

Celebrating Interclub Successes

The club's management must have been delighted with the results achieved by club teams in the BKC Interclub competition. There were no finals for Women's Premier II but, as detailed later, the other four club teams all qualified for the finals - the only club in the centre to do so. For the record the results were first, second, third and fourth placings, a great result.

There were those who felt at the start of the season that our playing strength was not great enough to have our teams in the Premier I competitions, but the reality is that we are strong enough. And, the two clubs (Paraparaumu Beach and Central) who previously dominated the men's competitions failed to reach the finals in Premier I or Premier II, while our Premier I women finished ahead of Paraparaumu Beach. So there has been a significant shift in playing strength with the rise of Paekakariki and Raumati and the decline of the once strongest clubs.

With our increasing membership we should look forward to continued successes.

Your Elected Leaders for 2022-23

Patron	Margaret Griffin
President	Les Galloway
Vice President	Stuart Fieldes
Secretary	Grahame Law
Treasurer	Dave Grigg
Executive Members	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
Club Captains Women Men	Bronwyn McMahon Brian Cooper
Selectors Women	Bronwyn McMahon Ralda Adams
Men	Ken Hayward Neville Turnbull

Coming Events

February

Wed 01	Rotary R 5: Central
Sat 04	C of C Fours
Sun 05	Women's Interclub Finals
Mon 06	C of C Triples
Fri 10	M & W Senior Octagonal
Sat 11	M & W Senior Octagonal M & W U's Hexagonal
Sun 12	M & W Senior Octagonal M & W U's Hexagonal
Tue 14	Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters
Wed 15	Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters
Fri 17	Bowls3Five Championship
Sat 18	Women's Singles Champ. qualifying
Sun 19	Women's Singles Champ. p/s
Tue 21	Pennants R 5
Wed 22	Saffron Cottage Women's Gala
Sat 25	Bill Gibbons U 10's: Otaki Carrell Knight U 10's: Waitarere Bch
Sun 26	Bill Gibbons U 10's: Otaki Carrell Knight U 10's: Waitarere Bch

Club Champions

Women's Handicap Singles

Elizabeth Glinkowska

Men's Handicap Singles

Final to be played

Mixed Pairs - yet to be completed

Apologies to Gay Calderwood who was wrongly left off the list of winners of the **Women's Fours Championship** - her first club title at Levin Bowls.

New Members

Please welcome **Adrienne** and **Terry Taylor** as new bowlers to our club.



The winning team from the Cartown men's gala. Brian Hoy, Les Galloway (skip) and Tom Mu receive their prize money from Cartown's Glynn Theobald.

Development Reps

The Quadrangular tournament played between the Development teams of Wellington, Manawatu, Wairarapa and Kapiti coast was played on Sunday 29 January. Our club was represented in the team by **Chloe Eastham, Elisabeth Glinkowska, Erica Whittaker and Mary Van der Velden** - four of the seven players. It was a very successful outing for the team who won 7 of their 9 games to head Manawatu with 6 wins, Wellington 4 and Wairarapa 1.

The men's team (in which our club was not represented) was less successful winning 3.5 games to finish fourth on the day though it was very close with Manawatu winning 5.5 games, Wellington 5, and Wairarapa 4. Overall Kapiti Coast finished second with the points being: Manawatu 11.5, Kapiti Coast 10.5, Wellington 9, Wairarapa 5.



The winning Women's Development team featuring Elisabeth, Erica, Mary and Chloe.

The Cartown Men's Gala

After a lapse of a few years our club held a men's gala on 25 January. The previous men's event was a 'Haggis' gala but gradually the Scots connection has been diminished so it was great when Cartown agreed to sponsor this year's men's gala. Club members now own seven MG cars all purchased from Cartown so the company was happy to support our club.

There was a full green of 16 teams including a number from out of town. It was great to see former club president **Paul Skilton**, now playing out of the Hokowhitu club, among the players.

The generous sponsorship of Cartown enabled seven prizes to be handed out. Cartown representative **Glynn Theobald** was on hand to tell us a bit about their company and hand out the prizes.

The main winners were:

1st: Les Galloway (s), Tom Mu and Brian Hoy

2nd Ray Hudson (s), Adam Batty and Iraia Peni (Central)

3rd: Brian Coper (s), Ken Hayward and Jim Winter

Help for Our Newer Players

Recently we have had an influx of new, first-year players to our club - at least eight since our handbook was published. This is great for our club but we need our experienced players to help them out as they learn the rules and etiquette of the game. Please give them help with things like:

- **placing the mat in different positions on the green (they will inevitably all be leading at roll ups)**
- **Helping them judge wide and narrow sides (No 2 in the team can easily do that)**
- **Delivering and bowling to jacks at different lengths - and so on.**

And, new bowlers please become familiar as to when Grahame Law runs coaching sessions. Those sessions will be a big help to you.

