

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

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A Nasty Start to Winter

It has not been a great start for winter bowls as wild June weather has replaced the balmy days of autumn. We were fortunate not to lose more than one gate to the tornado which passed only a couple of hundred metres to the south of the club, but there has been a bit of a decline in the numbers coming to roll up.

It has also been a very sad time for the club as we lost our well loved and respected Patron lan Wenham. There is a tribute to lan on Page 2.

On a very positive note the nominations have not yet closed but already there are volunteers willing to put their names forward for every position on the Executive, Match Committee and other positions. It is good to see some new names there as well.

The nulook Centre Awards are on Saturday 2 July at Paraparaumu Beach. It would be great to see a good number of members from our club going along.

Coming Events

June

Sat 18 Men's Handicap Singles qualifying

Sun 19 Men's Handicap Singles post section

Wed 22 Triples gala

Sat 25 **AGM 1 pm**

Wed 29 Triples gala

July

Sat 02 BKC Awards 1 pm Paraparaumu Beach

Wed 06 Triples gala

Sat 09 Women's Handicap Singles qualifying

Sun 10 Women's Handicap singles post section

Wed 13 Triples gala

Your Elected Leaders for 2021-22

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Executive Members

Jim Bagnall
Les Galloway
Liz Galloway
Dave Grigg
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

Centre Awards 2021 - 22

The *nulook* Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards presentations for the season will be held at the Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club on Saturday 2 July at 1 pm.

To make this a successful event all Centre winners and representative players are asked to attend where possible.

Vaccination Status

In line with recent Government recommendations our club is now open to all Unvaccinated people.

Club AGM

The 115 th AGM of the Levin Bowling Club will be held on Saturday 25 June at 1 pm. Nominations for club Officers close on Saturday 18 June. (See details of nominees on Page 3.)

The AGM will be followed by an afternoon tea provided by the club.

The Passing of Our Patron

Our club received the very sad news on Saturday 28 May that our well loved and respected Patron lan Wenham passed away peacefully a few hours earlier, just a couple of months short of his 90 th birthday.

lan's father Herbie Wenham had been a club member for many years (and later a Life Member) and lan grew up a short distance away on Durham Street. He appears in some old club photos as a young boy as he would often be down at the club to watch his dad play. Ian retired from cricket and joined the club in 1980. He won the Colts Singles title in 1980-81 and would add a further 15 major titles, the last in the Men's Triples in 2010-11 with Paul Gardner and the late Don Hutchins. There was one Singles title (the bowls achievement that he coveted most) in 2002-3, six Pairs, two Triples, four Fours, two Junior Singles and one Mixed Pairs in his tally. In addition lan won a centre Champion-of-Champions pairs title with Gary Crawford in the 1996-97 season. Ian also won many minor championship events often playing with our former members Susan Boxall and Noel Larsen.

A very capable administrator lan was our club's Secretary or Treasurer on a number of occasions. He served on the Club's Executive from 1988, was Secretary and Treasurer for most of the period of the 1990's, was Secretary of the Levin Bowls and Recreation Club from 2004-2006, and again Bowling Club Secretary from 2010 to 12. In his last few years as Deputy Principal at Levin North School lan developed his skills on the keyboard. He set up our original club website site in 2008, though his bowls blog has had a much longer history. For those less computer savvy lan produced bound printed records of his blogs in the form of booklets freely available in the clubrooms for all to browse through. He was prominent in the Centenary celebrations of 2007 and the author of the Centenary publication 'Levin Bowls 1907-2007.' In recognition of his years of dedicated service to our club lan was made a Life Member and later became our Patron, a position he retained until his death.

lan's was an amazing record of attachment and service to one club. It may be a unique record. I doubt if there is any club in any code in New Zealand where one person had an attachment to the club for over 80 years.

