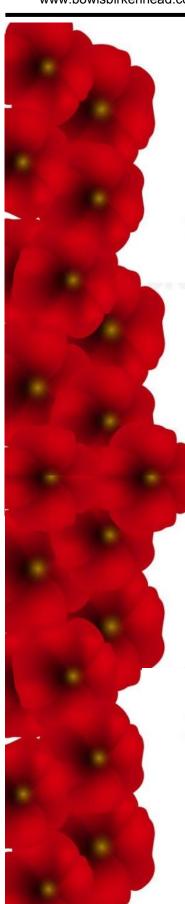


## The Bee Express

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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 25 April 2018













They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

## **ANZAC Day at Birkenhead Bowling Club**

The Club is open ANZAC Day from 9am.

Both greens closed until 1pm.

9.40am - Parade assembly on Mokoia Rd outside Bowling Club

9.50am - Parade commences

10am - Birkenhead ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at Birkenhead War Memorial Park

1pm - PPL - Zone 4 Qualifying at Birkenhead, followed by a free BBQ

1.05pm - Racing - Avondale & Palmerston North (Thoroughbreds), Cambridge (Harness),

Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

3.30pm Raffles

5-6pm Club Membership Draws\* \$250 & \$400 (the \$400 draw must be won)

4pm - Joker 500\* on sale, drawn 6.15pm

6.10pm - NRL - Dragons v Roosters

\* Terms & Conditions apply



## \$250 & \$400 MEMBERSHIP DRAWS\* TODAY \$400 DRAW MUST BE WON

**DRAWN 5PM - 6PM** 

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#### On The Greens

Wednesday 25 April (ANZAC Day) - greens closed until 1pm

- 1pm BNH PPL Zone 4 Qualifying

Thursday 26 April - Entries close 5pm First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)

Friday 27 April – 2-4-2 Pairs (OPACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 28 April – 8.30am First Year Championship Singles (Mixed)

Sunday 29 April – Championship Reserve Day

Sunday 6 May – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT)

Friday 4 May – 2-4-2 Pairs (OPACP 2-4-2)

Sunday 6 May – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT)

Wednesday 9 May - 10am Club Day "Fish & Chip Day" (AC, Single Entry)

Thursday 10 May - Entries close 5pm 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (Mixed)

Saturday 12 May – 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (Mixed)

Sunday 13 May – 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (Mixed)

Wednesday 16 May – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)

Saturday 19 May – Birkenhead Closing Day & Prize Giving – details to come.

Note: Dress - mufti for all Winter tournaments at Birkenhead

Sunday 20 May – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – mufti

Wednesday 23 May - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) - mufti

Wednesday 30 May - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) - mufti

Sunday 3 June – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – mufti

### **Inside This Weekend**

#### Friday 27 April - Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Blenheim (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park (Harness). Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Hurricanes vs Sunwolves

NRL\* - 8pm Sea Eagles vs Knights

#### Saturday 28 April

Racing – Te Rapa, Hastings (Thoroughbreds), Ashburton (Harness) and racing from across Australia.

Super Rugby\* - 5.05pm Reds vs Lions

- 7.35 Blues vs Jaguares

NRL\* - 7.30pm Titans vs Sharks

#### Sunday 29 April

Racing – Blenheim (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.

NRL\* - 6.10pm Eels vs Wests Tigers

\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

#### 1-5 Year Pairs Rescheduled

Due to both the 1-5 Year Singles Men's and Women's having to be rescheduled to last weekend the 1-5 Year Pairs (Any Combination) has been rescheduled to 8.30am Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May.

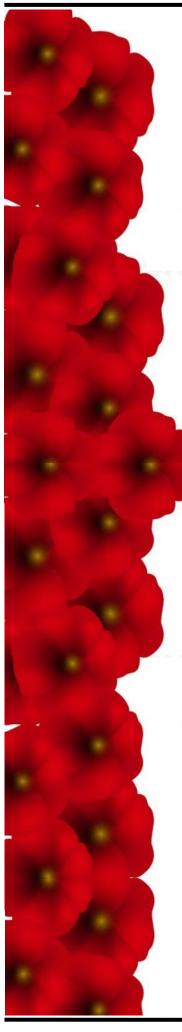
Entries close 5pm Thursday 10 May 2018.

