

### **A Thriving Club**

*Our club seems to be thriving. We have a steady stream of new members coming through the gate, planning is well advanced for a major modernisation of the kitchen, and the greens and surrounds look a picture. It maybe that we may not be as competitive in centre competitions as we were a couple of seasons ago. However, for the average member our club offers a great deal of pleasure on the greens and in the companionship it offers. The large turnout of happy bowlers at roll ups and our continuing commitment to community bowls earn us a lot of respect.*

### **Club Championship Results**

#### **Men's Pairs**

Winners

**Rob Cotter (s) & Phi Stirrat**

Runners Up

**Arne Jansson (s) & Les Judd**

#### **Women's Pairs**

The final between **Hazel Rose (s) & Carol Turnbull** and **Heather Stempa (s) & Bella Law** is still to be played.

### **Coming Events**

#### **November**

Sun 24 Kapiti v Wairarapa - Wairarapa  
Tue 26 Pennants Round 3  
Wed 27 Rotary Round 4: Shannon  
Sat 30 Women's Interclub

#### **December**

Sun 01 Men's interclub  
Mon 02 Open & Junior Bowls3Five Day 2  
Thu 05 Christmas Dinner 5.30 pm  
Sat 07 Champion-of-Champions Triples  
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Tue 10 BKC Open Mixed Fours  
Wed 11 BKC Open Mixed Fours  
Thu 12 BKC Open Mixed Fours  
Sat 14 I C Mark Christmas Hams Gala  
Mon 16 Open & Junior Bowls3Five Reserve Day  
Wed 18 Rotary Round 5: Waitare Beach  
Sat 21 Mixed Pairs post section

### **New Members**

*Please welcome to our club **Rob Krivan, Chloe and Brian Eastham, Irene Mills, Hilary Evans, Christine White, Averil Moray-Smith, Jan Lillico and Garry Coley.***

### **Club Christmas Dinner**

**Thursday 5 December**

*Socialising and nibbles from 5 pm.*

**Catering by Raewyn's Restaurant**

*Generous menu*

*(see details on notice board at club)*

**Cost \$ 35 per person**

**Please put your names on the board in the clubrooms and pay at the bar by**

**Saturday 30 November**



## **The Club Website**

The club website is up and running again !

After a long period of little action largely thanks to **Stuart Fieldes** our website is up and running again. You can access it via the old address

[www.levin.bowls.org.nz](http://www.levin.bowls.org.nz) or the new

[www.sporty.co.nz/levinbowls](http://www.sporty.co.nz/levinbowls)

While it is by no means complete at this stage there is content under a number of tabs. Checkout the following:

- Administration for contact details
- Members tab for hints on coaching
- Selections - the men's selectors are now publishing their teams
- Newsletters
- News - for the Laws of the Sport of Bowls
- Results for this season's events

More content will be added but a good start has been made.

Thanks Stuart

## **Margaret's Pairs Gala**

The first gala of the summer was held on Wednesday 16 October - the Mixed Pairs gala sponsored and organized by **Margaret Griffin**. With her wide range of contacts Margaret was able to fill both greens and attract a number of players from other centres. The results for the day were:

Cotula Green:

1<sup>st</sup> **Robin Schishka & Greg Oldridge** (Johnston Park)

2<sup>nd</sup> **Diana McGill & Trevor Tuatara** (Composite)

3<sup>rd</sup> **Daryll Johnson & Linda Moy**

4<sup>th</sup> **Joe Wnek & Donna Gripp**

Dales Green:

1<sup>st</sup> **Alice Spicer & Kevin Giblett**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Grahame & Bella Law**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Merv Jackman & Isobel Kennedy** (Central)

4<sup>th</sup> **Rex Holmes & Janet O'Dwyer** (Para. Beach)

The overall winners were Alice and Kevin with 4 wins and 46 points.

## **Grants**

***The club wishes to acknowledge grants recently received towards greens maintenance and the completion of the renumbering of rinks and rink markers from these Gaming Trusts:***

### ***The Southern Trust & Pelorus Trust***

***At present grants are being sought from Gaming Trusts for the modernisation of the club kitchen. This will involve all new cupboards and fittings, new bench tops, shelving and other features, as well as redecorating.***

## **PBA Results**

The following players have won the PBA qualifiers and the right to represent New Zealand in world events:

**Craig Tinker** (Southland) - World Indoor Singles - Perth, Scotland, November

**Jesse Russell** (Auckland) - World Under 25 Singles - Norfolk, England, January

**Colin Rogan** (North Harbour) - Scottish Singles - Perth, Scotland, November

**Murray Glassey** (Hawkes Bay) - International Singles - Blackpool, England, March

**Ray Martin & Tim Toomey** (Wellington) - World Indoor Pairs - Norfolk, England, January

**Craig Merrilees** (Southland) - Shanghai Singles - Gold Coast, February

The NZPBA No 1 ranked players at the end of the indoor season was **Ray Martin** (Victoria), Wellington.

