

Disappointing

The club's Mixed Singles Championship was played mid week on 22 and 23 April. There was a big field of entries, 28 in total, with 16 men and 12 women. Singles is the only discipline where the players rely on a marker to keep the score card, write up the board, mark touchers, and advise on how close, or far away, bowls are relative to each other.

So it was very disappointing when after lists on the board, appeals at roll ups, and at least two e mails from the match committee to all members asking for help, when only seven markers could be found - one who doesn't play anymore. That meant with fourteen games on fourteen rinks needed for Wednesday a number of rinks did not have a marker, others had players on adjacent rinks marking touchers, or giving advice. In short, it was a very poor response from our members. The players accepted it and just got on with it.

However, on the day there were at least 60 other members who could have helped. They didn't. No doubt there were reasons. Not great from the players point of view. There are only five or six days over the season when we need markers for our own events. PLEASE help when you can.

The Club Board 2025-26

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Match Committee 2025-26

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

May Events

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| Sat | 2 | M & W WKWM 5 yrs & under at Levin |
| Wed | 6 | Levin Cars Four Formats Pairs Gala |
| Fri | 8 | Central Men's Fours begins |
| Sat | 9 | * M & W Junior Pairs champs. |
| Sun | 10 | * Y 1 & 2 Singles Championship |
| Sat | 16 | Carrell Knight / Bill Gibbons - Levin |
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| Wed | 20 | Tiger Turf Triples Gala |
| Sat | 23 | C of C Mixed 242 Pairs |
| Sun | 24 | C of C Mixed 242 Pairs |
| Sat | 30 | King's Birthday Mixed Pairs |
| Sun | 31 | King's Birthday Mixed Pairs |

* Red indicates programme changes

Centre News

Popular centre president Robin Doughty has resigned and is moving back to Nelson. Vice president John McBeth is taking over the work of the president. Thank you Robin for your contribution to the centre over many years.

New Member

Please welcome **Beryl Carter** (ex Central) who has joined her husband **Maurice** as a member of our club.



Club Champions

Men's Singles

Winner

Graeme Mathie

(Unfortunately Graeme was unable to represent the club in the C of C event as he suffered appendicitis)

Junior Women's Singles

Winner

Diane Dunlop

Junior Men's Singles

Don Newton

Subsequently Don went on to win the Bowls Kapiti Coast Champion of Champions event. Congratulations Don.



**Remember the cotula green?
A photo from April 2023.**

Gala Results

The annual St Patrick's Day gala sponsored by **Nicole Hoy** of **Pivot Wealth** was held on Wednesday 11 March and resulted in a very narrow win for **Brian Cooper's** team.

1st: **Brian Cooper, Jim Winter** and **Gay Calderwood** with 4 wins, 25 ends and 52 points

2nd: **Graeme Mathie, Brett Connell** and **Erica Whittaker** with 4 wins, 25 ends and 51 points

3rd: **Frank Cottis, Joburg** and **Nick Bailey** with 4 wins, 22 ends and 54 points

4th: **Irene Poletti, Dave Grigg** and **Norman Annand** with 3 wins, 26 ends and 40 points



**The winning team of Gay, Brian and Jim
with sponsor Nicole from Pivot Wealth**

Pennants

Winners

Women's Div I **Waikanae Black**
Women's Div II **Waikanae Red**
Division 3 **Raumati**

Men's Div I **Central I**
Men's Div II **Otaki Railway**

North v South

The annual North v South match was played at Levin this year. The men drew their contest 5 games each but fortunately the North women won 5.5 games to 4.5 to clinch a very narrow win for the North team



**Ronnie was
one of those
wearing the
right colour
of green on
the day.**

Don Newton C of C Junior Singles Win

On Sunday 29 March Levin's **Don Newton** won the Junior Champion of Champions Singles title played at Waitarere Beach. There were eight players from the centre's clubs with only the Waikanae club not being represented. Don's results were:

Quarter -final v Elijah Minnell (Paekakariki) Won 21-11

Semi-final v Darren Workman (Paraparaumu Bch) 21 - 12

Final v Phil Hutton (Waitarere Beach) Won 21 - 10

In the final the scoring was close with Don leading 12 -10 but Don pulled away with his opponent not scoring over the last seven ends.



Don Newton

Special Olympics use our Club Facilities

Special Olympics Horowhenua recently staged a regional Bocce tournament at our club with 12 teams from four clubs from as far away as Hawkes Bay and Wellington taking part.

