

## Club Communications

*Over the last two or three years in our club there has been quite a major shift in the means of communication with our members. Three years ago there were about 35 - 40 club members who were not able to receive their newsletter by e mail. Now there are only 11 playing members (including only 3 or 4 competitive bowlers) and 2 social members who need to pick up a printed copy from the clubrooms.*

*This trend reflects the revolution in communications in society as a whole. Even if people do not have personal computers or laptops at home they can still access e mail and other electronic data on the huge variety of smart phones and tablets now available at affordable prices. In fact about 70 of our playing members have a mobile number listed in the handbook.*

*Our secretary routinely delivers a lot of information by e mail. With our website largely unused now perhaps it is time for our Match Committee and Selectors to make greater use of e mail, or perhaps even texts, to deliver information about competition draws, results and other information to our players.*

## Coming Events

### July

- Sat 10 Mixed Fours champ qualifying
- Sun 11 Mixed Fours champ post section
- Sat 17 Levin Bowls AGM 1 pm
- Sat 24 Bowls Kapiti Coast AGM Otaki 1 pm
- Sat 24 Mixed Singles champ qualifying
- Sun 25 Mixed Singles champ post section

### August

- Sat 07 Cobb & Co Classic Triples
- Sun 08 Cobb & Co Classic Triples

### September

- Sun 19 Pennants entries close

### October

- Sun 31 Interclub entries close



**Bowls Kapiti Coast's Player of the Year Eddie Martin of Waikanae Beach receives the award from sponsor Kurt Burgess.**

## Obituaries

**Terry Davison**, one of the club's characters, passed away recently. Terry lived in Otaki and joined our club from there as a junior about seven years ago along with his good mate Alan Glynn. Terry loved playing bowls though he had only limited success but he was a great presence at roll ups and in the clubrooms afterwards. He will be greatly missed.

**Dawn Dales** joined our club from Central Levin about a decade ago. She was a competent and well respected bowler though her health and age put an end to her active playing days a few years ago.

## Club Champions

### Mixed Triples

Winners: **Bronwyn McMahon (s), Grahame Law & Bella Law**

Runners Up: **Heather Stempa (s), Greg Hutchings & Brian Thompson**

### Mixed Fours

Winners: **Arne Jansson (s), Martin Howse, Linda Moy & Mary Judd**

Runners Up: **Irene Poletti (s), Les Galloway, Liz Galloway & Norman Annand**

## **Changes to the Centre Programme**

After a series of meetings and considerable feedback from clubs the centre's Tournament Committee had made a number of changes to the centre programme for the coming season. The major changes are:

### **Interclub**

**Premier I and II Interclub** for men and women will be largely unchanged - sides of 7 playing singles, pairs and fours. There will however be a Finals day with the Top Four teams from the round-robin competition in each division playing off to decide the winner. To avoid byes in Premier I the winning Premier II clubs from last season will be invited to enter a team in Premier I.

**Division III Interclub** will be an '*any combination*' with sides of 5 - a 2 x 4 x 2 pair and a 3 bowl triples team. It will also culminate in a Top Four playoff on the final day.

It is anticipated that this change will enable our smaller clubs to enter this division.

### **Interclub Playoffs**

Top four playoffs will be played in all divisions on the fourth scheduled Interclub days. If there are less than 8 teams in a division two or three teams will qualify for the play off.

### **Pennants**

The major change to the Pennants competition is that instead of entering a side of two fours teams in a division clubs will now be able to enter one or more teams of four. There will be a maximum of 16 teams of four in any one division.

This change should make it a lot easier for the smaller clubs to compete in Pennants.

### **Bowls3Five**

After a number of formats have been tried this season's sees another new format. This season clubs will run their own competitions as they see fit with their winning Open and Junior teams going on to centre finals to be played at Paekakariki on Saturday 26 March.

Our club has suggested that we run our competitions as club championships on the Waitangi Day holiday Monday 7 February.

