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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well, this is it for the year – December Issue is here. It hasn't quite slowed down yet, but it will real soon with the little break that bowls gets mid-December to early January before it picks up speed and goes full throttle again.

The 2024 Australian Jackaroo's squad has been announced. Jacqueline Hudson and husband Robert Hudson – Director (Fingal Bay) are now official members of the Vision Impaired Jackaroos, and Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace) is once again in the Emerging side, a feeder squad to the Jackaroos. Natasha Van Eldik has also retained her position in the Jackaroos side. Once the youngest jackaroo on the team, Tash is well and truly seasoned after 393 international appearances over 13 years. She made her debut on the NSW State Junior side in 2006, and her Australian side debut in 2010. Currently 4th in National Rankings list published on 8 Nov and still going strong, Tash was once again nominated for the NSW Female Bowler of the Year at the recent Bowls NSW Awards night.

Speaking of which, as I mentioned last issue, we had 13 finalists in the Bowls NSW 2022/2023 Awards night across 8 categories. Congratulations to ALL who had such an amazing year to be among this elite company. Congratulations goes to LEE SCHRANER named Male Bowler of the Year, JOAN THOMAS who was awarded Senior Female Bowler of the Year, and VACIE McINTYRE who was nominated in two categories and claimed the Female Breakout Bowler of the Year Award. RAYMOND TERRACE BOWLING CLUB also picked up the Club of the Year Award. See cover for photo's. It was a great night and we had the pleasure of sitting with Raweang Namutwong who was a nominee for the Female Senior Bowler of the Year. Good to get to know you better Nang, and it was also lovely to meet Joan from Forster who we have read and written about many times, but never actually met.

From the red carpet, to the green carpet. New South Wales Indoor Bowls qualifying will be held across NSW at eight host venues between 19th – 22nd January 2024. Four of those venues are in our readership – Good luck to all contesting at Charlestown, East Cessnock, East Maitland and Soldiers Point.

Dawso back at Charlestown. Former Junior and apprentice greenkeeper, Nathan Dawson has returned to where it all began, taking up the new role of Bowls Facility Manager at Charlestown. Dawso left the club in 2005 after a faithful 10 years (95-05) and embarked on a successful journey with Zone 6 at Kurri Kurri and more recently at Maitland City. We hope you settle in nicely at Charlestown. Charlestown ranks are all the more strengthened and will be one to watch next season.

Results of State Mixed Pairs Qualifying matches saw Soldiers Point's Leisa Burton and Mick Beesley defeat Raymond Terrace Young Guns Zoe Nichols and Brendan Stokes 19/6 in Group 2 finals. Deb Barber (Hamilton North) and Matt Johnstone (Soldiers Point) defeated John Ziller and Lynne Thompson (RayTer) 24/4 in Group 3; Kelly Giles and Ian Lean (RayTer) defeated Kathy Limond and Scott Thoroughgood (Charlestown) 14/7 in Group 4; Shelby Powell (RayTer) and Haydn Bojkowski (East Maitland) defeated Tanya Ware and Ian Brown 19/3 in Group 12; Shendelle Smith and Nathan Dawson (Maitland City) defeated Chloe Appleby and Aaron Appleby (Kurri) 21/9 in Group 13 and Sarah Boddington and Clint Doust (Forster) defeated Claire Kelly (Forster) and Craig Donaldson (Tuncurry Beach) in Group 21. Group 14 at Kurri Kurri is yet to be finalised. Michelle and George Niznik (Maitland City) are scheduled to play Leanne Chenowith and Andrew Rees (Kurri) on 30th November and the winner of this match to come up against

Mick Kedwell and Carolyn Glen in the final.

The State Rookies Singles and Pairs Final Series will be played at Raymond Terrace the weekend this issue comes out - good bowling to all.

Thank you! At the closing of the year, it's a nice opportunity to take the time to thank everyone who contributes to the magazine. From our men's and women's club communications officers who keep us abreast of championships and goings on at club level, to our writers for District & Zone news and special content such as Milton Rigby's Viewpoint, Coaching Showcase by John Bilby and The Dreamer and Perc The Punter (you all know by now is the one and only Warren Shipley). Of course, we wouldn't be able to publish anything without the financial support of the clubs and businesses such as Creighton's Funeral Services and Hunter Lawn Care through ongoing advertising, Where to Get a Game listing and tournament events. Things have gotten a bit tight following Covid with print and paper increases and many ladies clubs have taken it upon themselves to donate to us as well. Although I find it quite difficult to accept, we are truly grateful – thank you.

Please have a safe and happy break over Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

*We all know that time flies,  
good news is, you are the pilot!*

## KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY



Above L-R: Telarah Pairs Finalists Wayne Lambourne, Jonah Threadgate, Caleb Threadgate and Greg Lambourne.

**How's this for special!? Two sets of brothers play in the Telarah Pairs final.** Pretty special yes.... but keep reading... there's more! Brothers Caleb and Jonah Threadgate (22 & 20 years old respectively) played their GRANDFATHER (& former State Representative) Wayne "Bubbles" Lambourne and his brother (Great Uncle) Greg Lambourne. And there you have got yourself one big happy family final. The young guns led for the first 13 ends before Wayne and Greg caught up and gained control for a brief 3 ends. Once again, the boys got ahead and although Wayne and Greg staged a comeback, they fell short with the final score 20/18 going the boys way. Well done!

Cover Photo's

Top Left: **JOAN THOMAS**. Senior Female Bowler of the Year

Top Middle: **VACIE McINTYRE**. Female Breakout Bowler of the Year

Top Right: **LEE SCHRANER**. Male Bowler of the Year

Bottom: **RAYMOND TERRACE BOWLING CLUB**. Club of the Year

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# ZONE 2 / NDBA NIGHT OF NIGHTS



Above L-R: Don Wells Life Member NDBA presents Clay Parker with Zone 2 Senior Bowler of the Year Trophy. Clay won the Zone 2 Senior Pairs and were State Runners-Up, and also a semi-finalist in the Senior Singles and Champion of Champions Fours.



Above L-R: Zone 2 Junior Bowler of the Year Zoe Nicholls with State Selector Clay Parker. Zoe won the Zone 2 Junior pairs and Fours and was runner up in the Singles and runner up in the Zone under 25's pairs and was also a member of the NSW under 18 Fours team that won Gold at the National Championships in Perth recently. Zoe was also a finalist for the STATE Junior Bowler of the Year.



Above: LEE SCHRANER Zone 2 Bowler of the Year AND Representative Player of the Year as voted by his fellow players (over 11 matches – Lee got a resounding 6 votes) pictured with Beresfield President Col Byron (left) and Zone 2 President Mark Conway (right). See Administrators desk for more details on Lee's success.



Above: Dale Watterson from Fingal Bay (right) accepts President's Award from Zone 2 President Mark Conway on behalf of JOINT WINNERS Stephen Sanders and John Kinsella. In a hotly contested award for players graded 5 and under the pair won the Zone reserve Pairs and won through to the State semi finals before defeated 17-13. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone event that the club has won and these 2 were part of the 1<sup>st</sup> victory winning the Reserve Fours in 2021.

# BERO BANDITS OPEN 12 UP TRIPLES



Above L-R: Chairman Col Byron and winners of the Bero Bandit's Open 3up Triples Ben Eick, Matt Norris and Ben Roswell with Bowls Co-Ordinator David Govan.



Above L-R: Chairman Col Byron with Runners-up in the Bero Bandit's Open 3up Triples Peter Baker, Rex Draper and Glen Solomons.



Above L-R: Third Place in the Bero Bandit's Open 3up Triples Warren Shipley, Ralph Shipley and Glenn "Billy" Baxter.

Beresfield held their 12up Triples tournament, the Beresfield Bandits on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October with 5 rounds of 12 ends. At the end of the first day's play, six undefeated teams went home to sweet dreams of snatching the loot. With one round to go the dream was still alive for four teams and a glimmer of hope spread to the fringe dwellers who had only dropped one.

With all other games that mattered complete and the scoreboard updated, all eyes turned to one match - Thompson v Solomons. Both sides were undefeated. Thompson sat in second place and Solomons sixth without adding the result of their bout. Both guaranteed a share of the loot. Tournament leaders Ben Eick, Ben Roswell and Matt Norris had finished strong on 10+41 - the margin unlikely to be eclipsed with Thompson on +27 and Solomons +17. True to his nickname, Slash Solomons, carved Thompson up, slashing 16 shots from their margin and claimed second place. Thompson dropped to sixth – effectively switching places. Full results follow.

**Winners:** Ben Eick (Lowlands), Ben Roswell (RayTer) and Matt Norris (Lorn Park) 10+41; **Second:** Peter Baker (Bero), Rex Draper (Windale Gateshead) and Glen Solomons (Bero) 10+33; **Third:** Glenn Baxter (Cardiff), Ralph Shipley (Bero) and Warren Shipley (Soldiers Point) 8+20; **Fourth:** Bob Arnold (Soldiers Point), Bob Beveridge (Dora Creek) and Ken Devlin (Bero) 8+19; **Fifth:** John Tapp, Paul Black (+Max Dettelbacher sub) and John Tapp (Belmont) 8+18; **Sixth:** Paul Bancroft, Debbie Thompson and Gordon Thompson (Toronto) 8+11; **Best Performed Round 1:** Betty Wilmen, Margaret Boan and Ian Hudson (Bero) +9 (countback); **Round 2:** Enio Volpe, Shane Barclay and Darrell Rodgers (Hamilton North) +8; **Round 3:** Lyn Young (Bero), Harold Ellercamp (Swansea Workers) and Anthony Ellercamp (Bero) +21; **Round 4:** Allan Robinson, Neville Beeton and Terry Barnett (Valentine) +17; **Round 5:** Carl Milne (Rathmines), Glen Douglas (Boolaroo) and Barry Winslade (Dora Creek) +13

Congratulations to all placegetters and well done to Beresfield on another well-run event thanks to Co-Ordinator David Govan and Max Dettelbacher and the crew.





# Newcastle District Bowling Association



*From the Administrator's Desk*

By Warren Shipley,  
NDPA Sports Administrator

The past month has witnessed lots of events coming to their conclusion and the following is a brief description of these events.

**BOJKOWSKI CROWNED CHAMPION:** Haydn Bojkowski claimed his first Zone 2 Championship and the first win for East Maitland in the Zone 2 Men's Major Singles when he defeated clubmate Michael Abel 25 to 14. It was Bojkowski that had the better of the early exchanges setting up a five shot buffer which he improved on as the match progressed to grab the Title. Both players had hard fought semifinal victories with Abel winning 25 to 24 over Lee Schraner and Bojkowski getting the better of Matt Johnstone 25-22.

In the Senior Singles at Valentine, Peter Conlon (Hamilton North) was defeated by Warren Shipley (Soldiers Point) 25 to 11 in the Final to give Soldiers Point their first win since Nevelle Downes went back-to-back in 2007-08. Conlon led 4-0 before Shipley got back to 4-4, Conlon then led 8-5 but Shipley hit back to lead 14-8 then, with the scores 15-11 Shipley won the next four ends to get to the magic 25 and claim victory. Conlon defeated Windale's Mark Heath 25-23 in the semi, while Shipley defeated two-time winner Eric Ryan (Charlestown) 25-16.

Shipley's clubmate Tony Pearson made it a double for Soldiers Point and the third year in succession the club has won the Open Reserve Singles with Pearson defeating Glenn Baxter 25-20 at Mayfield West. In a hard fought battle, it was Pearson who edged away when the scores were locked at 20 a piece to score five unanswered shots for victory. Baxter won his way to the final with a 25-22 win over Craig Smith (Water Board) and Pearson defeated East Maitland's Stephen Coutts 25 to 15. All three title holders will head to Dubbo in March 2024 to contest the State Championships.

**SCHRANER NAMED BEST IN NEWCASTLE:** Raymond Terrace Superstar Lee Schraner was named the 2022/23 Newcastle Bowler of the Year at the Zone Two presentation night held early November. This award was for the season which ended in October after the completion of the National Titles in Perth. Schraner claimed the award after accumulating a record number of points for his achievements throughout last season finishing with a total of 47 points. Matt Baus is the only other player who has come close to that number in a season when he scored 40 points in the 2019 season. Schraner's outstanding season included winning the Zone Fours and finished Runner up at the State in that event. Winning the Zone Champion of Champions Fours and semi-finalist in the Zone Pairs. He also Won the NSW Champion of Champions Singles and Pairs and went on to win the National Champion of Champions Singles becoming the first player to do so on four occasions. Schraner also was announced as the Zone 2 Representative Player of the year being nominated by his fellow players as the best on the rink in six of the eleven matches played.

Also receiving awards on the night was Zoe Nicholls from Raymond Terrace who became the first female to win the Junior Bowler of the Year. East Maitland's Clay Parker received the Senior Bowler of the Year award and the President's award was shared between Fingal Bay club and team mates Stephen Sanders and John Kinsella.

Lee Schraner added another honour to his overflowing achievements when he was named the 2022/23 Bowls NSW Male Bowler of the Year at their awards evening. Schraner's efforts at State level included runner up in the State Fours, winning the Champion of Champions Singles and Pairs and he went on to win the National Champion of Champions Singles becoming the first player to do so on four occasions. Schraner's efforts contributed to his club Raymond Terrace being named NSW Club of the year taking out the State Grade One in both the Open and Men's Pennant competition. They also won the Open Grade Two and the National Triples in the Women's event. Soldiers Point's Vacie McIntyre was named the NSW female breakout bowler after a stellar 2022/23 season which included winning the State Senior Triples and Senior Fours.

**BERESFIELD'S FOUR ON THE BOUNCE:** Beresfield player

Mal Adams claimed the club's fourth successive Zone Two Minor Singles Title. In the fiftieth staging of the event it was Lambton's Steve Gilshenan who began best leading 4-1 before Adams won five of the next six ends to lead 11-5 before Gilshenan hit back winning the next four to trail by one 10-1, but Adams then picked up two doubles and a triple to set up a seven shot lead which he built on over the concluding stages to claim victory 25-16. Gilshenan was attempting to win Lambton's second title in the event, their only one being in 1979 while Adams joins clubmates Troy Barry, Peter Baker and Matt Brown to continue the Beresfield streak.

