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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's December!! We made it through the whole year without lockdown - how good is that!!! I trust everyone is excited for the festive season and looking forward to a little bit of relaxation and letting your hair down over Christmas and New Year.

First, our apologies to Tea Gardens for incorrectly captioning their Division 4 Pennant Flag photo in the November Issue. It was an unintentional oversight when laying out the Zone 2 Pennant spread unfortunately. We are truly sorry to dampen the spirits of an absolutely sensational win for the Tea Gardens Club who claimed BOTH the Division 3 and Division 4 Flags!! Congratulations to the Division 4 team who culminated their season with a berth in the STATE FINAL and were runners up!!!

It turns out the Tea Gardens Division 4 side were runner-up to another club in our readership - MILLER PARK!! It's a fairytale story for Miller Park who closed a couple of years ago. Their facility was re-purposed as a Hotel and the new owner Dale McNamara installed a new synthetic green. The club re-affiliated with Bowls NSW and they have won the STATE Division 4 in their FIRST season back. Congratulations Miller Park on this wonderful achievement.

More success on the green with Kurri Kurri winning the STATE WOMEN'S 2 Division. The Kurri Kurri Women Cannons blasted their rivals by decisive margins right throughout the final series averaging 25 shot victories in the quarter, semi and final. They were ON FIRE!! Congratulations girls and well deserved.

And last but not least Raymond Terrace have claimed the DIVISION 1 STATE FLAG!!! The Jets 1 Grade have had a phenomenal track record in the past decade. They have contested the STATE play-offs 9 times since 2012!! That's EVERY SINGLE YEAR except 2013 when they were runner-up to Valentine in the Zone and 2020 of course when Pennants were cancelled due to Covid. Their consistency is incredible. In that time they have had some impressive streaks as well, who can forget that one game Charlestown won against the Jets back in June 2017 that ended a 3 ½ year undefeated streak?!. Their home game winning streak was even more impressive... in 2017 it was unbroken from 2011 – not sure what the current status of that is, but would love to find out. In any case a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the Jets on their 1 Division State Flag.

Another club with an impressive record is Lambton Park Womens Division 3. These ladies made it to the District 3 Grade Play-offs 10 times in the past 12 seasons – and were runner-up for the majority of those. This year they finally snagged the flag!!! I had the pleasure of attending their unfurling on 9th November. This was a VERY special time for the ladies and I couldn't be more happy for them. Some pics and report are inside this issue.

Just to finish off the Pennants chat. Well done to Valentine and Marks Point who hosted the Women's State Pennant Play-offs Division 4. I am sure they made all visitors very welcome. Valentine Bowls Co-Ordinator Pete Lynn said *"it was a very successful weekend with our members pitching in to cover many different jobs to make sure the teams had a smooth weekend"*. Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and effort.

Lee Schraner was unable to join his fellow Jets at the State Play-offs but had a bloody good excuse!! He was over in New Zealand defending his WORLD Champion of Champion Singles Title. Both Lee and his Australian Women's counterpart Carla Krizanic played strong and steady throughout and both progressed to the medal rounds. Lee brought home the bronze, and Carla the Silver. A fantastic effort from both players. Lee now has 1 gold and 2 bronze WORLD C of C medals. Remember to get to the World Championships, he has won the AUSTRALIAN C of C Singles a record three times. What a champion!! Congratulations Lee.

At the other end of the bowls spectrum is us. We had our first game at Raymond Terrace Blooms The Chemist Mixed Pairs on Monday 21st November and it went as well as could be expected for a first time. We got ABOSULTELY SMASHED 30/5!!! But hey, we were pretty happy to have won five ends. Our side of the score card looked like it was writing computer code though 010010010100010. I wonder what it's trying to say in computer language??... my guess is "loser" haha. Jokes aside, we have learned first hand what we often hear bowlers say *"we made a couple of new friends today"*. Thank you to Dot and Leigh Povey from Hexham for the game and your company. Dot is a relatively new bowler herself, she started

playing in February and has entered the Rookies competition – good bowling Dot and to all who have entered the Rookies.

We met Phil Mahoney, one of the founders of *On the Green* recently. Fittingly we met with them at Lambton Bowling Club where the idea of the magazine was hatched 40 years ago. Phil is charismatic, and from our brief conversation could see that he has a big heart and has had some wonderful experiences in life. He recently received the "Freeman of the City" Award. This is a very special award which is given to *"individuals who have provided the highest level of service. It may be awarded for achievement and service to Newcastle, Australia or humanity."* Phil is amongst an elite 16 such individuals in the history of Newcastle Council to receive this special award. Phil is so very proud of the legacy he started with the magazine, and is thrilled it has endured for 40 years. He recalled comments from people when he and Mike delivered the first edition in sweltering heat back in November 1982 like "I give it 3 months!" His son Justin has written a book about Phil's life and includes a piece on the magazine. They generously presented us with a copy and I look forward to reading it when we put this issue to bed. The book is called *"Try a little kindness"* and all proceeds are donated to Camp Quality. If you are interested in getting a copy you can order online at www.philmahoney.com.au



Above: Founder of *On the Green* Phil Mahoney and son Justin Mahoney.

Being the final issue of the year we would like to say thank you to all who contribute to this community based magazine. It is thanks to all the communication officers from each club, our district correspondents for Newcastle Women, Lake Macquarie Women, Hunter River District Women, Upper Hunter Women, Zone 2, Zone 6 and Zone 11 as well as the NSW Woomearas Bowling Arm and RSL Bowls Zone 6 and 8 that keep us all informed on what's happening at the grass roots. We also thank special columnists John Bilby with Coaching Showcase, Milton Rigby with Viewpoint, Warren Shipley *the Dreamer*, and also Ross Gardner who does an excellent job reporting on the Zone 2 Juniors (I know that is considered District, but he does a thorough job and deserves a mention).

GOOD NEWS!! We have finally got the website back up and running and you can now view our current issue online. We will pop some back issues up in due course and continue working to improve content.

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas break with family and friends. Take care, til next year.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club have a good collection of Bowls Badges that they no longer wish to hold onto and would look to sell. Give Paul Jacka a call at the club on 4975 1955 to discuss further if you are interested.

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Newcastle District Bowling Association



From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley, NDBA Sports Administrator

STATE FINALISTS DECIDED: On the Weekend of November 5 and 6, across 20 venues State wide, qualifying matches were contested in the State Mixed Pairs to advance to the State Championships next July. Locally both Valentine and Kurri Bowling clubs hosted sectional play on both Saturday and Sunday to whittle the field down to 3 teams from each venue. At Valentine, after winning through their sections on the Saturday, it was Mark Greene and Melissa Witts (Soldiers Point) claiming section 1 with 2 wins +19. Section 2 was won by Adamstown's Deb Barber and Greg Coote with 2 wins +15, while Raymond Terrace young guns Zoe Nicholls and Brendan Stokes took out section 3 with 2 wins +14. At Kurri, also advancing from Saturday, it was the Telarah pair of Cheryl Cook and Daniel Hoffman getting through their section win a narrow win and a draw with a +2. In section 2 the Beresfield duo of June Evans and Grant Boyce were successful with 2 wins +15 with a narrow 1 shot win in match 1 and in section 3 the Raymond Terrace pairing of Lynne Thompson and Chris Garn advanced with 2 wins +18. These section winners will join 26 other mixed pairs teams at the State Championships at a venue yet to be decided, where again they will compete in sections of 4 with 8 section winners advancing to knockout Quarters, Semis and Final.

JETS CRUISE TO VICTORY: The Raymond Terrace Jets have claimed their 2nd Men's Zone Championship for the 2022/23 season when they coasted to victory in the Zone Triples. The Jets team of Jamie Minter, Ian Lean and Shannon Gittoes blasted away from the Beresfield team of Tony Atcheson, Kevin Roberts and David Wayland from the start of the match and led 24-4 at the halfway mark of the final winning 10 of the 1st 13 ends and 14 of the 22 played to take the final 32-11. This gives Minter his 2nd, Lean his 3rd and Gittoes his 1st Zone 2 Triples titles.

BACK-TO-BACK FOR SOLDIERS: Defending Champions in the Senior Triples, Mark Sheppard, Bill Ahoy and Mick Beesley (Soldiers Point) claimed the title over Charlestown's Sam Laguzza, Kim Jaques and Eric Ryan 25 to 17 in the final at Beresfield last Saturday. The Soldiers trailed 7-0 after 3 ends and 12-5 after 11 ends before fighting their way back into the match to draw level 15 all after 18 ends. The Soldiers then put their foot down over the next 6 ends to outscore the Tigers 10-2 and claim their back to back titles. Hopefully the trio will avoid illness this time when they travel to the State titles and not have a repeat of last year when Mick Beesley fell ill to the dreaded virus the week of the State Champs

RIDD LAST MAN STANDING IN RESERVES WIN: Cardiff's Cohen Ridd combined with 2 new partners in the Semi-final and Final at Mayfield West to secure the Reserve Triples Championship over Jamie Carr, Steve Cruickshank and Glen Woods (Soldiers Point) 28-16. Ridd's previous teammates Neil Smith (illness) and John Mackenzie (Travel) were both unavailable with club mates Robert Peattie (sub for Smith) and Paul Jones (replacement for Mackenzie) getting the job done to claim the Championship. In the semi, Cardiff defeated Beresfield's Wayne McCarthy, Peter Baker and Mal Adams 33 to 16 while Woods team defeated club mates Allan Austin, Keith Hurley and Ted Nunn in a thriller 21-19. The word on the street is that Neil Smith, who is a constituted member of the team, will be "unavailable" for the State Championships, allowing Robert Peattie to compete in the State Finals.

