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Blockhouse Bay Bowls

BLOCKHOUSE BAY BOWLS INCORPORATED 2023-2024 SEASON

After our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 22nd June 2024, we have the following for the 2023-2024 season.

Patron	Catherine Farmer
Auditor	Forbes Auditing
Officers for the Board	
President	Esther Eu
Vice President	Doug McNamara
Secretary	Mary Okeeffe (Co-opted onto the Board)
Treasurer	Peter Aldous
Board Member	Trevor Moreland
Social Member	Maxine Hansell
Officers for the Bowls and Activities Committee	
Club Captain	Malcolm King
Tournament Convenor	Les Wilson
Match Convenor	Helen Murray
Deputy Match Convenor	Colleen Short
Sosial, Catering & Activities Convenor	Sandy Keen

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

If you do what you have always done, you will get what you have always got.

Times have changed and we must move with the times to prosper. I often hear about the glory days when our club had a waiting list for membership. In actual fact, that has never been the case since I have been a bowler and that is over 15 years.

We need to examine how we do things and ask ourselves if we can do better. We need to look into every nook and cranny to see how we can save money, how to prevent wastage and more importantly how to increase income. We are open to suggestions. It is not only what we can do, it is also the how and the who.

Many of our members have given time and money to BHB and we thank you. Your club needs more to lighten the load of the few who always put their hands up. Come together so that we can work towards a sustainable future as we put BHB's plans into place.

Please approach your Bowls and Activities Committee and let them know what you can give (Don't be shy).

Till next time.

Esther

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

The club is facing ongoing financial challenges, so any expenditure that has not been budgeted for must be passed to our Treasurer and President for approval before proceeding with any purchase. Thank you all for your co-operation.

OPENING DAY – SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024

Make a note of the date!

Opening Day for the upcoming new season will be **Saturday 31st August 2024.**

(Note that this is corrected from the wrong date on the emailed membership invoices).

We hope to see lots of existing members there, as well as family, friends and especially our new members.

Plans are underway for the formal opening, followed by some fun and festivities. More information is to follow.



JUNIORS BOWLING WINTER SUCCESS

Craig Moffat is the National Super Singles 1-8 Winner - Craig Moffat headed to Naenae for the National Super Singles Finals on 6th & 7th July, joining winners from the other centres around New Zealand to compete in what could be considered the unofficial Junior Champion of Champions Singles. In a nail-biting finish in the final, Craig won the first set and needed to draw closer than a foot and a half with his last bowl to avoid a tiebreak, and he did just that under pressure, securing his victory! Picture below is Craig with the Runner-up Adam Batty from Levin Bowling Club. Congratulations Craig!



Blockhouse Bay Triumphed in a thrilling 1-5 Year Fours Final - The atmosphere was full of excitement as Freddie Te Whare and his team: Hemoata Brown, Neil Prendiville & Bronwyn Hunter, faced off against Royal Oak's strong finalists. Blockhouse Bay's tactical play and consistent scoring kept them in control until the final end, where Royal Oak found themselves just one shot adrift. Bronwyn Hunter, the lead, took advantage of Royal Oak's two faltering opening bowls, setting up her team for success. An all-or-nothing attack was needed from Royal Oak skip; he drove the jack into the ditch, his toucher following suit, but a strategically placed back bowl from Blockhouse Bay held the shot, just over a foot from the ditch. Freddie Te Whare then delivered a masterstroke, a perfect draw to the lip of the green, securing a grip on the trophy. The final bowl fell to Royal Oak, the skip missed his line, crowning Blockhouse Bay the 1-5 Year Fours champions for 2024. During the presentation, Hemoata Brown expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Blockhouse Bay supporters, crediting their presence as an encouragement to bowl to success. She dedicated the title to their unwavering support and to all 1-5 bowlers at Blockhouse Bay, celebrating the victory as a testament to the club's spirit.

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS TRAINING

14 club members attended a Automatic External Defibrillators training session with Scott Lewis from St Johns on Thursday 11th July. Thank you to Lesley Lennie for organizing this and we hope to run another session at a later date for those who missed out.



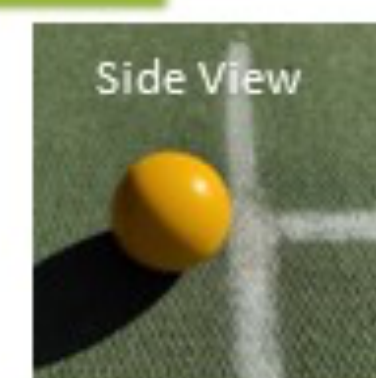
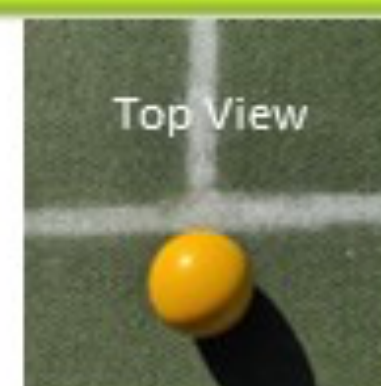
EVENTS CALENDAR

The calendar for the coming season is close to being completed. A copy will be displayed on the entry board club rooms in the coming week. The first event will be Handicap Pairs which kicks off on Sunday 1st September, followed by the Handicap Singles.

Entry lists for these events will be on the board in the club rooms at the beginning of August. Remember you must have paid your subscription for the new season to compete in these events.

LAWS & COACHING TIPS

1. Where do you place the jack at the 2 metres when it is marked with a "T"? **Answer:** See photos on left.
2. What happens if that mark is partially or completely covered by a bowl? **Answer:** See photos on left.
3. What causes consistently wobbling bowls? **Answer:**
 - * Middle finger not on the running surface of the bowl;
 - * Straining to place the thumb on top of the bowl;
 - * "little finger" problem;
 - * Running fingers under and across bowl at point of release;
 - * Turning the wrist at point of release.



FINALLY – UPATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved or changed your contact number/email in the last 12 months?
Do your emergency contacts need updating in case of an emergency at the club?

If so, please email any changes to our Secretary, Mary O'Keeffe at bhousebaybowls@gmail.com

OR

Write down on a piece paper and hand it in to the office.