

# Bowls Taranaki News

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## Open Fours events set to go

Despite a couple of late withdrawals and a hot last three weeks, which has caused some surface damage to greens, it is all systems go for the Taranaki open fours, Bowls Taranaki president, Brien Bennett QSM said.

Both the men's and women's events have had late withdrawals on Monday (January 14). As a result section 12 of the men's has been reduced to 12 teams and section four of the women's has been reduced to 10 teams.

The men's fours starts this coming Monday, January 21 and the women's gets underway on Tuesday, January 29.

"Of course, we are disappointed to lose these sides at this late stage. But that is the nature of organising sporting events," Bennett said.

The redraws of those sections will be released this week and participants in those sections will be given hard copies of the re-

draw for insertion in their books on the first day's play.

Bennett said that the warm spell of weather of late had also caused some concerns for greenkeepers.

Clubs have been applying significant water in an effort to prevent surface damage.

The tournament committee, in consultation with the greens advisory panel, has resolved to leave the greens as they were originally selected. However, there is a very strong directive, that will be emphasised throughout both tournaments — leads and seconds must be on the bank and off the head.

"We ask players to fully respect this decision.

It used to be accepted practice in bowls, but modern times have seen more front-end players crowding the head. The fewer number of people on the green is better for all concerned."

## Glow bowls a big hit at Festival of Lights

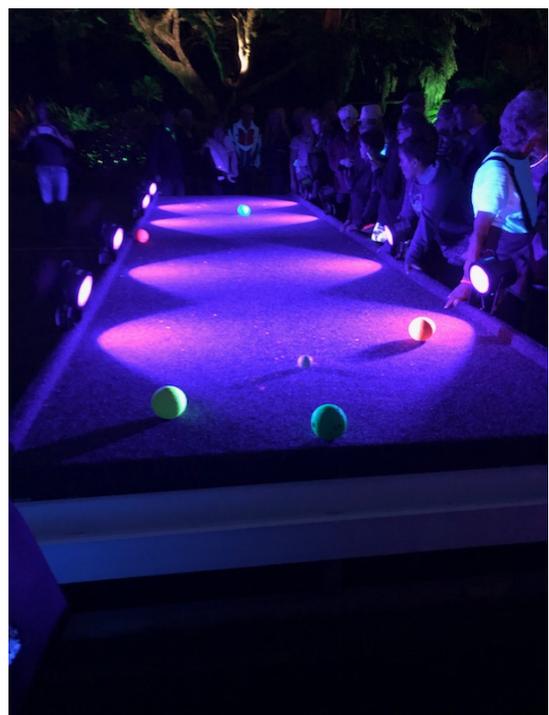
The Glow Bowls event, held at the Festival of Lights on December 31, was a massive success, according to Matt Fleming, who organised the evening with Neil McNeil.

"We estimated that 150 people had a go and unfortunately we had to turn others away. It was a huge success."

The New Plymouth District Council, who run the Festival of Lights, were equally impressed with the uptake of the event and it would seem most likely that it will be back next year with a far greater number of nights.

The bowls rink, the size of an indoor mat, is transportable and it is anticipated that it will be used at other locations and for other events.

"It was great to see so many enjoying the concept — a great first step into bowls for many."



## Winter and Cottam take women's pairs for a second time

West End's Sue Winter and Susan Cottam claimed their second Clegg's Funeral Home-sponsored Taranaki women's open pairs final at Hawera Park on December 22.

After winning the title three seasons ago, the West Enders claimed the final 24-16 from another set of past winners, Pauline Kennedy and Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park).

Winter and Cottam started the final in dominant fashion, leading 15-3. But Kennedy and Stampa clawed the deficit back to 19-16 with two ends to go. However, an incorrect jack throw allowed Winter to adjust the length, a three giving West End the ascendancy back. A two on the final end, when Hawera Park were chasing a maximum six, completed the proceedings.

In the semifinals the previous weekend, Kennedy and Stampa beat Margaret McCallum and Cindy Nicoll (Inglewood) 21-14, with Winter and Cottam edging out Jopie Half and Heather Thomas (New Plymouth) 17-16, after leading by two shots playing the last end.

