

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#121 Wednesday, 6 May 2026



New Material always welcome. If you have something planned, or an event coming up, then please let the Bee Hive Buzz know - email info@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

On the Green: Both greens are now available for practice. Please watch for closed signs.

Wednesday 6 May

10.00am Wednesday Club Day Roll-Up. (AC single entry) Names in by 9.30 please.

Thursday 7 May

Both greens available for practice.

5pm entries close for the Alan Meekings Memorial Triples

Friday 8 May

Both greens available for practice.

1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (Teams and single entry). Mufti

Saturday 9 May

9.00am Alan Meekings Memorial Triples

Sunday 10 May

9.00am Alan Meekings Memorial Triples

Monday 11 May

Both greens available for practice.

Tuesday 12 May

Both greens available for practice. Bowls coaching finished for the season.

Wednesday 13 May

10.00am Wednesday Club Day & Fish'n Chip Day! Names in by 9.30am please.

What's on in the Club:

Due to availability of staff and patronage, bar opening and closing times may change without notice.

Wednesday 6 May - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Wednesday Club Night. Joker 500. 6.30pm Calliope Harriers run.

Thursday 7 May - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

7pm Believe it or not Quiz night. Free to enter. All welcome.

Friday 8 May - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 9 May - Bar Open 1pm - 8.00pm

2pm Darts: Stingers 1 play Whalers 1

Private function at the Club Saturday evening. Members can still use the bar.

Sunday 10 May - Bar Open 2pm - 7.00pm

Sports viewing on the big screen. Your choice of what to view.

Monday 11 May - Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

Sports viewing on the big screen. Your choice of what to view.

Tuesday 12 May - Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

2pm Line Dancing

Sports viewing on the big screen. Members choice of what to view.

AS AT TUESDAY 5TH WHEN THIS NEWSLETTER WAS BEING PRODUCED, THERE WERE NO ENTRIES FOR THIS CLUB TOURNAMENT! COME ON MEMBERS - THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

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Ross "Trust Me" Murray Tournament

18 club members turned out last Wednesday to take part. Ross Murray did not play for the club for that long, but during the time he was a member, he took great pleasure in devising new, and different 'fun' game formats. The one that has survived and we play in a somewhat watered-down format requires all players to have their own card and score it at the end of each game as if you were skip with a win/draw or loss, points for and ends.

Four games played: 2-bowl pairs, 2-4-2 pairs, 3 bowl triples and 2 bowl triples. If there are enough players, the last game is fours instead of triples. Players don't stay in the same team but go to the rink shown on their card and find their other team members. Games are timed to keep the day 'on time' and at the end the individual cards are totalled up with a 4-point bonus for a win, 2 point bonus for a draw.

When the dust settled, Joseph Korkis was declared winner with 49 points. Close behind was Tommy Winton with 48 points, 3rd place was Gill Rainbow with 44 points, 4th place went to Gary Stevens with 42 points and 21 ends, just beating the 5th place player, Jeff Burris, also with 42 points but only 20 ends.

Consolation prize went to Geoff Darby who handed in a totally incomprehensible score card - never mind, there's always next year!

The weather behaved and made for a very pleasant day's bowls which seemed to be enjoyed by all who took part.

Sorry there's no photos—your scribe was too busy playing!

DOWN THE BACK

President Doug and I (Vaughan) met with the Vector Lines project co-ordinator Vicky and 6 others representing the different contractors working on site last Thursday. We got a run-down on site progress which is going well and they are on track to finish the major construction work by late August. A question they wanted answered was "What did we want done to restore 'our' land when the outside work was finished?"

We have opted not to have the gravelled area and picnic table put back. Instead, the ground level will be sloped down from the existing top paved area and join up with top of our driveway. This should allow more space for car parking along the back of the A Green, albeit on a first-in, last-out basis. The Green Shed will be relocated to the back corner nearest the primary school and continue to be the hazardous goods store.

Along with a new boundary fence, the large wooden fence and gate that was at the top of the driveway will be refitted so we have some security along the back of our property. The meeting went very well and we continue to enjoy a good relationship with Vector Lines and their sub-contractors.



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Danny O'Connor Memorial Tournament

Last weekend saw the second edition of the Danny O'Connor Memorial Tournament held at the club. This year we had 30 teams of triples enter for the event (up from the 26 last year) and the tournament was held in beautiful autumn weather. 8 games of two bowl triples were played to find the eventual winners.

Our main sponsor, Marcus Lindsay from Shields Bros Panel & Paint Birkenhead was on hand to present the prizes on Sunday afternoon but was unfortunately not able to present any prizes to his parents who were playing in the tournament. Our other tournament sponsor Chris Bradley from Giltrap North Shore was unable to be present but Giltrap were able to proudly display their new 2026 Kia Keltos LTD SUV at the club entrance.

With good prize money on offer the tournament attracted many quality teams and saw keen competition over the two days, so much so that at the end of the two days there was just one unbeaten team with 8 wins, being Lindsay Gilmore, John Walker and Colin Rogan, with Colin coming off his win last weekend in the North Harbour Champion of Champion singles event, his 40th Centre title.

Second place went to the Clinton Smith team from Hobsonville with 6 1/2 wins and 58 ends, third place to the Ian Carroll team from Orewa also with 6 1/2 wins and 49 ends. Fourth place went to the Chris Bailey team with 6 wins and 58 ends and fifth place went to the Brian Wilson composite team also with 6 wins and 57 ends. All quite close.

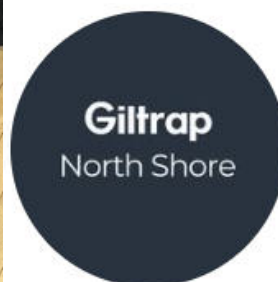
A day two prize was won by the Mt Albert team of Zoran Bartulovich with 4 wins on day 2, and a random prize went to the composite team of Gray Allnut (local lad Mark Hitchcock lucky again being in that team).