**THREE THREES:** Raymond secured their seventh successive title in Grade One last week when they defeated Beresfield 59 to 51. Belmont dominated the Grade Two final defeating East Maitland 82 to 34 giving Belmont not only their first title in Grade Two but also their first Title in any grade. Rathmines Memorial won the Grade Three Final with a 66 to 45 win over New Lambton at Edgeworth last Wednesday. In a dominate display the Westlakes Club led all the way to take the crown 66 to 45. The win was made more impressive as the Rathmines side were undefeated throughout the ten rounds of competition. New Lambton were striving to win the Club's first ever Three Threes Championship in any Grade, while this was the first Championship for Rathmines in Grade Three and it will sit along side the club's back to back victories in Grade Two in 1996 and 97.

## BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.

Hello Bowlers. What a busy month November has been. Our Ladies Club hosted the District Singles Finals early this month and what a day it was. The spectators were treated to a display of top quality bowling by all competitors right to the end.

Next on our Agenda was Melbourne Cup Day. The feedback from friends who attended our Luncheon was incredibly generous with the food alone above and beyond the expectations of many.

The Fashion Parade was the hit of the day with our Functions Manager David taking part in Fashions On The Field competition. Lots of fun was had by all on the day.

We are now gearing up for Christmas celebrations coming to the end of 2023. May you all enjoy the holiday break and come back in 2024 better than ever. SEE YOU ON THE GREEN.

## LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Flanagan, C.O.



Above: Lowlands member Carol Dixon honoured with Life Membership.

**LOWLANDS MEMBER CAROL DIXON RECEIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** The Lowlands Women were delighted to present Carol Dixon with a Life Membership in recognition of her long and devoted service to the Club. Carol has served on the Women's Committee as Vice-President, Games Secretary and Selector. Her bowling career has been illustrious: she played in Pennants Teams (and was even part of teams who won 8 pins twice!) and has won both Triples and Fours teams several times. She has been an umpire for some 8 years. The Lowlands Women's President, Annette Kennedy stated that Carol is the type of member every club needs: she sees what needs to be done and does it before she is asked. Carol is held in high esteem by all club members.





Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club

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## BAR BEACH By Barbie Chowlo

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Above: Bar Beach 2023/24 Open Singles Winner Ian Phillips



Above: Bar Beach 2023/24 Open Singles Runner Up Damien Biasiol.

We're heating up for summer at The Reef! The bowling club committee was excited to host the Zone 2 Minor Singles at Bar Beach Bowling Club, following hosting the Zone 2 Senior Singles. It was great to see outstanding games, great examples of bowls etiquette and some true gentlemen of our district, and we have enjoyed having so many spectators and visitors in the club.

As the 2023-24 championship season continues, we would like to congratulate the Open Singles Club Champion, Ian Phillips. A great final was played against Runner Up Damien Biasiol. Well done to everyone who played.

The final for the mixed pairs will see Damien and Ian come head to head again! Tina Biasiol and Damien Biasiol with play against Ian Phillips and Diane Riordan in the first weekend of December.

**WHAT'S ON... CHRISTMAS HAM FRIDAY GALAS** – On Fridays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding Christmas Galas and the winning team will each take home a ham. The Gala kicks off at 4pm and is followed by a game of *Last Man Standing* where the WINNER TAKES ALL! Fridays are a fun evening at Bar Beach Bowlo and all participants and friends are welcome to stay for the raffle, Jag the Joker and a great meal from the bistro.

**WHAT'S ON... MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, FAMILY FUN DAY and CAROLS** – Join us on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December for our Mega Christmas Raffle at 4pm. Bowling members are invited to join us for Christmas lunch prior to the raffle. The Christmas Garden Party at 1pm will be a great day for families with face painting and a visit from Santa! All members and guests are welcome to take advantage of our large grassy terrace area to listen to the Empire Park Christmas Party at 5pm.

**WHAT'S ON... FIVER FRIDAYS** - Every Friday from 5pm \$5 Tap Beer, House Wine and House Spirits. **Jag the Joker Draw on Friday Nights** - With every bar purchase on Friday afternoons, all patrons will receive a free entry into the Jag the Joker draw after the raffle.

**WHAT'S ON... SUNDAY SESH** \$15 Coopers Jugs. **WHAT'S ON... Social Galas. Wednesday and Saturday 1pm.** Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club provides free nibbles after the Wednesday and Saturday galas for bowlers to enjoy during the raffle and consolation draw. You can't pick a better location than Bar Beach for a roll at this time of year. Lovely sunshine and the spring offshore breeze add to the beachy atmosphere and fun vibes.

Happy bowling, everyone!

## NELSON BAY WOMEN

By Bernie Carroll



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Women's Minor Singles Runner-up Leanne Murray and Winner Sue Clark

**Introducing the Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club 2023 Minor Singles champion....Sue Clark.** Sue was victorious over Leanne Murray in a very competitive game that resulted in a score of 25 to 15. Sue had to work hard to maintain her lead throughout the game as Leanne was right on her tail at a few stages and was matching Sue in playing some magnificent shots.

Congratulations to Sue on her great achievement, her regular practice and commitment to the game certainly made it worthwhile in displaying her consistent approach in today's final. Well done to Leanne on a grand effort and for receiving this year's Runner-up title.

## EAST MAITLAND By Kathy Wilton



Above: East Maitland Women's Club Major Singles Runner Up Kaye Arnott and Major Singles Champion Simone Smith

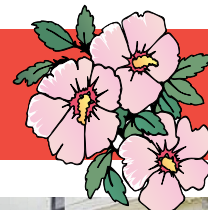
Our Club Major Singles Championships were contested early November with some awesome games played. Our final was no exception with Simone Smith and Kaye Arnott battling it out till the end. The last end being 24 all you can't get any better than that. Final score 25-24 with the Championship going to Simone. Congratulations to both ladies a fantastic game for all spectators to witness.

Our Regional Playoffs were played at East Cessnock early November with East Maitland being well represented in several events against tough competition. Well done to all players who competed.

A big congratulations to our Regional Senior Fours Champions, Helen Richards, Helen Allomes, Annette Hooper and Lorraine Hay you've conquered against the odds and are now off to State at Dubbo next year. Fantastic effort ladies we're very proud of you all and good luck.



# NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Vicki Rankin, Chair of Match

Newcastle District have now completed our Championships for 2023-2024. The District Pairs/Senior Pairs started 23<sup>rd</sup> October and as would happen in all championships there were some unexpected results and very close games. In the Senior Pairs, the final saw the Soldiers Point team of Julie Schumacher & Rosita Ryan take the lead. They kept the pressure on throughout and unfortunately Betty Wilmen and Pamela Stephanis from Beresfield could not bridge the gap with Julie & Rosita after many years of playing this event together, claiming victory and the match 23-8.

In the State Pairs, the final was between two Raymond Terrace sides, Catharine Johnstone and Deborah Whelan vs Sharon Mc Reynolds and Lynne Thompson. Catharine and Deborah put in some great shots, but they were unable to keep them, and the in-form side of Sharon and Lynne proved too strong for them, winning 24-14. Congratulations to all the players, it was a great Championship.

We commenced the District Singles/Senior Singles on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and again were treated to some exceptional bowling during the championship. Two very experienced players made it through to the final, Sharon McReynolds from Raymond Terrace and Leisa Burton from Soldiers Point. A very hard-fought game with the game level 17 – 17 on the 24<sup>th</sup> end but Leisa managed to gain ground in the last 5 ends to take the match and the title 25-18.

In the Senior Singles finals, Kerry Mc Fadden from Fingal Bay played against Vacie McIntyre from Soldiers Point. Kerry played some great shots only to have shots replaced by Vacie. This continued through the match and Vacie's experience and talent carried her through to a win 25-13.

We commenced the Region 5 Championship play-offs the following week and our ladies did themselves proud. In the **Senior Pairs** the Soldiers Point team of Julie Schumacher and Rosita Ryan won both games making them the winners and now are through to State. In the **Senior Triples**, the Soldiers Point team of Jan Sutherland, Vacie McIntyre and Betty Herbertson won both their games and they too are the winners off to State. Vacie McIntyre also won through to State after winning both games in the **Senior Singles**. The in-form side from Soldiers Point, Robyn Flanagan, Sandra Ball, Leisa Burton, and Melissa Witts also won both games in the State Fours and will be joining the other Soldiers Point winners at the State Championships at Dubbo in March 2024.

The annual Rose Bowl Trophy event was contested against Central Coast District on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Everglades Country Club and although our ladies played excellent bowls on a very heavy green, fighting hard right to the finish, we lost the match 107-112 for the first time since 2012. Well done ladies on a very close game, Newcastle District is very proud of your efforts. I can't close my report without making mention of the great success many of our members have had at District, Zone, National and World events.

Raymond Terrace, Zoe Nicholls U18 gold winning team, silver in the U18 triples and part of the overall Champion Side. Kate Matthews, Genevieve Delves, Natasha Scott gold in the Australian Triples. Lemon Tree, Vicki Parkinson gold in the Open Mixed Pairs Championships and Fingal Bay Jacqueline Hudson who won gold



Above: Region 5 Senior Pairs Champions Julie Schumacher and Rosita Ryan.

Right: Region 5 Fours Champions Melissa Witts, Leisa Burton, Sandra Ball and Robyn Flanagan.



Above: Newcastle District Women's 2023-2024 Singles Champion Leisa Burton from Soldiers Point



Above: Region 5 Senior Singles Champion Vacie McIntyre



Above: Newcastle District Women's 2023-2024 Pairs Champions Sharon McReynolds and Lynne Thompson

in the Bowls Australia World Bowls Vision Impaired Championships. Jacqueline has also been selected for the 2024 vision impaired Jackaroo Side. Sharon Mc Reynolds, Raymond Terrace and Betty Herbertson, Soldiers Point, were part of the Keno Blues side winning silver. What a great achievement and honour for these players and we wish them great success in their future endeavours. Also, congratulations to Vacie McIntyre, Soldiers Point receiving Bowls NSW "Female Breakout Bowler of the Year", and Raymond Terrace Bowling Club for being awarded Bowls NSW Club of the Year.



Above: Region 5 Senior Triples Winners Betty Herbertson, Vacie McIntyre and Jan Sutherland.





# LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN



This month has been a busy one for the LMDWBA and a successful one. After a busy 5 weeks of Pennants the Regionals were played on the 12th November against the Central Coast. Results of Regional Pennant playoffs held at Wyong BC were

**Grade 1** - Charlestown def Munmorah United 44/34

**Grade 2** - Charlestown def Everglades 40/37

**Grade 3** - Marks Point def Munmorah United 45/28

**Grade 4** - Bateau Bay def Belmont 49/22

Congratulations to Charlestown Grades 1 and 2 and Marks Point Grade 3 who will now compete in the State Pennants playoffs 21 - 23 May 2024 and to Belmont who although did not get through represented their Club with great sportsmanship.

Two Rep Games were played over the past month and in the first one there were 5 new players selected to play against the Hunter River. Congratulations to Leanne Kerby Charlestown, Terrie-ann Jones, Ann Redhead Charlestown, Margaret Peisley Toronto Workers, Anna Harris Valentine. Lake Macquarie defeated Hunter River 140/117 in the keenly contested annual rep game played at Charlestown. Some great bowls were played by both teams and an enjoyable day was had by all.

The next Rep Game was against the Central Coast. Congratulations to the Lake Macquarie Rep side on their win against Central Coast at Belmont Golf and Bowls 148/107. President Gaye announced this was the 20th time Lake Macquarie has won this keenly contested trophy. We all enjoyed catching up with friends and making new ones. Let's hope this event will continue well into the future.

The District Singles and Senior Singles were played from the 30th Oct - 3 Nov and during the week there were some close contests between players. In both finals the results could have gone either way the games were so close, in the final of the State Singles it was congratulations to Leanne Farmer 25 defeating Leanne Kerby 21 both from Charlestown. In the Senior Singles Raweang Namutwong won 25 against Halina Wuro 22. Congratulations to all players who produced a high standard of bowls and all spectators would agree two very exciting games to watch.

The District Pairs and Senior Pairs were the last District games to be played for the 2023/24 year the Results of Pairs Finals. **State Pairs** - Debbie Foote, Debbie Bullen (Charlestown) def Lorraine Rixon, Shirley Cooke Belmont Golf & Bowls 24/15; **Senior Pairs** - Kathy Limond, Raweang Namutwong (Charlestown) def Annette Cook, Kris James (Toronto Workers) 23/14. Congratulations to all players.

The District winners will now progress to the Regional Championships to be held at Charlestown Sunday 26th November against Central Coast. **District Singles:** Leanne Farmer (Charlestown); **District Senior Singles:** Raweang Namutwong (Charlestown); **District Pairs:** Debbie Foote and Debbie Bullen (Charlestown); **District Senior Pairs:** Kathy Limond and Raweang Namutwong (Charlestown); **District Triples:** Kerry Malligan, Diane Stockwell and Rose Wayland (Belmont Golf and Bowls); **District Senior Triples:** Karleen Gemmell, Val Fullick and Kay Shuttlewood (Charlestown); **District Fours:** Gaye Brown, Julie Paterson, Diane Stockwell and Maureen Simpson (Belmont Golf and Bowls); **District Senior Fours:** Debbie Foote, Laurel Faint, Rhonda Littlewood and Gayle Gannon.

Have a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year and see you all back on the green in 2024.

*By Jen Kenyon, District Publicity Officer*



Above: CHARLESTOWN - REGION 6 Division 1 Pennant Winners to contest the State Play-offs



Above: CHARLESTOWN - REGION 6 Division 2 Pennant Winners to contest the State Play-offs



Above: MARKS POINT - REGION 6 Division 3 Pennant Winners to contest the State Play-offs



Above L-R: Lake Macquarie District Women's Singles Runner up Leanne Kerby and Winner Leanne Farmer.



Above L-R: Lake Macquarie District Women's Senior Singles Winner Raweang Namutwong and Runner-up Halina Wuro.