STATE PENNANT FINALS: Zone 2 and Region 5 and 6 clubs headed to various parts of NSW on the weekend of November 18, 19 and 20 to contest the Men's and Women's State Pennant Finals. In the Men's Division 1 played at Port City and Lake Cathie, Raymond Terrace had drawn Westport, Cabramatta and Merrylands in their section winning all their 5 matches for a battle against Warilla in the Final where the Jets hung tough and although losing in 2 of the 3 rinks that finished 1 shot victors over a very strong Warilla side to claim the State title 61 to 60. The rink of Jamie Minter, Ian Lean, Michael Smith and Matt Baus proved the difference winning 26 to 18 over the Warilla rink skipped by Aaron Teys. Shaun Richards, Lachlan Freeman, Shannon Gittoes and Lennon Scott fought back against Gary Kelly to record a narrow 2 shot loss 18-20 while Tim Twining, Brendan Stokes, Josh Bell and Jason Stokes, although defeated 17 to 22, were the last to finish and knew what

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In Division 2 Men's held at Cabramatta the Hamilton North side drew Dubbo, Campbelltown and Alexandria Erskineville in section 2 and the Hornets finished top before being defeated 62 to 42 in the Quarter Finals, while Kurri Kurri ladies had drawn Greenlees Park and Armidale in section 4 at Taren Point and although all sides finished with 5 points each it was Kurri with the best margin and they went on to claim the flag with a 43 to 23 win over the locals Taren Point. Tea Gardens drew Gwandalan, Grenfell and Camden in section 3 of Division 3 Men's played at Dubbo and finished 3rd in their section. The women's division 3 played at Bomaderry where Beresfield in section 1 were drawn against Mosman, North Haven and the Hills District and they also finished 3rd in their section. In Division 4 Tea Gardens had again qualified and they headed to Warilla where they drew Ettalong, Miller Park and Tathra Beach in section 3 where Miller Park finished 1st and Tea gardens finished 2nd with these 2 clubs winning their way through the Quarters and Semis to again meet in the Final where Miller Park again proved too strong winning 67 to 46 but Tea gardens did claim 2 rinks and the ladies side from Belmont had local knowledge when they took on Seaforth, Young and Cabarita Beach in section 2 played at Valentine with other sectional matches played at Marks Point. Belmont 2nd in the section but were defeated by Narrabri 48 to 33 in the Quarter Finals.

At the time of print Lee Schraner was leading his section in the World Champion of champions Singles in New Zealand. I will report on the event next issue.

Tea Gardens Dolphins Division 4 are the runners up in the NSW Pennant Finals.

By Doug Andrews (Secretary) & John Slater (Publicity Officer)

The Tea Gardens Pennant Players, bowlers in general and the Men's Bowling Committee were proud and excited to have won, after about 15 years of not winning, not just one, but BOTH the Zone 2 Flags for the Divisions that this small club had entered and to go to the State Pennant Finals was more than we expected.

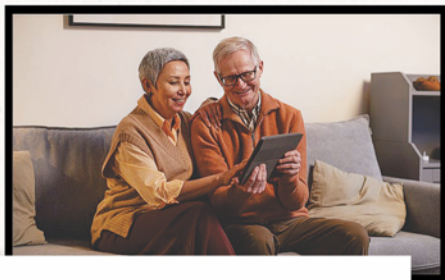
As the men's pennants was only a six game event (with covid plus some bad weather) Tea Gardens entered teams in Division 3 and Division 4. With ten sections of four teams in Division 3 and 12 sections of four teams in Division 4 there was plenty of competition for the Zone 2 flags.

Division 3 had a must win last game "washed out match" to get into the zone play-off, and in Division 4 it came down to winning against one of the strongest club in our area (Raymond Terrace Bowling Club) to advance into the zone play-off.

Division 3 played at East Maitland and Division 4 at Beresfield over two days, each game was a must win to progress to the finals, in the end it was an amazing and historical feat for Tea Gardens Bowling Club to win TWO Newcastle and District Bowling Association Pennant Flags in the one season.



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And so on to the Bowls NSW State Pennant Finals, Division 3 went out to Dubbo and Division 4 headed south to play at the prestigious Warilla Bowling club just south of Wollongong. To come back crowned as a NSW State Champion in either Division would be a once in a lifetime dream come true.

But first they had to play a series of elimination matches against some of the best sides in the State to challenge for that heady prize.

The games began on Friday with each side expected to play two matches each day until eliminated. Division 3 started well with a good win over Gwandalan 71-55 in their morning game but fell 5 shots short against Grenfell in the afternoon 71-76. Similarly, Division 4 managed a good first session win accounting for Tathra Beach 74-41 and in the afternoon succumbed to Miller Park 51-60. This meant that both sides had to win their Saturday morning games to progress to the quarter finals. At this level of competition, every shot counted and Division 3's hopes were dashed when they had a 62-62 draw against Camden and was eliminated. Meanwhile at Warilla, Division 4 made the quarter finals by defeating Ettalong 59-48 and in the afternoon against Tuncurry

Below: Tea Gardens runner-up Division 4 STATE Pennant



Beach it was a nail-biting finish, Tea Gardens behind 48-50 two of the three sides finished and watching as both skips had their last bowl to play. Tea Gardens moved the Tuncurry bowl as well as the "jack" for 3 shots and the win 51-50.

Sunday dawns and the realisation that our small Club, Tea Gardens, had a real chance of winning a State Title.

Wallacia was next to fall, 62-50 and Tea Gardens Dolphins were into the final against the side from Miller Park at Branton, a club that had folded some years ago and restarted only this year. They were making their own history with the Master Board 31/30 to Miller Park mid-way into the match anyone could have won.

Though Tea Gardens won two of the three rinks, Miller Park's third rink had a runaway win taking the Masterboard 67-46 and the Bowls NSW Pennant Division 4 Flag. Tea Gardens runners-up.

Both Divisions, sponsored by our local First National Real Estate, played their hearts out and deserve the sincere congratulations of all of us in the bowling fraternity.

Congratulations also to our Management Committee, who somehow found the funds to send the two sides off on their quest, the sole Selector, Peter Gurney, who did an amazing job and our home base the Tea Gardens Country Club, who keeps us bowling every week.

The Club will be holding a "Dolphin Day", commemoration early next month and this will be combined with the raising of the three Pennant title flags from the mast head.

MARKS POINT WOMEN

By Helen Pucher, P.O.



Above L-R: Travelling Bowlers President Bruce Gill, Bowls Coordinator Ken Harvey & Treasurer Pauline Russell being presented with Trophy by Tea Gardens Bowls Coordinator

I can hardly believe that we are now writing the last report of the year and it certainly has been quite a year with all the changes happening i.e., Pennants timing etc.

Our club, together with Valentine has been honoured in the past week to be hosting the Grade 4 State Pennants Finals. There have been some wonderful bowls played and at the time of writing this, the semi finals are being played at Valentine.

On Tuesday our Club triples will also be up to the semi finals stage and wish all the competitors good bowling.

This weekend a good many of the bowlers from our club, including myself, are off for a 3 nights visit with Belmont Sporties Travelling Bowlers to Tea Gardens. Tea Gardens have made us very welcome and after our second game of the weekend, provided us with a tasty sausage sizzle. The photo above shows the presentation of the Travelling Bowlers Trophy to President Bruce Gill. A big thank you to Tea Gardens for their hospitality over the weekend. We also give an equally big thank you to Bruce, Shirley

and their many helpers who made it a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. This outing was planned two years ago and cancelled due to COVID, so it's great that we finally made it.

On the weekend of 26/27 November our member Nicole Bell is competing at Sawtell in the MBA Open Pairs Tournament. Good luck Nicole. On the 13th of December we have our Bowls Ham Day and then our Christmas party on the 15th.

Wishing all our members and their families a very happy and healthy Christmas and will see you back in the new year.



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NELSON BAY WOMEN

By Bernie Carroll



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Women's Fours Runners-up Lin Hudson, Una Cornwell, Coralie Lewis, Denise Archibald with the Winners.....Helen Maloney, Lee Butterworth, Pat Pepper and Sue Clark.



Above: Nelson Bay Women's 2022 Champions

Introducing the winners of the NBWBC Fours Championship for 2022..... Helen Maloney, Lee Butterworth, Pat Pepper and Sue Clark defeated Denise Archibald, Coralie Lewis, Una Cornwell and Lin Hudson in an extremely close game.

There were some amazing shots played by all the ladies and with a score of 16 all going into the last end it was anyone's game.....Denise's team were holding shot however skip Helen saved the day with her last bowl taking the shot and claiming victory.

Congratulations to all players who fought hard in an exciting nail biting game that was determined by that last shot of the winning team.

With the Fours finalised Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club Championships for 2022 have now been completed.

Congratulations to the winners, runners-up and all the members who participated in the Major Singles, Minor Singles, Consistency Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs and the Mixed Fours

events.

Thank you to all the organisers, in particular our Match Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure that all events were completed successfully. Also a huge shout out to all the Umpires and Controlling Bodies who gave up their valuable time to officiate in the Championships.

NBWBC wishes every success to our Club representatives who will be progressing to compete at District and State level early in the New Year.

Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members, guests and families a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to another fun and successful year throughout 2023.

HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi Hornets, we have had a another amazing year at the green at the Hornets Nest.

We have had an influx of new bowlers joining the nest which has helped us grow, including making three pennant finals (Men's Division 2 & 4 and the Ladies Division 4) and a state final series.

PENNANTS – We would like to congratulate our Mens Division 2(1) winning their section and making it through to the quarter finals of the Division 2 State Pennant at Cabramatta, unfortunately losing to the finalists Ballina. In doing so we would like to congratulate every one of our entire Division 2 squad on an amazing year, including the squad that went to Cabramatta; B. Lawton, R. Lawton, J. Lee, M. Evan, M. Casey, C. Hayman, T. Wicks, M. Brown, C. Thompson, W. Smith, B. Cartwright, R. Steel, M. Kiley & P. Brockbank.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – We are currently in the midst of running our Men's and Ladies Open Singles, Open Pairs, Open Triples. The draws for the clubs Consistency Singles, Minor Pairs and Handicap Pairs have also been done.

We have completed the quarter finals of the of the Ladies Major Singles with K. McDougall defeating B. Galley. The Semi-finals will be K. Young versus K. McDougall and L. Sara versus L. Wedesweiler.

We have nearly completed the quarter finals of the of the Men's Major Singles. The Semi-Finals will be between B. Cartwright versus M. Evans and R. Steel versus the winner of M. Brown Vs B. Doyle. The club pairs and triples are nearly up to the quarter final stage of the competition.

GALA'S – All our galas continue growing in numbers with all of our mixed galas are \$10 per player. Tuesday Pairs Cash Gala are always very enjoyable and competitive every week. The Thursday day and Thursday night galas have continued to be extremely successful. Along with being jackpot galas all winning players in these galas receive a \$10 vouchers. The Friday Seafood Voucher Gala is growing coming on to Christmas because every winning player receives a \$15 seafood voucher. Our Saturday jackpot galas have returned with great success after being off during pennants.

The Hornets Nest would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and an enjoyable 2023 back on the green.

Raymond Terrace BOWLING CLUB



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VIEWPOINT

By Milton Rigby on behalf of NDBA Umpires' Committee
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ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM, BOWLSLEARN: Bowls Australia recently launched its Online Learning Platform which is a new national self-paced learning platform titled **BowlsLearn**. This platform has been unveiled to increase the capabilities and reduce the barriers to coaching and officiating.

BowlsLearn is seen as a complementary product to the sports existing training and development and **will not** replace the current face to face training courses which is the current method we use to Accredited new, Markers, Measurers and National Umpires.

