

An Update from our President

We have been enjoying some nice bowling weather in the last few weeks, long may it continue. The Dining room floor is being upgraded with carpet tiles with vinyl in the kitchen servery and tea/coffee making area. This is being done on Thursday/Friday 27 and 28 March. This is long overdue as the present floor is in a very worn condition.

We also have problems with the Men's locker floor collapsing in some areas. This appears to be due to the old chipboard flooring not being replaced when the locker room was renovated a few years ago. New 20 mm tanalised ply will be fitted with a yet to be decided surface material.

We are doing a complete rewrite of our Club Constitution in line with the Bowls NZ model. This is required to comply with the crackdown on money laundering. There will be a special general meeting on Thursday 24 April to discuss the proposed new Constitution so that it can be ratified at the Club's AGM on Sunday 22 June.

With our AGM coming up in June I would like you all to think about how you can contribute to the running of the club. We have a large number of volunteers already but the more the merrier. This would lighten the load of some, especially the Match Committee.

Another successful Business House Bowls has just concluded. This is the club's main income stream so I thank the many members who help make it the success it is. We have also had great success in Premier One Pennants this year, the Men achieving 1st place and the Women missing 1st by just one point. Well done by you all.

I have negotiated a healthy sponsorship from Mexted Kia Motors for Bill Clelland's gala on 2 April.

Finally keep enjoying your bowls and keep our club a happy one.

Les Galloway President

Corrections and apologies

*The gremlins were active in February. For the 'Selections' the name of **Ronnie Crone** was missed from the Women's Masters team and **Grahame Law, Bob Liddall and Duncan Mann** were all part of the Men's Masters team. Apologies to those players. The other players named were selected for the North v South fixture - though there have been changes to the team.*

It was also incorrect to show Waitarere Beach as the winners of Women's Division I Pennants - the last two rounds were played on 25 March with our women finishing a single point behind Waitarere.

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
	Wayne Judd
	Bob Liddall
	Ken Sterne
	Graham Stevens
	Erica Whittaker

What's coming up?

April 2025

Wed	2	Kia Motors Bill Clelland Memorial Gala
Sat	5	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Sun	6	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Tue	8	Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs champ. qual
Wed	9	Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs champ. p/s
Sat	12	BKC M & W Open Fours
Sun	13	BKC M & W Open Fours
Wed	16	My Ride Four Formats Pairs Gala
Sat	19	Easter
Sun	20	Easter
Tue	22	Mixed Singles championship qual.
Wed	23	Mixed Singles championship p/s
Thu	24	SGM Constitution Changes 11 am
Fri	25	Anzac Day
Sat	26	C of C Fours - Levin
Sun	27	C of C Fours - Levin



**Men's Fours champs -
Don, Paul, Dave and Les**



**Women's fours champs -
Christine, Bella, Pat & Jan**

Congratulations

To Adam Batty who was the only member of our club to be selected for the Kapiti Coast Intercentre team. (See results on Page 3).

Club Championships

Recently concluded results are:

Men's Singles

Winner **Grahame Law**

Runner up **Robert Evans**

Congratulations - a first club singles title for Grahame.

Men's Junior Singles

Winner **Adam Batty**

Runner up **Don Newton**

This was an absorbing final with first year bowler Don only going down 20 - 21 on the last end to rep. singles player Adam.

Women's Junior Singles - played as a round robin

Winner **Elisabeth Glinkowska**

2nd **Diane Dunlop** 3rd **Nicole Hoy**

This is the first time I can remember that a junior player has also won the senior title. Well done Elisabeth.

Women's Fours

Winners **Jan Lilico (s), Christine Ryan, Bella Law & Pat Brown**

Runners up **Erica Whittaker (s), Heather Stempa, Clare Hack & Gay Calderwood**

Men's Fours

Winners **Les Galloway (s), Dave Bond, Paul Gardner & Don Newton**

Runner up **Grahame Law (s), Graeme Mathie, Jim Winter & Richard Cowles**



Robert & Grahame after the men's singles final

The National Intercentre

The National Intercentre was held in Wellington in March. The winners and runners up were:

Women:

Won by **Bay of Plenty**

Runner up **Nelson**

Other semi-finalists **Canterbury & Waikato**

(Kapiti Coast women were third in their section of five teams winning their matches against Counties-Manukau, Southland and Wanganui.)