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Above L-R: LMDWBA District Senior Pairs Winners Kathy Limond and Raweang Namutwong



Above L-R: Lake Macquarie District Women's Pairs Winners Debbie Foote and Debbie Bullen

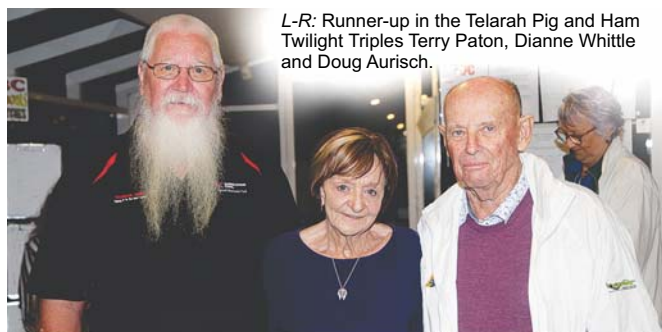


Above L-R: LMDWBA District Senior Pairs Runners up Kris James (s) and Annette Cook.

## TELARAH: PIG AND HAM TWILIGHT TRIPLES



Above L-R: Winners of Telarah Pig and Ham Twilight Triples Koby Kattau, Haydn Bojkowski and Greg Lambourne.



L-R: Runner-up in the Telarah Pig and Ham Twilight Triples Terry Paton, Dianne Whittle and Doug Aurisch.

Telarah held the first of their two annual Pig and Ham Twilight Triples matches on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. With only two games, a win in the first round is imperative. Fourteen teams took to the greens, but only six came back with a win - Max Threadgate and David Cornes had drawn their match 9 all – they would have to win the second round and hope that others didn't fare so well to get a prize.

As it turned out, only 2 of the 6 sides in contention faced each other in the determining round, so it was anyone's game. Surprisingly five survived and now margins were the key.

Prizes were a half leg of ham and a slab of pork. They were awarded from third to first and the pork just kept getting bigger and bigger! Congratulations to the winners Greg Lambourne (Telarah), Koby Kattau and Haydn Bojkowski (Easts) 2+32. In second place on 2+27 was Telarah's Terry Paton, Dianne Whittle and Doug Aurisch and third went to Warren Crawford, Phil York and Bob Scholes, another Telarah team with 2+17. Our friend Max Threadgate (Telarah) and team of Margaret Phelps (East Cessnock) and Laura Cavallaro (Telarah) were the lucky conso winners drawn out of the hat.

Well, now we all know where to head to Christmas haha. There is another opportunity to try your skill. The second Pig and Ham Twilight Triples will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, but if you missed that, make sure you keep it in the memory bank for next year. It's a nice way to spend an evening.





Above L-R: Lake Macquarie District Women's Pairs Runners up Lorraine Rixon and Shirley Cooke



Above: LMDWBA President Gaye and Central Coast President Claudia.



Above: LMDWBA President Gaye and Hunter River President Coral.

## ON THE GREEN

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# VIEWPOINT

By Milton Rigby on behalf of NDBA Umpires' Committee  
(milton.rigby@bigpond.com)

**CAN SPECTATORS SIT BEHIND THE RINKS?** Law 45 requires spectators to be outside the boundaries of the green and away from players and that they must not disturb or advise the players in any way. The boundaries of the green include the ditches and the bank BUT not any surround or edging.

It could be argued that the area between the fixed seating and the green is reserved for players and therefore spectators are not allowed in that area - but this would have to be clearly signposted and announced before the event starts.

**POSITION OF THE JACK ON THE TEE:** Many players place the jack over the tee- this is incorrect the jack must be placed so that the front of the jack is level with the line on the tee.

**MARKING A SINGLES GAME – GIVING ACCURATE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:** Markers must answer accurately and concisely without giving more information than is asked for. At the same time, markers must be able to gauge what information a player is actually asking for. If a player asks a general question "Am I holding?", the answer is "Yes" or "No" or "It's a measure". If players ask for the position or situation, they are asking for more information than simply whether they or not they are holding. They will want to know whether they are up or down and by how many. Whilst giving this information the marker should anticipate further questions about the relative position of bowls to the jack and be ready with answers without a further extended visit to the head. Avoid frustrating and time wasting exchanges such as : "Am I holding one?" – No - "Am I holding two?" -No - "Am I down one?" -Yes – "How many?" – One.

**THE MORAL FOR THE PLAYER IS - IF YOU WANT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ASK "WHAT IS THE POSITION".**

**NEW LAW.** Players and Umpires should be aware that in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Law Book the following Law has been included in relation to "Playing out of turn"

29.1.4 If a bowl has been played by each team or player in Singles before the players discover that one of them has played out of turn, play in that end must continue in that order.

That's all for 2023 – Have a great Christmas.

## MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes



Above L-R: Mayfield West Women's Rookies Finalists Janice Dagger and Michelle Parker

Our Ladies have completed their Rookies Competition, after a round robin event the top 2 ladies played off in the final. Congratulations to Janice Dagger and Michelle Parker for making the final. Michelle took an early lead, then Janice fought back to make it 9 all on the 12<sup>th</sup> end. Janice then pulled away to win 18-11 in a great match. Well done!!

We held our annual Barry Salter triples tournament recently on a raining weekend. The rain held off on Saturday for us to complete 3 games but unfortunately we weren't as lucky on the Sunday, going



out for only 3 or 4 ends before the heavens opened. Congratulations to the winning team of Lee Schraner, Daniel Hill and Sam Laguzza 3 wins +42; 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Gleeson, Sharon McReynolds and Greg Jordan 3 wins + 28; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Bert, Steve Miller and Ben Jeffrey 3 wins + 19; 4<sup>th</sup> John Devlin, Mark Griffiths and Darren Morgan 3 wins + 5.

Finally, our Club open gender triples is starting mid-November - good luck to everyone involved.



Above: Winners of Mayfield West's Barry Salter Triples Sam Laguzza, Lee Schraner and Daniel Hill with Wayne Druce.

## STOCKTON

By Jack High, P.O.



Above L-R: Stockton 2023 Major Singles Winner Dick Hadley with Runner-up Bill Smith.



Above: Stockton's Most Improved Bowler of the Year 2023 - Dave Tinsley



Above: Stockton's Club Person of the Year 2023 - Neville Darwin

The remaining Semi-Final of the Major Singled was played on Sunday 22nd of October and Billy Smith after recovering from a fairly serious health issue played outstanding bowls to defeat Donald Terry by 25-8 shots. Despite the result Donald can be applauded on his effort to reach the Semi-Final of the Major Singles as he is a lower grade pennant player and played exceptional bowls to get the result. In the Final Bill played Dick Hadley on Sunday 4th of November and Bill although he played well could not match the consistently good bowls displayed by Dick who ran out the winner by 25-15 shots. Congratulations to both players in a game played in the true spirit of lawn bowls.

The Clubs Presentation Night was held Saturday 18th November

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and some 100 members and partners were present to see the Championship winners. Bowls Organiser, John Price hosted the night in his usual exuberant style and all present agreed it was a successful and fun filled night. Congratulations to our Joint Bowlers of the Year 2023 - Dick Hadley & Brian Hitchcock, Most Improved Bowler of the Year 2023 - Dave Tinsley and Club Person of the Year 2023 - Neville Darwin.

Well with 2023 drawing to a close and all bowling activities completed it is time to wish our Editors Colleen, Dean and family, Stockton Members, Staff and families and all Bowlers in the District a very Merry Xmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year and hope to see you next you somewhere "On The Green".



Above: Stockton's Joint Bowler of the Year 2023 - Dick Hadley & Brian Hitchcock

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## HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

The main activity to finish up this year has been the playing of the Club Pairs championship and the commencement of the Fours Championship.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Defending Pairs title holders Corey Hayman and Mark Evans advanced to the semi-finals with a thrilling last end 19-16 victory over Shane Barclay and Daryl Rodgers. Rodgers and Barclay established an 11-4 lead after nine ends before Hayman and Evans scored a two on the 16<sup>th</sup> end to hit the front 14-13 and then a three on the 21<sup>st</sup> end to clinch victory. In the other quarter-finals Vic Papworth and Howard Smith downed Andrew Bryson and Cal Starrett 25-15; Pat Foster and Bryce Williams accounted for Deb Barber and Chris Elkin 23-15 and in the remaining quarter final match the father and son combination of Evan and Mick Lewis required an extra end to edge out Richard Dean (Sub) and Ryan Steel 23-20.

The opening round winners in the Club Fours Championship were teams skippered by Mick Powell, Barry Cartwright and Mick Lewis.

The Club Triples Championship are also proceeding with first round matches being played. Nominations for our Minor Fours, Minor Pairs and Handicap Pairs close on the 10th of December.

**PENNANTS:** The club has received a very pleasing interest in the upcoming 2023-24 Open Pennant competition with just over 100 players nominating to participate. To date we have nearly 50 players nominating for the midweek competition.

**THE HAMILTON NORTH TRAVELLING BOWLERS:** Had a very successful trip away to Scone Bowling Club on the weekend of the 11 & 12 of November with a mixed squad of nearly 30 travelling bowlers enjoying the hospitality of their hosts.

**GALA'S:** While we have one green all our galas are near or at capacity weekly. All of our galas are \$10 per player. The Tuesday Pairs Cash Gala is always competitive every week with prize money averaging about \$200 per week. The Thursday Morning and Afternoon Galas as well as our Saturday Afternoon are Jackpot

Gala's which continue to be extremely successful, along with the jackpot all winning players also receive a \$10 butchers voucher. All winning players receive a \$15 seafood voucher in our Friday Seafood Gala.

We would like to thank everyone for making 2023 such a successful year at the Hornet's Nest and we can't wait to see you all again next year. Before signing off we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and an amazing 2024 both off and on the green.

## Dreamer

Hi Dreamers, with entries closing for the Australian Indoor on December 5 we will look at the Conditions of play for that event this month. New South Wales Qualifying will be held across NSW at eight host venues between 19th – 22nd January 2024. Qualifiers will earn their place into the 2024 Australian Indoor Championships, hosted by Club Tweed from 12th – 15th August 2024. Players can nominate where they wish to play qualifying matches and we have four venues in our area, Soldiers Point, Charlestown, East Maitland and East Cessnock.

**Event Format:** Singles – Sets Play; **Match Duration:** Matches shall comprise of 2 sets of 9 ends, with a 3 end tie breaker if required as per Law 56 (Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 4th edition, 2023).

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So why not have a crack and see how you go?

Sweet Dreams



## WINGHAM WOMEN

Eye on Women's Bowls, by Di Lewis



Above L-R: Wangi Women's Club Triple's Champions for 2023/24 Marg Hinton, Jo Duncan and Leonie Gilford (skip)

Today, the FINAL of Club Pair's Championship was played with better weather than the previous week in which the "rain" showers persisted with the greens flooding and the game was called off till this week.

Chris Willey & Leonie Gilford – 18 defeated Carol Kriss & Laurelle Dennes – 17. This game proved to be a close and intense game with these ladies. The game went like this...

On the 8<sup>th</sup> end it was Laurelle & Carol leading by two 6/4, then by the 14<sup>th</sup> end they stretched the lead to 15/9. By the 14<sup>th</sup> end they still lead 17/11; when the proven strong finishers Chris & Leonie scored over next three ends with one pointers to make it 17/14 on the 20<sup>th</sup>





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end. Chris & Leonie picked up a 4 pointer on the "last" end to take the "Final" by one shot; 18/17

Concentration by the bucket loads with these two bowlers of Chris & Leonie. The spectators were on edge of their seats watching this thrilling match on last end. Congrats to the above players who showed great sportsmanship.



**Hunter / Upper Hunter District**

By Michelle Robards, Zone Administrator

It has been a busy couple of months for all Zone 6 players. Winners of the State Fours was Brody Pitham, DJ Dilworth, Nathan Dawson and Michael Cronin from Club Maitland City defeating Cooper Appleby (who is only 13yrs of age) David Meatheringham, Damon Maddock and Daniel Burgin from Kurri.

The Senior Fours final was an all Kurri event with Peter Fisher, Phillip Barnes, Bruce Hampton and John Rees winners over Riley Young, Bruce Taylor, Peter Sumner and Greg Musgrove.

In the Open reserve Fours Daniel Ross, Jamie Atkins, Daniel Maudlen and Brett Pratten from Gresford defeated Robert Hamson, Darren Brasington, Peter Maher and Bill Prosser from Singleton RSL.

We have also completed our Zone Singles which was played in sections due to the amount of entries and lack of green space available. State Singles was won by Michael Cronin over long-time friend Aaron Appleby. These pair have never played a singles final against each other even though they have both won this event.

Senior Singles was the battle of the Wayne's with Wayne Rowbottom from Kurri winning over Wayne Lambourne from Telarah. Open Reserve Singles Artie Earl from Abermain was the winner over Greg O'Reilly from Club Maitland City.

We have now completed all our championships and special congratulations to Michael Cronin who has won all four State

events. This is the second time in the history of Zone 6 that a player has won all four events. The previous player being Nathan Dawson.

On behalf of the Executive of Zone 6 we would like to wish Nathan Dawson all the best in his new endeavour at Charlestown Bowling Club, you will be missed in Zone 6.

We would also like to thank Craig Donaldson for all his work with the selectors and wish him all the best in his new endeavour at Tuncurry Bowling Club.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all around the greens.

## KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.

Pink Day combined with Mary Dixon Day was held recently. This Trophy has been contested for 15 years now and was presented to the winners by Mary's daughter Margaret. The winners on the day were P. Wyborn, L. Schavorn, P. Walsh and M. Yarrow. Runners up M. Bradbury, M. Cousins, M. Waddingham, D. Omerod A. Finnie. We were thrilled to have a special visitor, a previous member now living in U.K. lovely to see Linda Watson again back for a visit. Pam Wyborn won the prize for the best Pink outfit, sporting a bright pink wig all day. The final of the 4's will have been played when this is published.

Our Christmas Party was held at Wangi Wangi workers Club this year. What a special day, great entertainment and food. Special thanks go to Beryl for her organisation.

Bowls finish for the year on the 12th December and start back 9th January. Safe Christmas travels, see you all again in January.



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## SCONE

By Phil Moore, C.O.



