

**A New Season Beckons**

*Our AGM has been held, important decisions made and a new leadership team installed. Many thanks to those who put their names forward to fill all of the positions available on the Executive, Management Committee and Match Committee. By the end of the meeting all positions had been filled. Many thanks to Kaye, Liz and Brian who have retired from positions on the Executive.*

*A motion was passed by the meeting to introduce time limits for our championship events. This might mean some adjustments to the number of ends played. Another motion made some changes to playing uniform requirements (see Page 2.)*

*The new season's programme is all but completed. Just waiting for details of Horo. 5's and Rotary to be finalised. We have sponsors for all of our summer galas, including a couple of new sponsors, and the Melbourne Cup day gala will become a full day event.*

**Club Website**

The latest newsletter is available on the website at

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

Enjoy!

**Your Elected Leaders for 2024-25**

Patron	<b>Margaret Griffin</b>
President	<b>Les Galloway</b>
Vice President	<b>Duncan Mann</b>
Secretary	<b>Grahame Law</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dave Grigg</b>
	<b>Chris Hogan</b>
Executive Members	<b>Brian Hoy</b>
	<b>Bruce Prescott</b>
	<b>Jim Winter</b>
Match Committee (Convenor)	<b>Pat Brown</b>
	<b>David Bond</b>
	<b>Richard Cowles</b>
	<b>Wayne Judd</b>
	<b>Bob Liddall</b>
	<b>Ken Sterne</b>
	<b>Graham Stevens</b>
	<b>Erica Whittaker</b>
Club Captains	<b>Bronwyn McMahon</b>
	<b>Brian Cooper</b>
Selectors Women	<b>Chloe Eastham</b>
	<b>Kay Hogan</b>
Men	<b>Brian Cooper</b>
	<b>Duncan Mann</b>

**Coming Events**

**July**

Wed 10	Triples gala
Wed 24	<b>Levin Cars Triples gala</b>
Sun 28	2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala

**August**

Sat 03	<b>Wilton &amp; Co.</b> Shanghai Singles
Wed 07	Triples gala
Sat 10	<b>Margaret Griffin</b> 2-bowl 2-end Pairs and Singles
Sat 17	<b>Mixed Fours</b> qualifying
Sun 18	<b>Mixed fours</b> post section
Wed 21	Triples gala
Sun 24	2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala



## **AGM 2024**

A well attended club AGM was held on Sunday 23 June. The list of newly elected club leaders is listed on Page 1. Many thanks to all those who allowed their names to go forward to form our leadership team for the next year.

There were two important changes made to our club processes by way of notices of motion. The first relates to playing conditions for Club Championships.

### **Time Limits for Club Championships**

All club championships will be played with time limits of 2 ¼ hours up to and including quarter-finals.

The following timings were suggested:

Game 1	9.00 to 11.15 am
Lunch	11.15 to 11.45 am
Game	11.45 to 2.00 pm
Tea break	2.00 to 2.15 pm
Game 3	2.15 to 4.30 pm

### **Reasons:**

To define the length of the playing day ore closely, reduce the time spent waiting for games to be completed and encourage more players to enter our events.

Bowls Kapiti Coast is introducing the same time limits for their Open events and this brings us into line with their playing conditions.

### **Playing Uniform**

All Club Championships leading on to centre Champion of Champions, including games played by arrangement which cannot be completed on scheduled days, will be played with the following uniform requirements:

***Players must wear club colours or whites i.e. green or white shirts, and green, white or black pants. It is recognized that there is more than one official club shirt but players in teams are required to wear matching shirts.***

*For Minor and Balloted Championships the club would prefer club colours but matching shirts and pants are acceptable. Championships played in winter are played in mufti.*

## ***Our Website Is LIVE!***

***Brian Hoy, our webmaster, has developed a great new website. It is online, very easy to use and our members and the public can access it on [www.levinbowls.org.nz](http://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.***

***'Live Scoring' of our club events is great - see for yourself.***

## ***More and More Covered Greens***

A few years back there were a few covered greens in New Zealand - Frankton Railway, Paritutu, Hastings, Dunedin Stadium and Waverley (Invercargill) and a one rink green at Thornbury (Southland). All these were indoor greens as was the next one built at Naenae in the Hutt Valley a couple of years ago. That made six and a bit covered indoor greens where play was possible year round.

