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## Stunning Father and Daughter Act

Several members were out on the carpets across the centre last Saturday in pursuit of the BNH 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs title. A title Birkenhead club members have won a few times recently, Adele Ineson and Merv Garred, Daymon Pierson and Browns Bay's Christine Dalzel, Tony Grantham and Trish Croot. Coming through day one with three wins to top section four (18-5, 13-10 & 14-13) and into post section Sunday were father and daughter combination Peter and Milika Nathan. With the ever unassuming Evan Thomas the only other Birkenhead member to proceed to post section, playing with Orewa's Tira Campbell, they topped section seven with two wins and a draw. Beating on count back Birkenhead's Gary Wallace and Adele Ineson who also had 2 wins and a draw. The quarter finals Sunday saw the Nathans up against Orewa's Elaine McClintock and David Eades, who had beaten Tony Gratham and Lauranne Croot first up in section play the previous day. While Thomas and Campbell had to contend with Browns Bay's Adam Hayward and Orewa's recent reselected Blackjack Wendy Jensen. Unfortunately Hayward and Jensen got the better of Thomas and Campbell (18-9) ending Thomas and Campbell's run. The Nathans holding the draw to force an extra end, against McClintock and Eades on the last end, Peter Nathan drew his last to make two of it and take the win (13-12). On to the semi-finals and the Nathan's were up against Riverhead's Steve Cox and Glenfield's Denise Samuel. Nathans down by one (12-13) playing the last and down on the head. Down to the last bowl again but this time it was Milika the hero of the day. She drove the Cox/Samuel bowl off to pick up four shots and the win (16-13). Into the final and up against the vastly experienced pairing of Hayward and Jensen who had cruised through the quarter and semi with two decisive victories (18-9, 17-5). This would be a test for any player never mind a second year bowler. Initially trailing (7-5) it wasn't till end eight that the Nathans got their nose in front (8-7), a two on the ninth and tenth, (12-7) with two ends to play. A one away on the eleventh and twelfth but the damage had been done and the win was secured (12-9) for Birkenhead's Peter and Milika Nathan, BNH 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs Champions. Peter's second centre title and Milika's first. Up until Peter and Milika's stunning win Birkenhead had been in a title drought this season, not a single open title had gone Birkenhead's way. The accolades are evident on the Club's face book page in response to the win (as of Wednesday morning reached 1,156 people and 483 engagements):



Birkenhead's Peter Nathan and Milika Nathan, BNH 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs Champions  
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## Quiz Night Tomorrow! 7pm Thursday 9 May Enter on the Night

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

### On The Greens

Wednesday 8 May – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) – Club uniform or creams  
Friday 10 May – 4pm Unders and Overs (70s versus over 80s)  
Sunday 12 May - 9am Sunday tournament (OACT) – Cancelled  
Wednesday 15 May – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided  
Saturday 18 May – 8.30am First Year Singles (entries close 5pm Thursday 16 May)  
- 1pm Closing Day Afternoon Tournament (names in by 12.45pm)

### Inside this Weekend

#### Friday 10 May – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Members Draw, Joker 500  
Racing – Ashburton (Thoroughbreds), Alexandra Park, Addington (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia  
Super Rugby\* - 7.35pm Blues v Hurricanes  
NRL\* - 8pm Wests Tigers v Panthers

#### Saturday 11 May

Racing – Rotorua, New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds), Winton (Harness), and racing from across Australia, including Doomben – Doomben 10,000  
1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby\* - Midday Rangitoto College vs Takapuna Grammar  
Super Rugby\* - 5.15pm Highlanders v Jaguars  
- 7.35pm Chiefs v Sharks  
NRL\* - 5pm Bulldogs v Knights  
- 7.30pm Warriors v Dragons

#### Sunday 12 May

Racing – Invercargill (Thoroughbreds), Oamaru (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia  
Super Rugby\* - 6.05pm Brumbies v Sunwolves  
NRL\* - 4pm Roosters v Raiders  
- 6.05pm Rabbitohs v Cowboys

\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

### Saturday 18 May – Closing Day & Prize Giving

As with previous closing days there will be the usually closing day afternoon tournament with prizes. Followed later by the awarding of the cups, winners badges and the cash to those lucky recipients. Finger food will be available at the conclusion of the prize giving. Members and partners are welcome.