Above: Scone Major Singles Champion Mick Davidson



Above: Mick and Damo – Scone Major Pairs Champions



Above: Scone Mixed Fours Winners Di Pund, Rob Osmond (Skip), Prue Harrington and Brett Montgomery, .

Three championships have been completed. The major singles title was won by Micheal Davidson in a close fought game against Guy Holman. Mick struggled early against superb draw bowling by Guy but overcame an early deficit to win by two shots, 25 to 23.

Mick backed up his singles effort with another close final win, partnering with Damien Saunders, defeating Guy and Corey Holman in the major pairs.

The mixed fours final was won by Rob Osmond (Skip), Brett Montgomery, Prue Harrington and Di Pund.

**2024 Pennant News:** The Scone Bowling club will have 3 grades in the Open Gender Pennant, which commences in our zone on Saturday 17 February 2024. Applications have been submitted to the Zone for a four grade, six grade and a seven-grade side. Early indications are that our player participation rate is down, with natural attrition due to retirement and family issues. Many of our top-grade side are employed in the mining industry and shift work becomes a week-to-week issue in trying to find cover for these workers. However, Scone Bowling Club retains a strong core of young players and I have no doubt that we will give all our opponents competitive games in all our grades in Open Gender. The club has also decided to enter a team in the mid-week 4<sup>th</sup> Division Men's pennant, which commences Wednesday 15 February. At the time of writing, 8 players have nominated, which is all that is required under the new COP, with 2 rinks of 4 players constituting a team. The club is continuing to encourage our men to put their names forward and hopefully a few reserves will become available over the next couple of months.

**Travelling Bowlers:** What a great couple of months. Our bowlers visited South Tamworth for a Friday social day as well as receiving weekend visits from a very strong Soldiers Point team as well as Hamilton North. Full rinks on both Saturday and Sunday morning, with afternoon tea Saturday and breakfast Sunday provided gratis by our Travelling Bowlers, laid a solid foundation for a wonderful couple of weekends. We do thank our visitors and will continue to provide a strong welcome to Scone's friendliest club for any bowlers dropping in for a cold one, a meal in our excellent restaurant or competitive bowls on our excellent greens.

**Master Pairs:** The long weekend in October saw Scone once again running a Master Pairs tournament. The long weekend in October 2024 has now been locked in for this tournament so clear your calendar. For a comprehensive run down of the tournament see Page 44 of the November edition.

Until next time stay safe and remember, to enable your best, most competitive self you can't hoot with the owls all night and fly with the eagles in the morning!



Above: A couple of pics from Hamilton North Travelling Bowlers visit to Scone.





Above: First Place in Cardiff's Father and Son Pairs Shane Reed (Bulahdelah) and Kevin Reed (Raymond Terrace)



Above: Second Place in Cardiff's Father and Son Pairs Corey Hayman (Hamilton North) and Noel Wicks (Easts)

The Major Singles Final was a repeat of the 2022/23 Final, with Damian Robb defeating defending Champion Greg Chapman 25-13. Congratulations to Damian & Greg.

The Major Threes final championship is to be played in middle of December. Consistency Singles Semi-finalists are Robbie Simmonds v's Glenn Baxter, & Greg Chapman v's James Broderick & hopefully the Final should be completed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Glenn Baxter was the most successful of all the Cardiff players by making the Zone Reserve Singles Final, but unfortunately Glenn lost the final. New member Mark Manhart who has only been playing for a few months, played as a filled in the NDBA Minor Singles Championship. In his first ever championship (club/district), he won his first two games, before being eliminated the next day. A man to watch in the very near future.

The run of our Grades 3/2's in the Three Threes came to an end after they travelled to Karuah RSL in round 7 where they suffered



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their second (2<sup>nd</sup>) defeat & were eliminated. The "Father & Son's" two (2) qualifying nights were played on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, & the Finals played over two (2) nights Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The winning team: Kevin & Shane Reed (Raymond Terrace & Bulahdelah), runner-up: Noel Wicks & Cory Hayman (East Maitland & Hamilton North), third: John Wolfe & Lachlan Freeman (Swansea Workers & Raymond Terrace) & fourth: Allan & Scott Davis (Edgeworth & Teralba).

The Polo Shirts for 2022/23 Champions presentation was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November & was a success, with the highlight was the Champions speech for all recipients by the Major Singles Champion Greg Chapman. A great speech Chappie. Until 2024, Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

*"You will face many defeats in life,  
but never let yourself be defeated".*

Maya Angelou.

## MEREWETHER WOMEN

By Rosemary Allars, C.O.



Above L-R: Merewether Minor Singles Winner Jenny Doherty and Runner-Up Daniela Mayo



Above L-R: Merewether Major Singles Runner-Up Colleen Hogg and Winner Laraine Clifford

Club Major Singles final was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Colleen Hogg and Laraine Clifford battled it out in a very close game. Laraine skipped ahead early, Colleen levelled the score at 23 all, with Laraine the eventual winner. Congratulations Laraine Clifford! The game was played in great sportsmanship and friendship.

Club Minor Singles final was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Another close game between Jenny Doherty and Daniela Mayo. Jenny was leading early in the game, Daniela made a great come back and the scores were up and down during the game. Congratulations to the winner, Jenny Doherty.

A birthday Luncheon was held recently celebrating special "0" birthdays for Colleen Hogg and Lea O'Shea. It was held at our new restaurant "Fireflies" which is going extremely well.





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## BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.



Above: Boolaroo Women's Twilight Triples Winners - Charlestown

December already, where has the year gone! Lots of events on, apart from our normal social life, bowls fun days are still happening, with challenges from the inconsistent weather.

Melbourne Cup kicked off our month with another successful day enjoyed by 112 members and guests. Thanks to Lyn, Sonia and Carole, along with the Socials for a great day.

November saw the District Pairs played, with our very own Ladies putting up a great showing for Boolaroo. Well played Marg Ross, Elaine Plessiet, Jean Lane and Jan Baldwin. A great experience for all. Charlestown were winners in both sections, a great effort from them once again, with Toronto and Belmont runners up. Congratulations from all at Boolaroo.

Our Twilight Triples was a great success with our regular supporters enjoying two games, pizza and salad and a lot of laughs, not to mention another amazing afternoon tea. Thankyou Ladies for your contributions as always. (See photos)

Our favourite Secretary and bowling mate Carole Sager has been out of action after a fall at home. We can only wish you a speedy return Carole, you are a big part of the Team at Boolaroo and we are hoping to have a little Christmas Cheer with you soon. Lots of well wishes come your way.

Sadly, we said goodbye to our dear friend and fellow bowler Peter Parker, who passed after a short illness. To Heather and

family we send our sincere condolences and much love to you all. Rest in Peace 'Spiderman'.

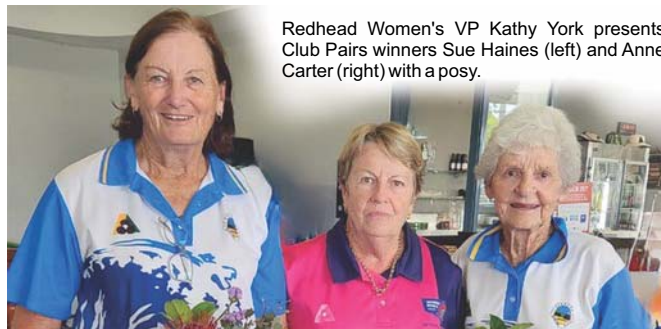
In closing from all at Boolaroo, have a great Festive season and may the New Year ahead be kind to you all. Cheers Jan



Above: Boolaroo Women's Twilight Triples Runners-up - Redhead

## REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO



Redhead Women's VP Kathy York presents Club Pairs winners Sue Haines (left) and Anne Carter (right) with a posy.



Above L-R: Runners-up in Redhead Women's Club Pairs Donna Cram (s) and Lyn Robertson.

With Pennants finished, the Club games have recommenced and the Club Pairs have been played and won. Congratulations to Sue Haines and Anne Carter 22 defeating Lyn Robertson and Donna Cram 14. It was a great game played with great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all players.

During October we had a Representative from the Stroke Foundation give our Members a "Strokesafe Awareness" presentation. This was very informative and feel it is something we should all be aware of.

Congratulations to Jen Kenyon who was selected to play in the LMDWBA Rep team against the Hunter River in the Hunter River Challenge and also in the Lakes Trophy against the Central Coast, which was a privilege and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Jen Kenyon who played in the District Senior Singles and made it all the way to the Semi Finals which was a personal achievement. Jen and Kathy also played in the District Senior Pairs unfortunately faced tough competition and didn't get through to the Quarter finals.

For new Members and even those who have been playing for some time have a go at District Games and go in as many Invitation Days, as you can it is one way of gaining more experience and also playing on different surfaces and making friends along the way.

Our Members had a day out to Wangi Workers Club for an Aunt Molly's Christmas luncheon and entertainment and from all accounts a good day was had by all.

Our end of year Christmas Gala will be held on the 13th December and then a well-deserved break and will recommence on the 10th January.

Until next year Merry Christmas from all of us at the Redhead WBC.





# NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6  
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Above: Zone 6 RSL Bowlers on the green at the annual game against Zone 5.



Above: Zone 6 RSL Bowls at lunch at the annual game against Zone 5.

On 13 November, we held the annual meeting against Zone 5 from the Central Coast. We had 48 bowlers on the green playing fours, in our usual friendly atmosphere with mostly ex-service players enjoying the camaraderie of a glorious game of bowls played in the best of spirits. Zone 6 won the day in a close result. We look forward to travelling south next year.

Social bowlers are always welcome at any of our social events, which are usually triples, at a cost of \$15 including lunch, with a prize for winners and runners-up, socialisation and appropriate refreshments at your own expense, as well as our ever-popular meat tray raffle.

We meet on a Monday at 9am, approximately once a month, at various clubs around the Newcastle area, and anyone wishing to join us, regularly or otherwise, should contact the secretary, **Rod Woodhouse 0412 145 971** for dates. You can enter preferably as a triples team, or singly. You will not be disappointed.

## Upcoming events:

27 November: Presentation day social at Beresfield  
11 December: Christmas social at Raymond Terrace – we request MUFTI.

Our first date in 2024 is slated for 27 January at Raymond Terrace.

## LOWLANDS By Greg Danvers



Above: Brett Gemmell and Lowlands Club Champion Andrew Williams

ANDREW Williams has claimed the Lowlands Open Major Singles club championship with a 25-20 win over Brett Gemmell in a match that spanned two contrasting Sundays in November.

The first Sunday morning was a rain affected start to the final which was eventually washed out, after two rain delays, with Andrew holding a two shot lead (14-12) over Brett.

The second Sunday morning the match resumed in bright sunshine and good playing conditions - so good that Brett jumped



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out of the blocks with a three shot response.

The match seesawed to 20-all before Andrew scored two, one and two shots to seal the game and his first Major Singles title.

"I wish we had been able to play the whole game today in these conditions," Andrew said post match.

"It was good to run deep this year, I have been getting knocked out early. "I sort of rate my singles' game so it was good to get a deep run and get a result."

Andrew's Open Major Singles championship win has added to the "changing of the guard" in relation to the giant killers theme of the previous two Open Major Championships - Club Fours and Pairs.

The Open Major Fours was won by John Attenborough, Ken Procter, Gavan Dunn and Garth Paul in July while Greg Danvers and Ian van der Werff were victorious in the Open Major Pairs in August signalling the "changing of the guard".

Club President Al Newman explained that the growth of the club has led to new champions being unearthed at Lowies.

"Over the past two years our bowling memberships have increased from 111 to 132 for men and 33 to 69 for women," said Al.

"This is due to coaching and development classes that have been run by the club and the other benefit of this coaching has been a dramatic improvement in the standard of bowls played in the club galas.

"As a result of this we have had first time winners of the major fours, pairs and singles this year."

The Open Major Triples final will be played on Sunday 10 December - will there by another upset?

All the best for the festive season.

## ALDER PARK WOMEN

By Loretta Bannister

On behalf of our President Julie, Executives and Members of Alder Park Ladies, we would like to pass on our wishes for a very healthy and fun-filled Christmas to all of our bowling friends. May the New Year bring to everyone a year of success and good bowling in friendship.



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Don't ever step backwards or you will step on a bowl and do yourself and injury.

Good luck, good bowling, see you in the next edition.

## WINDALE GATESHEAD

By The Guru

Windale Gateshead Major Singles champion is Corey Kamine. Corey defeated Barry Boswell 25-15 in the final.

## KOTARA

By Graham Milburn



Above: Kotara Life Member John Storrie



Above: Kotara's Graeme Gairns at Zone 2 Minor Singles

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By John Bilby,  
Level 1 National Coach &  
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Coaching Committee

## COACHES TIPS ON DELIVERY

The secret to a smooth delivery is rhythm and timing, keep the backswing slow, smooth and relaxed. Let the weight of the bowl lead you into your delivery action. This should eliminate any form of jerkiness or of you trying to steer the bowl rather than bowling your bowl along your intended line. Lock your wrist



outwards and your bowling arm and elbow straight and this will automatically tuck into your side to avoid round arming.

The co-ordination of the lead foot stepping out the backswing of the arm will flow of it's own accord. As the bowl drops away, so also will the body drop down into the delivery position smoothly.

The length of your step depends the position of the jack on the green. A short jack means a very small step, a medium length or ¾ length jack requires just medium length step and a full length jack requires a normal or long step. All these steps will control the length of your backswing, and if you roll short of the jack, you lengthen your step to add to length to the jack.

The step also controls the momentum of the bowl, with the arm straight back and then straight through the delivery line. Your weight will automatically transfer forward from the anchored foot to your lead foot as the arm and bowl travel through the centre point of your delivery position. The non-bowling hand should rest on your knee for both support and balance.

After the bowl has left your hand on it's way along the chosen aiming line, do not forget to complete your delivery follow through.



Above: Kotara Flying Bowlers Singles Finalists Glenn Dewhurst & Kieran Lott



Above: Kotara Triples Final: Graham Milburn, Brian McLeod, David Bradbury, John Storrie, Steve Storrie & Gary Evans

Another successful day at Club Kotara on October 29<sup>th</sup>; our AGM at which John Storrie was awarded Life Membership and yours truly was elected Director and Publicity Officer, then Semi-finals of club triples and final of Flying Bowlers Singles with Glenn Dewhurst overcoming previous champion Kieran Lott.

