

Club Events

The gales of late October were not a lot of fun for bowlers but in early November we seem to have turned a corner - a 26 C day and a decent dollop of sunshine have made conditions a lot more pleasant. We are promised an El Nino summer. In my experience the main effects are felt on the eastern side of both islands with our western coastlands being a little warmer with much the same amount of rain. Maybe I will be proved wrong this time.

We have managed to get most of the scheduled championships played more or less on time with only the odd final to be completed. The first day of Pennants produced mixed results but we hope the first days of Interclub on the weekend of 18 - 19 November will see us make a great start.

Next up is the Melbourne Cup mini gala - see the note of Page 2. For those new to the club this is a real fun afternoon so be sure to come and take part. And, for those interested the singles exhibition match at Raumati on 17 November between Tayla Bruce and Lisa White will be worth watching (see Page 4).

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
	Laurie field
	Wayne Judd
	Duncan Mann
Club Captains	Bronwyn McMahon
	Brian Cooper
Selectors	
Women	Chloe Eastham
	Kay Hogan
Men	Brian Cooper
	Duncan Mann

Coming Events

November

- Wed 01 Mixed Veterans - Waikanae
- Fri 04 Ladies Banner - Levin
- Sat 04 BKC M & W Open Pairs
- Sun 05 BKC M & W Open Pairs
- Mon 06 BKC M & W Open Pairs
- Tue 07 Melbourne Cup mini gala
- Wed 08 Rotary R 2 - Foxton & Beach
- Fri 10 Horowhenua 5's R 2 - Waitarere Beach
- Sat 11 **Bowls3Five Championship**
- Sat 18 Women's Interclub Day 1
- Sun 19 Men's Interclub Day 1
- Tue 21 Pennants Day 2
- Sat 25 Centre Reserve day
- Sun 26 M & W Kapiti Coast v Wairarapa - P Bch
- Wed 29 Levin Glassworks Triples gala



New Members

Only one new social member this month. Where are all the new bowlers to use our great new green?

Pennants Round Up Day 1

Men - played at home

Div I	Levin Black Levin Green	Drew 12 - 12 Won 15 - 14	and	Won 22 - 11 Lost 13 - 14	11 points 8 points
Div II	Levin White Levin Black Levin Green	Lost 15 - 16 Lost 10 - 15 Won 19 - 8		Lost 8 - 15 Lost 8 - 11 Lost 9 - 12	1 point 1 point 9 points
Div III	Levin Green Levin Black	Won 14 - 9 Lost 9 - 14		Won 23 - 9 No result ?	15 points 0 points

Women - at Waikanae

Div I	Levin Green Levin Black	Won 19 - 6 Lost 6 - 19	and	Won 13 - 12 Won 21 - 8	15 points 9 points
Div II	Levin Green Levin Black	Lost 8 - 25 Won 12 - 9		Won 14 - 13 Lost 8 - 23	7 points 7 points

MELBOURNE CUP - Tuesday 7 November

Have some fun at the half-day gala - and later

- Discs in by 12.45 Play at 1 pm
- \$ 3 entry
- Wear a fancy hat
- Margaret Wilson is running sweepstakes
- Bring a plate of finger food that does not need to be heated
- Make a bet or two

Stay and watch the big race at 5 pm!



Women's Banner Winners

Two teams of triples each from Foxton & Beach, Waitarere, Central and Levin took part in the annual Banner event at our club. Despite some rain all three games were completed. Our women needed to win both their last games to edge ahead of Waitarere. They managed to win both and take the Banner. Well done to Julie who ran the day.

After a meeting delegates voted to continue playing for the Banner.

