



1-5 Year Champion Triples (Any Combination)

Entries close 5pm Thursday 28 February

On The Greens

Wednesday 27 February – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams
Club Day Partner: Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Friday 1 March - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) – mufti

Saturday 2 March - 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Triples (Any Combination)
- 8.30am Northcote Bowling Club Championship
- 2pm Men's Championship Pairs Final

Sunday 3 March – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided
- Northcote Bowling Club Championship Final (time TBA)

Monday 4 March - 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls (final evening)

Wednesday 6 March – 9.30am Matthews Memorial Pairs (AC 60+, Single Entry)

Saturday 9 March – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Fours (Any Combination)

Wednesday 13 March – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams

Saturday 16 March - 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (Any Combination)

Saturday 17 March - 8.30am continuation of 1-5 Year Championship Pairs

Inside This Weekend

Friday 1 March February – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500 and more.

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

Super Rugby* - 7.35pm Hurricanes v Brumbies

Saturday 2 March

Racing – Ellerslie, Dunedin (Thoroughbreds), Invercargill (Harness), racing from across Australia including Randwick - Chipping Norton Stakes, Flemington – Australian Guineas

World Rugby 7's* – 11.50am Day 1 of the Las Vegas Tournament

NSW Cup* - 2pm NZ Warriors vs Western Suburbs Magpies

NRL Pre-season* – 4.45pm NZ Warriors vs West Tigers

Super Rugby* - 7.35pm Chiefs v Sunwolves

Sunday 3 March

Racing – Addington, Invercargill (Harness), Manukau (Dogs)

World Rugby 7's* – 8.20am Day 2 of the Las Vegas Tournament

Super Rugby* - 10.40am Jaguares v Blues

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

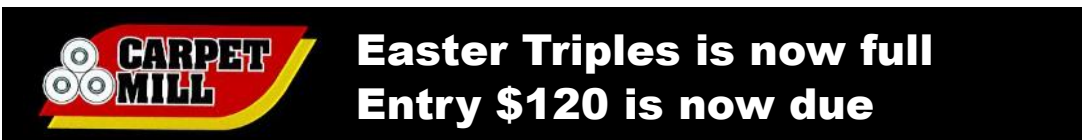
Bowls3Five Interclub, Birkenhead Still In

At the collusion of section play Tuesday 19 February at Orewa, Birkenhead was left wondering "what if". Going down (2-1) to Orewa wasn't in the plans and Orewa winning the section ahead of Birkenhead was not the desired result. Finishing second in the section meant waiting for the Thursday evening's section games to be completed to see if Birkenhead had finished the best second across all sections. Birkenhead progressing to the semi-finals was in someone else's hands!

As it would turn out Birkenhead was the best second and now plays at Takapuna 6pm Thursday 7 March in the semi-final. Birkenhead's Bowls3Five hopes are still alive.

Semi-finals – Thursday 7 March at Takapuna.

Final – Thursday 14 March at Takapuna.





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Sunday Triples (OACT)

9am Sunday 3 March - Lunch included

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Into Fruit Fly Territory

After finishing section play in second behind Beach Haven, Birkenhead had still done enough to make the quarter finals of Bowls North Harbour's 1-5 Year Twilight Interclub. The quarters, Birkenhead had been drawn Northcote at Northcote Tuesday 24 February. The side ventured down the hill into the territory of the fruit fly. Gary Wallace playing the singles easily accounted for Northcote's Ray Tomes after 12 ends, picking up two threes and one four in the race to twenty-one. The Pairs, Milika Nathan and Stacey Munro (s) started off down (5-1) after three ends but levelled the score (5-5) after five ends. Birkenhead pulled ahead (10-6), but Northcote came back to level the scores again (10-10) after eleven ends. The final five ends were all Birkenhead's pulling away to a comfortable win (17-10).

The Triples, Adam Richardson, Lauranne Croot and Robbie Henson (s) behind all the way (11-12) after twelve ends, picked up a six on the thirteenth end to jump in front (17-12) with two ends to play. A one on the fourteenth and then dropping a four on the final end couldn't take the win from Birkenhead (18-16).

Next Tuesday it's semi finals time and Birkenhead take on Mairangi Bay White at a venue to be confirmed. The other semi sees Mahurangi East up against Beach Haven

Members Draw \$250 Today 5-6pm

Joker 500, Happy Hour 4.30-5.30pm

A Glimmer of Hope

Birkenhead had two glimmers of hope on Saturday evening going into Sunday, one in both the Men's Centre Singles and Women's Centre Triples. Joseph Korkis had emerged the winner out of section nine in the Men's Singles, leaving Tommy Campbell, Grant Goodwin and Sean Mulholland to have Sunday off. The bye first up Sunday in post section at Takapuna had put Korkis into the last sixteen. Steve Cox had also progressed through his section to now meet Korkis for a spot in the quarters. Unfortunately this is where Korkis's dreams of a centre Singles title this season ended with Cox beating him (21-11).

