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## BDBA Summer Competition Finishes with Gripping Finals

The inaugural BDBA Summer Competition completed the season with a morning of finals at Red Hills Bowls Club on Saturday 23rd March.

All three Divisions played at the one time with presentations held at the conclusion of the finals. With six teams playing in the finals, five clubs were represented. St Lucia provided two finalists and the club must be proud of this effort by their players.

Again this first competition of the season was sponsored by Alex Gow Funerals.

“BDBA proudly acknowledge the continuous support from Alex Gow Funerals,” said BDBA President Geoff Manser. “We thank them for their promotion of lawn bowls within our district.”

All finals were played at a high standard and scores fluctuated throughout the games before winners were decided. The Division 3 game went down to the final end played.

Final results were:

### Division 1

Enoggera defeated St Lucia 5 - 0

### Division 2

West Toowong defeated St Lucia 3.5 - 1.5

### Division 3

New Farm defeated Ferny Grove 3.5 - 1.5



Three Winners: (L-R) New Farm (Division 3), West Toowong (Division 2) and Enoggera (Division 1)

(On page 2 are photos of all finalists)

The Alex Gow Cup will be decided by a pre-arranged formula which will select the winner from amongst the three finals. All divisions have an opportunity to win this prestigious award which will be presented at an end of year BDBA function.

Congratulations to all participating finalists, the worthy winners and to Red Hill for a wonderful hosting effort.

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# Summer Competition Finalists



**Enoggera Bowls Club**



**Division 1 Runner-up**



**West Toowong Bowls Club**



**Division 2 Runner-up**



**New Farm Bowls Club**



**Division 3 Runner-up**

## By-Laws to be Updated

**BDBA By-Laws require updating to keep them current and comprehensive.**

A BDBA By-Law committee has been convened and both men and women are represented.

Some points to be considered include: an amalgamated Match Committee for 2025 which will preside over

all bowls competitions; Conditions of Play for men and women becoming identical; and processes to be followed for different scenarios should they arise.

If any one is interested in joining this committee and assisting in this task, please email the BDBA Secretary Chris Baxter [info@brisdistba.org.au](mailto:info@brisdistba.org.au)

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# 2024 BDBA Triples Champions

BDBA Triples Championships for both Men and Ladies commenced on 19th March. Sectional games were held at Windsor over three nights. Then the rain set in and Windsor's greens were awash.

Northern Suburbs came to the rescue and provided an under cover dry venue for the finals the following week. Many thanks to Northern Suburbs for their support.

The Men's semi finals had Red Hill represented in both games. Their opponents were Enoggera and a combined team from Hamilton/Chermside/Northern Suburbs.

The teams were:

ENOGGERA: *R. Van Homrigh, J. Wise, B. Merkel* versus RED HILL: *B. Thomas, T. Swanson, D. Thomas*

HAM/CHE/NSS: *S. Hinsch, R. Norquay, H. Leslie* versus RED HILL: *D. Menadue, R. Kernoban, G. Rolls*

The results were: Enoggera 35 defeated Red Hill 10; Red Hill 28 defeated Ham/Che/NSS 15.

Enoggera and Red Hill advanced to the final the following night and produced a great night of bowls. Red Hill emerged the winner 25-16 to become the BDBA 2024 Triples Champions. This was a mighty effort as this Red Hill team had finished 4th in the ratings after sectional play. Congratulations to all players.

## LADIES TRIPLES

With only 6 entries in the Ladies' Triples competition, only the top two teams in each section were eligible for finals and no semi finals were played.

Chermside, skipped by Sue O'Toole, played a thrilling final against Ferny Grove, skipped by Karen Mateer. Ferny Grove led throughout the game but the margin was forever changing and at one stage the teams were separated by

only 2 shots. Ferny Grove held their nerve to come home winners 22-18.

For providing a gripping final, filled with precision bowling, congratulations are extended to both teams - Ferny Grove and Chermside.



2024 Ladies' Triples Champions Ferny Grove  
L-R: Pauline Okon (BDBA), Lyn Fryer, Karen Mateer and Ann Clarke



2024 Ladies' Triples Runners-up Chermside  
L-R: Pauline Okon (BDBA), Sue O'Toole, Janette Kennedy and Susan Jensen



2024 Mens' Triples Champions Red Hill  
L-R: Greg Rolls, Dan Menadue, Rob Kernohan and Lyn Fryer (BDBA)



2024 Mens' Triples Runners-up Enoggera  
L-R: Lyn Fryer (BDBA), Jim Wise and Russell Van Homrigh



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# BQ Changes Originate from AGM

On Wednesday 20th March 2024, a Bowls Queensland General Meeting and AGM were held and representatives from all Queensland Districts were invited.