BowlsLearn can be accessed via learn.bowls.com.au or by logging onto your BowlsLink account at bowslink.com.au and clicking onto "BowlsLearn" in the left-hand margin. For those who that do not have a BowlsLink account, you can create an account (or search for a current BowlsLink account by entering your email address or phone number) at bowslink.com.au/signup

I understand that to be eligible to do the course on line it is a requirement that you purchase a copy of the Law Book and a copy of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual.

COST OF COURSES

The online courses for Marking, Measuring or Umpiring are free of charge **however** the online learning course **does not** cover the "On the green Training and Assessment sessions" which are to be completed by participants once the online course has been completed. This will be organised by Bowls NSW once the following payments have been made to Bowls NSW; Marker - \$22, Measurer - \$22, Umpire (which includes the Marking and Measuring modules) - \$50.

FACE TO FACE COURSES.

Members of the NDBA umpires Committee who have been Accredited by Bowls Australia to conduct courses will continue to conduct courses in a face-to-face environment, they will also conduct the "On the green Training and Assessment sessions" as required.

REACCREDITATIONS.

These will still continue to be done in a face-to-face environment.

VALENTINE *Lakers Line*

By Eric Roach

Merry Xmas to one & all,
During the Festive Season,
may you have a ball.

Bruce Boyle & Peter Steele successfully defended their Veterans Pairs Title when they defeated Bill Lyon & Eric Roach 17-14 in a high quality, closely contested final.

Very little else to report as several other finals have been postponed due to the absence of a number of participants.

Congrats to Mark King, Geoff Armstrong & Paul Birt on reaching the semi-finals of the District Senior Triples. The Handicap Pairs finalists are Ross Morris & John Roberts, who will play John Bullock & Mark King.

Results from our one-day Mixed 4's tournament will be published next year. A huge thank-you to our sponsor David Lloyd Funerals. Thanks to Ian Skellington & Steve Thornton who have recently joined the Laker's umpiring ranks.

Despite very windy conditions on the final day, Marks Point & Valentine successfully conducted the finals of the ladies No. 4 Grade Pennant. The final in which Austal defeated Bourke was played at the VBC. A huge thanks to Peter Lynn, the staff & all volunteers who contributed in many ways. I'm sure our visitors left with lasting happy memories in Lake Macquarie.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Jacqui Aldred, District Secretary

NDWBA has been busy this month. District held a Versatility Day at Soldiers Point on Friday 14th October which was hijacked by storms throughout the game but nonetheless, proved to be a day enjoyed by all. Fingal Bay won the Singles; Soldiers Point won the Triples; Karuah won the Pairs #1; Tea Gardens won the Pairs #2; Raymond Terrace took out the Fours. Congratulations on their win and thanks go to Soldiers Point for hosting the day.

The following weekend it was up the East Cessnock Bowling Club for the Regional Pennant play-offs. Some of the best bowls this writer has had the pleasure to witness, with games going down to the wire and extra ends played to determine a winner.

State Women's Pairs & Senior Pairs played at the end of October. This was a very big test of stamina for many players, with 2 games a day and 21 ends of traditional format which was necessary to meet the State entry deadlines. It was also hard on the District Officials who managed the event, not getting home until 7pm. Hopefully the next season will address these issues with a more appropriate format and less time constraints. Congratulations to Women's Pairs winners, Natasha Van Eldik and Genevieve Delves Raymond Terrace and runners-up Betty Herbertson & Missy Witts Soldiers Point. Congratulations also to the Senior Pairs winners Carolin Jory and Alida Roditis, Soldiers Point and runners-up Kerry McFadden and Ann Murray Fingal Bay. In the subsequent Regional Play-offs, Gen & Tash had a convincing win and will compete at the State Championships 2023.

Our next event was the Rose Bowl representative match versus Central Coast. Interrupted by Covid for 2 years, players and officials alike were really looking forward to once again hosting this day and we weren't disappointed. Newcastle has retained the Trophy for another year and rumour has it the reps are practicing already because they know Central Coast want to take that trophy home next year. Cardiff Bowling Club is to be congratulated for their assistance in hosting this day, and to The Blind Chef we say WoW!.....How good was the 2-course lunch.

Sunday 13th November, we had our competitive, but friendly Challenge game against Hunter River District just two days after the Rose Bowl with Newcastle retaining the trophy for another year. We thank East Cessnock Bowling Club once again for hosting this event, and the recent Pennant play-offs.

Newcastle was represented at the State Play-offs in November by Soldiers Point Division 1 and gave it their best shot but unfortunately the other teams were too strong on this occasion.

On behalf of Newcastle Management & Committees, have a peaceful and happy Christmas with loved ones and we look forward to our continued success in the New Year with the Fours and Singles Championships.



Above L-R: Runners-up in the NDWBA Senior Pairs Kerry McFadden and Anne Murray (Fingal Bay)



Above L-R: Carolin Jory and Alida Roditis NDWBA Senior Pairs Winners (Soldiers Point)



Above L-R: Runners-up in the NDWBA Open Pairs Missy Witts and Betty Herbertson (Soldiers Point)



Above L-R: Natasha Van Eldik and Genevieve Delves NDWBA Open Pairs Winners AND REGIONAL PAIRS WINNERS!!



Above L-R: NDWBA President Marion Wilson proudly showing off the Rosebowl Trophy.



Above L-R: NDWBA President Marion Wilson and HRDWA President Coral Sloan with Wine to Waves Trophy



Above L-R: Newcastle District Women's Rep Team for the Rosebowl against Central Coast.



Above L-R: Central Coast Representative Team for the Rosebowl.



Above L-R: Newcastle District's Waves to Wine Representative side against Hunter River District Women.

BELMONT GOLF & BOWLS WOMEN

By Di Stockwell, P.O.



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Women's Division Four Pennant Side at the State Playoffs L-R Danica Parezanovic, Zonia Deaves, Kaye Jones (reserve and side captain) Ann McDonagh, Christine Devlin, Sheryl Northey, Brenda Poole, Wendy Cole, Julie John and Ann Jefferies (reserve)

Members, 2022 is coming to an end what a great year for Belmont, so much success in our bowling events.

Firstly the most exciting is our Grade Four playing their way into the State Playoffs, what a fabulous achievement. We at Belmont and the L.M.D.W.B.A. are very proud of our Ladies.

The State playoffs were held at Valentine Bowling Club on 18th 19th 20th November. Our

Ladies won the first game on Friday then lost second. On Saturday Morning game the Ladies won once again this result put the girls into the Quarter Final unfortunately they went down in this game but what a fighting spirit they played the best bowls they never gave up.

On a sad note Lyn Kemp a skip on one team had to come off due to illness, a great shame for Lyn has played so well the hole season but our Third Sheryl Northey stepped up to skip and played fantastic and a spare Brenda Poole came in to Third and even though Brenda was very nervous she played fantastic also. Our other reserves were present Ann Jeffries and Kaye Jones, Kaye also took on the side captain's job and we thank her for this.

Grade Four Belmont thanks you for your great sportsmanship and the determination in which you all played. Get work Ladies.

A huge Thank you to all the supporters Ladies and Gents for supporting the girls this helped them play even better.

A special thank you to our Bowls Co Ordinator Joel for his care and help to Grade Four the girls were most appreciative.

While on the Pennant report we wish Charlestown No. 1 success at Port Macquarie today the 20th in the semi final. Secondly Rose Wayland & Kerry Malligan played in the playoffs of the District open pairs unfortunately the Ladies went down, a great achievement.

Belmont will be holding our last INVITATION TWILIGHT for this year on Monday 28th I will report on this event next year.

The first events on the calendar for Belmont in 2023 Championship games is the Consistency Singles the closing date 11 January start date Tuesday 18th January.

Second event is the Championship Pairs closing date 21 February start date Tuesday 28th February.

Nomination sheets will be on the board if you wish to play in these events.

Our Ladies will be enjoying a wonderful Luncheon together on the 13th December to celebrate Christmas and a wonderful year together.

Wishing all members and fellow bowlers a very Happy and Safe Christmas and May 2023 be a health and enjoyable New year.

Hope SANTA is kind until next year have a wonderful Christmas see you all O.T.G. IN 2023.

HEXHAM

By Glenn Hetherington

Hexham Club Results **FOURS Winners:** G. Buckmaster, B. Gawn, L. Povey and R. King, **R/Up:** L. Bassett, P. Battley, A. Smith and H. Lee; **Major Singles Winner:** M. Cummings, **R/Up:** D. Shakespeare; **Triples Winners:** A. Mitchell, A. Crowe and R. Mckeand, **R/Up:** A. Smith, L. Carter and H. Lee; **Pairs Winners:** L. Povey and A. Allan, **R/Up:** L. Cummings and M. Cummings; **Minor Singles Winner:** L. Povey, **R/Up:** A. Crowe; **Mixed Pairs Winners:** A. Allan and P. Au, **R/Up:** D. Sheen and L. Carter; **Consistency Winner:** A. Allan, **R/Up:** L. Rimoni. Congratulations to all our winners.

LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN



So here we are at getting closer to the end of the year and we are only half way through the bowls calendar with plenty of bowls to come. The New year will commence with the District Open and Senior Fours starting January 9 entries close the 2nd December at District. The District Open and Senior Singles are in February entries close 13th January however Gayle would like them in as soon as you can before District close for the Christmas break.

The Regional Open and Senior Pairs were played at Halekulani and the Winners of the Open Pairs were Margaret Smith and Karen Croker from Ettalong Memorial who won against Kerry Malligan and Rose Wayland. The Senior Pairs was won by Charlestown's Kathy Clerke and Raweang Namutwong and Runners up Robyn Deane and Michelle Treadwell from Halekulani. Congratulations to all players and good luck at the State Championship playoffs to be held in July 2023.

The Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival was held recently at Belmont Golf and Bowls Club and players enjoyed the new format, First prize 1st N Childs, W Morrin, G Garrett, C McCrohon, 2nd G Baker, J Turner, H Wuro, R Namutwong, 3rd G Brown, J Paterson, K Malligan, M Simpson, 4th C Devlin C Goodwin, S Pedonese, M Carter, Best performed 30/10 D Walton, J Wicks, L Rixon, S Cooke, Best performed 31/10 G. G. Gannon, P. White, D. Smith, De Harrison.

The State Women's Pennants were played from the 18th - 20th November and in Division 1 Charlestown Red did extremely well, in Division 4 Belmont Golf and Bowls Club gave it their all and both their Clubs and the District are proud of their achievements. Unfortunately neither made the finals but their is always next year. Congratulations to both teams for making it through to the State Playoffs.

The last Delegates meeting will be held on Friday 2nd December. To our Members who are on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and are back on the green soon.

