



Bowls Kapiti Coast

NEWSLETTER MAY 2021

Well Done Tournament Committee!

Congratulations to the Tournament Committee of our centre for undertaking the biggest review of our centre programme in recent times. The review was a timely response to the widespread dissatisfaction with a number of aspects of this season's events - particularly the problem of 'byes' which caused a lot of concern in Interclub and Pennants over the season.

Well done too to the clubs for supporting the detailed questionnaire and providing a lot of insightful and constructive feedback to the Tournament Committee at a 3 ½ hour meeting at Otaki. As a result clubs can expect a considerable amount of change to the programme for 2021-22. Changes are likely to include 'finals days' for centre open events and some Champion-of-Champions events being played prior to Xmas. The Interclub competition will be spread over a longer period of time with clubs being able to enter a second team in Premier I, and time limits for completing games to reduce the length of Interclub days.

A number of weekday events are also likely to be axed which will allow clubs more breathing space and hopefully encourage more players to be involved in weekend centre events.

Coming Events

May

Sat 01 M & W WKWM 5 yrs & under: Wellington
Sat 15 C of C Fours: Waikanae
Sun 16 C of C Fours: Waikanae
Sat 22 C of C Triples: Otaki
Sun 23 C of C Triples: Otaki
Sat 29 C of C Reserve day
Sun 30 C of C M & W Junior Singles
Sun 30 Nominations close for BKC positions

Bowls Kapiti Coast Officers 2020 - 21

President: **Noeleen Davies**
Vice-President: **Graham Fairburn**

Board Chair: **Trish McKelvey**

Board: **Bea Gray**
Viv Hudson
Eileen Jones
Sam Kwok

Selectors:

Men: **Danny Madden**
Women: **Jim Swift**

BKC Centre Officers for 2021-22 Year

The Centre needs to appoint Officers for the 2021-22 season at or before the AGM in July this year. Applications and nominations for positions must close on 30 May 2021. As both clubs and individual members of the Centre can make nominations please start consideration and discussions among your groups, clubs and friends for suitable candidates for the following positions:

Elected Officers - President

- Vice President

- **Convenor of the Tournament Committee** (a new selection process this year)

Appointed Officers

- **Board Members** - 3 positions (available on rotation)

- **Convenor of Selectors** - Men's rep teams

This is an important opportunity to make direct contributions to the Centre and its functions, an opportunity to do more than just talk and be frustrated by current efforts.

Centre Awards

This year's Centre Awards will be presented at the Central Bowling Club, Levin on Saturday 19 June at 1 pm. (More details later.)

BKC Open Singles Championships

The men's and women's open singles were played over the weekend of 27 - 29 March - the men's event at Paraparaumu Beach and the women's at the Central club in Levin.

Men's Open Singles

There were 44 starters in the men's singles with over half the field from the Central and Paekakariki clubs and only two entries from outside the centre. There were 22 qualifiers - half of the field so two days were required to complete post section play. Post section results were:

Quarter-finals:

N Morgan (Central) 21 F Minnell (Central) 8 **G Welply** (Central) 21 R Hakkens (Waik Bch) 20
J Swift (PB) 21 G Hedgman (PB) 10 D Taylor (Central) 21 M Wood (PB) 20

Semi-finals

G Welply (Central) 21 N Morgan (Central) 7 **J Swift** (Para Bch) 21 D Taylor (Central) 14

Final:

Gerry Welply (Central) 21 Jim Swift (Paraparaumu Beach) 11

It was a 1st centre title for Gerry and a 3rd time runner-up place for Jim, though Jim has won this event before.