**Results of post section play in the Clegg's Funeral Home-sponsored Taranaki women's open pairs at Hawera Park on December 16 and 22:**

**Round 1:** C Nicoll (Inglewood) 21 V Kelly (Fitzroy) 12, A Brophy (New Plymouth) 15 N Hewson (Fitzroy) 13, M Gadsby (Fitzroy) 22 B Batley (Paritutu) 13, K Stampa (Hawera Park) 23 C Andrews (Paritutu) 19, J Richards (Fitzroy) 26 Y Hallard (Vogeltown) 13, H Thomas (New Plymouth) 20

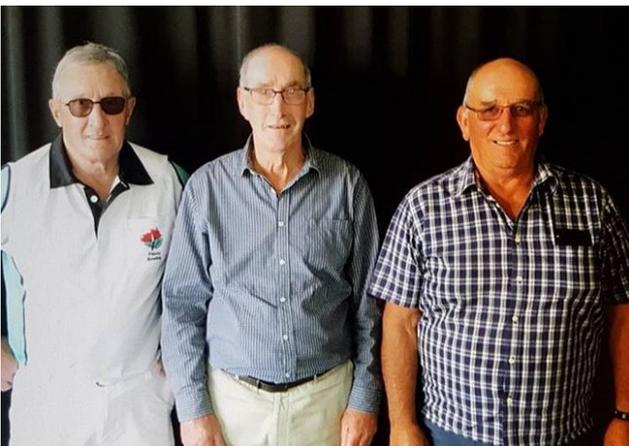
H Johns (Paritutu) 16, S Cottam (West End) 24 B Robinson (Opunake) 14. **Round 2:** Nicoll 26 Brophy 10, Stampa 22 Gadsby 10, Thomas 19 Richards 15, Cottam 26 P Symes (Tower) 10. **Semifinals:** Pauline Kennedy and Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park) 21 Margaret McCallum and Cindy Nicoll (Inglewood) 14, Sue Winter and Susan Cottam (West End) 17 Jopie Half and Heather Thomas (New Plymouth) 16. **Final:** Sue Winter and Susan Cottam (West End) 24 Pauline Kennedy and Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park) 16.



**Susan Cottam (left) and Sue Winter (right) enjoy their success with Mike Clegg, Taranaki board member and sponsor.**

## Further Life Members

At the start of the season we highlighted a number of club's that had bestowed Life Membership on some of their finest.



Here is a further update to that.

Manaia honoured, from left to right, Bill Johnston, Jim Roberts and Ernie Fevre.

While at

Waimea, Jill Stevenson followed in the footsteps of her husband, Barry, when she was elevated to the highest honour.

All four have been dedicated servants of their club.



## Zittersteijns break through to take Christmas pairs

Paritutu's father and son duo of John (left) and Aidan Zittersteijn broke through to claim their maiden Taranaki titles when they won the Auto City-sponsored Christmas pairs at West End on December 22.



It completed a memorable year especially for Aidan Zittersteijn, having won a bronze medal representing the Cook Islands at the Commonwealth Games in April. He was subsequently named the Taranaki junior sportsman of the year.

The pairs title came at the expense of club-mates Brendan Walton and Allan Batley, with the Zittersteijn's prevailing 21-20 in a tense final.

While it is the first Taranaki titles for both Zittersteijns, John previously won a Wellington gold star before immigrating north in 1990. Both players are highly accomplished at the indoor code, too, with John holding a New Zealand gold star for five titles at the nationals.

In the final, the Zittersteijns opened up an early 10-1 lead, before Walton and Batley turned the tide with consistent draw bowls. They took the lead 13-11 and then a topsy-

turvy battle developed. Aidan Zittersteijn, after starting the last end two in front, found himself three down on the skip changeover. But he calmly drew a second shot that Batley could not dislodge.

In the semifinals, the Zittersteijns defeated Glen and Corey Brookes (West End) 20-13, while the Walton and Batley beat Mark Kuklinski and Scott Roberts (Tower) 19-13.

