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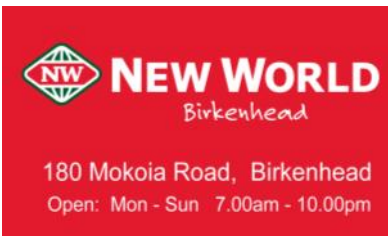
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On The Greens

- Wednesday 10 January - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)
- Saturday 13 January - 8.30am BNH Men's Centre Singles (section play)
- Wednesday 17 January - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)
- Thursday 18 January - 6pm Handicap Singles - Rd 1 (mixed, mufi)
- Saturday 20 January - 8.30am Continuation of Men's Championship Singles
- Time TBA, Continuation Women's Championship Singles (Finals)
- Sunday 21 January - 8.30am Continuation of Men's Championship Pairs
- Time TBA, Women's Championship Pairs (Finals)
- Monday 22 January - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls
- Wednesday 24 January - 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)
- Thursday 25 January - 6pm Handicap Singles - Rd 2 (mixed, mufi)
- Friday 26 January - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)
- Sunday 28 January - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT)

Inside This Weekend

Friday 12 January - Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500
Racing - Matamata (Thoroughbreds), Nelson & Cambridge (Harness), Addington & Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia
Tennis* - 2.30pm ASB Classic Men's International - Semi Finals

Saturday 13 January

Racing - Trentham & Kumara (Thoroughbreds) Thames (Harness) and racing from across Australia.
Tennis* - midday ASB Classic Men's International - Final
Cricket* - 11am Blackcaps v Pakistan -3rd ODI

Sunday 14 January

Racing - Ellerslie (Thoroughbreds), Nelson (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.
Cricket* - 4.30pm Burger King Super Smash - Auckland aces v Otago Volts
*viewing selection is determined by the members

Birko Sunday Tourny Anniversary Weekend

Bowls North Harbour's Heartland \$20,000 Tournament Anniversary Weekend has been cancelled. But there is still Birkenhead's Sunday Tournament (to be played Sunday 28 January). \$30 per team, lunch included, good prizes and lets don't forget the raffles. Entry via the board in the club or ring Merv Garred (021 0447627).

Rotary Charity Tournament - All Welcome

Tuesday 6 February 9am start. Join us for a fun day out on the greens and inside the Club. Open Any Combination Fours, in the spirit of the tournament teams are encouraged to include a non-bowler and dress up, there will be prizes for the best dressed. You want be playing for the town hall clock but there are prizes up for grabs, loads of raffles and items to be auctioned off. This year the first \$1,000 are going to All Saints Birkenhead Scout Group with funds raised after that going to Cystic Fibrosis. This tournament usually raises quite a few thousand and hopefully this year is no exception. Entry is via the white board in the club, team and single entry available. Entry \$60 per team or single entry \$15 per person, morning tea and lunch included. Further information contact John Croy (027 4844991), John Hindmarch or Evan Thomas.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT?
QUIZ EVENTS

Second Thursday in the Month
7pm @ Birkenhead Bowling Club

Thursday 11 January

Team and single entry
Ring Emmie 0275 297 297
Or just turn up on the night

THURSDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT

Croasberg Qualifies

Last Sunday finally saw the the Women's and Men's Championship Pairs get underway after Saturday play was postponed thanks to the storm that hit Auckland. The Women went out under the two life system and at the end of the day two teams were left. Barbara Staal and Ruth Lynch with two lives and Adele Ineson and Jacqui Belcher with one life. The men set out with four games to play with three wins or more winners automatically progressing through to the knock out stage. Five teams qualified with three or more wins with three additional teams coming through to avoid any byes in the draw. Jimmy Heath and Daymon Pierson where the only four winner. Kevin Croasdale (mispronounced as Croasberg during the announcements) and Adam Richardson a team hobbled together, raised more than a few eyebrows when they won their first two games before lunch, after lunch dropped a game, but awarded the win on the fourth game for secure three wins and progress to day two. Other three winners where E.Thomas and D.Parlane, M.Haggart and J.Hindmarch, S.Yates and L.Drew. Teams to make up the eight with two wins and a draw B.Cochrane and M.Garred, C.Nathan and P.Nathan. Highest two winner M.Rumble and N.Drew.

Play continues Sunday 21 January in both the Women's and Men's Championship Pairs.

75th Jubilee Entries & Tickets Available

We have received interest from past members who will be venturing from down country and from across the ditch. The 75th Jubilee "Registration of Interest" has closed. Those that completed a "Registration of Interest" form, your preferential tournament entry forms and ticket forms have been posted out to you this week. This preferential window will be open until Monday 29 January, after which time any remaining tournament entry spots and event tickets will be available on a first come first served bases.

