

Interclub Competitions

Two days of Pennants and Interclub have now been played and it is fair to say that, with a few exceptions, our teams have not exactly acquitted themselves well. In Interclub the men's selectors were very disappointed with the first day's results though the teams were hit with withdrawals due to illness and then were cancelled. On the other hand the women's teams performed very well to be near the top of the standings, with women's Premier II leading their competition after Day 1. Division III women lead the pack.

It is harder to get a handle on the Pennants results. Our men's Division I team is in second place but the Division II teams are not doing too well - at this stage. Levin Green in Div III leads the way though.

While it is true that most of our leading men are playing in the Pennants teams the same is not true of the women, so perhaps it is not a surprise to see that the women's teams are not quite so well placed. A bit disappointing, perhaps, but there is so much bowls to be played that it is understandable if our players want to pick and choose which events they want to take part in.

Then again many competitions have byes and staggered draws so the progress results could well not reflect the real strengths of the teams at this stage.

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Women	Chloe Eastham
	Kay Hogan
Men	Brian Cooper
	Duncan Mann

Xmas Dinner

Sun 17 December 2023

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Coming Events

December

- Sat 02 **Women's Interclub Day 2**
- Sun 03 **Men's Interclub Day 2**
- Wed 06 **Rotary Round 3: Central**
- Fri 08 **Horowhenua Fives: Central**
- Sat 09 **C of C Triples: Waikanae Beach**
- Sun 10 **C of C Triples: Waikanae Beach**
- Tue 12 **Pennants Day 3**
- Sat 16 **I C Mark Xmas Hams gala**
- Sun 17 **Champs reserve day**
Xmas dinner
- Sat 30 **New Years mini gala**

New Members

Please welcome first year bowlers Diane Dunlop, Lorraine De Joux-Wilding, Dean Harrison and Murray Petherick and former Central player John Wray.



Pennants Round Up Day 2

(Progress after Day 2)

Men

Division I

Black 3 wins / 4 in 2nd place / 8 teams
Green 1 7th

Division II

Blue 1 win / 4 in 11th place / 12
Black 2 7th
Green 2 6th

Women

Division I

Black 2 wins / 4 5th / 10 teams
Green 3 4th

Division II

Black 2 wins / 3 4th / 10 teams
Green 1 9th

Division III

Black 1 win / 4 games 10th / 12
Green 4 1st

Health Records

For all members

Our club has a Health form which is optional to complete. The completed forms are stored in a file on the wall next to the door to the Match Committee room.

The idea is that if any one of us has a health event at the club and a doctor or ambulance has to be called the information on the form may be very helpful for them.

If you have not filled out a form, or your form needs to be updated, please do so at your convenience.

The Executive

Gala winners

Good to see that **Chris** and **Kay Hogan** won a recent gala at Hokowhitu with **Rob Cotter** and **Christine Ryan** coming second.