Meanwhile the local children were having a great time at the Halloween under 12's Fancy Dress Party, followed by "Beats on the Green"!



Subsequent Triples Final was won by Gary Evans, John Storrie & Steve Storrie over Graham Milburn, Brian McLeod & David Bradbury.

Club Fours Final was won by John Hamall, Shane Kelly, Glenn Dewhurst & Scott Farley over Keith Gilbert, John Storrie, Steve Storrie & Ken Doolan.

One of our newer members, Graeme Gairns is having success in the Zone 2 Minor Singles winning his section so far.



Above: Kotara Fours Final Winners: Shane Kelly, John Hamall, Scott Farley & Glenn Dewhurst.

## MEREWETHER

Mick Dempsey, Bowls Co-ordinator



Above: Merewether Mens Singles Finalists: Bryan O'Shea and Ron Fleming



Above: Merewether Mens Pairs Finalists: Greg Nelms, John Slevin, Adam Jones and Mick Dempsey

The men's championships are steadily progressing with both the Major Singles and Pairs championships being completed in the last month.

In the major singles, Bryan O'Shea and Ron Fleming made the final after having similar runs to the final. Both players beat former club champions and then recovered from mid-game deficits in their semi-finals to make it through.

The final was played in warm weather with tricky wind conditions. While both players had their moments, Bryan was too consistent and came away with a strong win.

The pairs final saw the team of Adam Jones and Mick Dempsey taking on Greg Nelms and John Slevin. The game was close early, but Adam and Mick proved too strong, playing some great bowls to finish with a convincing victory. Congratulations to all the finalists.

In coming weeks, the annual Barry Lawrence Pairs and Hogg Brothers Triples competitions are approaching their climax. Semi-finals and finals will be completed in the near future.

## KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

Highlight for this month was the finalising of our Club Major Pairs with Keith Keelan and Tony Perkins vying with Rod Cleaver and Kevin Gibbons for the championship. The game began with an even start being 3 all on 4 ends when Keith and Tony won 4 successive ends to lead 13-6. But Rod and Keith replied in kind winning the next 4 ends to level the scores at 13 all. In response, Keith and Tony took 4 of the next 5 ends to establish a 20-15 margin on the 18<sup>th</sup> end. Try as they might Rod and Kevin could only win two of the last three ends and the title went to Keith and Tony with 21-18 scoreline in a game that all four players should be congratulated for a most entertaining battle in its three hour duration.

Our attention will turn to the Club Triples and Fours with entries having closed on 30<sup>th</sup> November with a January start and these two events will conclude our 2023-2024 Championship programme.

For the 2023-24 Open Gender Pennants, the club has been allocated grades 3 and 6 and we thank those members who have nominated themselves for selection. At time of this report we have 25 names put forward for consideration so we will be able to field sides in those grades.

I wish all bowlers an enjoyable and safe Festive Season.

## VALENTINE *Lakers Line*

By Pete Lynn



Above: Winners of Valentine's Super 12's Triples Chris Harrison, Rob Laurisdon and Tony MacLean (Belmont)



Above: Winners of Valentine's Over 70's Triples Ian Bulmer, Mick Wilkes and Ross Levido (composite)

A busy couple of months recently hosting the Zone Senior Pairs and Singles plus initial stages of Mattara Singles plus our Club Championships together with some Tournaments.

Our Men's Major Singles is now down to the Final where Geoff Armstrong (Champion 2022-23) will take on Peter Lynn. Our Veteran Pairs and Singles together with Major Pairs should be completed prior to the Xmas break.

Super 12's Triples was won by the Belmont team of Chris Harrison, Rob Laurisdon and Tony MacLean with 4/6W +32. Over 70's Triples was won by a composite side of Ian Bulmer, Mick Wilkes and Ross Levido with 3/3W+28.

Thank you to everyone participating and playing at Valentine. Everyone is most welcome.

Our next big event is our \$5,000 Lakers Classic Pairs played on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Results will be on Facebook and the next issue of OTG Magazine.

See you out on the green.



# Raymond Terrace BOWLING CLUB



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### FRIDAY:

Round 1: 9:00am  
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### SATURDAY:

Round 3: 9:00am  
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## BERESFIELD

David Govan, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi there fellow Magpies! The highlight of the past month has been the completion of our major pairs & congratulations go to Corey Nickalls & Anthony Ellercamp going back to back defeating Steve Cox & Tony Stephenson 18-15 in a cracking final. Corey & Anthony will now have the honour of representing Beresfield in the Champion of champions in the new year. Our singles finals will be played on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December & will be livestreamed by happy bowler. The major singles will see Tailor Appleby take on David Wayland at 9am & the Minor Singles will see Murray Roth take on Colin Cox at 12pm, get to the games and cheer on our finalists in what will be a couple of cracking finals. We have our annual shield days coming up so get your names down magpies in what will be a great few days of bowls.

Last of all have merry Christmas everyone, enjoy some time off with family friends and loved one and safe travels to anyone going away & have a wonderful new year.

That's all for Good Bowling & Go The Magpies!!!

## CLUB LAMBTON

By Barry Hewat

Mens club fours final played 19<sup>th</sup> November saw Ian Jarman, Jack Lyon, Gary Jennings and Scott Duncan defeat Graham Gibson, Grant Turnbull, Charles Sheather and Ross Collinson 22-16. The minor singles final saw Graham Gibson beat Ian Jarman 25-16.

Major singles semi-final stage Scott Duncan d Ian Jarman 25-16 and Terry Creighton d Graham Gibson 25-13.

The Phillip Mattson Memorial 13 up tournament is on 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> November with 22 teams to date. Result in next OTG issue 2024.

On a very sad note we lost two long serving members in late October. Barry Presker aged 97, joined LBC in 1977 and played many games for the club in top grade. He was honoured with life membership. He survived brothers Lionel, Herb and Ray and the

club annually play for the Presker brothers shield.

Sadly Kevin Abel passed away late October also. Kevin joined LBC in 1986, played all club and pennant games. He was a great mentor to many members and a selector. RIP TO BOTH

## BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.



Above L-R: Beresfield Women's Club Major Singles Final Runner-up – Jenny Fraser and Winner – Pam Stephanis.

Our Club Championships are well underway with the Pairs, Triples and 4s waiting to play the finals. Congratulations to all who have reached the finals in these Championships and good luck to all participants when these games are contested!

However, our Club Major and Minor Singles Finals have already been played. Competing in the Major Singles were Pam Stephanis and Jenny Fraser. Congratulations to both ladies reaching the final but ultimate congratulations go to Pam as our 2023-2024 Major Singles winner with a 25 to 11 victory. Similarly, Kerrin Bianchi and Judy Rae were the combatants for the Minor Singles title. Again, congratulations to both Kerrin and Judy reaching the final. Our 2023-2024 Minor Singles Champion is Kerrin Bianchi with a very close 25 to 24 win.



At Beresfield, we have a number of special days to remember past bowlers and ladies who have contributed so much to our Club. The Anderson Gray Shield Day is no exception. A memorial day to remember the Anderson Gray families was very well attended. Thursday, 16 November was the date chosen for a morning of bowls followed by a scrumptious luncheon in our barbecue area and home-made apple pie. Best ever!! Competition was fierce as we took to the green to contest the prestigious Anderson Gray Shield. Congratulations to the triples team comprising Cherie Bunt, Sue Adams and Wally Van Zanden. A popular win as they were presented with the Trophy and their individual medals awarded to them by family members Gail Stunell and Sonia Anderson. Always a pleasure to welcome Sonia to our Club each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2024! Good bowling to all! Diane



Above L-R: Beresfield Women's Club Minor Singles Final Winner – Kerrin Bianchi and Runner-up – Judy Rae

## JOHN McNEILL PAIRS

### RAYMOND TERRACE



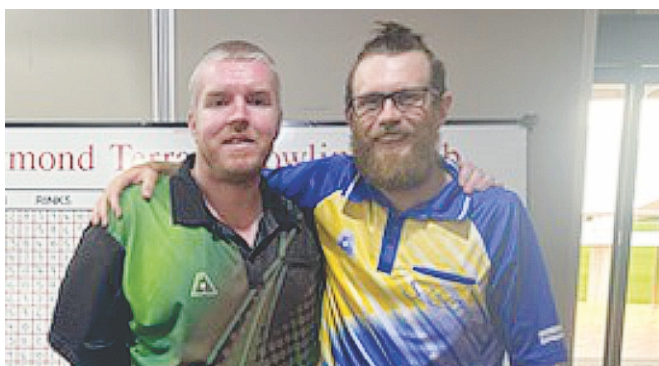
Above L-R: Winners of the John McNeill Pairs Jamie Minter and Lennon Scott

The annual John McNeill Pairs have once again been contested at Raymond Terrace. This two-day event attracted top bowlers from the District and surrounds. Of course, being the current 1 and 2 Grade State Pennant Titleholders, quite a number of these top contenders were locals! After the first day of play only two teams got through unscathed and they made some excellent headway on margins as well. Jamie Minter and Lennon Scott took pole position on 3+47, whilst Matt Johnstone and Shaun Richards were hot on their tail with 3+41. A further nine sides had 2 games notched up - a couple of standouts being Scott Wyld and David Burgess +36 margin, Tim Twining and Lee Schraner on +22 and Steve Newman and Jason Aurisch had +17.

Burgess and Schraner faced off in the first game of Day 2 with Schraner slashing nearly half of Burgess's hard-earned margin in one fell swoop. Schraner continued their fine form for the rest of the day as did Scott and Richards, and the three teams won all their Day 2 matches. Minter and Scott managed to maintain their buffer over Johnstone and Richards to take the top prize, whilst Schraner claimed third place, as all the other day 1 hopefuls had dropped at least one round. Burgess recovered their margin and then some in the final two games to place fourth. Scott Beagan and Paul Russell settled for fifth place. Unfortunately Day 2 didn't fare as well for

Newman and Aurisch, but they were rewarded for their efforts with Best Performed Day 1. Full results follow.

Winners: Jamie Minter and Lennon Scott 12+81; Second: Matt Johnstone and Shaun Richards 12+74; Third: Tim Twining and Lee Schraner 10+72; Fourth: Scott Wyld and David Burgess 8+40; Fifth: Scott Beagan and Paul Russell 8+29; Best Performed DAY ONE: Steve Newman and Jason Aurisch 4 +17; Best Performed DAY TWO: Bob Pinfold and Harley Ryan 4 +28; Best Performed Round 1: Richard Kader and Franklin Fong +13; Round 2: Jake Maloney and Tony Scott +9; Round 3: Jarrod Bent and Lachlan Freeman +11; Round 4: Owen Elliott and Marc Bert +23; Round 5: Brad Parker and Tim Malone +8; Round 6: John Lindsay and Baden Powell +9. Congrats to all placegetters and thanks to all involved in making it a successful event from players to organisers, staff and helpers.



Above L-R: Runner-up in the John McNeill Pairs Shaun Richards & Matt Johnstone



Above L-R: Third Place in the John McNeill Pairs Tim Twining & Lee Schraner

## SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.

Our club championship major singles has been progressing through November and the final is due on November 28.

Big shout out to our bowlers who have been excelling in district, regional and state arenas - firstly to Vacie McIntyre, who has capped off a great year, being awarded NSW Female Breakout Bowler of the year. Vacie also won the senior regional singles, and in the successful senior regional triples team with Betty Herbertson and Jan Sutherland.

Leisa Burton is the district major open singles champion and is also in the major open fours team which won the regional title with Robyn Flanagan, Sandra Ball and Missy Witts. Last but not least, Rosita Ryan and Julie Schumacher are the senior regional pairs champions.

Best wishes to all these bowlers who will be heading to state play offs in Dubbo.

Meanwhile our teams in the Jacaranda carnival enjoyed the 2 days of bowls and came home with first, third and fifth places. Until next year, we wish all bowlers and their families a great Christmas.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday

<b>Adamstown 4957 3447</b>			9:30am Mens 3's Gala
<b>Bar Beach 4929 3428</b>	9:15am Club Championships as scheduled		9:00am Ladies Gala - mufti
<b>Beresfield 4966 3574</b>	9:00am or 1pm Club Championships	Names by 8:30am 9:00am Mens Nom. 2's Mufti Jackpot 5:00pm Mixed Gala Names by 4:00pm	9:30am Ladies DFP uniforms
<b>Cardiff 4954 7244</b>	1:00pm 3rd Sunday Monthly Mixed 4's - Mufti	Mufti Gala 1st & 3rd Monday of each month	10:00am Ladies Mixed DFP 9:30am DLS
<b>Carrington 4961 4140</b>	1:00pm Meat Raffle	Happy Hour 4:30 - 5:30pm	9:30am Bowls Gala 10:00am Yoga 4.30-5.30pm Happy Hour
<b>Edgeworth 4958 1994</b>	Club Ch/ships, Ladies&Men 9:00am Special Events, Check Noticeboard		
<b>Hamilton Nth. 4961 4574</b>			12:30pm Mufti Cash Gala
<b>Heaton BGBC Jesmond Bowls 4955 8725</b>	Club Games		9:30am Mixed Jackpot 3's Creams DFP Picnic Lunch
<b>Hexham 4964 8079</b>	9:30am Hexham Greys All welcome MIXED MUFTI		6:00pm Open Gender Mufti DFP
<b>Lambton 4957 3272</b>	9:30am Club Games		9:30am Open Gender 2's
<b>Lowlands 4929 3046</b>	9:30am Mens Club Games 12:00noon Social Bowls	9am Mixed Beginners-tuition, equip supplied 4:30pm - 6:30pm HAPPY HOUR	Ladies Day 4:30pm - 6:30pm HAPPY HOUR
<b>Mayfield West 4968 3202</b>	9:30am Club Games		6:00pm Mixed Gala
<b>Merewether 4963 1461</b>	4-7pm Live Music		
<b>Waterboard 4957 2155</b>			9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti

## LAKE MACQUARIE

<b>Belmont Golf &amp; Bowls 4945 4348</b>		9:30am-5pm Roll-ups	9:30am Ladies Gala DFP Mufti
<b>Boolaroo 4958 1058</b>			9:30am Ladies Gala
<b>Dora Creek 4970 5694</b>		9am Ladies Gala / Uniform	1:30pm Coaching
<b>Kahibah 4943 2987</b>	9:30pm Club Championships		10:00am Ladies Mufti DFP 3's Gala

### RATHMINES MEMORIAL WOMEN

By Ilona Staples, P.O.

