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## Pre BPL05 Edition Hosting & Supporting Domina BCiB Sydney Lions

### On The Greens

Wednesday 22 February - 9.30am Matthews Memorial Pairs (AC 60+, Single Entry)  
- 5.30pm Championship 1-5 Year Men's Singles Final  
- 5.30pm Handicap Singles Final

Thursday 23 February - 6pm Handicap Singles Final  
- Entries close 5pm Championship 1-5 Year Triples (AC)  
- Entries close 5pm Championship 1-5 Year Fours (AC)

Friday 24 February - 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)

Saturday 25 February - 9am Championship 1-5 Year Triples (AC)

Sunday 26 February - 9am Championship 1-5 Year Fours (AC)

Monday 27 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (10)

**Wednesday 1 March - 9.30am RSA Tournament (OACT)**

Friday 3 March - ~~1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)~~ - Cancelled

- BOWLS NZ National Interclub - Men's Division 2

Saturday 4 March - ~~9am Handicap Pairs (ACP)~~ - Postponed

- BOWLS NZ National Interclub - Men's Division 2

**Sunday 5 March - 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT)**

Monday 6 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls (11)

### Inside This Weekend

**Friday 24 February - Club Night**

Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing: Alexandra Park (harness) and across Australia

Cricket - ODI Blackcaps v South Africa - Live

**Saturday 25 February - Meet the Lions**

**6pm - Meet The Team, come meet the BPL05 Sydney Lions - details page 2**

Racing: Matamata - J Swap Contractors Matamata Breeders Stakes, Otaki (thoroughbreds), Winton (harness) and across Australia including Caulfield - Blue Diamond Stakes & Futurity Stakes, Randwick - Chipping Norton Stakes.

**Sunday 26 February**

Racing: Wairoa, Methven (thoroughbreds), Manukua (dogs) and across Australia

5pm - Wrong Bias Bar (downstairs) opens for members.

6pm - BPL05 Official Opening Function (Invitation only) - upstairs.

### 1-5 Pairs Champions

Five teams competed in this season's 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (Any Combination). Surprising to all was that only one woman entered, that being Jacqui Belcher, and she skipped her husband Jerry.

After three rounds out of the four to be played to find the top two to play off in the final the top two were clear cut, Jerome Rusk / Jimmy Heath and Jerry Belcher / Jacqui Belcher both with three wins and unable to be caught by the rest of the field. Round four was scrapped and it was straight into the final, eighteen ends, no time limit. The first two ends went to Belcher and the next two to Heath, two all after four ends. The next two ends saw threes picked up by both teams, five all after six ends. Ones on the next two ends and six all after eight ends. The next four ends where Heath's pulling out to a ten six lead. Belcher then picked up three shots over two ends to be within one shot, trailing nine ten after thirteen ends. One more shot to Heath and Belcher picking up three over the next two to lead twelve eleven after sixteen ends. Two ends to play and they were both Heath's picking up a three and a two to win (16-12) and claim the championship title. Jerome Rusk / Jimmy Heath Birkenhead 1-5 year Pairs Champions.



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## BPL05 Official Opening

Sunday 26 February the club has been honoured with the privilege of being the venue for the official opening of BPL05, this is an invitation only event and will see the teams, officials and guest at our club.

The upstairs area of the club will be unavailable to members from 5pm.

Members are requested to vacate the upstairs of the club by 5pm. The wrong bias bar downstairs will be open for members to enjoy

## Meet the Lions

Saturday 25 February the Sydney Lions team will be visiting the club at 6pm they will stay and mingle for around two hours. Coach, bowling legend, Steve Glasson will take questions over this period and as he said "will be an opportunity to get the team fired up". Their Sponsor Domina BCiB, supporters from Club Mount Lewis and "The Lion" will also be in attendance. We are the host club for the Sydney Lions for BPL05 and it would be great to show them some Birkenhead hospitality and support to both the team and their supporters. Food will available for all, it is shaping up to be one hell of a night, not to be missed.



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## Meet the Team

**Reigning Champions Sydney Lions**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February @ 6pm**  
**@ Birkenhead Bowling Club**



**Come & meet Steve Glasson OAM, Aron Sherriff, Karen Murphy, Ben Twist, their Ozzie supporters & "The Lion"**

**BPL Trophy on display**

**Kiwi kai available for all**



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**1-5 Year Men's Singles Final - Jimmy Heath v Jerome Rusk**  
**Handicap Singles Final - Jacqui Belcher v Gary Wallace**  
**5.30pm Today**

**Three Zip Sweep**

By Jerome Rusk

It was another successful outing for the Birkenhead Bees in the second round of section play in the Junior Interclub held on Monday. With the official venue Northcote unable to host us (much to the dismay of Mike 'Fish' Haggart who was due to smoke up a feast of mussels), the event was switched to a fast running Takapuna. This week we tackled Northcote and it was a sweep 3-0 to the Bees.

