

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?

Your Elected Leaders for 2023-24

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

New Members

What ? No new members this month.

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



***The name of our new green
is revealed for the members***



***Lined up to deliver the first
bowls on the new green***



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

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 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:

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| 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

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.



The winners of the pairs



Central visitors Adam & Iraia Timeri & Beryl



The money men



Ex-Presidents catch up

