY 12.30PM

1PM START, CASH PRIZES

\$10 PER TEAM OR SINGLE ENTRY \$5

(2017) SEPT 15, 22, 29, OCT 6, 13, 20, 27, NOV 3, 10, 17, DEC 1, 8, 15

(2018) JAN 26, FEB 9, 23, MAR 2, 16, 23, APR 6, 20, 27, MAY 4



PH 09 480 7493
Please phone the club to enter

SUNDAY

OTAC

9.00AM START
\$30 PER TEAM

(2017) 24 SEPT, 12 NOV, 10 DEC (HAM TOURNAMENT),

(2018) 4 MAR, 6 MAY, 20 MAY, 3 JUN



PH OR TEXT MERV 021 044 7627 sunday@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

WEDNESDAY

LUNCH PROVIDED
9.30AM START
\$30 PER TEAM

(2017) 20 SEPT, 18 OCT, 15 NOV, 20 DEC (ROD MAHON AND HAM),

(2018) 17 JAN, 21 FEB, 21 MAR, 18 APR, 16 MAY, 23 MAY, 30 MAY











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SKY SURVIVOR NRL Finals

\$400 TO THE LAST SURVIVOR*, 2 x LUCKY DRAWS*

Limited to 25 entries @ \$20 each Entries & entry fee to John Hindmarch

Same rules as the regular season Sky Survivor, with one exception. In the Grand Final you may pick a team you have already pick previously.

First round selections closes 6.30pm Thursday 6 September

Selections to be made & in the Sky Survivor Box at the bar by 6.30pm the Thursday prior to the round commencing.

*Terms & Conditions apply, based on 25 entries

The Club's Carpark & Car Parking

As the bowling season fast approaches members are reminded of the parking restrictions during school days.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club has limited car parking and over the years has built a strong relationship with the Birkenhead Primary School enabling both property owners to utilise each other's limited parking resources together. Recently (three years) the Birkenhead Kindergarten has also been involved. Primarily the Club's carpark is for use by members and visitors while frequenting the club. There are agreements in place between both the Birkenhead Primary School and the Birkenhead Kindergarten to allow parents to park for 10 minutes for the purpose of dropping off and picking up children. Please be mindful of children in the car park school mornings and afternoons. The club also has use of the Kindergarten's parking during Sunday Tournaments. Wednesday Open Tournaments there are a limited number (9) of additional carparks available in the school carpark, Logan has these identified. All other times during school hours the Primary School carpark is a "towaway area". We are also fortunate enough, with advanced notice, to be able to use inside the primary school gate for parking. Logan has told the club that from time to time there are parks available in the school carpark during school hours, but they must clear this with him prior to parking or risk being towed away.

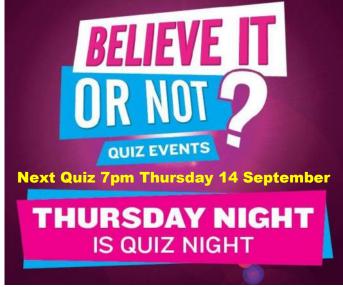
The club's website has a map with other car parking options marked. http://www.bowlsbirkenhead.com/parking.html

Quiz Night – Second Thursday of the Month

Our quiz nights are interactive, incorporating the Club's entertainment system to run the entire night through our big screen and televisions. Needless to say, our quiz host, Jerry Belcher, is still an integral part of our quiz night.

Each month the quiz contains eight rounds of ten questions, plus a 'Last Man Standing' competition, 'Ponderous Puzzle' and 'The List', The categories change every month, to ensure a wide variety of subjects are covered, not just every month, but all the time.

Reserve your team's spot by registering your team at the bar or phone the club 480-7493. Get a team or let us know you want to join a team. Starts 7pm sharp. Free pizza during the evening. Prizes and lucky draws. \$30 per team up to six people and \$5 for each additional person







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FREE Have A Go & Open Day

Sunday 17 September

- 1 6pm Club Open Day
- 1 4pm Have A Go @ lawn bowls
- Live music from 2pm
- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Come and see what else the club has to offer

More than just a bowling club



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National Open Championships

The National Open Championships is the most prestigious event on the Bowls New Zealand National Events calendar.

As the flagship event for bowls in New Zealand it has a long history of bringing bowlers together to enjoy the game. This open event gives every bowler the chance to compete for top honours as a National Title.

Headquarters for 2017/2018 National Open Championships is at the Taieri Bowling Club, Dunedin.

2017/2018 National Open Championships entries are now open via BowlsNZ website. **Entries close 24th November 2017.** Entries received after this date will be put on a waiting list which means you may NOT play. You will only be moved off the waiting list if a player of team who are in section play withdraw from the competition.

