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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

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## On the Greens this week

Wednesday 28 January - 10am Club Day (AC)  
Friday 30 January - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (AC, team and single entry)  
Sunday 1 February - BNH Women's Centre Triples Post section @ Birkenhead  
Sunday 1 February - BNH Men's Centre Singles Post section @ Birkenhead  
Sunday 1 February - BNH Men's Centre 1-5 Year Singles Post section @ Birkenhead  
Wednesday 4 February - 10am Club Day (AC)

## Diary Dates - Open Tournaments

Ryman Healthcare Open Men's Pairs (2 days) Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February  
The Good Home Birkenhead Open Women's Pairs (2 days) Sat 14 & Sun 15 March  
Seafood Tournament (OMF) Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April.

## Rotary Charity Tournament – Waitangi Day

6 February, 9am  
Any Combination Fours – Mufti, \$15 per player includes morning tea & lunch  
Team and Singles Entry available, Loads of Raffles and Auctions  
Non-bowlers welcome, teams are encouraged to include a non-bowler

## An Unexpected Final

The smallest Men's Championship Singles field in recent memory but featuring two of the past three winners, 2011-12 Peter Nathan and defending Champion Jack Huriwai, 2012-13 winner Tony Grantham was unavailable.

Saturday morning saw the players start the quest to become the 2014-15 Birkenhead Men's Singles Champion. After the first day of qualifying to was down to 8 and sudden death, from here every game counted. Defending Champion Huriwai fell by the wayside losing to Daymon Pierson. 2011-12 winner Nathan followed going down to 2004-05 winner Lionel Drew.

Down to the semis Curtis Ennor up against Pierson saw Curtis pull through to secure a 21-19 victory. The other semi with Drew up against John Pilkington. Drew now considered by many to be the hot favourite for the title. Drew started strongly but Pilkington made a come back and after 21 ends it was 19 all then 20 all, the single winning shot and the win went to Pilkington.

Ennor - Pilkington final, not the final picked be many. Ennor won the first end and progressed to a 7-3 lead, but after 11 ends the scores where all locked up at 8 all and after 14 ends Pilkington had his nose in front 11-10. With Pilkington stuck on 11 and Ennor playing some great bowls Ennor moved out to 15-11 before Pilkington scored again. With Pilkington down 16-18. Ennor drew 3 shots and Pilkington was unable to cut it down Ennor claimed the win 21-16 and the title 2014-15 Birkenhead Men's Singles Champion.



2014-15 Men's Singles Champion  
Curtis Ennor

## Single Entry Junior Fours a Success

Under a departure from tradition this years, due to agreement amongst the players, Junior Fours entry was effectively single entry. This proving to be a success with no so called "stacked teams". 12 players formed loosely grade sides to play a round robin format. Played in good spirits and comradery Jimmy Heath's team ( Bob Murphy, Ces McBride, Matt Berry, Jimmy Heath) come out the eventual winners with Ruth Hitchcock's team (Gerry Sapucci, Peter Svendson, Christine Wafer, Ruth Hitchcock) the runners-up.

## Club Short Cut

There have been several instances in recent weeks with members of the public entering the club's grounds via the "B" green pedestrian gate and exiting via the drive way. Members are asked to if they use the "B" green gate to shut it after they have entered or exited.



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## Little Strikes The \$400

The Club Membership Draw had sat on it's maximum for two draws during the week, with Keith Burgess and John Hindmarch missing out. This was not to be the case for Alan Little. Having entered the Club minutes before the draw it was his number that come up and along with it the prize, valued at \$400. Well done Alan enjoy the win.

## Club Membership Draw

Drawn Wednesdays between 4.30pm - 5.30pm, and Fridays between 5.30 - 6.30pm. Members must be present at the draw to claim the prize. **Happy hour Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm**

## Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30pm onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm. Free Nibbles around 6pm Club Membership draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm Bring a friend along, they may enjoy it and join as a social member or a 1st year bowler!!



A very happy Alan Little after winning the \$400 membership draw Friday

## Spotlight on Sponsors

This week it's our friend Graeme Rutherford's Wheels On Wairau. Wheels On Wairau have been with us for a few years now sponsoring a Sunday Tournament each season with Graeme handing out a few surprise prizes at the conclusion of the day. Our New Years Eve party wheels on Wairau kindly sponsored the band. Thanks Wheels On Wairau for your continued support.

From Wheels On Wairau website

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