

### ***Playing Bowls Gets More Complicated***

*For nearly two years now we have all been dealing with the various issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. To date we have dealt with lockdowns and a number of restrictions which have impacted on our ability to play our sport.*

*There will be new requirements for the club to meet when the 'traffic light' system goes into operation on 3 December. One major new requirement for players is that they must register their vaccination status with the club and that only fully vaccinated members will be able to enter the club premises or take part in bowls events at other clubs (see Page 2).*

*Recently our greens were assessed by an outside consultant as to their suitability for centre events. While our Cotula green passed the test our Dales green was "not recommended for Centre play due to excessive speed". Surely our green is not too fast during the warm summer months? And what of Waikanae?*

*Pennants and Interclub are well underway and while our teams may not always be winners it is important that our club is represented at that level of competition.*

### ***Your Elected Leaders for 2021-22***

President	<b>Jim Bagnall</b>
Vice President	<b>Les Galloway</b>
Secretary	<b>Liz Galloway</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dave Grigg</b>
Executive Members	<b>Kay Lahman</b> <b>Bronwyn McMahon</b> <b>Jim Winter</b>

Match Committee

(Convenor) **Margaret Wilson**  
**Kathy Field**  
**Margaret Griffin**  
**Heather Stempa**  
**Julie Stichbury**  
**Wendy Whitelaw**  
**Rob Cotter**  
**Wayne Judd**

**Resignation: Grahame Law** has resigned as Vice President as a result of pressure of other commitments. Les has replaced him and Bronwyn has joined the Executive.

### ***Congratulations***

*Gloria Michael, Janet Olliver were selected to play in the Kapiti Coast team to play the Wairarapa centre reps at Paraparaumu Beach on Sunday 28 November - **Bronwyn McMahon** was named as a reserve. And, also to **Kathy Field** the team manager.*

### ***Coming Events***

#### ***December***

Sat 05 **Women's Interclub Day 2**  
Sun 06 **Men's Interclub Day 2**  
Wed 08 **Rotary Round 3: Levin**  
Sat 11 **C of C Triples: Raumati**  
Sun 12 **C of C Triples: Raumati**  
Tue 14 **Pennants Round 3**  
Sat 18 **I C Mark Xmas Hams Gala**  
Sun 19 **'Pot Luck' Christmas Dinner**

#### ***January***

Sat 01 **New Year Disc Draw**  
Sun 02 **National Singles & Pairs begin**  
Sat 08 **M & W Fours champs qualifying**  
Sun 09 **M & W Fours champs post section**  
Tue 11 **BKC Open Mixed Fours: Waikanae**  
Wed 12 **BKC Open Mixed Fours: Waikanae**



***Important: All members please note the major announcement on Page 2.***

**Welcome** Please welcome the following new members to Levin Bowls: **Gordon Moore, Patricia Van der Velden and Sid Richardson.**



PLEASE DO NOT ENTER  
THESE PREMISES UNLESS  
FULLY VACCINATED  
AS FROM 1 DECEMBER 2021

## ***A 'Vaccinated Club'***

Levin Bowls, along with all clubs in the the centre, is now a 'vaccinated club.' This means that all members and visitors to the club must be vaccinated. This applies to club members, *housie* players, the art group and, from January, all Business House bowlers.

It also means that players selected in club teams for events at other clubs (e.g. Pennants, Interclub, Rotary, Galas etc) must be able to show either their electronic or printed My Vaccine Pass when they play at other clubs.

Our members need to be registered at our club by Friday 3 November by having their Vaccine Passports recorded on the club records. You can do this on roll up days. If a member is not vaccinated by 3 December and subsequently gets vaccinated they can apply for a special registration.

Anyone having problems getting their My Vaccine Pass can get help at Berry's Pharmacy at the Medical Centre in Liverpool Street. You will need to take your NHI number with you. You can find it on a doctor's prescription, prescription receipt or a letter from a hospital.