Club Champions

Women's Triples

Winners

Julie Stichbury (s), Kaye Lahman & Wendy Whitelaw

Runners up

Dianne Short (s), Donna Gripp & Bella Law

Men's Triples

Final to be played

Women's Pairs

Winners

Ralda Adams (s) & Chloe Eastham

Runners up

Julie Stichbury (s) & Kaye Lahman

Men's Pairs

Winners

Grahame Law (s) & Duncan Mann

Runners up

Graham Stevens (s) & Keven Bray

Rules with Jules

Rule 40 Players duties

40.1 The Skip MUST

40.1.7.1 be responsible for the scorecard

.1.7.2 ensure names of all players are correctly entered on the card

.1.7.3 record all shots scored as each end is completed

.1.7.4 compare card with the opposing skip as each end is completed

.1.7.5 at the end of the game record the time the game finished, sign the card and have the opposing skip sign

40.1.10 Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any duties (except those in Law 40.1.7) to any other team member as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately.

What to do with those old bowls

The Cambridge Bowling Club had a of of old bowls surplus to requirements. They recruited some art students from the local high school to jazz them up a bit. This is the result.



Our Greens PASS The Tests!

At the start of last season Bowls Kapiti Coast used top Wellington green keeper Howard Ivory to test the quality of all the greens in the centre. Arne was not impressed with the methods used in the test. Apparently he just sent a few bowls down on each hand on a couple of rinks and that was it. Then we discovered that he had rated our Dales green as unsuitable for centre event play as it played too fast, The cotula was ok.

That basically meant that unless we had two greens up to standard then we could not expect to host significant centre events. The best we got in fact were the finals of Div III Interclub. Not that the club was too worried as the more centre events we host the fewer days it is available for own club players.

But, how things have changed. On 20 October our greens were tested again. This time by respected local green keeper Scott Sinclair-Paton who looks after the greens at Paraparaumu Beach, Paekakariki and Waikanae Beach.

This time Arne was much more impressed. Scott used the standard 1 metre high 45 degree ramp to run the test bowls down and inspected each rink. The results were:

Dales green Speed 17.3 seconds One minor 'straightener'

Up to standard for National play

TigerTurf green Speed 16.7 seconds

Up to standard for International play

A major turnaround then. A pity the centre did not use Scott earlier. The venues this are set early in the season. Our Women's Pennants teams never get to play at home. Men's Div I Pennants get to play at home once, and Div 2 and 3 twice. And Central's green are out of action!

Women's Interclub never play at home. Men's Premier II and Div III get to play at home once. So who have our women upset? Travelling, travelling, travelling!



Once upon a time we had a pool table. Remember? Here from left Paul, the late Murray Griffin, ex-member Jim Bentley, the late Keith West and Neville enjoy a game. The table soon fell out of use - except as a surface to put stuff on - before we sold it off to the highest bidder.

Exhibition Game and Q and A.

On Friday 17 November the Raumati club will be hosting an exhibition singles game between their own rep singles player Lisa White and the Black Jacks World singles champion Tayla Bruce.

The game starts around 3 pm and the talk from Tayla follows.

If you wish to go get a group together. Cost is \$ 10 a head which includes some finger food.

Might be an idea to book your spot by contacting the club on

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How things change. A photo of the entrance to the club before the old fence was demolished in 1999. A change for the better for sure. We should be justifiably proud of the general appearance of our club facilities.

Club Selection Policy

A few years back our club developed a Club Selection Policy. It listed all the events the club entered teams in, the playing conditions and selection priorities. While a number of events have been deleted in recent years, e.g. Horowhenua Cup, Leila Secker Fours, most are still played. There is a folder in the library shelf which has all the details.

The most important and prestigious events are:

- Interclub, Pennants and Godfrey Bowen Mixed Mixed Masters - the selectors choose the best players available for these events. For Interclub there are strict rules about when players can move down a division which are stated in the playing conditions on the centre website.
- Rotary and Horowhenua Fives are mid-week events and the convenors of those events should pick players who have not been selected for the major events - unless there problems with player availability. For those reasons it is not a great idea to pick teams for the whole season. Better to choose month by month.

There are a few other events e.g. Ladies Banner, still running that the criteria for selection are also stated.

Don't think these principles have ever been revisited and with all the centre events that have been deleted it is time that a sub-committee reviewed them.

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