**Centre Open Events** Instead of being completed on Mondays this season's Centre Opens, perhaps as a trial, will feature finals days to be held at the end of the season at Otaki. This is in response to considerable demand from a number of clubs.

**Champion-of-Champions** are reverting to being played throughout the season as they were in 2019-20. The first will be the Triples in early December.

## **Mid Week Events - Some are Gone**

The following mid week events will no longer be contested:

**Melva Ritson Graded Fours**

**Horowhenua Cup**

**Leila Secker Fours**

**Seddon Shield**

The rationale for these changes is that clubs want to encourage their players to represent their clubs in the centre's weekend competitions and reduce their commitments to hosting mid week events. This pruning of mid week events may be of assistance to clubs in planning their programmes for the season. On the other hand the biggest single problem is the log jam that is the programme of weekend centre, regional and national events which provide the limitations that clubs have to cope with in setting their own programmes.

**So, unless there is a future revival, our Levin women are the last winners of the Melva Ritson and Leila Secker events.**

Perhaps some of the more meaningless weekend events might face the axe if the current changes find favour. Do we have to play Whanganui and Wairarapa every year? For example, do we have to have centre Open and C of C Triples when these events are never played in Premier I or II Interclub, or in any regional or national events?

## **BOWLS KAPITI COAST AWARDS 2020-21 SEASON**

The annual Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards sponsored by *Nulook Kapiti* were presented at the Central Levin Bowling Club on Saturday 19 June before an audience of about 100 players and supporters. Well-known radio personality **Nigel Hopkins** was an able and amusing compere who ensured that the proceedings flowed smoothly.

Trophies, certificates and badges were given out to the winners of all of the centre's Open and Champion-of-Champions events, Interclub and Pennants competitions. As well as the aforementioned presentations the following special awards were made to players based on points accumulated in centre competitions over the season.

The following players were awarded their Gold Stars:

5 Titles: **Kurt Burgess** and **Peter Thomson**(Paekakariki) and **Neil Bovey** (Central Levin)

10 Titles: **Helen Bethwaite** and **Rochelle Stevenson** (Paraparaumu Beach) and **Rhys Hakkens** (Waikanae Beach)

The centre selectors **Jim Swift** and **Danny Madden** made awards to the two players they considered to be the leading representative players of the season. They were:

**Jane Selby-Paterson** (Otaki) and **Graeme Corlett** (Paekakariki)

The major awards for the 2020 - 21 season went to:

- Female Junior Player of the Year: **Gloria Michael** (Waitarere Beach)
- Male Junior Player of the Year: **Ron Olivecrona** (Raumati)
- Female Open Section Player of the Year: **Marei Bevan** (Central Levin)
- Male Open Section Player of the Year: **Eddie Martin** (Waikanae Beach)
- Female Veteran Player of the Year: **Berenice Crowther** (Paraparaumu Beach)
- Male Veteran Player of the Year: **Rex Holmes** (Paraparaumu Beach)

The two major awards were:

**The Bowls Kapiti Coast Player of the Year was Eddie Martin (Waikanae Beach).**

Eddie won three centre titles – the Open Pairs, Champion-of Champion Fours and the Mixed Fours, as well as being runner up in the Mixed Pairs, a great series of results.

**The Bowls Kapiti Coast Club of the Year was awarded jointly to Central Levin and Paraparaumu Beach** who were the two most successful clubs in competitions over the season as well as hosting regional events and maintaining high standards in administration and community involvement.

Many thanks to **Kurt Burgess** of *Nulook Kapiti* who sponsored the event and to the **Central Levin Bowling Club** for hosting the event on behalf of the Board of Bowls Kapiti Coast.





***Our club members collect our share of the prizes at the Centre Awards***



***A bit of a heave! One of our members tries a new sport 'Bowls in the Snow' on our old Astrograss green the day after the big snowfall of 15 August 2011.***