

Top Results from Our Women

The two most recent Kapiti Coast women's open events have produced some top results from our women. In the open fours played in November at our club it was two home teams that made it through to the final - the teams of **Dianne Short** and **Irene Poletti**.

In post section play Irene's team of **Irene** (skip), **Pat Segedin**, **Ralda Adams** and **Colleen Hall** had beaten another club team of Heather Stempa 20 - 17, then Paraparaumu Beach's team of Eileen Jones 18 - 17 and Waikanae's Heather Lawton 19 - 9 to reach the final.

On the other side of the draw **Dianne's** team of **Hazel Rose**, **Mary Judd** and **Carol Turnbull** defeated in turn Paraparaumu's Jean Crafts 17 - 16, Central's Bea Gray 12 - 9 and Paraparaumu's Berenice Crowther.

In the final **Dianne's** team prevailed by 15 points to 10 but it was a close game than the score indicated. All in all a great result for the women of our club.

The Kapiti Coast Women's Open Pairs produced another great result for our club. The combination of **Heather Stempa** and **Wendy Whitelaw** made it through to the final where they were beaten by the Central pair of Timeri Sanders and Marei Bevan 11 - 25 but they enjoyed a great run through to the final. Playing at Paraparaumu Beach in the post section they defeated G Baxter from Raumati and Heather Lawton from Waikanae before meeting the rep pairing **Audrey** and **Rochelle Stevenson** in the semi final. Encouraged by a small number of their club members they led virtually all the way to come out winners by 18 points to 16 to ensure Audrey did not add to her 50 + centre titles. They could not quite match that effort in the final which was delayed weeks after the earlier rounds but Heather and Wendy greatly appreciated the members from our club who went down to support them.

Our Women's Four were also victorious in the Leila Secker Fours played at Waikanae recently. The team was **Dianne Short (s)**, **Alice Spicer**, **Mary Judd** and **Wendy Whitelaw**. And for good measure the four of **Irene Poletti (s)**, **Audrey Sciascia**, **Heather Stempa** and **Bella Law**.

And our women are playing off for the Div II Pennants title.

Coming Events

February

Fri 12	M & W Senior Octagonal: Taranaki Horowhenua 5's Round 6: Shannon
Sat 13	M & W Senior Octagonal: Taranaki M & W U 8's Hexagonal: Whanganui Men's Fours championship qualifying
Sun 14	M & W Senior Octagonal: Taranaki M & W U 8's Hexagonal: Whanganui Men's Fours championship post section
Tue 16	Godfrey Bowen: Waikanae/ Waik. Beach Women's Pennants Playoff Levin v Otaki
Wed 17	Godfrey Bowen: Waikanae/ Waik. Beach
Tue 23	Pennants: Round 6
Wed 24	<i>Fusion Ayurveda</i> Women's Gala
Sat 27	Bill Gibbons & Carrell Knight U 8's
Sun 28	Bill Gibbons & Carrell Knight U 8's

Club Champions

Men's Pairs:

Rob Cotter (s) & Phil Stirrat

Men's Singles:

Wayne Judd

In both of these events the winners repeated their victories of the 2019-20 season. Well done.

Women's Singles:

Bronwyn McMahon

Men's Junior Singles:

Jim Winter

Women's Junior Singles:

Carol Turnbull

Year 1 & 2 Singles:

Jim Winter

Interclub Final Results

Women Premier I (5 teams)

1 Paraparaumu Beach	18 points
2 Central	11
3 Levin	9

Women Premier II (10 teams)

1 Paraparaumu Beach Blue	28
2 Waikanae Beach	26
3 Waikanae	25
4 Levin	14

The average finishing position for Levin's teams this season was 4.6. Last season it was a much healthier 2.5.

Men's Premier I (7 teams)

1 Paraparaumu Beach	28
2 Paekakariki	26
3 Central	19
4 Levin	14

Men's Premier II (8 teams)

1 Central A	30
2 Paraparaumu Beach A	27
3 Central B	26
7 Levin	14

Men's Division 3 (6 teams)

1 Central	22
2 Otaki	15
3 Paraparaumu Beach A	13
5 Levin	8

Opinion - An Unsatisfying Interclub Competition

This season's BKC National Interclub competition has been quite unsatisfactory on a number of levels. As the only event where the winners of the Men's and Women's Premier Interclub competitions go on to represent their clubs in National finals it left a great deal to be desired.

First, there is the thorny issue of Byes. There were byes in both the Women's and Men's Premier I grades. The Tournament Committee found it difficult to get some clubs to enter teams which has led to the problem of byes. But, it is also partly a problem of scheduling and the need to play three games in a day. A number of players in our club have not been happy to travel just to play one morning or afternoon game, or worse still, to have a bye for the second game on a day when three games are scheduled which means sitting around for up to three hours waiting to play the third game.

Second, scheduling three games on a day requires an 8.30 am start. The early start creates problems for players, most of who are well advanced in years, in being up early, travelling up or down a highway that is a construction site for a good deal of its length where only modest speeds are possible, and being at the playing venue by 8 am ready to play. It also means a long playing day for the mainly older members of our club.

