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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

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On The Greens This Week & Bit Further

Friday 11 February—1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)

Saturday 13 February - Greens Required for Centre event

Sunday 14 February - Greens Required for Centre event

Monday 15 February— 6pm United Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls

Wednesday 17 February— 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)

Thursday 18 January - 10am Club Day (AC)

- Entries close 5pm Men's Championship Triples

- Entries close 5pm Women's Championship Pairs

Friday 19 February—1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)

Burgess Picks Up Another 10

Keith Burgess didn't make the final of the Men's singles the other week having been beaten by eventual winner Peter Nathan in post section. The 21-8 score line in The Bee Express was a misprint, with Keith actually going down 21-18. Well done Keith on those extra 10 points.

We Did It For Charity

Last Saturday saw the 43rd running of The Annual Birkenhead Rotary Charity Tournament held in conjunction with the Birkenhead Bowling Club and with this years principal sponsor Birkenhead RSA. The forecast was not good but the day started off ok. Thirty two teams ready to play bowls, buy raffles and bid in the auctions all to aid The Neurological Foundation of New Zealand with their research.

Unfortunately half an hour before the schedule start time the rain came and after two hours of waiting the actual playing on the greens was called off and the day's results were declared by cutting the cards, a novelty for many of the new bowlers and non-bowlers attending. Rotary provide morning tea and lunch for the players and Sandy Cleghorn kept everyone entertained as he coerced the dollars out everyone to fill raffles. The Auctions all went well and at the end of a shortened day the final figure raised was round the \$7,500 mark. Thanks to Sandy, our members and all the visitor's for their support of this worthy charity.



Sandy Cleghorn in full voice entertaining the crowd at the 43rd Birkenhead Rotary Charity Tournament

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.

Friday Club Nights

Merv "The Swerve" spins the raffles from around 4.30 onwards, Happy hour 5 - 6pm, Free Nibbles around 6pm, Club Membership draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm

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Champions Cup & \$1,500

What was the strongest field ever to have assembled set out Sunday morning in pursuit of the \$1,500 first place in the fifth \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs, an event that promised much and it didn't disappoint. Four games on day one to determine top and bottom sixteen and the seedlings for day two only saw four teams with four wins, three with three wins and sixteen with two wins, of which nine of those two winners gained entry into the top sixteen. Last year's winners Justin Goodwin/Tony Grantham came through day one unscathed to take the number one seed spot. Other four winners were Garelja/Marsic, Thorne/O'Connor and Lee/Ashton

The Northcote/Glenfield pairing of Haggart/MacKechnie claimed the sixteenth position with the much fancied Kerry Chapman/Dwayne Cameron finding the going tough on the first day and claiming the fifteenth position.

Unlucky seventieth position went to Beckam/Rajendram, although it was the number one position in the Consolation draw and they made easy work of opponents in the first round on day two winning 17-2, but were defeated by Nolan/Helming in the next round.

The Champions Cup draw on day two saw some interesting battles and with Chapman/Cameron just making the cut the top seeds where not going to be any easy rides in the first round. First round saw two of the top four seeds fall by the wayside. Lee/Ashton went down to Wilson/Reichert, as did Whitelaw/Hall to Cox/Goodwin.

Chapman/Cameron put the previous days performance behind them with a sound demolition of Garelja/Masic. Also making it safely through to round two were Nagy/King, J. Goodwin/Grantham, Reader/Smith, Thorne/O'Connor and McClintock/Eades.

Round two was most notable for the departure of J. Goodwin/Grantham going down to Cox/G. Goodwin and Nagy/King out on an extra end to Wilson/Reichert.

Semi finals Cox/G. Goodwin beat Wilson/Reichert and Chapman/Cameron just sneaked past Thorne/O'Connor.

The Champions Cup Final (fourteen ends) saw last year's runner-ups Cox/Goodwin step out to an early lead (6-2 after 6 ends) over tournament new comers Chapman/Cameron. The seventh end Cameron picked up a four and locked the scores at six all. With Cameron taking the next three ends they started to look domineering (10-6 after 10 ends), this was not to be the case with Goodwin picking up the next three ends to be one solitary point behind playing the last. On the last Chapman/Cameron picked up a two, the game, the winners cheque and the Champions Cup with a 12-9 win. Cox/G. Goodwin runner-ups for the second consecutive year. Talking to The Bee Express after, Steve Cox said "we will be back next year, we like this tournament, it's run well". Steve and Grant will be back next year for their sixth attempt at the title along with another 31 teams.

Well done to Bernie Yeo and Gary Stevens on winning the \$400 Fifth Anniversary Draw. Much thanks to our tournament partner Ryman Healthcare for their continued support of this tournament and to Terry Moverley for the effort in running the event over the five years.

Ryman Healthcare \$5,500 Birkenhead Men's Open Pairs 2016 results:

Champions Cup:

- Winners: K. Chapman, D. Cameron (s)
- Runner-up: S. Cox, G. Goodwin (s)
- Third equal: B. Wilson, B. Reichert (s)
- Third equal: P. Thorne, D. O'Connor (s)

Champions Cup A Flight:

- Winner: D. Reader, S. Smith (s)
- Runners-up: J. Goodwin, T. Grantham (s)

Champions Cup B Flight:

- Winners: M. Haggart, S. MacKechnie (s)
- Runners-up: B. Chapman, N. Fisher (s)

Consolation:

- Winners: M. Rumble, N. Drew (s)
- Runners-up: J. Russell, A. Stewart (s)

Consolation Flight:

- Winners: M. Bradshaw, K. Fitness (s)
- Runners-up: D. Campbell, B. Baker (s)



Kerry Chapman & Dwayne Cameron
 2016 Champions Cup winners