

## Let the Summer Commence

*After the miserable winter weather bowlers around the country will be looking forward to a bit of sunshine to kick start the season. At least we were spared the disasters which hit Nelson, the West Coast, Northland and Wellington. Anyway the programme features all the usual events plus a couple of new ones to keep you interested. There's about 150 days of bowls programmed for our club so you can make up for the winter drought, if that's the right word. A few gremlins visited the handbook so there are a few apologies noted in this issue.*

*Best wishes for the 2022-23 season.*

## Coming Events

### September

Sat 03	Opening Day
Sun 04	Foxton & Beach challenge
Sat 10- Sun 11	M & W Balloted Triples
Sat 17 - Sun 18	M & W Balloted 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Sat 24 - Sun 25	Mixed Triples champ (re-scheduled to reserve days)

### October

Sat 01 - Mon 03	BKC Open Mixed Pairs
Wed 05	Life Members Mixed Pairs gala
Sun 09	Kapiti Coast v Wanganui
Fri 14	Horowhenua Fives Round 1
Sat 15 - Mon 17	BKC Women's Open Triples
Wed 19	Rotary Round 1

## 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:	<b>Wayne Judd (0)</b>
Runner Up:	<b>Paul Gardner (2)</b>

### Women's Handicap Singles

Winner:	<b>Elisabeth Glinkowska (5)</b>
Runner Up:	<b>Ralda Adams (3)</b>

### Mixed Fours

Winners:	<b>Ken Hayward (s), Julie Stichbury Janet Olliver &amp; Jim Winter</b>
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### Mixed Balloted Triples

Winners:	<b>Laurie Field (s), Martin House &amp; Erica Whittaker</b>
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## Horowhenua Fives Programme Changes

Since our club Handbook was printed the dates for Horowhenua Fives have been altered.

The first round which was due to be played on Friday 25 September at Himatangi Beach will not be played and the season will now end at Foxton & Beach on Friday 17 March.

The new dates and venues are as follows:

Friday 14 October	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Central Levin</b>
Friday 11 November	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Waitarere Beach</b>
Friday 25 November	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Shannon</b>
Friday 13 January	<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Levin</b>
Friday 10 February	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Himatangi Beach</b>
Friday 17 March	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Foxton &amp; Beach</b>

### **Internet and Pennants**

*Reminder to players intending to play in Interclub and Pennants.*

*Men please return your intention notes to the box in the Match Committee room or direct to Ken or Neville.*

*Ladies please complete the lists in the social room.*

*We need to make our entries for Pennants by mid September and Interclub by early October.*

## **Wet, Wet, Wet -and those cancelled galas**

*Whether you got your weather information through old fashioned methods like thumb in the air or the colour of the sunset, or 21 st century systems like satellites and met service rain radar, we can agree it was a pretty wet winter.*

*Official recordings for Levin confirm the impressions. For the four months May through August we received 712 mm of rain. That's about 65% of the annual average. The comparative figures are:*

Month	2022 Rainfall mm	Mean Rainfall mm
May	160.4	80.8
June	155.0	95.1
July	240.0	92.6
August	156.6	84.8
Totals	712.0	343.3

*In contrast it was slightly warmer than normal this winter. There were few frosts and day temperatures were a bit above average.*

## Apologies

Many apologies to **Dianne Short** and **Linda Moy** for errors in the Handbook.

**Dianne's** landline number is **367 5488**

**Linda's** address in **100A Mako Mako Road**

Please make these corrections in your book.

## **Talk by Chris Lander, Bowls NZ**

Neville and Ken attended a talk by Bowls NZ's Clubs and Community Manager at Waikanae B C on 25 August. The main points he stressed during the roughly 90 minutes session were:

1. BNZ is promoting Bowls3Five for casual players and will provide support for clubs who wish to offer this programme.
2. Staff are producing short podcasts /videos on coaching which will be 6-7 minutes long and be able to accessed through You Tube. Will be available on the website by the end of the year.
3. Affiliation Fees - no changes are foreseen. Remain set at 2018 rates.
4. Incorporated Societies - major changes are to take place in the rules over the next three years.
5. Uniforms - BNZ has a partnership arrangement with *Dynasty Teamwear* which makes their clothing cheaper than competitors.
6. Greens - they also have a deal with Field Turf N Z for laying artificial greens.
7. Event Streaming - more national events are going to be streamed live on the BNZ website.
8. Website - a new site is being constructed. One feature will allow clubs to set up their own club sites by hooking up through the BNZ site.

**Ken Hayward - editor**

## ***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**