Pairs combination Gary Wallace and Robbie Henson led all the way, producing a comprehensive performance to win their pairs match 19-13. Northcote picked up late shots to make the score closer. Gary and Robbie teamed up in the Club Junior Pairs last weekend, their partnership showing the benefits of extended play together.

Jerome Rusk added a 19-12 victory in the Singles, after an excellent start and a 9-1 lead, Northcote's Guresh picked up his game to challenge to 9-7 before Jerome pulled away to win.

The Triples team of Jacqui and Jerry Belcher laid a solid platform and Skip Jimmy Heath added the polish to win their tie. The Triple J's brought their NZ Open form to the match and took the lead early and continued to edge away in comfortable fashion to record a 18-5 victory.

Thanks to the team, it was a quality performance and a massive shout out to our Management in Dale and Adele Ineson. We are very grateful for your support and time. Also a 'cheerio' to Ruth Lynch for her attendance also. Next week we are back at Northcote and we take on Mairangi Bay where a successful tie will mean we go through to the knock out phase.

**NZ Open Title for Mouton**

The Men's and Women's NZ Open Triples didn't get off to the best of starts with the section play day washed out during the week. They were both then redrawn and played as a straight knock out.

The Men's Triples, Jimmy Heath, Daymon Pierson had originally planned to play with skip Jack Huriwai but after the washed out day, Huriwai was unavailable due to family reasons. Curtis Ennor came in and after winning their first round on the greens at Mt Eden went down second game and out of the completion.

It was a different story for Birkenhead's Schalk Mouton having teamed up with Brown's Bay club mates Rory Soden and Scott Evans, Evans fresh from his Harbour Singles title win the previous weekend.

They moved their way through the competition taking out defending champions Neil Clarke, Trevor Harris and Kevin Marshall in the semi-final to book their place in the final. The final up against the guys from north of the Brynderwyns, David Hood, Mike Reddy and Barry Allison.

Evans taking an early lead 4-0 after eight ends, 10-1 after seven, up 10-5 after eight was the closest Hood got to Evans. Evans stepped out to 12-5, 14-6, 17-6, 17-8, 18-10 and finishing 19-12 after the eighth end to take the game and the title, Roy Soden, Schalk Mouton, Scott Evans 2017 NZ Open Men's Triples Champions.

The Women's Triples also under a straight knockout saw Birkenhead's Jacqui Belcher, Trish Croot and Lisa Helmling play their way to the quarter finals, but Helmling succumbed at that stage to eventual winners Margaret O'Connor, Christine Buchanan and Anne Dorreen.

The NZ Open Men's Pairs, the Birkenhead pair of Mark Rumble and Nigel Drew were going well making the quarter finals and up against Birkenhead's Tony Grantham and Browns Bay's Kerry Chapman, where Grantham / Chapman won and moved onto the semis for win over Scott Harrison, Artem Chesnokov (Balmoral) and into today's final. Grantham and Chapman take on Chris Le Lievre and Jamie Hill in the final 10am live on the greens at Blockhouse Bay and on Sky Sport today.



Evans, Mouton (Birkenhead), Soden  
NZ Open Triples Champions



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## BPL05 Free Entry

All the sessions are free, you just pick what ever you like. Daytime sessions are played on the greens at Sunnybrae and the evening sessions next door at the North Shore Events Centre, no change to enter.

BPL05 starts on Monday 27 February and culminates on Thursday 2 March, late in the evening with the final. All the evening sessions are televised live on Sky Sport.