## **Bowls for Beginners**

Throughout October **Jim Bagnall** has been running Bowls for Beginners each Tuesday morning. This follows a lapse of two years in which little has been done to recruit new players to the sport at club level. Jim (and the club) have been very pleased with the outcome as eight players new to the game have completed membership forms and await formal acceptance as members.

So, please welcome to our club:

**Rob Krivan, Brian** and **Chloe Eastham, Irene Mills, Hilary Evans** (wife of Robert), and **Christine White**.

Many thanks to Jim for getting this programme up and running again. Jim was helped to run the sessions by **Hildi Ewart** and **Colleen Hall**.



### ***The Attack on Grace Virtue***

*The home invasion suffered by our club member **Grace Virtue** was appalling and unforgivable. It happened at around just down the road from the club around 4.30 on a Saturday afternoon while many of us were socialising at the club after a pleasant roll up.*

*By now the young offenders will have been punished in some way through the Youth Court system - but not to the extent the attack deserved going by the outcry on social media in the days following the attack. For the rest of us it is another reminder of the need for tight security even in our own homes.*

*Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery Grace.*

### **A Message from Valda Anderson**

As we are on the cusp of leaving the Horowhenua I wanted to be sure I said a very big 'Thank you' to the members of the Levin Bowling Club. I first played here in the winter galas run by **Rob Cotter** and was eventually asked by **Fred Adams** if I would play in a team with him and **Brian Thompson**. What a great learning curve and a very enjoyable experience. Sadly, Fred has since passed but I hope I can do him proud when we move south, again. I learnt so much during my first winter I decided to join as a full member - and have benefited hugely from that decision. Participating in tournaments and championships has taught me more than I could have imagined. During the latter part of this years winter galas I was lucky enough to bowl with **Neville** and **Shoota** - another great experience and learning ground - and for that I am very grateful. Rob, those Winter Galas are terrific! and you do an amazing job. Thank you.

Levin offers a number of bowling clubs and I have played at them all over the last three years - but the Levin Bowling Club is by far the club of choice. I appreciate there is a place for the other clubs but the camaraderie, the companionship, the sense of family, the greens, the clubhouse - Levin Bowling Club has it all. I have felt valued, welcomed and readily accepted, and that has meant more to me than most people realise.

So, thank you - everybody - thank you. I will be taking away the fondest memories of you all and hope I have the opportunity to come back for a visit at some stage.

I will have absolutely no qualms about recommending Levin Bowling Club to anyone who might be considering moving to the Horowhenua or learning to bowl. I don't have a drink or drug of choice - I simply have a Club of choice. My very best wishes to you all and thank you for everything.

**Valda**

## **Kapiti Coast Teams to Play Wairarapa**

The Centre selectors have named the following players to represent Kapiti coast in the annual fixture against Wairarapa on 24 November.

### **Women**

#### **A Team**

D McGill (Central)

A Stevenson (Para Bch)

R Stevenson (Para Bch)

E Jones (Para Bch)

T Thoreson (Paek)

C Rolton (Para Bch)

F Vessey (Para Bch)

#### **B Team**

L Rayner (Para Bch)

K Andrews (Waikanae)

J Watt (Central)

C Henshilwood (Waik)

P Vercoe (Central)

M Yaxley (Para Bch)

B Law (Levin)

### **Men**

G Bovey (Paek)

R Boffa (Para Bch)

T Henderson (Para Bch)

P Thomson (Paek)

D Thomas (Central)

N Morgan (Central)

S Neill (Central)

S Thomas (Central)

G Corlett (Paek)

P Rybinski (Paek)

I Mahoney (Central)

D Taylor (Central)

B Bayley (Central)

P Albert (Central)

*Congratulations to **Bella Law** on her selection. And nice to see that six of the talented players who left us to join Central are being rewarded with selection at Centre level.*

## **Interclub Progress**

After the first day's play progress is as follows:

### **Women**

**Premier I** Lie 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 teams

**Premier II** Lie 8<sup>th</sup> of 8 teams

### **Men**

Only one game was able to be played on the first day of men's Interclub and some teams had byes so progress points are pretty meaningless. No games were completed in Div III.

### **Bowls3Five**

With Levin teams having byes in both Open and junior grades progress points have little meaning at this stage.

## **Centre News**

**Barry Taylor has resigned his position as Centre Manager effective from the end of the year after nearly two decades in the role. His job has been advertised but I understand that to date there have been no applicants.**

**Best wishes to Barry in his retirement.**

## **Pennants - Progress after the Second Round on 22 October**

### **Men**

Division I:	1 Paraparaumu Beach	2 Central	3 Levin
Division II:	1 Paraparaumu Beach 1	2 Paraparaumu Beach 2	3 Otaki & Railway
Division III	1 Raumati Red	2 Raumati Blue	3 Central

### **Women**

Division I:	1 Paraparaumu Beach	2 Waikanae Beach	3 Central
Division II A:	1 Otaki & Railway	2 Levin	3 Waikanae
Division II B:	1 Paraparaumu Beach	2 Central	3 Levin Women's

**Ken Hayward - Editor**