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## On The Greens

Wednesday 22 March - 10am Club Day - Ross "Trust Me" Murray Tournament (AC Single Entry)  
- Second round 1-5 WSC to be played on or before 22 March

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

- First round Handicap Pairs to be played on or before 24 March

Saturday 25 March - 1pm Club Afternoon (AC- Mufti) - *Championship Reserve Day*

Sunday 26 March - *Championship Reserve Day*

Wednesday 29 March - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

Thursday 30 March - *Entries close 5pm Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+)*

Friday 31 March - 1pm 2-4-2 (OACP)

- Round two Handicap Pairs to be played on or before 31 March

- 4.30pm 70 v 80 Jack Renwick Tournament (AC, Single Entry)

Saturday 1 April - 9am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+) - day 1

Sunday 2 April - 9am Darrington Lanigan Singles (Mixed, 65+) - day 2

## Inside This Weekend

### Friday 24 March – Club Night

Raffles, Happy Hour, Club Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing: Alexandra Park, Addington (harness) and across Australia

Super Rugby - 7.35pm Crusaders v Force

NRL - 8pm Penrith Panthers v Newcastle Knights

### Saturday 25 March

Racing: Tauranga, Riccarton (thoroughbreds), Winton (harness) & across Australia including Rosehill - The BMW.

Cricket - from 11am Blackcaps v South Africa (3rd Test, Day 1)

NRL - 6pm Manly Sea Eagles v Canterbury Bulldogs

Super Rugby - 7.35pm Blues v Bulls

### Sunday 26 March

Racing: Tauherenikau (thoroughbreds) Banks Peninsula (harness) Cambridge (dogs) and across Australia

Cricket - from 11am Blackcaps v South Africa (3rd Test, Day 2)

NRL - 6pm Wests Tigers v Melbourne Storm

## National Club Championship Fours

Birkenhead's Jack Huriwai, Daymon Pierson, Jimmy Heath & Robbie Henson arrived at the Taieri Bowling Club Tuesday afternoon, 14 March, to possibly the biggest controversy to hit a national event in recent years. Browns Bay had just defaulted the National Club Championship Men's Triples final and the title was awarded to Northland's Maungaturoto.

Wednesday dawned clear and crisp, just right for some great bowls in the Men's Fours of the National Club Championship. With one major change from previous years, a time limit of 90 minutes per game compared to the 2 hours 15 minutes of other years, it would be a challenge to complete the required ends before the time limit.

First up Huriwai's four met local champions Kaikorai, dropped that game. Next up and they didn't get any easier Waikato's Hinuera and a one shot loss. Central Otago's Wanaka in round three and another dropped game. Round four up against Manawatu's Johnston Park and a one shot loss. Tournament over and time to reflect over dinner and a few. Thursday Huriwai's team was back at Taieri Bowling Club but only as spectators and supporting Gisborne East Coast's Te Karake club, Huriwai is from the East Coast and started his bowls in the region. The team's efforts supporting Te Karake were appreciated with Te Karake coming away the National Club Champions in a final that Heath said "one of the best finals I've seen". Huriwai's team travelled back to Auckland Friday morning as they had made an allowance to play the final the previous day if they had made the final. Well done to Trish Croot, Scott Mouton, Tony Grantham, Jack Huriwai, Daymon Pierson, Jimmy Heath & Robbie Henson representing Birkenhead and Bowls North Harbour with pride in their respective disciplines at the National Club Championships.




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# Seafood Tournament

## Open Men's Fours

### Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April 2017

## Drew Drew Last

Having taken out the Centre Pairs earlier in the season and both being in good form of late, Schalk Mouton and Tony Grantham were hot favourites to take out this year's Men's Club Pairs. They did not disappoint the pundits on the Saturday recording four wins and qualifying in the number one spot for Sunday and a bye into the semi-final was assured. Jimmy Heath and Daymon Pierson qualifying in second spot had the other bye to the semi. Randal Wakins and Nigel Drew qualifying third had to play off against Ross Haresnape and Jack Huriwai, Drew coming away the victor 20-8. On the other side of the draw Evan Thomas and Shane Gibson played Curtis Ennor and Gary Cooley, similar score to the other game in favour of Gibson 21-8.

Semis, Grantham played Gibson, Gibson taking the first end and three all after four ends. Grantham won the next four ends including taking a four on the seventh. After twelve ends Grantham looked in control up 14-5. Gibson took the next two ends and five shots (14-10). Three ends to play Grantham scoring a two and a one while Gibson claimed a one on the last. Mouton and Grantham through to the final with a 17-11 win.

The other semi had Pierson battling it out with Drew. Pierson out to 2-8 lead after six ends. The next six ends went Drew's way picking up ten shots in the process. Pierson came back on the flowing ends to make it twelve all after fourteen. Two ends each for the final four ends but Drew picked up a two on the seventh and Pierson only managed one shot on the eighteenth. Drew moved into the final with a 15-14 win.