Since then the development has nearly all been in the north of the country, especially in Auckland, where the warmer weather means that the trend is now for covered outdoor greens. In the last few years there have been outdoor greens covered at Orewa, New Lynn, Royal Oak, Remuera and Tauranga South. In the pipeline and in some cases under construction are a second green at Remuera, two greens at Howick, one at Mt Maunganui and after a number of years of consultation one at the Palmerston North club. Clearly the reasons are different for clubs in the two islands.

So perhaps by the end of 2025 there will be at least sixteen covered greens in use. Planning is also under way for a covered green in Christchurch. Bowls New Zealand think one in each centre would be the ideal. I can't see that happening on the Kapiti Coast in the immediate future?

## ***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 googledocs features on the website.***

## ***Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards***

The Awards were held at our club for the first time on Saturday 15 Jun with about 100 players and supporters in attendance. The following club members and teams received awards on the day:

**Bronwyn McMahon** and **Duncan Mann** (Godfrey Bowen Pairs)

**Erica Whittaker, Chloe Eastham** and **Elisabeth Glinkowska** (Carrell Knight trophy)

**Adam Batty, Phil Stirrat** and **Brian Hoy** (Bill Gibbons trophy)

**Division I Pennants** team

**Division III Pennants** team

**Brian Hoy** (Year 1 & 2 singles)

The following members received certificates for representing the centre in various events:

**Chloe Eastham, Elisabeth Glinkowska, Bronwyn McMahon, Mary van der Velden, Whittaker, Rob Cotter, Bob Liddall** and **Iraia Peni**.

Many thanks to all those who helped make the day a success especially **Kaye Lahman** and **Liz Galloway** in the lead up to the event, and to **Mary van der Velden** and her team in the kitchen, and **Brian Cooper** and **Dave Grigg** at the bar.

## **C of C's**

**The semi-finals and finals of the C of C Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Mixed Pairs featuring some of the centre's top bowlers are to be played at Raumati on Saturday with Peter Thomson and Sammie Sweeney playing John and Gloria Michael in one semi and Scott Sinclair-Paton and Eileen Jones playing Lisa White and Neil Pritchard in the other. Should be close contests.**

**Later in the month the national finals of the C of C Singles and Pairs will be played in Auckland, while in August the Triples and fours will be played in Dunedin and the 2 x 4 x 2 Mixed Pairs in Hastings. Best of luck to the players representing our centre.**

### **We Are Small Fry Really**

**Few players from the Kapiti Coast seem able to make their mark on the national stage. It's quite some time since Audrey Stevenson, Rex Holmes and Brian Howman won national titles - back in the 1980's. We are very small fish in a much larger puddle. A look at the number of clubs in various centres is revealing.**

**Kapiti Coast competes in regional events like the Octagonal against these centres - Gisborne-East Coast, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu and Wellington, which, along with Kapiti Coast, have a total of 105 clubs. With only 9 active clubs in our centre we have a few more than Wairarapa with 7 and Gisborne-East Coast's 6. Of the larger centres Wellington has 21, Taranaki 21.**

**On a national scale we are dwarfed by centres like Canterbury which has 56 clubs spread over 6 sub-centres, and even Southland with 36 clubs in 3 sub-centres. Auckland alone has 40 clubs to which can be added the 18 in North Harbour and 16 in Counties-Manakau, a total of 74 in greater Auckland. Still the population of Horowhenua is increasing fast!**

## **Recent Results**

### **King's Birthday Mixed Pairs**

This event was sponsored this year by **Jason Larsen** of **Levin Cars**. Many thanks Jason. It was an ideal weekend for bowls with great weather for the 20 teams. The winners were:

The Top Section 1:

1<sup>st</sup>: **Timeri Sanders & Iraia Peni**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Bronwyn McMahon & Richard Cowles

3<sup>rd</sup>: Adam Batty & Erica Whittaker

The winners of the other sections were:

Section 2: Roger Athersuch & Pat Brown

Section 3: Liz & Les Galloway

Section 4: Chloe Eastham & Mike Sextus

Section 5: Clare Hack & Gary Coley

## **Club Champions**

Mixed Triples

Winners: **Adam Batty, Brian Hoy & Nicole Hoy**

Runners up: **Irene Poletti, Chloe Eastham & Ken Sterne**

A great result for our junior bowlers. Well done. Irene was the only non-junior in the final.

## **Gala Winners**

There were 26 teams for both of the June Wednesday galas. The winners were:

12 June

**Kay Irvine, Tracey & Anne**

**Wayne Judd, Bronwyn & Richard Cowles**

26 June

**Wayne, Bronwyn & Richard (again)**

**Rob Cotter Michael Heather & Pat Brown**

**Ken Hayward Editor**