

An AGM Shock For Our Members

On a very positive note we had a full field of nominations put their names forward for every position on the Executive, Match Committee and other positions - in fact elections were needed for the Management and Match committees. It is good to see new names there as well. Many thanks to all those who offered their services.

The shock came in the form of an announcement from our Greens Supervisor Arne Jansson that it would be advisable to immediately work to replace our cotula green with a new artificial surface. This is because our Greens Consultant advises that our green is very prone to attack by nematodes, the products and costs of which to fight are now off the market or unaffordable. There was a very positive response from the members towards setting up a sub-committee immediately to work towards the replacement of the green.

It should be remembered that the annual cost of maintaining on our cotula green is in the order of \$ 8 - 10,000, not counting the cost of equipment, whereas the costs of maintenance on artificial greens is very small.

Your Elected Leaders for 2022-23

Patron
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Executive Members

**Margaret Griffin
Les Galloway
Stuart Fieldes
Grahame Law
Dave Grigg
Richard Cowles
Liz Galloway
Kay Lahman**

Match Committee
(Convenor)

**Margaret Wilson
Norman Annand
Rob Cotter
Wayne Judd
Hazel Rose
Heather Stempa
Julie Stichbury
Wendy Whitelaw**

Congratulations to

Margaret Griffin - our new Patron

Dianne Short - our new Life Member

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.

Coming Events

July

Sat 02 BKC Awards 1 pm Paraparaumu Beach

Sun 03 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala

Wed 06 Triples gala

Sat 09 **Women's Handicap Singles** qualifying

Sun 10 **Women's Handicap Singles** post section

Wed 13 Triples gala

Sun 17 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs gala

Wed 20 Triples gala

Sat 23 **Mixed Fours** qualifying

Sun 24 **Mixed Fours** post section

Wed 27 Triples gala

Sat 30 Green hired to outside group

**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

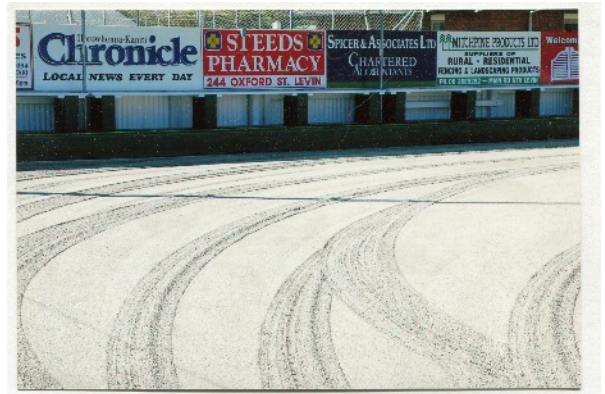
Replacing our Cotula Green with a new Carpet Green

After Greens Superintendent **Arne Jansson** described the condition of our cotula green at our AGM our members opted pretty unanimously to work towards replacing the cotula with a new carpet green. We went through a similar process in 2009 -10 when we replaced our old *Astrograss* green with our Dales carpet, though on that occasion we were not starting from the base of a natural green. The photos below give some idea of the process of installing a new artificial green.

Installing the Dales Green in 2010



Taking up rolls of Astrograss



The metal base nearing completion



Laying the GeoText membrane



Laser levelling the sand layer



The laser leveller on the bank was linked to the receiver on the tractor.



Placing 250 bags of cement

A Timeline for a New Carpet - how it was done in 2010

This timeline gives some idea of the work which was, and will be, required.