Men's Interclub Finals

The men of Levin Bowls enjoyed their best Interclub results for many years when the finals were played at Paraparaumu Beach on Saturday. While our Premier I team finished in fourth place, the Premier II team finished second and the Division III team won their division. Really it was an exceptional performance considering that neither the strong Paraparaumu Beach or Central clubs managed to get a team qualified in either Premier I or II.

The Premier I men had the toughest job. They competed against the powerful Paekakariki club, the one team representing Waikanae Beach, and the numerically very strong Raumati club. A major coup was when singles player Rob Cotter defeated Rhys Hakkens of Waikanae Beach (21 – 18) who had gone through his other eight games unbeaten.

With leading players Martin Howse and Grahame Law unavailable the pairs and fours also had it tough. The pairs team of Wayne Judd and Duncan Mann also had one win (and a one point loss), while Arne Jansson's four earned an impressive draw 11-11 against Paekakariki, and also had a single point loss.

The final points were: Paekakariki 7.5 wins, Waikanae Beach 5, Raumati 3 and Levin 2.5. One more win would have seen the team finish third.

The Premier II team finished second. Frank Cottis playing the singles had two wins losing only to Paekakariki. Brian Cooper and Keven Bray had a win and a draw losing only to Paekakariki while Les Galloway's four had two wins, also losing narrowly to Paekakariki (who demonstrated their strength by winning all nine games) on the last end.

The final points were: Paekakariki 9 wins, Levin 5.5, Raumati 2 and Otaki 1.5

Our heroes on the day were the Division II team playing in the any gender competition. While they only qualified in third position a selection tweak to the pairs strengthened the team considerably. The triples team of Chris Hogan (skip), Tom Mu and Norm Annand went through the whole competition unbeaten, and with Jim Winter and Phil Stirrat taking over in the pairs the team won the final narrowly over, you guessed it, Paekakariki.

The final points were: Levin 5.5 wins, Paekakariki 4.5, Central A 2 and Waikanae 0.

All in all a great day's bowls in quite trying conditions, especially on the wet, windy Paraparaumu Beach greens.

Women's Premier I Finals

Our women put up a strong showing in the Premier I finals. After the first round of matches they had recorded wins in all three disciplines to lead the way. The heat and wind increased for the second round and our players struggled this time losing all three games, though the fours lost to Central by a single shot. The fours won their third round game against Paraparaumu Beach but unfortunately the singles and pairs took pretty heavy losses.

The team finished in third place, heading off Paraparaumu Beach and if the four had won their second round game instead of having a single point loss they would have headed off Central for second place. The final results were: Raumati 6.5 wins, Central 4 - 9 diff, Levin 4 - 28 and Paraparaumu Beach 3.5 - 12.

Our team was: Bronwyn McMahon (singles), Irene Poletti & Elisabeth Glinkowska (pairs) and Dianne Short, Kaye Lahman, Bella Law and Mary Van der Velden (fours).

Selector Bronwyn wasn't making any excuses and was pleased to have finished ahead of Paraparaumu Beach, felt that "we had certainly made Levin's presence known" and wanted to acknowledge the great support from club members.

February Puzzle

Who is this bowler pictured playing her sport in the 1960's?

Text your answer to the editor, The first correct answer will receive a small reward.

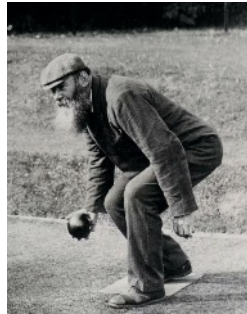
The answer will be revealed in the next issue.



January's winner was

Kevin Giblett

The bowler in action
Playing his new sport
was famous England
cricketer Dr W G Grace.
After cricket he played
Outdoor bowls and set
up the first indoor bowls
club in England.



Final Rotary Results

The rotary competition has ended for the season.
The final points were:

Shannon	28
Central	20
Foxtan & Beach	19
Waitarere Beach	19
Otaki	19
Levin	15

That's one event we did not win. Perhaps the results reflect our club's policy of not using players who represent the club in the main centre competitions?

C of C Pairs - played at PBBC

Arne and Graeme are through to the final where they will play Rhys Hakkens and Brian Swindail of Waikanae Beach.

Liz and Alice went out 15 - 19 in the first round to the Otaki Railway pair.

C of C Triples - played at Levin

Grahame Law, Bruce Prescott and Richard Cowles lost their first round game against Bill Moran's Waitarere Beach team.

Julie Stichbury, Kaye Lahman and Wendy Whitelaw went out in the second round to Eileen Jones' team from PBBC.

Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters

The team to represent the club at this year's event on 14 - 15 February is:

Pairs: **B McMahon (s) & G Mathie**

Triples: **I Poletti (s), W Judd & B Law**

Fours: **A Jansson (s), R Cotter
K Lahman & Liz Galloway**

Unavailable: **G Law, M Howse & A Spicer**

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