

A New Season

A quick look at the foot of this page will show a very full programme for September. Quite apart from the rescheduled Mixed Fours championship, the other three weekends have our Balloted champs. We have always scheduled the Balloted champs at this time. The idea being that all of our players have a chance to mix with any new members who have joined us, and be balloted to play with members they might not usually play with. So it is hoped all of our players will turn out for a couple of these events.

You will also see that October ushers in our first summer gala, the first BKC Centre Open event (played here), the first rep fixture, the first day of Pennants, Rotary and Horowhenua Fives.

In all it's a very full on start to the season. Good bowling to all.

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

September

Sun 01 Foxton & Beach Challenge - home
Sat 07 M & W Balloted Triples - qualifying
Sun 08 M & W Balloted Triples p/s
Sat 14 Mixed Balloted Triples qualifying
Sun 15 Mixed Balloted Triples p/s
Sat 21 M & W Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs qual
Sun 22 M & W Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs p/s
Sat 28 Mixed Fours qualifying (rescheduled)
Sun 29 Mixed Fours p/s (rescheduled)

October

Sun 06 Kapiti v Wanganui
Tue 09 Pennants Day 1
Wed 09 Levin Cars Mixed Pairs Gala
Fri 11 Horowhenua Fives R I: Foxton & Beach
Sat 12 BKC Women's Triples: Levin
Sun 13 BKC Women's Triples: Levin
Wed 16 Rotary R 1: Shannon



New Members

*Please welcome **Don Newton** a first year bowler.*

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.

The Last Winter Triples Gala

Twenty teams played in our last Wednesday winter gala winter on 21 August. It was another great day with a touch of snow on the ranges, not that it bothered the players too much.

The results were:

Dales Green

1st Brian Cooper, Jim Winter and Mary Van der Velden

2nd Rob Cotter, Michael Heather and Pat Brown

3rd Chris Hogan, Graeme Mathie and Kay Hogan

Tiger Turf Green

1st Mike Barone, Sprotty and Warren

2nd Bob Liddall, Dave Bond and Dave Grigg

3rd Doug Pitcher, Chris and Peter Sayer



Men's and Women's Balloted Triples

The first championships of the new season were played over the weekend of 7 - 8 September with miserable cold, windy conditions on Saturday but better on Sunday. The men's event had eight teams which reduced to a neat four after qualifying with the teams of Brian Cooper, Wayne Judd, Paul Gardner and Laurie Field making it through. The results from two very close semi-finals were:

B Cooper, T Turnbull & P Stirrat 8 P Gardner, M Howse & G Coley 7

L Field, N Annand & B Thompson 10 W Judd, G Mathie & K Sterne 9

The final was not so close with an easy win to Laurie's team

Field 15 Cooper 6

The women's event had six teams so the whole competition was played on one green. Three teams qualified on Saturday - the teams of Ronnie Crone, Bronwyn McMahon and Jan Lilico. The semi-final result was:

J Lilico, H Stempa & C Hack 11 B McMahon, C Ryan & G Calderwood 10

Final: **R Crone, A Spicer & L Moy 13 J Lilico, H Stempa & C Hack 3** A first club title here for Ronnie.

One of the issues with our balloted events is that they draw only a relatively small number of entrants despite the rationale for running these events, and the best efforts of the match committee, so the situation often arises where it is difficult to balance the teams by grading. This time the women's final featured highly experienced players playing skips and twos.

Congratulations Paul

At the recent Manawatu Centre's annual awards function our former club president Paul Skilton was acclaimed as the 'Administrator / Official of the Year'.

Paul was our club president from 2006 till 2010 - a long period to hold that position in our club. Nowadays Paul lives and works in Palmerston North and is the president of the Hokowhitu club. Paul is still an Associate member of Levin bowls and plays in our galas when his busy schedule allows. Well done Paul.



The Last Winter 2 x 4 x 2 Gala

Our last Sunday 2 x 4 x 2 gala was held on 25 August with 24 teams, six rinks on each green in use, and plenty of visitors from neighbouring clubs taking part. Despite grey skies overhead and cool conditions, with the wind getting up in the afternoon, the players enjoyed the day.

