

A New Summer Season

As usual the new season kicked off in September with our balloted championship events. I don't have any precise numbers to quote but my impression is that the numbers entering these events is falling year on year. There were 33 players in the Mixed Balloted Triples but only 12 for the Women's Balloted Pairs. Perhaps it is the fact that we have more Limited Members who cannot enter, or it could be that many are over balloted events and are happier when they can pick who they play with in championships. Perhaps the Match Committee needs to consult the players to see what they want for the future?

I went to my first roll up after not playing in the winter on Tuesday 29 September. I was amazed to see we not only had a full green of triples games on the TigerTurf green, but also an overflow on the Dales green. There were 62 players competing, plus a few practising! Surely this must a club record. Long may it continue.

October Events

Sun	4	M & W Kapiti v Wanganui
Wed	7	Levin Cars 3 -bowl Pairs gala
Fri	9	Horowhenua 5's R 1: Foxton & Bch
Sat	10	Women's Triples champ qualifying
Sun	11	Women's Triples champ p / s
Tue	13	Pennants Day 1
Wed	14	Rotary R 1: Foxton & Beach
Sat	17	Men's Triples champ qualifying
Sun	18	Men's Triples champ p / s
Sun	24	BKC M & W Open Triples
Sat	25	BKC M & W Open Triples
Mon	26	BKC M & W Open Triples
Wed	28	Levin Glassworks Triples Gala
Fri	30	Ladies Banner
Sat	31	BKC M & W Open Pairs
Sun	1	BKC M & W Open Pairs
Mon	2	BKC M & W Open Pairs

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our club: Colleen Nicholson, Fay Manley, Terry Foote, Peter Kawana and Blair Coleman. (According to my records this makes 12 new members since last season.)

The Club Board 2026-27

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

Match Committee 2026-27

Convenor	Pat Brown
Members	Nick Bailey
	Dave Bond
	Joburg Cockerell
	Bob Liddall
	Don Newton
	Graham Stevens
	Erica Whittaker

The Mixed Fours Championship

Ten teams took part in the Mixed Fours championship - the final event on the season's calendar - played on 15 - 16 August. Of those teams five qualified for the post section on Sunday. Three teams received byes in the first round and **Pat Brown's** team had to play **Jan Lilico's** in the first round with Pat's team winning 10 - 9 in a very hard fought game

That meant that **Pat's** team of juniors **John Calton, Nick Bailey** and **Karen Muir** faced a much more experienced team of **Brian Cooper, Jim Winter, Gay Calderwood** and Beryl Carter with Pat's team once again coming out on top 10 - 9 in another very close game.

In the other semi-final **Ralda Adams, Graeme Mathie, Chloe Eastham** and **Robert Evans** played **Adam Batty, Iraia Peni, Erica Whittaker** and **Elisabeth Glinkowska**. This was not such a close game with Adam's team winning 17 - 9 and going on to play Pat's team in the final. The final was an easy win for Adam's team by 17 points to 3.

Semi-finals: **Pat Brown 10 Brian Cooper 9**

Adam Batty 17 Ralda Adams 9

Final: **Adam Batty (s), Iraia Peni, Erica Whittaker & Elisabeth Glinkowska 17**

Pat Brown (s), John Calton, Nick Bailey & Karen Muir 3

The Balloted Events

As usual the new season began with the three Balloted Championships played over three successive weekends. Eleven teams contested the Mixed Balloted Triples, seven the Men's Balloted Triples, but there were only four teams for the Women's Balloted Triples. In the Men's Balloted Pairs there were 16 teams but only 6 pairs for the Women's event.

The Main Results were:

	Mixed Balloted Triples	Men's Balloted Triples	Women's Balloted Triples
Winners:	B Cooper(s), C Eastham & M Carter	D Mann(s), B Hoy & B Connell	L Galloway (s), B Carter & I. Poletti
Runners Up:	R Crone (s), N Annand & J Calton	M Ansell (s), D Grigg & B Thompson	J Lilico (s), E Whittaker & C Hack
	Men's Balloted Pairs	Women's Balloted Pairs	
Winners:	W Judd & B Thompson	L Galloway & C Eastham	
Runners Up:	L Galloway & S Tustin	C Ryan & C Hack	

Our Club Player of the Year

Don Newton was an easy winner of our 'Club Player of the Year' for the season. During the season Don won 6 club titles - the Mixed Balloted Triples (with Michael Heather and Chloe Eastham), the Mixed Pairs (with Clare Hack), The Mixed Singles, the Junior Men's Singles. The Year 1 & 2 Singles and the Junior Pairs (with Steve Justin). In addition he was a semi-finalist in the Men's Pairs and quarter finalist in the Men's Singles.

At the Centre level Don won the Champions of Champions Junior Singles and with Clare Hack was a semi-finalist in the C of C Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs.

Don was a very worthy winner of the inaugural Rob Cotter Memorial trophy.

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