This last month has seen some great results for our club, starting with the ladies club finishing as runners up in pennants. We would like to extend the club's congratulations to all the men who participated 3x3s for taking out this competition.

Saturday 18th November, the in-house mixed gala day provided a chance for all members to attend and socialise, play bowls and just have some fun. The overall winners on the day were Owen Smythe and John Langburne, second Gisela Maude and Paul

Right: Rathmines Mixed Gala Day Overall Winners Owen Smythe and John Langburne.







**Brett O'Farrell**  
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# NEWCASTLE

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Bar Bch</b>	1:00pm Mixed Gala Mufti			1:00pm Mixed Gala 3's Mufti
<b>Bero</b>		9:30am Mixed DFP Mufti	9:00am Men's DFP Mufti 2's Jackpot	12:30pm ALTERNATE Nom. Mens 3's Creams DFP Men's Creams
<b>Cardiff</b>	1:00pm Men's J/pot Mufti. 3's	6:00pm Men's Mufti 3's	9:30am Mens Mufti 3's	1:00pm Men's Jackpot 3's Gala
<b>Carro</b>	9:30am Bingo 6:00pm Raffle: Legs Lamb Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	9:30am Bowls Gala 10:00am Yoga Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	Names by 8:30am 10am Adult Colouring 6:00pm Monster Meat Raffle Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	10am cash @ the cove bowls tournament 1pm voucher raffle
<b>Edgy</b>	9:00am names in by 8:45 Mixed Gala	6:00pm Social Mixed Bowls names in by 5:30	9:00am names in by 8:45 Mens Gala	1:00pm Mixed Gala Names by 12:45
<b>Hamo Nth.</b>		9:30am Triples 6pm Jackpot Gala men or mixed	9:30am Pairs or Triples	1:00pm Jackpot Gala
<b>Jeso</b>	9:30am Mens 3's Mufti SE	Ladies Club Games		1:00pm Mixed 3's Mufti SE
<b>Hexham</b>		10:00am Open Gender DFP Bowls Names by 9:30 Attire		1:00pm Open Nom Triples: Bowls Attire Last Sat. of month: Open Mufti DFP
<b>Lambton</b>		9:30am Open Gender 3's		1:00pm Open Gender 3's
<b>Lowlands</b>	9:00am Mens Mufti 3's gala prizes all winners Cash Jackpot (light lunch provided)	Ladies Day 5:00pm Twilight roll -up	1:00pm Mens Mufti 2-4-2 gala 7:00pm Meat Raffle, Jackpot draw	Social Bowls
<b>MayWest</b>		9:30am Vets Gala	9:30am Open 3's Mufti Gala	1:00pm Open Nom. 3's Mufti
<b>Merwthr</b>	1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti	9:00am Ladies Gala 9:00am 2-4-2 Mixed last Thurs. of the month	9:00am Men's 3's Gala Mufti 5:15pm Raffles	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
<b>WaterBd</b>			9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti	1:00pm Men's Nom. 3's Mufti

# LAKE MACQUARIE

<b>Belmont</b>	9.30-5pm Roll-ups 5.30pm Summer Breeze Twilight	9:30am Ladies Gala Smart Casual 12:30pm Mens Nom. Pairs	10am-12pm Introduction Gala learners and coaching	12.30pm Men's Nom. 3's
<b>Boolaroo</b>		9:30am Men's 3's Mufti		1:00pm Men's 2's Mufti 1:00pm Ladies 2's Mufti
<b>Dora Crk</b>	9:00am Mixed Mufti DFP	● 5:00pm Mens Gala 2's White Shirt/Mufti		9:00am Mens Gala White Shirt/Mufti
<b>Kahibah</b>	9:30am Mens Mufti 3's Gala		10am Kahibah Retired Bowlers	1:00pm Mens 3's Mufti

Jacka, third Barbara Hicks and Zephyr Hema. First game winners were Ross Wilde-Brown and Neil Andrews second game winners were Margaret and Marcel Kosky.

At the time of going to print the club's mixed fours semi-final was held on Sunday 19th November with the teams consisting of Jan Wilkinson, Pam Langburne, John Langburne, Daniel Lysaght (skip) and Cathy Smythe, Lorraine Clissold, Gordon Foster, Owen Smythe (skip) progressing through to the finals on Sunday 25th November.

Rathmines wishes all club's a safe and happy Christmas and good bowling for 2024."

Right: Rathmines victorious Men's 3x3 side





# Sunday Monday Tuesday

LAKE MACQUARIE CONTINUED....

**Rathmines Memorial 4975 1955**

9:30am Ladies Day Uniform

**Redhead 4942 6022**

Club Games

9:30am Men's Gala

**Teralba 4958 1407**

**Valentine 4946 7232**

Club Championships Uniform

Roll-ups available

9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti & Championships Uniform

**Warners Bay 4948 8866**

Men & Women Club Championships

**Windale/Gateshead 4965 7888**

## PORT STEPHENS

**Fingal Bay Ladies 0411 936 055  
Men 0403 668 995**

9:30am Names by 8:30 Ladies Gala  
1:00pm Names by 12 Mens Mufti

**Lemon Tree Passage 4982 4800**

Call to see if something is on, or check notice board

Mixed 4's - Third Monday in Jan / Mar / June / Sept.

10:00am Ladies  
2:00pm Roll Up

**Nelson Bay 4981 3332**

9:30am Ladies Bowls

**Raymond Terrace 4987 2404  
4983 1647**

Club Championships

10:00am Open 2's DFP Mufti

9:30am Ladies Day

**Soldiers Pt. 4982 7173**

9:30am Club Championships

Roll-ups on carpet green

10:00am Ladies Bowls

**Stockton 4920 1999**

1:00pm Club Championships

9:30am Flexi Day 1st Mon. in Month

10:00am Ladies Day  
5:00pm Twilight Social

## HUNTER

**East Cessnock 4990 1444**

**East Maitland 4033 1116**

10am start Open DFP Mufti  
Introductory Bowls 2pm - 4pm

1pm start Mens 3 Bowl 2's DFP

10am start Open DFP

**Kurri Kurri 4936 4089  
4937 1676**

names by 9 9:30am start Ladies DFP 2's Jackpot Mufti

names by 9 9:30am start Mens DFP 2's J/Pot Mufti

names by 9 9:30am start Mixed Mufti J/Pot DFP 2's

**Bowls Office 4939 1218  
Maitland City 4939 1200**

District Games / Club C/Ships  
Check Board

9:30am Open DFP 2's Mufti

**Bowls Office 4933 6039  
Lorn Park 4933 6869**

## UPPER HUNTER

**Scone 6545 1511**

names by 9 9:30am Mixed Triples Mufti  
1:30pm FREE Coaching & Training

names by 12:30 start 1:00pm Jock & Dave's Mens Triples Mufti

## MANNING

**Pacific Palms 6554 4333**

**Taree Leagues 5561 9058**

Names by Noon  
1pm Open Mufti



# Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<b>Rath Mem</b>	9:00am	Men's Mufti 3's			9:00am	Mixed Mufti 3's	12:30pm	Mens Mufti
<b>Redhead</b>	9:30am	Ladies Gala	1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	9:30am	Men's Gala	1:00pm	Mixed Gala
<b>Teralba</b>	9:30am	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti			4:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
<b>Valentine</b>	9:30am	Men's Social Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Gala Mufti & Ch/Ships uniform	9:30am	Men's Social Bowls Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Social - uniform
	1:00pm	Men's Social Mufti	● 5:00pm	Mixed Social Gala				
<b>Warners Bay</b>	10:00am	Open Triples Mufti	10:30am	Open DFP 3's Mufti	Open 2's Gala 5:30pm to 7:30pm		Men & Women Club Championships	
			5pm	Open Pairs Mufti			1:00pm	Open DFP 2's Mufti
<b>Wind Gtshd</b>	9:30am Names by 9:10	Men's Mufti Gala	● 5:30pm	Open Mufti Cash 3's	10:00am	Mixed retired bowlers Mufti Social	1:00pm	Men's Mufti J/Pot Cash Gala

## PORT STEPHENS

<b>Fingal</b>	1:00pm	Names by 11:30 Men's Mufti 3's	9:30am	Names by 8:30 Ladies Gala		1:00pm	Names by 11:30am Men's Uniform
<b>LemTree</b>	1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	10:00am Ladies	5:00pm Twilight Mixed Mufti names by 4:00	1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	1:00pm Men's Bowls Creams
<b>Nelson Bay</b>	1:00pm	Mens 3's Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Bowls	1:00pm	Jackpot 2's Mufti	Open Bowls & Scoungers Alternate weeks (contact club for start times)
<b>RayTrace</b>	9:30am	Men's Pairs Mufti DFP	9:30am Ladies Gala	6:00pm Twilight Nom. Open 3's Mufti	2:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Jackpot - Mufti	Club Championships
<b>Soldrs Pt.</b>	1:00pm	Mens Bowls Mufti	10:00am	Ladies Bowls	10:00am Open Gala	1:30pm Men's Mufti	1:00pm Open Bowls Gala Bowls wear with BA Logo
<b>Stockton</b>	1:00pm	Men's Gala 3's	10:00am	Ladies Day	1:00pm	Men's Gala 2's / 3's	1:00pm Mens Bowls

## HUNTER

<b>Est Cesnk</b>	9:00am	Lady Bowlers	9:00am	Lady Bowlers	9:00am	Retired Bowlers	1:00pm	Open Pairs
	1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	4:00pm	Open Pairs				
<b>Est Mtind</b>		Practice & Coaching	9:30am start	Women's Bowls Creams	10am start	Open DFP Mufti	1pm start	Open DFP
			1pm start	Mens Nom. 2's (Mufti)				
<b>Kurri</b>	6:00pm	\$10pp Nom. Open 2's cash prizes	10:00am	Ladies Social DFP	9:30am	Mens DFP j/pot 2's	1:00pm	Men's Pairs
	names by 5:30		names by 9:30		names by 9		names by 12	
<b>Mtind Cty</b>	4:30pm	Open Nom. Triples	9:30am	Open DFP 2's Mufti	5:30pm	Open Nom. 2's (4 bowl)	1:00pm	Open DFP 2's
	names by 10am							
<b>Lorn Park</b>	name by 4:30	Mixed Mufti DFP 3 Bowls 2's	name by 12	4 Bowl Nom. 2's SE			name by 12	1st & 4th Sat. of each month
	5:30pm		1:00pm	1 x game 18 ends			1:00pm	game 21 ends 2-4-2-4 bowl Nom 2's SE
								2nd & 3rd Sat. of each month
								1 game 21 ends 4 bowl Nom 2's SE

## UPPER HUNTER

<b>Scone</b>	9:30am	Ladies		names by 6		names by 12:30	
	3:30pm	FREE coaching & training		6:30pm	Twilight Mixed Mufti	1:00pm	Mens 3's Mufti

## MANNING

<b>Pcfic Plms</b>			1pm start	Mixed Mufti + Raffle			
	Names by 8:30					Names by Noon	
<b>Taree Lg</b>	9:00am start	Ladies Bowls	1pm start	Open Mufti		1pm start	BA Logo - Open

# ZONE 11: MANNING DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## FORSTER DOMINATES ZONE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS



By Noel James, Zone 11 P.O.

Forster bowlers have dominated in the Zone Pairs Championships, winning two finals and being runner-up in the third. This is an indication of the strength and depth of the bowling talent that this club is enjoying at the moment.

These games were played at Forster Beach Bowling Club, in extremely windy conditions, which would have tested the mental capabilities of any bowler.



Above: Zone 11 Open Pairs Champions Clinton Doust and Heath McGuire

**OPEN PAIRS:** This was an all-Forster match-up between Dave Ireland & Rod McMillan against Heath McGuire & Clinton Doust. McGuire & Doust jumped out of the blocks with a 2 on the first end, and followed up with a 3 on end 2 for a 5-0 lead. They could not have asked for a better start in a final. Ireland & McMillan came straight back at them, scoring 3, 1 and 1 to tie things up at 5-5. A 4-end run to McGuire & Doust saw them score 7 shots and open up a 12-5 lead. Ireland & McMillan were trying to hang in there, but a 4 to Doust on end 13 saw the lead blow out to 8 at 17-9. An exchange of shots over the next 4 ends saw the lead reduced by just 1 to stand at 21-14 after 17 ends. Ireland & McMillan then scored a 1 and a 3 to reduce the margin to just 3 shots at 21-18. This put them in with a chance, but they would need to win the last 2 ends and keep the momentum going if they want to win. McGuire & Doust rose to the occasion, and snuffed out any chance of a comeback, with a 4 on end 20 and a 1 on the final end to run out 26-18 winners.

In the semi-finals McGuire & Doust defeated Terry Maloney & Craig Colligan (Harrington) 19-14, and Ireland & McMillan defeated C. Bostock and Steve Crain (Taree Leagues) 22-11.

**SENIOR PAIRS:** Again this was an all Forster game between Erin Smith & Kevin Robinson against Peter Schroeder & Steve Pell. This game began with very tight heads and after 5 ends only 5 shots had been scored, even though Robinson held a 4-1 advantage. This was not to last long, and after 8 ends we were all tied up at 5-5. On the 12<sup>th</sup> end with Pell holding a 1 shot advantage he scored a 4, and all of a sudden the advantage was 5. This was not a game winning lead, but in the context of the match it was very handy. After 16 ends Robinson had whittled a couple of shots back to get within 3 at 14-11. 2 shots to Pell and 1 to Robinson and the deficit is 4, but just 2 ends to play. Schroeder & Pell put the nail in the coffin with a 3 on end 20, and the championship was theirs at 19-12.

In the semi-finals Schroeder & Pell defeated Mike Sheely & Nico Duynhoven (Gloucester) 22-13 and Smith & Robinson defeated Doug Kessell & Mark Abercrombie (Forster) 26-10.

