



**Duncan, Phil and Rob - our  
Men's Triples champions**

## **Byes in the Men's Triples**

*Well done to the Match Committee for their last ditch efforts to try to avoid a bye in the men's triples champ. By my reckoning there are 50 men who are full playing members of the club. Of those 9 are not currently playing for various reasons, largely related to health. Another 3 were away from Levin at the time so in fact there were only 38 men who could have played in the triples. There were 11 teams entered with 33 players. That's about 88% of all those who could have played. Two others would have played if a third player could have been found to make up a 12th team. So that's a participation rate of around 92 %. You can't really fault that.*

*Sometimes there have to be byes despite the best intentions of all involved.*

## **National Interclub 2024-25**

The National Interclub competition gets underway on the weekend of 9-10 November. It is the premier club competition and leads on to national finals. It is some years now since our women won the centre event and went to Auckland to compete against the top clubs in the country. The women's selectors have chosen a strong Premier I team which should have a very good chance of taking out this year's title. Seven clubs have entered meaning there will once again be byes to contend with.

We have a pretty strong men's Premier I team as well though the powerful Paekakariki team will be favoured to be repeat winners. It looks as if there will be byes in most divisions as there are uneven team numbers which is a shame for all the players involved. Falling membership of clubs make this inevitable.



**Not sure who the ladies are.  
They were in the club at  
Halloween and add a wee bit  
of colour to the front page.**

## **Club Executive 2024-25**

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

## **Match Committee 2024-25**

<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Pat Brown</b>
<b>Members</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>

## What's coming up?

### November

Fri	1	Ladies' Banner: Foxton & Beach
Sat	2	<b>BKC M &amp; W Open Pairs</b>
Sun	3	<b>BKC M &amp; W Open Pairs</b>
Mon	4	<b>BKC M &amp; W Open Pairs</b>
Tue	5	<i>Melbourne Cup Mini Gala</i>
Wed	6	Rotary R 2: Levin
Fri	8	Horowhenua 5's: Otaki Railway
Sat	9	<b>Women's Interclub Day 1</b>
Sun	10	<b>Men's &amp; Div III Interclub Day 1</b>
Mon	11	Women's Chartered Clubs begins
Tue	12	Women's & Club Captain's Triples
Fri	15	Women's Chartered Clubs ends
Sat	16	<b>BKC Open Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs</b>
Sun	17	<b>BKC Open Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs</b>
Mon	18	<b>BKC Open 2 x 4 x 2 Mixed Pairs</b>
Tue	19	Pennants Day 2
Sat	23	<b>Bowls3Five Championship</b>
Sun	24	Kapiti v Wairarapa
Tue	26	Kia Bill Clelland Memorial Gala
Wed	27	Kia Bill Clelland Memorial Gala
Sat	30	<b>Women's Interclub Day 2</b>
Sun	1	<b>Men's &amp; Div III Interclub Day 2</b>

### Levin Glassworks Triples Gala

There were 18 teams for the October gala sponsored by Levin glassworks. The winners were:

Dales Green:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Doug Pitcher, Sue & Avalon**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keven Bray, Garry Coley & Brett Connell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Poletti, Ronnie Crone & Norm Annand

TigerTurf Green

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Timeri Sanders, Gay Calderwood & Iraia**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Cooper, Duncan and Mary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grahame and Bella Law & Pat Brown



**Frequent visitors & frequent winners - Timeri and Doug**

### Speeding Up Play

The Executive is concerned that there are some issues relating to speeding up play on the green. We have instituted time limits for championships up to and including quarter-finals, so in many ways speeding up play is now even more important.

It is concern that a number of our players are not observing the rules related to 'Possession of the Rink' and "Position of Players." These rules are spelled out clearly in the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls,' Crystal Mark Fourth Edition of 2023. You don't need your own copy. You can read the laws on the Bowls N Z website or download them from the website. Use the Search button as they can be hard to find. Reading online is best as the file is very large.

The appropriate law is:

#### Section 1.3 Possession of the Rink

##### 12 Position of players

12.1.1 Players at the mat end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 m behind the mat.

12.1.2 Players at the head-end of the rink and who are not controlling play must stand:

12.1.2.1 behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink

12.1.2.2 behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team not in possession of the rink

12.1.3 on the surrounds if the jack is in the ditch or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.

***In the case of our club the main issue is players who don't have possession of the head standing around, talking about a shot to play and holding up play and the player who is about to play.***

There is also the issue of players who walk down the green crossing into neighbouring rinks and delaying a player who is due to play on that rink.

In Interclub and Centre Open events there are umpires in control of play who may take action. We don't have that luxury in our club championships, so please be aware of these issues and use common sense.

## **All Blacks from our District**

My comments about the composition of the All Black front row last month drew a number of responses – about others from the area who had represented the country that I had left out. That wasn't my aim. I was only doing the front row, but I thought with a bit of time on my hands I could do a bit more research. In fact there are quite a number of players from, or with a connection to Levin, and some more from the wider Horowhenua-Kapiti district.

