

## 2024 OPENING DAY

Our 2024 Opening Day was a great success despite the threatening clouds. We had 60 members out bowling in our Opening Day Triples Game and 10 more were there as the raucous cheering section.

We were honoured this year by the presence of one of our Founding Members, Sylvia Kelly. Sylvia was instrumental in creation of the Juan de Fuca Lawn Bowling Club and then in its development as our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Social Committee. There will be an article coming out shortly with more information on Sylvia's memories of this timeframe, watch for it on the Website's Home Page.

Sylvia retired from Lawn Bowling many years ago and is a testament that you can take a bowler out of Lawn Bowling, but you can't take the Lawn Bowling out of this lady!! She honored us by agreeing to throw out the Ceremonial Jack to start our 2024 bowling season. Sylvia arrived at the Greens decked out in her dress whites showed us that even at the age of 103 she still had it! She threw that Jack out right to the feet of Jack Robertson who was acting as the skip. AMAZING. Thank you, Sylvia, you added to the joy of the day.



The last part of the Opening Ceremony is the throwing of the first bowl. Our long-time member, Georgie Arndt (age 93) did us the honour of agreeing to do this. Georgie presented herself on the mat, indicated to Jack Robertson which way she was going to throw and then threw the bowl and proceeded to take the jack back to the skip! ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. The rest of us can only hope that some day we will be as talented as these two ladies! In Thursday Morning Ladies League, we always say that when we grow up, we want to be just like Georgie 😊





Before the games started, the bowlers took part in the “Spider”, it was so close this year that Claudia had to pull out her measure to determine the winner, congratulations go to Mary Darling. Fortunately, the rain held off while we all played our 12-end game. There was a lot of laughter, teasing and joking as we fumbled our way through the first game of the year.



The day ended with a pizza party, a 50/50 draw (Bee Kelly took home \$113.50) and then we got to eat cake, it doesn't get much better than that.

