



# Roll Up

The Blockhouse Bay Bowls Monthly Bulletin  
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## Opening Day Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September All Welcome

Come and hear our Guest, Tim Groser,  
perform the Official Opening of the  
2011/12 Bowling Season



Tim was born in Perth, Scotland and came to New Zealand with his parents in 1958. After completing his education at Victoria University, where he obtained his degree with First Class Honours,

### Ministerial Portfolios

List MP

[New Lynn](#)

Rank: 12

- Minister of Trade
- Minister Responsible for International Climate

Change Negotiations

- Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues (International Negotiations)

Arrival and Introductions – 1.30PM

Opening Ceremony – 2.00PM

Afternoon Tea – 2.30PM

Happy Hour – 3.30PM

### Presidents Cornment

Not long now until the start of another busy summer season of bowls. Our opening day is on Saturday the 3rd of September. The ceremony starts at 2pm and will be on much the same format as in previous years.

Your executive is working hard and preparing for a very busy season. The Nationals are in Auckland after Christmas and we will be seeing visiting players from all over the country using our greens and facilities.

You will notice that the outside of the club and the roof have been painted, the holes in the tar-seal fixed and a general tidy up has taken place. Recently, a number of cameras have been installed outside and we are now able to monitor our top parking areas from inside the clubrooms.

Laurie Stothard has been employed as a Secretary Manager of the Club and he is already proving his worth. Laurie has had experience managing clubs, and hotels in Australia and is very enthusiastic about improving both the financial position and the playing side of the Club. We hope to introduce more twilight bowls this year with a format that will attract younger non bowlers and others to our club.

Laurie is working on increasing our sponsorship, and making the community far more aware of our club activities, what we can contribute, and the facilities we have to offer.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our opening day and wish you all a pleasant and successful summer season of Bowls

Barrie Smith - President

### The Secretary/Manager

The past few weeks have been very busy, catching up with the administration procedures adopted by BHB bowls.

My thanks go to Allan Smith for being patient as I progress through the finer details required. My sincere condolence's to the families of our departed club members, they will be surely missed.

I would also like to welcome the new members that have joined our Club this year and wish you all great bowling.

One important objective this 2011/12 season is underway with Mates in Bowls coming on board to promote Twilight Bowls to be held every Thursday evening followed by a Social

event & BBQ, This is set to start in October. The start date will be announced soon..

At the time of writing NZ Bowls has not confirmed if Blockhouse Bay will be granted the Grants Corner to Corner event. However Steve Smith from NZ Bowls believes that we have a great chance. If so, this will be held on Friday Evenings.

A horse racing A to Z has been started for some of the members as we can only have 26 involved. This has been accepted very well. There has been two new items added to our bar. These are Amstell Light Beer, and Smirnoff Ice in RTD bottles, both worth trying.

Corporate Business functions are now ready for promotion and I will be contacting local companies soon to get some starters and of course some more sponsors for Club events. Well, we have a very busy season ahead, and I will take this opportunity to wish you all happy bowling and great camaraderie.

Would all members that have an E-Mail address, please pass this on to me to assist with more rapid communications.

BHB Bowls is now on Facebook, so take some time and have a look

Cheers All - Laurie Stothard

### New Club Logo

At last we have an up-to-date and fresh looking Club Logo. You may recall the subject was raised in Roll-Up on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008.



After some "action" started by our previous executive, and with the skill of a signage contact through Laurie Stothard we now have the finalized Club Logo. The new logo is outstanding because of its simplicity and yet it portrays a "block" house while carrying the letters BHB

on "blocks" plus the word "Bowls".

We can now look forward to having all our signage, badges and Club documents headed with the same "Logo".

Despite what some may say a "recognizable" and "clean-cut" logo is an important tool to bring

the whole Club together as one big family, while also helping to attract new members.

### History of Lawn Bowls in Australia

From an initial roll-up at the Melbourne Bowling Club in 1864 comprising the elite of society, Lawn Bowls flourished and in 1880 Associations were formed in NSW and Victoria.

The Game then underwent a transition from a game for gentlemen to a mass participatory sport. Competition and rules governing this activity occurred and over decades Lawn Bowls moved from wood or rubber construction to today's composite bowl that is available in a range of biases and colours. A Game that was once considered for those of senior years Bowls is now enjoyed by a vast expanse of age groups in either formalised competition play or an adhoc social format.

