

Change is Constant

In May Les, Grahame and I attended an update at the Waikanae B C from Bowls N Z CEO Mark Cameron and Community bowls Martin McKenzie. Mark painted a rosy picture of the rising trend in bowls participation, both at membership level and at casual level. Substantial gains seem to have been made, particularly in relation to the trends in other organized sports. Whether this is the case in our centre is another story.

At the same time we received an update on what is required to meet the new requirements which will need to be met if we are to retain our accreditation as Incorporated Societies when the new Act comes into force next year. There are a number of changes we will need to make to our club Constitution and operating systems to meet the new requirement which members will be familiarised with later in the year.

Meantime there have been some changes in personnel on our Match Committee and some changes in playing days you will need to make on your calendar.

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)	Norman Annand
	Pat Brown
	Wayne Judd
	Duncan Mann
	Bruce Prescott
	Ken Sterne
Club Captains	Bronwyn McMahon
	Brian Cooper
Selectors	
Women	Chloe Eastham
	Kay Hogan
Men	Brian Cooper
	Duncan Mann

Club Website

The latest newsletter is available on the website at

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

Enjoy!

Coming Events

June

Sat 01	King's Birthday Mixed Pairs
Sun 02	King's Birthday Mixed Pairs
Sat 08	Mixed Triples champ. qualifying
Sun 09	Mixed Triples champ. post section
Wed 12	Triples gala
Sat 15	BKC Awards 1 pm
Sun 23	LBC AGM 1 pm
Wed 26	Triples gala
Sun 30	2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala



New Members

Please welcome **Michael Heather** (Central) as a full playing member.

Programme Changes

Please note

- 1 The **Four Formats Pairs gala** will now be played on **Wednesday 22 May**.
- 2 In the **Winter Wednesday galas** will be played every second week rather than every week. If there is a cancellation the event will move to the following Wednesday. **This could mean that teams might need changes in players for the new date.**

Club Champions

Junior Pairs

Men

Winners: **Ken Sterne (s) & Brian Hoy**

Women:

Winners: **Mary van der Velden (s) & Chloe Eastham**

Year 1 & 2 Singles

Winner: **Brian Hoy**

Club Champions

Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

Winners

Bronwyn McMahon & Duncan Mann

Runners up

Ralda Adams & Graeme Mathie

A very closely fought final with the winning margin 12 points to 8.



Revised Winter Programme

The Executive and Match Committee have made significant changes to the Winter programme as published in the club handbook. See Page 3 and/or the Website for the changes.

Our Website Is 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.



**Competitors in the Year 1 & 2 Singles championship.
L to R: Ken Sterne (runner up), Brian Hoy (winner), Nicole Hoy and Diane Dunlop.**

Winter Programme Changes 2024

The main change to the Winter programme is that Wednesday Triples galas will only be held fortnightly. If a gala has to be cancelled because of weather conditions it will be held on the following Wednesday. This may mean that skips have to replace players who may not be available on the alternative day.

For full details of the programme see the great new Calendar of club events which uses the googledocs features on the website.

Please note that the annual BKC Centre Awards will be held at our club on Saturday 15 June starting at 1 pm. We expect around 100 visitors. For that reason there will be no club day roll up on that day.



The new sign for LEVINCARS. Mmmn - how do we spell Tyres?

Winter Events

Apart from the regular galas the following events are scheduled for the winter:

June

Sat 1 - Sun 2 King's Birthday Mixed Pairs

Sat 8 - Sun 9 Mixed Triples Championship

Sat 15 Centre Awards

Sun 23 Levin Bowls AGM

July

August

Sat 3 Shanghai singles

Centre Programme 2024-25 Season

The Centre programme for the new summer season has been made available to us. Les, Grahame and I attended a meeting on Wednesday 15 May to discuss possible changes.

The Tournament Committee has made a number of changes to try to make more playing days available to clubs. Some changes will almost certainly happen to the Pennants competition to try to reduce the number of playing days, and to the detail of the Interclub competition.

