

Event Overload?

For some time now entries in our club events have been falling. We run a huge programme and it is inevitable that players will want to choose which events to play in. Most of us have commitments away from bowls that take up our time.

Entries reached a low point in the Kia Bill Clelland Memorial fours. Is it time to reduce the number of events we programme? Something for our club management to seriously consider.

The Death of Jim Bagnall

It was very sad to learn recently of the death of our Immediate Past President Jim Bagnall. Jim was a very hard worker on behalf of the club. His business acumen was greatly appreciated and he made a great contribution to recruiting new members to the club through his *Bowls for Beginners* programme which he ran for a number of years.

Jim had been in poor health particularly over the last year and was no longer able to play bowls. Our thoughts are with Pam and the family at this time.

Your Elected Leaders for 2023-24

Patron	Margaret Griffin
President	Les Galloway
Vice President	Brian Cooper
Secretary	Grahame Law
Treasurer	Dave Grigg
	Chris Hogan
Executive Members	Liz Galloway
	Kaye Lahman
	Jim Winter
Match Committee (Convenor)	Laurie Field
	Norman Annand
	Pat Brown
	Kathy Field
	Wayne Judd
	Duncan Mann
	Bruce Prescott
	Ken Sterne
	Julie Stichbury
Club Captains	Bronwyn McMahon
	Brian Cooper
Selectors	
Women	Chloe Eastham
	Kay Hogan
Men	Brian Cooper
	Duncan Mann

Coming Events

March

Mon 04	M & W Masters
Tues 05	M & W Masters
Wed 06	Rotary final day: Otaki
Fri 08	Horowhenua 5's: Himatangi Beach
Sat 09	Women's Singles championship qual BKC Men's singles
Sun 10	Women's Singles championship p/s BKC Men's Singles
Wed 13	Horowhenua Motor Co St Pats gala
Sun 17	M & W Junior Singles qualifying
Tue 19	Pennants Day 6
Fri 23	Horowhenua 5's reserve day
Sat 23	C of C Pairs: Otaki
Sun 24	C of C Pairs: Otaki
Wed 27	North v South



New Members

*Please welcome Limited member **Trevor Haydock** and Associates **Francis and Elijah Minnell** Levin lads who play out of Paekakariki.*

Programme Changes

Please note

Mixed Pairs - scheduled for 3 - 4 February will now be held on 24 - 25 April.

Junior Men's Singles - qualifying will be on Sunday 17 March with post section at a later date

The IC Mark Triples Gala will now be played on Wednesday 3 April (replaces the Xmas Hams gala)

Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters

Our club's team were runners up to Paraparaumu Beach at the recent event played at Waikanae. The results were:

Paraparaumu Beach	12½	wins from 15 games
Levin	9 +	126 ends
Waikanae B	9 +	117
Central	7 +	126
Waikanae A	7 +	116
Raumati	6½	
Waitare Beach	6	
Otaki	2	

Congratulations to our pair of Bronwyn McMahon and Duncan Mann who were the pairs winners for that event.

Our team was:

Pairs: Bronwyn McMahon (s) & Duncan Mann
Triples: Rob Cotter (s), Erica Whittaker & Chloe Eastham
Fours: Bob Liddall (s), Liz Galloway, Graeme Mathie & Kaye Lahman



**Godfrey Bowen
Pairs Winners**

Health Records

For all members

Our club has a Health form which is optional to complete. The completed forms are stored in a file on the wall next to the door to the Match Committee room.

The idea is that if any one of us has a health event at the club and a doctor or ambulance has to be called the information on the form may be very helpful for them.

If you have not filled out a form, or your form needs to be updated, please do so at your convenience.

The Executive

Rep Selections

Congratulations to **Janet Olliver** for selection in the Intercentre team to play in Wellington on 14 -17 March. And, to **Bronwyn McMahon, Bob Liddall** and **Rob Cotter** who have been selected in the centre's Masters teams to play in the annual tournament on 4 - 5 March.

Women's Intercentre Team

The team to represent the centre in the National Intercentre event in Wellington on 14-17 March is:

Marei Bevan (Central)
Emily Gray (Paekakariki)
Eileen Jones (Paraparaumu Beach)
Janet Olliver (Waitare Beach/Levin)
Carol Rolton (Paraparaumu Beach)
Audrey Stevenson (Raumati)
Rochelle Stevenson (Raumati)
Lisa White (Raumati)

Fane Vessey (Paraparaumu Beach) Reserve

Men's Intercentre Team

Dave Hawken (Raumati)

Peter Thomson (Paekakariki)
Clive Madge (Paraparaumu Beach)

Dereck Taylor (Paekakariki)
Stacey Thomas (Paekakariki)
Scott Sinclair-Paton (Paekakariki)
Gary Hedgman (Paraparaumu Beach)

Paul Rybinski (Paekakariki) Reserve

Men's Singles Championship

There were nine qualifiers on Saturday 17 February. On the Sunday morning **Dave Bond** beat **Ken Hayward** in the early game and the other seven men drew byes.

The quarter finals saw Dave win again to be joined by **Les Galloway, Paul Gardner** and **Jim Winter** in the semi-finals. Paul then made a late comeback to oust Les and Dave continued on his winning way over Jim.

The final between Dave and Paul was played on Saturday 24 February and resulted in a convincing 21 - 8 win for our first time singles champion **Dave Bond**,

Apart from his first qualifying game where he lost 2 - 21 to **Keven Bray** Dave went through unbeaten, reversing the result against Keven in his quarter final. Well done Dave.