1pm - Closing Day Afternoon Tournament (names in by 12.45pm)  
4pm - Prize Giving followed by finger food.

### AGM 2019

The Birkenhead Bowling Club's AGM 2019 is 10am Sunday 18 June 2018. A formal notice has gone out this week to all financial members. Applications for the positions on The Birkenhead Bowling Club Board of Management close with the Club Secretary at 5pm on 1 June 2019. Expressions of Interest are also called for Committees & Appointed Personnel positions within the Club. Names may be entered on the chart in the Club Rooms or delivered to the Secretary on the Committees & Appointed Personnel – Expression of Interest form.

If you haven't received your AGM notice via email or post by early next week there are spare copies available from the Club.



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## Unders and Overs - Rescheduled Date

If your over 70 reserve 4pm Friday 10 May. It's the annual 70s versus over 80s clash and it's always a good tussle with the title tightly contested. Names on the whiteboard in the Club if you wish to play

## First Year Singles - Rescheduled Date

It all starts somewhere and that is your first year. The first year singles is a one chance only championship and you never get a second chance at claiming it.

8.30am Saturday 18 May

Entries close 5pm Thursday 16 May

## Book a Number

Can't get to the club for the first raffle on Fridays, Your number is gone, Can't get the same number straight through?. Don't despair!!!! You can prebook a number or numbers for each Friday's raffles, that way you will never miss out. Five raffles each Friday its \$10 to prebook a number in each raffle. If you would like to prebook a number contact Merv "the Swerve" Garred.

## Fish n' Chip Day

By Geoff Darby:

Annual "Fish n' Chip Day". Wednesday 1st May, Letter of appreciation

A brilliant sunny day, little wind and the lower green in beautiful condition. This led to this year's completion being contested by some excellent bowling, by teams which were generally evenly matched.

The day was organised by Bob Murphy and Ken Edgar, they are to be congratulated on how well run the event went. The total number of bowlers was 24 and these were split into 8 teams. The competition was won by Mick Moodie's team. This team had 3 wins as did Peter Nathan's but the winning team was determined on number of points won as they had even ends. Evan Thomas won the differential.

The day was basically an end of season fun day for midweek bowlers. This tradition occurs annually toward the end of season. This year it was determined to change the format and play 2 games in the morning and 1 in the afternoon, and Instead of fish and chips, as we always had in previous years, Bernie Hall and son, Shanon, provided a splendid lunch of fish, chips, calamari, prawns and mussels, and a very nice salad. Thank you Bernie for a delightful lunch.

During the course of the day several of our incapacitated bowlers turned out to watch the bowling including Bub Pike, Alex Abela and Peter de Roo. It was nice to see them and they enjoyed their day. Days like these we also travel down memory lane and remember some of the bowlers that have passed on. May they bowl in peace.

As we are nearing the end of season we wish to acknowledge and thank where thanks is due. Firstly to our Sponsor, Ryman Health Care Bert Sutcliffe Village. Thank you for the sponsorship provided this year, it added a new dimension to the Wednesday bowls. The meat packs and other generous donations were gratefully received. Long may the association continue.

We would like to thank Bob, Ken and Tom (our committee representative) for their excellent efforts over the season, same goes for the guys that do the early morning green set ups. These same guys also give up their time to landscape, and maintain the club premises.

We must thank the ladies for cleaning up the kitchen after the days bowling is finished. Also of note, thanks to the midweek bowlers who give their time for corporate events, this brings much needed funds to the club, Best not forget Dave Moore for policing the car park.

Finally all you bowlers for your friendship, club support, banter and competitive spirit. If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies.