Until next year Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from the LMDWBA

By Jen Kenyon, District Publicity Officer



Above: Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival Winners - Valentine



Above: Runners-up in the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival – Charlestown.



Above: Third Place in the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival – Belmont Golf and Bowls.



Above: Fourth Place in the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival – Belmont Golf and Bowls.



Above: Best Performed Day 1 in the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival – Belmont Golf and Bowls.



Above L-R: Region 6 Senior Pairs Runners-up Halekulani's Robyn Deane and Michelle Treadwell with WINNERS from Charlestown Raweang Namutwong and Kathy Clerke.



Above L-R: Region 6 Open Pairs contenders Margaret Smith (Ettalong), Kerry Malligan (Belmont), Karen Croker (Ettalong) and Rose Wayland (Belmont). Our Belmont Golf and Bowls girls WON!!



Above: Best Performed Day 2 in the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival – Charlestown.

MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes



Above: Women's Major Singles winner Jackie Jukes and Runner-up Mary Ellen Cooper



Above: Mens Pairs Winners Terry Wake and Graham Brown with Runners-up Steve Cooper and Kaylene Lumsden.

The Men's pairs final was played recently with a close fought match. The lead changed several times throughout and scores were locked at 17 all on the 17 end. Terry Wake and Graham Brown were the eventual winners 25-21 over Steve Cooper and Kaylene Lumsden. Congrats to both teams on a fantastic match.

May West is also having some success at other clubs with the Triples side of Graham Brown, Steve Pedelty and Ron Nelligan narrowly missing out on the top prize on count back at Cardiff recently and our Women's Pair of Rachel Shelton and Jackie Jukes taking out the Club Maitland City Pairs tournament last month. Great to see our players getting out and about and competing strongly.

The Women's club held their annual Oncology Day on Tues 18th Oct and a fun day was had by all. Our numbers were relatively small, but we raised around \$1200 for the Mater Hospital. Thank you to everyone who came along, including 1 lovely team from Soldiers Point and those who helped run the event on the day.

The Women's Major Singles is now complete, with Mary-Ellen Cooper taking on Jackie Jukes in the final recently. Both ladies had some tough matches leading into the final and had played very consistently throughout. Jackie took an early lead and Mary- Ellen, who was very unlucky at times, was unable to close the gap. Great

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sportsmanship and club spirit was shown on the day. Congratulations goes to Jackie on her win, making it a double of both Minor and Major titles this year. Well done!

The Women are now up to the final of their pairs, which will be played end of November. Finalists are Nancy Avery and Robyn Belcher verses Kayla Jukes and Rachel Shelton. Good luck girls!

The Men are currently up to quarter final in their Major Singles with the winner to be decided over the coming weeks.

Finally, we have just held our Barry Salter Triples Tournament on the weekend of 19th/20th November. We had a fantastic weekend of bowls, results should be in this issue.

BAR BEACH

By Barbie Chowlo



Above: BBBC Club Pairs Champions Adam Gleeson and Glen Stonestreet.

November brought fun events at the reef, and December is going to be loaded!

Our club pairs final was played on the 19th November. Congratulations to the Club Pairs Champions, Adam Gleeson and Glenn Stonestreet and runners-up Greg Johns and Steve Wright. Both teams played well and had some great wins to make to the final, a game which was played in the spirit of great friendship and sportsmanship.

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Above: BBBC Club Pairs Runners-Up Greg Johns and Steve Wright

BBBC will be hosting a Friday Night Ham Gala. This event will be played at 5pm on December 2nd, 9th and 16th, and the winning teams will go into a draw to win a ham each. Breakers, friends and visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon southerly and hopefully with a Christmas ham.

WHAT'S ON... Christmas Bowls Gala. We will be holding a Christmas Bowls Gala on Sunday 18th December. Pop on a Christmas shirt or hat, grab a friend and come and enjoy free nibbles after the game.

The Breakers had a bit of fun on the Halloween weekend with a free dress up gala. From Devils to Nuns, and Zebras to a cute little fairy, both kids and grown ups had a fun day. There were some funny looks from people on their way to the beach! Thank you to the bistro for supplying free food after the gala.

Our 1pm Saturday Gala has been getting bigger and better with the weather warming up, and you can't pick a better location than Bar Beach for a roll at this time of year. Lovely sunshine and a coastal breeze adds to the beachy atmosphere and fun vibes. Following the gala, the bistro supplies free nibbles to the bowlers while they join in raffles and winners/consolation draws. It's a great way to spend your Saturday afternoon!

Our 1pm Wednesday Gala is always a busy midweek event and generally fills up a green. Once again, you'll see the Breakers and their friends enjoying this perfect bowls location every week.

To stay in touch with bowls news, photos and events at Bar Beach, please see our Facebook page, 'Breakers Bar Beach'. Look for our dark blue logo with club championship winners on the cover photo.

Happy bowling, everyone!

Dreamer

Hi Dreamers and welcome to December and a merry Xmas to all, I hope Santa fills your stockings with Toucher Spray, new Bowls shoes, a measure and maybe even a new wheelie bag!

This month I come to you with 3rd world problems and how we are going to line up the bowling boundaries between Men and Women. So here is the problem, in the area that Zone 2 covers sits all of the Newcastle (NDWBA) and Lake Macquarie Ladies (LMDWBA) districts and a little bit of the Ladies Hunter River District (HRDWBA) to add further complications, as it stands now Newcastle, Hunter River and Upper Hunter Districts come together as Region 5 to playoff for State qualification and Lake Macquarie challenge Central Coast in Region 6 for their State places. Now Central Men and Women have the same boundaries so unification for both Men and Women on the Central Coast is pretty straight forward but I am hearing they will want straight qualification to the State events for their ladies, which is fair enough, but where does that leave Lake Macquarie? The clubs that throw a spanner in the works are Beresfield and East Maitland as the Men compete in Zone 2 where the Women play in the Hunter River District of which the majority of clubs are situated in Zone 6. So do the women come across to Zone 2 or do the Men go to Zone 6? What complicates this is that East Maitland was in Zone 6 roughly 6 years ago but applied to BNSW to link with Zone 2 which was granted. Once you sort out that little issue the next is playing off for State spots as currently between 5 women's districts which then go into 2 Regions for 2 State positions but if Central Coast want their own stand alone State spot that only leaves 1 spot for LMDWBA, NDWBA, Hunter and Upper Hunter which doesn't seem very fair. What the answer is I do not know but BNSW have announced the following:

Quote: "The Board of Bowls NSW is pleased to announce that a Boundary Working Party has been formed with the primary purpose of working on the alignment of Zone, District and Regional boundaries. At the Strategic Forum held earlier this year, Zone and District representatives highlighted boundary alignment as a major focus point that needed to be addressed. Bowls NSW has listened to the comments provided by our Zone and District representatives and formed a Boundary Working Party to begin this important process.

The subject of boundary alignment between Zones, Districts and Regions has existed for many years, and previous attempts to resolve the issues associated with it have been made by both the former Women's Bowls NSW and Royal New South Wales Bowling Association.

As a unified association, Bowls NSW is eager to have the Boundary Working Party consult with Zones, Districts and other key stakeholders to identify and address the key areas of concern relating to boundary alignment. Bowls NSW will create a dedicated email address for the Boundary Working Party which will be made available in due course, and we look forward to working with members throughout this process." **End Quote:**

So is the answer a Pineapple???? Time will tell.

Sweet Dreams.

CLUB LAMBTON

By Barry Hewat

Club Mixed Pairs played lately: J. Turner & G. Horton d G. Conway & S. Maloney 19-15; D. Lamers & S. Gilshenan d M. Farrow & R. Collinson 24-11; J. Silver & D. Clements d K. Jones & A. Battisuzzi 20-10; M. Riding & D. Macpherson d L. Hope & P. Joy 29-13; B. Bland & V. Hamling d D. Lamers & S. Gilshenan 18-13; M. Riding & D. Macpherson d L. Mascelle & J. Nichol 22-20; E. Jarvis & S. McKinnon d J. Silver & D. Clements 24-23; B. Bland & V. Hamling d G. Candy & B. Peel 33-13; L. Hope & J. Wozniak d J. Mackley & T. Milton 24-17.

It's nice to see some better weather. That's all for now - enjoy your bowls



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CARDIFF

By The Falcon



Above: First Place in Cardiff's Father and Son 3 Bowl Pairs: Tony and Noel Wicks

Congratulations to Rob Peattie (sub for Neil Smith), Cohen Ridd & Paul Jones in winning the Zone 2 Reserve Triples at Mayfield West on Saturday 12th November. They have qualified for the BNSW Finals in July 2023. The BNSW Rookies Pairs commence on Saturday 26TH November with Sean Broderick & Scott Karuso, Gavin Ridd & Terri-Ann Jones plus Cohen Ridd & his partner, with the BNSW Rookies Singles commencing on Saturday 3RD December with Cohen Ridd, Terri-Ann Jones, Scott Karuso & Sean Broderick. All the best in your games. The Mixed Fours Championship now into the Semi-Final stage. The captains of each team are John Collaros v's Gary Martin & Peter Hill v's Cohen Ridd. Nominations for Major Pairs on notice board, & close 18TH December 2022 & commence on 22ND January. Nominations for 2022/23 Open Pennants & the inaugural "Club Challenge" are open. Open Pennants commence on Saturday 25TH February & the Club Challenge commences on Wednesday 1ST March. The Club Challenge will be in divisions (1-4) playing 2 sets (Pairs, Triples & Fours). Cardiff's "Father & Son" tournament was finalised on Tuesday 15TH November. The winners: Noel (East Maitland) & Tony Wicks (Hamilton North). Runner-up: John Wolfe (Swansea

Workers) & Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace), Third: Allan Starrett (New Lambton) & Callan Starrett (Cardiff) & Fourth: John & Steve Storrie (Kotara).

*"It is during our darkest moments that
we must focus to see the light"*

Aristotle

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, good bowling & see you
ON THE GREEN in 2023.



Above: Second Place in Cardiff's Father and Son 3 Bowl Pairs: Lachlan Freeman and John Wolfe



Above: Third Place in Cardiff's Father and Son 3 Bowl Pairs: Allan and Callan Starrett



Above: Fourth Place in Cardiff's Father and Son 3 Bowl Pairs: John and Steve Storrie

CARDIFF WOMEN By Bianca Hann, P.O.

There were some exciting and close games in the major singles which was won by Paula Collaros with Janice O'Reilly as the runner up, congratulations to both bowlers.

We had a very successful day raising \$740 for the John Hunter Hospital children's ward thanks to all who sold tickets.

Congratulations to Janice O'Reilly, Diane Moore and Paula Collaros on being selected in the district team to bowl in the waves to wine challenge, which Newcastle won.

