

# Bowls Taranaki News

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## Membership statistics indicate a decline of six

The annual returns for clubs, as required by the constitutions of both Bowls NZ and Bowls Taranaki, are in and for the 12 months to 31 December 2018, there were 1,167 affiliated bowlers in the province.

That is a decline of six on the previous year, a somewhat disappointing result after an increased focus on new membership over the past year.

“But it is the smallest decline that we have experienced for a number of years,” said Bowls Taranaki president Brien Bennett QSM.

The number of first year players for this year are actually down slightly from the numbers some clubs have previously provided, for whatever reason. Players who join after 31 December are included in the following year’s return.

Fitzroy, Manaia and Paritutu were among the clubs recording the largest increases.

It is no accident that all three clubs have an active engagement with their communities, with business house competitions and corporate events, Bennett said. “Of course there are stories where clubs have hosted such events, with little or no success of new members. But the overwhelming evidence is that without having such events and putting on a welcoming face, attracting new membership is even more difficult.”

Casual participation showed a large increase. “We believe that some of this is very real, although we remain concerned that some clubs are not accurately recording these statistics. They are very important from a sponsorship and funding point of view.”

Bowls Taranaki will continue to focus on recruitment and casual participation over the coming year, while clubs are also being engaged on retention statistics and policies.

## Zittersteijn steps up as Shaw returns

The elevation of Aidan Zittersteijn and the return of Gloria Shaw are the two most noteworthy points in the Revital Fertilisers Taranaki representative teams that have been selected for the national intercentre event in Auckland. The event is being held from March 21-24.

Zittersteijn impressed in the Hexagonal event when he took over skipping the second pair. He will skip Gerry O’Sullivan in the pairs, with Dean Elgar playing the singles. The four is Jordan Linn, Dave Wilson, Scott Roberts and Craig De Faria. Steve Walker (shoulder injury) and Darren Goodin (work commitments) were not considered.

Shaw provides some experience, having previously competed in the intercentre. She will play No 2 in the women’s four, with both Bev Robinson and Anne Duggan unavailable. The

rest of the side remains as per the Hexagonal event. Rhonda Adams will play the singles, Sue Winter and Maree Gadsby will combine in the pairs, with the fours being Val McEl-downey (lead), Susan Cottam (third) and Cathy Andrews (skip).

**The whirlwind rise of Aidan Zittersteijn, pictured, with his 2018 Commonwealth Games bronze medal, continues with his selection in the Revital Fertilisers Taranaki team.**



## Heather Johns skips side to Open triples title

Vastly experienced and successful Paritutu player Heather Johns skipped her team of Marlene McArthur and Marlene Barrowman to victory in the Taranaki women's open triples on February 25.

The Paritutu trio, playing on their home green, made no race of the final, which was played in strong winds.

After six ends they led the Inglewood team of Margaret Luckin, Joy Orr and Margaret McCallum 9-0. By the 13th end the score had become 20-6. One end of the final of the Abraham's Funeral Home-sponsored event was left unplayed, with the score sitting at 23-14.

In the semifinals, McCallum ended the hopes of the Tower side of Frances Busby, Maureen Tamou and Patty Symes 23-14, while Johns, after a big early lead, headed off Faye Hill, Vickie Kelly and Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy) 23-18.

The victory was McArthur's first Taranaki title. She is not related to the famous Paritutu MacArthur brothers — note the different spelling — although her father, the late Ron Smith, was a two-time President of New Plymouth and a fire brigade stalwart. Barrowman levelled with her husband, Malcolm, on three Taranaki titles, while the win was Johns' eighth.

**Results of post section in the Abraham's Funeral Home-sponsored Taranaki women's open triples, round 1:** L Johnstone (Waitara) 22 B Harvey (Paritutu) 20, K Stampa (Hawera Park) 27 E Hodge (New Plymouth) 13, G Shaw (Paritutu) 21 J Reid (Paritutu) 14. **Round 2:** Stampa 19 Johnstone



18, M McCallum (Inglewood) 21 Shaw 10, P Symes (Tower) 24 C Commane (Opunake) 8, E Goble (Lepperton) 22 D Turner (Hawera Park) 10, H Johns (Paritutu) 21 V McEldowney (New Plymouth) 16, J Augustine (Tower) 23 V Rowan (Paritutu) 9, A Sayer (Tower) 19 C Nicoll (Inglewood) 10, R Adams (Fitzroy) 19 M Gadsby (Fitzroy) 10. **Round 3:** McCallum 20 Stampa 17, Symes 20 Goble 14, Johns 21 Augustine 10, Adams 22 Sayer 9. **Semifinals:** Margaret Luckin, Joy Orr, Margaret McCallum (Inglewood) 23 Frances Busby, Maureen Tamou, Patty Symes (Tower) 14, Marlene McArthur, Marlene Barrowman, Heather Johns (Paritutu) 23 Faye Hill, Vickie Kelly, Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy) 18. **Final:** Marlene Barrowman, Heather Johns (Paritutu) 23 Margaret Luckin, Joy Orr, Margaret McCallum (Inglewood) 14.

