



Bowls Kapiti Coast

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Winter Bowls

While many bowlers take a rest over the winter those who play on artificial surfaces keep their game in shape with regular play. Some others take the opportunity to enjoy the warmth of the east coast of Australia. In the meantime the Tournament Committee have put together a summer programme which has plenty of variety and includes the new challenge of Bowls3Five. And, if the current pattern of weather continues our green keepers should have their turf in good condition for play in September.

Coming Events

September

- Sat 01-Sun 02 **VC Cup - Kapiti**
Mon 03-Sat 08 **Waikanae Spring Festival**
Fri 07- Sun 09 **Paraparaumu Beach Invitation Masters Pairs**
Fri 14 Sept **Bowls NZ Awards**
Sat 15 Sept **Bowls New Zealand AGM**

October

- Sat 06 Oct **BKC Open Mixed Pairs**
Sun 07 Oct **BKC Open Mixed Pairs**
Mon 08 Oct **BKC Open Mixed Pairs**
Sat 20 **BKC Men's Open Triples**
Sun 21 **BKC Men's Open Triples**
Mon 22 **BKC Men's Open Triples**

The Centre Programme

The Tournament Committee has completed the programme for the new season and it now available online on the Centre's website. There have been two changes to the committee which is now made up of: **Sam Kwok** (Convenor), **Heather Lawton**, **Helen Bethwaite**, **Graeme Fairburn**, **Robin Minnoch** and **Steve Morris**.

From the Centre AGM

The AGM of Bowls Kapiti Coast was held at the Otaki club on Sunday 29 July. It was a brief and uneventful meeting. There were no vacancies to be filled on the Board, our President and Vice President roles were not being contested, there were no Notices of Motions and no questions submitted by the clubs.

The Officers of the Centre are:

- Patroness: **Carrell Knight** (Levin Women's)
President: **Noeleen Davies** (Central)
Vice President: **Graeme Fairburn** (Waikanae)

Board Members:

- Guy Diston** (Waikanae) Chairman
Eileen Jones (Paraparaumu Beach)
Trish McKelvey (Independent)
Ken Hayward (Levin)
Sam Kwok (Waikanae Beach)

The Centre's Selectors have been appointed:

- Women: **Pat Taylor** (Kapiti)
Men: **Ian Mahoney** (Central)

The Future of Capitation Fees

A decision on the future model for assessing capitation fees for clubs will be made at the Bowls NZ meeting in September. Voting from our Kapiti Coast clubs shows strong support for the move to a formula based on the number of greens, rather than the current model based on the number of playing members.

New Challenges in the New Season

Many of the expected changes in the competitions promoted by Bowls New Zealand have been implemented for the 2018-19 season. Gone are the regional and national finals in Interclub competition (at least for next season) and the national club championships in the four disciplines. The National Intercentre has been retained but not Under 8's Intercentre, and a new national Interclub competition in the new format *Bowls3Five* is being introduced.

As a result Centres and regions have met and considered the impact of these changes on their own competitions and made decisions which it is hoped will be acceptable to their playing members. In our own Kapiti Coast centre there was a desire among a number of our clubs to give the Interclub competition the status it deserves as the premier competition between clubs. This could involve a reworked Interclub competition played over a longer period of the summer, perhaps with a new format. Despite this the attitude of some of our clubs was to get the competition over as fast as possible so there will be little change in the coming season. There is a feeling out there that the National Interclub will return in the previous format as soon as the 2019-20 season but that seems unlikely. We do however now have a new competition in our Centre with a *Bowls3Five* Interclub to be played over seven evenings next summer. Eight clubs have entered teams and many players are looking forward to this new event.

Interclub and Pennants 2018-19

The entries are in and the Tournament Committee has done the draws for all Interclub, Pennants and *Bowls3Five* competitions for the new season. Eight clubs have entered teams in both men's Premier I and Premier II Interclub - Central, Levin, Otaki & Railway, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, Paraparaumu Beach, Kapiti and Paekakariki. It is great to see Waikanae back in Premier I competition, and a new venture Otaki & Railway fielding teams in both divisions. We can expect Kapiti especially to be much stronger this season with the influx of players from Raumati South so there will be a lot of interest in the men's competitions.