Women's Open Singles

There were 22 entries in the women's singles and eight qualifiers so the event was able to be completed over two days. The post section results were:

Quarter-finals:

A Stevenson (PB) 21 R Stevenson (PB) 14 D McGill (Central) 21 L Galloway (Levin) 13
L White (Paekakariki) 21 T Sanders (Central) 9 F Vessey (PB) 21 K Andrews (Waikanae) 15

Semi-finals:

A Stevenson (PB) 21 D McGill (Central) 13 **L White** (Paekakariki) 21 F Vessey (PB) 10

Final:

Lisa White (Paekakariki) 21 Audrey Stevenson (Paraparaumu Beach) 13



Lisa White



Audrey Stevenson

The National Intercentre

The National Intercentre finals were played at a variety of clubs in Wellington and the Hutt Valley from 18 - 21 March and resulted in victories for Southland in the men's event and Nelson in the women's.

Men's Results

Our Kapiti Coast team played in Section 2 against Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Nelson, North Otago and Dunedin.

Round 1 v North Otago	Lost 0 - 3	Singles	Won 1 lost 4
Round 2 v Nelson	Lost 1 - 2	Pairs	Won 1 drew 1 lost 3
Round 3 v Dunedin	Won 2½ - ½	Fours	Won 4 lost 1
Round 4 v Hawkes Bay	Lost 1 - 2	Total	Won 6 drew 1 lost 8
Round 5 v Wairarapa	Lost 1 - 2		

The team finished 5th of the 6 teams. The section was won by **Dunedin** with **Wairarapa** runners-up.

Post Section:

Semi finals: Southland beat Wellington 2 - 1 Auckland beat Wairarapa 2 - 1

Final: **Southland** beat Auckland 2 - 1

Our squad was: **Geoff Bovey, Ian Mahoney, Stacey Thomas, Peter Thomson, Graeme Corlett, Dereck Taylor, Paul Rybinski** and Stu Mccluskie.

Women's Results

Our women's team played in Section 3 against North Harbour, Bay of Plenty, Wairarapa, Central Otago and Southland.

Results

Round 1 v Wairarapa	Won 2 - 1	Singles	Won 3 lost 2
Round 2 v Central Otago	Lost 1 - 2	Pairs	Won 2 lost 3
Round 3 v North Harbour	Won 2 - 1	Fours	Won 2 lost 3
Round 4 v Bay of Plenty	Lost 1 - 2	Total	Won 7 lost 8
Round 5 v Southland	Lost 1 - 2		

The team finished 5th of the 6 teams. The section was won by **Bay of Plenty** with **North Harbour** runners-up.

Semi-finals: Dunedin beat Canterbury 2 - 1 Nelson beat Wellington 2 - 1

Final: **Nelson** beat Dunedin 3 - 0

Our squad was **Jane Selby-Paterson, Pat Vincent, Rochelle Stevenson, Audrey Stevenson, Eileen Jones, Ronnie Crone, Fane Vessey** and **Dot Collis**.

Well done to our neighbouring Wairarapa men's team in making it through to the semi-finals.

Champion-of-Champions Singles

This year's playoffs were held at the Paekakariki club.

Men's Singles

Round 1 W Judd (Levin) 21 C Gardner (Waitarere Bch) 20 C Howell (Otaki Rly) 21 B Henry (Waikanae) 18

Quarter-finals: Judd 21 Howell 10 G Bovey (Paekakariki) 21 E Martin (Waikanae Bch) 3

E Irving (Central) 21 S Sinclair-Paton (Paraparaumu Bch) 19 R Goston (Raumati) 21 M McGlone (Otaki) 18

Semi-finals: Bovey 21 Judd 10 Irving 21 Goston 11

Final: Geoff Bovey (Paekakariki) 21 Eddie Irving (Central) 14

Women's Singles

Round 1: M Bevan (Central) 21 E Jones (Paraparaumu Beach) 18

Quarter-finals: Bevan 21 D Harper (Levin Women's) 5 J Bradbury (Raumati) 21 B McMahon (Levin) 9

G Michael (Waitarere Bch) 21 H Holme (Waikanae Bch) 20 G Nicol (Waikanae) 21 J Selby-Paterson (Otaki) 20

Semi-finals: Bevan 21 Nicol 15 Bradbury 21 Michael 6

Final: Marei Bevan (Central) 21 Jane Bradbury (Raumati) 7

The Junior Champion-of-Champions Singles have been postponed until Sunday 30 May.