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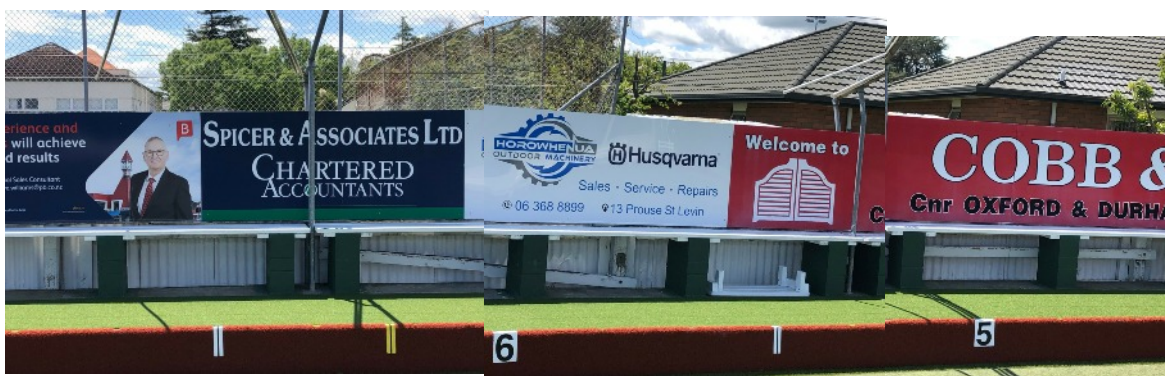
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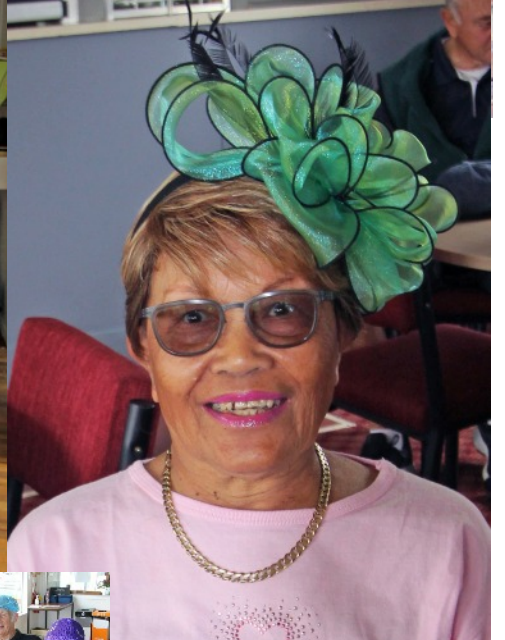
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Melbourne Cup Day Fun - 7 November 2023



1st Prize to Without a Fight 2nd Mary and Duncan

A Young Achiever - one to watch

A 16 year old has just represented New Zealand PBA at the Scottish International Open Singles at the West Lothian Indoor Bowling Centre. David Motu won the right to represent N Z at PBA tournaments over the winter.

Unfortunately in this knockout event he drew world No 1 Stewart Anderson of Scotland in the first round. David did well in the first set leading before going down 6 - 8 but Anderson was too good in the second set winning 11 - 2.

David plays at the Mt Eden club and has a good sporting pedigree - but not in bowls. His mother is world champion boxer Mea Motu.



David Motu at the Mt Eden club and playing Anderson at West Lothian.



Bowls3Five champs. Bella, Wayne and Pat will represent our club at the C of C on Waitangi Day at Raumati.

Dynasty Sport Interclub after Day 2 - Contrasting fortunes

The Interclub competitions are at an interesting stage after two days. While our women's team had a very good start on the first day they fell back a bit on Day 2. The men found the going really tough on the Sunday and then were rained off on Day 2. But, with byes in both women's grades and in men's Premier I, and staggered draws, it is difficult to get a clear picture of progress.

Women

Premier I (7 teams)

6 wins from the 13 games played to lie 5th in the rankings behind Raumati (1st) and Central, Waikanae United and Paekakariki, but ahead of Paraparaumu Beach and Waitarere Beach. They will need a good day on the final round-robin day in January to secure a place in the top 4 finals. They still have five games to play and win some more games.

Premier II (5 teams)

7 wins out of 12 games played to be in second place dropping to second after Day 2, after leading the field after Day 1. The fours are unbeaten and Elisabeth has one loss in the singles while the pairs are yet to register a win. Are through to the finals as the round-robin is completed.

Men

Premier I (7 teams)

Only one win from 8 games (Bob and Rob in the pairs). Paekakariki lead the way followed by Raumati, Paraparaumu Beach, Waikanae United, Waitarere with Central and Levin at the tail.

Premier II (8 teams)

Our two teams managed only 5 wins from the 18 played to lie at the bottom of the league.

Division III The women's team lead their section with 4 wins out of 5. The men's team have been cancelled both days.

The results clearly showed the rise of Waikanae United since the two clubs merged, and the continued domination of Paekakariki in the men's competition. The men will need to improve to make the top four though late withdrawals did not help team balances. And, with Day 2 rained out and no reserve day it looks like there won't be any finals for the men with the results decided on the round-robin.