Champion Dave and runner up Paul

BKC Women's Open Singles

We were represented there by Elisabeth, Bronwyn and Erica. Elisabeth went on to the quarter-final where she lost to the eventual winner Raumati's **Rochelle Stevenson**. **Rochelle** beat her clubmate **Michelle McDonald** in the final.

Match Committee

There have been a number of changes to the members of the Match Committee. The current members are listed on Page 1. Many thanks to the retiring members.

Our New Website Goes LIVE!

Brian Hoy has been quietly working on a new club website. It is now online and our members and the general public can access it on

www.levinbowls.org.nz

It has a totally fresh look and lots of great features. Check it out. And, if you have items to contribute - blogs, photos etc. just send them to Brian.

The Cartown Men's Gala

The annual men's triples gala was again generously sponsored by **Cartown** in recognition of the number of M G cars purchased from their company over the past two or three years.

The winners were:

- 1st **Arne Jansson, Robert Evans & Graham Williams**
2nd **Ray Hudson, Peter Brown & Ross Mc Lean**
3rd **Les Galloway, Grahame Law & Ron Evans**

Fusion Physiotherapy Women's Gala

Played on Wednesday 21 February at our club. The winning teams were:

- 1st **Timeri Sanders, Bea Gray & Marei Bevan**
2nd **Dianne Short, Bella Law & Carol Turnbull**
3rd **Bronwyn McMahon, Liz Galloway & Elisabeth Glinkowska**

*A special thanks to our Patron **Margaret Griffin** who made a very generous donation to the raffle enabling seven prizes to be awarded.*

The TigerTurf Gala

The gala to celebrate the opening of our new carpet green was held on Saturday 10 February. Conditions were very favourable and the *TigerTurf* team had stretched the carpet prior to play so so a full green of players found that it was running very well indeed.

The winning team on the day was:

Ross Galloway (s), John McBeth and Graeme Yeoman

Many thanks to Ross for his generous sponsorship of the gala.



The winning team Graeme Yeoman, Ross Galloway and John McBeth

Pennants Wrap

The Pennants competitions are over for the season. Our teams fared a little better than they did in the Interclub competition winning two divisions. The final placings were:

Men's Div I Levin Black 2nd
 Levin White 8th
Men's Div II Levin Green 5th
 Levin Blue 8th
 Levin Black 11th

Women's Div I **Levin Green Winners**
 Levin Black 9th

Women's Div II Levin Black 3rd
 Levin Green 10th

Division III **Levin Green Winners**
 Levin Black 8th

Seems like if you want to win name your team Levin Green,!

The Kia Bill Clelland Memorial Super Fours

A disappointingly small field of 8 teams played in Bill's Memorial gala on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February. Perhaps the format of this event did not appeal to many, or perhaps it was just a reflection of there being so many events to pick and choose from at present e.g. Takaro, the Golden Oldies in Palmerston North, the men's and women's singles championships at both our club and at the centre level. And then there is the commitment many of our members make to running Business House Bowls. Something has to give.

Many thanks to Kia Motors and to their rep **Steve** who was present to hand out the prizes and it was great to see **Sue Clelland** there as well. The results were:

1st **Arne Jansson (s), Timeri Sanders, Ken Sterne & Pam Kovesdi** 5½ wins and 106 points

2nd **Duncan Mann (s), Clare Hack, Chris Hogan & Brian Thomson** 5 wins and 100 points

3rd **Les Galloway (s), Michael Heather, Elisabeth Glinkowska & Bruce Prescott** 4 wins and 99 points

4th **Rob Cotter (s), Kay Hogan, Bella Law & Ron Evans** 4 wins and 95 points.

Well done to **Laurie Field** who ran the event and **Mary Judd** in the kitchen. Many thanks.



The winners - Pam, Arne, Timeri and Ken with Steve and Sue and the Kia trophy.

Opinion

Why is it that the members who run our events do not use the club's speaker system?

It is very annoying for those in charge who find that the players are constantly talking - because they cannot hear what is being said!

Our clubroom does not have great acoustics. We have an expensive speaker system which is totally underused. Please think of many of us who are hard of hearing and would really like to know what is being said, instructions, results, or thanks to our sponsors and helpers.

It's really just common sense and good manners.

Great Results For Our Under 10's: 24 - 25 February

The annual Carrell Knight Trophy (for women) and Bill Gibbons (for men) Trophy events were a major triumph for our 10 Years and Under teams.

The Carrell Knight was played at Waitarere Beach and won by our Levin White team of **Erica Whittaker** (skip) **Chloe Eastham** and **Elisabeth Glinkowska**, Our other team Levin Green with **Mary Van der Velden** (skip), **Gay Calderwood** and **Kay Hogan** finished third.

Down at Waikanae the men did even better.

The team of **Adam Batty** (skip), **Phil Stirrat** and **Brian Hoy** came out the winners and our other team of **Jim Winter** (skip), **Ken Sterne** and **Richard Cowles** finished second.

All in all the weekend was a major coup for our players and the club. Well done to all the players.



***Carrell Knight Trophy winners
Chloe, Erica and Elisabeth***



***Mary, Erica, Kay, Elisabeth, Gay
and Chloe at the end of play.***



Green v White at Waitarere

Ken Hayward Editor