The centre will also introduce time limits for all Open, C of C and Interclub events for the new season.

The three of us agreed that it was not a very positive meeting. Despite the optimism of Bowls New Zealand a number of clubs are struggling to find players willing to commit to competitions like Pennants and Interclub, and clubs found it hard to agree on new solutions. Time will tell if much real change occurs.

Playing Numbers Kapiti Coast Centre (from the annual census)

	Full Playing Members				Limited Playing Members			Total Playing Members
	Male	Female	Student	Total	Male	Female	Student	All
2010	642	411	1	1,054	0	0	0	1/054
2015	539	342	3	884	0	0	0	884
2020	437	237	0	674	55	26	81	755
2023	362	199	3	564	153	66	219	783

Bowls N Z did not have a category for Limited Playing Member prior to 2020.

King's Birthday Mixed Pairs

It is pleasant weather for the annual tournament held over King's Birthday weekend sponsored by Levin Cars. A good field was assembled for the first day's play on Saturday which was played in sections of four from which the leading teams in each section went into the top section on Sunday to play for the main prize money, with the second, third and fourth placed teams going into the appropriate sections for the second day.

At the end of the second day the major place getters were:

1st Timeri Sanders and Iraia Peni

2nd Bronwyn McMahon and Richard Cowles

3rd Adam Batty and Erica Whittaker

4th Barry Cross and Kaye Lahman

My Ride Four Formats Pairs Gala

Wednesday 22 May as a crispy cool autumn day, and we avoided the rain of the last couple of days which was nice, but it did get a bit chilly in the afternoon. We had 24 teams enter which were split across the two greens by our Match Committee, giving us six rinks on each green in use.

The competition involved four game formats:

Game 1: 3 bowl pairs

Game 2: Shanghai pairs

Game 3: 2 bowl pairs

Game 4: 2 x 4 x 2 pairs

We are very grateful to My Ride for their support. Check out their website for all your cycling and mobility needs.

The results on the TigerTurf green were:

1st: Elisabeth Glinkowska & Michael Heather, 4 wins 75 points 22 ends

2nd: Arne Jansson & Phil Stirrat, 3½ wins 66 points 22 ends

3rd: Glynn Davies & Clare Hack, 3 wins 75 points 23 ends

The results on the Dales green:

1st: Graeme Mathie & Brian Hoy, 4 wins 81 points 24 ends

2nd: Les & Liz Galloway, 4 wins 79 points 26 ends

3rd: Ken Hayward & Jim Winter, 4 wins 74 points 24 ends

Some great bowling and once again the competition was tight with some very close results, especially on the Dales green.

Coming Soon

Saturday 15 June at 1 pm

Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards

The annual awards presentations will take place in our clubrooms so if you were a winner in any centre event or played in the centre rep teams please come along. The presentations will be followed by afternoon tea and a social hour.

Please note: There will be no club day roll upon the day.

Sunday 30 June at 1 pm.

Levin Bowls AGM

It is great to see that there are already a significant number of nominations for various roles within the club. If you are keen to help out in any way please put your name forward. It will be simple to find someone to nominate and second you.

There is also one motion to be discussed posted on the notice board. If you have a motion to put forward please make sure you meet the deadline.

Fish and Chips Friday Nights

Starting on Friday 7th June, and each fortnight thereafter until August 30th we'll be having social drinks followed by fish and chips at our nice toasty warm clubrooms.

Drinks starts at 5pm with the meal starting at 6pm. Be there or be hungry and cold.



Our four Year 1 and 2 players who competed for their singles title on 12 May. From left are Ken Sterne, Brian Hoy, Nicole Hoy and Diane Dunlop.



The winners of the Four Formats Pairs gala:

Brian Hoy and Graeme Mathie (Dales green) and

Michael Heather and Elisabeth Glinkowska (TigerTurf green)

Junior women's pairs champs Chloe Eastham and Mary Van der Velden.

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