

Another Season Begins

The 117th season of bowls is underway at the Levin Bowling Club. It is true that the condition of the green, and especially the facilities for the players, were very basic to say the least in those early years, but there was a great deal of ambition and good will. Still it was a far cry from what our players enjoy today.

Already there have a number of club championship events decided and Pennants and other local competitions are about to get under way.



Best wishes for a very successful and enjoyable season 2025-26.

*President Duncan
on Opening Day.*

The Last Winter Gala

The green winners - Noel's team on the TigerTurf and Peter's on the Dales.



Ron, Noel & Bruce



Jenny, Peter & Erica

What's coming up? October

Sat	4	
Sun	5	M & W Kapiti v Wanganui
Wed	8	Margaret Griffin / LevinCars Mixed Pairs Gala
Sat	11	Women's Triples qualifying
Sun	12	Women's Triples p/s
Tue	14	Pennants Day 1
Wed	15	Rotary R 1: Foxton & Beach
Sat	18	Men's Triples qualifying BKC Women's Open Triples
Sun	19	Men's Triples p/s BKC Women's Triples
Wed	22	Levin Glassworks Triples Gala
Sat	25	BKC Men's Open Triples: Levin
Sun	26	BKC Men's Open Triples: Levin
Mon	27	BKC Men's Open Triples: Levin
Fri	31	Ladies Banner

The Club Board 2025-26

Patron	Margaret Griffin
President	Duncan Mann
Vice President	Jim Winter
Secretary	Grahame Law
Treasurer(s)	Dave Grigg
	Chris Hogan
Elected Members	Brian Hoy
	Bruce Prescott
	Kaye Lahman
Club Captains	Kay Hogan
	Brian Cooper
Match Convenor	Pat Brown

Match Committee 2025-26

Convenor	Pat Brown
Members	Dave Bond
	Bob Liddall
	Don Newton
	Ken Sterne
	Graham Stevens
	Erica Whittaker

Early Season Champions

Women's Balloted Triples

***Valda Anderson (s)
Pat Brown &
Erica Whittaker***



Men's Balloted Triples

***Brian Cooper (s)
Martin Howse &
Barnaby Hamid***



Mixed Balloted Triples

Final still to be played

Wayne Judd (s), Bella Law & Brett Connell

V Michael Heather (s), Chloe Eastham & Don Newton

Women's Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

***Ronnie Crone
& Clare Hack***



Men's Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

***Wayne Judd
& Garry Coley***



Corrections to Your Handbook

Page 2: Don Newton has replaced Richard Cowles on the Match Committee

Page 31: Wed 26 November is the correct date for the Bill Clelland gala. It is wrongly given as 19 November on Page 15.

Page 34: The Cartown men's gala is on Wed 28 January, not 21 January as listed on Page 33.

Page 34: The Women's Pairs qualifying will be on Friday 6 February and the Men's Pairs qualifying on Saturday 7 February. Post section for both men and women will be on Sunday 8 February.

Please make those corrections.

Limited Playing Membership

In case there is any confusion about the playing and general rights of Limited Playing Members this is the statement from the Club Constitution adopted by the club in April 2025.

Limited Playing Members:

All Limited Playing Members shall:

- a) be entitled to such privileges and advantages of membership of the Club as determined by the Board;
- b) be entitled to play in approved bowls events within the boundaries of the physical club;
- c) not be entitled to participate in club, centre or national events that progress to a centre or national championship;
- d) be entitled to participate in any event at any other bowling club, provided the other bowling club permits such participation;
- e) be entitled to hold office in the Club; and
- f) be entitled to speak and vote at General Meetings of the Club.

Substitutes in Team Events

A Bowls NZ working party has been reviewing the rules related to Substitutes in team games. Up until now it has been left up to each controlling body (465 clubs, 27 centres) to grant substitutes. This is quite impractical and causes many problems.

The outcome is that from 1 September 2025 the reason for granting a Substitute is no longer subject to a controlling body's approval, and that instead there will be a blanket acceptance of the reasons for a substitute providing that:

- *There are still the required number of players from the Original team (2 players from the Original team for Fours, 1 player for Pairs and Triples*
- *The substitute shall not be the skip, and*
- *The equal or lesser player qualifier is respected, meaning that the team is no better than it would have been in the first instance.*

Note: The Original Team are the players who are members of the team when the jack is delivered on the first end of the first game to be played by the team in a competition.



Mixed Fours Winners - Adam, Kathy, Elisabeth and Iraia.

Mixed Fours Championship

The final event of the winter season was the Mixed Fours championship. This resulted in a convincing win for Adam Batty's team who beat Michael Heather's team 14 - 4 in the final.

Our Playing Membership (at 20 August 2025)

	Women	Men	Total
<i>Full Playing Members</i>	34	49	83
<i>Limited Playing Members</i>	15	14	29
<i>Total Playing Members</i>	49	63	112

It is almost certainly a sign of our ageing membership profile that our number of Limited Playing Members has increased rapidly over the last few years. This will have implications for our selectors in deciding on the number of teams we can enter centre competitions.

Opening Day - Saturday 30 August



The players - keen to start the roll up



Most Improved Player
- Elisabeth Glinkowska



Most Promising Player
- Don Newton