The women's Interclub competition shows less change. The same six clubs are contesting Premier I though Premier II will have ten teams with two from Paraparaumu Beach. The committee have solved the problem of different disciplines being played at different clubs with this division only being played at clubs with two greens. A good solution to a problem which caused considerable angst last season.

Bowls3Five

Bowls3Five is a new fast format for the game of bowls being introduced this coming season by Bowls New Zealand. It is a two bowl Mixed Triples game played in two sets of five ends with a one end tiebreaker played if there is a drawn result after two ends. It is very similar to the televised series played in Australia and that played indoors at Naenae earlier this year. The game is designed to be completed in about an hour and likely to be more attractive to younger New Zealanders than the traditional bowls formats which can only be good for the future of the sport in this country.

There will be a televised series on *Sky Sport* played between six invited New Zealand club teams from 23 October to 28 November to launch the new format in New Zealand on the new covered green at the New Lynn club in Auckland. The six clubs taking part are **Point Chevalier** and **Royal Oak** (both Auckland), **Stokes Valley** (Wellington), **Stoke** (Nelson), **Woodend** (Canterbury) and **Gore** (Southland). Maybe not the top six clubs in the country but perhaps the high entry fee was a deterrent for many clubs.

The 2018-19 BKC Bowls3Five Interclub Competition.

Eight clubs have entered the inaugural Bowls Kapiti Coast *Bowls3Five* Interclub. Each club will field two sides consisting of three Mixed Triples teams, i.e. a total of 18 players, in this new twilight competition played on Wednesday evenings from about 6 pm this summer.

The playing dates are 14 November, 5, 12 and 19 December, 16 and 30 January and 6 February. Some of the features of the televised series will not apply. There will be no substitutes playing just a few ends, there will be no shot clock, but there will be power plays for double points, and it will still be all over quickly. The draw has been made and clubs notified. Watch for further details on the club notice boards.

The National Competition

The winning club from the Kapiti Coast will play off against the winning Manawatu club in the first round of a national knockout competition. The national competition will culminate in a top four final on 28 April. The national winner will then take part in the televised series next season.

National Singles & Pairs

Entries are now open for the National Singles and Pairs to be played in Auckland at New Year. Entries close on 20 November.

See further details on the Bowls NZ website or follow the link on the Bowls Kapiti Coast website.

Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards 2017-18

The second annual BKC Awards function was held at the Waikanae Bowling Club on Sunday 27 May. Once again there was a large attendance of bowlers and supporters and the Waikanae club had made a superb job of staging the event. The major winners of the awards were:

Bowling Awards

Representative Players of the Year: **Fane Vessey** (Waikanae) & **Daryll Johnson** (Levin)
Junior Players of the Year: **Jane Bradbury** (Kapiti) & **Peter Brown** (Levin)
Open Section Players of the Year: **Eileen Jones** and **Rex Holmes** (Paraparaumu Beach)
Veteran Players of the Year: **Pat Vincent & Rex Holmes** (Paraparaumu Beach)

Player of the Year: **Rex Holmes** (Paraparaumu Beach)

Aggregate Club Awards: Women **Paraparaumu Beach** Men **Central**

Special Awards

Administrator of the Year: **Robin Minnoch** (Paraparaumu Beach)/
Volunteer of the Year: **Norm Kopke** (Central)
Official of the Year: **Sonny McGrath** (Paraparaumu Beach)
Coach(es) of the Year: **Tom Henderson** (Para. Beach) and **Danny Madden** (Central)
Green Keeper of the Year: **Arne Jansson** (Levin)
(Natural surfaces)
Green Manager of the Year: **Greg Hutchings** (Levin)
(Artificial surfaces)
Club of the Year: **Levin**

The Centre also made a **Special Award to Audrey Stevenson** (Paraparaumu Beach) to recognize her outstanding achievement in winning 50 Centre titles.