**RESERVE PAIRS:** This was the closest game of them all, and what a cracker of a finish. This match-up was between Allan Hughes & Gary Nelson (Forster) and Ian Hampson & Steve Mauger (Tuncurry Beach). The very early lead was with Tuncurry who led 4-1 after 4 ends. This was the last of the lead that they would see for a while, even though there was never more than 3 shots in it. Forster scored 1, 3, 1 and 1 to lead 7-4 after 8, and they held onto a lead until end 14 when Tuncurry scored a 2 to edge in front 10-9. Forster hit back with a 3 to regain the lead, only for Tuncurry to score a 2 and a 1, and we're back to 1 shot in it at 13-12, and just the last end to play. The shot changed several times during this end. Tuncurry was holding shot, but then Allan Hughes just drew the shot about 30cm

behind the jack. At this stage the game was tied, with the skips to play their last 2 bowls. Steve Mauger missed with his first, but Gary Nelson rolled another of their bowls up hold 2 and game. With his last bowl Steve Mauger played with some weight. Made contact with the jack, onto the shot bowl and bounced forward, Tuncurry hold shot and game. Gary played his last bowl just a little over the draw, trailed the jack for 1 shot and tied the game 13-13. The last 2 bowls from both skips were played under extreme pressure and they both rose to occasion.

**EXTRA END.** Back into the strong wind, more difficult, but half way through the end and Forster are holding shot. Ian Hampson, with his third bowl, then drew the absolute shot. Despite the best efforts of Allan and Gary they could not dislodge the shot bowl and the win goes to the Tuncurry Beach team 14-13.

Congratulations to all of the winners and good luck in State Finals to be held at Dubbo in March. Merry Xmas and good bowling to everyone in 2024



Above: Zone 11 Senior Pairs Champions Peter Schroeder and Steve Pell



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Above: Zone 11 Reserve Pairs Champions Ian Hampson and Steve Mauger

## MAITLAND CITY By Hunter Bowler

G'day bowlers and as always you are welcome for this report, the final report of 2023.

There really is nothing much to report from inside the club at this stage. Championships are finished until the new year and it is mostly social bowls between now and then.

In Zone 6 championships we have had some ripping success!! The team of DJ Dilworth, Dylan Riley (late replacement for Nathan Dawson), Brody Pitham and Mick Cronin secured the Fours title for 2023/24 adding to Mick's Pairs and Triples he had already won. These wins then twisted Mick's arm to have a crack at the Singles. The format was much debated, as it was last year when introduced, but Mick emerged from his 2 sections, undefeated, to face Aaron Appleby of KKBC who had 1 blemish on his record in his final group game to make the final. In a battle of 2 of the zone's legends it was Mick who came out on top with a jack in the pit to win 25-22 and secure the grand slam of all 4 events in the one year!! Mick will now have a very busy time in Dubbo in March. Along side Mick we have Gary O'Reilly playing in his first Zone final in the Open Reserve Singles.

Gary caught the green very well in the morning running away to a 25-8 victory in his semi-final. Unfortunately, after a valiant effort Gary was defeated by 20-25 by Artie Earl from Abermain.

Onto the women's regionals and Janine Katon was into the senior final having won the district singles. It wasn't to be for Janine this time around taking home the silver medal and a hunger to go one





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better next time around. Finally, we have some mixed pairs still going. The weather got the better of some finals with Nathan and Shendelle and George and Michelle still having 2/3 of their games to go looking to qualify for the State Finals in March.

Last but not least we say farewell to Nathan Dawson who has decided after 14 months of trying to understand DJ, enough was enough. Nathan was approached by Charlestown with an offer too good to refuse, and he will return there where he was as a junior to try his hand in Zone 2 again. We wish Nathan well and thank him for his contributions over his short time at City.

That's all from Hunter Bowler for 2023, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year, unless you are a rival club member coming to City for a game, then we hope we smash you.

Take care all and see you in 2024. Hunter Bowler

## BELMONT GOLF AND BOWLS WOMEN

By Jules Haggert P.O.



Above: Belmont Women's Division 4 - Region 6 Runners-up

This past month again another busy time. I have highlighted the events from most recent. Congratulations to Lorraine Rixon and Shirley Cooke, Runners-up in District State Pairs.

Division 4 ladies were defeated at regional level against Bateau Bay on the 12/11. Well done to those that played, almost reaching a State Play off!! 3x3's ladies won division, Jan Wiltshire and Rose Wayland (skip). Defeated East Maitland. 8/11.

Belmont Golf & Bowls hosted the Lakes Trophy. Lake Mac v Central Coast on the 10/11. Lake Mac were victorious. With 7 ranks



Above: Greta Williams receiving her Pennant Pin

of rep sides.

22/11 Division 4 Pennants Flag Presentation Newcastle District Bowling Association (NDBA) on the 26/10. Belmont hosted the Pennant Play off's, Division 3 which was followed by the presentation and lunch. The match was between Mark's Point & Rathmines. Our Ladies club games are next.

I just wanted to thank those that have assisted me with the reports since I was injured, it has been greatly appreciated.



# 5 GRADE AND UNDER

## NELSON BAY



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Men's President Bob Lisle with winners of the 5 Grade and Under - Stephen Polverino, Gary Ferguson and Paul Darr (Stockton)

Nelson Bay held their 5 Grade and Under one day tournament on 30<sup>th</sup> October with 16 teams vying for the 3 major prizes. It was a 3 Bowl Triples discipline held over three games of 11 ends. Teams skipped by A. McCann, P. Morin, A. Pulbrook and S. Sumner were head of the leaderboard (in that order) following the second match, all undefeated. In an unlikely turn of events, all four teams lost the final round, and NONE of them ended up with a piece of the prize pie! McCann suffered a 25 shot loss, and their opponents Paul Darr, Stephen Polverino and Gary Ferguson from Stockton took their place winning overall (2 wins +40). Morin had an unlucky 1 shot loss to Kevin Kilbride, Mark Rodway and Damien Kroek from Nelson Bay and they too stole their second place spot (2 wins +15). To top it off, the same fate struck Pulbrook, with opponents Peter Mentis, Peter Moxham and Wayne Guise, also from Nelson Bay snatching their third place prize money. (FYI Sumner didn't play the eventual fourth



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Men's President Bob Lisle with second place in the 5 Grade and Under - Mark Rodway, Kevin Kilbride and Damien Kroek (Nelson Bay)



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Men's President Bob Lisle with 3rd Place in the 5 Grade and Under - Peter Mentis, Peter Moxham and Wayne Guise (Nelson Bay)

place team - they went down by one shot and missed out on a top 3 placing). What a coincidence! There was also a "Best Card for Game Three" which went to Fingal Bay side of Tony Hooper, Steve Kidd and Steve Thompson with a +15 scoreline.

Congratulations to all players and thank you to all who entered and helped behind the scenes.

## STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO



Above: Mary Williams - Stockton Women's Major Singles Winner 2023

As we near the end of the year, so we near the completion of our Club Championships and Competitions and look forward to doing it all again in 2024.

Our ladies joined the Men recently in the Mixed 3 x 3 District Pennant, and saw some success.

Our Division 3.2 players managed to get through several rounds, eventually being eliminated by New Lambton. The 3.2 teams had 2 ladies (Jill Young & Kris Wright) in their side and they both enjoyed the experience. We wish to thank our Men's club for being so supportive, and inclusive of our women, and offering us these opportunities along the way.

We have now celebrated our Presentation Night, and of course, the traditional Christmas break up in December almost upon us. It will be nice to have a short break before we head back to the green to practice for the 2024 Ladies District Pennant in February, and the Mixed Pennant also commencing in February.

Among the recipients of awards on Presentation night were Mary Williams, Major Singles Winner and Sharon Gilbert. Sharon received our new award "Excellence in Sportsmanship". This award is based on attitude both on and off the green, support of team members and determination to improve, to name a few. She was quite emotional when the award was announced, and we're sure she will continue to be a wonderful representative for Stockton.

A good many members of the Stockton Bowling Club headed to



Above: Kris Wright presents Sharon Gilbert with Excellence in Sportsmanship Award for 2023

North Haven for their regular Riverside Carnival in October. This is always a great week of bowling with participants from other States. We congratulate those who competed in this event and those Stockton teams who saw success.

Congratulations to Carol Shephard, Mary Williams, Raelene Firkin, Suzanne Sansom and Vicki Marshall for being selected to represent the District at the Rose Bowl. Unfortunately, Newcastle didn't quite topple the opposition, but certainly gave it their best shot. Well done to everyone.

There will be a "new look" Stockton shirt on the green shortly, and again, we thank our Men's Club for their contribution to the Ladies Club, and their assistance in outfitting our members, it is very much appreciated.

Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and

## MARKS POINT WOMEN

By Nicole Bell, P.O.

Marks Point Ladies had 2 Graded Pennant Teams entered, Grade 3 and Grade 4. Congratulations to our Grade 4 team on being Runner-up at District. Congratulations to our Grade 3 pennant team on winning the Regionals at Wyong Bowling Club. Good luck in the State competition next year.

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we advise the Bowls Community of the passing of one of our selectors, Lesley Gregory, recently.

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Good Bowling in 2024.





# HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN

By Maria Malcolm

From the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of November Hunter River District hosted the Regional Finals at East Cessnock Bowling Club. There were some great bowls played, with the result coming down to the last couple of ends, in many of the games.

Congratulations to all who succeeded in reaching the Regional playoffs and Congratulations to the Gold and Silver Medallists. We would like to wish all the successful gold medallists good luck and good bowling at the State Championships.



Above: Region 5 Open Singles won by Oosh Muncaster (right) from Kurri Kurri and Runner up was Leisa Burton (left) from Soldiers Point.



Above L-R: Region 5 Senior Singles won by Vacie McIntyre from Soldiers Point and Runner-up Janine Katon from Maitland City



Above L-R: Region 5 Open Pairs won by Leisa Morgan and Oosh Muncaster from Kurri Kurri



Above: Region 5 Open Triples won by Adele Johns, Leanne Chenoweth, and Carolyn Glen from Kurri Kurri



Above: Runners up in the Region 5 Senior Triples were r-l Helen Richards, Annette Hooper and Lorraine Hay from East Maitland



Above: Region 5 Senior Fours won by Helen Richards, Helen Allomes, Annette Hooper, and Lorraine Hay from East Maitland.

## DORA CREEK WOMEN

By Mitzi Hopwood, P.O.

Ho, Ho, Ho, are you all ready for the Festive Season, gone mad with buying and wrapping the presents, setting up the Christmas tree etc.?? Now a little bowls relief before the mad rush continues.

We sadly have some members not feeling very well, no, it's not self-inflicted, a variety of things including Covid. We hope everyone gets better real soon and in tip top condition.

Currently the Women are playing the Pairs Championship, and playing 2x2x2x2, has been creating some aches and pains. We're also playing Mixed Triples, this is the first year that we have had teams that can only play on the weekends, it's a great learning experience for all, and the quality of the games played have been great to see.

You may be aware that Dora Creek bowls clubs are going through the amalgamation process, it's a very interesting exercise for a couple of small 'Sub-Clubs'. Especially when you hear of bowling clubs amalgamating, I can hear you saying, trust Dora Creek to be different. But we hope to complete this task and have approval from the various bodies concerned by June 2024.

We, at Dora Creek Workers Women's Bowling club wish you all the best for the season.





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all the clubs that participated 8 teams, in total. Winners on the day was Scone Women's Bowling Club – Team 3. L. Patricia Robinson, S. Dianne Hartley, T. Sandra Graham, Sk. Sue Watts  
Congratulation Ladies.

Region 5 play-offs were held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at East Cessnock Bowling Club. **Senior Pairs – Runners-up** Muswellbrook RSL Kay Collins and Jenny Hamson, **Senior Four's – Runners-up** Scone Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Sandra Graham and Rebecca McLoughlin; **State (Open) Four's – Runners-up** Aberdeen Lorraine Baker, Sylvia Lawson, Lorena Croft and Chris Constable. Congratulations ladies on a great effort.



Runners up REGION 5 Open Fours Lorraine Baker, Sylvia Lawson, Lorena Croft, and Christine Constable (Aberdeen)



Runners up REGION 5 Senior Fours Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Sandra Graham and Rebecca McLaughlin



Runners Up REGION 5 Senior Pairs Kay Collins and Jenny Hamson (Muswellbrook)

## CARDIFF WOMEN

By Bianca Hann, P.O.



Above: Winners of Cardiff Women's Club Fours Diane Moore, Jo Henderson, Bianca Hann and Janice O'Reilly.

We held a lovely lunch for a special lady Pat Hoole, to celebrate her 80th birthday. Pat is our life member, held many committee positions and won many competitions. She still a very active

## UPPER HUNTER WOMEN

By Christine Constable, UHDBWA Match Chairperson



Above: UHDBWA District Senior Singles Champion Prue Harrington (Scone) Above: UHDBWA District State (Open) Singles Champion Chris Constable (Aberdeen)



Above L-R: UHDBWA District Versatility Day Winners Dianne Hartley, Patricia Robinson, Sue Watts and Sandra Graham from Scone.

UHDBWA completed the District Senior and State Singles Championships 2023/24. Finals played Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023. **District Senior Singles Champion** – Scone ~ Prue Harrington; **District State (Open) Singles Champion** – Aberdeen ~ Chris Constable. Congratulations Ladies

UHDBWA held their annual District Shield (Versatility) on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at Scone Bowling Club. Thank you,



member in our club. We do have some great cooks at Cardiff.

The club for finals were played and won by Diane Moore, Jo Henderson, Bianca Hann and Janice O'Reilly with the runners-up of Janelle Peattie, Sharon Brewer, Brigitte Wilson, and Glenda Robins. Some great bowls were played in all the games. Thanks to umpires, Kristine Brogan and Glenda Robins, controlling body, Maureen Mitchell and Sharon Brewer, also to all those who came along to support our bowlers.

Happy Birthday November ladies, Sharon Brewer, Jo Henderson, Brigitte Holden, and Janice O'Reilly.

Just a reminder our invitation day is on 22nd January, good time to practice for the pennant season. Merry Christmas and a happy and

healthy New Year to everyone from all of us at Cardiff Women's Bowling Club.



