



Bowls Kapiti Coast

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Event Watch

2017-18 has been a season in which the weather has made it very difficult for green keepers to produce consistently good playing surfaces. Despite that most of our Centre Open events have now been completed and it is appropriate to thank the sponsors who have generously supported these events. The move to playing all of these events over weekends has resulted in a slight increase in entries in most events - and certainly not a decrease.

While some clubs continue to thrive others are struggling to attract new members and suffer from a rapidly ageing membership. Despite the calls for games which can be completed in a shorter time span we cling to our traditional formats for games which does little to attract younger players.

From our Chairman

Spectator Etiquette

We love to see spectators and fellow club members supporting their players on the field at Centre events however we would like to remind supporters that the players concentration and focus can easily be lost as a result of spectator 'antics' be this laughing, joking, shouting, arguing or plain gossiping. While we are not advocating total silence I do not think it unreasonable to request that spectators offer the players the courtesy of a little bit of peace and quiet while they are playing shots and indeed restrict the amount of movement in the players field of view. This will ensure that competing players are able to perform to the best of their ability and play tight competitive games which are a joy to watch.

Guy Diston

Coming Events

February

Fri 09	President's cup - Otaki
Sat 10 - Sun 11	Regional Interclub Finals - Naenae BC
Tue 13	Melva Ritson Fours - Kapiti
Wed 14	Melva Ritson Fours - Otaki
Sat 17- Sun 18	Hexagonal - Manawatu
Tue 20 - Wed 21	Godfrey Bowen - Waikanae Beach /Waikanae
Sat 24	C-of-C Singles - Central
Sat 24	Arohanui Hospice Charity Tournament - Levin
Sun 25	C-of-C Junior Singles - Waikanae Beach

March

Sat 03 - Sun 04	National Interclub Finals - Auckland
Mon 05	Umpires Mixed Gala - Paraparaumu Beach
Wed 07	Horowhenua Cup - Waitarere Beach
Mon 12 - Tue 13	M & W Masters - Manawatu (W), Central (M)
Fri 16 - Sun 18	National U 8 Intercentre - Auckland
Sun 18	Novice Singles - Yr 1 & 2 - Waikanae Beach
Tue 20 - Wed 2	Grassroots Triples - Central
Thu 22/Sun 25	National Intercentre - Christchurch
Tue 27	Pennants Round 5
Wed 28	North v South - Paraparaumu Beach
Fri 30/Sat 31	National U 18 Singles - Wellington

This Season's Weather

We are all aware that this has been a most unusual summer - hot and dry and often quite unpleasant for outdoor sport. The data below for Levin is from the [Metservice](#).

Rainfall (mm)	This Season	Historical Average
October	40	101
November	16	86
December	10	107
January	55	63
Total	121	357

Temperatures

In all four months the average temperatures were 3-4 degrees above average. In January Levin had an average maximum of 26.6 C with 20 days with maximums of 27 C or higher.

It Was All About Composite Teams at the Nationals

This season's National bowls at Dunedin showed just how difficult it is for the average club player to make it through qualifying in any of the three disciplines. The tournament was dominated by composite teams. In the men's fours, for example, teams contained three or four past or present national champions or Black Jacks representatives were strongly to the fore. Only three of the 20 fours teams making it through to post section play were not composites. That is they were from the same club. Two of those reached the last 16. Of the 16 players in the four teams which reached the semi-finals there were no fewer than 9 past or present champions. The winning team of **Ali Forsyth** (skip), **Shannon McIlroy**, **Gary Lawson** and **Justin Goodwin** had all won the National singles titles and all except Goodwin have been world champions. In the final they defeated a team of young stars two of whom are members of the 'junior' Black Jacks. Even among the beaten semi-finalists there were four current or former National champs or Black Caps – **Bruce McNish**, **Stu Buttar**, **Mike Kernaghan** and **Tony Grantham**, and one Scottish representative, **Ryan Burnett** who plays professionally in Australia.

Four hopefuls from Levin Bowls made the trip south following up on the experience of **John Adams** and **Martin Howse** playing in the National Club championships last year. This time John and Martin were joined by **Brian Cooper** and **Peter Brown**. They were very unlucky to be drawn into a very tough Fours section. In their first game they lost narrowly to a club team from the host Taieri club. That meant that they had to win four of their other five games. The second game was against **Ken Walker** (a top singles player in the PBA) and former National champion from Dunedin, and his composite team. John lost that game 12 – 17.

