

January  
2025

# Levin Bowls

**Happy New  
Year !  
to all of our  
members**

## **2025 is here**

*The 119<sup>th</sup> season of lawn bowls at the Levin Bowls will be launched with a full programme of club championships, galas and club days and events that we host on behalf of Bowls Kapiti Coast - the first of which is the centre Open Mixed Fours from 7 January. We will be hosting the centre Awards function again in June and it is hoped that a number of our members and teams will feature in the prize list. During the year the club will be preparing a new club Constitution to bring us into line with the new requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act. There will be opportunities for members to have an input and time for discussion before we vote on it.*

*Our whole club environment is looking in outstanding condition and our members should be proud of what has been achieved over the past couple of years.*

## **First Club Champions of the Year**

The first club championship of the year, the Women's Pairs was decided over the weekend of 4 - 5 January in pretty bleak conditions. In the final **Dianne Short** and **Bella Law** defeated last season's champs **Ralda Adams** and **Chloe Eastham** 18 - 12.



**The winners and...  
the cheerful losers**



## **Our Condolences**

*Sadly over the holiday period **Len Barnes**, partner of our club Patron and Life Member **Margaret Griffin** passed away after a long period of hospital care.*

*A private funeral service has been held. Our condolences to Margaret and her family at this difficult time.*



## **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>Wayne Judd</b>
	<b>Bob Liddall</b>
	<b>Ken Sterne</b>
	<b>Graham Stevens</b>
	<b>Erica Whittaker</b>

## What's coming up?

### January 2025

Fri	10	Horowhenua 5's: Shannon
Sat	11	Men's Pairs Post Section (rescheduled)
Sat	11	Women's Interclub Finals
Sun	12	Men's & Div III Interclub Finals
Tue	14	Pennants Day 4
Wed	15	Rotary: Waitarare Beach
Thu	16	Business House Bowls begins
Sat	18	<b>Interclub Reserve day</b>
Sun	19	<b>Bill Gibbons &amp; Carrell Knight U 10's</b>
Mon	20	<b>Bill Gibbons &amp; Carrell Knight U 10's</b> <i>Taranaki Men's Fours begins</i>
Tue	21	Women's & Club Captain's aggregate
Wed	22	Cartown Men's Triples Gala
Thu	23	<i>Entries close M &amp; W Junior Singles</i>
Sat	25	<b>M &amp; W Junior Singles quaifying</b>
Sun	26	<i>Tararua Quadrangular: Wellington</i>
Mon	27	<b>Mexted Cup: Paekakariki</b>
Tue	28	<i>Taranaki Women;s Fours begins</i>
Thu	30	<i>Entries close Women's Singles</i>

## A Cricketing Correction

In my story last month about top cricket players from the local I forgot one born-and-bred Levin lad who represented Central Districts in first class cricket. **Craig Auckram**, a Waiopahu College old boy and son of our former member, the late **Larry Auckram**, played three seasons of first class cricket from 1989 to 1991 as a fast medium bowler taking 33 wickets, including a best performance of 7 for 61.

*Many thanks to Mayor **Bernie Wanden** for pointing that out.*

*Incidentally Bernie was a top cricketer for the St Pat's OB club in Wellington and a frequent Wellington B rep., where he played alongside our new member **Don Newton** who also represented Manawatu.*

## Nationals Update

*The major results so far.*

*Women's Singles*

*Won by **Debbie White** (Hinuera, Waikato)*

*Men's Pairs*

*Won by **Lance Pascoe and Jamie Hill (Composite)***

*Our only entrants **Adam** and **Iraia** won four of their six games, qualified but lost in next round. A fine effort from our top juniors.*

## The Bowls3Five Championship

It was good to see this event receiving more support from our players this season. We play it as a championship because there is a BKC C of C follow up with the winners going on to the national finals. Despite this support for our own event has not been great over the past two years when only 4 - 5 teams entered and it was run as a round-robin and able to be completed in one day.

The programmers again scheduled this season's event as a one day event as it was believed that the event did not have much appeal to the players. Wrong; this year it attracted eight teams and the round-robin could not be achieved in one day. Five rounds were played on 23 November and after consulting players for their availability the final two rounds were played on 17 December: The main results were:

1<sup>st</sup> **Grahame Law, Martin Howse and Bella Law** 5 wins 10 sets + 22 differential

2<sup>nd</sup> **Wayne Judd, Ken Sterne and Pat Brown** 5 wins 9 sets + 20

3<sup>rd</sup> **Bronwyn McMahon, Graeme Mathie and Mary Van der Velden** 4 wins 7 sets + 0

For the future. The Format Guide for our 'Major Championships' (those that go on to C of C's) are clearly stated on Page 43 of our handbook. Round-robins are played with 5 or fewer entries. For more than 5 entries play can be 2 out of 3 wins, or play in Sections of Four.

To complete the event in one day with more than 5 entries play could be in two sections of 4 or 5 depending on the number of entries with the winners of each section playing off in a final on the day. The aim is to find a winner. The most efficient way to achieve that may be to play in sections.

## **The Xmas Hams Gala**

Many thanks to our sponsors **IC Mark** and all the 66 players who supported this event including a good number from other clubs. A great day for bowls sunny and warm with games played in the best of seasonal spirit. The major winners on the day were:

### *Dales Green*

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Brian Cooper, Duncan Mann & Erica Whittaker**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Irene Poletti, Jim Winter & Norm Annand**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bronwyn McMahon, Mike Ansell & Sprotty**

### *TigerTurf Green*

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Ronnie and Dennis Crone & Ken Sterne**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Izzy Kennedy, Donna Gripp & Jason Wardle**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Jan Lilico, Gay Calderwood & Graeme Mathie**



**Erica, Duncan and Brian**



**Ken, Ronnie and Dennis**



**... and, in the afternoon out on Weraroa Road the spectators waited, for the Xmas parade, the decorated floats came by, and the band played on...**

## **Know our local clubs?**



**At which club was this photo taken? When?**

## **On the National Scene**

The World Champion of Champions Singles was played out recently at the Brown's Bay club on the North Shore.

In appalling conditions of flooded greens on the final day **Milika Nathan**, an Auckland schoolteacher, who was representing Tonga defeated the defending champion American **Anne Nunes** 5-4, 5-3 in a very close final.

In the men's final defending champion **Lee Schraner** of Australia beat New Zealand champion **Aiden Takarua** 6-4, 4-4 in another very close contest.



**World singles champs Lee Schraner (Australia) and Milika Nathan (Tonga)**

## ***Our Club Celebration 2024***

***Sunday 8 December saw over 80 of our members attend the annual Xmas dinner in the clubhouse. Once again it was a pot luck dinner and again very popular.***



***The clubrooms were brilliantly decorated for the big occasion***



*Our grateful thanks to*

- ***Kaye and Liz*** who organized the whole event
- ***Mary, Nicole, Caitlin and James*** in the kitchen
- ***John and Dave*** in the bar, ***Barry and Les*** the furniture movers
- ***Wayne and Margaret*** for the great clubroom decorations and ***Kaye*** for the table decorations
- ***The Horowhenua Ukulele Group*** featuring our own ***Lynn, Ralda, Grahame and Robert.***