



**Linda, Ronnie and Alice,
winners of the Women's
Balloted Triples**

Death of Wynn Bullen

Our highly respected Life Member and former Patroness Wynn Bullen passed away at Reevedon age 106 on Saturday 12 October. Wynn was the only surviving member of the Levin women's four that were the runners up in the national championships in 1980. Wynn made a great contribution to the development of the women's game in Levin.

Congratulations to our players

Kapiti Coast Reps v Wanganui

Senior team

Janet Olliver Adam Batty Iraia Peni

Development team

**Elisabeth Glinkowska Mary Van der Velden
Erica Whittaker Chloe Eastham**



**Wynn Bullen in her
playing days**

Club Executive 2024-25

Patron	Margaret Griffin
President	Les Galloway
Vice President	Duncan Mann
Secretary	Grahame Law
Treasurer(s)	Dave Grigg
	Chris Hogan
Elected Members	Brian Hoy
	Bruce Prescott
	Jim Winter
Club Captains	Bronwyn McMahon
	Brian Cooper

Match Committee 2024-25

Convenor	Pat Brown
Members	David Bond
	Richard Cowles
	Wayne Judd
	Bob Liddall
	Ken Sterne
	Graham Stevens
	Erica Whittaker

What's coming up?

October

- Sat 19 Men's Triples qualifying
- Sun 20 Men's Triples post section
- Mon 21 BKC Umpires Gala: Raumati
- Wed 23 Levin Glassworks Triples Gala
- Sat 26 BKC Men's Open Triples
Women's Triples qualifying
- Sun 27 BKC Men's Open Triples
Women's Triples post section
- Mon 28 BKC Men's Open Triples

November

- Fri 01 Ladies Banner: Foxton & Beach
- Sat 02 BKC M & W Open Pairs
- Sun 03 BKC M & W Open Pairs
- Mon 04 BKC M & W Open Pairs
- Tue 05 Margaret Griffin Melbourne Cup Gala
- Wed 06 Rotary R 2: Levin
- Fri 08 Horowhenua 5's: Otaki Railway ?
- Sat 09 Women's Interclub Day 1
- Sun 10 Men's & Div III Interclub Day 1



Club Champions

Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

Women **Ralda Adams & Gay Calderwood**

Men **Graeme Mathie & Keven Bray**

Playing Numbers (as at 31/12/2023)

Club	Playing Numbers
Waitarere Beach	43
Central	51
Levin	86
Otaki	42
Otaki Railway	16
Waikanae United	86
Paraparaumu Beach	75
Raumati	116
Paekakariki	43
Total Reported	558

NB: The stats can be misleading. Some clubs (e.g. Otaki) include all their playing members in their annual return, others (e.g. Levin) do not include Limited members.



Many of us have not visited Foxton & Beach recently. This photo of the new green and clubrooms is an article on the the Bowls New Zealand website.

Recent Bereavements

It is sad to record the passing of two of our former members - **Ellen Wishart** and **Allan Shanks**. **Ellen** who died two weeks ago at age 96 was a prominent member (along with husband Jim) in the early part of this century. **Alan** died last week age 87 and was an active bowler up until about five years ago when he moved to Australia. He returned about two years ago and was living at the Masonic village.

For followers of other sports - an unusual connection?

The current All Blacks squad has a close connection to our town. It is well known that hooker **Cody Taylor** is a Levin lad. Cody's family have a long connection to Levin and Cody went to Horowhenua College for three years before being scouted to play for the powerful Feilding High School team, after which he moved to Canterbury and the Crusaders to play professionally.

New All Black **Pasilio Tosi** was also born in Levin and went to Horowhenua College before being picked up by Rotorua Boys High School. His father Nick Tosi was a prominent local cricketer for the Weraroa club. Pasilio first played for Southland before moving on to Bay of Plenty and the All Blacks.