Women's Centre Triples Milika Nathan, Adele Ineson and Mavis Smith (s) had made post section taking out their section against the trios of Sunnybrae's Mary Guldbrandsen, Mairangi's Jan Gledhill and Helensville's Deb Presland. For a spot in the semi-final Smith's triple had to get past Takapuna's Anne Dorreen, Robyne Walker and Trish Croot. The breaks didn't go Smith's way as they narrowly went down to Croot.

The Women's triples was eventually won by Orewa's Wendy Jensen skipping, Gail Dick at two and Jacqui Broderson at lead. Coot's trio took out the runners-up spot. The Men's singles is down to an all Orewa final between Wayne Wrack and Colin Rogan at a date and venue to be determined

Housie! Bingo!

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7pm Thursday

28 February



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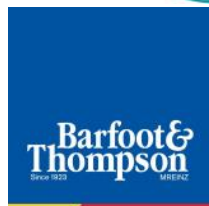
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Men's' Championship Pairs Final 2pm this Saturday

The March Continues

Late afternoon last Thursday saw this year's Handicap Singles come to its conclusion with third year bowler Adam Richardson up against second year bowler Milika Nathan. Richardson started off the championship, back in December, with a convincing win over fellow 1-5 year bowler Chand Nathan (21-11). Next up against Randall Watkins, it came down to the wire with the scores all tied up at twenty all, Richardson secured one shot and the win (21-20).

The semi-finals and Richardson was up against Doug Campbell. A slow start cost Campbell in the end. Richardson pulling off the win (21-17) and moved into the final, after almost squandering a big lead (19-6).

Milika Nathan's march to the title started back in round one with a decisive win over 1-5 year bowler Mari Hannan (21-0). Round two and Mick Moodie's demise came at the hands of Nathan (21-8), Gary Wallace was the next to be eliminated, in the semi-finals going down (21-11) and Nathan was into the final, somewhere she is fast becoming very familiar with.

Nathan with a one shot start stepped out to a seven shot lead before Richardson got on the board (7-3). A two to Nathan and one to Richardson (9-4). Nathan increased her lead over the next four ends to be ten shots ahead (14-4). Ends traded over the final stages of the game with Nathan picking up five shots while Richardson picked up seven. Nathan comfortably ahead (19-11) just needing the two shots for the win, and it came on the eighteenth end to seal the victory (21-11). Nathan now has the Handicap Singles title to go with her 1-5 Year Women's Singles won back in January. With the 1-5 year triples (Saturday 2 March), fours (Saturday 9 March) and pairs (Saturday 16 March) to come, there are plenty more titles still to chase this season.

To Park or Not To Park

Parking at the Club some days can be diabolical. Midweek tournaments suffer the hardest. While we have lost the parks in the school carpark during school days (their roll is growing) there is often a spare spot, but this must be cleared with Logan first. The Council has had a brain wave and changed the all-day parallel street parking directly in front of the Club to angular P120!. Alan sold his house so that was the end of parking behind it. In the last six months we have lost sixteen carparks and then the Council has suspended the lime scooters!

- **Club Parking:** There are parking spaces outside the clubrooms, but numbers are limited. For mid-week tournament days we try to keep these free for visiting teams. (We can double park in here as well – cars will need to be shifted at the end of the day if required, for those leaving). **The bar staff park** is to be left free for staff parking only.
- **Birkenhead Primary School Carpark:** The school car park can be used, **but not during school hours. Note – the school carpark is a tow away zone during school hours.**
- **Mokoia Road:** All day parking (free) is available on Mokoia Road from Huka Road to Colonial Road on the southern side of Mokoia Road.
- **Colonial Road (running down to Chelsea Estate):** Free all day parking available on both sides of the road, other than the topmost portion on the left hand side.
- **Highbury Bypass*:** Free all day parking available on northern side of the road, available where indicated. Check road signs.
- **Mahara Avenue*:** Free all day parking available on both sides of the road available where indicated. Check road signs.

* Access to the club can then be gained by crossing Highbury bypass and taking the walkway through to Mokoia Road (past the kindergarten). Turn left to the bowling club. Or via the rear gate at the top of the drive to the green keepers shed.

And remember, carpooling saves petrol and car spaces, do check parking signs once parked. This information is a guide only, Birkenhead Bowling Club accepts no liability for illegally parked vehicles.

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 4pm & drawn 6pm, Members Draw drawn between 5 - 7pm



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10am Club Day, Wednesday 27 February

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Single Entry - Dress: Club uniform or creams

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Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on new Club Partner RJ DON Panelbeaters, supporting the Wednesday Club days. The Club appreciates the support.

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Friday Afternoon Open 2-4-2 Pairs

Friday 1 March - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP) - mufti

Names in by 12.45pm, team and single entry, \$5 per player, Cash prizes.