

**Great News!**

*No doubt we will all be very sad to see the demise of our great cotula green which Arne and his team have kept in fine playing condition, but the good news is that we will soon have a brand new Tiger Turf carpet to play on.*

*The finance has all been raised, legal issues with access to the green resolved and the contractors engaged and ready to proceed. Danny Ireland, a local contractor will remove the cotula green and supply, lay and level the stones, gravel and fines supervised by Tiger Turf before they lay the new carpet.*

*The new carpet will be the same product that many of you have played on at Otaki and the new green at Raumati.*

*Behind the scenes a small, busy team has made all this happen in a remarkably short time. We owe them a great deal, as we do our major donor the One Foundation Ltd, and our other donors Pelorus Trust and Aotearoa Gaming Trust.*

**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>

**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**

**April**

Sat 15	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Sun 16	BKC Junior 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs
Tue 18	<i>Kia Motors</i> Super Fours
Wed 19	<i>Kia Motors</i> Super Fours
Fri 21	President's Cup: Otaki
Sat 22	M & W C of C Singles
Sun 23	Junior M & W C of C Singles
Wed 26	Mixed Singles champ. Qualifying
Thu 27	Mixed Singles champ. post section
Sat 29	C of C Finals
Sat 29	M & W Junior Pairs champs.



**Club Champions**

Men's Singles	<b>Wayne Judd</b>
Women's Singles	<b>Bella Law</b>
Junior Men's Singles	<b>Richard Cowles</b>
Mixed Pairs	<b>Bronwyn McMahon (s)</b> <b>&amp; Graeme Mathie</b>
Bowls3Five	<b>Bronwyn McMahon (s),</b> <b>Graeme Mathie &amp;</b> <b>Elisabeth Glinkowska</b>

**New member**

**Please welcome a  
first year bowler**

**Jacob Davies**

## **BKC Men's Open Singles**

The centre Open Singles was played recently. Some 48 men entered, including five from other centres. After section play there were 12 qualifiers but our Duncan and Laurie had not made it through.

Quarter-finals:

**Clive Madge** (Waikanae) 21      **Murray Wood** (Paraparaumu Beach) 11  
**Logan Amer** (Johnsonville) 21      **Gary Hedgman** (Paraparaumu Beach) 6  
**Mike Simeonoff** (Raumati) 21      **Laurie Flynn** (Raumati) 16  
**Peter Thomson** (Paekakariki) 21      **Geoff Bovey** (Paekakariki) 14

Semi-finals:    **Amer** beat **Madge** by default    **Thomson** 21 **Simeonoff** 14

Final:            **Amer** 21 **Thomson** 17

## **BKC Women's Open Singles**

There were 24 women in their Open Singles including **Elisabeth, Bronwyn, Dianne** and **Mary**. Bronwyn went out in the first round of post section (to Lisa White) but Dianne and Elisabeth made the quarter finals and our former member Sammie Sweeney was the beaten finalist. The major results were:

Quarter-finals:

**Lisa White** 21 **Fane Vessey** 11      **Sammie Sweeney** 21 **Elisabeth Glinkowska** 10  
**Viv Hudson** 21 **Dianne Short** 17      **Marei Bevan** 21 **Teo Thoreson** 8

Semi-finals:

**Lisa White** 21 **Marei Bevan** 13      **Sammie Sweeney** 21 **Viv Hudson** 14

Final: **Lisa White** (Raumati) 21      **Sammie Sweeney** (Paekakariki) 8

## **The National Intercentre**

Played in Christchurch 16 - 19 March.

Our Kapiti Coast men's team played in a Section with North Harbour, Hawkes Bay, Nelson, South Canterbury and Southland. Southland won the section to progress to the playoffs and eventually to lose the final to Wellington by 2 matches to 1. The Kapiti Coast men won only 4 ½ of their 15 games with the pair winning 2 ½ games

The Kapiti Coast women competed against North Harbour, Thames Valley, Taranaki, Marlborough and Dunedin. The women's title was won by Nelson. Our women fared marginally better than the men winning 5 of their 15 games with the pair winning three games.