In closing, this year's "Fish n' Chip Day" was enjoyed by all, hopefully we can repeat the same next year.

Written in appreciation and on behalf of the Birkenhead midweek bowlers.

## 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

Members Draw drawn between 5 - 7pm




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## Team World Confirmed

Reproduced from Bowls Australia website: by Domenic Favata

Ahead of the inaugural World Bowls Challenge to hit Australian shores from November 29-30, Team World has unveiled its star-studded line-up to take on the BCiB Australian Jackaroos in a composite, ten-a-side format at Moama Bowling Club.

Six-time Commonwealth Games gold medalist Alex Marshall MBE headlines the squad, selected by Englishman and World Bowls President, John Bell, with the Scot to be joined by a host of marquee names.

Countryman Darren Burnett, reigning world singles and champion of champions titleholder Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand), Canadian master-blaster Ryan Bester and Northern Ireland's Gary Kelly will join Marshall in the men's ranks, while the women's five is led by Kiwi legend Jo Edwards MNZM, the reigning Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist, world singles champion of champions and six-time winner of the World Cup.

Joining the New Zealander is 2018 Commonwealth Games singles bronze medalist Colleen Piketh (South Africa), Canada's Kelly McKerihen and English pairing Ellen Falkner and Katherine Rednall.

While the achievements of Falkner are known to most avid followers of the sport (three-time Commonwealth Games gold medalist, four-time world indoor champion and a world fours gold medal to her name), prodigiously talented starlet Rednall will be one to watch during November's event.

At the tender age of 23, she has already struck gold in the world indoor singles championship three times, along with a mixed pairs gold with Darren Burnett in 2016 and a bronze medal at last year's Commonwealth Games in the women's triples.

It is expected that Australian coach Steve Glasson will announce his team following the completion of the 2019 Asia Pacific Championships in July.

Australia is unquestionably the most in-form nation on the global stage,

having secured four gold, two silver and one bronze medal from eight disciplines at the most recent World Bowls Championships in 2016, in addition to five gold and two silvers from 10 disciplines at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

It is envisaged that the event will be staged every two years with each subsequent new host nation then forming the side to contest the might of the rest of the world.

Unsurprisingly, the competition format will deviate from tradition, with sets-play matches and sessions staged across two days, in order to bolster its appeal to audiences on Fox Sports Australia, with both nights to be televised by Bowls Australia's (BA) pay-tv partner. The event will begin with mixed triples, followed by men's pairs, women's pairs, then mixed pairs, and conclude with ten singles matches (five men's singles matches and five women's singles matches) staged across staggered starts.

### Team World:

Men – Alex Marshall MBE (Scotland), Darren Burnett (Scotland), **Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand)**, Ryan Bester (Canada), Gary Kelly (Ireland).

Women – **Jo Edwards MNZM (New Zealand)**, Colleen Piketh (South Africa), Kelly McKerihen (Canada), Ellen Falkner (England), Katherine Rednall (England).

*Editor's note: Let's hope it will available on TV here in NZ or available to view via the internet.*



New Zealand's Jo Edwards MNZM and Shannon McIlroy selected in the 'Rest of the World' Team to play Australia, November 29-30 at the Moama Bowling Club.





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**Pt Chev / Birkenhead "Friendship Shield"**

Last winter saw the return of the games afternoons between Point Chevalier Bowling Club and Birkenhead Bowling Club, competing for the "Friendship Shield". Contended over games of darts, pool, and indoor bowls, the afternoons were a great success for both clubs and great fun. After the two legs Birkenhead had come out on top and claimed the Shield for 2018.

This winter we start our defence of the Shield with the first leg hosted by Pt Chev on the afternoon of Saturday 22 June. Birkenhead will host the return leg on Saturday 20 July at Birkenhead. Come and play or just support the team, Pt Chev has a TAB, gaming machines and liquid refreshment prices similar to Birkenhead's and they put on a mean spread to concluded the afternoon.

