

The End of Summer Bowls

After a long season of favourable conditions for playing bowls our closing day is on Saturday 4 May (see details on this page). Our club and its players have enjoyed a good deal of success over the season and we hope for even better next season. The Tournament Committee of the centre are looking at some significant changes to the programme which could reduce the impact on our own programme. Time will tell.

Coming Events

May

Sat 04	Closing Day & Presentations
Sun 05	Kapiti Coast v Hutt Valley
Sat 18	Mixed Triples champs qualifying
Sun 19	Mixed Triples champs post section
Sun 26	Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards: Central

June

Sat 01	Queens Birthday Mixed Pairs
Sun 02	Queens Birthday Mixed Pairs

Rep. Selections

Congratulations to Valda, Janet and Donna on their selection for the Kapiti Coast v Hutt Valley and Quadrangular fixtures.

Obituary

Sadly Fred Adams passed away recently after a long period of ill health. Fred was a fierce competitor on the green, a very accomplished musician who loved to entertain and a deadly snooker player. Fred had been a past member of the Match Committee and the club Executive. His sense of humour will be missed at Levin Bowls.



Dianna McGill, Liz Galloway, Ralda Adams and Peter Brown from the Levin Bowling Club hand over a cheque for \$8408 to Arohanui Hospice director Angela Starr.

Another Great Charity Event

Congratulations to the organizing team for staging another very successful Arohanui Hospice charity gala. This year's result brings the total amount of money raised for the Hospice to over \$ 33,000 over three galas.

Club Website Active Again

It is great to see that the club has a website up and running again. There is still a lot of work to be done but it can be still accessed on the old address www.levinbowls.org.nz, though the site is now hosted by **sporty** and can alternatively be accessed through the address www.sporty.co.nz/levinbowls.

Closing Day

Closing day and Presentations are on Saturday 4 May.

1.15 pm	Roll up
3.15 pm	Presentations
4 pm	Afternoon tea (please bring a plate)

It would be appreciated if players receiving trophies wore club uniform.

A National Title

It was great to see that Gavin Scrivener, son of our former member Dave Scrivener, was the lead for Dean Elgar's winning Fours team at the recent Nationals at Naenae.

Big Changes at Bowls New Zealand

Bowls New Zealand CEO **Mark Cameron** recently announced a major restructuring of the roles of the support staff who provide services to bowling clubs. The major change is that the four regional CDO positions have been disestablished and the roles of the persons who held those roles redeployed. Under the new system which will take effect from 1 May:

Chris Lander - the 2 IC at Bowls NZ - will be General Manager Clubs and Community. He will be the Primary point of contact between clubs/centres and Bowls NZ on administration and communication matters, commercial schemes, facilities, management of tournaments and new competitions.

Steve Beel will be Club Support Manager, the primary point of contact between clubs/centres and Bowls NZ on administrative matters, club census, the 'ClubCheck' model, clubs Database, Health & Safety matters, liquor licensing matters, club administration resource support and greenkeepers support.

Martin Mackenzie will be Club communications Manager, the Primary point of contact between clubs/centres and Bowls NZ on communication matters, membership Database, including competition management and ranking system, guidance and support to clubs relating to Websites and Social Media, management of Bowls NZ communications and support to Centres, Judicial Matters, Club Constitutions and Legal matters.

Keith Slight will be starting in a new contract role with Bowls NZ specifically tasked with managing our Bowling Club Insurance scheme which 95 clubs have so far joined.

As Mark Cameron wrote "*The desire to restructure was an acknowledgement that the limited resources of Bowls New Zealand would be better directed working with clubs on key projects and initiatives that seek to grow and enhance the game.*"

It will be interesting to see if the new strategy delivers a better service to our clubs and our centre.

Some Club Successes for the Season

During the season just coming to an end individuals and teams from our club have won the following Centre events:

Men's Div I Pennants

Women's Div III Pennants

Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters

Men's Open Triples Interclub

10 Yrs and under Carrell Knight Trophy (Diana McGill, Ralda Adams and Donna Gripp)

Year 1 & 2 Novice Singles (Norm Annand)

In addition **Daryll Johnson** and **Peter Brown** were runners up in the Champion-of-champions pairs and we were also runners up in the **Bowls3Five Interclub**.

Apologies to any teams or individuals whose successes have not been acknowledged here.

Out of Favour Players Recalled

A feature of the Black Jacks teams for the Asia-Pacific championships is the recall of previously out of favour players **Gary Lawson, Jamie Hill, Mike Kernaghan** and **Wendy Jensen**. Five of the 10 players are from the Nelson centre.

