



Bowls Kapiti Coast

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Review

Another season of summer bowls is rapidly drawing to a close. A couple of champion-of-champions titles are still to be decided, the Bill Gibbons and Carrell Knight tournaments and two rep fixtures are still to be played. It has been a season where few events have been affected by weather and most clubs have been able to maintain their greens in good condition.

Next season will no doubt bring many new challenges. The future of the Interclub competition is up for debate. Whether there will be regional playoffs wont be decided until the regional meeting on 6 May. That means that the Centre programme will not be finalised so early this year which will impact on club's planning. Then too it is likely that 'Bowls3Five' will be with us in some still to be defined form. Still, there should be some more free weekends for clubs to use next season as a result of the axed national events.

Sadly we will not be seeing the green and gold strip of Raumati South on our greens next season.



Alan Bradbury leading for his club team in the Champion-of-Champions fours final at Levin.

Coming Events

April

- Wed 18 **Bowls NZ meeting at Central BC - 9.15 am**
- Sat 21 **Bill Gibbons / Carrell Knight - Central, Levin Women's**
- Sun 22 **Bill Gibbons / Carrell Knight - Central, Levin Women's**
- Sat 28 **C-of-C Triples - Waikanae**
- Sun 29 **C-of-C Triples - Waikanae**

May

- Tue 01 **Nominations close for Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards**
- Tue 01 **Pennants Round 7 (Div III Men, Div II Women only)**
- Wed 02 **North v South (re-scheduled)**
- Sun 06 **Kapiti v Hutt Valley**
- Sun 06 **Regional meeting - Palmerston North BC**
- Sat 12 **Quadrangular 5 yrs and under**
- Sun 28 **Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards - Waikanae BC, 2 pm**
- Wed 31 **Nominations for Convenor of Selectors close**



On the head in the Paraparaumu Beach v Waikanae C-of-C fours final

Results from the National Tournaments

The National Intercentre, Christchurch, 22-24 March

Our men's team was drawn in a section of 6 teams - Northland, Thames Valley, Gisborne-East Coast, Kapiti Coast, Nelson and South Otago. The team won 7 of their 15 games to finish fourth in the section with only the top two teams (Northland and Nelson) progressing to the play offs. Wellington defeated Dunedin in the final. The pairs and fours won two games each and **Daryll Johnson** won three singles games.

The women's team drew a very tough section of North Harbour, Thames Valley, Hawke's Bay, Kapiti Coast, Canterbury and Dunedin. They won 8 of their 15 games which placed them fourth in the section from which Canterbury and Thames Valley progressed. In the final Canterbury beat Northland. Best performed were our pair of **Audrey** and **Rochelle Stevenson** who won four of their five games.

The National Under 8's Intercentre, Auckland, 15-17 March

In Auckland our men's Under 8's team drew a section of five teams - Auckland, Thames Valley, Taranaki, Kapiti Coast and South Canterbury. The team won five of their 12 games which left them placed fourth with Auckland and Thames Valley going through. The title was won by Bay of Plenty who beat North Harbour in the final.

Our best performed team was the Under 8's women who were the only Kapiti Coast team to qualify for the play offs. In their section were Auckland, Thames Valley, Whanganui, Kapiti Coast and Central Otago. They won 6 ½ of their 12 games top finish a good second to Auckland who went on to take out the final over Waikato. In post section they played the strong Dunedin team losing all three games. Even so it was the best result for a Kapiti Coast team in a national event for many years so the women can be very pleased with their efforts. Auckland beat Waikato in the final.

In checking through these results and other material it is obvious that the playing strength of some of the centres is much greater. Canterbury, for instance, has 55 clubs to select from compared to the 13 on the Kapiti Coast. Still our teams played with a great deal of heart and the selectors and managers reports all showed that they played to the best of their abilities.



The Kapiti Coast Under 8's team.

Back (l to r): Pat Taylor (Selector), Fane Vessey, Julie Stichbury, Samantha Sweeney.

Front: Denise Graham, Bella Law, Kaye Lahman, Trina Kirikiri (Manager) and Beryl Carter.

Champion-of-Champions Singles

This year's singles champions were found at Central and Waikanae Beach over the weekend 24-25 February.

Men's Final **Rhys Hakkens** (Waikanae Beach) 21 **Daryll Johnson** (Levin) 9

This was the 6th Centre title for Rhys.

Women's Final **Audrey Stevenson** (Paraparaumu Bch) 21 **Brenda Magill** (Waikanae) 16

The 51st Centre title for Audrey.

Junior Men's Final **Sam Neill** (Central) 21 **Graeme Yeoman** (Waikanae) 11

Junior Women's Final **Krys Andrews** (Waikanae) 21 **Maureen Beaver** (Otaki) 4

Bowls NZ Making Radical Changes

Bowls NZ's new CEO **Mark Cameron** has wasted little time before bringing some sweeping changes to how our sport is to be organized. Following hard on the heels of a Census of all bowling clubs in the country some major changes have been announced to our national competitions. In summary they are:

- The National championships will be split into two parts. The singles and pairs will be staged in one centre in early January and the fours in another Centre in late February.
- There will no longer be a National Interclub competition. Centres and regions are free to make their own decisions on what sort of competition they want to run and whether there will be regional finals.
- The National Intercentre event will continue but the National Under 8's Intercentre will not.
- The National club finals in mixed pairs, singles, pairs, triples and fours have been canned.
- To try to capture the market for a younger cohort of players a new televised league *Bowls3Five* is to be established at a covered green (Auckland or Wellington) and involves teams of three (at least one female) along the lines of the Australian event. This type of event is likely to be offered to casual bowlers as well though no details are available yet.

