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On the Greens

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

- Wednesday 13 January - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)
- Friday 15 January – BNH Umpires Association Tournament @ Birkenhead (OACT)
- Saturday 16 January – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (AC)
- Monday 18 January – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five
- Wednesday 20 January – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch
- Saturday 23 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours
 - 8.30am Men's Championship Fours
- Sunday 24 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours
 - 8.30am Men's Championship Fours
- Monday 25 January – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five

Inside this Weekend

Friday 15 January

Racing – Tauranga (Thoroughbreds), Blenheim (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and from across Australia
 Cricket* – 3.30pm Australia v India 4th Test Day 1

Saturday 16 January

Racing – Trentham, Wingatui (Thoroughbreds) and from across Australia
 Cricket* – 11am Australia v India 4th Test Day 2

Sunday 17 January

Racing – Blenheim (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from across Australia
 Cricket* – 11.30am Australia v India 4th Test Day 3

** viewing selection is determined by the members.*

Social Bowls3Five – January 18

Social Bowls3Five for 2021 starts 6pm Monday 18 January and will see the Birkenhead greens inundated with social bowlers as the Club commences the first of six evenings of YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five for 2021. If you're keen to enter a team or would like to play and don't have a team, give Evan a call 021 057-5491 or email socialbowls@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Free loan bowls, no experience necessary, greens open for practice from 5pm. Teams may comprise of three non-bowlers (never been a playing member of a club) or to non-bowlers and a bowler. Spare bowlers are also required most evening, contact Evan if you can help out there. Each evening concludes with a prize-giving and a meal.

T W I L I G H T BOWLS 3 FIVE

Quiz Night - Free Entry
7pm Thursday 14 January
Non-members welcome

Quiz Partners: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Bill Hansen and Tim Roskrige

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Waitangi Day 2021 Charity Tournament

(OACF - Mufti - Non-bowlers welcome)

Saturday 6 February

8.30am Start, \$60 per Team, \$15 Single Entry
Morning tea & lunch included in entry
Loads of Prizes, Raffles, Auctions & more
Further info or entry phone the Club 480 7493
or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

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First Title of 2021

Six teams stepped out on the green last Saturday, which included players on their way up through the grading ranks and those that have been there and done that and are now sitting back enjoying their bowls at two. Played this year as a one day blind draw tournament of four games the format went down well with the players as did the gorgeous hot day. Teams drawn/graded the favourite was any combination with Gary Wallace in it. Wallace's grading was queried the evening before but it was clarified the grading was not a typo in the handbook but was indeed what the wise men who do the gradings before the start of each season had approved. Wallace was drawn with first year Steph Langford. Steph's inexperience gave hope to remainder of the field, Adrian Pollock and promising first year Will Tonga, Adam Richardson and Covid-19 refugee Clive Langford, Alex Abela and Pete's little boy Chad Nathan, John Hannan and dry-cleaning specialist Warren Lush and the all-female team of Mari Hannan and Judi Farkash. All thinking they stood a chance at the first title to be played for 2021. After two games only the Wallace and John Hannan teams had recorded two wins. Game three and the Wallace and Langford combination continued their winning ways while Hannan and Lush stumbled and went down to Abela and Nathan. Game four Hannan and Lush recorded their third win while all Wallace needed was win number four. Up against Hannan and Farkash who had recoded three losses to this stage, a win to Wallace and Langford looked assured. But this is bowls and anything is possible and as it turned out Wallace and Langford did get their fourth win but only by one solitary point. Wallace who is in his sixth year has a number of 1-5 year titles, but for first year Steph Langford this was her first taste of victory on the green. Winners and runners-up were announced at the conclusion of play, while the awarding of prizemoney will be at the Club's prize giving in May.
Winners: Steph Langford, Grry Wallace (s) – 4 Wins, +8 diff
Runners-up: Warren Lush, John Hannan (s) – 3 Wins, +23 diff



First year and now Leads and Twos champion, Steph Langford in action last Saturday

Wednesday Tournament (OACT) - BYO Lunch

Wednesday 20 January - 9.30am

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1-5 Year Championship Pairs

Start 8.30am Saturday 16 January
Entries close 5pm Thursday 14 January

The Shield!

Last evening Birkenhead took on Northcote in a belated Christmas Shield Challenge. A challenge that has been played between the two clubs since its inception in 1966. Birkenhead the current holders of the shield since regaining it in 2019 after the shock loss in 2018 on the greens of Birkenhead when Northcote snatched the shield and disappeared down the hill with it.

