



# Bowls Kapiti Coast

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019

### **Planning for 2019-20**

While many of our bowlers have been enjoying a pleasant start to the winter on their artificial greens the Tournament Committee has the programme for the coming summer in place. You will notice a number of changes, particularly in relation to the scheduling of Champion-of-champions events and the Bowls3Five Interclub. Centre, representative and national events still occupy a large proportion of weekend time which in itself creates programming issues for clubs. In the meantime natural greens and their keepers are getting some respite. Back in the spring.

### **Guy Diston has Resigned**

*After seven very enjoyable years on the Board, five as its Chair I stepped down at the recent AGM. I am no longer able to offer the role the attention it deserves due to my work role changing. Fresh blood is always healthy and I am 100% certain that the board will continue to function as a well oiled machine both financially sound and sustainable.*

*I would like to thank all board Members past and present that I have had the pleasure of working with, and especially Barry Taylor who works tirelessly to manage the Centre's administration.*

*Guy Diston*

### **Coming Events**

#### **September**

Sat 28 Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Open Pairs  
Sun 29 Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Open Pairs  
Mon 30 Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Open Pairs

#### **October**

Tue 08 Pennants Round 1  
Sun 13 Kapiti Women v Whanganui & Taranaki  
Tue 22 Pennants Round 2  
Sat 26 Men's Open Triples  
Sun 27 Men's Open Triples  
Mon 28 Men's Open Triples

**BKC Centre President Noeleen Davies makes a presentation to Guy Diston to recognize his seven years of service to the Board, including the last five years as Board Chairman.**



### **Changes to the Centre Website**

Recently changes have been made to the way in which players can make online entries to centre events. Please see the details on Page 4 of this newsletter.

And, over the past week the dates, venues and draws for all Interclub and Pennants divisions have been published on the website. Go to the '**Programme and Draws**' button on the homepage and you will find the details under '**Interclub**' and '**Pennants**.' The entire Centre Programme for the 2019-20 season can also be accessed from the same button.

## ***From the Bowls Kapiti Coast AGM***

The centre's AGM was held at the Otaki club on Sunday 28 July. Prior to the meeting proper chairman **Guy Diston** led a discussion about the implications for club's of the new system of collecting Affiliation fees proposed by Bowls New Zealand (see see in the panel at the foot of this page).

The major election outcomes were:

**Officers**                      President:        **Noeleen Davies** was re-elected President  
   Vice-President: **Graham Fairburn** was re-elected Vice-President

### **Board:**

Resignations:    **Guy Diston** and **Ken Hayward**

New Member:    **Viv Hudson** (Central)

The new Board will consist of **Noeleen Davies, Viv Hudson, Eileen Jones, Trish McKelvey, Sam Kwok** and **Graham Fairburn**.

The new Board will elect a new chair and may co-opt another member to fill one vacancy.

### **Selectors:**

Women:    **Pat Taylor** (Raumati)

Men:        **Danny Madden** (Central)

### **Club news:**

The **Kapiti** club has now changed its name to be known as the **Raumati Bowling club**.

The **Manakau** club is in the process of disaffiliating from Bowls New Zealand.

## ***A new System for Collecting Fees from Clubs ?***

At its AGM in September Bowls New Zealand will be asking the delegates from the 27 centres to vote on a new system for collecting fees from clubs. If the system is approved it will not come into affect until the 2020-21 season. The main features of the proposed scheme are:

- The initial club membership fee will become an Affiliation fee based on the Playing Members as at 31 December 2018 rather than the Capitation fee used at present. No membership category will pay a levy - the club will pay a levy.
- The amount payable is calculated on the following basis - Playing Members \$ 33.18 plus GST and Students (up to the age of 25 and in full-time education) \$ 16.06 plus GST.
- It will be up to each club how they collect the money required for the Affiliation fees. They can spread the amount over their whole membership e.g. social members, non-playing members, casual members, business house players etc. They can choose to reduce their subscriptions to their playing members and raise some of the fees from galas, raffles and other fund raising ventures.
- The changes will simplify the membership system and allow clubs to have much more flexibility in how they sign up existing and prospective members.