As well those changes Bowls NZ has proposed a new system of capitation fees which needs to be approved by the National AGM before it can be implemented.

If you are interested in hearing more about these changes **Bowls NZ's Mark Cameron is holding an information meeting at Central on Wednesday 18 April at 9.30 am.**

Some Highlights from the Bowls NZ Census

There are 500 clubs in NZ - 89 less than in 2010

The largest Centre is Canterbury with 55 clubs - Buller has 6

There are 25,534 full playing members and 77,399 casuals

There are 144 school age members

47% of full playing members are over 70 years of age

10 % are under 50.

92 clubs have between 100 and 200 members

Average club size is 51 full playing members

51 % of clubs run regular business house bowls

31 % are used by other clubs

5 % of clubs run an elite tournament

89 % of clubs have no paid employees

46 % pay their green keeper some compensation - 9 % have 3 or more greens

23 % of greens are artificial - 63 % are *Tigerturf*

38 % own their land, 89 % own their clubrooms

60 % have buildings over 50 years old

Average club turnover is about \$ 70,000

Bar income accounts for about 45 % of turnover for the average club

Commonwealth Games Results

New Zealand's results at the games were well below expectations with most of our teams going out at quarter final stage. **Jo Edwards** won gold in the singles and **Mark Noble, Barry Wynks** and **Bruce Wakefield** took a silver in the B6/7/8 triples missing out on gold on the last shot of the match. There was a definite drop in performance in comparison to the results at the World event last year.

Overall it was Australia and Scotland that came out on top.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Australia	5	2	0
Scotland	2	2	1
South Africa	0	3	2
Wales	1	2	0
New Zealand	1	1	0
England	0	0	3
Malaysia	1	0	0
Canada	0	2	0
Cook Islands	0	0	1
Norfolk Island	0	0	1
Malta	0	0	1

Men's and Women's Masters

The Kapiti Coast teams at the men's and women's Masters tournament both finished in fourth place of the six teams competing.

The final placings were as follows:

Men	Women
1 st Wellington	Wellington
2 nd Hutt Valley	Wanganui
3 rd Manawatu	Hutt Valley
4 th Kapiti Coast	Kapiti Coast
5 th Wanganui	Manawatu
6 th Wairarapa	Wairarapa

Best results came from the men's pairs and triples who won three of their five games and the women's triples who won two and a half games.

The Kapiti Coast teams were:

	Men	Women
Singles	P Shepherd	D Collis
Pairs	R Holmes (s) S Glavas	B Crowther (s) M Welply
Triples	E Irving (s) P Selby B Woolston	J O'Dwyer (s) H Bethwaite E Creed
Fours	I Mahoney (s) R Hudson G Burns A Bradbury	H Lawton (s) C Knight B McMahon V Hudson

Champion of Champions Fours

The Champion-of-Champion were played under fine conditions on a well prepared Levin green on 14 - 15 April.

The major results were:

Women's Fours

Semi finals: Levin 18 Paekakariki 11 Levin Women's 17 Otaki 14

Final: Levin 16 Levin Women's 10

The winning Levin team was **Bronwyn McMahon (s), Julie Stichbury, Liz Galloway** and **Diana McGill**. For Bronwyn and Liz it was their first BKC titles and the 3rd for Diana and 2nd for Julie.

The Levin Women's team was **Barbara Grout (s), Maureen Johnson, Dorothy Harper** and **Carol Seal**.

Men's Fours

Semi finals: Paraparaumu Beach 18 Levin 13 Waikanae 17 Central 16
Final: Paraparaumu Beach 25 Waikanae 17

The winning team was **Rex Holmes (s), Ged Ebbrell, Steve Glavas & Alan Bradbury**. It was Ged's 3rd title, Alan and Steve's 5th (earning them their Gold stars) and for Rex a huge 24 Kapiti Coast titles.

The Waikanae team was **Dave Christie (s), Lauchie McAllister, Rex Sleeman** and **Mike Burgess**.



The winning women's four from Levin Bowls



Paraparaumu Beach men's C-of-C Fours winners

Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards

The Bowls Kapiti Coast Awards will once again be presented at the **Waikanae Bowling Club on Sunday 28 May at 2 pm. John McBeth**, no doubt with stories from the Commonwealth Games, will be our MC and the major sponsor will again be *nulook Kapiti*. Nomination forms and the criteria used for judgements are with club secretaries now and nominations for the various awards close on **Tuesday 1 May**.

Some of the awards have been modified. Administrator and Volunteer have been merged into a single category and there are now separate awards for Green Keeper and Green Manager of natural and artificial greens respectively. There have also been some changes to the criteria for some awards so please check. Clubs or individuals may make nominations for the following awards:

Administrator / Volunteer of the Year
Coach of the Year
Official of the Year
Green Keeper of the Year - Natural surfaces
Green Manager of the Year - Artificial surfaces
Club of the Year
Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Bowls

The various awards will be judged by a panel of respected bowlers though the full Bowls Kapiti Coast Board will select any potential recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Bowls award.

Please note that Certificates for representative players will be presented to a club representative at the awards this year rather than be forwarded to clubs for presentation.



Bowling clubs in this country face many challenges. At the end of this season the Kapiti Coast is to lose one long-established club. That will benefit the clubs those members migrate to. Others are struggling to retain their members let alone attract new ones. Yet some in other parts of the country favoured by location or resources are thriving. There were 589 clubs in New Zealand in 2010. As a result of closures and amalgamations there are now 500. How many will there be along the Kapiti Coast in 2025 ?

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