

## Back in Business

*After many weeks of enforced idleness our club is getting back to business. Since the lockdown ended there has been a lot of activity at the club with a group of volunteers painting the exterior of the building and working on and around the greens. There has also been a lot of activity in the kitchen. The old fittings and flooring have been stripped out ready for the new kitchen to be installed. The new kitchen should be installed by the end of June with the flooring replaced three weeks later.*

*The match committee have also been working on the programme for the summer season as the latest version of the centre programme is now available.*

## Coming Events

### July

Wed 1 Triples gala  
Sun 5 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala  
Wed 8 Triples gala  
Wed 15 Triples gala  
Sat 18 **AGM 1 pm**  
Sun 19 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala  
Wed 22 Triples gala  
Sat 25 Mixed singles championship qual  
Sun 26 Mixed singles championship p/s  
Wed 29 Triples gala

### August

Sun 2 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala  
Wed 5 Triples gala  
Sat 8 **Mixed Fours** championship qual  
Sun 9 **Mixed Fours** championship p/s  
Wed 12 Triples gala  
Sun 16 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala  
Wed 19 Triples gala  
Sat 22 **Mixed Triples** championship qual  
Sun 23 **Mixed Triples** championship p/s  
Wed 26 Triples gala  
Sun 30 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala

### September

Sat 5 **Opening Day Summer Season and Club Prizegiving**

## AGM 2020

The 2020 AGM will be held in the clubrooms on **Saturday 18 July at 1 pm**. Nominations for all club officers, match committee and selectors close on Saturday 11 July at 5 pm. Nominations forms are available at the club. Completed forms are to be returned to the bar.

## From our President

Hello club members

### AGM 2020

With our AGM to be held on Saturday 18 July we are be looking for members to fill the positions needed to keep the club running. Please make yourself available for election as Officers or members of Committees as listed in the 2019 - 20 club handbook on Pages 2 and 3. For any enquiries contact me on

027 648 7761 or [dr.short@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dr.short@xtra.co.nz)

### Summer Programme

Margaret Wilson and Hazel Rose are busy working on the programme for the summer now that the centre programme in pretty well locked in place.

Opening Day will be on Saturday 5 September which will include the presentation of summer trophies and centre awards as the centre awards could not be held this year.

### Housie

Friday Housie will start on Friday 3 July at 2 pm.

### Kitchen Renovations

It is expected that the renovation of the kitchen will be complete by Friday 3 July.

Dianne

## Obituaries

*It is sad to note the recent passing of our former member **Omeka Feaunati**. Until failing eyesight and health prevented him from playing Omeka was a top bowler and the first lead selected in our representative teams.*

*During lockdown **Jan Cross**, wife of our associate member Barry Cross, passed away after a long illness.*

## **The End of Bowls at Levin RSA**

Sadly the Levin RSA Bowling Club has made the hard decision to close. Despite the efforts of a number of club stalwarts, the relentless ageing of its membership and the difficulty of attracting new and younger members, resulted in the members voting to close at a Special General Meeting.

The club opened after World War II when Mrs Maude Clark gifted the land to the RSA for ex-servicemen to establish a bowling club. It had enjoyed nearly 75 years of operation in a lovely, quiet corner of town on a good quality green. The future of the property is yet to be determined but in the interim a transitional group from the RSA will manage the property and assets.

Levin RSA is the third club in the centre to fold over the last two years following the closure of the Raumati South and Manakau clubs. In addition the Otaki Railway club continues to function without a green, its members sharing facilities with Otaki. It is quite possible that the Central club may be able to continue some use of the green during the winter.



***An early photo of the club's entrance taken well before the Avenue of Remembrance was established.***



**Club Jackets** The new jackets have arrived and are stored at the bar for collection. There are a few extras available at \$ 55.

## **Championship Results**

Results of events completed on Sunday 21 June which had not been finished before lockdown:

### **Men's Fours Championship**

Winners: **Wayne Judd (s), Paul Gardner, Wayne Larsen & Martin Howse**

### **Women's Fours Championship**

Winners: **Dianne Short (s), Hazel Rose, Mary Judd & Carol Turnbull**

*Congratulations to the players in the winning teams.*

## **National Events 2020 - 21**

The dates for the summer season's National Events are:

Sa 2 - F 9	Jan	National Pairs & Singles - Auck. / N Harb.
M 18 - Su 24	Jan	Taranaki Men's Open Fours
Tu 26- Su 31	Jan	Taranaki Women's Open Fours
Tu 9 - Th 11	Feb	Trans Tasman International
Th 25-Sa 27	Feb	National Fours - Central Otago
M 1 - W 3	Mar	National Mixed Pairs - Central Otago
Tu 2 - F 5	Mar	Golden Oldies - Palmerston North
Th 18-Sun 21	Mar	National Intercentre - Wellington
Th 15-Su18	Apl	National Interclub 7's - Canterbury
Sa 12-Su13	Jun	Bowls3Five Finals
F 2 - Su 4	Jul	National C of C Singles
F 9 - Su 11	Jul	National C of C Pairs
F 16 - Su 18	Jul	National C of C Triples
F 23 - Su 25	Jul	National C of C fours

## **Supporting Our Sponsors**

During lockdown one club got to thinking about their sponsors.

*"We have 32 of them, all small local businesses who pay for green naming rights and green perimeter signage ... or tournament sponsorship anything from \$250 to \$1,000 a pop. They provide more than 25% of the club's annual income. They're critical to the club." "However, It's pretty easy to imagine that 32 out of 32 of them had a tough lockdown, and may continue to have a tough time even after lockdown ends whenever. We realised that we were now critical to them." "But it's one thing to sympathise with their predicament, but quite another to do something about it" .*

So the club compiled a comprehensive list of their sponsors and wrote to all the club's members exhorting them to use the sponsors' products and services wherever and whenever they could. *(From the Bowls NZ website 22 June.)*

*The club was Bowls Mt Maunganui - perhaps our club should follow their lead.*

**Ken Hayward - Editor**