We were fortunate to see some great bowls being played when we hosted the Rose Bowl at Cardiff, which Newcastle also won.

Happy birthday to our November ladies, Sharon Brewer, Jo Henderson, Brigitte Holden, Janice O'Reilly, Brenda Ott and Jennifer Penman.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Above: Paula Collaros winner of Cardiff Women's Major Singles



Above: Janice O'Reilly runner-up in Cardiff Women's Major Singles

EAST MAITLAND *By The Griffin*



Above: Winners of East Maitland Club Fours Jake Lawton, Clay Parker, Corey

Hi Bowlers! Congratulations to all the Single Gender State Pennant Flag winners for 2022 played at various clubs all over the State on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November 2022. A special congratulations to our fellow Zone 2 club Raymond Terrace on their Grade 1 State Pennant win. Well deserved boys!

PENNANTS: It's that time of year now that we are counting our pennant player nominations and trying to work out how many grades we are going to nominate for the up-coming Open Gender Pennant season in 2023. Our Selectors will be meeting soon and choosing players for inhouse and outside trials. Grade 2 to 7 commences February 25th 2023 and grade 1 a month later on 31st March 2023. Good luck to all clubs involved and hopefully a State Pennant flag will be coming back to Zone 2 in 2023.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: This year Easts decided to change their traditional Club Triples to an 11up Handicap Triples. This Championship was a great success judging by the feedback received from the members participating in the event. The inaugural winners were Aden Parish, Tony Henson and Corey Parker.

Our Club Fours Championship was finalised Friday night 18th November and in a close encounter the team of Jake Lawton, Clay Parker, Corey Parker and Haydn Bojkowski were the victors over Barry Mungoven, Benny Osborne, Rod Darcey and Paul Cousins 24-20. Haydn's team picked up a 5 on the penultimate end and a 2 on the last end to sneak in by 4 shots.

The Minor Singles Final will be played on Friday night 25th November @6pm between Aden Parish and Martin Jolly. Both players won their semi-finals narrowly against very strong opponents so the Final should be a close encounter as well as these boys are closely matched as well.

Major Singles champs are down to the semi-final stages with Jake Lawton to play Rod Darcey. Michael Abel is also in the Semi but is waiting for a ¼ Final game winner between Benny Osborne and Paul Ross.

EASTSTOURNAMENTS: 2023

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End of Summer 10Up Triples.....Monday 13th March 2023
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Above L-R: Runners-up of East Maitland Club Fours Paul Cousins, Rod Darcey, Barry Mungoven and Benny Osborne

ADAMSTOWN WOMEN

By Christine Rhodes, C.O.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Christmas. We have enjoyed the year with several of our ladies attending invitation days which are always great fun! Unfortunately, due to lack of greens we are unable to host any ourselves but we really enjoy attending others. Our past member Jodie Doricott lost her life partner recently - Dana was a great bloke, even though he didn't enjoy good health he was always ready for a joke and had a smile. All the old biddies at the Club will miss him. We also had a longtime member Maureen Wade lose her husband, so sad at this time of the year, our sympathy to both of our good friends. Our Xmas lunch is to be held at the Newcastle Yacht Club and we are all looking forward to that, we have also arranged a day trip to the Postman Boat on the Central Coast in December. Looking forward to 2023 with good friendships and good bowling



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BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.



Above: Boolaroo Women's Triples Winners Maree Vincent, Pat Rudd and Debbie Bullen.

Firstly "Congratulations" OTG for 40 years of our bowling news from all at Boolaroo, we certainly look forward to our monthly catch up and see who made it in print or photo.

Another milestone this month goes to Norma Wade receiving her 30-year service award. Quite an achievement with many positions held over the years and currently a big part of our Match Committee. Cheers to you Norma.

We welcome two new Lady Members, Tina Bloor and Marilyn Cooke, and look forward to them playing in our Galas soon.

Lovely to see Jean and Greg Lane back from their amazing trip around Australia, you certainly were missed, time now to enjoy more bowling.

We farewelled Trixie Stauble as she has transferred over to Valentine Club. We wish you more good bowling Trixie and look forward to seeing you join in on our Saturday Galas and Invitationals.

An honour for me joining the LMDWBA as their Chairperson for

the Social Committee, something I will take pride in doing going forward into 2023.

Our Ladies Triples final has now been played with congratulations to the Winners, Debbie Bullen, Pat Rudd and Maree Vincent, runners up Carole Sager, Heather Parker and Margaret Barry. A great game watched by so many, with a delightful light lunch served from our Social girls afterward.

As the Festive Season will now be upon us, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Joyous Christmas, with good health and great bowling for the coming year.

Cheers to all. Jan Baldwin



Above: Boolaroo Women's Triples Runners-up Carole Sager, Margaret Barry and Heather Parker

Alive one day, dead the next

On November 4 I, along with 22 other aged gentlemen went off on "Travelling Bowlers" from Soldiers Point BC to Gunnedah, departing early Friday morning. These travelling bowlers' trips go to different towns in the NSW country, usually to the West, where we play a couple games of bowls and add to the economy, by adding to local club's bar and food sales.

Gunnedah, has been hit fairly heavy by the recent floods and it was well received when we hit town. It was a pleasure as well as a bowls lesson to play against the local members, especially when we were beaten by three children under 15 years of age. Great to see they just did not sit around playing with their I Pads

After a successful weekend we bid good bye to Gunnedah boarded our bus at 13:30 and we were off down the Oxley Hwy heading home, nearly all of us with sore heads, must have been the long sleep. Through Blandford, onto the New England highway and then it hit the fan around 15:30...

Most of us were either reading or snoozing, when I noticed a blue SUV pass us at high speed, followed closely by a Toyota land cruiser Ute, then everything for me slowed down. The SUV veered in front of our bus too close and attempted to move into the passing lane, sideswiping the Ute. The Ute in turn veered across the road hitting the back of an Audi A4 going north, next thing the A4 is under our bus, bits and pieces flying everywhere. Our wonderful driver reacted brilliantly turning hard left at probably 100 kms/h. Whether it was bloody good luck or Devine intervention, our bus flew across a culvert, because of all the wet weather recently our bus should have rolled over, but instead it sunk into the mud. Let me tell you, Newton's Third Law was there at the time. We stopped, but everything loose in the bus, like phones, bottles, arms, legs and heads passed me at 100 kms/h. Most of us old farts are on blood thinners, so everything that hit us made us bleed, the inside of the bus looked like a slaughter house. The dust settled and with the motor still running, there was shock, mates injured and lying in the aisle our first thought was fire, let's get out. No can do, the door twisted out of shape, no one could climb over our injured mates, it was a worrying time. I can tell you it was a fair wait until bystanders finally broke into our bus.

My reason to bore you with all this stuff, is I wish, on behalf of all who were involved in the accident wish to pass on our thanks to the emergency people that arrived very quickly at the scene. After

exiting the bus, we were greeted by some very professional people that took control of an horrific scene on the highway. We would especially like to mention the motorcycle cop, a senior constable from Singleton who was one the first on the scene, along with an officer from Merriwa who after checking everything, went off and got us some bottled water. You know most of would not do a coppers job as it's always bad news or being booked and looking at our accident I understand why. So, at 18:00, near 3 hours after the bang, some of us who were ok, were taken to Scone Bowlo, that club stayed open to feed and give us a drink. One of our team was taken by Helo along with the A4 driver to John Hunter, another two from the bus to Tamworth Hospital and six were ferried by ambulance to Scone hospital, 13 of us were picked up by a bus at Scone to arrive home a 22:30. It was all over the news, yet no one would know of the terrific work the police, firemen and Ambulance do under difficult conditions.

By Kev Ross...glad to watch the sun come up today.

"Always judge a man by the way he treats someone who is of no use to him"

NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 8

By Steve Pell, Publicity Officer

I cannot believe the year is almost over, its been a very busy year with 2022 events plus some from 2021. Let's hope 2023 goes according to plan.

Zone 8 RSL Bowls has had a very successful year with more Ex Servicemen joining us on our monthly social days plus, so I encourage all Current and Ex-service personnel to join us.

The Pork Trot Day at Forster B.C. with 82 players was a huge success despite the rain which halted play early, this didn't damper the social aspect of the day back in the club house. Lunch was served earlier, raffle tickets sold and prizes won, bowls prizes drawn with only 12 ends being played, a couple of drinks with plenty of stories on the shots of the day, how else would you spend a Monday.

Bowls winners were: G. Rashleigh, K. Tubner & R. Turnbull and J. Wilson, T. Boyle & J. Caples.

Next Social Day is our Presentation Day at Taree Leagues Sports on Monday the 5th Dec 22, the game will be Fours starting at 9.30am.

I would like to thank the many people who have supported Zone 8 RSL Bowls during 2022, especially Chris and Anna who attend our social days to collect entry fees, sell raffle tickets and are happy to help with what ever is needed to be done. THANKS Chris and Anna.

A big thanks to all the Clubs that support RSL Bowls. If you would like to join us, please do not hesitate to contact Dave. For more information on Zone 8 RSL Bowls please email Dave at zone8rslbowls@gmail.com

To everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6

On 26 September, we held a triples day at Greta, with the prize going to John Taylor, Max Wilton and David Cornes (Maitland City), with runners-up Brian Gardiner, Rod Woodhouse (Beresfield) and Barry Cartwright (Hamilton North).

The game was followed by the usual lunch and refreshments, as well as our regular meat raffle.

Our next outing was our annual trip to Scone against upper Hunter players on 10 October. There was the usual good roll-up, and a great friendly day was had by all. The day was won by Zone 6.

The playoff stage of the NSW RSL pairs championship was held at Hamilton North on 12 October, with the Zone 6 team of Owen Jefferson and Barry Cartwright going down to John Edwards and Dick Thornton from Central Coast. We wish John and Dick good luck for the finals.

Our next outing was to be our annual match against the Central



Above: Winners of Zone 6 RSL Bowls Triples Day at Greta L-R John Taylor, Max Wilton, David Cornes.



Above L-R: Winners of Z6 RSL Bowls Day at Raymond Terrace Wayne McNaught, Chris Koulouris, Ken Blackmore.

Coast team at Raymond Terrace, where we had to re-arrange things they were not able to attend due to a COVID outbreak. We had 42 players on the green, with the winners being Ken Blackmore (Lemon Tree Passage), Wayne McNaught (Warners Bay) and Chris Koulouris (Alder Park).

Social bowlers are always welcome at any of our social events, which are usually triples, at a cost of \$15 including lunch, with socialization and appropriate refreshments at your own expense, as well as our ever-popular meat tray raffle. You can enter preferably as a triples team, or singly.