Clubs also pay a levy to Bowls Kapiti Coast. If the new system is accepted the Board of our centre may or may not decide to raise their levies in the same manner.

## **Types of Club Membership**

Among the clubs in our centre there are a variety of types of playing membership. Waikanae and Paraparaumu Beach have Social Playing members. Levin and Central have Limited Membership. While the rule vary somewhat In each case these types of membership restrict the player from playing outside their own clubs, or representing the club in competitions. Up until now Bowls New Zealand have not recognized these types of membership having only Playing Membership and social Membership in their Constitution.

This years Bowls N Z AGM will introduce two new definitions:

**Playing Member** will mean a person who wishes to enjoy the full playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a club, including playing life members, and students. Only playing members are entitled to play at other affiliated Clubs and to enter Club championships, Centre , Regional and/or National tournaments and events.

**Social Playing Member** means a person who wishes to play bowls at their Club only. The rights and privileges of membership as a Social playing Member will be specified in the Constitution, regulation / rules of the Club, but cannot extend beyond specific club tournaments and events.

If approved at the AGM it is suggested that clubs would need to adjust their own membership categories to avoid conflict and misunderstanding.

**Social Members** Clubs can still have Social members who use the clubs bar and other facilities but not the greens.

## **Dates for National Events**

### **National Championships**

**Singles & Pairs** 2 - 8 January Canterbury, headquarters at Papanui BC.

**Fours** 27 February - 2 March Bay of Plenty, headquarters at Mt Maunganui BC.

### **Chartered Clubs**

**Women** 18 - 21 November Tokoroa

**Men** 11 - 14 February Petone

## **National Champion-of-Champions**

**Audrey Stevenson** represented the Kapiti Coast centre at the National singles finals at Naenae in early July. In section play Audrey won three of her four games over the representatives from North Harbour, Gisborne-East Coast and South Canterbury, losing only 20-21 to **Rhonda Adams** of Fitzroy, Taranaki.

In the post section Audrey beat **Jan McLeay** of Arawa, Bay of Plenty in the quarter final before going down in the semi final 6 - 21 to the eventual winner New Zealand representative **Kirsten Edwards** of Stoke, Nelson. In the final Edwards beat **Debbie White** of Hinuera, Waikato 21 - 15.

Kapiti Coast were not represented in the men's singles which was won by former Black Cap **Tony Grantham** of north Harbour.

The champion-of-champions pairs were played in the Dunedin indoor stadium. We were represented by **Dot Collis** and **Viv Hudson** from Central. They managed only one win in their four qualifying games (over Central Otago) so did not get through to post section. The title was won by **Wendy Green** and **Lynette McIntosh** of Taupo, Bay of Plenty.

We were not represented in the men's event won by **Tony Terry** and **Mike Isaacson** of Hastings B C, Hawkes Bay.

The women's fours were held at Frankton in Hamilton and the men's at Hastings B c. We were not represented in the women's event which was won by the four from the Taieri club in Dunedin but **Ray Boffa's** team from Paraparaumu Beach made a strong showing. The team of **Ray** skipping, **Tom Henderson, Gary Hopkins and John Evans** won four of their five games in section play losing only to **Terry Johnson's** Northern club team from Manawatu. They won their section but were beaten in the quarter final 8 - 10 by the the Whangarei team from Northland. Northland went on to beat Manawatu in the semi final and finally took the title by beating Black Jack **Tony Grantham's** team from North Harbour.

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## **Changes to Online Entries System**

This season the Centre website is introducing a new system for entering and viewing **Online Entries, Programmes and Results**.

On the left side Menu of the Homepage there is a button which allows you to access the new **Bowls Calendar**.

All events have included within the Bowls Calendar. To use the new system:

- Press the **Bowls Calendar** button.
- Go to the month(s) of the events you wish to enter and click on the closing dates for your chosen events.
- Then click on the **entry form** for you to complete and send.
- After the event is closed you can then click on the start date of your event to select either the **Programme** or later the **Results**.

Entry forms will continue to be available through the normal way until users become familiar with the calendar and in the meantime the entry form and check entries features can still be able to use **Entries** and **Check Entries** buttons accessed from the menu at the top of the homepage.

