

From Our President

Hi all,

I am very happy with the way the club has been going since taking over the President's job, mainly thanks to a hard working committee whose efforts go mostly unseen.

Stuart has done a great job refitting the dangerous Dales green seat and Bill has water blasted the seats around the Dales green in readiness for repainting. There are many names up for the repainting days which is indicative of our club mantra.

The replacement of the cotula green is progressing well and we hope this will occur in the near future.

We have had good results in Pennants and Interclub this year which suggests our playing standard is improving, thanks to good coaching from Grahame Law. Keep it up.

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

March

Mon 06	M & W Masters
Tue 07	M & W Masters
Sat 11	BKC Men's Singles
Sun 12	BKC Men's Singles
Mon 13	BKC Men's Singles
Wed 15	HMC St Patrick's Day gala
Sat 18	Men's Singles qualifying
Sun 19	Men's Singles post section
Mon 20	Umpires gala: Raumati
Sat 25	Junior Men's Singles qualifying BKC Women' Singles
Sun 26	Junior Men's Singles post section BKC Women's Singles
Mon 27	BKC Women's Singles
Wed 29	North v South

Programme Changes

- The **Godfrey Mixed Masters** has been re-scheduled to **Tuesday-Wednesday 11 -12 April**.
- The cancelled **Life Members gala** will now be held on **Wednesday 05 April**.
- The **Kia Motors Super Fours** will be held on **Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 April**.
- **Clive Williams Property Brokers 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs** gala will be held on **Wednesday 17 May**.

Club Champions

Mixed Pairs **Bronwyn McMahon (s) & Graeme Mathie**

Women's Singles **Bella Law**

Bowls3Five **Bronwyn McMahon (s), Graeme Mathie & Elisabeth Glinkowska**

Another way to support our club - tickets were all sold
Trevor reports that all the tickets were sold and the winner of the new set of bowls was Business House bowler
Colin Robb



Thursday night Business House Bowls

This is the 31st year of Business House Bowls at Levin Bowls

32 Teams of Casual members (approximately 136 players this year) are enjoying this year's 10-week tournament.

When the tournament started the format was 2 bowlers and 1 non bowler. After a few years it was changed to 1 bowler and 2 non bowlers and now all the players are non-bowlers. They are however given a Casual Membership card which entitles them to use of the club's facilities. Two games a night are played starting 5.45pm, a meal (at a very reasonable cost) is served and a well patronised bar helps our clubs' finances. The teams are well organised. But without the club volunteer helpers 'where would we be.'

Brian Cooper is 'the boss', Hazel Rose does 'grading and recording' and Trevor Turnbull the 'Teams organiser.' Kitchen, bar and helpers around the greens give up their time for the 10 evenings to support the Tournament and our club.

It would be interesting to know if any other Bowling clubs in NZ have had a continuous event for casual - barefoot bowlers over such a period of time?

These Casual bowlers are our and other clubs' future members.

Trevor Turnbull

A National Champion from the Kāpiti Coast

The National Fours and Mixed Pairs titles were decided in Central Otago recently. There were a few local players taking part - **Diana McGill** and **Trevor Tuatara**, **Chris** and **Michelle Macdonald** (Raumati) in the Mixed Pairs, but the standout by far was **Lisa White** (Paekakariki / Raumati) with her partner **Dean Gilshnan** (Manawatu). Lisa and Dean played some very good pairs to qualify and in post-section, no more so than in the final where they met the two players who won the National singles titles this year, **Selina Goddard** and **Sheldon Bagrie-Howley** who they defeated 15 - 9.

So it was a first national title to come to the Kāpiti Coast centre since 2009 when **Ray Boffa** won the pairs in a composite team with **Rob Ashton**. Earlier in 2006 **Audrey Stevenson** won the singles and **Rex Holmes** and **Brian Howman** triumphed in the pairs in Wellington.

And, the local links did not end there as former Levin Bowls member **Raika Gregory** skipped a four from Ngaruawahia to the runner-up spot losing a close final to Rodney Greaney's composite team from Canterbury / South Canterbury. Raika grew up in Otaki playing bowls with his dad Gene from a very young age. They played at our club for a couple of seasons when Raika was a teenager in the early 2000's before they moved to the Waikato.

Representative Bowls

The Kapiti Coast rep. teams took part in the Senior Octagonal and Junior Hexagonal tournaments played in Taranaki and Manawatu over the weekend 10-12 February. The results were not great for our teams with the exception of the senior women who finished a close third in the 6 team competition involving Gisborne-East Coast, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Wellington, Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu and Kapiti Coast.