## ***Pennants Progress***

After two rounds of Pennants these teams have gone out to be the early leaders in the various divisions:

Men's Div I **Waikanae Beach**

Women's Div I **Paraparaumu Beach Red**

Men's Div II **Central Levin B**

Women's Div II **Waikanae**

Div III (A/C) **Central Levin A**

## ***Interclub Progress***

After the first day of Interclub competition the leading teams are:

Men's Premier I **Paraparaumu Beach**

Women's Premier I **Waitarere Beach**

Men's Premier II **Paraparaumu Beach Blue**

Women's Premier II **Levin**

Division III (A/C)

Section 1 **Raumati**

Section 2 **Central Levin**



**Dianne & Bella -  
Women's Pairs champs**



**Wayne lets his hair down  
after winning the Pairs.**

### **Club Champions**

Men's Pairs

**Wayne Judd (s) & Martin Howse**

Women's Pairs

**Dianne Short (s) & Bella Law**

**Congratulations and best wishes for C of C.**

## **Kapiti Coast v Wairarapa**

**Held at Paraparaumu Beach on Sunday 28 November.**

**Women**

**Kapiti Coast 22 pts + 39 diff. 218 for 179 against**

**Won 8 of 13 games**

**Wairarapa 9 pts - 39 179 218**

**Men Wairarapa 19 + 0 202 202**

**Kapiti Coast 13 + 0 202 202**

**Won 6 of 13 games**

So a comfortable win for the women but a narrow loss for the men.

**Men's selector Tom Henderson writes:**

*"Our Kapiti men played against a very experienced Wairarapa squad who had imported some Wellington players. Our Senior and Development players showed great spirit and produced some outstanding bowls and a performance which deserves praise. We won five out of seven 2 x 4 x 4 pairs games in the morning so we went out in the afternoon with a good advantage and the men fought hard and were only beaten by the last bowl of the match in wet conditions. The all-round performance on the day was very encouraging and well done to all the Kapiti men who have great spirit and comradery"*

**Kapiti Coast  
women's team  
captain Eileen  
Jones receives  
the winner's  
trophy.**



**Winners of the Ladies Banner - Ralda,  
Jan, Irene, Bronwyn, Linda and Kathy.**

## **Greens Assessment**

In the off season the centre made a decision that all of the greens in the centre should be assessed as to their suitability as venues for allocation of centre events and hosting representative fixtures. In the past representative events have generally been held at either Paraparaumu Beach or Central Levin, the only two clubs that have two natural greens. Accordingly **Howard Ivory** President of Bowls Wellington Green Keepers Association and greenkeeper at the Wilton Bowling Club in Wellington was invited to carry out the assessments. Ivory holds various qualifications within the Turf industry and is also a member of the National Green Keepers Executive. He has also been the winner of the Bowls Wellington and Bowls New Zealand Greenkeeper of the year award.

Ivory visited our club in late October to carry out the assessments. Our greenkeeper **Arne Jansson** was present at the time and felt that the assessment process was pretty cursory. Ivory delivered a few bowls on each green, inspected the ditches and surrounds and made his assessment. There was no unbiased bowl or ramp for use in judging green speed and a reliance on feedback from Arne. He also looked at weed content, bare areas, evenness of cover, the speed of the green plus the specifications of the ditches. No survey of green levels was carried out.

The results of the assessment are set out below:

### **Dales Green**

1 x Dales Needle Punched Polypropylene Artificial green 36.5m x 36.5m green speed 18/19sec. In good condition overall. Ditches conform.

**Not recommended for Centre play due to excessive speed.**

### **Cotula green**

A natural Dioica weed green 36.5m x 35m. Green speed 15 sec. Ditches conform. Green has dense full cover free from weeds. Green speed rain affected.

**Suitable for Centre play.**

While our club is generally happy with the report on the cotula green the decision that the Dales green is '*not recommended for Centre play*' is rather alarming. The speed of the green varies considerably with overhead conditions being faster on cold days, but the speed is generally in the range of 15 - 17 seconds. The Centre has been happy to use it if rain washes out play on natural greens (as recently as on Saturday 13 November when rain made the Central Levin greens unplayable late in the day in the Men's Open Pairs).

If our Dales green is too fast we wonder how the greens at Waikanae will measure up?

The centre has already indicated that these assessments will have no bearing on the venues for this season's events but the situation is quite fluid as the greens of Waitarere Beach, Central Levin No 2 and Paekakariki have been declared unfit for centre play already this season. If our Dales green and the Waikanae greens are deemed to be too fast then there are very few greens suitable for centre or rep play.

Our Dales carpet green is exactly the same needle-punched polypropylene product as that of Waikanae and of Ivory's home club Wilton B C, and they were all laid within a few months of each other by the same contractor. All have the same base materials and the only real difference is in the thickness of the underlay below the carpet. It is the difference in the type of underlay which means the Waikanae greens are faster than ours.

**Ken Hayward Editor**