

More Club Successes

Levin's bowlers have continued to perform well in BKC Centre events - Interclub, Bowls3Five and open events - particularly our women in the Centre open singles. There are so many events to play in that players have to make choices as to which events they want to take part in. This means that our selectors cannot always field the best players in important events. This has been particularly true with the new Bowls3Five when we play away. January has also been a tough month for gala organizers trying to fill greens. Perhaps some rescheduling will be needed next season.

Coming Events

February

Sat 02 Men's Singles qualifying
Sat 02 Women's Interclub Day 3
Sun 03 Men's Interclub Day 3
Sun 03 Women's Singles qualifying
Mon 04 Takaro 2
Wed 06 Bowls3Five Round 7 v Kapiti (away)
Thu 07 Business House Bowls 4
Fri 08 Horowhenua Fives R 6 - Waitarere
Sat 09 M & W Singles post section
Sun 10 M & W Singles post section (if req'd)
Mon 11 Takaro 3
Tue 12 Melva Ritson Graded Fours - Kapiti
Wed 13 Melva Ritson Graded Fours - Otaki
Wed 13 Rotary Round 7 - Levin Women's
Thu 14 Business House Bowls 5
Fri 15 Presidents Cup - Otaki
Sat 16 Hexagonal - Open and Under 8's
Sun 17 M & W Junior Pairs
Mon 18 Takaro 4
Tue 19 Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters
Wed 20 Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters
Thu 21 Business House Bowls 6
Sat 23 M & W Pairs qualifying
Sun 24 M & W Pairs qualifying
Wed 27 Four Formats Pairs Gala
Wed 27 Bowls3Five Round 4 v Waikanae Bch

A Club Centurion

*Congratulations to our life member **Wynne Bullen** who turned 100 on 7 December. Wynne takes a keen interest in club affairs and comes regularly to club presentations.*

Great Results in the Gipsy RV Centre Women's Open Singles

The Bowls Kapiti Coast Women's Open Singles sponsored by Levin's Gipsy RV Centre was played over the weekend of 12-13 January and turned out to be a great weekend for our women. The field of 24 was reduced to 13 qualifiers on the Saturday and among them were **Liz Galloway, Dianne Short, Bronwyn McMahon, Irene Poletti and Diana McGill** as well as dual Levin/Central member **Jenny Watt**.

In the first round of post section there were wins for Diana, Dianne and Bronwyn (who beat Irene) and a loss for Liz to Audrey Stevenson. In the quarter finals Dianne beat Jenny while Bronwyn (who beat Audrey Stevenson) and Diana won again. That meant the three of the semi-finalists were from the Levin club, which surely is a first for our club in any Centre open event.

In the semi-finals Dianne went down to the eventual winner Rochelle Stevenson while Diana ended Bronwyn's run to go through to the final. Rochelle took the final 21 - 15 so the fairy tale was not quite complete. The main results were as follows:

Quarter-finals:

R Stevenson 21 Crone 10 Short 21 Watt 11
McMahon 21 A Stevenson 16 McGill 21 Rolton 15

Semi-finals:

R Stevenson 21 Short 19 McGill 21 McMahon 12

Final:

Stevenson 21 McGill 15



Sponsor Brian Anderson of the Gipsy RV Centre presents the trophy to Rochelle.



Winner Rochelle and runner up Diana.

Programme Change - please note

The Women's Singles qualifying cannot be held on Sunday 3 February because both greens are in use for Interclub. Play will now be on Saturday 9 February.

BKC Mixed Fours

The first Centre event for 2019 was the *Speldhurst Country Estate* Open Mixed Fours played from 7 - 9 January. Staged mid week it drew only a small field of 22 teams, including five from Levin. Three of our teams qualifies for post section. Best performed was **Eddie Irving's** team which was beaten 17-18 by **Rex Holmes** in the semi -final. The event was won by **Ray Hudson's** team from Central.



The winning Central team.

BKC Men's Open Singles

*Nine Levin men took part in the Centre Open Singles. This event drew 56 entries so qualifying required four greens at Paraparaumu Beach, Waikanae Beach and Paekakariki. While they had an enjoyable Saturday only **Nicky Morgan** and **Daryll Johnson** got to post section. Both lost to beaten finalist **Jim Swift** to end Levin's interest in the event, though former member **Patrick Albert** made it to the semi final. The event was won by **Nick Buttar** who joined Paraparaumu Beach this season from Canterbury.*

Obituaries

Since the last newsletter four of our former members have passed away. Two were our Honorary Members **David Lowndes** and **Fenton Wilson**.

David Lowndes was a very important club member until his health and deteriorating eyesight meant that he could no longer play bowls. He was a longtime chairman of the match committee as well as being chair of the centre tournament committee for a number of years. He was also a very good bowler, winning the club singles in the mid 2000's.

Fenton Wilson was prominent in club administration though he has not been active in the club for nearly two decades.

Francis Wilson has not been an active bowler for a number of years but until the last two years he made big contribution by managing the club bowls for Business House Bowls.

Most recently **June Paterson** passed away just a few weeks after her husband died. June was an active player until two seasons ago when her husband's health meant that she could no longer play.

Junior Singles champs

Our Junior singles champs for the season are:

Women: **Donna Gripp**

Men: **Ron Evans**

BKC Open Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

Three Levin teams took part in this event played at Anniversary weekend. Best performed were **Janet Olliver** and **Arnold Taiaroa** where they were well beaten by the title winners Patrick Albert and Paula Vercoe from Central in the semi-final.

Bowls3Five Progress Rankings (leaders after 5 rounds)

1 Paraparaumu Beach 1	51 pts
2 Waikanae 1	48 pts
3 Levin 2	42 pts
4 Levin 1	39 pts
5 Kapiti 1	39 pts
6 Otaki & Railway	39 pts
7 Paraparaumu Beach 2	39 pts

Men's Interclub

With two more rounds to be played on Sunday 3 February both the Premier I and Premier II grades are very close and the final results could hinge on the last games of the day. The leading teams are:

Premier I	1 Paraparaumu Beach	23 pts	
	2 Paekakariki	20	
	3 Central	18	+ 23
	4 Levin	18	+ 18

Premier II	1 Waikanae Beach	23	
	2 Paraparaumu Beach	20	+ 77
	3 Levin	20	+ 74
	4 Central	20	+ 14

Go Levin men !

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