We meet on a Monday at 9:30, approximately once a month, at various clubs around the Newcastle area, and anyone wishing to join us, regularly or otherwise, should contact **Jim Walker 0410 330 739 or 4987 3011** for dates, and to enter a team. You will not be disappointed.

Upcoming events:

12 December: Christmas social at Raymond Terrace
30 January: Social at Raymond Terrace



Above: NSW RSL Bowls State Pairs Finalists (photo 3: L - R Barry Cartwright, Owen Jefferson (Zone 6) with Dick Thornton, John Edwards (Central Coast)



Above: Z6 RSL Bowlers on the green at Scone 10th October

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By John Bilby,
Level 1 National Coach &
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"SINGLES PLAY"

While some bowlers are not good team players, they can be excellent Singles competitors. There is a valid reason for this because in a team match they are burdened with thought that they might let their fellow players down. No such anxiety confronts them in a Singles match, where the only person to be let down is the individual player.

To gain confidence,

bowlers who would like to specialize as Singles players must practice for many hours to achieve the consistency required. Consistency breeds the confidence necessary to play the correct shot at the right time and the required concentration to prevent outside elements from interfering with its perfect execution. A good temperament is also essential in the making of a champion.

The practice needed for a good Singles player or a good Lead is designed to develop a natural rhythm. The first step in achieving this begins with delivering hundreds of Jacks. If a player is going to practice on a medium paced Green it is suggested that the Jack is delivered to a three-quarter length. Develop a natural rhythm to accommodate this length and being able to deliver at least 10-12 Jacks all within a half-meter of each other. Effectively when the Bowler is on a slower running Green about 12-13 seconds - the natural rhythm of the player will deliver a short end. To play on a 16 second green the length of the natural rhythm will be about full length. Every accomplished bowler knows that if a player can deliver a Jack with a rhythm and uses the same rhythm delivering a



bowl, the bowl and Jack should finish close together. Having perfected this rhythm, the player should then be able to apply a little more or less weight in the Jack and bowl to various lengths irrespective of speed of the Green.

Once the bowler has achieved the natural rhythm of Jack and Bowl, the practice then goes on to delivering one Jack and one Bowl to all various lengths. It is suggested that these Jacks not be set on the centre line but played to wherever they finished when rolled, this is good practice for it sharpens a bowler's capacity to read a Green.

If the bowler can occasionally arrange a friendly game with an opponent, you will find this practice worthwhile playing for a set number of ends or to a time limit is also a good idea.

It must be remembered that in Singles play, the first two bowls are normally used as draw bowls, particularly the first. The third and fourth are used for positional or recovery Bowls.

With "Set Games" having been introduced to competitions these are also good practice games.

**Good Luck - Good Bowling
See you next January**

WINDALE GATESHEAD

By The Guru

CLUB TRIPLES RESULTS: R. Draper 23 def. M. Lowndes 14;
G. Fryer 23 def. D. Ross 21; R. Twaddell 24 def. M. Ball 12; N. Carroll 21 def. F. Botham 19; C. Kamine 26 def. A. Miller 24.

CLUB FOURS RESULTS: F. Botham 19 def. M. Bradley 14; M. Ball 32 def. J. Brosi 3.

KURRI KURRI

By The Loose Canon



Above L-R: Winners of Kurri Kurri Women's Club Pairs Eugenie Muncaster and Leisa Morgan

Hello bowlers! Firstly, just like to apologise for no report last month, but felt that this month we can attach photos with pennant winners, etc... so bowlers, here we go with a report with massive achievements throughout.

LADIES: Our Division 2 ladies pennant flag winning side, firstly won their regional against Soldiers Point with a remarkable come back to secure their place in the state finals.

The ladies travelled to Taren point, with hopes high and ready to go. The girls won their section and qualified for the last 8. Here's where the girls went to a whole new level!! They defeat Cowra by 26 shots, they then defeat Lake Cathie by 29 shots, and then in the final, coming up against Taren point, they win by 20 shots. This all means our division 2 girls are **STATE CHAMPIONS FOR 2022/2023!!!!** Congratulations ladies, what an extraordinary result.

Results for the ladies other pennant are- 1 division 4th and 4 division were runner-up.

Our District Ladies Triples team of A. Johns, I. Chenoweth and C. Glen won and will now play to qualify for state early Dec. Good luck ladies. Our Regional Pairs team of Oosh Muncaster and Leisa Morgan made it to the final against Natasha Van Eldik and Genevieve Delves and were unfortunately beaten. To make the final



Above L-R: Kurri girls Division 2 team at Wyong4

is a great achievement.

Oosh and Andrew Rees partnered up in the State Mixed Pairs, with the two progressing to the semi-finals. Unfortunately they were defeated, but to come equal 3rd is also a massive achievement.

The ladies travelled to Wyong for their annual showdown. With a great day had by all and a big thank you to Wyong for hosting, our ladies won this years shield 102 - 60. On fire again!! Good luck to our Ladies District Fours teams which commences late November.

In Club Games the Ladies Major Singles is down to the last four with Oosh v I. Blaydon and I. Morgan v C. Glen. There's some talent there. Good luck to all.

Our 2022/2023 ladies pairs winners are Oosh Muncaster and Leisa Morgan, who defeated A. Wilkins and S. Sumner in a great game. Good luck next June in state champs ladies. Lastly congratulations to our Kurri ladies who represented Zone 6 in the wine to wave fixture.

MEN: With pennants for 2022 we had 5 teams compete. Here are the results. TWO DIVISION - 3rd, THIRD DIVISION - won section and defeated by Gresford in post-sectional final. FOURTH DIVISION - 1's came in 5th position and the 2's won their section but unfortunately were knocked out 1 game short.

Ok, I've left 1 grade till last. 1 grade became Zone 6 winners and headed to Port Macquarie for playoffs from 16-19th November.

Once arriving, it became apparent straight away that greens will be lightning and wind will be up at all times. Friday arrived, and our draw for Day 1 was against Warilla then Taren point. Our boys played enormous with game 1 having a draw with Warilla and defeating Taren Point in game 2. Saturday was 1 game only that we won which left us undefeated! Day 3 came, and for the first time, we knew what we had to do, but the task got harder when Belrose came out firing. Our boys fought all the way, but we fell short which meant Warilla won the section.

Myself being Manager, I would just like to thank everyone involved over the 3 days, including substitutes, assistant managers and most of all our supporters who travelled and the ones who sent messages all weekend. My personal opinion, what the boys did on Friday, playing some of the best players in the country and coming through undefeated, was something very special. Well done guys.

Kurri have 6 players representing Zone 6 in the Pat Geary held at Forster late November. Good luck guys!

The 2022 rookies start 26/27 Nov with 4 pairs teams and 8 singles players. Kurri is hosting both events and very much looking forward to supporting.

We have run and won the annual Toohey's Pairs Tournament on



Above L-R: Peter Sumner and Aaron Appleby – Winners of Kurri Kurri Tooheys Cup

3rd October. Thank you to all teams who played as we had a full field. Yep you guessed it - it went to an Appleby. Aaron and Peter Sumner come out on top. Congratulations gents. Thank you to all who made the day successful as I was away. Cheers all.

Club games are going great with minor singles up to quarter finals and the big two-major singles and pairs commencing in January 2023.

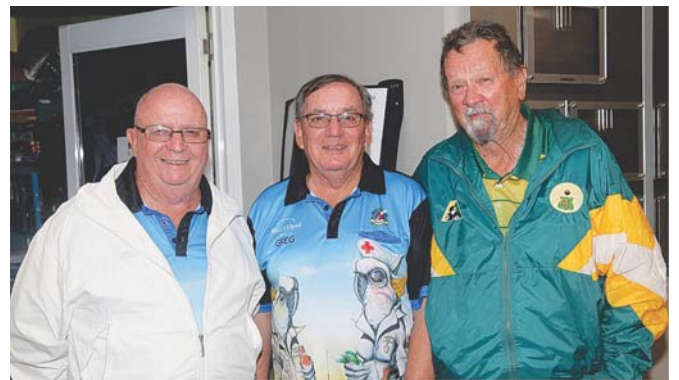
We are running our annual Australia day tourney so keep an eye out if you would like to nominate a team.

Ok thank you to all who represented club Kurri over the last two months. To have 8 pennant sides, more than half the fields in ladies and men's district events and healthy numbers in state run events, that all goes well for the future of this great club, for example we have 10 men and ladies already nominated for Aussie indoors.

Hope I haven't missed any achievements cannons in this report, if I have, I apologise.

Cheers fellow bowlers. See ya's on the greens. The loose cannon.

PIG AND HAM TWILIGHT TRIPLES TELARAH



Above: Winners of Telarah's Pig and Ham Twilight Triples 12th November Wayne Lambourne, Greg Lambourne and Les Pyke.



Above: Runners-up in Telarah's Pig and Ham Twilight Triples 12th November Jonah Threadgate, Darryl Fenwick and Corey Parker.

Friday 12th November was a glorious day and Telarah Bowls Organiser Julie Lee was looking forward to a lovely evening of bowls for their first of two Pig and Ham Twilight Bowls tournaments in November. And it was a just that for the most part!! With the first game complete and an hour into the second, a freak thunderstorm arrested play making life a little difficult for the controlling body to devise a fair way to award the prizes. As the number of ends completed from rink to rink ranged from 3-6 of the 10 end match, it was decided to award on the first round results only, as 3 ends does not constitute a game.

This was welcoming news for Scuba Steve, Mick Callaghan and Tailor Appleby who were getting beat 19/5 when the rain "saved the day" and were awarded third place. Winners were Wayne Lambourne, Greg Lambourne and Les Pyke and Runners-up Jonah Threadgate, Darryl Fenwick and Corey Parker. A consolation prize went to Noreen Sneddon, Cheryl Cook and Ross McLean. President Brian Lee thanked everyone for their participation and looked forward to their second event later in the month.

This is scheduled for the 26th November which will be played by the time this goes to press. The weather is looking a little overcast, but only 5% chance of rain so here's hoping they got through this time.



Above: Third Place in Telarah's Pig and Ham Twilight Triples 12th November Mick Callaghan, "Scuba" Steve and Tailor Appleby.

90 YEARS STRONG

RAYMOND TERRACE BOWLING CLUB



Above: Dignitaries at Raymond Terrace's 90th Anniversary celebration Meryl Swanson MP, Treasurer Gail Lewis, Chairman Brett Gleeson and his wife Mallory plus Auntie Lorraine and Uncle Neville (Worimi Elders).