Away from the bowling green and clubrooms lan was a competitive senior cricketer for the Levin Old Boys club and heavily involved in the Scouting movement including a period as District Commissioner.

lan is survived by his wife Dot, three children and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Ian puts up the first jack on Opening day 2019-20.

lan's Winning Record

Colt's Singles	1980-91		
Junior Singles	1983-84	1984-85	
Men's Singles	2002-03		
Men's Pairs	1987-88	1988-89	1990-91
	1991-92	1996-97	2006-07
Men's Triples	2003-04	2010-11	
Men's Fours	1991-92	1993-94	1994-95
	2003-04		
Mixed Pairs	2009-10		
BKC C-of-C Pairs	1996-97		
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Ken Hayward

Levin Bowls AGM

The 115th AGM of our club will be held on **Saturday 25 June at 1 pm**. While nominations for Officers do not close until Saturday 18 June the club is very pleased that there are nominations for all the available positions. The list of nominations as at 10 June is as follows:

President: Les Galloway

Vice President: Stuart Fieldes #

Secretary: Grahame Law #

Treasurer: Dave Grigg

Management Committee: Richard Cowles # Liz Galloway Kaye Lahman Jim Winter

Match Committee: Rob Cotter Kathy Field Laurie Field # Wayne Judd

Heather Stempa Julie Stichbury Graham Williams Margaret Wilson

Club Captains:

Women: Bronwyn McMahon

Men: Brian Cooper

Selectors:

Women: Irene Poletti

Men: Ken Hayward Neville Turnbull

Indicates members who are not current club Officers.

Bowls3Five National Finals

The national finals of the *Bowls3Five* competition were played at the Naenae club over the weekend of 7 - 8 May. In all 32 teams of triples played in four sections with the top two teams in each section advancing to post section play after the completion of round-robin play. All centres except Gisborne-East Coast and Buller were represented and a few centres had more than one team. We were represented by the Kapiti Blues who would have been disappointed to finish in eighth place in their section.

Post section results:

Quarter-finals: Stokes Valley Vipers beat Stoke Thunder

Elmwood Park Saints beat Manurewa Kites
Gore Rams beat Auckland Originals
Takaro Tui beat Nelson Spirit

Semi-finals: Elmwood Park Saints beat Stokes Valley Vipers

Takaro Tui beat Gore Rams

Final: Elmwood Park Saints beat Takato Tui

The winning team from Elmwood Park (Canterbury) was Lance Pascoe, Kelvin Scott and Mandy Boyd.

Takaro's team from Manawatu was Mark Noble, Sharon Sims and Steven Toms.

Congratulations!

A great effort from our leading junior players. **Elisabeth Glinkovska** was the winner of the Junior Women's Champion-of-Champions singles beating Otaki's **Elicia Gold** 21 - 15 in the final.

And, it was unlucky for **Jim Winter** in the men's event going down 20 - 21 to Junior rep. singles player **Mike Jones** of Paraparaumu Beach.

Elisabeth receives the winner's trophy.



The Mixed Singles

Sixteen teams contested the Mixed Singles on the weekend of 21 - 22 May. Thanks to a couple of teams withdrawing at the last minute (and a couple of re-draws having to be done - the last on the morning of the event) play was able to take place on the one (Dales) green. This was rather lucky as the *cotula* green remained underwater for nearly all of Saturday.

Eight teams qualified for post section play on the Sunday when the finalists were found. In the semi-finals **Bronwyn**McMahon and Graeme Mathie narrowly defeated Bill

Clelland and Pat Segedin while in the other Grahame and

Bella Law had a slightly easier ride over Stuart Fieldes and

Linda Moy. The final was played on the Monday afternoon
and while it was very close over the first part of the game

Bella Law drew exceptionally well over the later stages and
allowed Graeme little latitude. In the end it was a reasonably
comfortable 16 - 9 win for the Laws with the last end not
having to be played.

Travelling Costs

With petrol prices continuing to spiral upwards our club has increased the amount we are asking members to pay to the drivers who provide transport to other clubs. The new rates are:

Paekakariki \$ 8
Raumati \$ 7
Paraparaumu Beach \$ 7
Waikanae \$ 5
Waikanae Beach \$ 5
Otaki \$ 4
Waitarere Beach Donation

PBA Rankings

In the end of year singles rankings of their members the N Z Professional Bowlers Association have ranked **Gavin Scrivener** of Whanganui in 3 rd place behind only **Ray Martin** of Wellington and **Sheldon Bagrie-Howley** of Southland. Gavin is the son of our late, former member **Dave Scrivener** who moved to Whanganui and passed away last year.



