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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 27 April 2016





Thursday 28 April - 5pm entries close Handicap Pairs Saturday 30 April - BNH Men's Champion of Champion Singles Sunday 1 May - 9am Handicap Pairs (ACP) Wednesday 4 May - 10am Club Day (AC)

Saturday 7 May - Closing Day & Prize Giving - 1pm Roll up, Discs in by 12.45 pm















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Woman Shrieks Across Top Green

There were scenes reminiscent of days gone by at Eden Park before the "fun police" stopped supporters gaining access to the pitch following a big game. Jerry Belcher had just taken out the Club's First Year Singles title beating Robbie Hensen in the final when Jacqui Belcher shrieked across the green to embrace her champion. The First Years Singles concluded on Saturday afternoon with Jerry Belcher up against Robbie in the winners take all final.

It had all started the previous Saturday when five first year bowlers set out on their one and only chance to claim this title. By the end of the first day two had dropped by the way

side and three one lifers were still in with a chance, Jacqui Belcher, Robbie Hensen and Jerry Belcher. Jerry had the bye into the final and Jacqui and Robbie took on each other to secure the spot to play Jerry for the title. Jacqui got off to a promising start leading 8-3 after eight ends. Robbie then picked up a four and a one to level the scores. Trading shots for the next eight ends and the scores locked at 12-12. Jacqui picked up a two followed by Robbie with a three the very next end. Three ends later the scores were again locked together at 17-17. Time running out, yes there was a two hour time limit,



Much to the surprise of players and the marker. Jacqui Belcher shrieks across the green at the First Year Singles final.

the next end would decided the game. Robbie picked up one shot and secured his spot in the final.

The final played in perfect bowling conditions and marked by President Keith Burgess saw Robbie Hensen start with a three followed by a one to be four up on the board. Jerry Belcher got on the board with a one followed by Robbie picking up one on the following end. Robbie leading 5-1, Jerry took five consecutive ends and ten points to step out to a 5-11 lead after nine ends. Blows were traded and at 14 ends the score stood at 10-13 to Jerry. The final five ends where all Jerry's. On the nineteenth end Jerry was up 10-19. Robbie was one up on the head with Jerry only requiring two shots to win. Jerry with two back bowls near the ditch, opted to drive and nailed the jack into the ditch along with his toucher, three shots up. Robbie was unsuccessful in cutting down the count and Jerry was crowned Birkenhead's Club First Year Singles Champion for this season. No further action will be taken against the shrieker, the "fun police" haven't reached our club yet.













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Champ of Champ Fours

Saturday two Birkenhead teams had earned the honour of representing the club at BNH Champion of Champion Fours. The Men's fours Daymon Pierson, Garry Moverley, Evan Thomas, Doug Parlane (s) were home early after being defeated by Waimauku in the second round.

The women's team of Adele Ineson, Elaine McGregor, Mavis Smith, Colleen Sexton (s) feared better beating Sunnybrae 12-10, Warkworth 17-16 and then progressing on to play Browns Bay for a spot in the final on Sunday to be played at Birkenhead. After leading at nine ends Birkenhead dropped a six to be one shot behind Browns Bay. The following four ends saw some big ends scored and after fifteen ends the scores were locked at seventeen all. The sixteenth and final end the shot changed numerous times. Browns Bay had one bowl to play with Birkenhead holding shot. Brown Bay's skip delivered her bowl nd immediately turned in disgust at the bowl she had delivered. But this is bowls and lady luck does play her part. The bowl hit a wing bowl and shot through the head taking out Birkenhead's shot bowl. With Browns Bay one up on the head Birkenhead elected to drive and missed, Browns Bay won 18-17 and moved on to the final which they won in convincing fashion over Takapuna on Sunday at Birkenhead.

Club Membership Draw - \$400 & \$100 Today

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. Club Membership Draw between 5.30 - 6.30pm

Closing Day & Prize Giving

Saturday 7 May. 1pm Roll up, Discs in by 12.45pm. finish 3pm and Social hour. 4pm Prize Giving - followed by get together and nibbles.



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