To start with the locals. The first All Black born in Levin was **Hohepa (Harry) Jacob** who toured NSW with the 1920 team. We can also claim **Cliff Porter** (1923-30) the captain of the 1924 Invincibles who played a few seasons for the now long defunct Hui Mai club from Manakau. There is a photo of that club team with Porter in it when they were club champions in 1923. Then there was along gap to **Terry McCashin** (he went to Horowhenua College) in 1968 and later became a very successful businessman in the brewing industry. Then came **Joe Karam** 1972-75. Joe was born in the King Country went to St Pat's College, Silverstream and played one season for Horowhenua (1971). Joe's family lived locally and all his sisters all went to Horowhenua College, so we'll call Joe a local.

**Carlos Spencer** (1995-2004) came next. Definitely a local, he went to Waiopēhu College and played for Horowhenua before moving to Auckland and the Blues. **Codie Taylor** (2015 -) the most recent (2024- ), and still a top player, and the most recent **Pasilio Tosi** attended Horowhenua College on their path to national honours. That makes six locally grown All Blacks. In addition there is the case of **Dave Pescini**. Another product of Horowhenua College. Dave (a long time Otago hooker) was selected for the All Blacks as a reserve for two test matches in the 1970's at a time when reserves never got to take the field.

Further south **Gary Knight** (1977-86), **Mark Shaw** (1980-86), **Christian Cullen** (1996-2003), **Paul Steinmetz** (2002) and **Dane Coles** (2012-2023) all attended either Mana, Kapiti or Paraparaumu colleges. Knight and Shaw play some rep games for Horowhenua. There were also All Blacks with farming connections to the northern Horowhenua – **John Calleson** (1974-76) and **Kevin Eveleigh** lived in our district but played for Manawatu. We can't quite claim the Whitelocks who are from Linton.

There are also a number of former All Blacks who moved into our district after their playing days ended or they retired here. **Beethoven (Beet) Algar** (1920-21) was the first, then **Don McIntosh** an All Black lock (1956-57) who, age 93, still lives in Levin. There is also **Hud Rickett** (1981) who lives in Otaki and has two Selby-Rickett daughters who have played for N Z at netball, and Manaaki Selby-Rickett who currently plays for the Chiefs.

So it is quite a list really. I might do the first-class cricketers next month – that won't take me so long.

## **Women's Triples Championship**

This season's Women's Triples attracted eight strong teams and, though the weather did not co-operate, the interrupted final was eventually played out on the Monday. A close final was won by Ronnie Crone's team over Dianne Short's team by 15 shots to 11.

Winners: **Ronnie Crone (s), Erica Whittaker & Mary Van der Velden**

Runners-up: **Dianne Short (s), Bella Law & Mary Judd**



**Ronnie, Erica & Mary**

## **Constitution Review**

The new Incorporated Societies Act is making it necessary for all Incorporated Societies, including ours, to review their Constitutions in order to conform with the new requirements. Our club is beginning the review with the prospect of a new Constitution being presented to the membership for approval sometime during 2025. The changes need to be in place by 2026 and many of the changes will be quite significant. More on this early in 2025.

### **The Nationals 2025**

Entries are already being taken for the 2025 National Bowls and they close later in November. The schedule is:

#### **Summerset National Pairs & Singles**

2 - 9 January North Harbour

h/q Brown's Bay B C

#### **Summerset National Fours**

20 - 23 February

Canterbury

#### **Summerset National Mixed Pairs**

24 - 27 February

Canterbury

## **BKC Men's & Women's Pairs**

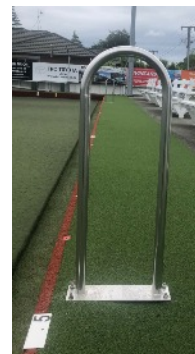
The Centre pairs were very popular events. There were 35 men's pairs and 22 women's. It was great to see a number of our juniors playing - Adam, Iraia, Brian, Ken, Erica and Gay, as well as a few other pairs.

The best performed pair was Erica and Gay who went as far as the semi-final before losing a close game.

## **A Very Generous Donation**

*Our club wishes to publicly acknowledge the very generous donation made by our member Heather Stempa. Heather has donated twelve stainless steel handrails which will greatly assist many of our members who have mobility issues in getting up and down to our greens. These things don't come cheap.*

*Many thanks Heather*



*One of the new handrails on the Dales green*

## **A Bit of a Fiasco**

*The weekend of 2-3 November was scheduled for the Centre Men's Open Pairs. Our club was to be the headquarters club with both greens in use. Our members were advised that as a result there would be no club day roll up on the Saturday.*

*I went down to have a look at play on Saturday afternoon. No problem getting a park. Wayne was having a practice on the Dales green - all by himself. No one else in sight. The men had arrived to play in the morning and been told that the greens were too wet for play and that they were to report to Raumati for a 10 am start. You can imagine how that went down for those who had come up from the south!*

*Wayne said there was a little water on the TigerTurf green first thing but we know the Dales can absorb 50 mms of rain an hour so no issues there.*

*When I got home I checked Past Weather on the Met Service website. Between midnight and 5 am Levin had 2.8 mm of rain. How can that have made the greens too wet?*

*Come on Tournament Committee that's not good*