The third issue is the timing of the competition. The National finals, for the winning clubs in the Premier I competitions are not to be held until 15-18 April. Yet our Women's Premier I competition was completed on 21 November - and they only got to play three games. So it will be five long months before the winning Paraparaumu Beach team head down to Canterbury for the finals ! Even Men's Premier I ended on 10 January - three months before the finals. There is no need to play three games in one day. Simply adding one more playing day to the programme would solve the problem. So why was it necessary to play the Kapiti Coast Interclub so early ? Why can't some re-scheduling be done to play the competitions in the mid-summer months when the greens are in better condition and the weather more reliable?

Our Executive has set up a sub-committee to suggest changes which will be forwarded to the centre for consideration well before next season's programme is set. Hopefully we can initiate some positive change.

We would be interested in your feedback on the issue verbally or by e mail. Ken

Pennants Final Results

Women's Division I (5 teams)

1 Paraparaumu Beach	50 points
2 Central	42
3 Waikanae	23
5 Levin	13

Women's Division II (10 teams)

Section I (5 teams)

1 Levin	42
2 Waikanae Beach	36
3 Paraparaumu Beach	25

Section 2 (5 teams)

1 Otaki	37
2 Levin	36
3 Levin Women's	32

(Levin and Otaki to play off for outright winner)

Men's Division I (5 teams)

1 Paraparaumu Beach	41
2 Central	35
3 Levin	26

Men's Division II (6 teams)

1 Levin	51
2 Paraparaumu Beach Red	49
3 Otaki	39

Men's Division 3 (7 teams)

1 Waikanae Beach	47
2 Central	39
3 Paraparaumu Beach	37
4 Levin	33

(One more playing day to come.)

Club Improvements

Over recent months there have been a number of improvements and developments around the club that members may not be aware of.

A New Greens Mower

We now have a new *Pro Trim* rechargeable battery-powered greens mower in use. Arne and the other volunteers report that it is much quieter to use and doing a very good job. And, we are doing a small bit for the environment by not using a fossil fuel and emitting carbon.

New Floor Coverings

The club has received a grant for re-carpeting of the ladies lounge, relaying the vinyl in the ladies toilet area and installing industrial grade floor covering in the passageway outside the kitchen and match committee room. A quote has been accepted and the work will be done in late February or early March.

Heating and Cooling

The Executive is also exploring the possibility of installing a heat pump system in the clubrooms to cool them in summer and heat them in winter. This will be subject to receiving a grant. The club has been very fortunate in recent times. **Grahame Law** has been very successful in obtaining grants from gaming trusts recently. Perhaps punters are spending their overseas holiday money on the pokie machines.

Overall the club environs, both indoor and outdoor, are looking in great condition.



Men's Pennants at Raumati

One of the nicer days for bowls. Round 5 for Div I and II at Raumati on 12 January. Our Div II team won the division heading off Paraparaumu Beach A by winning three of their four games on the day.

Our Women win the Leila Secker

Our women bowlers enjoyed a very successful day at the annual Leila Secker Fours tournament at the Waikanae club on Monday 1 February. The team of **Dianne Short (s), Alice Spicer, Mary Judd and Wendy Whitelaw** were the winning four on the day. And, for good measure our second team of **Irene Poletti (s), Audrey Sciascia, Heather Stempa and Bella Law** finished third.

Congratulations - a great club effort.

The Tararua Quadrangular

This annual event contested by men's and women's teams from Wellington, Manawatu, Wairarapa and the Kapiti Coast was played at the Central club on Sunday 31 January. The Wellington teams proved to be too strong for the other centres winning the contest convincingly in both genders. The final points were:

Women

1 Wellington	28 points
2 Manawatu	19
3 Kapiti Coast	14
4 Wairarapa	11

Men

1 Wellington	28 points
2 Manawatu	20
3 Wairarapa	14
4 Kapiti Coast	10

The players representing our centre were:

Women

Singles:

D McGill (Central) J Selby-Paterson (Otaki)

Pairs:

R Crone (Otaki) P Vincent (Paraparaumu Beach)

R Stevenson (Paraparaumu Beach) J Olliver (Levin)

Men

S McCluskie (Paekakariki) S Thomas (Central)

G Corlett (Paekakariki) N Bovey (Central)

S Neill (Central) N Morgan (Central)

Fours:

A Stevenson (Paraparaumu Beach) D Collis (Central) P Thomson (Paekakariki) I Mahoney (Central)

P Taylor (Raumati) C Rolton (Paraparaumu Beach) G Bovey (Paekakariki) D Taylor (Central)

F Vessey (Paraparaumu Beach) F Burgess (Paekakariki) G Wylie (Central) P Brown (Central)

E Jones (Paraparaumu Beach) E Gold (Otaki) S Duncan (Paekakariki) P Rybinski (Paekakariki)

Pennants Playoff

On Tuesday 23 February our Women's Div II Pennants team playoff against Otaki for the title. The two teams won their sections and now playoff for the overall winner. Play begins at 9.30 am. Come and support them to emulate the men who have won their Div II title.

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