The Shield sits nicely in Birkenhead's trophy cabinet and the plan was to go out there, have a good time and retain the Shield. Just after 5.30pm four open men's, one open women's and one 1-5 year team from each club took to the greens. Just over 95 minutes later the teams returned to the Club house to collate the results. Prize giving saw some kind words from Birkenhead's President Randall Watkins and Northcote's President Tom Edwards wishing each other's clubs the best for the remainder of the season.

Followed by the presentation of the Christmas Shield to President Tom for four wins, to Birkenhead's two.

Missing players of the ilk of Lionel Drew, Tony Grantham, Trish Croot, Robbie Henson, Millie Nathan, Loz Croot and Stuart Moorcroft certainly made a difference in the various team selections and overall performance of the side.

Not to disappoint a fine meal was provided to meet Northcote's expectations of "Mad Butcher" sausages, hot champagne ham with a selection of salads, thanks to Bernie and Stue's efforts in the kitchen. Overall a very enjoyable evening had by all, with the exception of watching the Christmas Shield disappearing down the hill not to be seen at Birkenhead for at least eleven months, roll on December 2021.



Birkenhead's "Mr Fix-it" Colin Barrow repairing the Christmas Shield after it separated Tuesday evening

Arrived After 26 Days

Our recent order of membership cards have finally arrived at the Club. They left East Tamaki on Wednesday 16 December on an overnight delivery by Courier Post a distance that takes 35 minutes in a car. After 26 days in Courier Post's hands the cards have finally arrived, 25 days late!

If you don't have a current membership card it is possibly waiting for you, just ask the bar staff on duty.

Coaching for 2021 Underway

Monday coaching sessions are back underway from 2.30pm each Monday. Free coaching is available to all Birkenhead playing members regardless of your playing ability. If you can't make Mondays or require further information contact Keith Burgess (027 4824884).

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The Nationals

The Nationals came and went the first week in January. Birkenhead hosted two days of women's pairs and two days of men's pairs all looked after by the "Band of Six". Doug Campbell greens setup and bar, Emmie Swart kitchen and bar, Bernie Hall kitchen, Terry Moverley charts, players, welcomings and Bowls New Zealand, Brendon Kelly greens. Thanks goes out to all for a sterling effort.

Out playing on the greens around Auckland and North Harbour, Birkenhead's representation was lighter than previous years.

The National Men's Pairs Birkenhead's Evan Thomas accompanied by Mairangi's David Payne made it to the "Round of 16" where they went out on an extra end after leading most of the way.

The National Men's Singles with a field of 336 saw Daymon Pierson reach the "Round of 64" where he came up against New Zealand lawn bowls legend Gary Lawson. In a game that could have been so one sided, but due to Pierson's dogged determination went to the wire with Pierson holding the game until a drive from Lawson put paid to the end to that. At the conclusion of the game Lawson told Pierson supporter Jimmy Jandals "Your mate had my arse twitching". The game went Lawson's way (21-19), but Pierson must have taken a bit out of Lawson as Lawson's next game he bowed out to David Eades (10-21).

Update from the Centre

BNH Entry Online Only:
 All Centre tournaments must be entered online at any time before the entry closing date. The Club no longer handles Individual entries and payment (Centre fours, triples, pairs, singles etc.) We have been informed by the Centre that the entry forms in the Centre handbook are no longer in use.

Masters:
 The draws have been and the programme is being finalised. There are still a few byes that we would like to fill if possible. Here is a list of teams still required (11/01/21)

60-74 Men's Fours	2 teams
75+ Men's Fours	2 teams
60-74 Women's Fours	3 teams
60-74 Men's Pairs	1 team
75+ Men's Pairs	1 team

Please email bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz or phone Lesley on 027 235 9864 if you can fill a bye

Centre Events:
 Women's Pairs played on 7-8th February 2021, entries close on 22nd January 2021
 Men's Pairs played on 13-14th February 2021, Entries close on 29th January

Wheels on Wairau
Seafood Tournament

Tournament Full
 Entry payment in full is due now to secure your entry

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The Dog-House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright putting one mans perspective on the sport of bowls.
Now most of us will be glad to see the back of 2020 because of COVID 19, but for me and the other conspiracy theorists we knew that the two seconds either side of midnight on the 31st was going to change nothing. I mean, why is it that 7 billion people believe that when the clock carries them into the New Year that they will lose 15 kilos and Donald Trump won't be president of the US. Let's face it, the Yanks deserve what they get, as they voted the idiot in and will no doubt have someone shoot the parasite on life when he's sitting in his dementia unit dripping out the side of his mouth. New Zealand, well we are left with Mr Ed's wife for the next 3 years.... good job we just need to feed a couple of carrots into the orifice to keep her happy.