## First Year Singles This Weekend

First Year Singles this weekend, starts 8.30am Saturday 28 May with the players playing a round robin to find the top two to play the final.

Entries close 5pm Thursday 26 April 2018

Two markers per round are required, If you can mark please put your name on the white board in the Club.





## **Next Quiz**

## 7pm Thursday 10 May

Further info phone 0275 297297

## **Outstanding Milika**

A talented basketball player and all round sportswomen Milika (Milly) Nathan only took up lawn bowls in December with her brother Chad. Although they had been exposed to the sport through their father, Birkenhead's Peter Nathan, a successful bowler in his own right. The smallest field every to contest the 1-5 Year Women's Championship Singles stepped out on Saturday morning all with one goal in mind, the title. First year Judy Farkash had the bye first round, while Milika Nathan was up against fourth year player and bookies favourite Lauranne (Loz) Croot. After six ends the scores were locked at three all, Nathan stepped ahead until Croot locked them up again at fifteen all, then sixteen all, then seven-

teen all after twenty-six ends. Nathan then picked up a three followed by a one to go out on the twenty eighth end and claim an unexpected win (17-21). Croot had Farkash next up with Farkash jumping out to a five nil lead. Croot came back picking up a four on the tenth end to lead (7-13), Croot never looked troubled from that point taking the game (15-21).

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Round three and Nathan plays Farkash. Farkash again jumped out to a five nil lead, but after fourteen ends the scores were all locked up at eleven all. Nathan took the lead from this point taking the game after twenty-two ends (21-13). Potential final saw Nathan



1-5 Year Women's Singles Runner-up Lauranne (Loz) Croot and Champion Milika (Milly) Nathan

with two lives play Croot with one life. Sixteen all after seventeen ends. Croot taking a three and two to secure victory (16-21) and forcing a winner takes all final on Sunday morning.

The Final, Croot drew first blood and went out to a seven two lead. But after nine ends the scores were even at seven all. Croot then picked up a three and two to pull away. Seventeen ends and Croot had a three point lead. Nathan picked up a three on the following end and the scores were locked up at sixteen all. Croot scored a two and Nathan replied picking up a four to lead. Croot scored one on the following end. Nathan replied, picking up one shot, the win and the 1-5 Year Women's Championship Singles title (19-21). This coming weekend will see Nathan out again on the greens, this time as bookies favourite in the First Year Singles.

Results:

Winner: Milika (Milly) Nathan Runner-up: Lauranne (Loz) Croot

6.10pm - Dragons v Roosters
Today live on the main screen



## **Singles Wallace's**

After leading in this year's winning Men's Championship Fours team to skipping Sandy and co to second place in the Seafood Tournament earlier this month. Gary Wallace's season just got a whole lot better taking out the converted 1-5 Year Men's Championship Singles title on the weekend, but it was not an easy path. With a field consisting of eight of Birkenhead's 1-5 Year men bowlers, Jerome Rusk (previous two times winner) and Jerry Belcher were the bookies favourites to be there at the end. But this is bowls and anyone can win on the day and round one certainly opened up the championship. Both Rusk and Belcher lost their first games, Rusk to Stacy Munro (17-21) and Belcher to Robbie Henson (19-21). First year bowler Chad Nathan had a good win over Barry Rayland (21-14) while

Adam Richardson never found the green with Gary Wallace coasting to an easy victory.

Round two and Wallace and Henson waked away with easy victories over Nathan and Munro respectively. Below the line Reyland survived with a win over Richardson (14-21), while what many saw as the possible final Rusk played Belcher in an indifferent game. Rusk was out seventeen nine after eighteen ends and looked to be cruising. Belcher scored three (17-12). Rusk scored ones on the next three consecutive ends to be one point away from the win. Belcher scored a two, three and a one to be two shots behind (20-18) and



1-5 Year Men's Singles Champion Gary Wallace and Runner-up Jerome Rusk

following end Rusk picked up the one he needed for the win and moved onto the next round. The loss saw one of the championship's favourites, Belcher, make an early exit. Round three, the battle of the two lifers, Henson took down Wallace (14-21). While below the line Rusk beat Reyland (21-13) and Munro beat Nathan (21-13).