Today nearly half of the world's bowlers are located in Australia and our sport enjoys significant exposure in both electronic and printed media.

Lawn Bowls is competitive yet positively enjoyable. A sport that has provided challenges and satisfaction to generations, both males and females.

### Direct from Henselite

How often have you asked "Is that bowl legal?" I had the good fortune to talk the question through with Alistair Hensel for about half an hour by telephone on 4<sup>th</sup> July. He runs Henselite Bowls in Australia.

The issue we discussed was "How to decide if a bowl has a legal bias".

In fact, there is no such thing as a bowl which conforms to a minimum measured curve on the green. It seems that there are so many variables which affect the actual travel of a bowl when played it is just not possible to define bias with an actual measurement from the centre line. Nevertheless every bowl must travel on a curved trajectory.

The reasons Alistair gave for no defined or measured curve are as follows :-

1. Greens vary from country to country and from place to place
2. The surface of greens vary at these different locations.

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3. The surface of every green is variable as is the texture including artificial surfaces.
4. Relative humidity and ambient temperatures are also going to affect movement.

New Zealand is reputed to have the fastest "greens" in the world and therefore narrower biased bowls are likely to comply here where they would be rejected on the much slower greens encountered in the UK.

The narrow bowls which have been developed in the last eight or nine years have been forced into the game by a demand from more aggressive bowlers. Manufacturers like Henselite have tried to resist making extremely narrow bowls, but have been forced to match newer manufacturers, so have been left no option but to follow suit.

There is still a down-side to using narrow bowls, because narrow bowls have less "shoulder", and they become less stable and are therefore more sensitive to outside influences, such as wind and the condition of the green being played on.

To sum up, you won't win a National championship with Classic Two's but you will enjoy using them "long term", if you are just playing for pure enjoyment.

#### **Footnote-**

After this discussion and then "reading between the lines", I am wondering whether the bias problem got out of control before "World Bowls" UK took any action to define a minimum bias. Players are now forced to accept the situation as it is because World Bowls cannot in retrospect make a ruling which would incur legal action from the manufacturers of bowls.

#### **How's this for a Response from World Bowls**

Dear Roger

Your question cannot be answered by a single measure. As you will no doubt be aware, the only official testing of bowls takes place in accordance with World Bowls Regulations on test tables employing standardized equipment with all bowls being tested against the universal Working Reference Bowl (minimum bias master bowl) within defined parameters for temperature.

Kind regards

Gary Smith

Chief Executive

Ed.

## **The Rules of the Game**

For the benefit of members, both new and old, the following is a list our qualified umpires.

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Ron Harris     | George Wallace |
| Helen Lister   | Dorothy Moodie |
| Gay Dawson     | Dorothy Sloper |
| Debbie Garside |                |

They are there to help you with any queries regarding the game. There are frequent situations that arise when a bowler is not sure what to do. It is better to get the correct information from one of the Club Umpires, assuming one is available, than to accept the opinion of another player. (In the game of Bridge the adjudicator must be called for every infringement)

After the game do not hesitate to ask the umpire to show you the appropriate law in the Law Book.

Law books are available from Allen Smith at six dollars each.

Law Books are also available for reference purposes in the committee room.

In future "Conditions of Play" will be on display for all Club competitions and Tournaments prior to the closing day for entry.

#### **Smoking Guidelines**

Following discussions at the AGM the Club Committee has adopted designated areas for smokers. These are as follows:-

"A" Green – Under the pavilion verandah outside the lounge.

"B" Green – Under the Pepper tree

"C" Green – Outside the entry gate

Ron Harris

**Quiz** for the bowlers who "Know all the rules".

Team A's second player delivers a bowl and it knocks out team B's shot bowl. The B team's bowl moves towards the back of the rink, where it hits the foot of the foot of a player from team B.

What happens now? See answer on back page.

## **The Greens**

Well the season is going to be upon us very soon. The days are lengthening and the daytime temperatures are sneaking up. The plants still have cold feet and although there is good coverage, the growth is still very slow. In two or three weeks that will change and the

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growth will take off. We are starting to put the Astro covers back in the ditches and the pegs and numbers back out on the banks. Now that's got to get that spring feeling going in your blood.

