

Newsletter

President's Patter

Welcome to Stephen Clifton who is our newly appointed Club Manager. Stephen has previously worked at Bowls New Zealand and Bowls Auckland. Please drop by the office and say hello

As those that attended our Club Update Meeting on 6 April heard, we have to tighten our belts in the coming year if we are to turn the club around. This means that the Board has to make some tough decisions. Your support for this is appreciated.

Our expenses keep on going up e.g. the club has received a Watercare bill that is over \$2000. Some of the expenses are related to contracts which we can't break without a hefty penalty. These will be reviewed as they reach their end.

Measures the Board is or have implemented to help turn things around include:

- Moving our accounting and payroll system to Xero in our new financial year (1 May.) A savings of \$569.16 in the first year. More importantly, it will streamline the back office and give more transparency to our accounts. Michael Anderson from Bowls Auckland is kindly helping us with our migration to the new software.
- Update our venue hire and processes. Judy Greatbatch has been working hard on this while Stephen gets his feet under the table.

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- Upgrading our processes for advertising and sponsorship as well as seeking new sponsorship opportunities which I have taken on in the interim.
- Liaising with our patron, Catherine Farmer who has helped us with the opportunity to make a presentation to the Whau Community Board.
- Setting up accounts and ordering online where possible. Most of the time, a minimum order to obtain free delivery
- Actioning pre approval of purchases
This means Steve has to pre approve any purchases (however small) unless it is a donation to the club.
- Applying for grants to cover one off costs where possible
- BAC is actively looking at promoting our Club as the Hub by reaching out to our community and offering new events and activities.

Watch this space

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Introduction Stephen Clifton

New Club Manager

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Played Bowls for 34 years as a bowler and club administrator as Club Treasurer.

My first Club was Te Atatu Peninsula then I joined Johnsonville Bowling Club in Wellington as I was transferred to Wellington with my role at Westpac Bank.

After 15 years in Wellington we moved back to Auckland and I joined the Hillsboro Bowling Club along with getting the role of Operations Manager at Bowls New Zealand.

Bowls New Zealand I ran the Nationals and the main Office completing Budgets and Finances.

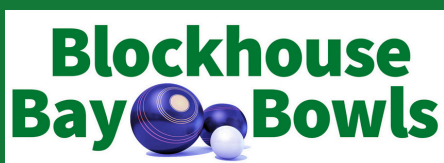
Part of my role at Bowls NZ was to manage the 6 Bowls NZ Development Officers who were based regionally around New Zealand whose role was to assist Bowling Clubs to grow and be more sustainable.

We developed the MIB Mate in Bowls brand for Business House and casual bowlers and Club Plan the planning model for Clubs to use. Also gained the Hyundai sponsorship.

After 7 years at Bowls New Zealand, I moved onto coaching Rugby and Cricket at St Kentigern College and managing the Sports at the College as the Team Leader for Sport.

During this time, I was the Coach and Team Manager for Bowls Auckland firstly with the Development Squad then onto Auckland Open Men's Team.

After 4 years at Saint Kentigern College, I took up the role of Club Support Manager with Bowls Auckland assisting Clubs with planning in order to grow and become more sustainable.



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Introduction Stephen Clifton New Club Manager

During the Covid 19 lockdown period I left Bowls Auckland to follow another passion for boating and fishing and was recruited as the Club Manager for the Te Atatu Boat Club.

I helped the boat Club get through the Covid 19 period and signed up over 50 new family members.

I have just had returned from a stint overseas to England, Ireland and Turkey and accepted the role of Club Manager at Blockhouse Bay Bowls.

I am really looking forward to meeting all the members and assisting the Club to grow and prosper in the years to come.

Stephen Clifton

Results

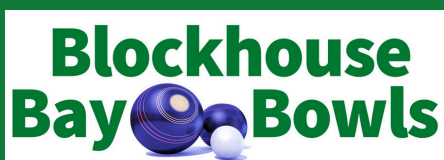
Auckland Centre

Congratulations to:

Allan Blackman who has reached the Semi Finals of the Auckland Men's Singles which is due to be played on Saturday 26 April at Mt Eden.

Dan Geaney, John Geaney and Jeremy Reynolds for reaching the Quarter Finals of the Auckland Men's Triples on 12/13 April.