Players enjoyed the morning teas and lunches provided again by Bernie and Stu, and thanks to all club members who helped with the bar, green set up, clearing up, raffles, score chart, entry fees and tournament organisation. Very favourable comments were received at the end of the two days regarding the tournament which we will look to run again in 2027.

Thanks Evan Thomas for this report.



The winning team of Lindsay Gilmore, John Walker and Colin Rogan seen with Marcus Lindsay from Shields Bros Panel and Paint Birkenhead.



Danny O'Connor Memorial Tournament—photos

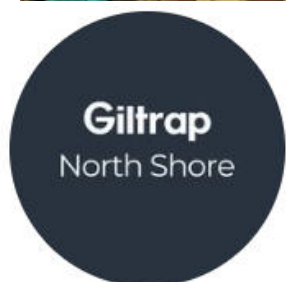


2nd place team
from Hobsonville
skipped by Clinton
Smith.



3rd and 4th places went to Orewa teams:
Left James Evertse, Lukey & Willie McIvor

And 4th place below:
Martin Hitchings, Chris Bailey & Paul Hol-
lows



Danny O'Connor Memorial Tournament—photos



The fifth place team was a composite skipped by Brian Wilson with Tony Garelja and Brent Malcolm.



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Club for Hire

The Club is available for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations throughout the year. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor bowls tournament.

There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area. It can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function. Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green.

We do not offer catering so you are welcome to make your own arrangements. The Birkenhead New World has a good selection of food and can make up finger food selections. We do have a Kitchen area which is available for groups wanting to self cater.

All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the Club's Function Coordinator Shirene Clewett (021 0285 8723) or email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

Club Night - Every Friday

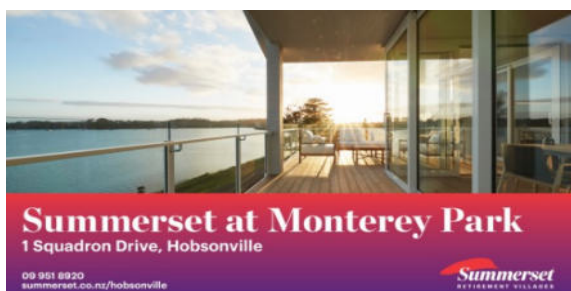
Meat Raffles, Joker 500, Members Draw, Free Pool and Darts, Gaming with Jackpot and more . . . Club open from 3pm

Line Dancing - next Tuesday

Come and join our friendly Line Dancing group on Tuesdays from 2pm for some fun and try your hand at Line Dancing.

Enjoy a friendly and relaxed environment while learning the steps. Dance and song requests welcome.

First lesson free, then only \$5.00. Afterwards share some laughs over a wine or two. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Elaine Utting 0274 861 023.



Step Forward Podiatry Services:

- Nail and skin foot concerns
- Fungal toenails and feet
- Aged Care foot problems
 - Ingrown toenails
- Foot orthotics and footwear
- Foot pain and injuries

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Birkenhead Bowling Club Race Night Saturday 16th May, 6.30pm



Be in to win at this fun event!

- 6 hilarious races
- Ever fancied owning a horse? Now is your chance. Horses will be auctioned off prior to each race.
- Place your bets and cheer your horse on to the finish line.
- 'Fashion in the field'. Ladies and Gents - dress to impress. Spot prizes up for grabs!
- BYO snacks / nibbles
- Come alone or with friends - all welcome.
- Want more info or to secure your spot in a race? See Louise at the club.

****Any monies raised on the night will be going to the club maintenance fund****



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Bowls North Harbour Events - Open for Entry

- Champ of Champ Mixed 2-4-2 Pairs - Sat 30 & Sun 31 May 2026
Entries close 8 May 2026
- Champ of Champ 1-5 Year Singles - Sat 6 & Sun 7 June 2026
Entries close 15 May 2026
- OPEN 2-4-2 A/C Pairs - Sat 13 & Sun 14 June 2026
Entries Close 22 May 2026
- Winter Cup - 3, 17 & 24 July 2026
Entries close 12 June 2026

MELODIES FOR MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND



CHRIS BATES



RICKY DE MEDEIROS



MAILA BAKER

BIRKENHEAD VILLAGE PRESENTS: MELODIES FOR MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

We invite you to join us for beautiful melodies for Mother's Day weekend featuring; Chris Bates, Ricky de Medeiros, and Maila Baker!

Friday: Maila Baker: 6-8pm Norfolk Pine Stage

Saturday: Chris Bates: 11:30-1:30 outside Crave Home Mokoia Road
Ricky de Medeiros: 11:30-1:30 Norfolk Pine Stage
Maila Baker: 6-8pm Norfolk Pine Stage

Sunday: Ricky de Medeiros: 11:30-1:30 outside Crave Home Mokoia Road
Chris Bates: 11:30-1:30 Norfolk Pine Stage
Maila Baker: 6-8pm Norfolk Pine Stage



Don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page for and updates and cancellations as our 2025-2026 season gets underway.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday May 16th - come and try your hand at another one of our awesome Horse Racing nights.

Saturday June 6th - Closing and Prizegiving.

Monday June 8th - Start of our Winter Indoor Bowls - more details next week.

And

Saturday August 1st will be our fabulous High Tea afternoon. More details to come...

Second Thursday in the month - Quiz



**THURSDAY NIGHT
IS QUIZ NIGHT**

7pm Start

**Free to Enter
Non-members welcome**

Quiz Partners:

Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead,
Tim Roskruege & Bill Hansen

Enter on the night