

A Great Summer for Bowls

It has been a different sort of summer for Levin. Temperatures have been at record or near record highs and rain (see the chart below) has fallen on fewer days - though when it has there has been plenty. Even so there has been little interruption to the programme. The centre has been less fortunate with a number of events being weather affected. Great weather too for the club's singles champs over the past few weeks.

On a competitive level Levin Bowls has done reasonably well. The highlight is perhaps being the efforts of the two women's fours finishing first and second in Division II Pennants. Somehow Pennants was more enjoyable this year with teams of four rather than of eight and a 10 am start. Hopefully this will be permanent.

Levin's Summer Weather

Month	Total Rainfall	Highest Temperature
October	97 mm	22.1 C
November	116	23.0
December	283	28.8
January	31	27.8
February	230	29.6
March	49	29.1

Welcome

There are no new players to welcome but our club has offered Foxton & Beach members free Winter Membership following the loss of their green and clubrooms to fire. Please support their club wherever you can.

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
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Coming Events

April

Sat 02	BKC M & W Open Fours
Sun 03	BKC M & W Open Fours
Wed 06	Mixed Singles qualifying
Thu 07	Mixed Singles post section
Sat 09	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Sun 10	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Sat 16	M & W Handicap singles qualifying
Sun 17	M & W Handicap singles post section
Wed 20	Clive Williams 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala
Fri 22	Presidents Cup: Otaki
Sat 23	C of C Singles: Waikanae
Sun 24	C of C Junior Singles: Raumati
Sat 30	Year 1 & 2 singles qualifying

May

Sun 01	Centre reserve day
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Obituary

*It was a shock recently to learn of the passing of our club member **Graeme Bocock**. Graeme was a competent bowler, a regular at club days and had been very competitive in his earlier playing days.*

Pennants wrap

The highlight for Levin Bowls was the performance of our two fours in Women's Division II. Levin Black won the division with 25 points and a + 57 differential from their teammates Levin Green who had 53 points + 53. Well done to all those players. Next best were Levin Black in Men's Division II who finished a close second.

For the record. Every team played 10 games Wins Placed

Women's Div I	Levin Black	6	4	The winning Women's Division II team was:
	Levin Green	4	11	
Women's Div II	Levin Black	7	1	Ralda Adams, Julie Stichbury & Pat Brown
	Levin Green	7	2	
Men's Div I	Levin Black	4½	7	The second placed team was
	Levin Green	4	10	
Men's Div II	Levin Black	8	2	Irene Poletti, Violet Holmes and Chloe Eastham
	Levin Green	1	10	
Div III	Levin White	5	5	
	Levin Black	4	8	
	Levin Green	4	11	
	Levin White	4	9	

So, was the new format for the Pennants competition successful? The concept of teams of four and 12 teams in every division seemed to work a treat and create much more interest than in recent years where interest waned quickly when one or two clubs became dominant early in the competition. All but one participating club had a top three placing. The Tournament Committee should be very pleased with the outcome. It was pretty tight finding enough players to fill all of our teams each month. There were very few spares to call on. If the format remains the same the men's selectors would recommend fielding one fewer team in Division II.

The National Intercentre Finals

All except one region has now completed their competitions and their finalists have been found to go on to the National finals in Wellington in October.

The finalists are:	Men	Women
Region 1	Auckland	North Harbour
Region 2	Bay of Plenty	Thames Valley
Region 3	To be played on 14 May.	
Region 4	Wellington	Wellington
Region 5	Marlborough	Nelson
Region 6	Southland	Central Otago

(The Region 3 centres still to play off are Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Manawatu & Gisborne-East Coast)

The BKC Men's & Women's Open Fours

This season's Open Fours were played over the weekend of 2 - 3 April;.

Women: Winning team **Dot Collis (s), Viv Hudson, Jen Watt & Diana McGill** (Waitarere Beach)

Men: The final is to be played between the teams of **Rhys Hakkens** (Waikanae Beach) and **Peter Thomson** (Paekakariki) at a later date.

Men's C-of-C Pairs

Final:

Dereck Taylor / Nicky Morgan (Paekakariki) 20 **Gary Burns / Ray Hudson** (Central) 13

Men's Open Pairs:

Winners: **Geoff Bovey** and **Henry Yee** (Paekakariki)



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ENTER OUR CLUB
PREMISES UNLESS
FULLY VACCINATED

A 'Vaccinated Club'

Levin Bowls, along with all clubs in the the centre is 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.

