

## 2026

*It has not been a great start to the weather in 2026. Sure there have been nice days for bowls, but they have been the exception rather than the norm. Thankfully we have been spared the carnage suffered by other sports venues - golf courses in particular. The strong winds of February have hit the Foxton, Marton, Rangatira and Hawkstone courses hard. The Marton course will probably be closed for months as the debris is cleared away. Our climate is not changing for the better.*

## **Congratulations**

*To the following club members selected to represent the centre:*

**Hexagonal: Don Newton, Tom Mu, Iraia Peni, Mary Van der Velden, Elisabeth Glinkowska and Diane Dunlop**

**Octagonal: Adam Batty, Duncan Mann**

**Intercentre: Adam Batty**

**Masters: Ronnie Crone, Pat Brown,**

## **Obituaries**

It is sad to record the recent loss of long time members **Marie Anstis, Gordon Short** husband of our life member **Dianne, and Rex Spicer** husband of **Alice**. Our thoughts are with their families at this time.

## **The Club Board 2025-26**

<b>Patron</b>	<b>Margaret Griffin</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Duncan Mann</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Jim Winter</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>Kaye Lahman</b>
<b>Club Captains</b>	<b>Kay Hogan</b>
	<b>Brian Cooper</b>
<b>Match Convenor</b>	<b>Pat Brown</b>

## **March Events**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Men's Singles qualifying Junior Women's Singles</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Rotary Final day: Shannon</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>C of C Fours: Raumati</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Men's Singles post section</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Junior Men's Singles post section</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Pivot Wealth St Patrick's Day Gala</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>National Intercentre begins: Wellington</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Men's &amp; Women's Masters</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Men's &amp; Women's Masters</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Horowhenua 5's Final: Central</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>BKC Women's Open Singles</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Junior Men's singles p/s BKC Women's Open Singles</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>BKC Women's Open Singles</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Pennants</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>North v South</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>C of C Singles</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>C of C Junior Singles</b>

## **New Members**

Please welcome the following new members to our club: **Nick Bailey, Ray Grout, Graham (Joburg) Cockerell, Mark Gardner, Jayden Bray and Beryl and Maurice Carter.**

## **Match Committee 2025-26**

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



## Club Champions

### Women's Pairs

#### Winners

Christine Ryan (s) & Elisabeth Glinkowska

### Men's Pairs

#### Winners

Paul Gardner (s) & Jim Winter

### Women's Singles

#### Winner

Erica Whittaker



## Interclub Wrap - How we finished

	Winner	Levin
Women's Premier I	<b>Raumati</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> / 7
Women's Premier II	<b>Raumati</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> / 4
Men's Premier I	<b>Raumati</b>	3 = / 7
Men's Premier II	<b>Levin</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> / 7
Division 3	<b>Otaki Black</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> / 8

## Cartown Men's Gala

Cartown were once again the very generous sponsor's of our annual men's gala on 28 January. There were 16 teams of triples on the day and four teams had four wins. The main winners were:

- 1 **Peter Brown, Noel McCutcheon & Anton Ferrari** (Central)
- 2 **Trevor Howell's team** (Otaki Railway)
- 3 **Graeme Stevens, Michael Heather & Phil Stirrat**
- 4 **Frank Cottis, Joburg & Steve Tustin**



**The winning team Anton Ferrari, Noel McCutcheon & Peter Brown with the Cartown representative.**

## New Years Day Mini Gala

Some 44 players turned out for this event of two short games. The winners on the day were:

1 **Kaye Lahman, Ron Evans & Brian Thompson**

2 **Frank Cottis, Brian Hoy & Colleen Hall**

**Happy New Year!**



**Winners - Brian, Kaye & Ron**

## Pennants Progress

Winner

Women's Div I **Waikanae Black**

Women's Div II **Waikanae Red**

Division 3 **Raumati**

To be completed

Men's Div I **Central** lead **Levin Green** narrowly

Men's Div II **Levin 2** lead **Otaki Railway** narrowly

## Condolences

Our sincere condolences to our Life Member **Dianne Short** on the passing of her husband **Gordon**. Before his health deteriorated over recent years Gordon was a keen playing member of our club and a regular contributor to working bees around the club.

## **I C Mark Xmas Hams Gala**

A highlight of our season is the Xmas Hams gala supported by our long time sponsors I C Mark. This year we had 20 teams competing for the 12 hams available to the winning three teams. In addition there were about two dozen baskets of raffle goodies to be won and our patron Margaret Griffin donated a cash prize.

The winning teams were:

- 1 Phil Stirrat, Graeme Mathie & Heather Stempa**
- 2 Jan Lilico, Clare Hack & Lynn Cherry**
- 3 Bruce Prescott, John Michael & Ian Mahoney**
- 4 Les & Liz Galloway & Joburg.**

Many thanks to I C Mark for their continued support and to the visiting players who came to play.

## **Milife Rosewood Park Women's Gala**

The annual Women's Gala was played on Wednesday 17 February by a small field of ten teams. The main winners were:

- 1 Liz Galloway (s), Kaye Lahman & Diane Dunlop**
- 2 Timeri Sanders (s), Teresa Ferrari & Marei Bevan**
- 3 Erica Whittaker (s), Mary Van der Velden & Gay Calderwood**

Many thanks to **Alana Evans** for her sponsorship and being there to present the prizes.



**The winners: Liz Galloway, Kaye Lahman and Diane Dunlop with Milife Rosewood Park sponsor Alana Evans.**

## **Masters Reps**

Congratulations to **Ronnie Crone** and **Duncan Mann** who have been selected in the BKC Masters teams.

## **Club Player of the Year**

This season we are introducing a new award, '**Club Player of the Year.**' Christine Ryan has donated the **Rob Cotter Memorial Trophy** which will be presented to the winner at our annual presentations at the end of our playing year. Points will be allocated up to and including the Mixed Fours in August.

Points have been, and are being, recorded for all club championships, as well as centre **BKC Open events** and **Champion of Champions** events as follows:

**Major Club Championships** - men's and women's Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs, and men's and women's Junior Singles.

Winner(s) 10 points Runners Up 5 s e m i finalists 2 Qualifiers 1

The same points will be awarded in BKC Open and C of C events.

**Minor Club Championships** - Mixed Singles, Triples and Fours, men's and women's Junior Pairs, Year 1 & 2 Singles.

Winner(s) 6 points Runners up 4 s e m i finalists 2 Qualifiers 1

### **Balloted Events**

Winners 4 points Runner(s) Up 3 s e m i finalists 2 Qualifiers 1.

Bowls Kapiti Coast has had *Player of the Year* awards ever since their awards were introduced eight years ago.

## **Rex Spicer**

It is sad to record the passing of our long time club member **Rex Spicer**. Rex joined our club about 20 years ago shortly after Alice joined. Over the years Rex was a very regular participant in club days and club championships and galas. Rex wouldn't claim to be a great bowler but he won six club titles in men's and mixed events. Rex always enjoyed the social life the club offered and he will be missed. Sincere condolences to Alice.

**Ken Hayward - Editor**