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BREAKING NEWS Courtesy of Birkenhead Bowling Club
RK Express play live for everyone's enjoyment.
At the conclusion of BNH Awards Function 24th June.

On The Greens

Note: Dress – mufti for all winter tournaments at Birkenhead

Wednesday 23 May - 10am Club Day (AC, Single Entry) - mufti

Wednesday 30 May – 9.30am Wednesday Tournament (OACT) – mufti

Sunday 3 June – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – mufti

Inside This Weekend

Friday 25 May – Club Night

Membership Draw

Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500

Racing – from New Zealand & across Australia.

Super Rugby* - 7.35pm Crusaders vs Hurricanes

NRL* - 8pm Raiders vs Sea Eagles

Saturday 26 May

Racing – from New Zealand & across Australia.

NRL - 5pm Roosters vs Titans*

- 7.30pm Warriors vs Rabbitohs

Sunday 27 May

Racing – from New Zealand & across Australia.

NRL* - 4pm Knights vs Sharks

- 6.10pm Wests Tigers vs Bulldogs

ANZ Premiership Netball* - 4pm Stars vs Magic

* viewing selection is determined by the members.

1-5 Year Pairs to be Continued

Rescheduled from the original carded date the 1-5 Year Pairs finally got underway on Saturday 12 May, although this was short lived with only two rounds completed and the following day Sunday the greens were closed. A date for the continuation of this Championship has yet to be decided. All participants will be notified.

Wooden Pallets Available

There are three wooden pallets in behind the greenkeeper's shed that can be taken if any club member has a use for them. Perhaps they may be useful to be broken down for use on a backyard/garden project, or even firewood. Please feel free to uplift, or let Evan Thomas know if you need help to get them up to the car park

AGM 2018
10am Sunday 17 June 2018
Applications for the positions on The Birkenhead Bowling Club Board of Management close with the Club Secretary at 5 pm on 2 June 2018.
Expressions of Interest are also called for Committees & Appointed Personnel positions within the Club.



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Birkenhead PPL Winners

By Evan Thomas

On Saturday 12th May Birkenhead team players participated in the final day of the PPL competition at Orewa Bowling Club. Birkenhead had qualified for the finals along with Milford, Orewa, Helensville, Northcote, Mairangi Bay and Milford.

Qualifying 'zone' rounds had played earlier in the season during daylight saving evenings and Anzac Day afternoon. The format is 2 bowl pairs, a team consisting of 3 pairs per club, with 2 sets of 5 ends played per game with a one end tiebreaker if required. One power play can be called by each team in each of the first two sets where double points are scored if the end is won by the team calling the power play.

In total there were twenty pairs teams playing in each of the four rounds for the day (with one bye in each round) in a scrabbled draw. Three points were allocated for each game win and one point for each set win (not including the tiebreaker set), and a half point for a drawn set, so a total of five points per game available.

Those playing for Birkenhead at Orewa were Randall Watkins and Mark Rumble, John Hindmarch and Ruth Lynch, and Jack Huriwai and Evan Thomas.

Play started at Orewa at 11.00am on synthetic greens in wet and rainy conditions which prevailed until the last round of the day. However this did not deter player enthusiasm and all games were played in a good spirit despite the conditions. An excellent band was playing in a covered area outside to take players and spectators minds off the conditions.

After round one Northcote were leading with 13.5 points with Birkenhead second with 11 points, having lost one game in a tie break.

After round two Birkenhead, having won all three games (one in a tie break) went to the lead with 25 points and Northcote dropping one game were second with 22.5 points. Round three saw Northcote regain the lead with two wins and 32.5 points, with Birkenhead just the one win back to second place with 30.5 points. Orewa at this point were also sneaking into the picture with 28 points.

So it was straight into the last round with players not really knowing the exact standings. Birkenhead secured two wins to finish with a winning 40 points, Northcote managed just one win to finish with 37 points, and Orewa finished strongly with 2 wins and 38.5 points to finish second and nudge Northcote back to third place. So things

did change in that last round. Interestingly John and Ruth for Birkenhead in the last round were playing Orewa's Tony Rickerby and Noel Rooney. John and Ruth won that crucial game – a loss in that game would have altered the final placings.

Given the closeness of the competition and not knowing earlier standings, Birkenhead players were far from convinced they had won and it was not until the final placings were announced that the win was certain. For winning, the club is presented with \$600.00, a trophy, and players were awarded a certificate and cap.

Mention should also be made of Jim Heath, Jerry Belcher and Curtis Ennor who also played in teams during the qualifying games.

The whole concept on Saturday was well presented and run by Bowls North Harbour and Bowls Orewa so our thanks to those organising bodies. No doubt we will see more of these types of tournaments. Final standings were Birkenhead, Orewa, Northcote, Browns Bay, Helensville, Mairangi Bay and Milford, with all teams sharing part of the \$2,000 prizemoney available.



