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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

Note: the status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current status.

Wednesday 11 November - ~~10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)~~ - Canceled, Green Closed

Friday 13 November - 1pm 2-4-2 AC Pairs - mufti

Saturday 14 November - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs

- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs

Sunday 15 November - 8.30am Men's Championship Pairs

- 8.30am Women's Championship Pairs

Monday 16 November - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls 3Five (3)

Wednesday 18 November - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - BYO Lunch

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Handicap Singles & Pairs Quarter Finals

Games to be completed/resulted by Friday 13 November

Inside this Weekend

Friday 13 November - Club Night

Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing - Awapuni (Thoroughbreds) Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Wanganui (Dogs) and from across Australia

Mitre 10 Cup* - 7.05pm Counties Manukau v Southland

Saturday 14 November

Racing - Tauranga & Riccarton (Thoroughbreds) and from across Australia

Tri Nations Rugby* - 7.10pm All Blacks vs Argentina

Mitre 10 Cup* - 2.05pm Northland v Waikato

- 4.35pm Wellington v Manawatu

- 7.05pm Otago v Tasman

Black Ferns Rugby* - 4pm Black Ferns v NZ Barbarians

Sunday 15 November

Racing - Waverley (Thoroughbreds), Winton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from across Australia

Mitre 10 Cup* - 2.05pm Bay Of Plenty v North Harbour

- 2.05pm Taranaki v Hawkes Bay

- 4.35pm Canterbury v Auckland

UFC Fight Night* - 11am Prelims

- 1pm Rafael Dos Anjos v Islam Makhachev

Boxing* - 4pm Crawford vs Brook

* viewing selection is determined by the members.



Quiz Night - Free Entry
7pm Thursday 12 November
Non-members welcome
Enter on the night

Quiz Partners: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead,
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Men's Championship Pairs
Women's Championship Pairs
 Start 8.30am Saturday 14 November
 Entries close 5pm Thursday 12 November

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Pennants Wrap Up

As far as Birkenhead was concerned Men's Division 1 and Men's Premier were all that remained in this year's BNH Pennants. The Men's Division 1 post section, played at Birkenhead Saturday featured the Birkenhead Hornets and Birkenhead Wasps but unfortunately even with a home advantage both teams were unable to make the final on Sunday, that privilege going to Orewa and Beach Haven.

The Men's Premier was a different story with both Birkenhead Stingers and Riverhead Raptors both sitting on 48 game points. Takapuna Ryman Healthcare had sealed there finals birth with an unassailable 60 game points after Saturday's play.

Birkenhead and Riverhead found themselves playing Sunday morning. Birkenhead against Takapuna Forsyth Barr on 30 game points and just making up the numbers, while Riverhead had Orewa Seagulls to compete against a side on 46 game points and everything to play for. As it eventuated Birkenhead Stingers went through to the final. A final that wasn't to go Birkenhead's way going down 2-1. From earlier success in the BNH Mixed Pairs and PPL, the Pennants results have left everyone a little flat.

Next up is Bowls3Five, this is the one that leads to Bowls3Five completion live on our screens Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you wish to put your name in the hat to play then put your name up on the white board in the Club. Teams are mixed and must have consist of one man or woman.

Date at Mairangi for Lynch & Nathan

Bowls North Harbour have selected the following 16 players to represent BNH in the women's section of the Battle of the Bridge event against Auckland on 6th December at Mairangi Bay, Birkenhead's Ruth Lynch and Millie Nathan have both made the playing squads.

According to team management the last three years has seen a real growth in the depth of talent at representative level in the Centre, which puts pressure on selections for our Premier teams.

The combinations for the pairs and fours for both Premier one and Premier two will be named on November 15, immediately after the training session at Mairangi Bay.