Bowls Kapiti Coast Board Award Carrell Knight (Levin Women's)
for Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Bowls

The organizing committee wishes to thank the **Waikanae Bowling Club** for hosting this event for the past two years and invites other clubs to offer their facilities for next year. Many thanks also to the eleven experienced bowlers who happily agreed to be part of this year's judging panels for the awards. Your input was greatly appreciated.

Entries were a little down on the previous year. It is up to clubs to put forward nominations for those stalwarts who keep all of our clubs running.



Rex Holmes



Part of the audience at the Waikanae Bowling Club



Audrey - 50 titles



Players award winners

Chairman Guy Diston recognising Carrell Knight's Special Contribution to the Sport of Bowls



Raumati South BC Closes

There will be no more bowls at Raumati South. After 74 years of existence the club was put into liquidation at the end of the 2017-18 season.

It was the usual story of humble beginnings of a club founded by enthusiasts when in 1944 eighty keen bowlers put in £ 10 each (around \$ 900 in today's money) to buy the land and install an old army hut as their first clubroom. By the 1950's there were over a hundred members, the two-storey clubrooms were built and a second green (later converted to Astrograss) developed.

In a story on Bowls NZ's website the last club president **Bob Darragh** attributed the closure to falling membership and the high costs of maintenance on the buildings and grounds. It is a familiar story being repeated throughout the country. Yet Darragh quoted the 1994-95 season when the club took out all four of the men's centre titles as an example of the recent playing strength of the club. Prominent players of that era were **Reg Goston, Paul Bartosh, Gary Walton, Joan Leach and Audrey Stevenson** to name a few. A number of their players have been continued to be prominent in centre events in recent seasons.

Now prospective buyers will have spend in excess of a million dollars, perhaps a lot more, if they wish to become the new owners of the half hectare site. Developers planning to build townhouses on the site are the most likely buyers so it it will be interesting to revisit the site in the future.

Meanwhile most of the present day members seem be moving to the Kapiti club though a few are linking up with other southern clubs. If that is the case the Kapiti club should be a major force to be reckoned with in the near future.

Meanwhile - Trouble in other Centres

We are lucky on the Kapiti Coast that our Centre's affairs are in pretty good hands. That is not the case in all centres.

At the AGM of **Bowls Waikato** on 24 June the following motion was carried decisively:

"As a result of numerous irregularities in failing to follow constitutional requirements for the proper conduct of Bowls Waikato I move that this Meeting be postponed and that Bowls NZ be asked to set up an interim committee to take responsibility for the immediate affairs of the Board until such time as a General meeting can be held": B Hooper (Claudelands Bowling Club) / P Bull (Frankton Junction)

Since then Bowls New Zealand has moved to assist the Waikato centre to elect a new Board to administer the sport in the centre. An AGM/SGM is scheduled for 19 August.

Closer to home **Bowls Manawatu** are finding it very difficult find enough people to fill their Board. They have a president, three board members and no centre manager at this stage.



Signs of the times at Raumati South

Levin Bowls Cobb & Co. Invitation Triples

The annual Cobb & Co. Invitation Triples was played in brilliant weather conditions at Levin Bowls on the weekend of 11-12 August. The principle idea of this two bowl triples tournament is to give sixteen newer Levin Bowling Club players, mostly juniors, the opportunity of playing with some of Bowls Kapiti Coast most experienced and best performed bowlers. Two invited players draw a junior player from the Levin club to make up their triples team on the first morning of the event.

Play was in sets so that players knew that a loss in the first set did not mean a lost game. They are given a second chance to win the second set and then have a chance of winning the one end tie-break.

In this sixth year of the event at the start of each end the jack was placed on the three meter mark and a joker could be played in each set to earn double points if the end was won.

Play was in sections of four on the first day and after the third game the teams went into the Classic or Plate sections. In the final of the classic a Levin Bowls team with **Paul Selby** (skip) **Noel McCutcheon** and **Ron Evans** came out the winners in a tie break over Waikanae Beach's team of **Bob Liddall** (skip) with **Eddie Martin** and Levin's **Donna Gripp** to take the \$600.00 first prize.

Final Results: Cobb & Co. Classic

- 1st **Paul Selby** (s) **Noel McCutcheon**, **Ron Evans**.
- 2nd **Bob Liddall** (s) **Eddie Martin**, **Donna Gripp**.
- 3rd **Rex Holmes** (s) **Steve Glavas**, **Brian Sturzaker**.

