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# Blockhouse Bay Bowls

## CLUB OPENING DAY 2023-2024 SEASON

Spring is here, so is the beginning of 2023-2024 Bowling Season. Today we had the Official Opening of Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club at 1.00 pm. There was a big turnout and it was great to see so many members donning their club colours in attendance to support this special occasion. Our Patron, Catherine Farmer was also with us during the opening ceremony.

The president Colleen Pert started off by introducing the members of the current Board, especially for the benefit of our new members. The raising of the Flag followed and three new Life Members continued with the rest of the ceremony. Doug Vague put down the mat and rolled up the jack, Ray Keen was already there to centre it, and Mike Adolph wasted no time at all to deliver the first bowl of the new season.



After a very short break, all members moved to Smith Green to take part in a one-bowl "Spider" game. Fleur Grenfell was the "lucky" winner after numerous touchers moved the jack many times to a final rest position closest to her bowl. This was then followed by a short Drawn Triples Tournament of two games. Jeremy Reynolds's team, the only one undefeated, came up as the winners.

The day ended with some "finger-food" and light refreshments. Well done!

# **PLAYING PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **Club Competitions**

- Handicap Singles Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> , Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Progressive Fours Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Lady Lou Cup Triples Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

## **Club Roll Ups**

- Roll Ups Every Tuesday at 9.30 am  
Every Thursday at 9.30 am  
Saturday at 1.00 pm

**The draw closes 15 minutes prior to start time.**

## **Open Tournaments**

- Open Triples Every Wednesday of September
- Open Hong Kong Pairs Every Friday of September

## **Bowls Auckland Events**

- 1 – 5 Year Men's & Women's Triples Saturday & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Women's Premier Open Singles Saturday & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September
- 1-5 Year Quadrangular Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Note: Twilight Saving starts on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

### **FUND RAISING EFFORT**

Still remember a Fund Raising Effort was mentioned in our May Newsletter last year? Well this group of members are going to continue their quest to cover the dining hall chairs among other things. So far their effort provided funds for:

- Out door tables and seating;
- Squabs;
- Lounge chair protectors;
- Door mats.

Thank you to all the Friday Night Sausage People Val Carpenter, Lloyd Turner, Kathy Dopheide, Bronwyn Hunter, Lesley Lennie and Joanne Williamson. Please continue to give them your support.

## WRONG BIAS FUND

Have you delivered a bowl with the wrong bias lately? If you have, you are not alone! As you are aware, there is such a practice that in any of our open tournaments, whoever delivered a wrong-bias bowl would ring a bell (just to let all those present know) and drop at least a gold coin into a "Wrong Bias Fund" barrel during the prize giving session after each event. For the 2022-2023 season, \$ 941 were collected, averaging more than \$20 per week. Work out for yourself how often wrong-bias deliveries occurred! This amount has been donated to St Johns. Thank you to all the contributors out there, including myself!



## ***BLOCKHOUSE BAY BOWLS LADIES DINNER***

The lady members had a get together dinner on Thursday night 31<sup>st</sup> August at Hanson Vietnamese Restaurant. They had great food and great company without their spouses/partners of course.

