

Bowls Under Omicron

President Jim has issued the following guide for bowls over the next period of our Kiwi ordeal:

Bowls, will continue as normal at our club subject to the following changes (pending any further advice from Bowls NZ/Kapiti Centre):

- 1 All members must scan or sign in when arriving at the club premises.*
- 2 Masks are to be worn inside the clubrooms unless eating or drinking.*
- 3 Please try to keep 1 metre apart inside and outside the clubrooms.*
- 4 Do not shake hands. Touch fist, elbows or arms instead, and*
- 5 DO NOT come to the club if you are feeling unwell.*

These rules are a bit of a pain, but we are in a vulnerable group and with omicron being so transmissible, we have to be cautious.

For Business House Bowls, we have the added issue of only 100 persons allowed on site at any one time. Brian, please can you address this matter and discuss with me if necessary.

Good bowling,

Jim Bagnall

Your Elected Leaders for 2021-22

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

Match Committee

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

February Events

Tue 15	Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters
Wed 16	Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters
Sat 19	Women's Singles qualifying
Sun 20	Women's Singles post section
Mon 21	Takaro 9's (3)
Wed 23	Fusion Physiotherapy Women's Gala
Sat 26	Bill Gibbons / Carrell Knight U 10's
Sun 27	Bill Gibbons / Carrell Knight U 10's

Obituaries

*Over the past few weeks two prominent formers of our club have passed away. **Joe Johnson** was a competent players and for a number of years coordinated the Rotary programme in the club. **Susan Boxall** was until about three seasons back one of our top women bowlers and won many club titles, often playing with our Patron **Ian Wenham**. Our condolences to their families.*

Congratulations

To the following players elected for the U 8's Hexagonal at Whanganui on 12 - 13 February:

Chloe Eastham Janet Olliver and Phil Stirrat

Mary Van der Velden and Graeme Mathie (Reserves)

Grahame Law (Coach)

Welcome

*Please welcome to our club **Keith Fergus** previously of the Hokowhitu club in Palmerston North, and new Social member **Kay Modin**.*

Unfortunately for the players the Hexagonal was abandoned because of the bad weather over the weekend.

Club Championships

The men's and women's fours championships were played over the first weekend of January. The men's event drew eight teams and women's seven yet by some strange quirk five of the seven women's teams qualified for post section play but only four men's teams did.

The women's final went down to the wire with **Jan Lilico's** team needing three shots on the last end and scoring two for **Bronwyn McMahon's** team to win 16 - 15. The men's final was much more clear cut with **Jim Bagnall's** team coming out on top over the defending champs the favoured team of **Wayne Judd** 16 - 8 with the last two ends not being played.

Women's fours:

Winners: **Bronwyn McMahon (s), Alice Spicer, Liz Galloway & Linda Moy**

Runners up: **Jan Lilico (s), Julie Stichbury, Kaye Lahman & Christine Ryan**

Men's fours:

Winners: **Jim Bagnall (s), Les Galloway, Graeme Mathie & Jim Winter**

Runners up: **Wayne Judd (s), Paul Gardner, Stuart Fieldes & Martin Howse**

Rob's Rules

Our club Umpires wish to remind club members about the expectations of spectators as stated in the Laws of Bowls. The laws below are from World Bowls 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' 3rd Edition 2015.

Spectators

Lawn Bowls is a spectator sport, especially when championships are being played. The welfare of our bowlers when competing on the green is paramount.

The Rules for spectators are:

45.1 Spectators and anyone else not directly taking part in the game must stay outside the boundaries of the green and clear of the players.

45.3 They must not disturb or advise the players in any way.

45.4 If, in the Controlling Body's opinion, this law has been broken, the Controlling body must ask the spectator or spectators concerned to stay within the law. If they do not stay within the law, the Controlling Body must take immediate action to make sure that the offender(s) stops breaking this law, including escorting the offender(s) away from the area immediately surrounding the green, or away from the venue as appropriate.

The Bowls3Five Championship

This qualifier for the centre event was held on the Waitangi Day Monday holiday. Only 6 teams entered which was a shame because all those who took part had a really enjoyable day. With 6 teams we played a round-robin format - 3 games before lunch and 2 in the afternoon. 9 of the 15 games went to a tie-breaker end for a result which kept the players honest and showed how even the competition was.

The team of **Grahame** and **Bella Law** and **Martin Howse** set the pace in the morning - the only team with 3 wins. The afternoon saw a number of upsets with Grahame's team losing both games, and it was **Duncan Mann** with **Mary Van** and **Graham Williams** who took charge and were the only team to record 4 wins. Grahame and Julie Stichbury's team ended with 3 wins.