Premier One Squad of 8: Lisa Dickson, **Ruth Lynch**, Anne Dorreen, Elaine McClintock, Wendy Jensen, Selina Goddard (team captain), Deb Presland, Lauren Mills

Premier Two Squad of 8: Theresa Rogers, Christeen Dalzell (team captain), Jamie Chen, Trish Hardy, Sheryl Wellington, Robyne Walker, Adele Ineson, **Millie Nathan**

Continuous Christmas Ham Raffles

We run continuous Christmas ham raffles at the bar until Wednesday 16 December. Two dollars per number, per raffle. Each raffle is drawn the Friday after it is sold out. Drawn during the club membership draw time slot. Winning raffles may be collected after 5pm Wednesday 16 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Results to date:

Raffle 1 - #36 Warren Lush, Raffle 2 - #21 Emmie Swart, Raffle 3 - #33 Logan Smith, Raffle 4 - #38 Mick Moodie, Raffle 5 - #19 Shona Chambers, Raffle 6 - #10 Vaughan Henderson

Housie! - Thursday 19 November
 Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George
 Cash Prizes First Game 7pm
Housie cards only \$1 per card
 Further info ph: 0275 297297, Entry restricted to 18 years and over
Housie! the third Thursday in the month

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Trumped!

Joe Biden got the better of Trump over the past week and like all wins there are the losers in the background just having to suck it up, not that Trump himself is a good role model for this. But one member in the Birkenhead Bowling Club is an unsung role model that many don't realise. Having initially started off studying a medical degree but withdrawing for personal reasons and moving into a career at the other end of the people caring spectrum is Chad Nathan, Mr Smile, gently spoken, kind hearted and unassuming. Chad's career path has taken him to one that many admire but few would have the desire or ability to take up. Chad works to provide those that would otherwise be unable to live in a home environment in the community with support, caring and dignity. Chad being the dedicated person that he is in his career is also that dedicated out on the greens where he spends much of his free time and anything else he turns his hand to. So when Trump's re-election as President of the USA was put into question amongst friends, Chad found himself in the unlikely position shaking hands on a bet that if Trump doesn't get back in Chad would dye his hair the same colour as Trumps..... the rest is history. Chad was trumped and true to the deal now supports a head of Donald Trump coloured hair, good on yeah Chad.



The real Donald Trump



Chad supporting his new "Trump" look

Escape New Year's Day

New Year's Day and just getting over a big new year's eve? The better half is laying it on thick how you played up the night before. Want to get out but couldn't handle a full day of bowls?

Stick it out until lunch time and then escape to Birkenhead for a chance at the share of \$1,000 in cash on offer that afternoon.

New Year's Day \$1,000 Pairs afternoon, any combination, mufti, 12.30pm start, \$1,000 prize pool, \$400 first place..... sound like a bit of you?

Act now, grab an entry form from the Club, ph: 027 6661618 or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz. Then pay the \$20 entry fee. Limited to only 32 teams. The choice is all yours, either watch from the deck in the Club wishing you had entered or out on the green chasing a share of the \$1,000 up for grabs

A Big Thank You

A big thanks from the Board for the co-operation from members (and others) for their assistance in parking for the monthly open Wednesday tournament in October. People car pooled, parked in alternative parking, or arranged different transport, enabling our club car park to be available to visitors. This was appreciated by them, and avoided the congestion we usually see on such days in our car park.

Our next open Wednesday tournament is the 18th November so again we ask for the same co-operation. It does make things easier if we can avoid that build-up of vehicles in our car park on tournament days.

At this point we are unsure if the school car park will be available on Wednesday 16th December – school may actually close that day but we will advise nearer the time. Thanks again.

Wednesday Tournament (OACT) - BYO Lunch
Wednesday 18 November - 9.30am

Sunday Tournament - Ham (OACT) - Lunch provided
Sunday 20 December - 9am

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The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright putting one mans perspective on the sport of bowls. By the end of last weekend I was looking forward to getting back to work. Work would at least take my mind off what had occurred over the previous 48 hours and give me some respite from the pain I had been putting myself through. I always thought that when you played sport you were suppose to enjoy it, win or lose, it was about taking your mind off the 40 hours you spend putting money into the pockets of others. So off to work I trekked, happy in the knowledge that the weekend was over and that the selectors would see sense and recruit someone who could fill the hole that was now a vacuum sucking the life from everyone around me. I got to work and had been there for no more than ten minutes and I wanted to get back and play bowls. I felt a bit like some pervert who wanted to get back to the S&M basement of his mistress so he could get whipped a bit more. I wasn't so lucky when it came to getting dropped because the selectors didn't see sense, not surprising when you realise who the selectors are, because for them, sense, is something you place on a horse. I dragged my sorry arse out of the house on Saturday morning to continue the torment that I put myself through last weekend. We were at Browns Bay again and needed to win most of our games to have any chance of eating a Big Mac. We managed to win 7 out of 9 which was enough to keep us at he club to have a couple of beers.