If you're keen put your name down on the list under the racing screens. Any questions direct them to John Hindmarch.

**Have You Changed?**

Have you changed address, phone number or email during the past year? Have you notified the Club Secretary in writing? Are your details incorrect in the Club hand book? Here is your opportunity to tidy it all up. Fill in a yellow "Change of Details" form available at the Club with your correct details and hand it to the Club Secretary or to the bar. Your details will be updated and you won't miss anymore of the Club's communications.

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**And Next Season?**

As the 2018-19 summer season draws to a close and the greens get closer and closer to renovation time, work on next season's programme has begun. Opening day is looking like Saturday 31 August, this is to fit in with our guest speaker. The Centre opening is Sunday 7 September, followed by the Ivan Kostanich Singles and Auckland Premier Women's Singles on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September.

Birkenhead's three extended weekend tournaments are all making a return along with the Carpet Mill Easter Triples introduced this year. The Easter Triples will remain exclusive to only 16 any combination teams, so get in quick when entries open. The "Stinger 200 Club Avos" will be back on selected Saturday afternoons as well as the ever popular "You Travel Social Bowls" on Monday evenings. And just down the road our friends at Northcote will be celebrating 120 years! Birkenhead will be working our programme to avoid clashing with occasion and leaving our members free to support this celebration if they wish.

Birkenhead extended tournaments next season (note these dates are tentative as we await the Centre's confirmed programmes):

- Bert Sutcliffe Birkenhead Men's Pairs Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 February 2020
- The Good Home Birkenhead Women's Pairs Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 February 2020
- Wheels On Wairau Seafood (OACF) Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 April 2020
- Carpet Mill Easter Triples (OACT) Friday 10 & Saturday 11 April 2020

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# The Renegades

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### Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on "The Birkenhead Licensing Trust". Although not a sponsor, but with the Trust's support over the years the club has benefited from many grants.

Source <http://www.birkenheadlicensingtrust.org.nz>

The Trust is a net proceeds-committee of the Lion Foundation and is responsible for approving grant funding to the local community groups in Birkenhead and surrounding areas from gaming funds generated by Lion Foundation.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust was established in 1967 after voters decided that the Birkenhead Council area should change from 'dry' to 'wet' under the control of a licensing trust.

In 1970 the Birkenhead Trust Hotel was opened, with catering facilities designed to cater for all locals.

A period of expansion was followed by the economic slump of the late 1980s, the recipe for a loss-making enterprise. In 1992 the trust hotel complex was sold and only the wholesale outlet retained.

The Birkenhead Licensing Trust then sat for a number of years, accumulating revenue through the wholesale outlet and distributing interest accrued to local community groups. Meanwhile local licensing reins were loosened, allowing other operators to apply for licenses.

In the interim the Trust sought other suitable sites. In 2002 the Slipp Inn Pub had been opened by Allen Vaughan, who had a long history with Lion Breweries. In 2006 the Trust approached Mr Vaughan with an offer to buy the Slipp Inn, as it seemed a good fit for several reasons: the Trust is a net-proceeds committee of the Lion Foundation; grant funding to the local community comes from funds generated by Lion Foundation; the Trust was already the pub's landlord; the pub fitted the family-friendly ideal of the Trust; and the gambling facility was a source of revenue. The Pub undertook extensive renovations and was reborn as "The Good Home Birkenhead"

But, you ask, what is the difference between a Trust operation and a private or brewery-owned enterprise? Well, all profits from bar and restaurant sales and gaming proceeds are distributed in the local community through the Lion Foundation, rather than going into a big national pool for distribution nationally.

As Mr Vaughan points out, "The Trust does a lot of good in the community, it is not self-rewarding or ruled by self-interest, there are no paid directorships, and all six trustees are chosen by the electorate in the local body elections. As a result close to \$1 million annually has gone back into the community in recent years."

The Trust also owns the Glenfield pub Inn Field; revenues go back into the Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote areas from both establishments.

### TAB at Birkenhead Bowling Club.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.