Best wishes for Duncan's team when they represent our club at Paekakariki on 26 March In the centre finals.



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.

PLEASE DO NOT
ENTER OUR CLUB
PREMISES UNLESS
FULLY VACCINATED

The Interclub Playoffs

The Interclub playoffs were played as a round robin with the four teams playing each other. The results were:

Women's Premier I

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| 1. Para. Beach 5 wins + 39 | 2. Levin 5 wins - 3 |
| 3. Waitarere Beach 4 wins + 5 | 4. Raumati 4 wins - 41 |

Women's Premier II

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Otaki 7 wins + 29 | 2. Paraparaumu Beach 4 wins - 7 |
| 3. Levin 3.5 wins - 7 | 4. Raumati 3.5 wins - 41 |

Men's Premier I

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Paekakariki 7 wins + 62 | 2. Paraparaumu Beach 4 wins - 7 |
| 3. Central Levin 3 wins - 22 | 4. Raumati 2 wins - 15 |

Men's Premier II

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Para. Beach Blue 7 wins + 28 | 2. Paekakariki 4 wins + 4 |
| 3. Central Red 4 wins + 3 | 4. Raumati 3 wins - 35 |

Division III

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Raumati with 5 wins + 11 | 2. Waikanae B 3 wins - 2, t |
| 3. Waikanae Beach 2 wins + 6 | 4. Levin 2 wins - 15. |

Congratulations to the winning clubs.

A wonderful effort from our three women's teams who all made the playoffs and finished with results of second, third and fourth.

A notable effort too from the Raumati club whose teams qualified for the playoffs in all the divisions.

The Paekakariki men and Paraparaumu Beach women will represent the centre in the national finals in Wellington in April.

Cancelled

The Board of Bowls Kapiti Coast has advised that at the recommendation of the Tournament Committee the open Finals Days on 14 - 15 May have been cancelled because of the uncertainties caused by Covid-19. Players who reached semi-finals or finals of earlier events have been asked to play those events by arrangement at neutral venues if possible.

Levin Bowls Men's Interclub Review 2021-22

Premier I

This season our team finished in sixth place in an eight team competition ahead of Waitarere Beach and Waikanae, and behind fifth placed Waikanae Beach only on differential points. The team won only eight of their 21 games.

Grahame Law reluctantly agreed to take on the tough Singles role, though he is not our top singles player, and did very well winning four of his seven games, beating Waitarere Beach, Paekakariki, Raumati and Central, losing by one point to Waikanae Beach, and being soundly beaten only by Paraparaumu Beach and Waikanae Beach, finishing with a + 4 differential. Thank you Grahame for stepping up out of your comfort zone and achieving the results you did.

We thought our Pairs team of **Wayne Judd** and **Martin Howse** was our strongest combination. They won three of their seven games but did have three losses by two points or less and lost heavily only to Paraparaumu Beach. When Martin was unable to play on the second day **Brian Cooper** replaced him and they had a win, a narrow loss and a heavy defeat by the powerful Paekakariki pair.

It was our Fours team which struggled the most. We felt that **Arne Jansson, Jim Bagnall, Paul Gardner** and **Brian Cooper** would be a very experienced team who would put in some strong performances. They did have a very good win over Paraparaumu Beach but despite three very close losses that was to be their only win of the competition. **Phil Stirrat** stepped in to replace Brian (and played very well) when Brian was moved to the pairs, and **Trevor Turnbull** came in for the final day when **Jim Bagnall** withdrew.

Overall, with eight wins it would have taken four more wins from somewhere for the team to have made the top four playoffs and head off Central who had 11 ½ wins. There was a feeling among some of our players that our team would not be strong enough to take part in Premier I. We believe that it would have been a retrograde step for our club not to be represented in the top grade sending a very negative signal to potential players and other clubs. Our players did their best and that's all we could ask for in a very competitive grade.

Premier II

We realise as selectors that we could have fielded just one team in Premier II and perhaps had that team qualify for the playoffs. The alternative was to have a number of our players playing in Division III which we don't believe would have advanced their game. So we fielded two teams - Levin Black and Levin Green.