Green, and Orange

A nice day for the annual St Patrick's Day gala sponsored once again by Horowhenua Motor Company. With Covid a serious issue in our community there were a lot of fist and elbow bumps and a few masks but it looks as if all survived for another day of bowls. Good competition saw three teams with four wins and two teams with three wins. On the day the winning team was that of **Ralda and Jimmy Adams** and Bronwyn, Grahame and Bella (also with four wins) were the runners up while the Galloways and Graeme Mathie came third while the usual elderly suspects brought up the tail. **Rob Cotter** was as usual a genial host. Thanks also to **Arne** for having the green in great shape and **Julie** for running the raffle.

Pat Brown and **Marion Ball** did a great job in the kitchen including a new item on the menu for afternoon tea as shown in the photo below.



***Jelly and ice cream
St Patrick's style***

Living with Covid

Our club has extended its Vaccination policy until 15 May after which it will be reassessed. Please continue to follow the processes involved.

On the other hand the BKC centre has decided to end its requirement for Vaccine Passports from 4 April.

The Regional Intercentre

Played at the Paritutu club New Plymouth as a round-robin in singles, pairs and fours with each discipline playing three games.

Men's Results:

1. Wellington	7 wins	+ 36
2. Taranaki	5	+ 34
3. Wanganui	4	- 15
4. Kapiti Coast	2	- 55

Women's Results

1. Wellington	9 wins	+ 109
2. Kapiti Coast	6	+ 30
3. Taranaki	1.5	- 57
4. Wanganui	1.5	- 82

A very good performance from our women who lost only narrowly to Wellington in the singles and pairs. The men found the competition tough though the pairs won two of their three games.

Wellington men and women go on to the national final on the North Shore.

The Kia Super Fours

The **Kia Super Fours** tournament was played as a two day event on 7 - 8 March. It was the brainchild of **Bill Clelland** whose initial idea was an event which every club member could play in, including associates and winter members. It didn't quite turn out that way but 15 teams of drawn fours, with animal names, took part in the event generously sponsored by Levin Kia.

The teams played 6 games of 12 ends each day with a 50 minute time limit. The point of difference was that Leads and 3's competed each other and Skips and 2's did likewise. Players changed ends only after four ends which minimised walking and play proceeded rapidly as long - as the less mentally awake knew where they were supposed to be at the beginning of each end.

There were a lot of tired players at the end of each day but every player went home with a prize of some sort. The winning team were the '**Wombats**' team of **Barry Cross/Paul Gardner, Janet Olliver, Mary Judd** and '**Morgy**' **Morgan** who received the **Kia Motors Trophy** and generous cash prizes. Runners up were the **Seagulls**' team of **Frank Cottis, Pat Brown, Wendy Whitelaw** and **Jo Aitken**, while in third place were the '**Parrots**' team of **Jan Lilico, Graeme Mathie, Kathy Field** and **Brett Connell**. Fourth were **Heather Stempa, Rex Spicer, Jimmy Adams** and **Bella Law**, Our '**Eagles**' were unable to get off the ground really though we managed to beat the '**Pussies**,' while the **Doggies** never even got on the green.

It was a shame that event mastermind **Bill Clelland** was unable to play as a result of some eye surgery but he was at least able to be there on the second afternoon.

Many thanks to our sponsor **Kelly Gordon** of Levin Kia. who was on hand to present the prizes, to **Christine, Muriel** and **Bernadette** in the kitchen, timekeeper **Margaret**, the bar staff and **Les** who stood in for Bill as MC.

TEAM	SKIP	3RD	2ND	LEAD
SPARROW	Janet Olliver	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd
SEAGULLS	Frank Cottis	Pat Brown	Wendy Whitelaw	Jo Aitken
PUSSES	Heather Stempa	Rex Spicer	Jimmy Adams	Bella Law
BUNNIES	Jan Lilico	Graeme Mathie	Kathy Field	Brett Connell
EAGLES	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd	Morgy Morgan
MAGPIES	Janet Olliver	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd
DUCKIES	Frank Cottis	Pat Brown	Wendy Whitelaw	Jo Aitken
LAMBS	Heather Stempa	Rex Spicer	Jimmy Adams	Bella Law
PARROTS	Jan Lilico	Graeme Mathie	Kathy Field	Brett Connell
WOMBATS	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd	Morgy Morgan
SHRIMPS	Janet Olliver	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd
SHARKS	Frank Cottis	Pat Brown	Wendy Whitelaw	Jo Aitken
PUPPIES	Heather Stempa	Rex Spicer	Jimmy Adams	Bella Law
GALAHS	Jan Lilico	Graeme Mathie	Kathy Field	Brett Connell
PEACOCKS	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd	Morgy Morgan
DOGGIES	Janet Olliver	Barry Cross	Paul Gardner	Mary Judd



The winning team



Kelly Gordon of Levin Kia



Minor place getters



The Levin Kia Display

Muriel and Bernadette - two-thirds of the kitchen trio.