Mixed Pairs champions

Jules Rules

29.4 Failing to Play

29.4.1 If the result of an end has been agreed on or the process of deciding the number of shots scored has started, a player who has failed to play a bowl (either deliberately or accidentally) will lose the right to play that bowl.

So if you take a bowl out then realise the skip hasn't played their last bowl they forfeit the right to play it. The bowl is **NOT** put back so the skip can't then play their last bowl.



Congratulations to Rob Cotter and Julie Stichbury who both received 100% passes in their recent umpires exams. Well done to you both.

From Presentation Day 2022



Irene, Ralda & Chloe - Triples champs



Rob Cotter - Singles champ



Liz, Linda, Bronwyn & Alice - the Fours champions



Jim Winter - Junior Singles star



Richard Cowles - our most promising player



Bella & Dianne - Pairs champs.



Elisabeth Glinkovska our top Junior player

A Bit of Club History - the Men's Singles Champions

When **Rob Cotter** won the Men's Singles title this past season he was the 101st winner of this prestigious event and last season's winner **Wayne Judd** the 100 th. The men's singles was first contested in the 1921-22 season and the winner was one **G Pollock**. Since then the event has been contested another 100 times, uninterrupted by the Great Depression, a World War, a Global Pandemic and a variety of other national crises which seem to have been blithely ignored by determined bowlers.

It seems as if a total of 58 different men have come out as the winners over the years. There have been a number of multiple winners. In fact 18 men have won 61 titles between them. By far the most successful of them was one **R R (Ray) Mitchell** with 14 wins over a 20 year period between 1966-67 and 1986-87 including 7 wins in succession in the 1980's. Ray also was the Manawatu Centre C-of-C singles winner 3 times. He was a market gardener from McLeavey Road who later moved to Queensland to grow pineapples and lived to 100, dying in 2016.

Next most successful was **P Clements** with 5 wins in the 1920's and early 1930's, followed by **A A Rolfe** in the 1950's with 4 wins. Another nine men have been the singles champion 3 times, seven of them in the 20th century. Since 2000 **Neville Turnbull** and **Daryll Johnson** have also been triple winners. Two winners are a bit thin on the ground but of our present day players only **Ken Hayward**, **Wayne Judd** and **Rob Cotter** have won twice and stand some chance of joining the list of three or more winners.

Interestingly our Patron **Ian Wenham**, with one win and his father **H E Wenham**, with three, have a strong hold on the most successful father and son achievement.

The only two of our club members to represent New Zealand, **M J Suhan** (in the 1920's) and **W H Hampton** (in the 1970's) both won the title 3 times.

Year 1 & 2 Singles

The Year 1 & 2 Singles is an any gender event previously known as the Novice Singles and only for first year players. A few years ago it was decided to open the event to second year players as there were relatively few first years. At present we have seven players eligible to play in this competition and there is a corresponding centre open for players to compete in as well.

This season's competition ended in a closely contested final between rising Year 2 star Elisabeth Glinkovska and promising Year 1 player Richard Cowles. The result was a win for centre Junior C of C winner and rep player Elisabeth by 21 points to 16 over Richard. Well played both.



Richard and Elisabeth

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 26th AGM of Bowls Kapiti Coast Inc

will be held on Sunday, 24th July 2022 at 1pm

at the Otaki Bowling Club 15 Waerenga Rd OTAKI

Centre Finals

The results of two centre finals held over from October are:

Women's Open Triples

Dot Collis (s), Viv Hudson & Diana McGill (Waitarere Beach) 15 Heather Lawton (s), Gaylene Nicol & Brenda Magill (Waikanae) 12

Open 2 x 4 x 2 Mixed Pairs