

Our New Green is a Reality

Our new TigerTurf green was officially opened on Saturday 5 August. That was a good reason for a celebration for what had been achieved in the thirteen months since the 2022 A G M when the majority of our members first became aware of the need for a green replacement.

On the day (see full coverage of Page 2) President Les, One Foundation rep Tsuki Aoyama and Mayor Bernie Wander all spoke of the actions of the club in future-proofing its facilities for the waves of new arrivals to our district.

After the official opening there were a good number of members keen to try the green out in the first club day roll up. And after all that was over Les and Liz left us all in their vapour trail as they jetted off to Abu Dhabi on their way to a few weeks with their daughter and son-in-law in the south of Spain. And, that's not to mention being at the opening game of the Rugby World Cup in Paris. Anyone for winter bowls?





New Members

What ? No new members this month.

Your Elected Leaders for 2023-24

Patron President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Executive Members	Margaret Griffin Les Galloway Brian Cooper Grahame Law Dave Grigg Chris Hogan Liz Galloway Kay Lahman Jim Winter
Match Committee (Convenor) Club Captain	Julie Stichbury Norman Annand Pat Brown Bill Clelland Wayne Judd Duncan Mann Wendy Whitelaw Brian Cooper
Selectors	
Women	Chloe Eastham Kay Hogan
Men	Bill Clelland Neville Turnbull

Coming Events

August

- Sat 17 Mixed Fours champ. qualifying
- Sun 18 Mixed Fours champ. p / s
- Wed 21 Triples gala
- Sun 25 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala

September

- Sat 02 Opening Day & Presentations
- Sun 03 Foxton & Beach Challenge away
- Sat 09 M & W Balloted Triples qualifying
- Sun 10 M & W Balloted Triples p / s
- Tue 13 Women's Aggregate & Club Captains Triples
- Sat 17 Men's Balloted 2x4x2 Pairs qualifying
- Sun 18 Men's Balloted 2x4x2 Pairs p / s
 - Women's Balloted 2x4x2 Pairs qual.

A Big Day for Levin Bowls - Opening the TigerTurf Green

Saturday 5 August 2023 was a big day for our club. Not only was Neville running the unique 2-Bowl 2-End Pairs and Singles tournament but we were opening our brand new Tigerweave carpet green after two months of bust work by our contractors - first Paul Ireland Digger hire and then TigerTurf.

The opening ceremony for the new green was held during the lunch break in the tournament. The guests welcomed by our President Les Galloway were One Foundation representative Tsuki Aoyama and Horowhenua District Mayor Bernie Wanden. Both speakers congratulated the club on the completion of the project and Mayor Wanden spoke of the importance of community facilities such as ours in a district with a rapidly growing population, particularly in the older age group.

After the talk the two guests and a number of life members and members of the organizing committee delivered the first eight bowls on the new green - with varying results. At this very early stage the green will be relatively slow and not reach its desired speed for 3 - 4 months and after it has be stretched again.



President Les



One Foundation's Tsuki Aoyama



Mayor Bernie



Some of our members at the opening



Lined up to deliver the first bowls on the new green

A big thanks to our sub-committee of Les, Stuart, Arne and Grahame for all the hard work they put in over months to bring this project to fruition. The end result should be a facility for our members to enjoy for decades to come.



The name of our new green is revealed for the members



The first roll up on the new green - not all the bowls made it too close to the jack on the first end.

The 2-Bowl 2- End Pairs and Singles Tournament

This unique event which had its origins about a decade ago at club came back to replace the now defunct Cobb & Co. Classic which **Neville Turnbull** has run for the past few years. This time the major sponsor was **Levin Cars** with **Chris Edhouse** *Arizto* as the secondary sponsor.

The Pairs

The event played on the Dales carpet green catered for 32 players (16 Pairs) who competed for very generous prize money on the day. The really unique feature is that all 16 pairs get to play each other in a round-robin format so that any lottery effect of which teams are in your draw is eliminated. Generally 10 - 11 wins over the 15 games is enough to get into prize money, and so it proved this time.

The main winners on the day were:

1 st	Julie Stichbury & Kaye Lahman	10 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses for 23 points
2 nd	Kay Hogan & Chris Hogan	8 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses for 20 points
3 rd	Bob Lidall & David Bond	8 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses for 20 points

(Kay and Chris took second place after a tie-breaker end.)

Julie and **Kaye** were a bit depressed at the end of the morning as they had won only 3 of the 10 games but after a bit of a motivational talk they won all 5 in the afternoon to win the big money.

The Singles

Once the pairs was completed the players all took part in the knockout singles played over two ends with two bowls. The draw was done so that the pairs partners could only meet in the final - though I don't think that has ever happened. After two rounds the field was whittled down to the quarterfinalists who lined up as follows:

Wayne Judd v Irene Poletti Grae

Graeme Mathie v Iraia Peni

John Michael v Rob Cotter

Bronwyn McMahon v Adam Batty

Wayne Judd, Graeme Mathie, Rob Cotter and Adam Batty won those encounters and Wayne and Adam went through the contest the final.

The winner was **Wayne Judd** and the runner up **Adam Batty** - coincidentally this was the same result as in 2022.

Many thanks to **Neville** and his team in the kitchen, clubrooms and around the greens for the organization for the day and the **Jason** and **Josh** from **Levin Cars** and **Chris Edhouse** for the very generous sponsorship that made the event possible, Thanks also to those players from Waitarere Beach and Central who took part in the fun on the day.

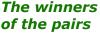




Central visitors Adam & Iraia Timeri & Beryl











The money men

Ex-Presidents catch up

The Shanghai Singles Tournament

Neville ran this year's Shanghai Singles tournament on Saturday 12 August sponsored by Levin Cars and Cris Edhouse Arizto. This event along with last weekend's, 2-bowl 2-end pairs replaced the usual Cobb and Co. Triples. The field of 24 keen singles players enjoyed cool but largely dry August weather for the day.

The event was a bit unique as after the first round of play the field divided into three separate contests. The top 9 players (the 8 winners and the next highest points scorer went into the Classic division. The second place getters and the next 2 highest points scorers played in the Classic Plate, and the remaining 6 in the Consolation Plate.

There were many close games and some went down to the one and a quarter hour time limit to get a result. At the end of the day the final results were:

The Classic

1st Duncan Mann 2nd Rob Cotter 3rd Keven Bray

The Classic Plate

1st Tom Mu 2nd Jim Winter 3rd Phil Stirrat

The Consolation Plate

1st David Bond 2nd Pete Anderson 3rd Jan Lilico

However there were still more prizes. Duncan Mann was the "Player of the Series" who scored the most points over the two Saturdays and there were prizes of free entry to Kapiti Coast Open events for the top three Year 10 and Under players who were: Kay Hogan, Jim Winter and Graeme Mathie.

A big 'thank you' to Neville for putting in all the hard yards for this event (and last weekend); to Julie and Kaye for being there soon after dawn to put out boards, mats and jacks; to Frank, Graeme and Kaye for there hard yakka in the kitchen; John in the bar and to our sponsors and all the players who took part - and anyone else I forgot to mention.

August Quiz

1. Who is this 125 storeys up at the Burj Khalifa in Dubai?

2. Bonus points if you can read what's written on the window above her.

Ken Hayward Editor



