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BLACKWOOD vs FLAGSTAFF HILL BOWLS EVENING

Twenty six Rotarians and partners and friends travelled from Blackwood to the Happy Valley Bowling Club to challenge our daughter club Flagstaff Hill at Bowls. The evening began at 6:30 with a meal served at the clubrooms and a minimum of speeches and announcements. Pres Geoff Simpson of Flagstaff Hill outlined the rules for the evening, our Pres Bob Arnold announced that it seems that the Bowls trophy could not be found by Flagstaff Hill, and so we were competing for the honour of our respective clubs. In the past Blackwood rarely won the trophy, this time Blackwood would be led by a bowler of some repute Arthur Finch, who is President of the Blackwood Bowling Club. Flagstaff Hill has several bowlers amongst their membership including PDG Gwyn Adams, who has been a bowler for 25 years. Arthur Finch organized our teams, six in all, with four to a team. The hours of daylight left determined that six ends could be played comfortably. After a couple of warm up ends where those who had not played bowls before were instructed by the few who had, the match began.

RESULTS

Team Skipper	Blackwood	Flagstaff Hill	Blackwood (+)
Peter Geer	9	9	tie
Michael McLaren	5	4	+ 1
Tom Davenport	4	9	- 5
Geoff Kamm	12	6	+6
Alan Eldridge	5	10	- 5
Arthur Finch	9	4	+ 5
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	44	42	+2

WE WON !!!!!

For the first time in memory Blackwood won the match legitimately, despite a few hiccups on the way. It was noted that quite a few Blackwood players bowled several times on the wrong bias (was it 5 times for Sue Wymond ?). Captain Arthur Finch played out the last end as we all gathered around to see if we could possibly win for the first time. To use a cricket terminology, he played a "captains knock" bowling the last ball to within a few inches of the kitty, and Blackwood had won, Arthur giving us an exaggerated bow to finish proceedings.

CLOSE: Pres Geoff Simpson thanked Blackwood for the visit, a resounding success. Pres Bob Arnold told us all that we should do this again next year, perhaps at Blackwood.

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