Any questions regarding the upcoming National Open Championships, please contact our Events Manager, Helen Stallard, helen@bowlsnz.co.nz or 021 966 024



National Open Championships 2017-2018

	MEN	WOMEN	PLAYING PROGRAMME
29 December, 2017	Singles	Pairs	QUALIFYING
30 December, 2017	Pairs	Pairs	
31 December, 2017	Pairs	Singles	
1 January, 2018	Fours	Fours	
2 January, 2018	Fours	Fours	

3 January, 2018	Singles	Pairs	POST SECTION
4 January, 2018	Pairs	Singles	
5 January, 2018	Fours	Fours	
6 January, 2018	Singles/Pairs/Fours	Singles/Pairs/Fours	
7 January, 2018	Singles/Pairs/Fours	Singles/Pairs/Fours	
8 January, 2018	Singles/Pairs/Fours	Singles/Pairs/Fours	



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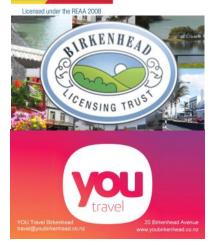
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Birkenhead 1-8 Year Open AC Triples Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 February 2018

\$5,000 * Cash Prize Pool \$1,500 * First Prize

*based on 32 entries

Pencil These In

Thursday 14 September - 7pm Quiz Night

Saturday 9 September - Opening Day for the 2017-18 summer season

Saturday 15 October - The House Band

Sunday 17 October - 1pm Have A Go & Club Open Day, 2pm Live music

Friday 27 October - Guy Cater - Hypnotist

Tuesday 7 November - Melbourne Cup Day, Club open from 11am

Sunday 17 December - Kids Christmas Party

Thursday 29 March - Monday 2 April (Easter) - 75th Jubilee (bowling tournaments and social events)

Centre Events Closing

Entry forms for the Centre events below are available from the respective Centre websites. Entry and fees are paid direct to the respective Centre.

Bowls North Harbour Centre 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 September 2017.

Entries Close with Bowls North Harbour Wednesday 30th August 2017

Bowls North Harbour Ivan Kostanich Memorial Men's Premier Open Singles

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 September 2017.

Entries close with Bowls North Harbour Wednesday 6 September 2017

Auckland Bowls Women's Premier Open Singles

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September 2017 Entries are open to any Full Playing Female Member of a Club affiliated to World Bowls.

Entries close with Auckland Bowls Wednesday 6 September 2016.

Hypnotist Show

Guy Cater returns to the Club Friday 27 September with his Kiwi Comedian & Hypnotist show. It's always a very entertaining night. They still talk about Don Trott being hypnotised and that's seven or eight years ago.

Put a ring around 7pm Friday 27 September, \$10 per person.



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 4.30pm - 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 available being \$500 every Wednesday and Friday.





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Hand Membership List Changes

Michael Cartwright 021 0548542 (Full Member)

Mick Moodie 443-1039 or 022 6412660 (Full Member)

John Dyksma - 027 3327683 Social to 1st Year

Paris Barker - resigned

Peter Smith 483-3216 (Social Member)

Louise Fox 482-4101 or 021 2357121 (Social Member)

Sua Ky 021 1792995 (Social Member)

Please ensure that the Secretary is advised of any change of postal address, email address or telephone number.

Sunday Afternoon Blues Jam - 27 September

Join us for Freight's semi-regular Blues set and jam afternoon at the Club. They will play until about 4:30pm as Freight and then invite audience members or other musicians to tag in or take over. Last time there were a couple of guest vocalists and bassists and a pair of enthusiastic percussion assistants. This is organised on the afternoon depending on who turns up, so bring your instrument / blues tunes and make yourself known! Whether watching or participating, a few drinks and some blues is how you should fill that Sunday afternoon hole in your weekend.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club (93 Mokoia Rd) has a licensed bar and easy parking. There is a \$5 cover charge for non-members.



Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on and welcome a new Club Partner, Mitre 10 Mega Glenfield. They provided all the new backing boards for the bottom green, a huge saving to the club. Thanks Mitre 10 Mega Glenfield.

From Mitre 10 MEGA Glenfield webpage

Mitre 10 MEGA Glenfield offers you a shopping experience unrivalled in the home improvement industry. With over 50 years serving the North Shore, this locally owned and operated business has been in the Grove family since they expanded to the Shore in 1959. Our unique combination of friendly service and long-serving knowledgeable staff will give you confidence when tackling your project or solving a problem. With a massive range of kitchen and bathroom products, we can, with the aid of computer technology, create a design to suit your home and show you what it looks like. Our extensive built-in displays of kitchens and bathrooms also give inspiration. While the children have fun in the play area, you can participate in our free weekend DIY clinics, or simply relax in the café. A huge under-cover garden centre provides trees and plants of all kinds along with pots, garden tools and landscaping materials. The drive-through timber and building materials department makes for easy loading in all weathers, with loan trailers or delivery service available for larger items. Trade customers are welcome, with a full quotation service, including pre-nailed frames and trusses, and mobile trade reps. Try us today - ample free parking, GE Finance options, Airpoints and much more!

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Opening hours

Monday to Friday 7:00am - 7:00pm Saturday & Sunday 8.00am - 6:00pm