The final started off with each team dropping a three in the first two ends. After nine ends Grantham trailed Drew 5-9. Two fours for Grantham in consecutive ends saw Grantham take the lead 13-11. Drew then claimed a three and a one to lead 13-15. Grantham produced the same over the next two ends to regain the lead 17-15. Only for Drew to add three shots to his score and take back the lead 17-18. Grantham scored one shot on the seventh, all square playing the last 18-18. This was it, whoever won the end won the title. Grantham holding multiple shots and only three bowls left to play.

A drive by Drew spilled the jack out into the open, but Drew was still down. Grantham could not improve his position on the head with his last bowl. Last bowl of the game was Drew's and he drew it, one shot to Drew and the Men's Club Pairs title went to Randal Watkins and Nigel Drew.

The Women's Champ Pairs having played a round robin and taking the top two to play the final saw the unlikely combination of Adele Ineson off the front and Jacqui Belcher skipping secure four wins from the five rounds. Three teams were next with three wins, but it was Trish Croot and Lisa Helmling that took the other final spot on a superior differential. Last year's winners Ruth Lynch, Carole Fredrick and Runners-up Connie Mathieson, Colleen Sexton were the unlucky three wins that missed out on a final spot.

The early lead went the way of Helmling picking up a four on the first end. After three ends Belcher was down 1-6, before claiming the next five ends and ten shots to be up 11-6 and right in the game. Then promptly dropped a four bring Helmling to with one shot. They traded shots for the next two ends before Helmling picked up a five on the twelfth end to be in front 12-16. From that point on it was all one way traffic with Helmling stepping out to a 12-22 lead after sixteen ends. Blecher required ten shots off the last two ends, three to Blecher on the seventeenth and the game was technically over. The eighteenth end produced one more shot to Helmling, final score 15-23 and Trish Croot and Lisa Helmling are Women's Club Pairs Champs for the season.

## Pick One Winning Team

Can you pick one winning team from the available teams\* each week of the NRL? Put your skill to the test and out last the rest to become the survivor. Twenty dollars to enter and you could walk away with \$400\* and even if you don't win there is still the "Lucky Draw" for those that missed out. For full terms and conditions see the Sky Survivor chart in the TAB area of the club. Entries and entry fees to John Hindmarch. It all starts round six of the NRL. Round six sections must be in the Sky Survivor box behind the bar by 6.30pm Thursday 6 April.

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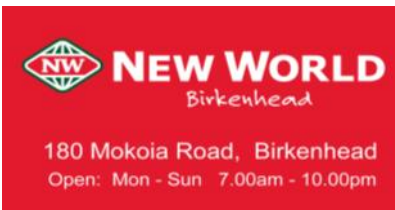
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### Coaching is Back On

Monday coaching is back on at the club. This is available free to all our members.

### Birkenhead Traveling

Birkenhead did extremely well and after section play was top qualifier on 24 win/lose points. 169 shots for, 83 shots against and differential +86. Second on the same win/loss points, but with 142 shots for, 110 shots against and a differential of +32 was Mairangi Bay White. The rest of the qualifiers came in qualifying order: Browns Bay Black, Mairangi East Red, Mairangi Bay Blue, Takapuna Blue, Orewa 1 and Milford A in last spot. Junior interclub post section was to have been played on Saturday 25th March at Milford, with the winner going onto represent their club and Bowls North Harbour at Hikurangi playing for the Mercedes Rose Bowl on Sunday 6th May. The post section (knockout) is now being held Monday evenings to accommodate a sponsored weekend at Mairangi Bay Bowling Club where two single day tournaments are being held, not one finals day as previously scheduled.

Birkenhead although top qualifier are traveling away to play bottom qualifier Milford on their home green. If you're free on Monday 27th March our juniors (1-5 years) would appreciate your support. Play gets under way around 5.30-6pm.

Post section now will commence on Monday 27th March at the following venues:

- Milford (8th qualifier) host Birkenhead Bees (top qualifier)
- Mahurangi East (4th qualifier) host Mairangi Bay Blue (5th qualifier)
- Takapuna Blue (6th qualifier) host Browns Bay Black (3rd qualifier)
- Orewa 1 (7th qualifier) host Mairangi Bay White (2nd qualifier)

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## Junior Interclub Post Section Knockout

### Milford host Birkenhead Bees @ Milford Monday 27th March 5pm

## BNH Centre Open Pairs

From Bowls North Harbour

Bowls North Harbour has confirmed the Centre Open Pairs has been scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This event was omitted from the 2016/2017 Centre Programme.

Forms for this event and the revised Junior events will be out to all club Secretary's soon.

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## Spotlight on Sponsors

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