

Participation

The new summer season has shown that our members are as keen as ever to participate in club events. Covid-19 is hopefully a memory. Turnouts for roll ups continue to be impressive, entries for club champs are good and members are enjoying their club and what it offers.

Margaret's gala was a big success. It is not often these days that we can fill two greens with happy bowlers. And, that was achieved after a cancellation two weeks back, and then a huge effort by Arne and his team to get the cotula green ready for play.

On a centre level though membership of clubs continue to fall - a drop of 4% in the last year. Our club is no exception now.

Coming Events

November

Sun 01	BKC Open Fours (women at Levin)
Tue 03	Melbourne Cup day mini gala
Wed 04	Mixed Veterans: Otaki
Sat 07	Women's Interclub Day 1 Men's Pairs qualifying
Sun 08	Men's Interclub Day 1
Mon 09	Women's Chartered Clubs begins
Wed 11	Rotary Round 3: Shannon
Fri 13	Horowhenua 5's: Himatangi Beach
Sat 14	Men's Singles qualifying
Sun 15	Men's Singles post section
Wed 18	Levin Glassworks triples gala
Sat 21	Women's Interclub Day 2 Men's Pairs post section
Sun 22	Men's Interclub day 2
Tue 24	Pennants Round 3
Wed 25	Rotary Round 4: Waitarere Beach
Fri 27	Horowhenua 5's: Central
Sun 29	Kapiti Coast v Wairarapa

Note: See changes to dates of some championship events on Page 2.

Membership Changes

Since the handbook went to the printers two weeks ago we have had a resignation from:

Irene Mills

Plases remove from our lists of playing members.

Add:

Maurice Campbell 16 Cambridge Park, Levin
367 3462 as a Limited Playing member

Clinton and Wendy Gunn 363 6682 / 027 286 0980 as Associate Members.

Change of address:

Margaret Wilson is now at 15 Essex Street, Levin

Your handbook is in the clubrooms if you have yet to collect it. Just ask someone to find it for you.

Housekeeping

Club Security

The side door has been left open a number of times. If you are last away from the clubrooms please ensure that this door is locked when you leave.

I C Mark Xmas Gala

Contrary to what was stated in the last edition the prizes for this gala will be hams.

Club Champions

Mixed Pairs

Winners: **Dianne Short (s) & Bill Clelland**

Runners Up: **Les (s) & Mary Judd**

Men's Balloted Pairs

Winners: **Les Galloway & Graeme Mathie**

Women's Balloted Pairs:

Winners: **Dianne Short & Bella Law**

Programme Changes

After a meeting of the Executive and Match Committee it was decided to change some of the club championship dates to accommodate a number of members, male and female, who wish to play in some events that they have played in over the last few seasons - namely the Taranaki Fours (Men and Women) and the Women's Chartered Clubs Tournament.

The changes are as follows:- Please alter them in your booklet.

- Women's Pairs move from Sun 8 & Sat 28 November to Sat 20 & Sun 21 March.
- Men's Fours move from Sat 23 & Mon 25 January to Sat 13 & Sun 14 February.
- Women's Fours move from Sun 24 & Sat 30 January to Sat 17 & Sun 18 April.

This means that some dates of minor championship events have had to be changed.

- Women's Handicap Singles move from Sat 17 & Sun 18 April to Sun 2 & Sat 8 May to coincide with the dates for the Men's Handicap Singles.
- Mixed Singles move from Sat 20 & Sun 21 March to a later date to be set by the Match Committee.

Please make a note of these changes in your handbook.

End of an Era

Next week **Joe and Lodzia Wnek** are leaving Levin to move to Upper Hutt to be closer to their family. Joe is still playing very good bowls though Lodzia stopped playing a couple of seasons ago.

Both Joe and Lodzia have been active and loyal members of our club for about 15 years since they moved here from Foxton Beach. Both were members of the match committee at various times over that period and have given a great deal of service to our club.

The club wishes Joe and Lodzia all the best for their move to their new home.

Centre Triples

The winners of the recent Centre triples titles were:

Women:

Berenice Crowther (s), Helen Bethwaite and Helen Bevin (Paraparaumu Beach)

Men:

Graeme Corlett (s), Paul Rybinski and Kurt Burgess (Paekakariki).

Pennants Progress

After two rounds our club's teams are doing pretty well in the various Pennants competitions. At this stage the placing are:

Women

Div I 3rd of 5 teams

Div II 1st of 5 teams

Men

Div I 2nd of 5 teams

Div II 3rd of 6 teams

Div III 4th of 7 teams

With the small number of entries this season all except men's div II have byes so at this stage positions are influenced by whether teams have had their byes or not.

Our selectors report that our club members, unlike in a number of other clubs, are very keen to be involved in Pennants and Interclub. They are trying to give everyone a game wherever possible.



Statistics from Bowls New Zealand

The latest statistics on bowls membership throughout the country make interesting reading. Over the year from 31 December 2018 to 31 December 2019 the national patterns were as follows:

Full Playing Members increased from **24,154** to **25,182** an increase of **4.26 %**

Social Members decreased from **14,849** to **13,331** a drop of **10.29%**

Casual Players increased from **99,587** to **113,326** an increase of **13.81 %**.

Note: Bowls NZ counts a casual players each and every time they take part in an event.

The regional patterns are interesting too.

Full Playing members increases were:

Northern Region + 5.45 %

Central Region + 2.90 %

Southern Region + 3.70 %

The fastest growth in Full Playing members was in the Counties-Manakau centre with + 23.15 %, followed by Wairarapa with 22.22 %, Far North with + 14.19 %,

On the other hand the greatest rates of decline in Full Playing membership were in South Otago with -5.79 % decline, followed by North Otago - 4.81 %, **our own Kapiti Coast centre with - 4.15 %**.

In fact Kapiti Coast had the greatest decline in Full playing membership in the Central region. The only other centre to experience decline was Gisborne-East Coast. Some of the Kapiti coast decline can be attributed to the closure of the Raumati South and Manakau over that period, and since then the closure of Levin RSA.

So what are the Kapiti Coast clubs and the centre doing to encourage growth in their Full Playing membership ? Over the past decade or so the Kapiti Coast centre's attitude has been to leave player recruitment to the initiative of the individual clubs. Perhaps it is now time for the centre to take a much more proactive stance in promoting our sport in the community with a promotion of the sport and not leave it entirely up to the dwindling number of clubs.

Margaret's Mixed Pairs Gala

With a great deal of early morning work to remove excess water from the cotula green Margaret's 15th mixed Pairs gala went ahead on Wednesday 28 October after being called off two weeks earlier. Two full greens of teams from eight clubs enjoyed a very good day's bowls with both greens playing very well.

On the Dales green Violet Holmes and Brian Thompson were the winners while on the cotula green Jim Bagnall and Julie Stichbury starred. Jim and Julie had a slightly better record and won the overall prize and the trophy.

Many thanks to Margaret for sponsoring the gala and to Rob Cotter for running the day. Special thanks to Arne and his team for getting the cotula green ready under trying conditions.



Jim and Julie - winners

Ken Hayward - Editor