BNH PPL Winners Birkenhead: Randall Watkins, John Hindmarch, Mark Rumble, Evan Thomas, Jack Huriwai. Absent: Ruth Lynch.



Warriors vs Rabbitohs Saturday 7.30pm Watch it Live at the Club

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Prize Giving and Awards

The Club held its annual Prize Giving and Awards last Saturday evening, the gridders were:

- Championship Women's Singles:** Winner - Ruth Lynch
Runner-up - Carole Fredrick
- Championship Men's Singles:** Winner - Shane Gibson
Runner-up - Lionel Drew
- Championship Women's Pairs:** Winner - Barbara Staal, Ruth Lynch (s)
Runner-up - Adele Ineson, Jacqui Belcher (s)
- Championship Men's Pairs:** Winners - Mark Rumble, Nigel Drew (s)
Runners-up - Steve Yates, Lionel Drew (s)
- Championship Women's Triples:** Winners - Adele Ineson, Mavis Smith, Jacqui Belcher (s)
Runners-up - Connie Mathieson, Carole Fredrick, Ruth Lynch (s)
- Championship Men's Triples:** Winners - Mark Rumble, Peter Nathan, Nigel Drew (s)
Runners-up - Bruce Cochrane, Merv Garred, Mick Moodie (s)
- Championship Women's Fours:**
Winners - Lauranne Croot, Adele Ineson, Connie Mathieson, Ruth Lynch (s)
Runners-up - Barbara Staal, Robyn Autridge, Jacqui Belcher, Carole Fredrick (s)
- Championship Men's Fours:**
Winners - Gary Wallace, Garry Cooley, Sandy Cleghorn, Lionel Drew (s)
Runners-up - Mark Rumble, Peter Nathan, Randall Watkins, Nigel Drew (s)
- 1-5 Year Women's Championship Singles:** Winner - Milika Nathan
Runner-up - Lauranne Croot
- 1-5 Year Men's Championship Singles:** Winner - Gary Wallace
Runners-up - Jerome Rusk
- First Year Mixed Singles:** Winner - Milika Nathan
Runner-up - Judi Farkash
- 1-5 Year AC Championship Triples:**
Winners - Barry Reyland, Gary Wallace, Robbie Henson (s)
Runners-up - Stacy Munro, Lauranne Croot, Jerry Belcher (s)
- 1-5 Year AC Championship Fours:**
Winners - Judi Farkash, Adam Richardson, Barry Reyland, Robbie Henson (s)
Runners-up - John Hannan, Mari Hannan, Chad Nathan, Milika Nathan (s)
- Darrington Lanigan Singles:**
Winner - Chris Jackson
Runner-up - Mick Moodie
- Handicap Pairs:**
Winner - Bruce Cochrane, Jacqui Belcher (s)
Runners-up - Gary Wallace, Robbie Henson (s)
- Matthews Memorial Pairs:**
Winners - Ngairie English, Bruce Cochrane (s)
Runners-up - John Rusk, Geoff Darby (s)
- Dave Harper Memorial:**
Winner - Barry Reyland
- Most Improved Junior (1-5 Year):**
Gary Wallace
- Presidents Trophy:**
Adam Richardson



Presidents Trophy recipient: Adam Richardson



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Birkenhead Ladies Step Up

The women's champion of champions singles final was a repeat of the centre championship late last year, with the same players and with the same result. Birkenhead's experienced Ruth Lynch beat Mairangi's promising Theresa Rogers, who is only a fourth-year player but already with three centre titles to her credit, 21-14. Lynch had put out the much fancied Glenfield's Paris Baker in the semi to reach the final.

For Lynch, a national fours champion in 2012, it was her



Milika Nathan & Judy Smith

24th centre title and only four more to catch friend and club mate Carole Fredrick (28 centre titles). Lynch will have a chance to narrow the gap has her and Barbara Stall compete in the Women's Champion of Champion Pairs this coming weekend.

Birkenhead's first year bowler Milika Nathan is certainly in everyone's sights after finishing a very creditable runner-up to Manly's Judy Smith in the final of the 1-5 year women's champion of champion singles. Smith beat Nathan 21-14. It was a brave effort from Nathan as she has only been playing since December. However, she has strong bowling genes, with her father Peter a former centre champion.

Birkenhead's men didn't fear so well. Shane Gibson going down in the men's champion of champion singles in the semi-finals to eventual winner Browns Bay's Tony Grantham. In the men's 1-5 year champion of champion singles Gary Wallace got over the first hurdle but fell at the next, dropping out at the quarter final stage.



Theresa Rogers & Ruth Lynch

Book a Number

Can't get to the club for the first raffle on Fridays, Your number is gone, Can't get the same number straight through?. Don't despair!!!!

You can prebook a number or numbers for each Friday's raffles, that way you will never miss out. Five raffles each Friday its \$10 to prebook a number in each raffle. If you would like to prebook a number contact Merv "the Swerve" Garred.