Judy Greatbatch, Brenda McGregor and Bronwyn Hunter who qualified for post section in the Auckland Women's Triples.



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Results cont...

Club

The Club Champ Mixed 2-4-2 commenced on the weekend of the 29/30 March and saw some hotly contested games before our two remaining teams, Margaret Aldous/Garth McFarlane with two lives, and Penny Yam/Craig Moffat with one life.

These two teams fought out an exciting battle in the last game on Sunday afternoon and with a come from behind win to Craig and Penny that went down to the last bowl we now have a winner takes all final.

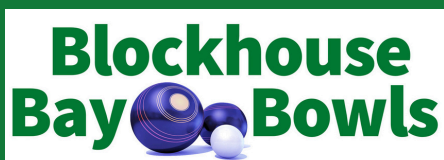
By mutual agreement this has been scheduled for 9.00am Thursday 24 April. Good luck to both teams.

Bowls and Activities Committee Matters

BAC Matters

As our summer season is coming to an end the BAC is planning to run some special events over the Winter starting with the Monthly Community Roll Up, the first of which has already happened.

This is to be followed by a Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea on Thursday 22 May. Cost is \$10 per person with all proceeds going to The Breast Cancer Foundation. We would love to fill the club for the afternoon so round up your friends and bring them along for an enjoyable afternoon with friends and Whanau and help a good cause at the same time.



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Bowls and Activities Committee Matters

We will continue to keep you up to date with additional events over the coming months.

Monthly Community Roll up

Our first Community Roll Up Day was the 13th of April held on Sunday and while the turnout was small there were familiar faces from Twilight bowls, some new faces from our local community and some of our club members who attended. The weather was lovely, the action on the green was relaxed as was the music and the sausages were tasty.

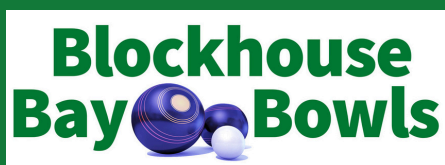
If you missed it this time, be on the lookout for the next one on the 18th of May, 1 to 4 pm

Legacy To The Club

We get so much from our community at Blockhouse Bay Bowls -

Companionship, exercise, laughter, a sense of giving back. As wonderful as Blockhouse Bay Bowls is, there remains much that can be done to make BHB Bowls a better place. Have you thought of leaving a legacy to your bowling club?

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Upcoming Events

MARCH 2025

Tue 22 Apr 9.30am Roll up
Wed 23 Apr 10 am Triples
Thu 24 Apr 9.30am Roll up
Fri 25 Apr Anzac Day, 1pm HK Pairs
Sat/ Sun 26/27 Apr Auckland Centre Finals Mt Eden
Tue 29 Apr 9.30am Davis Funeral Care (Final event) Doug Cole Cup Drawn Pairs, 9.30am Roll up
Wed 30 Apr 10am Triples
Thu 1 May 9.30am Roll up
Fri 2 May 1pm HK Pairs
Sat 3 May Champ First Year Singles
Sun 4 May Business House Fours
Tue 6 May 9.30am Roll up
Wed 7 May 10am Triples
Thu 8 May 9.30am Roll up
Fri 9 May 1pm HK Pairs
Sat 10 May Denny Yates
Sun 11 May Denny Yates
Tue 13 May 9.30 Roll up
Wed 14 May 10.am Triples
Thu 15 May 9.30 Roll up
Fri 16 May 1 pm HK Pairs

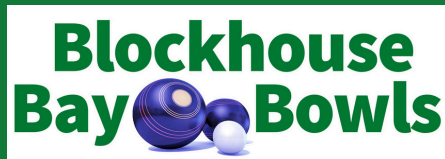
Sat 17 May Auckland Centre COC Singles, Auckland Centre 1/5 Yr Triples
Sun 18 May Community Roll Up 1-4pm, Auckland Centre COC Singles, Auckland Centre 1/5 Yr Triples
Tue 20 May 9.30am Roll up
Wed 21 May 10am Triples
Thu 22 May 9.30 Roll up
Fri 23 May 1 pm HK Pairs
Sat/Sun 24/25 May Auckland Champ of Champ Triples

Remember to check the tournament and Match Entry Boards in the club regularly to make sure you don't miss any events and that your ongoing tournament entries are correct.

This makes life easier for the Tournament and Match Convenors.

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