## Roberts and West End to fore

The Clegg's Funeral Services-sponsored Taranaki men's open triples has been reduced to four sides after a full weekend at Hawera Park.

Of the 32 teams that entered — a very disappointing number — 18 secured the necessary two wins on Saturday to make post section play. That included New Plymouth's Bill Foley, who had the draw from hell, beating Craig De Faria and Neil Candy, both of whom remain in contention, and narrowly losing to Darren Goodin.

De Faria and Candy are joined in the last four by West End clubmate Dean Elgar, and Tower's Scott Roberts. Roberts came from 17-10 down in the last eight to pip Hawera Park's Frank Pollock 23-20 on an extra end.

**Results of post section in the Clegg's Funeral**

**Services-sponsored men's open triples at Hawera Park, round 1:** F Pollock (Hawera Park) 23 R Henderson (West End) 7, W Te Huki (Vogeltown) 19 I Andrews (Paritutu) 18. **Round 2:** Pollock 21 Te Huki 20, S Roberts (Tower) 26 N Elliott (Paritutu) 6, J Bright (West End) 17 M Dudley (Hawera Park) 16, D Elgar (West End) 22 D Brophy (Fitzroy) 14, N Candy (West End) 23 B Foley (New Plymouth) 10, N Close (Hawera Park) 22 A Zittersteijn (Paritutu) 14, C De Faria (West End) 23 C Young (Hawera Park) 17, D Goodin (Paritutu) 31 A White (Fitzroy) 2. **Round 3:** Roberts 23 Pollock 20, Elgar 20 Bright 13, Candy 23 Close 16, De Faria 21 Goodin 11. **Semifinal draw for Monday, March 11, at Hawera Park:** Mark Kuklinski, John Roberts, Scott Roberts (Tower) v Steve Temperton, Bruce Lilley, Dean Elgar (West End), Bruce Candy, John Garud, Neil Candy (West End) v Bruce Colgan, Jordan Linn, Craig De Faria (West End).

## Revital Fertilisers Taranaki teams both fourth in PN

Revital Fertilisers Taranaki had to settle for fourth in both the senior men's and senior women's central region representative hexagonal bowls events in Palmerston North on February 16-17.

The senior men accumulated 25 match points, from 12 wins and one draw from 25 games, with Manawatu taking the honours on 33 points. In the senior women, Taranaki mustered 24 points, eight behind the winners Hawke's Bay.

The results were not ideal ahead of the national intercentre contest, which will be held in Auckland in late March. But there were enough positives from the dress rehearsal to ensure that the respective selectors – Vickie Kelly (women) and Russell Hardy and Allan Batley (men) – should still head north with some confidence.

Dean Elgar, after an opening 25-17 loss to Wellington, accumulated four wins in an excellent performance. He had to work hard for all of the wins, with his largest margin being seven shots over Manawatu's Steven Love.

Darren Goodin's four of Jordan Linn, Dave Wilson and Scott Roberts sneaked through for three narrow wins but were soundly beaten twice. The A pair of Gerry O'Sullivan and Craig De Faria, a new combination, broke even with two wins and one draw, while the second pair of Kelly Hill and Aidan Zittersteijn produced the turnaround of the weekend. After losing their first two games, Zittersteijn went to skip and the duo won their three remaining matches. B singles player Hamish Kape lost all five.

Both the A singles, Rhonda Adams, and the A pair, Sue Winter and Maree Gadsby, won three games in the women's event, which were solid returns for the weekend. The four of Val McEldowney, Anne Duggan, Susan Cottam and Cathy Andrews had

two close losses to start with. Then came a draw, followed on Sunday by two wins. Chris Commene won two in the B singles, while the second pair of Cheryll Sharrock and Sue Edwards had one win and one draw.

In the under-eights event in Whanganui, Taranaki, on 22 points, finished in second position four points behind Wellington in the men's section. Manawatu won the women's with 28, Taranaki a lonely last on just seven.

The under-eights sides were: men, Paddy Deegan, Steve Sabine, Danny O'Sullivan, Bruce Lilley, Wayne Hawkes, Toby Hori, Nigel Berry, Brendan Anderson, Steve Temperton, Sean Prinsloo; women, Jill Dyett, Faye Hill, Lesley Te Awa, Frances Busby, Margaret Lister, Robyn Klenner, Roxanne Jury, Tina Quilter, Anne Potaka, Gaye Holub.



