

Winter Bowls is Nearly Done

I haven't played a lot of winter bowls this season but it is very gratifying to see the numbers who continue to turn up for club day roll ups. And, even more impressive are the number of entries for our midweek triples galas. The Sunday pairs galas don't seem to have been quite as popular but there have still been keen players to enjoy the 2 x 4 x 2 format.

It is interesting to note that following hard on the heels of our new Tiger Turf green have come green replacements at Raumati and Waikanae United over the past couple of months. If those clubs get as much participation on them as we do they will have made a sound investment.

By the time the next newsletter appears we will have held the Mixed Fours championship and our year's programme will be complete. Thanks for taking part.

Club Website

The latest newsletter is available on the website at

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

Enjoy!

Your Elected Leaders for 2024-25

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

Coming Events

August

Sat 03	Wilton & Co. Shanghai Singles
Wed 07	Triples Gala
Sat 10	Margaret Griffin 2-bowl 2-end Pairs and Singles
Thu 15	Entries close Mixed Fours champ.
Sat 17	Mixed Fours qualifying
Sun 18	Mixed Fours post section
Wed 21	Triples Gala
Sun 25	2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala
Sat 31	Opening Day & Presentations

Honorary Membership

*At a recent meeting our Executive conferred **Honorary Membership** on our previous Vice President **Stuart Fieldes** in recognition of his work on behalf of members. Thank you Stuart.*



New Members

Please welcome **Ronnie** and **Dennis Crone** who have joined us from the Otaki club.



Playing Uniform - a Club Policy Change

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 Busy Programme 2024-25

Our programme for the new season includes:

- 9 -13 days where the BKC Centre is using our greens for Centre Open events and C of C's
- 31 days with club championships, including five mid-week days
- 12 days with summer galas
- 9 days with half-day winter galas
- 10 evenings with Business House Bowls
- 11 days of Interclub and Pennants – nearly all away fixtures
- 12 days of district events – Horowhenua 5's, Rotary etc. – mostly away fixtures
- 8 days of Women's Aggregate and Club Captain's Triples
- 7 days of special winter events – King's Birthday Mixed Pairs, Shanghai Singles etc.
- And 95 other days when club day roll ups are the main event for the day

A total of about 210 days of scheduled bowls. This does not include bowls played at other clubs – Mexted Cup, Godfrey Bowen and galas played at other clubs.

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

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.

Adam Stars

Adam Batty came runner up in the National Year 1 to 8 Super Singles played at the Naenae club recently. Super Singles is a new short format bowls competition played in singles, and also in pairs. In the 3 bowl singles competition two sets of six ends are played with a tie breaker end if the players win a set each. Games take an average of 40 minutes to complete.

Adam lost the final very narrowly to **Craig Moffat** of Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. Moffat had to draw closer than 45 cms with his last bowl to avoid a tie breaker and managed to do that to complete the win.

The pairs competition is played with 2 bowls over two sets of five ends. The Kapiti Coast qualifier is to be played at Raumati on Saturday 17 August.

Our club's Shanghai Singles & 2 bowl 2 end pairs competitions on the previous two Saturdays could be a good warm up for any interested in entering. Entries are limited to one green on one day.



The finalists Craig and Adam.

Our Membership

Below is a snapshot of our club's membership as at August 2024.

	Women	Men	Total
Full Playing Members	32	49	81
Limited Playing Members	10	10	20
Total Playing Members	42	59	101
Includes Year 1 - 5 Members	6	14	20
Year 6 - 10 Members	11	9	20
Non Playing Life Members	2	0	2
Honorary Members	1	1	2
Associate Members			15
Social Members			11
Total Club Members			131

(Winter Members are not included)

Phone Census

To have a change from compiling this year's club Handbook I decided to survey the type of phone connections being used by our 101 playing members. The results were interesting.

13 members have Landlines only

69 members have mobiles only

34 members have both Landlines and mobiles

In common with the rest of the country our members are fast dropping their landlines.

It's a similar situation with other communication technology. At present only 7 members do not receive their club newsletter by email or on their mobile device.

Bowls Kapiti Coast

The New Board

Patron	Carrell Knight
Chairperson	David Burrage
President	Robin Doughty
Vice President	John McBeth
Board Member	Noeleen Davies
Board Member	Viv Hudson
Board Member	John Michael
Board Member	Steve Sargent
Administrator	Janet Olliver

Shanghai Singles

A severe frost had not totally left the green when 18 players began the **Wilton & Co Realty** sponsored Shanghai Singles at the club on Saturday 3 August. Just as well it was a 10 am start and Arne had been able to sweep most of the ice off the seats.

Still it turned out to be a fabulous day weather wise and, for most of the players, a rewarding day. After the first round the six winners went into the draw for the Classic, the six second placed into the Classic Plate and the third placegetters into the Consolation.

After the second round nine players made their exit while the other nine played off in the three finals.

The results were:

The Classic: 1st. Michael Heather 2nd Iraia Peni. 3rd. Bronwyn McMahon

Classic Plate: 1st. Erica Whittaker 2nd. Pat Brown. 3rd. Dave Bond

Consolation: 1st Les Galloway 2nd. Wayne Judd. 3rd. Jan Lilico.

New club member **Michael Heather** played great bowls to win all three of his games; four of the five women figured in the placing (with **Liz** who played super bowls for two games the only one to miss out); while our only visitor **Greg Oldridge** really enjoyed the format and wished it was played more often. It is now only regularly played by the NZPBA at their indoor events having been overtaken by Bowls3Five in Bowls N Z events.

The snowy backdrop saw a number of players taking photos. In all a great day. Many thanks to our six markers **Paul, Ralda, John, Margaret, Irene** and **Bruce** and to **Adriana Wilton** for her generous sponsorship.



Ken Hayward Editor