Disappointing results perhaps but the team management could not fault the preparation or effort. The Kapiti Coast teams were:

### **Men**

Shane Duncan  
Clive Madge  
Nicki Morgan  
Greg Oldridge  
Paul Rybinski  
Scott Sinclair-Paton  
Dereck Taylor  
Stacey Thomas

### **Women**

Marei Bevan  
Eileen Jones  
Gloria Michael  
Janet Olliver  
Carol Rolton  
Jane Selby-Paterson  
Audrey Stevenson  
Rochelle Stevenson

*Congratulations Janet on your selection for this prestigious event.*

**Levin Bowls is a Registered Charity. Our status as a Charity is an advantage when we applying for grants from charitable trusts for club projects.**



## **Men's Singles Championship**

A field of only 16 men contested this season's men's singles championship which was fortunate as the cotula green was not available for play due to heavy rain before the weekend. There were a number of interesting results during qualifying but by the end of the day there were seven who made the cut. It was great to see first year bowler Ken Sterne gaining good experience by taking part. Post section results from the Sunday were:

Quarter-finals:

Brian Cooper 21 Bill Clelland 15 Duncan Mann 21 Les Galloway 13

Wayne Judd 2 Ken Hayward 16 Paul Gardner bye

Semi-finals:

Mann 21 Gardner 16 Judd 21 Cooper 16

Final: **Wayne Judd 21 Duncan Mann 7**

Congratulations to Wayne on a well-deserved win.

## **Opinion - it was a bit of a schemozzle?**

On 20 March this e mail arrived from the Centre's Tournament Committee.

***'THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S PENNANTS DIVISION I PLAY TOMORROW. Insufficient teams to make it viable.'***

The Division I men still had one round of play to complete the competition which was to be played at the Central club on Tuesday 21 March. Our club had selected our teams and they were ready to play. By chance, however, the Paraparaumu Beach men's selector called in to our club during the final of our men's singles on Sunday 19. He said that he had not selected their teams, and did not intend to, as they understood that the competition had concluded as their Paraparaumu Beach Red team had an unassailable lead and there was no point in playing. He said that other clubs thought the same and were not intending to play.

This led to our club making phone contact with a Tournament Committee member who stated that there would definitely be play for the one game on the Tuesday. We decided that 'wait and see' was the best policy in this situation. A general feeling was that it was a bit pointless for the southern clubs to come to Levin for one morning game when it was a 'dead rubber' type situation. A waste of petrol and money really.

The Centre does have a rule as stated on Page 18 of this season's Centre handbook that *'when a team entered by a club in a ... Pennants ... event fails to turn up at the event or is withdrawn with less than five (5) days notice to the Centre prior to the date of the event, a fine of \$ 150 (inc GST) will be imposed on the club.'* In earlier years the fine was \$ 50 but at a programme meeting two seasons back it was agreed to increase the fine to \$ 150 because a number of clubs had abused the rules with their teams failing to turn up to play which was not appreciated by their opponents. The attitude of clubs at that meeting was that every competition should be played out until the end! That seemed to do the trick as since then clubs have abided by the rules, until this particular Tuesday?

On the same day our Division I women were to travel to Raumati for one (or two?) Game(s) when Paraparaumu Beach Red could not be beaten for the title. They did travel and played one game.

So, should those clubs who had no intention of playing Division I Pennants on 21 March be penalised with a fine ? Or will this be a lesson to those involved in decision making that playing pointless games is a waste time and money for those involved?

## March Puzzle

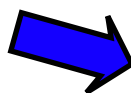
Who is this top bowler from the 1980's?

Text your answer to the editor. The first correct answer

March's winner was **Les Galloway**

And the bowler was **Selina Goddard**

winner of the National Women's Singles 2023



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The main results were:

Men's Div I	Levin Black	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Won by Paraparaumu Beach Red
	Levin Green	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Men's Div II	Levin Black	5 <sup>th</sup>	Won by Otaki White
	Levin Green	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Women's Div I	Levin Black	9 <sup>th</sup>	Paraparaumu Beach Red
	Levin Green	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Women's Div II	Levin Black	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Won by Central
	Levin Green	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
	Levin White	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Division III	Levin Black	6 <sup>th</sup>	Won by Raumati Navy
	Levin Green	3 <sup>rd</sup>	

Many thanks to all those who made themselves available and provided transport to the venues over the course of the season.