Come Sunday morning there was three teams in it and as as result we had to play the original accountants of Takapuna. Last year most of these guys would of made the top side so we new that it was going to be tough. We had a place in the final in our own hands and three wins from three meant automatic qualification to the final to play Ronald McDonald's boys. I was fortunate I played my best bowls of the last two weekends and as a result came off with some semblance of confidence after we won all three games. We looked forward to having a chance in the final until someone from an incestuous part of Auckland decided to challenge the rules objecting to us swapping partners..... sometimes you just have to do that to improve your performance....as we all know. :) The appeal was dismissed after we payed Lesley \$200 and so it was to the final against the Big Mac's of Takapuna. I was pathetic again and put in a performance about as good as Nic Berry's the night before. As it happened I was shown up by an old North Harbour team mate in Trevor Forward. Trevor showed me how to shaft somebody and be nice about it, as his smiley face and ruthless bowls sent me packing home feeling like I had just been involved in an orgy with a bunch of bikey's. We lost 2-1 but as the Birkenhead boys do we did it with dignity and shook hands with Takapuna and ran to the bar in a desperate bid to drown our sorrows. We all polished off a few and the banter returned as the piss taking started. As we sat there licking our wounds the lovely Ann Doreen came over with a container of Cerebos Iodised salt to help with our pain. She congratulated us for our performance and then looked at me and said "I don't think we have met". I told her my name was Lou Newman in the hope I wouldn't get crossed off Takapuna's shopping list. And so my pain is over for another weekend and as I sat at home contemplating my performance, I realised that maybe I should just pay \$2 and put my name on a list where I have a chance of winning a ham.....until next time.

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- *ALAN*

Stop – Double Booked!

It was just a vacant Tuesday evening 8 December. Sitting there unassuming waiting for something to happen on, who would have thought it would have proved so popular. After negotiations with Northcote Bowling Club the date was secured for the Christmas Shield, Birkenhead's annual clash with Northcote. Logged in to Club's programme and printed in the handbook as such. But this particular Tuesday has been double booked! The school leavers' function for the primary school next door had snuck in over the top and stole the evening. There were thoughts of transferring to Northcote but due to the large number of helpers required for the school function this would have diminished our teams. A new date has now been found and it is Tuesday 12 January at Birkenhead.

Cutting Cards, Not Ideal

Rain on the first night of "YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five" but at least there was play out on the greens. This past Monday the heavens opened up a couple of hours out from start and saw the greens unplayable. But that didn't stop 20 teams from turning up to enjoy a social Monday evening inside and not the preferred out on the greens. Raffles on sale, prizes on display and the meal being prepared there was only one job remaining and that was to find our evening's winners. Not ideal but old tried and proven method of cutting cards was employed and after sometime the winners were found and the fifteen prizes were awarded. Now we look forward to next Monday and fingers crossed a fine evening.

After three games (cutting cards) the evening's honours went to:

First equal: Alba – Bev, Tommy, Gill and CCI – Mandy, Alan, Francois
2 Wins, 1 Draw, 12 ends, 14 points for.

Second: Glass Half Full – Rachel, Louise, Gaelene – 2 Wins, 1 Draw, 9 ends 3 ends

One Afternoon

\$1,000

Pre-Nationals Warm-up

New Years Day

\$1,000 Pairs Afternoon

Any Combination – Mufti

Friday 1 January 2021

12.30pm Start

\$400 First Prize

\$20 Entry Per Team

First 32 Paid Entries Accepted

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2021 Summerset National Singles & Pairs

Don't forget to get your entries in for the 2021 Summerset Nationals' Singles and Pairs - (Men, Women and Disabled), to be hosted in Auckland from January 2 to January 8, 2021. Entries are now open, head along to Bowls New Zealand's website (<https://bowlsnewzealand.co.nz>) for all the information you need in the lead up to the competition. More information will be added as entries are confirmed and draws are completed

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)

Spotlight on Club Partners

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FOOD: Our menu is honest homestyle cooking at its best, and the ideal complement to our wide selection of craft and chilled beers and regionally specific New Zealand wines.

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