Bocce is an Italian version of the French game *boules* which we know in New Zealand as petanque. The local club use Levin Adventure Park regularly although they may shift to our club. As a community-based club we would welcome this move as part of our role is to help promote the use of our facilities for other sporting or recreational use.

The photo shows some of the action. The white rink dividers are PVC down pipes. The group would like to practise at the club after roll up from 4 - 5 pm on Tuesdays during the summer.



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 semi-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 semi-finalists 2 Qualifiers 1

Balloted Events

Winners 4 points Runner(s) Up 3 semi-finalists 2 Qualifiers 1.

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

Railways Bowls in Western Australia

Two of our members **Laurie** and **Kathy Field** were recently part of a team of 20 New Zealand bowlers to take part in the ANZRI Bowls carnival in Bunbury, Western Australia.

Games were played against sides from Queensland, N S W, Victoria and Western Australia some of which contained state reps. Morning games were singles, pairs, triples and fours and test matches were held in the afternoon. Although not winning the major trophy the team came home with one trophy and a runner up. ANZRI Bowls has been played since 1952. It was originally for railway workers but now includes families and members of the Institute.

The next carnival will be held in Wellington in 2028.

The Mixed Pairs Championship

As usual the Mixed Pairs drew a large number of entries - 20 pairs on this occasion who meant both greens were needed for qualifying games on Wednesday 8 April. Unfortunately the weather did not play ball and all teams were deemed qualified. So it was Thursday 9 when play got under way with the three first round games and 14 teams with byes starting later. The 4 teams that emerged as winners of the quarter-finals were **Don and Clare, Jim and Gay, Graeme and Pat and Liz and Les.**

The semis were played on the next available playing day when the results were:

Semi-finals: **Don & Clare 12 Liz & Les 10**

Jim & Gay 17 Graeme & Pat 12

The final was not as close as those games with **Don Newton and Clare Hack** beating **Jim Winter and Gay Calderwood** by 22 points to 7. Congratulations to **Don and Clare** for a great series of results.

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I wonder how many of you (like me) were sucked in by that morning's photo on Facebook of damage to the green at Paekakariki BC?

Or, for that matter Thursday's article in the *Chronicle* about cows being used to graze the berms in Levin?

With AI you really can't believe your eyes much these days.



Chloe & Wayne

Brian and Ken Runners Up in Centre Final

Twenty teams entered the BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs played recently at Paekakariki and Waitarere Beach including seven teams from other centres. We were represented by **Brian Hoy and Ken Sterne** who played their qualifying games at Paekakariki.

Brian and Ken won two of their first day games losing one game to a Masterton Pair. Next day they had a bye in the first round but easily won their quarter and semi-finals by 17 - 4 and 24 - 6 against teams from Central and Karori. They had a long wait before their final was played on Finals day.

On Finals day at Raumati on 19 April Ken and Brian met the Raumati pair in their final. Unfortunately **Ken and Brian** lost the final 11-16 but they deserve congratulations for a great effort in this event.

Clive Williams Property Brokers Gala

Thirty pairs turned out for the 2 x 4 x 2 pairs gala generously sponsored by Clive Williams of Property Brokers Levin on 15 April. It was a very pleasant autumn day and ten teams won all

three of their four games. The prize winners were:

1st **Chloe Eastham & Wayne Judd** 4 wins 23 ends

2nd **Grahame & Bella Law** 4 wins 21 ends

3rd **Brett Connell & Dianne Short** 4 wins 20 ends

4th **Ian Collins & Wayne Turner** 3 wins 20 ends

5th **Jim Winter & Brian Cooper** 3 wins 19 ends

The Mixed Singles

There was a field of 28 players for this event, 16 men and 12 women, so it was a truly mixed event. That put a considerable strain on club resources in terms of the number of markers needed.

At the end of the first

day we had 13 qualifiers for post section - 10 men and 3 women. That meant three byes in the first round. It was good to see three of our top juniors qualify - **Brett Connell, Don Newton and Brian Hoy.** After that first round and the quarter-finals the semi-finalists were found - Grahame Law v Don Newton and, Paul Gardner v Erica Whittaker. The semi-final results were:

Paul Gardner 21 Erica Whittaker 18 and Don Newton 21 Grahame Law 9

As three rounds had already been played on the day the final between **Don and Paul** will take place on a day

Junior Players. Please note the changes in the programme shown in the May Events list on Page 1 which are a result of changes in the BKC programme.

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