Cobb & Co. Classic Plate

- 1st **Bronwyn McMahon** (s), **Diana McGill**, **Ralda Adams**
- 2nd **Gary Burns** (s), **Ray Hudson**, **Linda Moy**
- 3rd **Warwick Allen** (s), **Rewa Allen**, **Rob Harland**.



Cobb & Co winners Paul Selby, Ron Evans & Noel McCutcheon from the Levin Bowls.

Sponsors: **Cobb & Co. Levin
Kingston & Kemp**

Report: *Neville Turnbull*

Do Bowls Open Days still work ?

The Barrington United Bowling Club of Christchurch wanted new members and a *Have-a-Go* day was suggested. They decided to open their club to give the wider community an opportunity to have a bit of fun and learn what bowls is about. They knew open days did not draw in big crowds as they have done in the past so decided that if they were going to hold one they needed to make a good fist of it. A committee was formed and with encouragement and support from Bowls Canterbury a date was decided upon.

With the help of a small grant a poster was prepared and printed with 5000 copies delivered by club volunteers to homes in the proximity of the bowling club. The local media were approached and generously printed a news brief in their local papers. On the day all visitors were welcomed at the gate and were encouraged to 'Have a go...'

The club was well rewarded for their efforts – over 40 non-bowlers turned up and were shown how to deliver a bowl and given some basic rules. This ensured that everyone had a quality experience with some level of success as well. Whilst most adults were playing quite seriously younger members of the families were introduced to the game using smaller soft bowls and target mats.

So, was the Open Day a success? The Barrington United Club say YES! They certainly intend to keep in touch with the locals and follow up with another similar event in the future. Did it cost a lot? No. A grant was raised for the cost of the posters.

Bowls3Five Interclub Dates

The BKC *Bowls3Five* Interclub has attracted entries from eight clubs - Central, Levin, Otaki and Railway, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, Paraparaumu Beach, Kapiti and Paekakariki. The seven playing dates on Wednesdays from 6 pm are:

4 November 5, 12 and 19 December

6 and 30 January & 6 February

The winning club will play Manawatu's winning club before 17 March with the winner of that fixture to play Wellington in the national interclub competition.

Bowls Indoors - the future ?

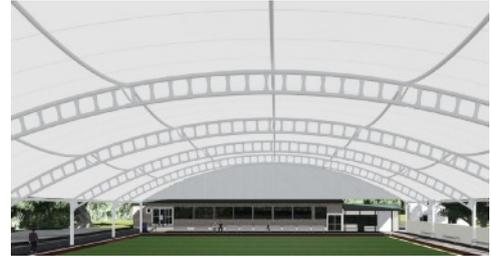
There are now a number of indoor or covered bowls facilities in New Zealand. The forerunner was the Dunedin Indoor Stadium which opened in 1995. This was followed by indoor greens at the Paritutu club in New Plymouth, Heretaunga (Hastings), Frankton Railway (Hamilton), Waverley (Invercargill), and in the last two years at Naenae (Hutt Valley) and the covered green at New Lynn (Auckland). Obviously in a country like New Zealand with its notoriously unreliable weather patterns covered greens are an attractive if expensive undertaking for clubs.



The indoor green at the Waverley club, in Invercargill



The indoor green at Bowls Hastings



The covered green at New Lynn

In April this year the Dunedin Stadium carpet has been re-laid after 23 years with a new blue playing surface similar to those used indoors in the UK. The only previous renovation was in 2008 when a new underlay was put down and the carpet turned over. The stadium has up to 1,000 members and the green is used seven days a week all year. A further 2,000 non-bowlers use the Stadium facilities each year. In 2018, Naenae has three natural greens and membership has boomed since their indoor green was built and the club now boast 700 members.



The new blue carpet at the Dunedin Bowls Stadium



Naenae's Indoor Green

So who's next?

Palmerston North was a possibility some years ago. Now it is most likely Christchurch, and maybe Masterton and on the West Coast where indoor or covered greens are being considered.

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