We have put a capping on the plinth on "B" green and given it a couple of fills of soil with still one more to go. Once summer starts there will almost certainly be a few problems with the height of the plinth but they will be minor. The plan at this stage is to be onto the greens on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. The scrimms will be down although the surface will still be a bit soft so it would be appreciated if all bowlers could be as careful as possible for a while, until things harden up.

There are still a few weeds around and the odd spot of moss but they will "meet their maker" very soon. There is virtually no slime around which is surprising and very pleasing considering the winter has been warm for the most part. We wish everyone the best of bowling for the coming season.

Warwick and Andrew

### Alzheimers Morning Tea

Full credit to Patricia Cheeseman and her twelve faithful assistants. Yet again they have turned on a very successful fund raising event to support a very worthy cause that is also so close to our hearts. This year the Club raised \$2120.00 with an entry fee, loads of excellent raffles, and a large range of items on the "Bring and Buy" tables. This amount can be added to the \$10,000 raised over previous years

Over ninety people were in attendance, the majority of whom were lady members who had brought along several of their own friends. The General Manager of Alzheimers Auckland, Bonnie Robinson, thanked us for the special effort we make each year and went on to explain that with an annual budget of over \$1.4 million and a government subsidy of less than half of this they are eternally grateful for any donations, large and small.

Having only just merged with their South Auckland counterparts they are saving on administration costs; which in turn means that more resources can be channeled into their field work.

Ed

### Mid-Year Christmas Party

Our Mid winter dinner-dance went off very well. The 161 who attended all said they had had a jolly good night. The Meal was of the usual high standard from A1 Caterers. The Band turned on some delightful music that was especially good to dance to.

Our next "Dinner-Dance" will be our wind-up event for 2011. Make a note in your diary on 10<sup>th</sup> December as tickets will be limited to 150.

Paula Crawley

### Cheap Front Row Seats - World Cup

Here is a way to join in on the excitement of the World Cup Fever.

Six of the playing days have been selected as World Cup Days at the Club. They are as follows:-

**Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Opening day**

**NZ V Tonga**

**Starts 8.30PM**

**Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**England V Romania**

**Starts 6.00PM**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Argentina V George**

**Starts 1.00PM**

**NZ V Canada**

**Starts 3.30PM**

**Wales V Fiji**

**Starts 6.00PM**

**Ireland V Italy**

**Starts 8.30PM**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Pool Winners**

**Start Times**

**6.00PM**

**8.30PM**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Bronze Final**

**Starts 8.30PM**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Final**

**Starts 9.00PM**

Note these dates in your diaries and be sure to come to the Club for some excitement and Rugby Cup fever.

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Regular Friday night meals will be available as usual and could even be on, on the other nights if the numbers justify the effort.

### **Obituary**

Our friend and long serving "life member", passed away at his home on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 87yrs of age. "Rocky" Colin Rokella got "hooked" by BHB Bowls in 1989 after a brief stint at the Pakuranga Bowling Club.



So after 22yrs of committed membership Rocky was given a cheerful and happy "send off" by a large contingent of Club members

at Morrisons on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

BHB Bowls became part of his life and he was soon a regular "Monday Boy" (Sorry girls that's a term of endearment for both sexes). As a keen gardener, Rocky made it his business to keep all the hedges trimmed with hand clippers, and made sure the lawns were always neat and tidy. He grew his potatoes, beans, and tomatoes at home.

Born in Dargaville, he first rode to school on horseback. His sporting successes included Cricket, Rugby and Tennis.

Rocky worked for 52yrs in the Public Service garage and got to drive the Royal Entourage on the rare visits to NZ. He loved his family and his grandchildren and will be sorely missed by us all. Other past members who have passed away since the last Roll-up are Tom Whalley, Doris Prosser, Angus Craig. All have been long time full bowling and social members. Our Club is proud to recognize the service and dedication that these members contributed over their long association with the Club

### **Join in the Fun**

Every Monday morning is "clean-up" day at the Club. More commonly known as the day of the "MONDAY BOYS" & "Girls."

This is an important part of running our Club. Can you offer your services and join in. (No entry fee to this club)

We just need your attendance every Monday. That is to clean, scrub, mow the lawns, dig the garden.

Come and mark out your space, have some fun, which includes a special morning tea, and feel part of the show.

