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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

On the Greens

Bowls North Harbour has revised the Centre playing programme and Birkenhead's programme has been revised accordingly. **Changes are in red.**

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

Wednesday 14 April – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Friday 16 April – ~~3.30pm 70s v 80s – AC mufti~~ – **POSTPONED to Friday 23 April**

Wednesday 21 April – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO lunch

Friday 23 April – **3.30pm 70s v 80s – AC mufti – NEW DATE**

Sunday 25 April – Greens closed until 1pm

- 1pm 1-5 Year Champ Reserve Day

Monday 26 April – 1-5 Year Champ Reserve Day

Wednesday 28 April – 10am Club Day – Fish'n Chip Day (AC – Single Entry)

Friday 30 April – 1pm 2-4-2- Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) – Team \$ Single entry – mufti

Saturday 1 May – 8.30am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, – Full & Life members only)

Sunday 2 May - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided

Wednesday 5 May – 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 16 April – Club Night

Raffles, Joker 500, Members Draw

Racing – Matamata (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park (Harness), Wanganui, Otago (Dogs) and from Australia

Super Rugby Aotearoa* - 7.05pm Highlanders v Blues

NRL* – 8pm Knights v Sharks

Saturday 17 April

Racing – Te Rapa, Hastings (Thoroughbreds), Addington (Harness), and from Australia

NRL* – 5pm Sea Eagles v Titans

- 7.30pm Rabbitohs v Wests Tigers

Super Rugby Aotearoa* - 7.05pm Chiefs v Crusaders

Sunday 18 April

Racing – Ascot Park (Thoroughbreds), Winton (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from Australia

NRL* - 4pm Dragons v Warriors

- 6.05pm Cowboys v Bulldogs

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

Housie! - Thursday 15 April
 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!, Bingo! third Thursday in the month

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The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the author's and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Sandy's Sea Food Tournament - Part One

Now most of you won't know this but my wife Katrina has dumped me....no she is not after my pension...she has decided to give up lawn bowls.... after years of trying she has finally realised that you can't do it twice a year and expect to perform. I've been telling her since we got together that if you only do it twice a year you forget where everything is and you can't expect to keep your partner happy.....she told me to go to the doctors and get a couple of blue pills to help out. I've now got about a stock of about 300 so, that gives you some idea how often I use them.

So on Saturday and Sunday I decided to play in Sandy's fish extravaganza at Birkenhead in the hope that I might throw a few down and impress some of the ladies with my new red bowls. For those of you interested, and there's not many, with the exception of the New Zealand selectors, I went for a size 5H Aero Optima. I had only one practice with them on Thursday and they felt really good in my hand. In fact I hadn't felt so excited about holding a couple of round things in my hand since I was about 13 when I realised what reaching puberty did for your libido.

Anyway I was so excited with my performance at practice that I emailed NZ Bowls and told them that I had decided to play for New Zealand again, and, that they wouldn't have to gift me a new set of bowls or pay me thousands of dollars....

I told them I would do it "for the love of the game". I got an email back a couple of days later with a one line reply "Bowls New Zealand doesn't understand what you mean by "for the love of the game". I didn't bother replying and realised I had about as much chance of getting selected as Mike Hoskin's has of getting an invite to Jacinda Adhern's place for dinner.

So on Saturday off I went to the Birkenhead Bowling Club to try and get a catch, or at least win some seafood. Now, over the years people have been blaming the Chinese for stripping the world's oceans of sea food.

I was one of the detractors until I attended Sandy Cleghorn's seafood tournament at Birkenhead at the weekend and realised he was not the innocent old man I thought he was. It was obvious Sandy was in cahoots with the Chinese and established a nice working relationship so he could stock the clubs freezers with crayfish and scallops. I was impressed with the prizes and turnout, with Sandy even thinking about the seafood's welfare by keeping them wet by arranging the weather gods to piss down on his parade.

It was a gut wrenching Saturday for everyone concerned but I wasn't about to let the weather detract me from picking up a replacement for my beloved wife. I didn't have to wait too long because I got approached by a well known member of the club, who owed me a drink anyway, who said he would buy me half a pint of Speights Dark if I played with his partner in the mixed pairs. He told me who it was and after two hours of deliberating I said, "make it a pint and you've got a deal". We shook hands on it and as we did he pulled me forward and whispered into my ear "Don't you dare take any of those blue pills". Unlikely I thought.....

To be continued.....