Now I don't usually make resolutions because they are about as reliable as a promise from the wife to fulfil my birthday wishes. This year though, I did make the resolution to never watch another episode of Bowls3Five. Don't get me wrong it's come a long way from the days when players had to pick their bowls up and walk back to the other end but it's now just a parade of bowlers who struggle to attach themselves to a club without receiving some sort of backhand....and I don't mean a slap on the arse. The last straw for me was when I had to watch supposedly, the best bowler in New Zealand turn out for some club in the "mainland" and then a couple of weeks later play for Auckland in the battle of the bridge and beat our own Pete Nathan. No doubt he was whispering sweet nothings into Pete's ear as he threw those lime green bowls down the green. Rumour has it he got upset because he didn't get picked for the district he lives in so made the phone call north and the person on the other end of the phone had just won lotto and paid him to turn out for the blue brigade....good luck to them I say !!

Talking of Bowls3Five, a few weeks ago, I felt sorry for Keith Quinn when he made a bit of a comment on Mr Trumps favourite media platform. I don't think what he said was construed the right way but any sentence with the word "bloke" in it, is either sexist or raises the sale of John Kirwan's books. Whatever Keith meant it certainly raised the ire of some and must have had him thinking he was going to cash in his Cigna Funeral plan sooner than expected. What poor old Keith highlighted for me was just how overstated some of our sports commentators are. Look at that lot on Bowls3Five and you realise just how pathetic they are. For the life of me why do we need four of them and why do I need to know what Jo Edwards does to Dave to get into the New Zealand team. None of them could commentate on their own visit to the toilet, never mind on a game of bowls. At least Grant Nisbett plays the game and dips his hand into his pocket to buy a beer, that lot tend to stand there stroking their own ego's. It's hardly surprising really and watching them casts me back to a comment made by Billy Connelly when he said "One thing you learn about media personnel is that wherever you travel in the world you don't need to understand what they are saying because you know they are all talking shit. You can safely sit there and listen and watch in the knowledge that they are adding nothing of value to your viewing".

Until next time.....

Each Month

Quiz Night in partnership with Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead, Tim Ruskruge, and Bill Hansen:- 7pm the second Thursday in the month.
Housie! with Scratchy: - 7pm the third Thursday in the month.

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Nathan Lynch BOP

Congratulations Millie Nathan and Ruth Lynch both off representing Bowls North Harbour Premier 1 Women this coming Saturday away to Bay of Plenty

Still to Come this Summer

Friday 15 January – Bowls North Harbour Umpires Association Tournament @ Birkenhead (OACT)

Monday 18 January – "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (7)

Saturday 6 February - Birkenhead Charity Tournament (OACF)

Sunday 7 & Monday 8 February - \$5,500 "Carpet Mill" Men's Pairs

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 February - \$6,500 "The Good Home Birkenhead" Women's Pairs

Monday 15 – Friday 19 February - Bowls North Harbour NZ Masters – Birkenhead Headquarters

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 April - Easter Triples (OACT) – details to follow

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 April - "Wheels On Wairau" Seafood Tournament (OACF)

Saturday 15 May – Closing Day & Prize Giving.

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 May – Extended Tournament – details to follow

"Getting Started" Available

"Getting Started" - Basic Techniques of Lawn Bowls is a 34 page handbook produced by the Wanaka Bowling Club with significant material and editorial assistance from BowlsNZ. Bowls NZ not only supplied suitable text and diagrams but also were involved in the editing process to ensure the handbook is fully compliant with current New Zealand practices and coaching protocols.

This would be possibly the only publication currently available in New Zealand that specifically focuses on the needs of newer bowlers although there are timely reminders for more experienced bowlers.

Limited copies of the handbook are available from the Birkenhead Club Bowls Shop at cost, \$17.00 per copy

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Good Home Birkenhead". The Good Home is certainly a welcoming establishment to visit. Owned by the Birkenhead Licencing Trust and managed by Alan Vaughan. The establishment has supported the Club for many years and continues to support the two day \$6,500 Women's Pairs.

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BAR: Our bar is fully stocked with the finest selection of beer, wine and speciality cocktails. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest Happy Hour drink and bar snack specials.

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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