

Farewell to Rob Cotter

It is sad to farewell Rob Cotter from the Levin Bowling Club - a club to whose fabric he made a great contribution to as a player on the greens and organizer of many well-run galas over many years. Rob lost his long battle with cancer on Wednesday 28 October.

Rob joined Levin in the 2002-03 season having an extensive background in indoor bowls, including representing our district. Our records show that as in his five seasons as a junior he won the junior singles three times, and the Kapiti Coast champion of champions junior title in the 2006-07 season.

On the green he developed a very reliable, repeatable type of delivery which he used throughout his club career. He won the men's singles twice and was often the player chosen to play the singles in the Interclub competition, a role he enjoyed and had a considerable amount of success. All told Rob won 18 men's club titles which places him sixth on our all-time list. Perhaps Rob's greatest contribution to our club was as (often the sole) organizer of the club's winter galas over many years. Rob had the ability to draw on his extensive list of contacts and fill our carpet green with players. He ran the galas with good humour, often combining his love of the odd flutter on the horses with little sweepstakes on the scores from All Black tests. He enjoyed quizzing, ran many an evening quiz for club members, as well as being a regular in the *Wrong Bias* team in the Wednesday night quiz at the library.

We will all miss your presence in our clubrooms. We offer our sincere condolences to Christine, Cameron and Courtney.

What's coming up? November

Sat	1	BKC Open M & W Open Pairs
Sun	2	BKC Open M & W Open Pairs
Mon	3	BKC Open M & W Open Pairs
Tue	4	Melbourne Cup special
Wed	5	Rotary R 2: Levin
Thu	6	Ladies Aggregate & Club Captains Triples
Fri	7	Horowhenua Fives
Sat	8	Women's Interclub Day 1
Sun	9	Men's & Div 3 Interclub Day 1
Mon	10	Women's Chartered Clubs begins
Sat	15	BKC Open 242 Mixed Pairs
Sun	16	BKC Open 242 Mixed Pairs
Mon	17	BKC Open 242 Mixed Pairs
Tue	18	Pennants Day 2
Sat	22	M & W Fours qualifying
Sun	23	Kapiti v Wairarapa
Wed	26	Bill Clelland Memorial Gala
Sat	29	Men's & Div 3 Interclub Day 2 Women's Fours post section
Sun	30	Women's Interclub Day 2 Men's Fours post section

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

Club Championships Progress

The Men's and Women's Triples championships have not yet been decided due to inclement weather on the scheduled days for post section.

In the men's event the team of **Les Galloway, Brian Hoy** and **Ken Sterne** are through to the final and will play the winners of the semi-final between **Adam Batty, Iraia Peni** and **Arnie Taiaroa** and their opponents **Grahame Law, Martin Howse** and **Kevin Giblett**.

The women's fours semi-finals are yet to be played. In one semi **Ralda Adams, Chloe Eastham** and **Irene Poletti** will play **Ronnie Crone, Erica Whittaker** and **Mary van der Velden**. In the other **Dianne Short, Mary Judd** and **Bella Law** will play **Jan Lilico, Pat Brown** and **Gay Calderwood**.

Bowls Kapiti Coast Open Triples

The recent men's and women's Open Triples produced some interesting results. In the women's event the final was played between two teams from the southern end of our centre with **Rochelle Stevenson (s), Audrey Stevenson** and **Amanda Takiwa** from Raumati beating **Berenice Crowther (s), Margo Taylor** and **Anne Searanche** of Paraparaumu Beach 16 - 12.

The men's final apparently has not been played yet but features some well known names from the past. A composite team of **Ian Mahoney (s), Paul Bartosh** and **Lance Mahoney** will play the Miramar team of **Rob Ashton (s), Adam Newman** and **Jim Swift**. In the semi-finals Mahoney's team beat the Martinborough team skipped by **Garry Muriwai** 14 - 13 while Ashton beat the Raumati team of **Mike Hunter, Neil Pritchard** and **Reg Goston** 15 - 12.

Welcome

Levin Bowls welcomes the following new playing members for the 2025-26 season:

Dorothy Harper, Lesley Harris, Deborah McCartney, Karen Muir, Eileen O'Regan, Carol Parsons, Denise Tustin, Sherynne Willis, Graeme Dick, Greg Dunford, Joe McCartney, Paul McIntyre, Tom Mu, Steve Tustin.

The Real Melbourne Cup



No. It wasn't run at Flemington.



The Turf Accountants



Nice silks Coops



Sweepstakers

Corrections to Your Handbook

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.

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