The Role of Women in the Club

The photo of our club's Opening Day on 13 January 1909 includes 15 men, 11 women and one small boy, so it shows that women had some role in club proceedings in the early days. It was, however, a very limited role for over half a century. It was definitely a men's club. Some of the wives were involved but their involvement was generally limited to making afternoon tea for the men. In fact when Mesdames J D Brown and C I Harkness were made Life Members in 1924 it was "*for their good work done in providing afternoon teas and by making small charges helping raise funds*" for the club.

While the first women's club was the Kelburn club in Wellington formed in 1902, it was not until 1948 that women bowlers got organized and formed a New Zealand Women's Bowls Association. The men's organization N Z B A was formed 62 years earlier in 1886. It was not until 1949 that our club decided that women could play on the green when the men did not need it for their own events. Then, in a new departure in 1954 women were allowed to play on Opening day. Sometime later it was agreed that women could take part in mixed club day roll ups and in mixed galas. Still, the chauvinist attitudes of some of the male members prevailed. Ian Wenham records one occasion when a mixed roll up was scheduled that some of the men "*then packed up their bowls and went home rather than play with the women*".

Ballots of the members in 1966 and 1977 rejected the concept of a women's section of the club. And, it was not until 1979 that the women got properly organized and established their own club, Levin West Women's Bowling Club - sharing the facilities with the men.

It was not that there were not a number of competent women players available as in 1980 a women's four came runners-up in the National Fours championship in Wellington - with three Levin West women **Francie Galloway** (mother of Les) (skip), **Wynn Bullen** and **Rita Murphy**, and one Central member **Marie Krenek**, making up the four.

Former club president **Mollie Wilson** explains how the club was named. "*On 30 July 1980 a Special General Meeting was held to make a decision on the name of the club. (This was necessary because of the insistence of Bowls New Zealand that there was already a Levin Women's Bowling Club, at the Bath Street site, and a different name was needed.) It was decided by a show of hands that the name Levin West Women's Bowling Club be adopted and registered with the Manawatu Bowling Centre.*"

For the first decade the women's club was affiliated to the Manawatu centre but in 1989 the women voted to join the Kapiti Coast centre though that change was not formalised until June 1990 when there were 83 women members at the Levin club. By then the Weraroa Road facilities were coping with about 180 members so it is fair to say that the facilities were pretty strained.

Xmas Dinner 2023

Sunday 17 December. Pot luck format

Drinks from 5

Dinner 6 - 6 30 ish

There is a white board in the clubrooms to put your name on and what type of food you will bring. This is so we don't only have pavlova for dinner!

Please bring a small present for a raffle

There might be some live music Wow

See you all there



The 1980 Fours team

L to R: Rita Murphy, Wynne Bullen, Marie Krenek and Francie Galloway.

A Sad Loss

Our Honorary member **Noel Larsen** passed away on Monday 20 November age 90. Noel joined our club in 1969 age 37. In 2019 he was in his 50th year of continuous membership of the club – a unique record for our club, and unlikely to be matched in many other clubs in the country. He is also unique in that his record of club titles reaches back over a period of 30 years from 1976-77 to his most recent in 2006-07.

In the early years of his bowls he played a lot with **Ray Mitchell** (who has won more club titles than any other player) leading for him in many club events. Later Noel played a lot with Ian Wenham and in mixed events with Ian and Susan Boxall.

Noel is survived by four children, many grand and great grandchildren. He was also Kaye Lahman's uncle.



Noel on the green in 2012

A change of Almoner

Pam Bagnall has resigned the job of Almoner at our club. Many thanks Pam for your three years of service. Your work has been much appreciated.

Liz Galloway is taking over the role. Please ring or text Liz 027-456-7533 if you know of members who are unwell etc so that we can acknowledge and keep in touch.

...and Nearing 105

Our Life Member Wynne Bullen, probably the oldest woman in Levin, will turn 105 on 8 December. A resident of Reevedon home she takes a full part in the home's activities - crosswords, trivial pursuits etc - signs that her mind is still very active.

Best wishes for your birthday celebration Wynne



Wynne joining in the fun at Reevedon

Waiopahu Staff Function 24 November

Many thanks to all those who helped out - Kay & Chris, Liz and Les, Kaye, Grahame, Dianne, Arne, Ron, Robert, Brian - hope no name left out in error.



Ken Hayward Editor