Year 1 and 2 Singles

This season's event was held at the Waikanae Beach club and drew a field of 26 entrants with 12 qualifiers. It was pleasing to see the interest in the south with 10 entries from Raumati and 8 from Waikanae. The major results were as follows:

Quarter-finals:

J Winter (Levin) 21 N McPherson (Waikanae Bch) 18 A Hutchinson (Raumati) 21 L Flynn (Raumati) 18

H Meachen (Raumati) 21 G Norman (Waikanae) 7 R Olivecrona (Raumati) 21 C Macdonald (Raumati) 9

Semi-finals: Hutchinson 21 Winter 16 Olivecrona 21 Meachen 16

Final: Allen Hutchinson (Raumati) 21 Ron Olivecrona (Raumati) 8

Junior Any combination 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

Played at the Central club. There were 14 pairs all from within our centre this year and 6 qualifiers. The major results were:

Semi-finals: R Olivecrona / L Flynn (Raumati) 17 M Downer / S Williams (Paraparaumu Bch) 6

H Meacham / K Edney-Meacham (Raumati) 17 D Whitford / H Guthrie (Waikanae) 7

Final: Ron Olivecrona / Laurie Flynn 17 Harry Meacham / Kathy Edney-Meacham 9

Great results from the Raumati Juniors in these two events.

The 10 Years and Under Events

Carrell Knight Trophy (played at Levin Women's BC)

Winners: **Waitarere Beach: Janet Oliver (s), Gloria Michael and E Newton.**

Runners-up: **Central: Colleen Nicholson (s), Gay Calderwood and Anna Whiley**

Bill Gibbons Trophy (played at Central BC)

Winners: **Central: Selwyn Riwaka (s), Rob Anderson and Stacey Thomas**

Runners-up: **Paraparaumu Beach: Ian Lankshear (s), Mike Downer and Shane Duncan**

Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters

This year's event was won by **Paraparaumu Beach** from **Central** (2nd) and **Levin** (3rd).

Pairs winners: Raumati Ted Marshall and Jane Bradbury

Triples winners: Paraparaumu Beach: Shane Duncan, Bernice Duncan and Carol Rolton

Fours winners: Waikanae: Graeme Yeoman, Krys Andrews, Barry Sutton and Brenda Magill.

The Masters Tournament

This year's men's tournament was held in the Wairarapa and the women's in the Hutt Valley.

Results: Both the men's and women's teams finished fifth of the six teams.

National Interclub 7's Finals - Canterbury

In both the men's and women's competitions our centre was represented by the Paraparaumu Beach club.

Men Section 2 Clubs: Stoke (Nelson), Point Chevalier (Auckland), Wanganui, Hinuera (Waikato), Balclutha (South Otago, Kensington (Northland), Paraparaumu Beach

Venues: Rangiora, Riccarton Racecourse, Fendalton, Burnside

Team: Singles: **Jim Swift** Pairs: **Ray Boffa (s), Shane Duncan**

Fours: **Rex Holmes (s), Steve Glavas, Tom Henderson, Gary Hedgman**

Women Section 2 Clubs: Naenae(Wellington), Waimate (S Canterbury, Kerikeri (Northland), Johnston Park (Manawatu), Picton (Marlborough), Te Rangi (Southland), Paraparaumu Beach

Venues: Papanui, Burnside, Riccarton Racecourse, Fendalton.

Team: Singles: **Audrey Stevenson** Pairs: **Pat Vincent (s), Rochelle Stevenson**

Fours: **Eileen Jones (s), Berenice Crowther, Beryl Hoult, Carol Rolton**

Results: Both the Paraparaumu Beach teams faced very strong competition and did not progress to post-section play. The women fared a little better than the men winning 7 of their 18 games compared with the men's 4 of 18.

Men's champions: Elmwood Park (Canterbury) beat Stoke (Nelson) in the final.

Women's champions: Nelson beat Takapuna (North Harbour) in the final.