Next came **Terry Scott's** composite team from North East Valley with his brother **Jim Scott** and **Andre Smith** – all former National title holders. John's team won that one 18-15, a great result. Next they beat another composite team of Barry Taggart 21-13. This meant they needed the win the last two, The first of those was against **Rob Ashton**, **Peter Sain** and **Roger Glendinning** all former National winners. This was too much and John's team went down 15 – 23. This meant that they did not get to play their final qualifying game which, ironically, was against a team skipped by **Simon Poppelton** which contained familiar names – the media men **John Mc Beth** and **Mark Benton** (from Raumati South) and **Grant Nisbett** who had only won one game. Ultimately then that first up loss to the club side from Taieri turned out to be costly. Looking quickly through the online programme I couldn't see any other names from the Kapiti Coast Centre.

It was really a similar story in the pairs. Our pair of **Brian Cooper** and **Peter Brown** qualified well but in the first round of post section they met the great **Peter Bellis** and his long time lead **Lance Tasker** both with four or five National titles with the guns handing our lads a heavy defeat on their way to the semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by Forsyth and Lawson. **John** and **Martin** had a very tough draw in section play losing to **Terry** and **Jim Scott** and to Scotsman **Burnett**.

Just a few years back there was a movement among bowlers to ban composite teams at the Nationals. Entries were down dramatically and composite teams took some of the blame as well as the costs of travel and accommodation at the major centres where the Nationals always have to be held. But there was also a strong desire from Bowls NZ, and especially the selectors, to have all the top bowlers playing in the Nationals. This year they have but they have virtually all played in composite teams. That doesn't make it easy for the average club player or a groups of mates who want to take part for the experience and the fun.

The National Champions

	Men		Women	
	Winners	Runners Up	Winners	Runners Up
Singles	Shannon McIlroy	Andrew Kelly	Jo Edwards	Katelyn Inch
Pairs	Ali Forsyth (s)	Peter Bellis (s)	Bev Morel (s)	Dale Rayner (s)
	Gary Lawson	Lance Tasker	Sherrie Cottle	Ashleigh Jeffcoat
Fours	Ali Forsyth (s)	Sheldon Bagrie-Howley(s)	Mandy Boyd (s)	Sandra Keith (s)
	Shannon McIlroy	Taylor Horn	Leigh Griffin	Amy McIlroy
	Gary Lawson	Seamus Curtin	Sheryl McLean	Serena Matthews
	Justin Goodwin	Jesse Russell	Angela Boyd	Selina Goddard

The BKC Open Mixed Fours

The first Centre event for 2018 was the *Speldhurst Country Estate* Open Mixed Fours played at the Central Bowling Club from 8 - 10 January. Staged mid week mostly in drizzly conditions it drew only a small field of 20 teams, with only one team from outside the Centre. Thirteen teams qualified for post section play on Wednesday.

Teams from the southern end of the Centre fared best with three of the four semi-finalist from Paraparaumu Beach and one from Kapiti.

Post Section results were:

Quarter-finals:

Henderson (PB) 14 Glavas (PB) 12

Vincent (PB) 14 Ryan (PB) 11

Osborne (Kapiti) 18 Sinclair- Paton (Paek) 17

Holmes (PB) 19 Newman (Victoria) 14

Semi-finals:

Henderson 17 Vincent 5

Osborne 14 Holmes 8

Final:

Henderson 16 Osborne 10

The winning teams was **Tom Henderson (s), Bill Ferguson, Jean Crafts and Elaine Creed.**

Runners up were **Arnold and Lyndsey Osborne, Bill Ward and Jane Bradbury.**

For Tom and Bill it was their 3rd Centre title Jean's 8th and Elaine's 2nd gold star.



The winning team (L to R): Bill Ferguson, Jean Crafts, Elaine Creed and Tom Henderson.

Commonwealth Games Team

The National selectors have named a predictable team for the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

Men

Ali Forsyth Triples / Fours

Blake Signal Pairs / Fours

Mike Nagy Triples / Fours

Paul Girdler Triples / Fours

Shannon McIlroy Singles ./ Pairs

Women

Jo Edwards Singles / Pairs

Katelyn Inch Triples / Fours

Mandy Boyd Triples / fours

Tayla Bruce Triples / Fours

Val Smith Pairs / Fours

Mike Kernaghan a leading contender was not available for selection.