The Centre is hopeful that members will find the calendar a simple and easy way to access all documents associated with an event.

## **A Ranking System for Bowlers !!**

A new ranking system could be the catalyst to identifying some of the country's best performing players, with Bowls New Zealand set to capture results and data to spotlight the best of the best. In a similar method to Bowls Australia, the New Zealand ranking system will rank every registered full playing-member in the country, encompassing information from a large variety of events held throughout the season.

In an initial testing phase, Bowls New Zealand Clubs Communications Manager **Martin Mackenzie**, who is responsible for overseeing the entirety of the system, has been busy working with pilot information captured from last season's results in all major tournaments held throughout the country.

*"We looked at what Australia were doing and what some of our centres were doing as far as coming up with their Player of the Year. So, we thought it was time we (as Bowls NZ) started to rank our top 50-100 players, and from there it went on to why can't everyone have some sort of ranking at every level,"* MacKenzie said.

*"Top bowlers can compete in the top 100, while the rest of us down in the thousands can also compete against each other within our rankings and win bragging rights. We want people to be able to go on to the website and look at where they are positioned in their club, their centre and where they sit nationally."*

The top 10 rankings for 2018-19 are:

**Women: 1 Debbie White 2 Kirsten Edwards 3 Lisa Prideaux 4 Selina Goddard 5 Leigh Griffin**

**6 Linda Ralph 7 Amy McIlroy 8 Catherine Bien 9 Ling Qu 10 = Estelle Hickey 10 = Val Smith**

**Men: 1 Taylor Horn 2 Andrew Kelly 3 Shannon McIlroy 4 = Richard Hocking 4= Gary Lawson**

**6 Kelvin Scott 7 Jordan King 8 = Dean Elgar 8 = Chris Lowe 10 Lance Pascoe**

So, you are not ranked yet! Watch for further rankings. Martin MacKenzie sees this as a five year project.

## ***Levin Bowls Short Format Tournament***

On Sunday 6 July Levin Bowls held its annual tournament involving short-format games. Eight years ago the club broke new ground by being one of the first in the country to hold a tournament of this type which was played on the club's Dales carpet green. The tournament included both pairs and singles games and because of its popularity was soon filled by local players.

The main event was the two-bowl, two-end pairs. Sixteen pairs played a round robin format in which each pair played all of the other fifteen teams over a three hour period. A number of top-rated players involved there were some excellent close matches and spectators witnessed bowls of a high standard. By the end of the competition the leading composite team of **Shoota Ballinger** and **Janet Olliver** had a ten win record from their fifteen games. All the other prize winners, second to fifth were only separated by the drawn games with eight wins each. In second place were the Levin Bowls players **Rex Spicer** and **Linda Moy** with eight wins and five draws. In third place, Levin's **Bronwyn McMahon** teamed up with Centrals **Paula Vercoe** and recorded eight wins and four draws. Fourth went to **Rob Cotter** and **Arnold Taiaroa** having eight wins and three draws and the husband and wife team of **Les** and **Liz Galloway** gained fifth place with eight wins and two draws. The 'Lucky' team prize went to another husband and wife team of **Bob** and **Wendy Whitelaw**.

The pair's event was followed by a Knockout Singles event also played with two bowls over two ends with an extra end played if scores were even after the two ends. After around an hour's play this event resulted in a well earned victory for local **Graham Williams** of the Levin Bowls. Graham an under rated player, nicknamed 'Wobbly,' showed skill in nailing his first bowl which always put the pressure on all his opponents. In the final he defeated club member **Rob Cotter**, the beaten semi-finalists were **Wendy Whitelaw** and **Peter Brown**. The road to the final for Graham Williams was wins over **Shoota Ballinger**, **Alice Spicer**, **Julie Stichbury**, **Peter Brown** and **Rob Cotter**.

At the presentation after the end of play a number of players commented on their enjoyment after playing in what was for a lot of players a completely new event in comparison with the usual bowls event in which the winners are determined over a period of days rather than a few hours. Levin Bowls were congratulated for their initiative in hosting this event.

*Neville Turnbull*



***Pairs winners Shoota Ballinger and Janet Olliver and singles winner Graham Williams with tournament convenor Neville Turnbull.***

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