

### **Summer Bowls Ahead**

*After a very wet winter with many of our galas having to be cancelled it is hoped that spring treats us more kindly. The club handbook is at the printers and will be available for members before Opening Day. The summer programme begins with the usual balloted events (the entry sheets are up), the Foxton & Beach Challenge and the men's and women's Triples champs all before the end of October.*

*We are very lucky to have all club offices and committee positions filled - which cannot be said for the Centre and some other clubs. The more volunteers we have the lighter the load for all. Recent examples include Neville's work on the Cobb & Co weekend and Trevor's contribution to a highly successful gala with proceeds going to Save the Children. And, that is not to belittle the work of Rob Cotter and the Match Committee who have managed a busy winter programme.*

### **Congratulations to**

**Margaret Griffin - our new Patron**

**Dianne Short - our new Life Member**

### **Coming Events**

#### **August**

Sat 27- Sun 28 **Balloted Mixed Triples**

#### **September**

Sat 03 **Opening Day**

Sat 10- Sun 11 **M & W Balloted Triples**

Sat 17 - Sun 18 **M & W Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs**

Fri 23 **Horowhenua Fives Round 1**

Sat 24 **Foxton & Beach Challenge**

Sun 25 **Champs reserve day**

### **Your Elected Leaders for 2022-23**

Patron	<b>Margaret Griffin</b>
President	<b>Les Galloway</b>
Vice President	<b>Stuart Fieldes</b>
Secretary	<b>Grahame Law</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dave Grigg</b>
Executive Members	<b>Richard Cowles</b>
	<b>Liz Galloway</b>
	<b>Kay Lahman</b>
Match Committee (Convenor)	<b>Margaret Wilson</b>
	<b>Norman Annand</b>
	<b>Rob Cotter</b>
	<b>Wayne Judd</b>
	<b>Hazel Rose</b>
	<b>Heather Stempa</b>
	<b>Julie Stichbury</b>
	<b>Wendy Whitelaw</b>
Club Captains Women	<b>Bronwyn McMahon</b>
Men	<b>Brian Cooper</b>
Selectors Women	<b>Hazel Rose</b>
Men	<b>Ken Hayward</b>
	<b>Neville Turnbull</b>

### **Club Champions**

#### **Men's Handicap Singles**

Winner: **Wayne Judd (0)**

Runner Up: **Paul Gardner (2)**

#### **Women's Handicap Singles**

Winner: **Elisabeth Glinkowska (5)**

Runner Up: **Ralda Adams (3)**

#### **Mixed Fours**

Winners: **Ken Hayward (s), Julie Stichbury  
Janet Olliver & Jim Winter**

#### **Mixed Triples**

Winners:

## **A Century Ago - Levin Bowling Club AGM 24 July 1922**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Levin Bowling Club Incorporated was held at the Levin District High School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1922.**

Present: 22 members

In the absence of Mr Lancaster (the President) the chair was occupied by Mr J D Brown. Minutes of the last Ann. Gen. Meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Frost, Messrs Rankin, Suhan, and Clements Sen.

Report and Balance sheet were read and on the motion of Mr Brown seconded by Mr Ryder were adopted. The resignation of Mr McIntyre was received. 'That Mr McIntyre's resignation be accepted with regret' (Harris / Derham – carried).

'That Mr McIntyre be elected a Life Member of the club' (McLeavey/Hall – carried).

The club trophies won during the season were presented by the chairman as follows:

Championship Singles: Mr J Pollock

Handicap Singles: Mr W Bull

The election of Officers took place and resulted as follows:

President: J D Brown

Vice President: W Bull

Secretary / Treasurer: J Casey

Management Committee: Messrs P Clements Jnr, Wilson, Channings, Rev Harris, Sigley.

Match Committee: Messrs Brown, Wilson, Channings

Green committee: Messrs McLeavey, Clement Jnr, Challies

Hon. Auditor: Mr F G Roe

A discussion took place on the advisability of a sole selector but the feeling of the meeting was against it.

'That a dance be held' (Tait / McLeavey – carried)

'That a committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary & Messrs Wilson, Tait, Lancaster carry out all arrangements for the dance' (Sigley / Clements – carried).

'That the Opening Day be left in the hands of the committee' (Clements / Channings – carried).

Some discussion took place on the question of afternoon tea and ultimately it was decided (Bull / Tait) that the matter be left in the hands of the Management Committee.

Mr Hall brought up the question of the club's colours. Members considered the present colours suitable and affirmed that they saw no reason to change.

'That the Entrance Fee of 10 shillings be rescinded' (Sigley / Hall - ?)

'That a locker fee of two shillings and sixpence be charged members for storage of bowls at the green' (Clements / Tait – carried).

'That an insurance policy of £ 100 be taken out on bowls and that sixpence be charged each member for insurance on the building be raised to £ 100' (Roe / Hall – carried).

Mr Pollock notified that he was leaving the district but he did not wish to sever his connection with the club and asked to be put on the reserve list/. 'That Mr Pollock be put on the reserve list at a fee of £ 1 / 5 shillings' (Brown / Clements – carried).

On Mr Roe's motion a vote of thanks was passed to the committee and officials during the past year.

Confirmed: J D Brown Chairman Date 13 / 8 / 1923

## ***Jules Rules***

### ***Rule 13 Possession of the rink***

- 13.1 Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played.
- 13.2 As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time to mark a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

#### ***And***

- 12.1.2 Players at the head-end of the rink and who are not controlling the play must stand:
- behind the jack if they are members of the team in possession of the rink;
  - behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team which is not in possession of the rink;
  - on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch.

