



President's report 2022 – 2023

Well what a year. In the last twelve months the club committee has risen to the challenge of organising and running, not only the club's affairs & competitions, but the World BlokART Championships, NZ Open, Manawatū Open & North Island Open. None of which could have been achieved without the involvement of our club members. A great club effort working as a team.

To the Worlds our thanks goes out to those who put in the application to run them. Julian Steven, Robert Deighton & Arron Schroder who had done a lot of preparation with the assistance of others. The World's in particular showed the amazing club members all working together.

With this I would like to thank our committee members Arron, Bernard, Martin, Bruce, Carlo, Julian, Russell, Paul, Dean and the late Richard. On this our sympathy goes out to the Gower family on their loss and loss to the club as Richard was only willing to help anyone. He made a great job looking after the media promotions.

I would also like to thank Margaret Baines for organising NZ Open BBQ tables and the smoko during the year, to those providers (ladies) thanks for Saturday meetings who put on a great smoko which is greatly appreciated.

The club can feel very proud putting together an event which broke attendance records and the way it was run and managed with above committee members plus extra's supporting the event.

These people filled the following positions cooking the BBQ, flag marshals, track marshals, setup, announcements at happy hours, traffic control (cones) first aid and a lot of hidden setup services.

To this I say thank you, you are all champions.

The results NZ Open & Worlds for Manawatu are below, well done to everyone who competed.

NZ Open Performance

Lights	<i>Scott McIntosh</i>	1 ^s
Super Heavies	<i>Steve Fox</i>	2 nd
	<i>Shannon Fox</i>	3 rd

NZ Open Production

Lights / Middles	<i>Julian Steven</i>	3 rd
Heavies / Super	<i>Paul Randell</i>	2 nd
	<i>Carlo van den Djssel</i>	3 rd
Top Youth Sailors	<i>Euan Gower</i>	1 st

Worlds Performance

Lights	<i>Scott McIntosh</i>	1 st
Super Heavies	<i>Steve Fox</i>	3 rd

Worlds Production

Lights	<i>Julian Steven</i>	2 nd
Heavies	<i>Carlo van den Djssel</i>	2 nd
	<i>Arron Schroder</i>	3 rd
Super Heavies	<i>Andrew Curtis</i>	1 st

A big thankyou to all our sponsors for the Worlds & NZ Open.

Mitre 10, Manawatu District Council, Manawatu Sports, Palmerston North City Council (CEDA), McFall Fuels, Blokart International, Toyota NZ, Pub Charity, Inspire Net and NZBAI.

McIntosh Cranes supplied marquee and matting for parking field entrance and Inspire Net for communications.

Manawatu Open was well supported from Hawkes Bay, Bay, Auckland and our own members. Thanks to all especially our volunteers in helping run the event. Congratulations to the podium winners.

On a final note, we the club have stepped up to help Hawkes Bay Blokart Club after the cyclone damage in the Hawkes Bay, so we hosted the North Island Open. Our clubs' thoughts go to all those in Hawkes Bay for their losses and damage. Another successful event capably managed, through a team effort by club members and the committee. All profits from the event were donated to the Hawkes' Bay club to assist as needed in cyclone relief.

But after this we can relax for a while.

Results from North Island Open, There were 15 podium places for the event and MBC sailors took out 8 of them.

Lights: Scott McIntosh 1st, David Bowler 3rd

Middles: Rudi Dekker 2nd, Dean Maher 3rd.

Heavies: Bernie O'Donnell 3rd

Supers: Steve Fox 2nd, Shannon Fox 3rd

Cruisers: Anna van den Dijssel 3rd.

The rest of this year saw the club archive a lot of its goals with continued success.

Youth Academy, thanks go out Arron, Bruce & Carlo and helpers for continuing to build numbers and its with great pleasure we see those Blokart grins from students involved numbers now being 25.

Hire karts continue to be well booked with school groups, club groups, families and corporate groups using our karts. Thanks goes out to all who helped. To Dean & others for maintaining the karts. This continues to be good fund-raising exercise plus introducing new members which come from the hires. To Arron thank you for arranging the sponsorship of helmets from Jenquip a new sponsor of the club. Also, to those members who supplied extra karts.

The club is maintaining a good financial position with membership growing making us the biggest club in New Zealand this is the result of building a friendly environment for all to enjoy.

To this we can setup a track refurbishment account which is part of the build in track fees, as re-sealing in the future which will be a major expense and with fund raising this will require a lot of work, plus grants. We are seeking costs for this from a local contractors reseal or hot mix, this will help us to apply for trust grants.

We are looking for extra people on committee as Julian Steven long serving member is stepping down, to Julian thanks for your efforts over the years in maintaining a successful club.

Working bees have generally well support thanks to club members for your support especially the older members who did much of the original setup.

Thanks goes out to Manawatu District Council for their continuing support for our club not only for general running of the area with the NZ Open & Worlds where they supplied extra support.

This next year our focus will be on developing and growing the club. We are also required, by law, to reapply to register as a society, which means reviewing and redrafting our constitution to meet the new 'Incorporated Societies Act 2022' that comes into operation in October this year. Our revised constitution will have to be approved at the 2024 AGM so we can meet the deadline for re applying.

Thankyou Yours in Blokarting.

John Anderson President