Winners on the Tiger Turf green were **Nicky Morgan** and **Francis Minnell** from the Paekakariki club - the only pair with four wins on the day. The results were:

1st Nicky and Francis 4 wins, 17 ends & 48 points

2nd Graeme Mathie & Richard Cowles 3, 17 & 35

3rd Elisabeth Glinkowska & Erica Whittaker 3, 15 & 36

On the Dales green there were two teams with three

wins and a draw with **Ken Hayward** and **Adam Batty**

having the most points. The results were:

1st Ken & Adam 3 ½ wins, 15 ends & 35 points

2nd Chloe Eastham & Ken Sterne 3 ½, 15, & 31

3rd Bronwyn McMahon & Norm Annand 3, 15 & 30.

Many thanks to President **Les Galloway** who ran the Sunday galas for the season, to Chairperson **Pat Brown** and her match committee for their work over another busy winter period, and to our visitors from Foxton & Beach, Shannon, Central and Waitarere Beach for supporting our events.



Amendments to your Handbook (oops and late additions)

Please add the following to your membership lists:

- ***Frank Cottis 106 Winchester St, Levin 028 412 7092***
- ***Don Newton 10 The Grange, Speldhurst 021 140 2770***

amend Brett Connell's phone number to (06) 368 0890

amend Ronnie Crone's to 027 686 5704

and Colleen Hall's number is now 022 542 4724

And apologies to Ken Sterne 021 222 8151 for leaving him off the Match Committee list on Page 2.

Professional Bowlers Win Overseas Trips

At the national finals of the NZPBA held at the Paritutu club in New Plymouth a number of players won trips to the UK.

Martin Kreft (Dunedin) won the right to represent the PBA in the World Indoor Singles - to be held in the UK at a date and venue to be confirmed.

Kennie Critchlow (Wellington) will represent the PBA in the Ladies Invitation Singles at Potter's Bar, Norfolk in January

Kaylin Huwyler (Whanganui) will go to the Scottish International singles in West Lothian in November

Anthony Ouellet and **Chris Smith** (B of P) will go to the World Indoor Pairs at Potter's Bar, Norfolk in January. **Anthony** will also go to the World Under 25 Singles

And **Aiden Takarua** (Southland) has done the double. After winning the National outdoor singles title in January he has now won the PBA playoff to go to the World Indoor Singles in Norfolk.

If you fancy your chances of winning a trip to the UK to play bowls you will need to become a member of the NZPBA. We have had Neville Turnbull, Brian Paquin and Shoota Ballinger as members in the past.

Women's Singles and Men's Pairs have been re-scheduled

Please make a note in your programme that the **Women's Singles** championship will be moved from Sat / Sun 1 - 2 February to the following weekend **Sat/Sun 8 - 9 February**.

It has been our policy for a number of years to play our Women's Singles on the same weekend that the BKC Men's Singles is being played, and vice versa. That is because it makes it a whole lot easier for us to obtain enough markers for the singles events - the men mark for the women and the women for the men. This time problems have arisen. There is a clash with the women's Taranaki Open Fours, hence the need to change, and the centre made last minute changes to the dates of their men's and women's open singles in late June after our own programme was set.

The **Men's Pairs** championship dates are also to change.

They were scheduled for **Saturday / Sunday 4 - 5 January**. They have been moved to **Sat 30 November** for qualifying and **Saturday 11 January** for post section.

Footnote:

My table showing the club membership in the August edition drew a query from Trevor Turnbull as to why I had not included the Casual Members of the club. He was correct. Casual Members are all those who take part in Business House Bowls. Their membership fee is included in the entry fee paid by their teams. Trevor issues them all with Casual Membership cards and they are regarded as members of the club for the duration of the event. They are entitled to use all of the club's facilities and encouraged to take part in other club events if they wish. For the record there are about 110 of them taking our total club membership to around 240.

Opening Day 2024-25

Most of our prize winners were known in advance but there were four exceptions:

Women's Aggregate
Pam Kovesdi
Club Captain's Triples
Ken Sterne
Most Promising Player
Ken Sterne
Most Improved Player
Diane Dunlop

Congratulations. Well done to you all.



All ready for the first roll up of a new season

Ken Hayward Editor