BNH Centre Event Closing Dates

All Centre event closing dates stated below are with the Club Secretary.
Men's & Women's 1-8 Year Centre Fours closes Sunday 27th May 2018

Two Left & Another Sky Survivor Starting

Our two remaining NRL Sky Survivors made it through last weekend. Will one claim the \$350 this weekend, will it be split or will they go another round. Stuie's hot tip pick for the round is Newcastle 4pm Sunday afternoon.

Round 12 picks close 6.30pm Thursday 24 May.

NRL Sky Survivor Three kicks off round 14 (Friday 8th June), Enter via the sheet under the TAB screens and pay your one off \$20 entry fee to John Hindmarch. If you have never played before its simple, pick one team from the round to win, the remaining rounds pick one team each round but you can't pick a team you have previously picked. Full terms and conditions are on display in the club.

BNH Awards Function

3pm Sunday 24th June 2018 at Birkenhead Bowling Club. Dress Club Colours or Smart Casual.

The Club has to notify the numbers attending. If you intend attending put your name on the white board in the club.



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Birkenhead Women Storm Rawhiti

By Trish Croot

The Rawhiti Estates Men & Women's Club Fours was played at Remuera over the weekend and Birkenhead had two teams competing. The men's team with Randall Watkins, Evan Thomas, Mark Rumble, Robbie Church and substitute, Jimmy Heath. The women's team was Trish Croot, Jacqui Belcher, Adele Ineson and Takapuna's Robyne Walker. Playing for one of Auckland's oldest trophies, the Rawhiti Plate which had traditionally been just a men's fours competition for a number of years till it was opened up to women in 2016. This year with only two all-women's teams, the conditions of play put everyone in together to tough it out.



Trish Croot, Jacqui Belcher, Adele Ineson & Robyne Walker

Saturday got underway to dubious weather on the artificial surface and the first round produced two wins for Birkenhead. There were some great bowls, lots of tight games and at the finish of day one, the girls were top of the competition with three straight wins including the game against the very capable Aggie Motu skipped Mangere team. In second place by only two differential shots were Point Chev who also had three wins. The boys had a 1 point loss against Manurewa skipped by Shane Grabble, a close and exciting game which could have gone either way. This put them one game behind the leaders. Rain played a part with some stoppages in the early afternoon and instead of four games, it was agreed that three would suffice with three rounds to play on Sunday.

Day 2 arrived and the sun made its way from behind the clouds in time for round 4 to start. The girls faced Glendowie first up and like most of the teams an unknown combination due to being mostly Auckland Centre players. Both Birkenhead teams came away with wins and set up crucial 5th round games. Trish to play Shane Grabble, who had handed the boys their loss and Mangere ladies to play Randall. Well as the story goes, some games you can play and never win and perhaps that's how the boys felt when Mangere handed them their second loss of the tournament, effectively moving them out of contention. Trish and the girls got out to a 6-0 lead over Manurewa, before dropping a number and a couple of ends to be behind by two shots. Both teams maintained striking distance and the lead see-sawed till the 11th end, where the scores were locked 13 all.

Playing the last end was in front of the crowd who had stopped to watch. Point Chev had won their game so it was important to come away with a win. Robyne and Adele both had bowls within a mat distance of the jack, when the opposition's 2 slightly trailed the kitty and sat touching with the bowl behind. A great shot and on any day hard to get to. Jacqui played a good weighted shot with her first but was wide of the main head. David Clark, Manurewa's three, went to the back of the bunch to avoid any edge wicks. Jacqui's second bowl looked good on the way down the green but it wasn't till the last minute it started turning and sat out the shot bowl to give us a couple of shots. Outstanding at anytime, exceptional under a huge amount of pressure.

Shane sent a drive down on his first bowl which cleaned out the head and shot the kitty sideways into the open way to the right of the head. One down for the girls. The first of my bowls came up the green and dead drew the shot with a trail to be holding the game. Shane missed his drive on the last bowl which gave the game to the girls. Last and final round, the girls maintaining their lead with a 2 shot differential over Point Chev. Not expected to alter except of course that both games ended up on a tie-break and having to play an extra end to win their games! You are never home till the medal is around your neck! We got there... 6 from 6.

From me to the team, thank you girls! They played consistently, strategically with great concentration, all while continuing to hold their nerve when under pressure. I am stoked and proud of them all in every game they played. Robyne off the front was consistent and close, setting up the head for us very well (we loved having her in the team). For me, Adele, played the number 2 position outstandingly well with both her draw and sit shot giving us every opportunity to draw or cover at 3. Jacqui did that frequently, exactly what you want in that position and keeping the team cohesive. We are thankful of the support of other Birkenhead players around us and without a great team environment, we couldn't have bought home the trophy. Thanks again for texts of congratulations.



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Club Membership Draw Returns Friday 5pm - 7pm

Pt Chev / Birkenhead Challenge is Back

This winter sees the return of the games afternoons between Point Chevalier Bowling Club and Birkenhead Bowling Club.

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