**2024 October Library Newsletter**

(1)  I'd like to recommend you watch an interesting bowls match which would be remembered by the players as well as the spectators for a long time.

This bowling event - 2024 Inland Petroleum City of Dubbo International with total prize money $125,000 - drew a lot of attention and attracted many entries from top bowlers. High standard bowling is expected from the men's fours final game.  Lee Schraner with his team-mates, Jack Rynne, Haydn Bojkowski and Josh Walker-Davis were the defending champions. His opponent Ben Twist lined up three young hot shot players, Jack McShane, Joey Clarke and Nathan Black - a very strong combination. Though the weather was not stable that day - wind and rain were expected to come any time - both teams exchanged great shots.

What makes this game unforgettable is the last part, especially the very last end. Don't miss it. It is sensational when both skips had their last bowl to play to decide who would win. Oh mind you, the prize money for the winner is $40,000.

[youtube.com/watch?v=mwmECEqo5GA](http://youtube.com/watch?v=mwmECEqo5GA)

( 2 )  Bowlers from Hong Kong would be interested to watch the Hong Kong summer National Championship finals. This video includes four parts.

Part 1: Women's National Singles

Gloria Ha (HKFC) played against Yunso Ha (HKFC). Hot shot Gloria has been the winner of this event for two consecutive years. Yet Yunso showed her strength in the first few ends. Both struggled a bit mid-way. But Gloria resumed her usual form in the latter part of the game. On the last end, she displayed her favourite running shot, taking the jack straight into the ditch to win the game.

Part 2 ( starting at 1:41 ) - Men's National Singles

Lee Ka Ho (CCC) played against Longnus Ha (HKFC)

It’s always a pleasure to watch this Hong Kong top bowler Lee Ka Ho's performance. Taking perfect lines and weight control seems so easy for him. Sometimes, it is interesting to see how quickly he can adjust after delivering a loose bowl. This involves good calculation which is something we all have to learn. Anyway, in this match, Longnus was intimidated and Ka Ho displayed dominance.

The winner of the women's singles and men's singles will go to play the World Champion of Champions next year in Australia.

Part 3 ( starting at 3:43 ) - Women's National Pairs

Daphne Leung and Jenny Mu (TKOBC) vs Andrea Chan and Angel So (CCC)

All these four bowlers are experienced and have good playing records. Three of them are Hong Kong National Team members. Just to name a few of their achievements, Jenny Mu was the 2023 Hong Kong International Classic women's singles winner, while both Jenny and Angel are Asian Pacific Games medalists.

Please enjoy watching their good performance in this game.

Part 4 ( starting at 6:19 ) - Men's National Pairs

Tony Cheung and Danny Ho ( HKFC) vs Abel Yau and Gary Kwan (YDT)

This game is a mixture of the old and the young. All of them are high level players. Tony Cheung is considered the top Hong Kong player. He won a silver medal in the World Champion of Champions twice. If you are an old Hongkonger, you should have heard Danny Ho's name. The commentator mentioned that he was the winner of the Hong Kong National Pairs as early as in 1995.

I just want to add something that they probably don't know. Danny moved to Canada a year later. His arrival to Vancouver roused a lot of attention among the local bowling community. In 1997, he won the BC Provincial Men's Four. In the same year, I also won the BC Provincial Women's Fours. I got to know him well as we played the National Championships in Halifax together. He won the gold medal and his great performance impressed the spectators and even the local newspaper put his picture on the front page. He also had good success in the US Open as well. He didn't stay long in Canada and returned to Hong Kong.a year after.

In this game, these two legendary bowlers played against two young players from the Youth Development Team. What a contrast! I feel comforted to see after all these years, at his age, Danny still played in his great form. Yes, lawn bowling is an old man's game in that it can be played for a long time. But it is also a young man's game as young men can pick up the game with good skill in a short time. They can play together and are equally good.

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