Saturdays play finished with the fourth round. The remaining two lifer Henson up against one lifer Rusk with Henson falling to Rusk (10-21). Munro and Wallace were all square on five all after five ends, but then it was all one-way traffic with Wallace pulling out to a seventeen five lead after thirteen ends and claiming the win after eighteen ends (8-21). Reyland and Munro out leaving three players left below the line to fight it out the following day. Sunday dawned, with Rusk getting the bye, Wallace and Henson were left to play off to see who would play rusk in the final. After Saturday's play this game had the potential to be a stunner, but that was not to be. Wallace bundled Henson out of the championship with a comprehensive win (21-4), pay back for the previous day's result.

The final, Rusk plays Wallace. Two all after two ends, eleven all after fifteen ends, thirteen all after nineteen ends and fifteen all after twenty-one ends. It certainly was a fitting final, but absent of the big playing shots with both players content to draw. The next three ends were all Wallace's stepping out to a twenty fifteen lead after twenty-three ends. End twenty-four was one shot to Rusk, but end twenty-five and one shot saw Wallace clinch a much deserved victory (21-16) and the title for the season.

Winner: Gary Wallace Runner-up: Jerome Rusk

## Twenty-two to Eight

Our second Sky Survivor for the NRL season kicked off last weekend with twenty-two players. At the conclusion of the round the field had been decimated, largely thanks to the Knights getting up over the Tigers. Of note was Stuie had tipped out the Knights early in the week as winners against the Tigers. The Warriors win over St George also claimed a large casualty rate, Warren Lush the only punter to stay loyal to the Warriors. Round 8 picks\* close 6.30pm Thursday 26 April.

\* The four teams playing on ANZAC Day are not able to be included in this rounds picks.



## TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.



## **Every Friday is Club Night**

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.

## **National Mixed Pairs Wrap-up**

By Trish Croot

The past week has been the National Interclub Finals in Auckland and Birkenhead's Trish Croot and Tony Grantham were competing as the Regional 1 winner against 5 other regions.

Losing their first game on Tuesday morning by 1 wasn't exactly in the plan but the after the first round, the closeness of the teams was reflected in the results; two teams on -1, two teams on +1 and a draw.

It certainly freed up after that and Tony and Trish scored a win on the next game against the Wellington Combination of Judy Howat and Brent Stubbins. For Trish, it was extra special as Judy had been her mentor as a young 1-5 year bowler out of Wellington Women's which later merged into The Park. Judy still continues to win at centre level an outstanding achievement while surpassing the age of 80+.

The last game of the day was against a fancied Southland team which amassed a differential of 23 to finish the day running third against the favoured Bay of Plenty combination of Mary Campbell and Dan Dickison and Hawkes Bay.

It was always going to come down to the last day. As we know, weather is a great evener and no matter how well your bowls are going, it is reliant on what happens with the opposition bowls.

After the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> round, Tony and Trish secured another good win with great differential, Hawkes Bay won their game but the surprise of the round was the loss BOP suffered against Southland. This left the last game North Harbour against Hawkes Bay as the final to determine who would be the National winner.

Hawkes Bay got out to a great start after the first 4 ends and Tony played a couple of outstanding bowls to keep their game hopes alive. At the 8<sup>th</sup> end the score was 9-11 and the game suddenly stepped up a gear. Bowls in the ditch, holding numbers and dead draws became the name of the game and this was reflected in the seesaw of the scores at 14 all after 12 ends, 16 all after 14 ends. Tony and Trish held a 5 before a classy bowl from Paul Vigger clipped the kitty to leave them 1 down going into the last end of the game. Playing out the last bowls of the last end, with 3 catchers to the left but down on the head by 1, Tony and Trish opted to stay on the forehand looking for movement of the kitty to their bowls. Tony got the kitty square and it bounced back to a Hawkes Bay bowl. (Totally gutting as we thought we had it). Trish only had the backhand drive on as movement was needed. The first run swung off the head without a result. A realignment and greater speed was required. From the mat watching the second drive go down the green it looked like we had the result we needed and it certainly got the crowd excited.. to miss it by literally millimetres ... win to Hawkes Bay and third for North Harbour. Disappointed, yes... gutted might be the words to describe the closeness but as they say a game is not lost on the last end.