We welcome both team and single entries. Those that enter as single entry and later find themselves in a team, we will cross reference any associated entry fees.

Handicap Singles (Mixed)
Entries close 5pm Monday 15 January
Round 1 - 6pm Thursday 18 January

Coaching Mondays

A quote from December's Channel Magazine "club learners can be taught the game by renowned coaches like Keith Burgess (Birkenhead)".

The Monday afternoon ritual, coaching, from 3pm or at other times on request. If you have any questions contact Keith Burgess 027 4824884.

Pencil These Dates In

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

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April – "Wheels On Wairau" Seafood Tournament (OACF)

Men's Championship Singles Post Section
8.30am Saturday 20 January, Reserve day Sunday 21 January

Men's Championship Pairs Section
8.30am Saturday 21 January



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LION BREWERIES

Women's Championship Singles Finals

Saturday 20 January (time to be advised)

Women's Championship Pairs Finals

Saturday 21 January (time to be advised)

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 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.

Achievements Away From Home

Since the last Bee Express the following members have won outside the club waving the Birkenhead flag.

Tuesday 26th December, Mike Haggart, Curtis Ennor and John Hindmarch travelled over to Waiheke to take out Waiheke Bowling & Cosmopolitan Club's Boxing Day Triples and \$400 prize money.

Wednesday 27th December, Gary Beer and three others won Mangawhai's 1-5 classic.

Tuesday 9 January, Evan Thomas and Mick Moodie won Takapuna's afternoon pairs tournament.

Congratulations to all.

Reusable Water Bottles

Reproduced from Newshub

With just a few weeks to go before kids go back to school, parents are starting to think about buying the year's supplies.

For many children, that will include a reusable drink bottle in an effort to stay healthy and hydrated.

But beware: water bottles are a perfect breeding ground for bacteria.

In a laboratory test covered by US television station KDVR, scientists swabbed a selection of drink bottles to test bacteria levels.

The test used 'colony forming units' (CFU) to measure the number of bacteria or fungal cells in a sample. A maximum of five CFU is considered acceptable. But one of three drink bottles had more than 100,000 CFU per swab. For comparison, a swab from a dog bowl contained 700 CFU. The owner of that drink bottle said he washed it once a month in the dishwasher. The microbiologist leading the test said the result was "pretty nasty". "We couldn't even count it, it was so full of bacteria." Another bottle, reportedly rinsed daily, returned 6000 CFU per swab. While existing bacteria in the human body will kill the majority of drink bottle bacteria, it's a good idea to wash bottles daily with hot, soapy water.

75TH JUBILEE - EASTER 2018

Thursday 29 March

Jubilee \$1,000 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP), Jubilee 70s vr 80s
Jubilee Meet & Greet, Jubilee Quiz Night

Friday 30 March

Jubilee \$5,000 Classic (OACF) - day 1 of 2
Club Night - Raffles, Membership Draw, Joker 500
Live Music – The Love Jones

Saturday 31 March

Jubilee \$5,000 Classic (OACF) - day 2 of 2

Sunday 1 April

Jubilee \$1,000 Triples (OACT)
75th Jubilee Gala Black Tie Dinner & Mermaids Dance Band

Monday 2 April

Jubilee \$600 Social Bowls Afternoon (Triples)
End of Celebrations BBQ





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BNH Centre Event Closing Dates

All Centre event closing dates stated below are with the Club Secretary.
 Men's Centre Singles & Women's Centre Triples closes Sunday 24 December 2017
 Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Centre Singles closes Sunday 11th February 2018
 Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Centre Triples closes Sunday 4th March 2018
 Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Centre Pairs closes Sunday 6th May 2018
 Men's & Women's 1-8 Year Centre Fours closes Sunday 27th May 2018



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\$5,000 1-8 Year Triples

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 February will see 32 teams competing in the inaugural Birkenhead 1-8 Year AC Triples Tournament. With a \$5,000 prize pool and \$1,500 alone being allocated to the winners, this tournament is sure to pull some strong teams. Besides the prize money and two days of competitive bowls, the teams will enjoy morning tea and a sumptuous buffet lunch, in the style Birkenhead is renowned for, each day.
This is the same weekend as NZ Open "Finals". If someone that has entered our 1-8 Year Triples Tournament is unable to play because they are in one to the finals of the NZ Open we will refund their 1-8 Year Triples Tournament entry.
 Entry forms are available from the Club, the Club's website or email: secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz



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Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on a long established supporter of the club. The girls round the corner at YOU Travel. They have supported the Club's Social Bowls programme for a number of years and this year are also Club Partner for the Jubilee Social Bowls Afternoon on Monday 2 April. If you are after outstanding service go see the girls.

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