Wheels on Wairau Seafood Tournament results at a glance:

- 1st Chris Taylor - 5 Wins, 31 Ends, 59 Shots For
- 2nd Ruth Lynch - 5 Wins, 29 Ends, 62 Shots For
- 3rd Peter Sheen - 5 Wins, 28 Ends, 57 Shots For
- 4th Murray Vallance - 4 Wins, 29 Ends, 64 Shots For
- 5th Gerard van Tilborg - 4 wins 29 Ends, 63 Shots For
- 6th Jeffery Eskridge - 4 Wins, 22 ends, 41 Shots For

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Matthews Memorial Pairs

by Vaughan Henderson

The Matthews Memorial Pairs were played on Wednesday 31 March having been re-scheduled from the original date of Wednesday 3 March. After a little "encouragement" 28 players took part. After sorting out the Skips, a blind draw and a little advice from Keith Burgess sorted out 14 teams and four games of 10 ends were scheduled. Play got underway at 9.30am after chasing up a couple of latecomers! Unfortunately, the weather was not so kind and by 11.30am the rain had set in and looked like it would continue for some time. As a result, we had to call an end to play at the end of the second game. From the two games played the winners were decided:

1st – Colin Godfrey and Clive "Taffy" Langford (2 wins and 23 points)

2nd – Judi Farkash and Mari Hannan (2 wins and 18 points)

3rd - Mick Moodie and Sue Thomas (1 win and 1 draw)

My thanks to all who took part and especially Colin Godfrey, John Hannan and Geoff Darby who put the boards, mats etc away in the heavy rain.

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Karen Murphy Named National Assistant Coach

Reproduced from BOWLS AUSTRALIA WEBSITE

By Aidan Davis

Australia's most prolific BCiB Australian Jackaroos representative, Karen Murphy, has been confirmed as the new National Assistant Coach, the first woman to hold the coveted role in the sport of bowls.

Murphy, who retired from international representation in 2019 after an illustrious career that covered more than two decades and more than 660 appearances, has been appointed to the full-time role, which helps oversee the full high performance (HP) contingent of squads and athletes.

A comprehensive background as an Advanced Coach and coaching clinics instructor, in addition to her knowledge of the HP landscape, insight into athlete wellbeing, focus on opposition analysis and professional approach to the sport as a whole, helped elevate Murphy from the competition.

The position is crucial to the structure of the sport's HP program, which will focus on the development of the next generation of elite bowlers and ultimately strives towards attaining gold medal success at the sport's two benchmark international events, the World Bowls Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Murphy steps into the Assistant role following in the footsteps of Gary Willis, who recently took the reins as the senior National Coach, having started her career in the sport at the same time as Willis more than 30 years ago.

After learning of her appointment, Murphy said she was appreciative of the opportunity and eager to get started in the role.

"I'm very excited to start and looking forward to the challenge, I've always enjoyed coaching and have a real passion for it," Murphy said.

"Knowing the players and the system will be a huge benefit for the position; and giving the players what they need is of the utmost importance.

"There's been a big change in the high performance program, with a new coach and now assistant, but we are hoping to bring a fresh approach and some new ideas.

"It's a support role and I'm there to support Gary in everything, these are really exciting times."

National Coach Gary Willis said Murphy was a standout applicant and welcomed her appointment on behalf of the wider Jackaroos team.

"Having known Karen for a very long time, she is unquestionably the best person for this position and we're thrilled that she will play an instrumental role in helping shape the future direction of the sport's high performance players," Willis said.

"Karen brings so much to the table, having not only an understanding of what it takes to win just about every accolade the sport has to offer, but having also been an integral leader of the high performance program as a Vice-Captain, and having developed her coaching pedigree over many years.

"There's no better person to help guide the development of the nation's best players, and the Australian Jackaroos contingent as a whole is excited to welcome Karen to the position."

As part of her remit, Murphy will also oversee the management of the state-based Pathway Coaches, who are charged with the daily case management of Emerging Jackaroos, Pathways Jackaroos and Para-sport Jackaroos squad members across the nation.

Bowls Australia congratulates Karen Murphy on her historic appointment as the first woman to hold the position of National Assistant Coach within the sport of bowls.



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Annual 70s v 80s – 3.30pm Friday 23 April
 Originally carded for Friday 16 April but changes in BNH programming has meant the postponement of the annual 70s v 80s to 3.30pm Friday 23 April.
 Names up on the white board in the Club if you are available to play. Play consist of one round of triples or fours, to be decided dependant on numbers. There is a trophy up for grabs with the over 80s currently champions.

BNH Centre Updates
 Received 12 April 2021 - email
ENTRIES OPEN
 Women and Men Champ Of Champ Singles – club to enter online registration
 This tournament to be played on 1-2 May
 Entries close on 16th April This Friday!
 Centre Mens Triples - player to enter online registration
 This tournament to be played on 5-6 June
 Entries close on 21st May
ENTRIES CLOSED / TOURNAMENT IN PROGRESS
 Cadness Cup
 Womens Cadness Cup. Final round robin on 16 April at Manly
 Mens Cadness Cup. Final round robin on 16 April at Manly between
 Orewa Dolphins, Milford Mariners, Beach Haven Badgers, Hobby Men
 1-5 Any Combination Pairs – entries closed
 This tournament to be played on 17-18 April
 COP and Draw published
 Centre Womens Singles – entries closed
 This tournament to be played on 24-25 April
 COP and Draw will be published by Friday 16th April
 1-5 Mens and Womens Singles – rain delayed.
 This tournament did not go ahead due to rain.
 The Match committee will consider another date

FOUNDATION COACHING COURSE
 A one day Foundation course will be held at Bowls Orewa on Saturday 17th April
 Course will be run by Howard Sandler and Michael Beretta

NOMINATION TO BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR BOARD
 Nominations for President, Vice President, Board members to be submitted by
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