

Farewell Arne Jansson

Arne Jansson made a great contribution over a quarter of a century of membership of our club. He joined Levin from the Central club in the 1999 - 2000 season. In his working life he had been a shepherd, the owner of a Levin auction business, and more recently a valued member of the Higgins contracts team.

Arne became the greenkeeper at our club more than a decade ago when the club decided to do without a paid greenkeeper. He very quickly built a team of club volunteers who took over the responsibility of mowing, rolling and doing all the work of preparing the *cotula* green for play under Arne's guidance. It is fair to say that this model was so successful that within two years the *cotula* green quickly became the best playing surface in the centre. In fact Arne was rewarded as the Bowls Kapiti Coast *Greenkeeper of the Year* for 2016-17, and again for the following season.

It was a major loss for the club when three years ago we were advised that the green was infested with a pest that the chemicals used to eradicate it were no longer available, and we were advised to replace the green with a carpet.

On the green Arne was among the best few skips in the club and usually skipped the Interclub Premier I fours team. Arne won nine club titles in triples and fours at our club and was a very popular, and highly respected, club member. We will all miss Arne.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Hazel and their family.

What's coming up? December

Wed	3	Rotary R 3: Central
Fri	5	Horowhenua Fives R 3: 'Waitarere Beach
Sat	6	I C Mark's Christmas Hams Gala
Sun	7	Central Hams Gala Levin Bowls Club dinner
Tue	9	Pennants Round 3
Thu	11	Waitarere Beach Men's Hams Gala
Fri	12	Waitarere Beach Women's Hams Gala
Sat	13	C of C Triples: Central
Sun	14	C of C Triples: Central
Tue	16	Women's Aggregate and Club Captain's Triples
Thu Jan	1	New Year's Mini Gala



The Club Board 2025-26

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Match Convenor	Pat Brown

Match Committee 2025-26

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



Some Very Good Performances in Centre Events

Men's Open Triples

Our only entrants **Adam Batty** (s), **Iraia Peni** and **Duncan Mann** made it through to the quarter-finals where they were narrowly beaten by the team skipped by **Rob Ashton**. Ashton has multiple national titles and his two Adam Newman is a former national champion.

Men's Open Pairs

We were again represented by **Adam** and **Iraia** who once again reached the quarter-finals.

Women's Open Pairs

We have four pairs in this event. The teams of **Erica Whittaker** and **Elisabeth Glinkowska** and **Heather Stempa** and **Liz Galloway** both excelled in making the semi-finals in a strong field.

Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

We had six teams in this event, four of them qualifying for post-section - **Duncan** and **Ronnie**, **Tom** and **Pat**, **Adam** and **Elisabeth** and **Chloe** and **Ken**. **Iraia** also qualified playing with **Timeri**. In the end Adam and Elisabeth went out in the quarter-finals to their fellow rep players Dereck and Sammie,

Pennants Progress

Our teams have had mixed results after the first two rounds of Pennants. Best placed are the **Men's Div II No 1** team who lead their competition with the No 2 team 4th. Next best placed are our Div III teams who are placed 2nd and 3rd.

Our Women's and Men's Div I teams are 4th and 5th respectively.

Interclub Progress

There has only been one day's play in the Interclub competition but already the **Raumati** club is leading in four of the five competitions.

Our Premier I men's team are 4th of seven teams but **Premier II men** share the lead with 2.5 wins out of 3.

Our women's Premier I team are placed 4th of seven and Premier II 3rd out of four. Otaki Black lead in Div III where we are 5th of 8 teams. The competition resumes on the last weekend of November.

Men's and Women's Fours

It was lovely weather for the men's qualifying and women's round robin final on 22 November. Four men's teams qualified for post section - the teams of **Adam Batty**, **Graeme Mathie**, **Les Galloway** and **Wayne Judd**. In the semi-finals on 29 November Graeme will play Wayne and Les will play Adam.

There were only four entries in the women's event and the round robin saw two teams emerge with two wins and play off in the third game for the title. The team of **Jan Lilico** (s), **Christine Ryan**, **Bella Law** and **Karen Muir** came out the winners over **Erica Whittaker** (s), **Heather Stempa**, **Clare Hack** and **Gay Calderwood**.

October Gala Results

LevinCars Mixed Pairs - 8 October

26 pairs played in this event generously sponsored by LevinCars. The main results were:

Dales Green

1. **Keven and Elisabeth**
2. **Barry and Kaye**
3. **Maureen and Kevin**

TigerTurf Green

- 1 **Jim and Erica**
2. **Bob and Annette**
3. **Greg and Shona**



Keven & Elisabeth



Erica & Jim

Levin Glassworks Triples Gala - 22 October

16 teams played in this gala filling the TigerTurf green. Six teams had three wins and the placing had to be decided on ends and points scored which is quite unusual. Many thanks to our sponsors Levin Glassworks. The main place getters were:

- 1 **Les** and **Liz Galloway** and **Paul Skilton**
- 2 **Murray Bayliss**, **Erin O'Day** and **Gary Heald**
- 3 **Kevin Stevenson**, **Maureen Beaver** and **Roger Athersuch**



Les, Liz & Paul

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