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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

ROUND 1	SUNNYBRAEBOWLS CLUB	
	9:30am NZDT- 7:30am AEDT	
	Adelaide ENDURANCE	vs Murray STEAMERS
	NZ BLACKJACKS	vs Melbourne ROYS
	Sydney LIONS	vs Brisbane PIRATES
Gold Coast HAWKS	vs Perth SUNS	

ROUND 2	10:45AM NZDT- 8:45AM AEDT	
	10:45am NZDT- 8:45am AEDT	
	NZ BLACKJACKS	vs Brisbane PIRATES
	Gold Coast HAWKS	vs Sydney LIONS
	Perth SUNS	vs Murray STEAMERS
Adelaide ENDURANCE	vs Melbourne ROYS	

ROUND 3	SUNNYBRAEBOWLS CLUB	
	12:30pm NZDT- 10:30am AEDT	
	Sydney LIONS	vs Melbourne ROYS
	Perth SUNS	vs Adelaide ENDURANCE
	Brisbane PIRATES	vs Gold Coast HAWKS
Murray STEAMERS	vs NZ BLACKJACKS	

ROUND 4	NORTH SHOREEVENTS CENTRE	
	6.00pm NZDT - 4.00pm AEDT	
	Adelaide ENDURANCE	vs Gold Coast HAWKS
	7.15pm NZDT - 5.15pm AEDT	
	Brisbane PIRATES	vs Melbourne ROYS
8.30pm NZDT - 6.30pm AEDT		
Sydney LIONS	vs Murray STEAMERS	
9.45pm NZDT - 7.45pm AEDT		
Perth SUNS	vs NZ BLACKJACKS	

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

ROUND 5	SUNNYBRAEBOWLS CLUB	
	9:30am NZDT- 7:30am AEDT	
	Brisbane PIRATES	vs Adelaide ENDURANCE
	Sydney LIONS	vs NZ BLACKJACKS
	Murray STEAMERS	vs Gold Coast HAWKS
Perth SUNS	vs Melbourne ROYS	

ROUND 6	SUNNYBRAEBOWLS CLUB	
	10:45am NZDT- 8:45am AEDT	
	Gold Coast HAWKS	vs NZ BLACKJACKS
	Melbourne ROYS	vs Murray STEAMERS
	Perth SUNS	vs Brisbane PIRATES
Adelaide ENDURANCE	vs Sydney LIONS	

ROUND 7	SUNNYBRAEBOWLS CLUB	
	12:30pm NZDT- 10:30am AEDT	
	Perth SUNS	vs Sydney LIONS
	NZ BLACKJACKS	vs Adelaide ENDURANCE
	Melbourne ROYS	vs Gold Coast HAWKS
Murray STEAMERS	vs Brisbane PIRATES	

ROUND 8	NORTH SHOREEVENTS CENTRE	
	6.00pm NZDT - 4.00pm AEDT	
	Murray STEAMERS	vs Adelaide ENDURANCE
	7.15pm NZDT - 5.15pm AEDT	
	Brisbane PIRATES	vs Sydney LIONS
8.30pm NZDT - 6.30pm AEDT		
Melbourne ROYS	vs NZ BLACKJACKS	
9.45pm NZDT - 7.45pm AEDT		
Perth SUNS	vs Gold Coast HAWKS	

# Sunday Tournament (OACT) Sunday 5 March

Lunch provided

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### Waitakere RSA - No Reciprocal Rights

From ClubsNZ

This is to advise that the Waitakere RSA has made the difficult decision to resign its membership of Clubs New Zealand.

As a result of the resignation reciprocal rights are no longer being administered between Waitakere RSA and Clubs New Zealand Members

### Seafood Tournament

Entry is now open for the Club's annual Seafood Tournament with Wheels On Wairau returning as tournament partner. This open men's fours tournament played over the two days of Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April will see 32 teams battle out for some of the best seafood prizes on offer around. Fully catered with seafood morning tea and seafood lunch provided both days, this is not to be missed. Limited to the first 32 paid up teams. Further details and entry contact Sandy Cleghorn 027 2006696



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**Seafood Tournament**  
**Open Men's Fours**  
**Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April 2017**  
Start 9am Saturday, 8.30am Sunday  
**Seafood Prizes, Seafood Raffles**  
**Seafood Morning Tea** (provided both days)  
**Seafood Buffet Lunch** (provided both days)  
**\$200 per Team**  
Limited to the first 32 teams paid in full  
**Further details & Entry: Sandy 027 2006696**  
**Club: 480-7493**

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**Tournament (OACT)**

**@ Birkenhead Bowling Club**

**Wednesday 1 March, 9.30am start**

\$30 per team, Lunch Provided

Good Prizes & Raffles

Entry phone Sandy Cleghorn 027 2006696  
or the Bowling Club 480 7493

**Friday Club Nights**

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Joker 500 on sale from 5pm, Club Membership Draw drawn between 5.30 - 6.30pm.

**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.

**Spotlight on Sponsors**

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 recently 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.