The 'Metlifecare' Women's Open Singles

Our Women's singles was played at Paraparaumu Beach over Anniversary weekend. Ten players qualified for post section play on Monday and perhaps largely as a result of the dominance of **Audrey Stevenson** four rounds were played on the day. In sequence Audrey defeated **Diana McGill** (Levin), **Teo Thoreson** (Paekakariki), **Bronwyn McMahon** (Levin) and, in the final, **Lisa White** (Paekakariki) conceding a total of only 28 points over the four games.

Quarter finals:

L White (Paek) 21 **R Stevenson** (Para Bch) 6 **S McFarlane** (Kapiti) 21 **J Selby-Paterson** (Otaki) 19
B McMahon (Levin) 21 **J Crafts** (Para Bch) 12 **A Stevenson** (Para Bch) 21 **T Thoreson** (Paek) 7

Semi finals:

White 21 McFarlane 3 Stevenson 21 McMahon 3

Final:

A Stevenson 21 White 8

As the Centre Manager wrote on our website:

"The win in itself gives Audrey another Centre Title which is something to be proud of - but add to that the other 49 Centre Titles that Audrey has won and this gives her an amazing 50 Centre titles!!!!!!"

What an achievement Audrey and the Centre is extremely proud of you. Surely this is a 1st off in New Zealand, and if not, we would love to know who has excelled such a record."



Representative Bowls

Kapiti Coast Teams for Hexagonal Tournament

Men:

Women:

A Teams:

Singles:

G Bovey (Paek)

D McGill (Levin)

Pairs:

P Thomson (Central)

A Stevenson (s) (P B)

D Johnson (Levin)

R Stevenson (PB)

Fours:

W Coleman (s) (Paek)

E Jones (s) (PB)

N Pritchard (R S)

R Crone (Otaki)

S Mc Luskie (Paek)

J Selby-Paterson (Otaki)

G Wylie (Central)

C Rolton (PB)

B Teams:

Singles:

N Morgan (Central)

S Sweeney (Central)

Pairs:

D Taylor (s) (Central)

J Stichbury (s) (Levin)

S Neill (Central)

F Vessey (Waikanae)

Audrey's 50 Centre Titles

17 Titles while a member of Raumati South

33 Titles from Paraparaumu Beach

<u>Open Events</u>		<u>Champion-of-Champions</u>	
Singles	11	Singles	8
Pairs	5	Pairs	4
Triples	7	Triples	2
Fours	4	Fours	3
Mixed Pairs	3		
Mixed Fours	1		
Junior Singles	1		
Astrograss Mixed Triples 1			
In addition Audrey has won two Regional titles and her greatest achievement the National Women's Singles in 2006.			
What a record of achievement. Bowls NZ is not aware of any other woman who has achieved this feat.			

The 'Gipsy Caravans' Men's Open Singles

The *Bowls Kapiti Coast Men's Open Singles* sponsored by *Gipsy Caravans* was completed at Levin Bowls over Anniversary weekend. The event drew a field of 42 entries including a number of noted singles players from this Centre, as well as visitors from the Manawatu, Wairarapa and Wellington centres. Under very hot conditions on the first day the field was reduced to 24 qualifiers including all the visitors and four local juniors from the Levin and Central clubs.

By the end of the first round of post-section some leading players had been eliminated including the title holder **Rhys Hakkens** (Waikanae Beach), **Brian Schishka** (Johnson Park), and Kapiti Coast players **Gary Wylie** and **Phil Edwards**. As the competition continued one player **Peter Shepherd** (Central) began to show outstanding form to in turn defeat Gary Wylie 21 -14, Levin junior Peter Brown 21 - 17 and top singles players **Terry Johnson** and **Daryll Johnson** (both Levin) 21 - 20 and 21 - 7 respectively. Along the way some previous title holders were eliminated including last year's winner **Rhys Hakkens** and **Robbie Bennett** (Titahi Bay) winner last weekend of the Wairarapa singles.

On the other side of draw **Jim Swift**, surprisingly the only Paraparaumu Beach man in the field, had perhaps an easier path to the final. After a first round bye he defeated Central junior **Francis Minnell** and Waikanae's **Ross Vessey**, and in the semi-final rep. player **Stu McLuskie** (Paekakariki). This set up a very closely contested final with the lead changing a number of time before at 20-all Shepherd was able to take two shots to clinch the title.

