**Annual "Mark Berwick" Triples, Random Draw, Tournament
September 21, 2024**

**This year's Championship Random Triples contest took place on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Fifteen players (5 teams of 3) competed in this annual fun event.   Congratulations to this year's Champion Random Triples Team:  Tamy DeLeon, Randy Warner and Shuko Fujita. Each Team played a total of 4, 4-end games and the Champion Team (Tamy, Randy, Shuko) were undefeated!  The Second Place Team included players Ralf Poppen, Ray Yourchek and Dorothy Grimm.  They had 2 wins and 2 loses and a point differential of -3.**

**Triples Champs (2024) Tamy DeLeon, Randy Warner, Shuko Fujita**

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 **US Open November 3 - 9, 2024

A Bowling Adventure for HLBC Members: Tamy DeLeon, Judy Rasmussen & Hetta Danford**

**Tamy DeLeon, Judy Rasmussen and Hetta Danford all went to the US Open held this year in Arizona.  The players arrived in Sun City, Arizona, for the US Open Lawn Bowling competition three days prior to the start of the tournament, in beautiful, sunny, warm weather.  The HLBC 4's team, Tamy, Judy, Hetta, and Maria (from Kelowna, Canada), was able to practice for two days trying to learn the nuances of play on some very fast moving greens.

The tournament started out with a surprising win for our 4's team against the US team who had both the US National Champion and World Champion on their team.  This is the same team that went on to win the 4's title with only one loss, the one delivered to them from our HLBC players!

Play was fun and all our bowlers experienced some very tough competition.  The weather took a turn for the worse during the 4's play which added another challenge, especially for our Hawaii players, who aren't accustom to playing in windy, freezing temperatures.  Judy and Hetta made it to the finals in pairs.  Their run was cut short not only by a tough team, but also by the cold and windy weather.  Playing in a winter coat, hat and having cold hands proved to be very challenging.  Even bundled up watching Judy and Hetta play from the sidelines, Tamy found she was shivering and glad she didnt have to play that day.

Tamy and Hetta played in the singles with Tamy missing the cutoff for finals by just a few slots.  It was a wonderful lawn bowling experience to be able to play against some of the country's top notch players on some of the most beautiful and pristine greens in the United States.  It was an experience that gives one the desire to improve and the hope for a great future for this awesome sport!   Following are some photos of our lovely gals in this tournament but first a brief word about others competing in the play that deserve mention.  First, one of our HLBC Life Members, Claire Day, representing another club (but we still get to give her a "shout-out" and use our bragging rights), played a good tournament and cinched a 1st Place win in the third flight at the US Open Women's Singles Championship.  Claire and her partner also made it to the finals in the third flight for pairs but lost their first game against a tough team.  And, one of our newest members, Charlie Herbert (non-resident HLBC member) made his mark as the second place finisher in both singles and pairs competition.  His 4's team won the championship for the second flight.  Charlie is a master bowler and managed to garner a trophy as the 2024 US Open Lawn Bowls Male Player of the Tournament.  Charlie was also gracious enough to take time to give our gals some helpful tips on how to improve their game.      Congratulations to all those who competed, especially our gals and also to Claire and Charlie!**

**Warm-Up Day:  Hetta Danford, Judy Rasmussen, Tamy DeLeon, Maria Fugedi**

**HLBC Women's Fours Team:  Marie Fugedi, Judy Rasmussen, Hetta Danford, Tamy DeLeon**

**US Women's Champion Four's Team.**

**Judy Rasmussen, Tamy DeLeon, Marie Fugedi with 6 Time National Men's Champion (and HLBC member!) Charlie Herbert.**

**Judy Rasmussen and Hetta Danford qualifing for the Women's Doubles Final**

**Our freezing Hawaiian Team with thermal underwear, hoodie sweatshirts and extra jackets!**

**HLBC Life Member Claire Day, 1st Place in 3rd Flight at the US Open Women's Singles Championship**

**HLBC Non-Resident Member Charlie Herbert, 2024 US Open Lawn Bowls Male Player of the Tournament.**

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CUT-THROAT Tournament Coming UP!
December 14, 2024**

**This year's annual Cut-Throat Tournament is scheduled for Saturday December 14, 2024.  This will be our Fourth consecutive year for this competition.  Prior Champs have included Robert Katzman, Nancy Miller and Michael Lauer.  We are looking forward to a fun day of play...  good luck to all participants!!  Sign-Up NOW...  A sign-up sheet is posted on the front door of club house or contact Judy at:  808-783-5543.**

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**HOLIDAY PARTY with "White Elephant Gift Exchange"**

**DECEMBER 28, 2024**

**Let's celebrate the Holidays and ring in the New Year with a Club Potluck and gift exchange party on Saturday, December 28th, following our regular Saturday Bowls play.**

**If you cannot make the morning bowls, please stop by the club around noon with a potluck dish to share and join the Holiday Party!**

**Regular Bowls play will be from 10 AM to about Noon.**

**We will have the "White-Elephant Gift Exchange" at this party too!  If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift, wrapped or in a box or bag.  The gift can be something new (please don't spend more than $20), something silly, something nice, something you want to get rid of... whatever!  During the gift exchange you will have the chance to "steal" a gift or select a new one from the unselected/un-opened gift pile.  Rules of the game will be announced at the party.**

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**ALOHA BAREFOOT BOWLS IN HONOLULU:  Our Annual ALOHA BAREFOOT BOWLS Tournament is scheduled for February 12, 13, 14, 2025.   This will be our 10th ABB Tournament!  This fun event draws contestents from all over the world.  In this doubles tournament, teams of two bowl three bowls each in six-end matches.  Multiple round-robin matches each day qualify teams for the third day knockout. The entry fee set at $175 (per person) includes a custom Tournament Shirt, Club Hat, Club pin, light breakfast and lunch each day at the club, bottled water. On Friday evening we host a grand finale luau with an awards ceremony, a sit-down catered dinner, a live band and hopefully some hula dancing with fireworks!  Due to our facility size, we must limit entries to 24 teams (48 players total).  As of this writing, the tournament is full, however, if you are interested in being on the "stand-by" list, contact:**alohalawnbowls@gmail.com**.    If you've already signed up and feel you must withdraw, now is the time!**

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**Monthly Club Clean-Up Day: 1st Saturday of the Month,  December 7th**

**Please come on down early to the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 7th to help keep our Club House and Grounds looking spiffy!  There's plenty to do both inside the facility and around the bowling green.  Please show up around 9:15 and lend a hand for 30 minutes to help keep our Club tidy, warm and welcoming to members and visitors alike.  Regular Social Bowling starts at 10 am.**

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**Our NEW/IMPROVED Website is located at:**

**www.HonoluluLawnBowlsClub.com**