BDBA were represented by Jane Bush, Ladies Bowls Co-ordinator and Keith Brown, Men's Bowls Co-ordinator.

The meetings decided that all Division 1 Ladies Pennant competitions, from club level to state level be two teams of Fours, comprising a team total of 8 players. Previously this grade of pennants required a team of 12 players to play at Group Divisional level and State level. This change was welcomed by the majority of Districts and was an acknowledgement of the difficulties faced in securing sufficient teams of 12 players to contest at Division 1 standard. The change from 12 to 8 players in a team applies to the 2024 competition.

There will be no changes to the 2024 8-a-side championship but this will be reviewed again before 2025.

BQ are considering a change in the composition of BQ Groups. It is proposed to increase these groups from 8 to 10 which received general agreement. The plan

is to have two districts in each group. Presently our Group 4 comprises three districts – BDBA, Moreton and Sunshine Coast. Districts are to be consulted before any decision is made.

All Districts were advised that Tier One Championships (Singles, Pairs, Fours) were not to be started before 1st November. A memo with this detail has been sent to all districts, to be on-forwarded to clubs.

## Election of New Office Bearers

Four Bowls Queensland directors were seeking re-election at this year's AGM. They were:

Kerry Green (*Vice President*)

Gregory Flynn (*Board Director – Finance*)

Colleen Ryan (*Board Director*)

Carmel Gibb (*Board Director*)

None of these nominations were successful. Instead the following new Directors were elected:

Brian Marshall (*Vice President*)

Graham Lewis (*Board Director – Finance*)

Alan Thorpe (*Board Director*)

Joan Brotherton (*Board Director*)

At the next AGM to be held in 2025 the other two sitting directors plus the President will be facing re-election.

## Not Even Rain Could Dampen the Day!

A sleepless night on the eve of the Cunningham Challenge as the Weather Bureau predicted floods and a deluge for the following day.

The Cunningham Challenge is an annual event which Cunningham and BDBA use as a trial before the Queensland District Sides Championship. With the Cunningham ladies unavailable, it became a men's event, played under Championship conditions.

Sunday 7th April dawned wet and rainy as everyone gathered at Ferny Grove Bowls Club, our designated host club. Morning tea was served, game cards were completed and shirts distributed before the decision was made to re-locate the first game to undercover Enoggera.

Both teams and supporters arrived at Enoggera Bowls Club where rinks were already set out, and the game started right on time at 9am.

Cunningham won the first round by the barest of margins – 1 shot.

Back in the cars and a return to Ferny Grove for lunch. The new caterer at Ferny Grove served a delicious lunch with plenty for everyone.

With weather conditions now in our favour, the second round of play was held on Ferny Grove's grass greens. After so much rain, the usual fast greens were reduced in pace. The games produced some excellent play and while played in a very friendly spirit, they were most competitive.

BDBA won the afternoon round by 16 shots and won the day by 15 shots.

Special thanks are extended to Ferny Grove Bowls Club, Enoggera Bowls Club and their volunteer



members for their co-operation which made the day possible.

Next year it is Cunningham District's turn to host. It is hoped the weather is friendlier.

## BDBA Selects State Sides

BDBA Selectors have been hard at work selecting teams to represent this District at the Queensland State District Sides Championships to be held at the Gold Coast from 8 – 11th May.

The Ladies who have gained selection are:

SKIPS: Jacinta Weier Jane Bush Pat Hobson

THIRDS: Kelly Gauntlet Karen Mateer Chris Baxter

SECONDS: Sharon Skelton Jude Whaites Sue O'Toole

LEADS: Mel Caletti Barb McNeil Pam Salway

**Reserves:** MaryAnn Devery (Selector), Cathie Judd (Manager), Kerry Meehan (Coach)

The Men's teams are:

S: D. McWhinney Stu McCosh Brett Merkel Greg Rolls

T: Lewis Stumbris Jason Curry Todd McIntosh David Thomas

S: Hayden Leslie Peter Campbell S. Springate Mick Ryan

L: Shaun Kelly, Wayne Masters R. VHomrigh Raymond Bax

**Reserves:** Jim Wise, Alan Howard. **Manager:** Roger Fryer