- June 2008 Neville Turnbull raised a challenge to the membership at the AGM when he asked members if they would like the old *Astrograss* green replaced if it did not cost them anything.
- June 2009 Sub-committee set up to examine the feasibility of replacing the *Astrograss* green.
- August 2009 Approximate quotes were obtained from *Tiger Turf* and *Dales* for a new carpet.
- September 2009 visits were made to the Waikanae, Havelock North and Waipawa clubs which were in the same position that we were and had chosen the *Dales Pro-Green Plus* product for their clubs - which the sub-committee felt was the best product available at the time.
- September - November 2009 Work on a Club Plan and an Operations Plan as recommended by our Bowls New Zealand advisor to help us gain the funding we needed.
- November 2009 SGM was held at which the sub-committee put forward its proposal to replace the *Astrograss* green with a *Dales Pro-Green Plus* product. We now had a quote of \$ 190,000 plus GST. The club's Executive had decided that it could commit \$ 50,000 from the clubs reserves and as a result the membership voted unanimously to support the proposal provided that sufficient funding could be obtained.
- November - December 2009 Applications were made for grants of \$ 25,000 each from five gaming trusts and one of \$ 75,000 to the Eastern and Central Community Trust. Our applications were all supported by letters from the Bowls Kapiti Coast centre, the Bowls New Zealand CEO, our local MP and the principals of the two local colleges as were putting in a considerable amount of work with their students. Our Community involvement through Business House Bowls was stressed.
- December 2009 The Debentures offer. It was decided to offer members the chance to lend money to the club in the form of debentures which would pay an interest rate of 5 %, which was 2 % above what could be obtained from Term Deposits at the time. This proved popular with our members and \$ 57,000 was raised in this way. We now had \$ 107,000 towards the project.
- April 2010 By now we had received a total of \$ 80,000 from five gaming trusts and \$ 20,000 from Eastern and Central. With the \$ 50,000 from the club and \$ 57,000 from the members we now had a total of \$ 207,000 available enough to finance the project and we could go ahead.
- June 2010 Contract signed with the Dales representatives to do the preparatory work and lay the new carpet with the project to begin in August - September.
- September 2010 The groundwork and the laying of the carpet was completed over a three week period. The green was opened in late September.
- March 2012 The last of the members debentures were repaid.
- June 2022 After nearly 12 years the Dales carpet is still in very good condition.

Since the Dales carpet was laid the club has been regularly investing money for its replacement, though it may last another 10 - 15 years. The cost of replacing the cotula green is likely to be in the order of \$ 275,000 at present costs. There are three companies with competing products that need to be assessed. Two have woven carpet products - Tiger Turf's *Tiger Weave* and Field Turf's *Optima*, as well as the needle - punched successor to our Dales carpet called *True Draw* installed by Sportsbase Construction, the company which installed our carpet in 2010. We need to choose the best product and best installer for our needs.

So, one way or another there are a lot of key decisions for our Executive to make.

Ken Hayward

A Bit More Club History

The Women's Singles Champions

The club's Women's singles title was first contested in the 1979-80 season and was won by Avis Kenny. All told the title has now been contested 43 times, and 21 women have won the title.

The most successful player has been **Dawn McQuillan** with 5 wins between 1990-91 and 2001-02, followed by **Francie Galloway** with 4 wins before 1985, Another five players have had 3 wins - **Avis Kenny, Coral Mills, Diana McGill** and present day members **Hazel Rose** and **Dianne Short**. Hazel's record is unusual as she first won in 1984-85 and most recently in 2008-09, though she had many years away from the sport.

Three members have won the title twice and 11 more once including present day members **Alice Spicer, Liz Galloway, Julie Stichbury, Bella Law and Bronwyn McMahon**. **Liz Galloway** is a bit unique winning her title nearly thirty years after her mother-in-law Francie won her last.

The Junior Women's Singles

This event for women with five years or fewer of bowls experience has been played for 42 times since the first season of bowls for women at our club.

Two players, **Lesley Bocock** and **Christine Ryan**, have won the title on four occasions each. On three occasions though Christine was the only entrant so no event could be played and we could not have a representative in the centre's Junior C-of-C singles, which, despite protests the club could not get the centre's decision not to allow us to be represented to be overturned.

Maureen Neeley and **Carol Rose** won on three occasions, and **Dawn McQuillan** and **Merle Johnson** twice. The other twenty two winners prevailed only on one occasion each and since Christine's last win in 2010-11 no-one has won the title on more than one occasion.

The Junior Men's Singles

The Junior Men's Singles has rather an unusual history at this club. The event was first played for 89 years ago in the 1932-33 season but has only been contested 48 times in all.

After the first two seasons it was not played again until 1951-52 when there another eight annual contests before a long gap of 23 years until the competition resumed in 1982-83. There was a period of eight years in the 1950's when it was contested as the 'B Grade' Singles.

There have been a number of multiple winners. The only three winner was **Jack Willis** though there have been a number who have won the event twice. In the early period two winners were **W E Kilsby, Ian Wenham** and **Don Hutchins**, and in recent times **Greg Rose, Denis Gee, Rob Cotter, Jim Bagnall** and **Jim Winter**.

Comments? Feedback? Ideas? Suggestions?

It would be great to have ideas / articles / / comments / memories

from our members. Please send me some stuff to: kegwood@icloud.com

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