



Bowls Kapiti Coast

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Tough Times For All

The current national lockdown has made life difficult for everyone - the bowling community included. With no bowling activity permitted green keepers need to carry out vital maintenance work. So far government has resisted Bowls NZ's pleas for basic work to be able to be carried out.

Board Chair Graham Fairburn reports that while he and the Centre Administrator are in daily contact no meetings can be held, the centre accounts cannot be finalised or audited, and dates for the AGM cannot be finalised. It may well be that the term of the present officers may have to extend beyond the usual 12 months.

The Tournament Committee are working on the programme for the new season and are ready to resume the current programme once given the green light.

In the meantime it is a case of wait and see.

On 6 April Bowls New Zealand made a further direct plea to Government Ministers and MBIE regarding concerns for bowling club greens, whilst at Alert Level 4.

They have asked for crucial maintenance of natural bowling greens in New Zealand to be carried out while the country is at Level 4.

The two key points are:

- Bowling club green maintenance can be managed by one person, once a week; and**
- A simple weekly mow, spray (for disease) and seed collection will save our bowls community millions, if agreed to.**

The End of Summer Bowls

Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update

As of Monday 23 March, Bowls New Zealand require ALL bowling clubs to cease ALL activity (until further notice).

New Zealand is at Alert Level 3 and will move to Alert Level 4 within the next 48 hours.

Stay at home people – but stay connected. We ALL need to be vigilant in our response to Covid-19 and the spread into our communities.

We have a number in our bowls community that live alone and/or are isolated from their family and friends due to Covid -19. Please, pick up the phone, connect by email or Facebook – look out for your fellow bowlers.

If you have a question, concern or simply want to have a chat then get in touch with any of the Bowls New Zealand team.

Kia Kaha New Zealand

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Since then Bowls NZ have advised:

- The world championships have been postponed till next year**
- A new schedule for National events in 2020-21 will be sent to clubs in about three weeks**
- Bowls NZ will be contacting clubs over the next 6-8 weeks about the 2019 Census.**
- Club AGM will likely be delayed. The Covid -19 virus lockdown has created a situation which may make the dates specified in our Constitution unworkable**

A government decision on when work on greens can resume is urgently needed.

Champion-of-Champions Singles

The Champion-of Champions singles were played at Central on Saturday 7 March. The results were:

Women

Quarter-finals: Paraparaumu Beach 21 Otaki 20 Raumati 21 Levin 9
Paekakariki 21 Central 15 Waikanae 21 Levin RSA 20

Semi-finals: Paraparaumu Beach 21 Raumati 3 Paekakariki 21 Waikanae 13

Final: **Audrey Stevenson** (Paraparaumu Beach) 21 **Teo Thoreson** (Paekakariki) 10

Congratulations to Audrey on her 56th Centre title.

Men

Quarter-finals: Otaki 21 Otaki Railway 9 Paekakariki 21 Raumati 6
Waikanae 21 Waikanae Beach 18 Paraparaumu Beach 21 Waikanae 16

Semi-finals: Otaki 21 Paekakariki 20 Paraparaumu Beach 21 Waikanae 16

Final: **Paul Selby** (Otaki) 21 **Jim Swift** (Paraparaumu Beach) 18

Congratulations to Paul and commiserations to Jim on another runner-up outing.



Audrey & Teo



Paul & Jim

Champion-of-Champions Junior Singles

The Junior event was played at Waikanae Beach on Sunday 8 March. The major results were:

Women

Semi-finals: Waitarere Beach 21 Central 15 Otaki 21 Waikanae Beach 20

Final: **Gloria Michael** (Waitarere Beach) 21 **Maureen Beaver** (Otaki) 17

Men

Semi-finals: Paekakariki 21 Raumati 16 Central 21 Waikanae Beach 1

Final: **Dylan Thomas** (Central) 21 **Gary Hopkins** (Paekakariki) 8



Gloria & Maureen



Gary & Dylan

Levin Bowls Arohanui Hospice Gala

Levin Bowls held its 4th **Arohanui Hospice charity gala** on Saturday 7 March. The Hospice set up a clinic in Levin to meet the needs of about one third of its clients who live in the Horowhenua district. The club sees this gala as an opportunity to extend the role that the club plays in the local community through its work with the *Business House Bowls* programme which it has run every summer for the past 28 years.

Tournament organizer **Neville Turnbull** said over 80 local businesses and individuals had made donations of money and/or goods for the auction or to be used as prizes. A total of 26 teams of fours from Palmerston North to Paekakariki played, but mostly local teams filled the field.

John McBeth was Guest Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the players. During the lunch break auctioneer **Arne Jansson** auctioned off a range of goods and services donated by local businesses which were eagerly snapped up by the players.

At the end of play Horowhenua District Mayor **Bernie Wanden** presented the prizes and **Mary Timms**, Arohanui Hospice, Levin Area Representative presented the Arohanui Hospice Trophy to the winning team.

As a result of this event the Levin Bowling Club will be able to hand over a cheque for approximately \$ 11,000 to the Hospice, bringing the total funds raised for the Hospice over the four events to approximately \$ 45,000.



The winning fours team (back) Les and Liz Galloway and (front) Carol and Trevor Turnbull.



The 'best dressed' team (L to R) Denise McKavanaugh, Mary Timms, Madison Leong (mascot), Louise Leong, Frank Leong and Mayor Bernie Wanden.

Levin Bowls wishes to acknowledge all of the individuals and businesses who contributed to the success of this event.

From the Masters

Our Women's Masters team continued the series of great results for the Centre's women's teams by taking out the Masters tournament played at the Aramoho club in Whanganui on 9 - 10 March. Three teams - Kapiti Coast, Wanganui and Wellington all finished on 26 points after two days play but Kapiti Coast won the trophy on differential points.



The Winning Masters team at Aramoho

Congratulations to all the players and selectors on a great result.



Singles player Peter Shepherd strikes a typical pose while driving.

Men's Masters

The Men's Masters team played in the Hutt Valley over the same two days but were not able to match the result achieved by our women.

Paraparaumu Beach Interclub Champions for 2019-20



Women's Premier I Champions

***Back (L to R): Audrey Stevenson, Berenice Crowther, Eileen Jones
Front: Pat Vincent, Rochelle Stevenson, Beryl Hault, Jean Crafts.***

Men's Premier I Champions

***Back (L to R): Steve Glavas, Alan Bradbury, Tom Henderson, Ged Ebbrell
Front: Rex Holmes, Jim Swift, John Evans, Ray Boffa.***



Paraparaumu Beach Women's Classic

The Paraparaumu Beach club held their Women' Classic fours on 16 - 17 March. After benign weather conditions on the Monday cold southerly winds made life difficult on the second day with the mercury only reaching 14 C. The winning team and the runners up were from the Central club while the home club provided the third place getters.



The winning team
(L to R): Diana McGill, Marei Bevan,
Timeri Sanders, Teo Thoreson



Runners up
(L to R): Dene Norton, Dot
Collis, Viv Hudson, Jenny Watt



Third place getters
(L to R): Berenice Crowther, Pat
Vincent, Carol Rolton, Jean Crafts

So What Happens to an Abandoned Bowling Green ?



The View from Over the Fence of
the former Natural Green at the
old Raumati South Bowling Club.



Contrast - the new Tiger Turf Green
at the Raumati Bowling Club.

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until bowls can resume.