### ***Rule 29.1 Playing out of turn***

- 29.1.1 If a player bowls out of turn the opposition skip (or marker) can stop the bowl and return the bowl to be played in the proper order
- 29.1.2 If the bowl has come to rest and **NOT DISTURBED THE HEAD**, the opposing skip must chose whether to:
- leave the head as is and their team play 2 bowls to get back in the proper order of play or
  - return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play
- 29.1.3 If the bowl **HAS DISTURBED THE HEAD**, the opposing skip must choose whether to:
- leave the head as it is as have their team play two bowls to get back to the proper order of play
- or - replace the head to it's former position, return the bowl and go back to **proper** order of play
- or - declare the end dead

## ***A Weekend of Interesting Bowls***

In place of the former Cobb & Co Classic tournament of the past few years the weekend of 6 - 7 August saw a new format - 2-bowl 2-end Pairs (and Singles) on the Saturday, and Shanghai Singles on the Sunday. Thanks to generous sponsorship by **Cobb & Co** and **Chris Edhouse** of Property Brokers we were able to offer good prize money over the weekend. In the kitchen **Frank Cottis** and **Jane Bray** were able to serve up attractive lunches at a modest cost and afternoon tea sausage sizzles, and the raffles and bar service added to the weekend.

On the Saturday it was two very keen Central Levin juniors **Adam Batty** and **Iraia Pene** who took out top prize money winning 11 of their 15 games with 3 draws and only a single loss in the round-robin Pairs. In second place were **Wayne Judd** and **Graeme Mathie** who also has 11 wins but 3 losses, while third were **Ken Hayward** and **Barry Cross**, and fourth **Janet Olliver** and **Jim Murphy**. In fifth place came **Erica Whittaker** and **Elisabeth Glinkowska** who as the club's leading juniors also won free entry into and BKC open event. The afternoon Singles final saw **Wayne Judd** come out the winner over **Adam Batty**.

Sunday's Shanghai singles was a very new experience for most of the 24 players who took part but they were invariably enthusiastic about the event. After the first round the top 9 players contested the Classic, the next 9 the Classic Plate and the remaining 6 the Consolation Plate. The Classic final was played out between Foxton & Beach player **Doug Pitcher** and Levin's **Rob Cotter** and **Mary Van der Velden**. Pitcher, fresh from winning the nation C of C Triples title came out the winner with Mary (who had a great day) runner-up and Rob third. **Robert Evans** won the classic plate and **Valda Anderson** the Consolation Plate.

Many thanks to **Neville Turnbull** who put in a huge amount of work over a number of weeks to run this well received weekend on behalf of the Match Committee and earn a very solid financial return for the club - over \$ 600.

***Adam Batty and  
Iraia Pene the  
Pairs winners***



***Chris Edhouse and  
Shanghai Singles  
winner Doug Pitcher***



## Recruiting New Members

Recruiting new members to bowling clubs seems to have been a long term problem, The Minutes of our club's AGM of 1933 read as follows:

*"Mr H Denton said that there were not many of the farming community in the Bowling club. If a lower subscription were fixed for those at a distance it might be an inducement for country members to join.*

*Mr W Bull pointed out that an alteration of the rules would be necessary, the subscriptions being fixed therein and the club being an incorporated body.*

*Mr Denton also suggested that a smaller subscription be fixed for first year members.*

*Mr W G Clark thought that at a reduced subscription district residents would be induced to join who would be satisfied to play at the weekends. Various other clubs had a country membership rule of this sort.*

*The President said he was a member of the Island Bay club at a guinea a year. After the first year a new member usually became enthusiastic. Once a man got a bowl in his hand he developed a liking for the game.*

*Mr C Wall stated that the Masterton club got 20 new members in one year by reducing the first year subscription."*

*Mr Kerslake said the club had only four new members last year so that it would not lose much by reducing the first year fee."*

The AGM voted to reduce first year subscriptions.

Nearly 90 years later our club needs to develop a new strategy for attracting new members.

- Our membership is ageing very rapidly. How many of our present members will be active bowlers a decade from now?
- We really only have three players in the working age group.
- We have only gained two members from Business House Bowls over the past decade.
- We have not run a *Have-a-Go* at bowls day for the past five years.
- It is nearly three years since Jim Bagnall ran his *Bowls for Beginners* mornings.

Those programmes were very successful in introducing new players to our club. Since then we have relied on new players just '*coming through the gate*' and experienced bowlers moving to *Speldhurst* from clubs further south without having any real recruitment strategy. Grahame Law's coaching sessions are great for encouraging our new players but they do not focus on recruitment on new players?

So what should we do?

How about free first year membership as an incentive? We can afford it. But it would need to be linked to a renewed effort at *Have-a-Go* days and other ways of getting our game out there. Already moves are being made to establish new links with the two secondary schools but that will have limited impact on membership. John McBeth's strategy at Raumati of visiting other sports clubs was very successful. Could that be a model for us? And do we have the volunteers willing to do the hard yards at making the contacts?

### Our Ageing Playing Membership #

Age Group	Men	Women	Total	%
80 +	19	9	28	28
70 - 79	32	24	56	56
60 - 69	6	7	13	13
< 60	1	1	2	2
Totals	58	41	99	100

# Includes all Full and Limited Playing Members

### Phone Contacts

***Our methods of contacting our members are changing fast. A few years ago a landline was the only way of phoning our members. In the just completed phone list for the handbook the situation is:***

***26 of our members have a landline only***

***42 have a mobile phone only***

***35 have both landline and mobile***

**Ken Hayward - Editor**