

Fine and sunny weather greeted the players on the final day of the Blind National Championships at the Burnside Bowling Club. Shirtsleeves and sunscreen were the order of the day along with the greens being in their usual excellent condition. All players grabbed those conditions and the high standard of play seen all week continued across the green.

In the B1/B2 Pairs qualifying rounds Ron Syme (Director Sharon Perry) and teammate Glenn Hanneman (Director Bernard Yeo) scored three close shots on the final end to defeat Joseph Kim (Director Margaret Davies) and his teammate Gordon Oldfield (Director Roydon James) by 12-11. However, in the final Kim and Oldfield dominated with their consistency and won 19-3. Great bowls were played by all.

The B3/B4 pairs event was a five-game round robin event. In the last round match Sue Curran (Director Ann Muir) playing with Don Clark (Director Ray Zajonskowski) took on David Stallard (Director Helen Stallard) and Kaye Wood (Director Garth Wood). Going into the last round Spencer Stacey (Director Sue Ashton) and his teammate Susie Tukariri (Director Anne Easton) were leading the section by two differential shots from Curran's team. Playing her last bowl, Curran was four down on the head and while she was well in front on the board and could not lose the game, if Curran dropped the four shots then the Stacey pair would win the event. Calmly Curran played her last draw shot to within a handspan of jack to score the shot and consequently Curran and Clark won the title. This final draw shot was a fitting conclusion to a very successful event with a high standard of play by all players across the week.

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