Singles Time at Levin Bowls

Women's Singles Championship

Final: **Dianne Short** was the winner and **Irene Poletti** runner up.

Men's Singles Championship

Final: **Rob Cotter** was the winner and **Graeme Mathie** runner up.

Junior Women's Singles

Final: **Elisabeth Glinkovska** was the winner and **Chloe Eastham** runner up.

Junior Men's Singles

Final: **Jim Winter** was the winner and **Garry Coley** runner up.

Bowls3Five Centre C-of-C Final

*A great effort from our club's winners **Duncan Mann, Mary Van Der Velden** and **Paul Gardner** (subbing for **Graham Williams**) in this event. They lost the final on a tie-breaker end to a Raumati combination. In the quarter-final they beat the strong Waikanae Beach team of Brian Swindail, Warwick Allen and Melva Rapson and then Brian Woolston, Lou and Marei Bevan from Central Levin in the semi-final.*

North v South

Played at Levin Bowls Wednesday 30 March. The annual match up resulted in a comfortable win for South as a result of a very strong effort by their men.

Results:		Games	Ends	Diff
Women	North	8	172	+ 19
	South	8	167	- 19
Men	North	3	162	- 86
	South	13	194	+ 86
Overall	North	11	334	- 67
	South	21	361	+67

BKC Men's Open Triples Final

In a final held over from earlier in the season two teams from Paraparaumu Beach squared off. It was the team of **Rhys Hakkens (s), Terry Johnson** and **Marcel Hakkens** who went home as the winners 19 - 13 over their clubmates **Ray Boffa (s), Shane Duncan** and **Gary Hedgman**.

Business House Bowls 2021-22

We were very lucky to get through the ten weeks of BHB due to Covid. Now in its 30th year we have come a long way since 1992. We were full again with 32 teams of triples, all of them non-bowlers. In fact we have teams on a waiting list and it just seems to be getting more popular as the years go by.

This tournament is our bread and butter for the year. We make a lot of money which, of course, helps us improve our facilities. In the ten weeks there are over 25 volunteers involved helping to run the tournament which includes kitchen, bar, raffles, scorer, computer and outside help. I am amazed every year that I don't usually have to ask for help. They come to me and offer their services and time. So I would personally like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all the volunteers who make my job so easy.

Then I should like to say a big shout out to our sponsors. **New World Levin** have been supporting BHB for 15 years and **Levin Cobb & Co** have been with us since 1997 - that is 25 years. They both supply prizes and food. On behalf of Levin bowls I thank them so much, and, of course, if you can support them it would be appreciated.

Thank you also too 'Team Eggs' who shouted our volunteers \$ 100. We will be using this on our special night together.

This season's winners were:

New World Shield: 1. **Floor Court 1** 2. **Wannabees** 3. **Who Cares**

Cobb & Co Trophy: 1. **Alliance Boys** 2. **Bowls Deep** 3. **Fatboyz**

Brian Cooper - Convenor

... and more from Trevor Turnbull

In spite of the challenges Covid 19 threw at us over the 10 weeks 32 teams of 3, all non-bowlers enjoyed our club's facilities with fun social bowls, meals and bar patronage for all ten weeks.

Once the teams are financial the team members are given Casual Membership status to our club. This membership entitles them to use the club's facilities under conditions set out in our club Constitution. This means we have 115 Casual Members.

Brian and his team again made this tournament run like clockwork (only slowing down occasionally). Thanks must go to **Cobb & Co Levin** and **Levin New World** for their continuing support and to **Rex Turnbull** for his donation of a trailer load of firewood for our raffle won by **Tom Thomas**.

Any club member wanting a trailer of old man pine firewood load delivered in the Levin - Horowhenua area for \$200-00 please contact **Rex** 027- 575 - 2696 or **Trevor** 06 368 6345



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