Men

Won by **Wellington**

Runner up **Auckland**

Other semi-finalists **Wanganui & Bay of Plenty**

(Kapiti Coast men's best result was a draw with Auckland though they lost a number of close matches.)

It was interesting to see that a number of smaller centres reached the last eight e.g. Northland, Far North and Wanganui in the men's and Marlborough in the women's.

Picnic tables on the former Levin Women's club green on Bath Street

New Life For Closed Greens

It is good to see that the former Levin Women's green on Bath Street now has a number of outdoor tables and seating for community use.

Over the past few years several greens (and clubs) in our centre have closed. First, Otaki Railway 12 years ago, followed by Raumati South, Levin RSA and Levin Women's. While the Manakau club folded a few years back their green is still used by the Otaki Railway club. At the end of this season the Waikanae Beach green will be closed and all play for the Waikanae United club take place at the Waikanae site, In some cases the former greens have given way to housing projects (in the case of Levin RSA), a motel (Otaki Railway), community use (Levin Women's), or private use.

There are major downsides to these changes. A decade or so back there were 23 greens in use in the Kapiti Coast centre - 14 natural and 9 artificial. By the end of this season there will only be 14 greens still in use - 6 natural and 8 artificial. There was a time when many players would not play on artificial greens. Now they don't have that choice,

A major effect of the loss of greens in the centre is that a greater share of Centre Open Events, C of C's, Interclub fixtures and rep. games are having to be hosted by just a handful of clubs. By my rough count this season 27 of 34 days are being hosted by just four clubs (Paraparaumu Beach, Raumati, Levin and Central) with Otaki, Waitarere Beach and Waikanae accounting for the other 7 days. The downsides for the host clubs are that the burden of running centre events falls on an ever diminishing band of willing volunteers in fewer clubs, not to mention the resentment felt by the social players who find their number of roll up days being further eroded.

Levin Bowlers in Picton

Early in March some Levin bowlers travelled down to Picton to play in the Crow tournament. Bob Liddall skipped a composite side which took 3rd prize in the Consolation and another composite team with Keven Bray, Garry Coley and Kevin Brady from Waitarere made a semi final. As Garry reports *'unfortunately they were eliminated in that game by a team that last year were runners up for the overall trophy. This is the third year that the two Kevs and I have participated.'*

Garry also reports that some of their games were played on the Jack Grigg green at the Blenheim club. Jack was the grandfather of our own Dave Grigg.

Thanks to Garry for this item

PS A women's team from our club also played in a tournament in the Marlborough centre.



Photo Tip - for those taking photos for our club records

A famous photographer once said:

"If your photos aren't good enough, you aren't close enough."

That applies to photos you take around the club - team photos, casuals of people etc. Lots of concrete, walls of green tanks, lights, blank walls, aren't much fun to look at.

It only takes a moment to take a photo, though it often takes a lot longer to edit it.



Time passes. Our late life member Bob Skilton would have turned 100 this week.

Pennants 2024 - 25

It was a vintage season for our Pennants teams in the BKC mid-week competition. While some of the other clubs struggle to field many teams our men and women are keen to take part and to do well. This season our Division I men won their competition while the Division I women's team finished a very close second (as shown below) behind the winners Waitarere Beach 2.

The final results were:

Men's Division I

- 1 Levin Black 54 pts
- 2 Paraparaumu Bch Blue 49
- 3 Paekakariki 47

Women's Division I

- 1 Waitarere Beach 2 53 + 39
- 2 Levin 2 53 + 38
- 3 Waitarere Beach 1 53 + 11

Men's Division II

- 1 Paraparaumu Beach Blue 59 pts
- 2 Central 57
- 3 Levin 4 47

Women's Division II

- 1 Raumati 37
- 2 Paekakariki 35
- 3 Levin 2 32



Winners Robert, Ken, Bob, Grahame and Brian



Runners up - Liz, Chloe, Pat & Ronnie