**The Revital Fertilisers Taranaki senior women's side that competed in the Hexagonal event in Palmerston North.**

## Bowls briefs

**Aramoho deny West End:** In the regional Bowls five playoff at Hawera Park on February 5, Aramoho narrowly defeated West End. Results (West End names first): Gary Lilley beat Phil Corney 2-0, Steve Walker lost to Keith Slight 0.5-1.5, John Garrud lost to Peter Belliss 0.5-1.5. The Garrud-Belliss game was the last to finish, and after the first set ended in a draw, the second set was all-square playing the last end. Aramoho got the point on that last end to take the fixture and advance to the next stage of the national knockout event.

**Greenkeeping experts remembered:** Two ex-

cellent servants of bowls, and especially greenkeeping, Fred Pollard and Boyd Cargo, passed away during the month. Pollard became a Life Member of Fitzroy, having given diligent service on the original green. He was the Taranaki Greenkeepers Association patron. Cargo, who played as a Taranaki junior rep from Oakura, also contributed greatly to the greenkeeping success in Taranaki. From the New Plymouth club he won the 2005 champion-of-champions pairs, with Warren Bellringer, and national Astro turf mixed triples, with Shirley Perrett and Ken Souto, while also serving on the Bowls Taranaki executive.

## Club membership returns to 31 December 2018

	2014-2015			2015-2016			2016-2017			2017-2018			2018-2019		
	M	W	C	M	W	C	M	W	C	M	W	C	M	W	C
Alton	19	0	0	20	0	0	18	0	0	20	0	0	Merged		
Awakino	4	1	11	4	1	0	4	1	0	4	1	10	4	1	10
Fitzroy	85	45	185	82	52	30	68	36	393	69	32	312	81	34	1,170
Hawera	57	27	446	44	26	216	42	23	703	Merged			Merged		
Hawera Park	81	23	68	85	24	60	72	23	306	72	22	86	74	19	80
Inglewood	54	20	104	53	20	104	60	18	336	56	20	75	52	16	64
Lepperton	32	28	20	28	24	0	29	20	0	31	20	0	27	16	36
Manaia	28	0	48	23	0	32	24	0	288	15	0	0	22	6	160
New Plymouth	60	46	8	49	50	0	48	39	0	50	30	0	50	36	35
Nolantown	28	0	75	22	0	83	22	0	75	Merged			Merged		
Oakura	28	0	0	29	0	0	30	0	72	25	0	100	26	0	200
Okato	12	0	17	11	0	0	12	0	24	13	0	46	13	0	48
Opunake	12	14	8	15	13	7	14	16	0	13	15	30	13	14	82
Paritutu	93	67	566	81	60	464	83	57	4,155	85	53	891	93	57	1,039
Patea	Not affiliated			Not affiliated			10	0	31	10	0	28	10	0	20
Pihama	10	8	32	12	7	55	12	5	0	12	5	40	14	3	40
Rahotu	14	0	28	20	0	26	26	0	18	21	0	50	20	0	64
Stratford-Avon	39	31	0	30	19	0	32	17	0	36	16	0	30	15	0
Tariki	12	6	0	Closed			Closed			Closed			Closed		
Tower										64	23	21	75	24	40
Urenui	17	6	8	9	5	74	10	2	67	11	2	60	9	3	16
Vogeltown	45	21	42	35	18	100	40	18	35	35	18	0	38	14	100
Waimea	33	14	14	46	15	72	36	10	50	32	9	0	25	7	0
Waitara	26	11	52	27	12	170	31	20	328	34	24	66	38	24	130
West End	122	44	420	126	41	580	132	40	515	130	45	300	123	41	580
	<b>911</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>7,396</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>3,914</b>
<b>Change with prior year</b>				<b>-7%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>257%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-71%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Total playing members</b>			<b>1,323</b>			<b>1,238</b>			<b>1,200</b>			<b>1,173</b>			<b>1,167</b>
<b>First year players</b>			<b>30</b>			<b>44</b>			<b>48</b>			<b>45</b>			<b>61</b>

NB: M=Men, W=Women, C=Casual. Numbers each season are to 31 December.

## Key events for March

March 1-5 (M/W) Bowls New Zealand National Fours (Wellington)

March 10 (M/W) Entries close 1st Year Singles (Paul Spiers)

March 9-11 (M/W) Men & Women's Hugh Moss Junior Mixed Pairs (Classic Carpets)

March 11 (M) Men's Open Triples Finals (Cleggs)

March 16-17 (M/W) Club Championships

March 19 (W) Women's Egmont Shield Playoff

(South) (Martins Fashions)

March 23 (M) Men's Saturday Shield Final (Radius Health Care)

March 23-24 (M/W) First Year Singles (Paul Spiers)

March 21-24 (M/W) Bowls New Zealand National Intercentre (Auckland) (Revital Fertilisers)

March 31 (M/W) Entries close Champ of Champ Fours & Pairs