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Wednesday 15 November – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT)

Friday 17 November - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)

Saturday 18 November – BNH Centre Pairs (one green required)

Monday 20 November – 6pm “YOU Travel Birkenhead” Social Bowls (4)

Wednesday 22 November – 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry)

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### Inside This Weekend

**Friday 17 November – Club Night**

Raffles, Happy Hour, Membership Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Dargaville (Thoroughbreds), Addington & Alexandra Park (Harness), Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

**Saturday 18 November**

Racing – Tauranga & Riccarton (Thoroughbreds) and racing from across Australia including Sandown – Zipping Classic

Rugby League World Cup\* – 5pm Tonga v Lebanon

- 7.30pm New Zealand v Fiji

**Sunday 19 November**

Racing – Waverley (Thoroughbreds), Wyndham (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia

Rugby League World Cup\* – 6pm England v PNG

\* viewing selection is determined by the members.

### HK International Bowls Classic 2017 - Update

Birkenhead's Mike Nagy is currently in Hong Kong representing New Zealand in the Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 2017. He is accompanied by fellow Blackjack Blake Signal. In a field of 128 players playing sets and straight knockout. Nagy went out second round to Scotland's John Fleeming, who went through and lost the final to Australia's Jesse Nornha. Signal went out fifth round (last 8) to Ireland's Gareth Pierpoint. Sydney Lions BPL05 player Ben Twist went out in the semi-final to Fleeming.

Next up the pairs, Nagy and Signal, started Monday 13 November culminating in the final on Saturday 18 November. To date they are still in section play and currently sitting in sixth place in their section. New Zealand sent no women's representatives this year.

### Achievements Away From Home

Bruce Cochrane, Evan Thomas & Kevin George won Northcote's Mid Week triples last Wednesday.

Jaquci Belcher with two Mairangi players won the Triples at Mairangi on Tuesday.



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## National Sevens Interclub Round-up

### Women's Division One

Browns Bay Ladies have taken out the Division One Interclub, Second placing went to Mairangi Bay with Birkenhead coming in third.

Due to a player in the wrong discipline game points were deducted from Glenfield for Round 7 and awarded to their opponent.

### Men's Division One

With one round to go, both Mairangi Bay & Browns Bay were on 45 game points, only the NTOS in Mairangi Bay's favour by +33. The catch up from round 3's games had Browns Bay only playing singles & fours as their pairs had the bye, Mairangi Bay had all 3 games, and close on their heels was Riverhead 6 points behind.

As some of the club's games didn't affect the title contenders, they weren't required to be played. Both of the leaders won two games, Mairangi Bay with +8 and Browns Bay with +28, not quite enough to take the title.

Mairangi Bay will represent BNH in the regional finals in Auckland at Remuera & another Club TBC on Saturday 16th December.

As there are some unresolved issues these results are preliminary, but these have no effect on the Mairangi Bay side.

Birkenhead stuffed up on Saturday (round 9) when our singles player was unable to continue. Another club member kindly stepped in, to fill the singles position and ultimately won the game beating Browns Bays Brent Turner. A protest was lodged and Birkenhead's singles game win points for round 9 were taken off us. As per the conditions of play Birkenhead should have taken a player from one of the pairs or fours teams to play singles and the player that had stepped in should have gone into the pairs or fours team. A lesson for all to read the conditions of play and query any variation.

### Men's Division Two

Having placed top of their section and qualified for the knockout stage Birkenhead were looking good. But this is bowls and anyone can win on their day. As luck or "no luck" would have it Birkenhead had drawn Browns Bay first up on the Saturday knock-out. A side they had beaten during the qualifying. Unfortunately Birkenhead dropped out at this point going down to Browns Bay 2 wins to 1 win. Browns Bay then went on to take apart Sunnybrae 3-0 and move onto the final against Mairangi Bay 2, Mairangi Bay had two sides in the last 8. Both on the other side of the draw from Browns Bay.