The teams are:

Women:

Jo Edwards (United), **Kirsten Edwards** (Stoke), **Val Smith** (United) , **Katelyn Inch** (Oxford) and **Wendy Jensen** (Orewa).

Men:

Shannon McIlroy (Stoke), **Gary Lawson** (Elmwood), **Ali Forsyth** (Nelson), **Jamie Hill** (Eastbourne) and **Mike Kernaghan** (N E Valley).

Interclub Roundup

The final results for the centre's Interclub competitions were:

Men

Premier Division I	Premier Division II	Division III	Open Triples
1 Paraparaumu Beach	Waikanae Beach	Para. Beach A	Levin
2 Paekakariki	Levin	Central	Para. Beach A
3 Levin	Central	Levin	Kapiti

Women

Premier Division I	Premier Division II
1 Paraparaumu Beach	Otaki & Railway
2 Waikanae Beach	Paraparaumu Beach A
3 Central	Waikanae

Bowls3Five Interclub

1 Paraparaumu Beach 1	81 points
2 Levin 1	76 points
3 Waikanae 1	75 points
4 Levin 2	69 points
5 Central 2	66 points

Regional playoffs

Takaro (Manawatu) beat **Paraparaumu Beach** and then beat the Wellington winner, **Victoria** to reach the semi-final where they will play **Alexandra**. In the other semi-final **Riverhead** (North Harbour) will play **Hinuera** (Waikato).

It is interesting that six centres Gisborne-East Coast, Hawke's Bay, Buller, West Coast, South Otago and Southland did not participate in this popular competition. The winning team will replace the relegated Woodend team in the televised series next season.

Pennants Final Results

Women

Div I	Div II	Div III
1 Paraparaumu Beach	1 Otaki & Railway	1 Levin
2 Central	2 Levin Women's	2 Paraparaumu Beach
3 Kapiti	3 Waikanae	3 Kapiti

Men

Div I	Div II	Div III
1 Levin	1 Paraparaumu Beach 1	1 Waikanae Beach
2 Paraparaumu Beach	2 Paraparaumu Beach 2	2 Central
3 Kapiti	3 Otaki & Railway	3 Kapiti

What is a successful club?

Creating a Successful and Sustainable Club Network.

Is our club heading in the right direction ? How many of the 10 common characteristics of a successful club listed below do we have in place ?

Auckland Bowls is currently working with 17 Clubs who have a Club Development Agreement in place. A full review of the programme is currently underway and we hope to be able to share the results of this over the next couple of months. Research shows that successful clubs have 10 common characteristics. Have a think about your club and see how you go in each of these areas:

- Sound planning - Gives direction to a successful club's operation. A 12- month Business Plan with a longer term plan in place as well.
- Have an understanding of the club's strengths and weaknesses.
- Designated Marketing Committee and resource in place - This committee will drive the promotional activities and membership and participation recruitment/retention of your club.
- The Club knows its local community and knows where and how to target members and participants.
- Local Community knows the club - People know of and can locate your club with good community awareness
- Effective communication with club members and participants
- Club members and participants recruit by word of mouth.
- Team of active volunteers - A successful club has a large number of volunteers who are happy in their role spreading the volunteer load.
- Something for everyone - Offer Bowls events and social calendars that meet the needs of almost anyone.
- Welcoming attitude - Club members are positive to new members and participants.

- from Auckland Bowls Bulletin March 2019

The statistics:

Auckland Bowls casual participants increased by 19% from 2017 to 2108; First year players increased 75%; secondary school participation increased 247%; but full playing members decreased by 3.4 % - about the same rate as in the Kapiti Coast centre.

Levin Bowls AGM

*Our club AGM will be held in the clubrooms on **Saturday 29 June at 10 am.***

Watch for further details about deadlines for nominations for club positions and notices of motion.

Please think about ways in which you personally may be able to contribute to the running of our club by offering yourself for election to a role in the management of the club.

How Good Was Our Summer?

This data from from the Met Service web site suggests that we had a pretty good summer for bowls in Levin.

Month	Rainfall (mms)	
	Historical Average	2018-19
September	77	47
October	101	40
November	86	100
December	107	95
January	63	40
February	68	45
March	52	36
April	55	41 (to 29 /4)
Totals	609	444

So there was about 28% less rain than in the average month and the temperatures were about 1 degree warmer than average for each month.

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