



Bowls Kapiti Coast

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Bowls 2020 - 21

The 2020-21 season is now well under way. Hopefully the problems of the past few months are now all behind us. Already three centre open events have been held as well as the opening two rounds of Pennants.

The long delayed presentations of centre trophies and certificates will be held at the Otaki Bowling Club on Tuesday 27 October at 6 pm. There will be light finger food provided and the club's bar will be open for the occasion so it would be great to see a full muster of players who won events last season. Club representatives will collect trophies won by their clubs and certificates to distribute to rep players from their clubs.

Bowls Kapiti Coast Officers for 2020 - 21

President: **Noeleen Davies**
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Men: **Danny Madden**
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Centre Events

Open Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

The first Centre Open event of the new season - the Mixed 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs - has been completed. There were 38 teams entered with, unusually, only a single entry from outside the centre. A total of 24 teams qualified for post-section play and by the end of play the final result was:

The composite team of **Rhys Hakkens** and **Cheryl Henshilwood** defeated **Eddie Martin** and **Heather Holme** of Waikanae Beach 15 - 10 in the final.

The other semi-finalists were the Central teams of **Dot Collis** and **Dereck Taylor**, and **Ian Mahoney** and **Dene Norton**.

Women's Open Triples

Won by the Paraparaumu Beach team of **Berenice Crowther** (s), **Helen Bethwaite** and **Helen Bevin** who defeated the Central team of **Timeri Sanders** (s), **Marei Bevan** and **Dene Norton** 21- 9 in the final.

The other semi-finalists were the Central teams of **Teo Thoreson** and **Dot Collis**.

Coming Events

October

Sat 24 BKC Men's Open Triples
Sun 25 BKC Men's Open Triples
Mon 26 BKC Men's Open Triples
Tue 26 Centre Presentations: Otaki 6 pm
Sat 31 BKC M & W Open Fours

November

Sun 01 BKC M & W Open Fours
Mon 02 BKC M & W Open Fours
Wed 04 BKC Mixed Veterans
Sat 07 Women's Interclub Day 1
Sun 08 Men's Interclub Day 1
Sat 21 Women's Interclub Day 2
Sun 22 Men's Interclub Day 2
Tue 24 Pennants Round 3
Sun 29 M & W Kapiti Coast v Wairarapa

Kapiti Coast v Wanganui

Our Kapiti coast rep teams made a very good start to the season in the annual rep fixture with Wanganui played at the Central club on Sunday 11 October. The overall result was a win for Kapiti Coast by 31 points to 25. The Kapiti Coast men had a clean sweep winning the senior men's event by 7 points to 5 and the under 8's by 10 points to 2.

The Kapiti Coast senior women lost by 6 points to 10 while the women's under 8's drew 8 points all, but won on points differential.

Our teams were:

Senior Men	Under 8's Men	Senior Women	Under 8's Women
G Bovey	D Taylor	D McGill	G Michael
S Thomas	P Brown	P Taylor	L Rayner
R Boffa	P Albert	T Thoreson	F Burgess
G Collett	S Duncan	R Crone	P Vercoe
N Bovey	M Harvey	V Hudson	J Watt
P Thomson	N Morgan	A Stevenson	K Andrews
I Mahoney	G Yeoman	R Stevenson	M Beaver
P Rybinski	B Bayley	E Jones	H Bevin
S Neill	M Jones	D Graham	J Bradbury

National Events in 2021

The dates for the season's National Events are:

Sa 2 - F 9 Jan **National Pairs & Singles - Auck./N.Harb**

M 18 - Su 24 Jan Taranaki Men's Open Fours

Tu 26 - Su 31 Jan Taranaki Women's Open Fours

Tu 9 - Th 11 Feb **Trans-Tasman International**

Th 25 - Su 27 Feb **National Fours - Central Otago**

M 1 - W 3 Mar National Mixed Pairs - Central Otago

Tu 2 - F 5 Mar Golden Oldies - Palmerston North

Th 18 - Sun 21 Mar **National Intercentre - Wellington**

Th 15 - Su 18 Apl **National Interclub 7's - Canterbury**

Sa 12 - Su 13 Jun Bowls3Five Finals TBC

F 2 - Su 4 Jul National C of C Singles

F 9 - Su 11 Jul National C of C Pairs

F 16 - Su 18 Jul National C of C Triples

F 23 - Su 25 Jul National C of C Fours

Levin RSA's Green Debate

The Levin RSA Bowling Club is no more. That does not mean that the future of the property is yet decided. The parent Levin RSA has voted to sell the land but the sale of the land is opposed by the Clark family, descendants of Mrs Maud Lett (previously Clark) who donated the land to the RSA in 1947.

The Clarks want the land returned to the family so that it can be used by the community and feel that they have have been ignored by the RSA.

It would be a pity if the green could not remain in its present state. It is a very good artificial playing surface, laid only a few years ago, and has plenty of useful life remaining. The centre has already used it for Pennants this season when the Levin cotula green was unplayable. It may have a future use for the Levin Women's club, or even further use by the Central club?

From Bowls New Zealand

The latest statistics on bowls membership throughout the country make interesting reading. Over the year from 31 December 2018 to 31 December 2019 the national patterns were as follows:

Full Playing Members increased from **24,154** to **25,182** an increase of **4.26 %**
Social Members decreased from **14,849** to **13,331** a drop of **10.29%**
Casual Players increased from **99,587** to **113,326** an increase of **13.81 %**.

*Note: Bowls N Z counts a casual players each and every time they take part in an event.
(I am sure some of our club secretaries are not aware that this is the case when completing their annual returns.)*

The regional patterns are interesting too.

Full Playing members increases were:

Northern Region + 5.45 %
Central Region + 2.90 %
Southern Region + 3.70 %

The fastest growth in Full Playing members was in the **Counties-Manakau** centre with + 23.15 %, followed by Wairarapa with 22.22 %, Far North with + 14.19 %, Central Otago with + 9.94 %, Nelson + 9.89 %, Auckland + 9.00 % and Northland with + 8.50 %.

On the other hand the greatest rates of decline in Full Playing membership were in South Otago with -5.79 % decline, followed by North Otago - 4.81 %, **our own Kapiti Coast centre with - 4.15 %** and Southland - 4.13 %.

In fact Kapiti Coast had the greatest decline in Full Playing membership in the Central region. The only other centre to experience decline was Gisborne-East Coast. Some of the Kapiti Coast decline can be attributed to the closure of the Raumati South and Manakau over the period, and since then the closure of Levin RSA.

So what are the northern clubs and centres doing to encourage growth in their Full Playing membership ? Over the past decade or so the Kapiti Coast centre's attitude has been to leave player recruitment to the initiative of the individual clubs. Perhaps it is now time for the centre to take a much more proactive stance in promoting our sport in the community and not leave it entirely up to the dwindling number of clubs to try to attract new players to their clubs. A few years ago the centre was more active in supporting Bowls N. Z. 's 'Have-a-Go' at bowls days.

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