Champion-of-Champions Pairs played at the Raumati BC.

Men's Pairs

Round 1: Central 21 Waikanae 19

Quarter-finals: Central 22 Raumati 7 Levin 20 Waikanae Beach 11

Paraparaumu Beach 16 Paekakariki 14 Waitarere Beach 22 Otaki Railway 12

Semi-finals: Central 19 Waitarere Beach 17 Levin 19 Paraparaumu Beach 12

Final: Ian Mahoney (s) Eddie Irving (Central) 18 Rob Cotter (s) Phil Stirrat 8

Women's Pairs

Round 1: Paraparaumu Beach 19 Levin Women's 11 Kapiti 16 Otaki 14

Quarter-finals: Paraparaumu Beach 18 Kapiti 3 Waikanae Beach 13 Paekakariki 9

Waitarere Beach 17 Waikanae 13 Central 26 Levin 8

Semi-finals: Paraparaumu Beach 21 Central 11 Waikanae Beach 16 Waitarere Beach 5

Final: Audrey and Rochelle Stevenson (P B) 26 Fran Kell and Melva Rapson (Waik Bch) 4

Bowls at Speldhurst Country Estate

The rapidly growing retirement village at Speldhurst is located just five kilometres south of Levin on the site of the derelict Kimberley IHC hospital. The village was established in 2017 and now has over 250 occupied dwellings of a projected 500+. A major attraction is that it will be in a few short years near the end of the Wellington northern transport corridor with motorways linking Levin to the capital.

The complex now boasts a full size *Tiger Turf* woven carpet green which is now performing very well and being used by at least 40 residents, some of whom are members of Levin's clubs, or members or former members of other clubs. Many are new to the sport. Thursday roll ups attract an average of about 30 players. Much of the equipment was bought from the former Raumati South club - scoreboards, bowls, jacks, kitties and mats, and an on site shed stores all the equipment.

The playing group has a convenor, match committee and grounds committee, though at present there is no intention of forming an affiliated club. Galas may be held in the future and on 7 April residents hosted a group of 28 players from the Levin B C for an informal competition. The George cafe is the 'clubhouse.'



Roll up day at Speldhurst

End of Play at Levin Women's

Sadly the Levin Women's club is closing at the end of the season bringing to an end 79 years of competition on their Bath Street green. The club held its final gala sponsored by I C Mark on 8 April.

The club was formed in February 1942 and the members initially played on a small green in Salisbury Street but a year later the Council made the land on Bath Street available for a nominal annual fee. Although the club was first known as Levin Women's it was changed to Horowhenua Ladies in 1946 because it was known locally as the '*Ladies Green*'. To avoid confusion the name reverted to Levin Women's when the Levin Bowling Club opened a Women's Section in the 1970's.

The first clubroom was Thompson House's stone gardener's cottage built in 1905 which remained unlined and with no toilets, ceiling or kitchen until 1963. A western part of the clubrooms and powder room was added in 1975 - not without controversy as it involved removing the Thompson House swimming pool. A further extension was built in 1984.

In the early period the green was only a '*grass green*' mowed with an ordinary gardens mower. In the late 1990's the club was threatened with closure because of the expense of maintenance. Eventually it was agreed to lease the land to the club who undertook to maintain it themselves.

Over recent years falling and ageing membership and the inability to attract new players has made the club less viable. Approaches were made to amalgamate with the Levin RSA club but this did not eventuate. In addition issues with green keeping coupled with reliance on the town water supply and earlier and more stringent water restrictions had become major problems.

In April the club's lease needed to be renewed but the members did not feel they could stay viable for a further three years so the decision was made to close. Long time club President **Carrell Knight** reports that the club is solvent and that they are in negotiations with the council in relation to their buildings. She stated in a recent letter to clubs that some of their members may go on to join other clubs, though unlike in the case of the Raumati South club, they would not be able to take any financial benefits to their new clubs.



An early photo of play at Levin Women's with the original stone cottage clubrooms.



The 75th Jubilee Celebration in 2017

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