For the senior women playing at the Paritutu club it was singles player **Marei Bevan**, who won 6 of her 7 games, and the pair of **Audrey Stevenson** and **Jane Selby-Paterson** with 6 ½ wins, who led the way. The triples and fours could not match those results so the team finished with 16 wins from 28 games played. The event was won by Wellington with Kapiti Coast third.

The senior men played at the West End club and finished last in the competition with 10 wins from 28 games. Our former players Stacey Thomas, Nicki Morgan and Peter Brown played in the pairs and triples. The event was won by the very strong Wellington team.

The junior women played at the Palmerston North club. Gisborne-East Coast and Wairarapa did not take part so it was a six team competition. Our reps were **Elisabeth Glinkowska** who had a very tough time in the singles, **Erica Whittaker** skipped the triples and they won 3 of their 5 games while **Chloe Eastham** and **Mary Van** played in the fours and won 2 games. Overall the team finished sixth winning 6 of their 20 in the event which was won by Hawkes Bay. I don't know the reason why but our team was made up only of 5 years and under players, whereas it was open to 8 years and under which placed our team at quite an experience disadvantage.

The junior men played at Hawera Park and was way off the pace against strong opposition from the other five centres. The team won only 3 of 20 games to finish sixth. The event was won by Wellington. I have to wonder why there was no place for our top juniors **Jim Winter** and **Phil Stirrat** whereas second year players Adam Batty and Iraia Peni, familiar to our members, from Central, made the team. Maybe they were unavailable.

The Women's Singles Championship

Congratulations to **Bella Law** on winning her second Women's Singles title when she beat **Elisabeth Glinkowska** 21 - 14 in a closely contested final. In the semi-finals Elisabeth had beaten **Bronwyn McMahon** and Bella beat **Kay Hogan**.

Our women were most impressed with the way Match Committee duty member **Wayne Judd** ran the competition. In the words of one of the appreciative players:

"Thank you Wayne. He did an amazing job running this event for two days. He organized, wrote cards, marked games regularly over the two days, shifted rink boards, put shades across, put them back, and cleaned up what was left on the green. Accolades to him." Bronwyn



**Singles
champion &
Bella**

**Runner up
Elisabeth**

Carrell Knight and Bill Gibbons Trophy

Two Levin teams played in the Carrell Knight Trophy, a two-day tournament for 10 years and under bowlers at Waitarere Beach. Our 'B' team of **Mary Van Der Velden (s)**, **Kay Hogan** and **Gay Calderwood** were runners-up to the Paraparaumu Beach team, while our 'A' team of **Linda Moy (s)**, **Kate Graham** and **Lynn Cherry** were third equal. Good work ladies.

There were also two men's teams playing in the equivalent Bill Gibbons Trophy at Otaki which, contrary to the centre programme conditions, was run as one day 'gala' type event. Our teams were Black **Jim Winter (s)**, **Chris Hogan** and **Phil Stirrat** and Green **Norm Annand (s)**, **Garry Coley** and **Brian Hoy**. Our teams did not figure in the placings and were disappointed that the event was reduced to one day and only three games were played.

A pity that the men's event was downgraded as it is important that our Development men have the opportunity to compete against players of similar playing experience.

March Puzzle

Who is this bowler ?

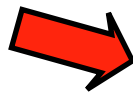
Text your answer to the editor, The first correct answer will receive a small reward.

February's winner was

Neville Turnbull

Next quickest to respond were Trevor Turnbull and Audrey Sciascia.

New Rule: You can only win this competition once. That might penalise those who stay up half the night!



Pennants Review 2022 - 23

The monthly Pennants Interclub competitions have now finished for the season and our players have enjoyed some successes though none of our teams of fours have managed to win their division. The best results came from Wayne Judd's Levin Black in Div I who ran second, winning 7 of their 10 games and the three teams in Women's Div II who came 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The main results were:

Men's Div I Levin Black 2nd *To be completed on 21 March*

Levin Green 5th

Men's Div II Levin Black 5th *Won by Otaki White*

Levin Green 6th

Women's Div I Levin Black 6th *To be completed on 21 March*

Levin Green 9th

Women's Div II Levin Black 3rd *Won by Central*

Levin Green 2nd

Levin White 4th

Division III (any gender)

Levin Black 6th *Won by Raumati Navy*

Levin Green 3rd

Many thanks to all those who took part and provided transport to the venues over the course of the season.

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***A very 'casual' bowler
- or an advert for
Woodstock?***

Ken Hayward - Editor