Much less well known is another more tenuous connection to the town. Front row prop **Tyrell Lomax** was born in Australia the son of rugby league legend **John Lomax**. John was one of four brothers who played for Wainuiomata and Wellington. There were times when John and his brothers Arnold, Tony and David were all on the park together for Wellington. John and David both played for the Canberra Raiders and New Zealand. Much later the Lomax family had a connection to Levin when they ran the Levin Sports Bar for a time. So it's a bit harder to claim Tyrell as representing Levin.

Levin has not produced many All Blacks (**Carlos Spencer** being the previous standout, as well as **Terry McCashin**) but I guess it is possible one day soon that maybe there could be three men with a Levin connection in the All Black front row on the same day.

Club Champions

The re-scheduled Mixed Fours championship was played over the weekend of 28-29 September with 12 teams taking part. By the end of Saturday the six qualifiers had been identified and the serious play began on Sunday morning with two games and two teams receiving byes. The semi-finals saw the teams of Adam Batty and Keven Bray eliminated. The teams of Grahame Law and Jan Lilico went on to contest a very close final in which Jan's team prevailed very narrowly by 10 points to 9.

The winning team was **Jan Lilico (s), Graham Williams, Phil Stirrat** and **Mary Judd** with **Grahame Law (s), Bella Law, Mary Van der Velden** and **Duncan Mann** the runners-up.



Happy winners - Graham, Mary, Phil and Jan



Graham and Duncan on the head



A high 5 from Jan for a job well done



The finalists

Club Champions - Balloted Fours Winners

Women Ronnie Crone (s), Alice Spicer & Linda Moy

Men Laurie Field (s), Norm Annand & Brian Thompson

The Reps Play Wanganui

The Kapiti Coast men's and women's rep teams had greatly contrasting results in the first rep match of the season. While our women won 14 of their 16 games losing only two Senior triples and fours games, the Development team, which included **Elisabeth, Mary, Erica** and **Chloe** enjoyed a clean sweep of their 8 games. Well done to our women.

It was a different story for our men. The Wanganui Senior team included **Kaylin Huwyler** (N Z *Emerging Player of the Year* for 2024; former N Z rep **Sean Johnson**; **Gavin Scrivener** (son of our late member Dave) who has performed very well in the NZPBA competitions; and national High Performance Selector **Lance Tasker** (he has 6 N Z titles). This team swept our men 8 - 0. Just as well **Peter Belliss** wasn't playing!

Spare a thought for own own **Adam Batty** who had to play **Kaylin** in the singles. Kaylin has only been playing about five years but is already ranked No 4 in N Z and World No 44. Two of the triples games were very close without us getting a win.

It is fair to say that our men's team was not at full strength. Paekakariki men, for some reason, were noticeably absent from our teams.

Our Development men's team which included **Brian Hoy** won 3 of their games helping to redress the balance.

The women's 14 - 2 win meant that overall Kapiti Coast won the fixture by 17 games to 15.

Pennants Day 1

The first day's play in the Pennants competition on 8 October saw our teams do very well in the men's competition but not quite so well in the women's. Progress results are:

Men Division I

Levin Black 2 wins 14 points 3rd place

Levin Green 1 win 8 5th

Division II

Levin 1 2 15 2nd

Levin 2 1 7 8th

Levin 3 1 9 4th

Levin 4 2 15 1st

Women's Division 1

Levin 1 1/2 W 4 pts 10th place

Levin 2 2 x 1/2 W 6 9th

Women's Division II

Levin 1 1 W 7 5th

Levin 2 1 W 8 4th

There are 12 teams in each division.

The First 'Summer' Gala

Conditions were less than perfect, windy and bleak, for the first summer gala - the *Levin Cars* Mixed Pairs on 9 October. There was a good turnout of club members with 24 pairs, but no outsiders on the day. The winners were:

Dales Green **Jan Lilico & Garry Coley**

TigerTurf green **Duncan Mann & Mary Van**

Jan seems to be having a hot run of form lately.



The winners receiving their prize money from the representative of Levin Cars