In a closely contested final round, the Singles was a tight game with Mairangi Bay out to 17-9, the Browns Bay fought back to 18-19, where Mairangi picked up 3 singles on the last three ends to win 21-18. The pairs saw Mairangi Bay out to 11-4 after 9 ends, then Browns Bay came back to 13-14 after 15 ends. With Mairangi Bay picking up a 4 on the penultimate end and finishing up 19-15. The fours had Browns Bay out to a flyer 10-2 after 5 ends, then Mairangi Bay scored on 4 consecutive ends to be 12-11 up after 9 ends. Browns Bay then came back and finished the game strong winning 17-13.

Mairangi Bay2 won 2-1 over Browns Bay and will be representing BNH in the Regional Finals.

### Women's Division Two

Takapuna took out the Women's Division Two Interclub, they went into the final round 8 points ahead of Browns Bay, and won 2 games. Birkenhead fielded no teams in Women's Division Two

## Continuous Ham Raffles

Continuous ham raffles are now on sale at the bar. Two dollars per, number per raffle.

Each raffle is drawn the Friday after it is sold out. Drawn during the club membership draw time slot.

Winning raffles may be collected after 5pm Thursday 14 December from Birkenhead Bowling Club. Raffles not collected on the 14 December will be named and placed in the chiller for collection, the club and persons running the raffle are not responsible for any raffles left in the chiller.

**The winners to date:** Draw 1 – Ben Rzoska      Draw 2 - Merv Garred  
Draw 3 - Chris Overy      Draw 4 - Maureen P



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# Melbourne Cup Day

For the third year in succession the club has hosted guests in the Winning Post Lounge. Providing them with a sumptuous lunch complete with strawberries and cream, afternoon tea, glasses of bubbles, a beverage package and more whiling away the afternoon backing horses. Those not unfortunate enough to enjoy the Winning Post Lounge enjoyed Stui's Punters Bar with all the action just not the trimmings..

The lucky punter draw open to all that placed a bet at the club on Melbourne Cup day, with a TAB bettering voucher, courtesy of the TAB and bar vouchers courtesy of the Birkenhead Bowling Club with a total value in excess of \$100 went to Val Pike.

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Sweepstake winners Bub Pike, Jan Yew, Ronda Page & Val Pike. Val had the last laugh as she won the Lucky Punter draw valued over \$100

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# Australia Relinquishes its Trans-Tasman Stranglehold

By Bows Australia

The New Zealand Blackjacks have clinched bowls' Trans Tasman honours for just the third time in a decade, after a scintillating final day performance at Broadbeach Bowls Club.

The Kiwi contingent stunningly claimed the Overall Senior Trans Tasman Trophy on a count-back of results, by virtue of securing the women's event and only narrowly losing the men's after three days of competition.

The Blackjacks prevailed in the women's event two-tests-to-one, after winning successive tests across the weekend, while the green and gold army were triumphant in the men's competition by the same margin, winning Friday's and Sunday's tests.

As a result, Australia surrendered its stronghold on the competition's silverware, with New Zealand successful in the count-back of games won across the three tests in both genders, 60-points to 45.

New Zealand had last claimed the overall honours six years ago, on home soil, and prior to that, claimed the bragging rights in 2009 in Brisbane.

While the Blackjacks will take the Overall Senior Trans Tasman Trophy and Women's Senior Trophy back to their shores, there wasn't any further cause for celebration for the international raiders.

The host country collected the remaining five pieces of silverware on offer, in the Men's Senior Trophy, after securing their second test today, and had already procured the Development Overall Trophy, Development Men's Trophy, Development Women's Trophy and Para-sport Trophy following their consecutive test victory on Saturday.

The result bodes well for both nation's chances at the upcoming Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, which will be played on the same Broadbeach greens.

With the Trans Tasman the last international hit-out before the Games, attention now turns to the selection of each nation's teams.



Blackjacks winners Overall Senior Trans Tasman Trophy & the women's event.

## Spotlight on Sponsors

This week we put the spotlight on "3D Products". Greg & Jo Utting's company has supplied many of the white boards and notice boards around the club. The three pictures in the club's entrance hall were custom made by 3D Products. Northcote Bowling Club's tournament white boards were also made by 3D Products.

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