Tony and I would like to thank Birkenhead Bowls club, Bowls North Harbour and those that supported us through the few days.

Sorry we couldn't pull it over the line this time.

#### Grantham & Croot Results:

Rnd 1 - Grantham & Croot vs Dan Dickison & Mary Campbell - Bay of Plenty (18-19) Rnd 2 - Grantham & Croot vs Judy Howart & Brent Stubbins - Wellington (20-14)

Rnd 3 - Grantham & Croot vs Shona Klemic & Bruce Ross – Southland (24-9)

Rnd 4 - Grantham & Croot vs David Milne and Pauline Smith - Caterbury (24-8)

Rnd 5 - Grantham & Croot vs Paul Viggers & Sheryl Viggers – Hawkes Bay (16-19)

National 2x4x2 Mixed Pairs, Browns Bay Bowling Club

Champions: Paul & Sheryl Viggers (Hawkes Bay)

Runner-up: Dan Dickison, Mary Campbell (Bay of Plenty)

Third: Tony Grantham, Trish Croot (North Harbour)
Fourth: Bruce Ross, Shona Klemick (Southland)
Fifth: Brent Stubbins, Judy Howat (Wellington)
Sixth: David Milne, Pauline Smith (Canterbury)



## PPL 1pm @ Birkenhead - ANZAC DAY

BBQ at the conclusion of play for all players and supporters

#### Jubilee Dinner Photos Available

Photos taken at the Jubilee Gala Dinner & Dance are available for viewing on the Club's website. Electronic copies of photographs available free of charge from the Club Secretary. Email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz stating the photograph number.

#### Well Done Birkenhead

Received the letter below from past member Tug Wilson. He has lived on the Sunshine Coast for a number of years and had attended the Club's Jubilee over Easter with his with Marcia. He obviously enjoyed the 75th Jubilee and the Seafood Tournament, Hope it's not so long between visits next



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## First Year Singles this Saturday 28 Markers required

## **Bowls North Harbour Open 2-4-2 Pairs**

Playing 9 &10 June. This is an Open event for any full member bowlers to enter. All play will be on North Harbour artificial greens. Maximum entries 128. A printable entry form is available on Bowls North Harbour's website.

Entries close with Bowls North Harbour Centre Manager Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

### **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 members have two minutes to make themselves known to the draw caller).

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.

## **SKY SURVIVOR**

#### **ROUND 8 PICKS IN BY 6.30PM THURSDAY 26 APRIL**

The four teams playing on ANZAC Day are not able to be included in this rounds picks

#### **Club for Hire**

The club is for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations not only during the summer but also over winter. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm venue during the day.

The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor Bowls Tournament.

There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area, it can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function.

Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green.

Full catering options are available. A commercial grade kitchen and cooking facilities are also available.

All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297)

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# Birkenhead Bowling Club Closing Day & Prize Giving Saturday 19 May

AGM - 10am Sunday 17 June

## **A Bit of History**

"A Bit of History & Celebrations Guide" the publication produced to mark the Club's 75 Jubilee is available free from the club. Thanks to all those that contributed to it and Akarana Publishing Company (club member Graham Lambert, aka Guppy) formatting and printing.

## **Closing Day & Prize Giving**

Pencil in Saturday 19 May. All members and partners are welcome to come and share in the years achievements. If it's like previous years it's not to be missed. Further details to be advised.

## **Spotlight on Club Partners**

The Club is fortunate to have so many Club Partners. Each one assisting the Club in their own way. The Board and Members sincerely thank everyone of them for their support. Club Members are asked to support our Club Partners in a tangible way. Let them know you are a member of The Birkenhead Bowling Club, and that we appreciate their continued support.

Allan Meekings Memorial **Ann Lepper Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead** Birkenhead RSA **Birkenhead Licensing Trust Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village** Carpet Mill **Dave Harper Memorial** Dil's Funeral Services **Emmie Swart Limited** Floorcraft (NZ) Galbraith Plumbing & Drainage **Lion Breweries** Mitre 10 Mega Glenfield **New World Birkenhead Resolute Consultants** Signsation Signs The Good Home Birkenhead Tim Roskruge **United Gaming** YOU Travel Birkenhead Wheels On Wairau

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