

Autumn Bowls

With the run of fine, dry autumn weather our members have continued to enjoy great conditions for bowls, whether it be for roll-ups, club galas, our club championships, centre events or events run by other local clubs.

Congratulations to the winners of our own events and well done to other who performed well outside the club. From now on it is basically our own events as, for now, the centre does not really run any winter events despite the ever growing number of artificial greens in this centre. Maybe that will change.

Club Website

The latest newsletter is available on the website at

<https://levinbowls.org.nz/newsletters>

Enjoy!

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

April

Wed 03	IC Marks triples gala
Sat 06	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Sun 07	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Wed 10	Mixed Singles qualifying
Thu 11	Mixed Singles post section
Sat 13	BKC Open Fours (M) Levin (W) ?
Sun 14	BKC Open Fours (M) Levin (W) ?
Wed 17	Clive Williams 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala
Sat 20	President's Cup: Otaki
	C of C Singles: Central
Sun 21	C of C Junior Singles
Wed 24	Mixed Pairs qualifying
Thu 25	Mixed Pairs post section
Sat 27	BKC Mixed Pairs
Sun 28	BKC Mixed Pairs
Mon 29	BKC Mixed Pairs



New Members

Please welcome back **Clinton Gunn** (Foxton & Beach) as an Associate member.

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)



Congratulations to the winning Division III Pennants team: Kay Hogan, Kate Graham, Kathy Field, Pat Brown and Linda Moy.

Junior Singles Championships

Only four men and four women contested their singles championships so the events were played as round robins on one day.

In the women's event centre champion **Elisabeth Glinkowska, Chloe Eastham, Nicole Hoy** and first year player **Diane Dunlop** took part. Chloe won all three games, defeating Elisabeth 21 - 19 in the key second game to take her first singles title. Elisabeth won her other two games and Nicole one. Diane will have benefited from the competition.

In the men's event **Adam Batty** was largely untroubled to take out his three games his closest result being a 21 - 11 win over **Brian Hoy**. Brian won his other two games over **Ken Sterne** and **Jim Winter**.

Congratulations to Chloe and Adam.

It is a shame that some of the other juniors did not enter. Playing singles is one of the very best ways of developing your game. You have four bowls which you only have in singles play so there are more chances to correct your errors or strengthen your position. You are not only leading as juniors have to do in most games, though leading skills are very important. It is a great learning experience because you are always having to think which type of shot to play when reacting to your opponents play, or, when you are playing first.

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



Junior Singles champions Adam Batty and Chloe Eastham



Women's Singles Championship

Fourteen women took part in their singles championship. After qualifying seven players got through to post section - **Erica Whittaker, Heather Stempa, Bella Law, Irene Poletti, Elisabeth Glinkowska, Bronwyn McMahon and Alice Spicer**. Unluckiest were probably Liz Galloway and Jan Lilico who both lost key games very narrowly.

Irene drew the bye for the quarter finals which resulted as follows:

Bella 21 - Elisabeth 7	Heather 21	Alice 18
Bronwyn 21 Erica 11	Irene bye	

Semi finals:

Irene 21 Heather 11	Bella 21 Bronwyn 14
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Final:

Irene 21 Bella 17

Congratulations to **Irene** on winning her first singles title at the club. Reports say that you played brilliantly on the weekend. Sounds like you are enjoying your new bowls.



Runner up Bella Law and champion Irene Poletti



This team of Liz, Bronwyn, Kaye and Bella finished 5th of the 24 teams in the two day Paraparaumu Beach Women's Classic. They didn't have a great first day lying 12th but a very good second day.

Our New Website Goes LIVE!

Many thanks to Brian Hoy who 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. If you have items to contribute - blogs, photos etc. just send them to Brian.

Already in use is 'Live Scoring' of club events - see for yourself.

Very Good Day for LBC at Central Easter Mixed Pairs

Eight of our members played in the Central club's Easter Mixed Pairs tournament, which drew a field of 28 teams, with six of the players figuring in the eight team prize list. The results for the Levin teams were:

- 2nd **Grahame & Bella Law**
- 5th Neil Bovey & **Bronwyn McMahon**
- 6th Gary Wylie & **Erica Whittaker**
- 8th **Duncan Mann & Mary Van der Velden**

The event was won by Raumati's Lisa White
And Graeme Corlett.



BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

This event was played at Waikanae over the weekend of 6 -m 7 April. Our club had four pairs entered (the most from any club). Three of our pairs made it through to post-section play - **Adam** and **Gay**, **Elisabeth** and **Brian**, and **Mary** and **Iraia**. Unfortunately our fourth pair **Chloe** and **Ken** missed out. As is usual in this event there were also entrants from the Johnsonville and Tawa clubs.

It all came to an end in the quarter-finals on Sunday. Adam and Gay lost to the well-performed Paraparaumu Beach pair of Sharon Williams and Mike Downer, Elisabeth and Brian to the eventual winners Carl Dowie and Graeme Norman from Bowls Waikanae, and Mary and Iraia to an Otaki pair James Campbell and Bob Huxtable.

All in all it was a very good learning experience for our juniors as 2 x 4 x 2 pairs is a very good game for junior players to get to play both leads and skips bowls.

From our Webmaster

Tip of the Month

"The homepage has an up-to-date one week weather forecast right under the main banner. If you click on the weather forecast banner another page will open showing much more detail."

Ken Hayward - Editor