Above: Cardiff Women's Life Member Pat Hoole celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Above: Cardiff Women's Club Fours Runners-up Janelle Peattie, Sharon Brewer, Brigitte Wilson, and Glenda Robins

## TAREE WEST WOMEN

By Lorraine Austin

Included are photos of the Major Singles winner Lois Ruprecht and the Championship Pairs winners Skip Brenda Perrett and Lorraine Austin.

This is Lois's first Major Singles win, but not her first major final, she went down then to Betty Roberts a two years ago. Her opponent this year was Jen Blanch, both ladies have only been bowling for less than six years and we wish Jen success in her new club.

In the Pairs Championship Lorraine and Brenda have made it consecutive years on

the podium. As Brenda is new to our club it's a first for her, Lorraine has done it in the past, with Perla Munro. They hope to make it at 'hat trick' but we will wait and see.



Above: Taree West Women's Major Singles winner Lois Ruprecht



Above L-R: Taree West Women's Championship Pairs winners Skip Brenda Perrett and Lorraine Austin

## VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.



Above: Valentine Women's Club Pairs Finalists - Runner up Wendy Morrin and Maggie Johnston, President Glenda Morgan, and Winners Trixie Stauble and Barbara Bennett



Above: Vice President Irene Robinson and Peter Lynn with Winners of Valentine Women's Spring Invitation Day - Redhead team of Jen Kenyon, Kathy York, Rose Sharkey and Sue Haines.



Above: Vice President Irene Robinson and Peter Lynn with Runners-Up in Valentine Women's Spring Invitation Day Barbara Bell, Margaret Bates, Bernice Wilkins and Glennis Newton



Above: Third Place in Valentine Women's Spring Invitation Day Maxine Dunning, Barbara Bennett, Peter Lynn, Paulette Bignall and Denise Miller.

The final of our Club Pairs between Trixie Stauble and Barbara Bennett and last year's winners Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin was an outstanding game. Trixie and Barbara finally prevailed 15 to 14. Congratulations to all four players who had the spectators on the edge of their seats.

Trixie and Barbara also reached the quarter finals of the Lake Macquarie District Pairs, where they lost by one shot. This was a great effort against a quality opposition.

Anna Harris, Carol McCrohon and Trixie Stauble represented Lake Macquarie District against Hunter River and Central Coast. They were successful on both occasions, and played very well.

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Spring Invitation Day. The day was very successful thanks to our wonderful catering and social committees. The winning team was from Redhead, with second place won by Barbara Bell, Margaret Bates, Bernice Wilkins and Glennis Newton from Valentine. Third place went to Denise Miller, Paulette Bignall, Barbara Bennett and Maxine Dunning, also from Valentine. The spider winners were Jenny Liddle, Sue Armstrong, Maxine Dunning and Maggie Johnston.

## DEPARTED BOWLERS

Please advise us of *Departed Bowlers* by sending an email to [otgbowl@yahoo.com.au](mailto:otgbowl@yahoo.com.au)

Barry Presker (Life Member, Lambton), Kevin Abel (Lambton), Peter Parker (Boolaroo); Lesley Gregory (Marks Point Women);





Above: LMDWBA Rep Side against Central Coast.



Above: Newcastle District Women's Representative side that contested the Rose Bowl Trophy against Central Coast.





Above: 2023-2024 Charlestown Combined REGION 6 & LMD Grade 1 and Grade 2 Pennant Winners. Back Row L-R Ann Redhead, Debbie Foote, Lynn Genders, Terry Ann Jones, Kathy Limond, Gayle Gannon, Raweang Namutwong, Gail Baker, Halina Wuro, Laurel Faint. Front Row L-R Paula Collaros, Rhonda Littlewood, Pattie White, Debbie Bullen, Karleen Gemmell, Val Fullick

There has certainly been outstanding LMD and Region 6 results for Charlestown since November Edition. **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022-2023 Charlestown Women Bowler Of The Year, RAWEANG NAMUTWONG** who was a **2023 BOWLS NSW AWARDS EVENING FINALIST ~ FEMALE BOWLER OF THE YEAR Well Done**

It was an, all Charlestown final for both the 2023-2024 LMD State and Senior Singles - excellent bowling from all players. **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District State Singles Champion:** Leeanne Farmer; **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District State Singles Runner Up:** Leanne Kirby; **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District Senior Singles Champion:** Raweang Namutwong; **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District Senior Singles Runner Up:** Halina Wuro. Congratulations also to: **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District State Singles Semi Finalist:** Paula Collaros; **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District Senior Singles Semi Finalist:** Kathy Limond; **2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District State Pairs Champions:** Debbie Foote, Debbie Bullen. And, it was back to back wins 2022-2023 and **2023-2024 Lake Macquarie District Senior Pairs Champions:** Kathy Limond, Raweang Namutwong. (all photos will be submitted by Lake Macquarie District – including LMD & Region 6 Pennants)

**2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District Representative Selection:** Charlestown had 18 Players Selected for the LMD v/s Hunter River, in the "Hunter River Challenge" at Club Charlestown, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 with LMD winning 140-117; and also 17 Players in the LMD v/s Central Coast District, in the "Friendship Cup" at Belmont Golf & Bowling Club, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 LMD winning 148-107. **Players:** Gail Baker, Kay Shuttlewood, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon, Debbie Foote, Lynn Genders, Kathy Limond, Debbie Bullen, Karleen Gemmell, Pattie White, Raweang Namutwong,, Val Fullick, Laurel Faint, Paula Collaros, Halina Wuro (did not play against Central Coast), Leanne Kirby\*\* Terry Ann Jones\*\*, Ann Redhead\*\* (\*\*First time LMD Rep Selected). Congratulations on selection ladies.

**2023 – 2024 REGION 6 PENNANT PLAYOFFS:** The Region 6

Pennant Play Offs, was held at Wyong Bowling Club, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A huge Congratulations to both our Grade 1 and Grade 2 Pennant Teams on their winning their closely contested games

**2023 – 2024 REGION 6 GRADE 1 PENNANT WINNERS CHARLESTOWN** Gail Baker, Debbie Bullen, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon and Kathy Limond, Pattie White, Halina Wuro, Raweang Namutwong defeated Munmorah United 44-34. **2023 – 2024 REGION 6 GRADE 2 PENNANT WINNERS CHARLESTOWN GOLD:** Lynn Genders, Karleen Gemmell, Val Fullick, Laurel Faint and Debbie Foote, Terry Ann Jones, Ann Redhead, Paula Collaros defeated Everglades 40-37

Many thanks to our Grade 1 Reserve and Manager Helen Sanderson and Grade 2 Reserve and Manager Leeanne Farmer. Both Grade 1 and Grade 2 will now contest the 2023-2024 NSW Pennant Final Playoffs, from May 21 – 23, 2024, at venue still to be decided.

All the very best to all LMD Champions who will contest the 2023-2024 **Region 6 Championships against the Central Coast, to be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at Club Charlestown.** Charlestown Players: 2023-2024 LMD State Singles Winner Leeanne Farmer; 2023-2024 LMD Senior Singles Winner Raweang Namutwong; 2023-2024 LMD State Pairs Winners Debbie Foote, Debbie Bullen; 2023-2024 LMD Senior Pairs Winners Kathy Limond, Raweang Namutwong; 2023-2024 LMD Senior Triples Winners Karleen Gemmell, Robin Gardner and Helen Sanderson; 2023-2024 LMD Senior Fours Winners Debbie Foote, Laurel Faint, Rhonda Littlewood and Gayle Gannon. Extra well done, to Debbie Foote and Raweang Namutwong on winning 2 LMD Championship Events each this year.

**CLUB NEWS:** Still a lot of bowling left for 2023 ~ Great bowling to everyone in Charlestown Club Major Singles, Club Fours and Club Mixed Pairs. Also, Charlestown Invitation Triples – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December, Ladies Bowls Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Break Up Christmas Mufti Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023 AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ 2024.** To Colleen and Dean ~ "On the Green" for giving us all the opportunity to give our players the recognition they deserve, to everyone at Club Charlestown and to everyone's Family and friends in Oz and Overseas. Til February Edition 2024 ~ Laurel

*Below: Charlestown's 18 Lake Macquarie District Representatives - Reps for 2 LMD Games* Back Row L-R Halina Wuro, Lynn Genders, Val Fullick, Debbie Foote, Kathy Limond, Ann Redhead, Gayle Gannon, Leanne Kirby. Front Row L-R: Paula Collaros, Laurel Faint, Terry Ann Jones, Kay Shuttlewood, Gail Baker, Rhonda Littlewood, Karleen Gemmell, Pattie White, Raweang Namutwong, Debbie Bullen



## TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.

Big celebrations at our little Club, with our bowlers, Annette Cook & Kris James, being crowned Runners Up in the District Senior Pairs! Annette & Kris were a formidable pair as they played beautifully through to the final. Amazing shots, camaraderie & a very proud moment for Toronto Women's Bowls.

This year's Melbourne Cup bowls was a morning of giggles and "nays". "Nay that wasn't a toucher." "Nay, too much grass." Etc etc. We even had a toucher crown for any player who got a toucher. The crown was passed to 8 of our bowlers, sometimes very quickly, other times the recipient got a few ends with the crown. What a fun morning!



Above: Toronto Workers Women's Melbourne Cup Toucher Queens.

Club Championship Pairs were also finalised this month with the 2023 Champions being Trudy Richens & Margaret Peisley. The final was riveting with the Runners Up having Rookie, Marilyn Routley being guided by a very experienced, Chris Morgan. The game saw some lovely bowling by both teams and a very close finish.

This year, official Gala Bowls will end on 5/12/23 with a morning of bowls followed by our Presentation Day and lunch for our Ladies, guests, sponsors and patrons. Our Thursday Mixed Bowls will continue through to 14/12/23 concluding with a BBQ lunch. We will be back on the green in early January.

We, at Toronto Workers Women's Bowling Club, would like to wish you all, a very Merry Xmas and exciting 2024.



Above: District Senior Pairs Runners Up Kris James & Annette Cook.



# TEA GARDENS WOMEN

By Lynda Richards



Above L-R: Finalists of Tea Gardens Women's Club Major Pairs Competition Runners-Up Robyn Beaumont, Bev Harrington and Winners Lynne Green and Sheila Rattray

It has been a busy few weeks for our Club with participating in Invitation Days, Club Championships, Annual Trophy Days and Oncology Day.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September: The annual RSL Trophy Day was held, this event has been held for over 20 years and is sponsored by Tea Gardens RSL Sub Branch. Format for play 3 games 3 bowls Pairs the number of ends reduced to 7 due to a very hot day. Lyn Nightingale and Ingrid Luck won all of their 3 games hence won the day.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: TGWBC had 6 teams competing in the Queen of the Mountain Classis Triples Competition. One team consisting of Dawn May, Judi Polak and Jeanette Emmett came in equal 3<sup>rd</sup> with 2 other teams but unfortunately missed out on the prize money as the winner was determined on winning margins.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September: The Club Major Pairs Competition commenced, the final was contested on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Sheila Rattray and Lynne Green came from behind winning on the last end 16 v 15, Runners Up Robyn Beaumont and Bev Harrington.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Ruth Bowden Trophy Day TGWBC v Karuah teams of 3 bowls Triples 18, both teams won 2 games on tallying the scores TGWBC regained the trophy 65 v 54.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Three teams competed at Fingal Bay Triples Invitation Day, no stories of success here but a great day enjoyed by all.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Round 1 of the Club Championship Major Singles, the final to be played on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November between Bette Saillard and Robyn Beaumont, readers will have to wait till next year to find out the result of this battle.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Our annual Oncology Day, thanks to the generosity of our local businesses, community groups and club members donating gifts, gift cards, money etc for raffles, a trading table and a tombola \$4,500.00 was raised for the Mater Hospital Newcastle.

Coming events: Patrons Day Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Break Up/Secretary v President Day will be 14<sup>th</sup> December. Wishing all a safe and happy Christmas, and good bowling for 2024.



Above L-R: Ruth Bowden Trophy Day TGWBC President Robyn Webster and Karuah Women's Bowling Club President Helen Priestley



Above L-R: Winners of RSL Trophy Day Ingrid Luck and Lynn Nightingale with Mal Motum President of TG RSL Sub Branch

## TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.



Above: 2023-2024 Region 2 Senior Singles Winner Karen Carlton and Gwen Saunders Runner-Up

Above: 2023-2024 Lower North Coast District WBA SENIOR SINGLES Winner Karen Carlton and Runner Up Joan Thomas

What a tremendous achievement for Karen Carlton on winning the 2023-24 Lower North Coast District W.B.A. and Region 2 Senior Singles Championships.

The final of the LNCDWBA Senior Singles was an exciting and fabulous game to watch between Karen Carlton from Sporties and Joan Thomas from Forster.

A very close match throughout, with only a few shots difference in the score. Both Karen and Joan playing lovely bowls with the result going down to the wire with Karen taking out the 2023-24 LNCDWBA Senior Singles 25-23. It was a Final played in true sportsmanship. Congratulations and well done to both ladies.

What a tremendous game of bowls played today at Taree Leagues on 10<sup>th</sup> November between Karen Carlton from Sporties and Gwen Saunders from North Haven over 32 ends!

The scores were so close, with only a few shots difference throughout the game. On End 13 it was 9 all, End 16 11 all, End 18 12 all, End 22 15 all. On End 26 Karen was down 18-22, however steadied to be only down by 2 shots on End 30 21-23. Then on the next end sat the Jack and followed it up with 2 beautiful draw shots to collect 3 shots and take the lead 24-23.

The last End was unbelievable with both Karen and Gwen playing magic bowls! Karen held shot then Gwen came in with her next 2 bowls to hold game, so it came down to both their last bowls to determine the winner. Karen played the most unbelievable bowl to draw shot and hold game and it was left to Gwen to try and either move Karen's bowl or draw shot, as hard as she tried it was not to be and Karen won 25-23!

Karen and Gwen played an exceptional game of bowls and kept us all in awe of their ability to play the perfect shot when required. It was played in true sportsmanship and CONGRATULATIONS to both ladies, it was a pleasure to watch.

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