### **Wicked Wicks**

#### **Purveyors of the Rules**

Can't help notice that our club has two qualified male umpires and five qualified female umpires. There has to be some hidden reason for this unusual situation???

#### **Orange Carded**

Tony Orange did not think Roger Pye should escape a mention in this column when he was ten minutes late for a winter Roll-up. Hence the "Orange Card".

#### **Privileged Parking**

Keith Goffin has changed his name to Keith Entrance. Now he has his own car park with his name on it at the end of the Clubrooms.

#### **Bowling with a Long Reach**

If you spent a big chunk of your life driving one of those Harbour Board container cranes you would develop a "long reach". That is just why Brian Moffit bowls so well.

#### **Treasure Trove**

Most in the food industry know that a "shipper" is the outside box used to contain multiple packets of smaller items like baking soda or cornflower.

Our Margaret "Schipper" (Ex Foodstuffs employee) has just discovered this fact and that she too could contain a whole lot of small and yet to be told snippets of information.

#### **Covering his Options**

Les Wilson is about to do what most couples do in their young days when they get married and prepare to raise a family; build a brand new house on a vacant lot.

His empty section is in Connell St. This property is right opposite Powley House, a rest home; so we will watch to see where he finishes up.

#### **Private Mark**

Rosalie Vodanovich objects to male bowlers "Standing on her mark".

#### **Dickey Ticker**

All members are hoping that Ray Nola will recover successfully from his current bout of

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heart problems. We all send our best wishes to you Ray, and hope you have a speedy recovery.

### Summer Interclub

Our selectors are working hard to get teams sorted out for summer Interclub. Be sure to get your name recorded now if you want to participate.

### The Wailing Wall

Lawn bowling is a sport that's known for being a competitive yet relaxing and fun game. We stumbled upon this short little poem that sums up the whimsy of the game, as well as the many challenges that are sometimes faced on the green.

#### **The Wailing Wall**

They beat their breasts and cried out loud,  
As they faced the northern wall,  
Where the selectors had placed the team  
selections  
On the notice board was their call.

There were some that swore and some that  
cried,  
And some who stood and muttered  
Some were proud, some were coy,  
And others merely stuttered.

There were voices raised in anger,  
Shrill screams split the air,  
There were those who didn't say a thing,  
Because they really didn't care.

"I won't play with him", one said,  
"He's a bloody hopeless skip."  
And one who very quietly said,  
"It's time I took my trip."

There were many self selections;  
There were lots of "bloody hells!"  
There weren't very many who said,  
"The Selectors had done it well."

The players knew who should be there,  
They knew who to pick,  
Just ask them when you hear them say,  
"That selector is a \$\$\$#@!"

Each year the tears get deeper,  
As on the floor they fall,

From those who stand in anguish  
Before the "wailing wall".

Thanks to the Vale Bowling Club for the  
cute poem about our favourite sport!

### The Second Affair

There was a middle-aged couple who had two  
stunningly beautiful teenage daughters. The  
couple decided to try one last time for a son  
they always wanted. After months of trying, the  
wife finally got pregnant and sure enough,  
delivered a healthy baby boy nine months later.  
The joyful father rushed into the nursery to see  
his new son. He took one look and was  
horrified to see the ugliest child he had ever  
seen. He went to his wife and told her there  
was no way he could be the father of that child.  
"Look at the two beautiful daughters I  
fathered!" Then he gave her a stern look and  
asked, "Have you been fooling around on me?"  
The wife just smiled sweetly and said, "Not this  
time dear !!!"

### A Joyful Crossing

Two catholic nuns were walking alongside a  
very muddy roadway in their beautiful habits  
and headgear. They were wondering how they  
could cross the muddy roadway without getting  
covered in mud.

At that moment along came two clowns and  
they offered to carry the nuns to the other side  
of the road.

Half way across one of the clowns started to  
"laugh his head off". The nun he was carrying  
called out, "What is making you laugh so  
loudly?" The clown replied, "I was just thinking.  
This is virgin on the ridiculous."

### Answer to Quiz

Team "A"s skip (He/She is on the head) has  
the option to place the disturbed bowl where he  
thinks it would have "come to rest" or he may  
declare the end "dead".

Law 28.1.3.1.1 & 2

## **SLIME STRIKE**

### **Moss & Mould Remover**

**\$10 per Ltr. (Incl \$5 for Youth)**

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