## Junior Men's Singles

There were seven starters for this event. It was great to see new bowlers **Ken Sterne** and **Brian Hoy** taking part. They played each other in qualifying. Ken got out to a big lead 20 - 9 at one stage but Brian fought back and the schools were level at 20 - 20. It looked all over for Ken until he drew a great perfect final bowl to within a few centimetres to just head off Brian. In the end neither qualified for post section and five went though.

Semi-finals:

**Keith Fergus** beat **Jim Winter**

**Richard Cowles** beat **Brett Connell**

Final:

**Richard Cowles** defeated **Keith Fergus** in a very closely contested game.



**Richard - Junior Singles champ.**

## ***BKC Umpires Gala***

It was our club's turn to host the Umpires gala, sponsored by Ryman Health, this season. It is hosted in turn by Raumati and ourselves. Our greens were at capacity for the event on Monday 20 March. A great day was enjoyed by the players with many thanks to Rob and Julie our umpires in charge. The winners on the day were:

Cotula Green:

**Julie Stichbury (s), Kaye Lahman** and **Wendy Whitelaw** (Levin)

Dales Green:

**June Mears (s), Adam Batty** and **Iraia Peni** (Central)



***Julie, Kay and Wendy  
with the representative from Ryman Healthcare***



***Iraia, June and Adam***

### ***Our Membership Grows***

Since our club handbook was published in September the following 13 new members have joined our club:

<b>Felicity Apperly</b>	<b>Nicole Hoy</b>
<b>Adrienne Taylor</b>	
<b>John Apperly</b>	<b>Jacob Davies</b>
<b>Paul Head</b>	<b>Brian Hoy</b>
<b>Tom Mu</b>	<b>Ken Sterne</b>
<b>Terry Taylor</b>	<b>Leroy Thompson</b>
<b>Andrew Tupuela</b>	<b>Paul Turton</b>

We can add to that list another 24 players who have joined us within the last three years, that's 37 added to our numbers in a short period of time. This is very encouraging considering the overall decline in club membership throughout the country.

### ***A Merger of Clubs?***

The Paekakariki club is holding a Special Meeting to discuss the merger of the Paekakariki and Paraparaumu Beach clubs. Apparently there have been 'favourable early discussions' between both clubs and Paekakariki is taking a proposal to its members.

*This message on Paekakariki's Facebook page appeared on 1 April. Was that just a coincidence?*



## **The Champion Teams from Business House Bowls 2022-23**



**Phew! - that's BHB over for another year.**

**And the contribution to our club funds alone is definitely something worth celebrating. Many thanks to Brian and the team for another great tournament.**

### **The Life Members Gala**

This Mixed Pairs gala, previously sponsored by **Margaret Griffin's** Hammond family, and now by our active Life Members, was held on Wednesday 5 April. Organizer **Rob Cotter** was able to nearly fill both greens. It was great to see as this was probably the last gala to be played on our cotula green, which was running very quick on the day thanks to Arne's hard work. Life members **Dianne, Neville** and **Ken** all played and **Margaret** was there to help with the raffle and afternoon tea. In fact **Neville** with **Diana McGill** were the only four winners on the day and won first prize on the Dales green while **Bronwyn** and **Graeme** won on the cotula green, **Ken** and **Kaye** managed a third place.

Many thanks to Rob, our kitchen and bar helpers and those players from other clubs who were there to support us on the day. Rob always does a great job of running the galas, amusing the players with his anecdotes and historical notes, and Margaret's scones went down a treat.

And so to Bill's *Kia Motors Super Fours* soon.

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**Cobb & Co. Shield winners**

**Ardnup Cowboys**



**New World Trophy winners**

**Ardnup Falcons**



**Mary Van der Velden and Kay Hogan, runners-up in the John Mears Memorial tournament at Central collect their prizes from June Mears.**

**Ken Hayward - Editor**