Levin Black

After Rounds 1 - 6 it became clear that Levin Black represented our best chance of making the top four playoffs. In the black team **Rob Cotter** was going well in the singles and **Duncan Mann** and **Graeme Mathie** had won 5 out of 6 in the pairs. Unfortunately **Les Galloway's** four was really struggling and we looked for ways to strengthen it for the last three rounds. But the rules of the Interclub competition meant that we could not move players from Levin Green to bolster the four, nor could we bring a player down from Premier I, so we had to look outside the existing teams. Fortunately **Bill Clelland** was now available to add some strength but that was about all we could add. In the end the Black team finished fifth of the 10 teams but they would have needed four more wins to add to their tally to make the playoffs. **Rob** continued to do well finishing with six wins from nine games but our top performers were **Duncan** and **Graeme** who 7 games and have close losses to Otaki and Paraparaumu Beach Blue – our best performers over the series from any team.

Levin Green

We did not expect the Green team to be as strong as the Blacks. **Ken** won four singles games, though he took a hammering on the final day and it was not until the third day that the pairs recorded any wins – when a new pairing of **Frank Cottis** and **Jim Winter** excelled by winning all three games on the day. Even better were **Laurie Field's** four with **Kevin Bray, Norman Annand** and **Jim Winter** who did very well to win five games with basically the same team each day, though we gave **Richard Cowles** his first taste of this type of competition on the final day.

Thanks guys. You did your best to represent your club and overall we feel that the results were pleasing and which we can build on next season. The vagaries of the draw and other factors meant that we were never able to play at home so there was a lot of early morning travelling for our players – long days with three games a day for all of our aging Premier II players, often to be endured rather than enjoyed. Why we have to start at 8.30 am and play three games a day is still a mystery. Some clubs wanted it that way. Daylight saving and an extra playing day would solve those issues.

Ken and Neville

Club Improvements

Upgrades continue apace at our club. The new side doors are now fully operational, the trim painted and a new step built at the exterior door opposite the kitchen. Many thanks to Jim Winter and Bronwyn McMahon.

We also have 32 new mats and 8 new heavy white jacks for the Dales green courtesy of grants arranged by **Grahame Law** and *Aero Bowls*. The jacks from Aero bowls were in lieu of payment for their advertising sign.

Arne's team on the cotula green will be thankful that a new '*super sopper*' has been financed with another grant. They will be hoping that it does not have to cope with summer drenching like we had in December when Levin had over three times its average rainfall for the month.

Women's Interclub Review

The Ladies who played in the centre Interclub competition did very well with our Premier I team finishing second overall to Paraparaumu Beach and our Premier II team finishing third. The (all women's) Division III team also finished fourth in a an Any Gender competition.

All of our Ladies Pennants teams are also doing very well with only two rounds left to play.

We also had a team playing at Foxton in the Sedgewick Shield in November and they were runners up at the end.

Good play has been rewarded for two Under 8 year members **Chloe Eastham** and **Mary Van der Velden**. Chloe has been selected to play for the Centre in the U 8 Hexagonal to be held in Whanganui while Mary has been selected as a non-travelling reserve.

Irene Poletti

For the record the final results at the Top 4 playoffs were:

Premier I Interclub:	Club	Wins	+/- Diff	Place
	Paraparaumu Beach	5	+ 39	1 st
	Levin	5	- 3	2 nd
	Waitarere Beach	4	+ 6	3 rd
	Raumati	4	- 41	4 th

An incredibly even competition with the final result decided by differential points.

Premier II Interclub:

1st Otaki 2nd Paraparaumu Beach 3rd Levin 4th Raumati

Division III

1st Raumati 2nd Waikanae B 3rd Waikanae Beach 4. Levin

Pennants Progress

With only two more rounds left to play our best placed teams are:

Women's Division I: Levin Black is 2nd two points behind leaders Paraparaumu Beach

Women's Division II: Levin Black is 2nd one point behind Raumati.

Men's Division II: Levin Black is 2nd but 5 points behind Central Levin A

Xmas Dinner 2021

Congratulations - to those who came up with the concept of a Pot Luck dinner this year. Not only did over 50 members and their partners enjoy a fabulous meal with a great array of mains, salads and desserts but they happily contributed to the 'Secret Santa' present distribution which followed. The meal was at least the equal to any that an outside caterer would have produced at a fraction of the cost to our members.

The organizers would be keen for a repeat in 2022 with perhaps a small charge to be able to hire some help for the clean up which inevitably follows.

Many thanks to **Kaye Lahman, Liz Galloway, Ralda Adams, to Mary Van der Velden** for donating the Xmas tree, to **Margaret Wilson** and 'fairy' Santa **Wayne Judd** for the present distribution, to **Dianne Short** at the bar and **Les Galloway** checking members in.

Another Pot Luck dinner is planned for later in the year. Sure to be a popular repeat.



Ken Hayward - Editor