The main results were:

Quarter finals:

Jim Swift (Para Bch) 21 **Ross Vessey** (Waikanae) 15

Stu McLuskie (Paek) 21 **Scott McKenzie** (Featherston) 19

Peter Shepherd (Central) 21 **Terry Johnson** (Levin) 20

Daryll Johnson (Levin) 21 **John Adams** (Levin) 17

Semi finals:

Swift 21 **McLuskie** 13 **Shepherd** 21 **D Johnson** 7

Final:

Shepherd 21 **Swift** 20



Centre Vice President Graham Fairburn presents the prize money to Peter Shepherd



Jim Swift contemplates his next shot in the final



Peter Shepherd on the mat

Levin Bowls Singles Champs

The men's and women's singles championships have just been completed.

A field of 30 took part in the men's event with 15 qualifying for post section play by winning two of their three qualifying games. Eight very good singles players reached the quarter finals where rep players **Daryll** and **Terry Johnson** met. Daryll proved too good for all his opponents and went on to win the title. The main results were:

Quarter finals: E Irving 21 N Turnbull 3 D Johnson 21 T Johnson 17
S Ballinger 21 P Selby 14 B Clelland 21 K Hayward 14

Semi finals: Ballinger 21 Clelland 20 D Johnson 21 Irving 6

Final: **Daryll Johnson 21 Shoota Ballinger 10**

Only nine women contested their singles. Rep singles player **Diana McGill** comfortably won all of her games seeing off former winners Dianne Short and Alice Spicer and defeating former Waikanae rep player **Maggie Copland** in the final. The main results were:

Semi finals: M Copland 21 M Judd 11 D McGill 21 A Spicer 11

Final: **Diana McGill 21 Maggie Copland 17**



Daryll Johnson



Diana McGill

The Winning Paraparaumu Beach Women's Interclub Teams



Premier I Team

Back: (L to R) Audrey Stevenson, Janet O'Dwyer, Eileen Jones, Rochelle Stevenson
Front: Carol Rolton, Beryl Holt, Pat Vincent



Premier II Team

Back: (L to R) Margo Taylor, Lyn Corbett (Manager), Denise Graham
Front: Elaine Creed, Helen Bethwaite, Mary Welply, Jean Crafts
Absent: Berenice Crowther

The Centre wishes to convey best wishes to the Paraparaumu Beach women and the men's Interclub winning teams from Paekakariki and Waikanae Beach taking part in the Regional finals at the Naenae Bowling Club Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February,.

Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards

This year's Bowls Kapiti Coast awards presentations will once again be held at the Waikanae Bowling Club on Sunday 27 May. Kapiti nulook will again be the major sponsor and the event MC will be John Mc Beth.

The Awards sub-committee of the Board is already planning this years event. There will be some minor tweaking of the criteria for some of the awards but other changes will be announced later.

For those who are not aware of how the Players awards are determined the following points system is used. For each Centre Open event or Champion-of-Champions points are allocated as follows:

<i>Entry to the event</i>	<i>1 point</i>
<i>Qualifying</i>	<i>2 points</i>
<i>Each post section win</i>	<i>1 point</i>
<i>Semi final win</i>	<i>2 points</i>
<i>Final win</i>	<i>2 points</i>

A maximum of 9 points can be scored in any event. The Centre Manager compiles a record of the points after each event.

Mexted Cup Men's Fours

Played at Paekakariki on Tuesday 30 January

1	Otaki	4 wins
2	Paekakariki	3 wins
3	Paraparaumu Beach	2 ½ wins

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Leila Secker Fours

This event was played at Waikanae BC on Monday 29 January.

Results:

1	Waikanae Beach	2 Wins	34 points
2	Otaki	2 Wins	32
3	Paraparaumu Beach	2 Wins	26

Arohanui Hospice Tournament

Levin Bowls

Saturday 24 February

**Some spaces for Mixed Fours teams
are still available**

Entries to:

Neville Turnbull 06 367 8089

or Ralda Adams 06 368 0024

The Tararua Quadrangular

The annual Tararua Quadrangular matches were played at Paraparaumu Beach (Women) and Central (Men) on Sunday 28 January.

The results were:

Women:	Wellington	34 points
	Kapiti Coast	18
	Wairarapa	13
	Manawatu	7
Men:	Wellington	26
	Manawatu	17
	Kapiti Coast	16
	Wairarapa	13

Congratulations to the Wellington teams who took home both trophies.