### Results of post section play in the Auto City-sponsored Taranaki men's Christmas pairs at West End on December 16 and 22:

**Section 1, round 1:** A Collins (Oakura) 21 P Deegan (Opunake) 14, T Hori (New Plymouth) 20 D Osborne (West End) 17, S Roberts (Tower) 28 M Walsh (Paritutu) 10, J Sexton (West End) 19 R Hardy (Tower) 10. **Round 2:** Collins 22 Hori 16, Roberts 21 Sexton 15, G Lilley (West End) 23 P Spiers (Fitzroy) 12, A Batley (Paritutu) 22 G Baxter (Hawera Park) 13. **Round 3:** Roberts 21 Collins 15, Batley 15 Lilley 14. **Section 2, round 1:** G Brookes (West End) 26 E Foreman (Inglewood) 18, K Hill (West End) 21 D O'Sullivan (Inglewood) 9, D Goodin (Paritutu) 27 B Hall (Vogeltown) 11, D Lowry (Rahotu) 20 G Pease (Fitzroy) 8. **Round 2:** Brookes 25 Hill 18, Goodin 20 Lowry 17, D Elgar (West End) 28 C Barrett (Fitzroy) 8, A Zittersteijn (Paritutu) 20 N Probyn (Fitzroy) 19. **Round 3:** Brookes 18 Goodin 16, Zittersteijn 21 Elgar 20. **Semifinals:** Brendan Walton and Allan Batley (Paritutu) 19 Mark Kuklinski and Scott Roberts (Tower) 13, John Zittersteijn and Aidan Zittersteijn (Paritutu) 20 Glen Brookes and Corey Brookes (West End) 13. **Final:** John and Aidan Zittersteijn (Paritutu) 21 Brendan Walton and Allan Batley (Paritutu) 20.

## West End become inaugural Bowls3five winners

After a slow start, West End came home with a wet sail over the closing few rounds to take out the Bowls3five event at Stratford-Avon on December 18. The event, held over five nights, was brilliantly hosted by the Stratford-Avon club. Final standings: West End 57 match points; Fitzroy 48mp 31 sets; Hawera Park 48mp 30.5s; New Plymouth 42; Paritutu Gold 42; Paritutu Green 39; Stratford-Avon 33; Vogeltown 33; Oakura 27; Tower 27. West End will now meet Aramoho in February.



## O'Sullivan pick of Taranaki bowlers at the Dominion

Inglewood's Gerry O'Sullivan was the pick of the Taranaki players who competed at the Dominion championships in Auckland earlier this month.

O'Sullivan, after qualifying in the singles, won his first two matches in post section, before being edged out 21-18 in the last 32 by former New Zealand rep, Jamie Hill.

But even better was to come in the pairs, where O'Sullivan led for Dean Elgar. The duo, who made the last 16 in New Plymouth six years ago and then played third and skip in the runner-up fours side two seasons ago, had a memorable run in the pairs.

After waltzing through section play without a hitch, the pair won four successive post section games, including a 16-8 quarterfinal victory over North Harbour's Brent Turner and Adam Haywood.

That placed them into the semifinals against Mangere's Jordan King and Chris Lowe, the eventual champions. O'Sullivan and Elgar shot out to an early 5-1 lead. But then the green sweated and the Auckland players adjusted the better, shooting away to a commanding 22-5 win.

Other Taranaki results in Auckland included Inglewood's Steve Sabine and Paritutu's Ian Andrews both qualifying in the singles. Aidan Zittersteijn, after an incredibly tough draw, qualified in the pairs.

## Deaf bowlers successful at Christchurch international event

Three Taranaki bowlers were part of a New Zealand side that competed in an international deaf competition in Christchurch that concluded on January 13 — pictured from left to right: Joan Richards, Carolyn Wilks and Rangi Komene.

Richards and Wilks, both of Fitzroy, won the pairs and were runner-up in the fours. In the overall women's results, based on the four different disciplines, New Zealand placed second behind Australia from the four countries that competed.

Taranaki had only two players in the women's field — Fitzroy's Rhonda Adams and Hawera Park's Kristin Stampa. The duo qualified in the pairs, while Adams also qualified in the singles.

Unfortunately, O'Sullivan aside, all Taranaki players exited at the first round of post section.

Entry numbers in Auckland were similar to North Harbour four years ago, suggesting the decision to split the fours from the singles and pairs may not have been as wide of the mark as some critics had previously suggested. Interest at a national level now moves to the fours, which in a change this season, is being held in Wellington on March 1-5. Entries close on January 20.



Gerry O'Sullivan — an impressive Dominion.

The men's event, which was also won by Australia, involved six countries. Komene, of West End, played in some of the earlier rounds and was presented with a silver medal, with New Zealand gaining second place overall in the men's competition.