Right: Natasha Van Eldik speaks at Raymond Terrace's 90th Anniversary dinner. Natasha started out as a promising Raymond Terrace Junior in 2005. From her humble beginnings in winning the Raymond Terrace Novice Singles in the same year she contested her first U25 State Singles at only 14 years of age and was selected in the Junior Country team. Her talent and consistency saw her debut with the Australian Jackaroos in 2010 and she has since notched up 372 international games for Australia. Natasha now lives in Port Macquarie but for the past three years has travelled to play Championships and Pennants for the club – that is loyalty!! In her speech Natasha thanked the club and all of the people who have had an influence in her life during her bowls career with Raymond Terrace.



Members and guests had the pleasure of dressing up for a black-tie evening to celebrate the very special occasion of Raymond Terrace's 90th Anniversary. 90 years is a lot to cover, but Chairman Brett Gleeson did a great job. Below is a slightly abridged version of his speech.

"The club was founded the same year the Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened back in 1932 when the average cost of a new house was \$6500, the average wage was \$1650 per annum, average new car cost \$610, average monthly rent was \$18 and the cost of a loaf of bread was 7 cents. A gallon of petrol cost 10 cents... that 4.5 litres for 10 cents... a bit over 2 cents per litre. Amongst other interesting tidbits such as the year Bodyline was introduced in cricket and the year Pharlap died, for me personally it was the year my father was born.

In 1932, Raymond Terrace was a small community of around

850 people. **15 March 1932** – there was a meeting chaired by the mayor which resolved to form a club to be called the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on the motion of Mr E Windeyer and seconded by G Sutton. A committee was then formed with the President being Mr E Markey.

The first green was laid down by Mr. Henry Richard Sutton in Glenelg Street.

9 April 1932 – Lady bowling members approved to be admitted and the Ladies' Committee was formed with



Above: CEO Jason Stokes at Raymond Terrace's 90th Anniversary.

President J B Meredith and Secretary/Treasurer A E Osborn. End of April 1932 – Club membership had reached 27. On the 27th May 1932 the Sydney Morning Herald reported the expansion of the Clubs' facilities with a six-rink green and on 26 November 1932 Raymond Terrace joined the NDBA.

In June 1946, the club secretary (Mr Hammond) wrote to the Council requesting 'the council erect a club house on the green site as the club was unable to entertain visiting teams when they played at Raymond Terrace and it was making it difficult to arrange a continuity of games. Also the ladies were desirous of again joining up. The council asked the club to furnish more particulars.'

Consequently, Jacaranda Avenue (formerly Stockton Street) became the new home for bowls, previously a football and cricket field.

Sometime later - the Raymond Terrace Golf Clubhouse at Boomerang Park was moved to Jacaranda Avenue to be the Bowls Clubhouse. This clubhouse would eventually move to the Hunter River Park to serve as the Aquatic Club.

In 1969, land at the back was purchased from the WaterBoard to erect the number 3 green. The clubhouse has been regularly upgraded and expanded in 1950's, 1964, 1997, 2010 and most recently 2017.

The cover green known as the sails were officially opened in November 2007.

Us as a bowling club: From modest beginnings, the club has successfully fostered the game of bowls, laying solid foundations that have been continually enhanced.

It was reported in the Raymond Terrace Examiner and Lower Hunter and Port Stephens Advertiser on Thursday 18th July 1946 that 'the bowling green was in better condition now than at any other period in its history and ranked equal to the greens in Newcastle district. And in 1948 the club added a 7th rink to its green as the membership had grown from 30 to 42.

Clearly the club and the game of bowls became entrenched in the Raymond Terrace community from those early days.

The club won its first pennant in 1974 – the NDBA No. 6 Grade Flag and six years later in 1980 the 4 grade men's team won the clubs (and possibly only) state pennant flag. 1985-86 the ladies won both the 3 Grade and 4 Grade District Pennants.

The club has continually won male and female District Pennant flags over the past few years and has also been state runner up in both mens and ladies multiple times.

In the ensuing 90 years, since our humble beginnings, the club has been established as the number one club in the Newcastle District and currently has a solid upward trajectory towards a state pennant flag. I'm confident that it's not far away, with TWO teams contesting State Playoffs. Our strength is our depth and our capacity to attract quality players to the club.

The club can respectively boast numerous past and current District, state, and national representatives, both male and female, including juniors, senior and bowlers with a disability. In my relatively short time at the club, I recall Australian singles winners being Natasha Van Eldik, Matt Baus and Leeroy Schraner. And for Natasha, multiple gold medals at two Commonwealth games. An amazing achievement that as a club we are indeed very proud of.

What I find exciting about this clubs' current achievements, is the breadth and depth of our successes. Apart from Natasha, Matt,

Leeroy, Genevieve Delves, Kate Matthews we also have bowlers like Sharon McReynolds (senior ladies), Michelle Campbell (Disabilities), Zoe Nichols (Junior), and many others competing and representing this club at state and national level.

I want to acknowledge 2 very critical decisions this club has made, which have both contributed significantly to our success. The first is the decision to be the first club in the southern hemisphere to have covered synthetic greens. This decision set this club apart and beyond all others and created a trend that many have followed, for the betterment of the sport of bowls.

The second decision was the establishment of the Jets Junior academy. Promoting, fostering and nurturing young bowlers has helped create the depth of our playing ranks. The junior academy has produced top players and champions and will continue to do this. I also want to acknowledge our staff and volunteer members who run the academy along with partners, especially the Marketplace Shopping Centre with Colleen and her team providing valuable sponsorship.

Now to the future: So this club is now poised for an exciting future. From a business prospect we are strong, we have a committed Board of Directors partnering with a strong management team to move the club to the next level.

The clubhouse as we now know it will be substantially changed and updated. This auditorium will become the gaming area and the functions area will be over in the southwest area. The catering options will be increased to at least 3, there will be an outdoor alfresco area and activity area for children. The only entrance will be via port Stephens Street with an elevator bringing our members and visitors from a new reception area to the first level. This is stage one, which we hope will be started about this time next year.

Then there will be 2 further stages, firstly to integrate the bowling area with the clubhouse with new fully enclosed greens that connect seamlessly with the clubhouse. This enhancement of the greens will position the club to host District, Zone, State and hopefully national and even international tournaments. We will also be creating our own tournaments to attract visitors to the club.

The final component is a multistorey motel with a restaurant and functions area on the top storey above the current grass green. The area will capture the incredible sunsets and the mighty Hunter River. This will complete the package, our business model for the future, the next 20 to 30 years."

CONGRATULATIONS Raymond Terrace on your 90 years. It certainly sounds like the club has a clear future planned and will continue to go from strength to strength.

Below: Tony, Rosie, Serena and Lennon



The old clubhouse in 1969 featured on the cover of Bowls NSW magazine September Issue – the club had 260 bowling members at this time (220 men and 40 women); Lady bowlers on the stairs at the opening of the clubhouse by NDBA President Wal Young on 31 May 1958.

More photos, Back Cover.



Where to Get a Game

NEWCASTLE

Sunday Monday Tuesday

Adamstown 4957 3447			9:30am Mens 3's Gala
Bar Beach 0434 634 193 0427 746 300	9:15am Club Championships as scheduled		9:00am Ladies Gala - mufti
Beresfield 4966 3574	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
Cardiff 4954 7244	1:00pm 3rd Sunday Monthly Mixed 4's - Mufti		10:00am Ladies Mixed DFP 9:30am DLS
Carrington 4961 4140	1:00pm Meat Raffle	Happy Hour 4:30 - 5:30pm	9:30am Bowls Gala 10:00am Yoga 4.30-5.30pm Happy Hour
Edgeworth 4958 1994	Club Championships, 9:30am Special Events, Check Noticeboard		9:30am Names in by 8:45 Ladies Gala
Hamilton Nth. 4961 4574			12:30pm Mufti Cash Gala
Heaton BGBC Jesmond Bowls 4955 8725	Club Games		9:30am Mixed Jackpot 3's Creams DFP Picnic Lunch
Hexham 4964 8079	9:30am Hexham Greys All welcome MIXED MUFTI		6:00pm Open Gender Mufti DFP
Lowlands 4929 3046	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
Mayfield West 4968 3202	9:30am Club Games		6:00pm Mixed Gala
Merewether 4963 1461	4-7pm Live Music		
Wallsend 4950 1222	Club Games	CLUB CLOSED	CLUB CLOSED
Waterboard 4957 2155			9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti

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Belmont 4945 4724		9:30am-5pm Roll-ups	9:30am Ladies Gala DFP Mufti
Boolaroo 4958 1058			9:30am Ladies Gala
Dora Creek 4970 5694		9am Ladies Gala / Uniform	1:30pm Coaching
Kahibah 4943 2987	9:30pm Club Championships		10:00am Ladies Mufti DFP 3's Gala

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHARLESTOWN, TO ALL "AT ON THE GREEN" AND EVERYONE ~ HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY AND VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Charlestown Red played in **2022/2023 WOMEN'S NSW STATE GRADE 1 PENNANT FINALS** at Port Macquarie and/or Cathie Bowling Clubs from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th November 2022 in very tough windy and hot conditions. The team Karleen

Gemmell, Kathy Limond, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon, Lynn Genders, Laurel Faint, Kay Shuttlewood, Raweang Namutwong. It was a great start to the competition, Charlestown Red playing in Section 1 against Warilla, Park Beach, Neutral Bay, Windsor and Soldiers Point over 5 games. **Round 1** Charlestown Red v/s Soldiers Point Won 47-28 and 5 points; **Round 2** Charlestown Red v/s Windsor Won 58-24 and 5 points; **Round 3** Charlestown Red v/s Neutral Bay Won 39-35 and 5 points; **Round 4** Saw the deciding game only lost by 1 point overall to the eventual Section 1 Winners Warilla. Charlestown Red v/s Warilla Lost 39-40 and 1 point; **Round 5** Charlestown Red v/s Park Beach Lost 30-45. Warilla played Section 2 winner Cabramatta in the final and were runners-up in the State.



Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

Legend: 2's = Pairs,
 3's = Triples,
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SE = Single Entry Accepted
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SNE = Single Name Entry

NEWCASTLE

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti	9:30am Mens 3's Gala	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
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	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
1:00pm Men's J/pot Mufti. 3's	6:00pm Men's Mufti 3's	Names by 8:30am 9:30am Mens Mufti 3's	1:00pm Men's Jackpot 3's Gala
9:30am Bingo	9:30am Bowls Gala	10am Adult Colouring	
6:00pm Raffle: Legs Lamb	10:00am Yoga	6:00pm Monster Meat Raffle	10am cash @ the cove bowls tournament 1pm voucher raffle
Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30pm	
9:00am names in by 8:45 Mens Gala	6:00pm Social Mixed Bowls names in by 5:30	9:00am names in by 8:45 Mens Gala	1:00pm Mens Gala \$ prizes + J/pot
	9:30am Triples	9:30am Pairs or Triples	1:00pm Jackpot Gala
9:30am Mens 3's Mufti SE	6pm Jackpot Gala men or mixed		1:00pm Mixed 3's Mufti SE
	Ladies Club Games		1:00pm Open Nom Triples: Bowls Attire Last Sat. of month: Open Mufti DFP
	10:00am Open Gender DFP Bowls Names by 9:30 Attire		
9:00am Mens Mufti 3's gala prizes all winners Cash Jackpot (light lunch provided)	Ladies Day	1:00pm Mens Mufti 2-4-2 gala	Social Bowls
	5:00pm Twilight roll-up	7:00pm Meat Raffle, Jackpot draw	
	9:30am Vets Gala	9:30am Open 3's Mufti Gala	1:00pm Open Nom. 3's Mufti
1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti	9:00am Ladies Gala	9:00am Men's 3's Gala Mufti	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
9:30am Ladies Gala	9:00am 2-4-2 Mixed last Thurs. of the month	5:15pm Raffles	
1:00pm Mens 2's Mufti	10:00am Mens .3's Mufti	1:00pm Open Triples Mufti	1:00pm Men's. 3's Gala Creams
		9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti	1:00pm Men's Nom. 3's Mufti

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

UNFURLING of 2022 LMD GRADE 1 PENNANT FLAG will be held on Thursday 15th December 2022.

Charlestown Women have been very successful in quite a number of Tournaments over the last month. **2022 Jacaranda Triples Carnival** 7-8 Nov Raymond Terrace - Winners: Leeanne Farmer, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon; **2022 Swansea Workers Master Fours** 11 Nov - Winners: (Charlestown/Toronto Workers) Leeanne Farmer, Kim Nillesen, Ann Redhead and 3rd: (Charlestown/Belmont) Lynn Genders, Shirley Cooke, Lorraine Rixon, Julie Paterson. **2022 Kotara Bowling Club T-Bone Triples** - Winners: Leeanne Farmer, Kathy Limond, Gail Baker.

News for 2023: 2022-23 REGION 6 TRIPLES: All the very best to Lynn Genders, Pattie White and Halina Wuro when they contest the 2022-23 Region Triples on Sun 11th December 2022. More news for March 2023.

Our Christmas Dress Up Breakup Day will be held on Tuesday 20th December 2022. Enjoy Christmas and have a Happy New Year. All the best for the LM District Fours the first event in January 2023.

Please turn over - for more games to choose from

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

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

12:00pm Mixed 3's Mufti
4 April / 2 May

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

Taree Leagues 5561 9058

Names by Noon
1pm Open Mufti

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

9:00am	Men's Mufti 3's			9:00am	Mixed Mufti 3's	12:30pm	Mens Mufti
9:30am	Ladies Gala	1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	9:30am	Men's Gala	1:00pm	Mixed Gala
9:30am	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti			4:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
9:30am	Men's Social Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Gala Mufti & Ch/Ships uniform			1:00pm	Men's Social - uniform
1:00pm	Men's Social Mufti	● 5:00pm	Mixed Social Gala	9:30am	Men's Social Bowls Mufti		Men & Women Club Championships
10:00am	Open Gala	10:30am	Open Gala			1:00pm	Open Gala
		5pm	Open Gala			1:00pm	Men's Mufti J/Pot Cash Gala
9:30am Names by 9:10	Men's Mufti Gala	● 5:30pm	Open Mufti Cash 3's	10:00am	Mixed retired bowlers Mufti Social		

PORT STEPHENS

1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	10:00am	Ladies	1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	1:00pm	Men's Bowls Creams
		5:00pm	Twilight Mixed Mufti names by 4:00				
1:00pm	Mens 3's Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Bowls	1:00pm	Jackpot 2's Mufti		
9:30am	Men's Pairs Mufti DFP	9:30am	Ladies Gala	2:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Jackpot - Mufti		Club Championships
		6:00pm	Twilight Nom. Open 3's Mufti				
1:00pm	Mens Bowls Mufti	10:00am	Ladies Bowls	10:00am	Open Gala	1:00pm	Open Bowls Gala Bowls wear with BA Logo
				1:30pm	Men's Mufti		
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

9:00am	Lady Bowlers	9:00am	Lady Bowlers	9:00am	Retired Bowlers	1:00pm	Open Pairs
1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	4:00pm	Open Pairs				
	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)				
6:00pm names by 5:30	Mixed Twilight DPF 2's Mufti	10:00am names by 9:30	Ladies Social DFP	9:30am names by 9	Mens DFP j/pot 2's	1:00pm names by 12	Men's Pairs
4:30pm names by 10am	Open Nom. Triples	9:30am	Open DFP 2's Mufti	5:30pm	Open Nom. 2's (4 bowl)	1:00pm	Open DFP 2's
● name by 4:30 5:30pm	Mixed Mufti DPF 3 Bowls 2's	name by 12 1:00pm	4 Bowl Nom. 2's SE 1 x game 18 ends			name by 12 1:00pm	1st & 4th Sat. of each month 1 game 21 ends 2-4-24 bowl Nom 2's SE
						name by 12 1:00pm	2nd & 3rd Sat. of each month 1 game 21 ends 4 bowl Nom 2's SE

UPPER HUNTER

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

Names by 8:30		Names by Noon		Names by Noon	
9:00am start	Ladies Bowls	1pm start	Open Mufti	1pm start	BA Logo - Open



East Maitland Bowling Club

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**2022 END OF SUMMER
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\$2700 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY

9:30am START - 3 bowl triples 3 games of 12 ends - no dead ends

**Total side grading must be 10 or more
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(Ungraded players to receive a grade of "5")

Prize Money 1st - 8th with best performed in last game

Entries close on Friday 10th March

Entry fee \$75 per team (includes lunch)

email to... bowls@embc.com.au

Entries & Enquires to Bowls Coordinator 4033 1116

SCONE

By Phil Moore, C.O.

Congratulations to Tristan Wells on taking out the 2022 Major Singles title defeating Mick Davidson 25 to 14. Tristan flew out of the blocks leading by 12 shots early before Mick found his rhythm and pulled to within 3 shots. A very good game and a very good win to an inform Tristan Wells. The Major Pairs saw Don Strickland and part time bowler/full time golfer Jeff Harrington defeat Rob Osmond and Brett Montgomery by 4 shots. Well done to Brett and Rob who took the fight to Strickland and Harrington but just fell short.

Congratulations are also in order for Don Strickland and Warren Styles in winning the Zone 6 Senior pairs title. Off to Ettalong where they are sure to acquit themselves well.

In other rep news Tristan Wells was selected to represent Zone 6 in the Pat Geary Shield in Forster late November. Well done.

SCONE TRAVELLING BOWLERS NEWS: Scone Travelling Bowlers are open for business and busy catching up on reciprocal visits interrupted by COVID.

Our second two-night trip of the year saw 26 bowlers heading over to Dubbo City "Sporties" for bowls and frivolity, staying two nights at the extremely welcoming Comfort Inn Dubbo City. Thank you to hosts Cheryl and Rodger. Our bowlers heartedly recommend this venue for all visiting Dubbo. The new artificial greens at Dubbo Sporties played beautifully and our bowlers handled them perfectly.

Any bowlers visiting the area are encouraged to contact Mike Twohill who looked after us splendidly. Mike is Vice President of the Sporties Bowling fraternity as well as the RSL combination bowlers who we played against Sunday morning. Beautiful meals and a wonderful BBQ on Sunday. Cold beer and plenty of it. Thank you, Dubbo.

Our next visit is a toss-up between the Gold Coast and Nelson Bay/Soldiers Point. To fill a coach, we do need the help of other clubs in the Upper and Lower Hunter, so any organiser out there gets in touch we can arrange a joint visit.

Until next month mask up and keep your distance!

UPPER HUNTER WOMEN

By JK

District Open & Senior Triples have been played. Congratulations to the winners. Open champions are Lorraine Baker, Lorena Croft & Judy Wright (Aberdeen) They defeated Lillian Strong, Carolind Strong & Chris Constable (Aberdeen) Senior Champions are Kay Collins, Barbara McPhee & Eryn Brown (Muswellbrook RSL) they defeated Helen Saunders, Colleen Guilfoyle & Pru Harrington (Scone) congratulations and good luck at Region playoffs.



Above: Upper Hunter District Women's Open Triples champions Lorraine Baker, Lorena Croft & Judy Wright (Aberdeen)



Above: Upper Hunter District Women's Senior Triples champions Kay Collins, Barbara McPhee & Eryn Brown (Muswellbrook RSL)

BERESFIELD

By David Govan, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi there fellow Maggies! Well it's that time of year we get to enjoy the festive season & spend some much needed time with family.

The highlight over the past month has been our Major singles championships getting down to semi-final stage. Kevin Roberts will take on defending champion David Govan & 2020 runner up Grant Boyce will take on up & coming Michael Cooper in what should be two cracking semi-finals.

Congratulations to Tony Atcheson, Kevin Roberts & Dave Wayland on making the open triples final. Unfortunately the Raymond Terrace side was a bit too good on the day but we are very proud of your effort and result.

Have a wonderful Christmas & new year & may 2023 be a successful year for everyone, that's all for now good bowling & Go The Maggies!!!

KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

The club has a first time winner of our Major Singles with Merv Brown scoring a hard fought 25-21 over Brian Stokes in a game that took 28 ends to decide. Merv led 5-0 but Brian scored on 5 ends to lead 7-5. Scores fluctuated being 11 all and then 15-14 to Brian before Merv won 4 consecutive end to lead 20-15. A 3 to Brian closed the gap but he could only score singles on two more ends with Merv closing out the game with consecutive singles. Congratulations to both players for their fine efforts.

The Minor Singles Final will be contested between Bernie McDonald and Ben Moore who both had to overcome stern resistance to reach the decider. Quarter-final action had seen Ben

account for Col Dorn 25-15 and Matthew Webster won the last two ends from 21 all to defeat newcomer Robert Yelds 25-21. This pitted Matthew against Bernie and Ben against Greg Jones in the semi-finals. Matthew who has been a part of Kahibah since his junior days found the experience of Bernie difficult to match but fought hard to get to 11 all but couldn't maintain his momentum with Bernie moving to the final with a 25-18 result. At the same time Ben and Greg were involved in a titanic struggle that took 32 ends to decide with the lead changing numerous times until 20 all when Ben won 3 ends in a row to take the encounter 25-20.

Our next Club Championship will be the Club Pairs and this is due to commence in January and it will finalise our 2022-2023 events.

Nominations for the Open Gender Pennants closed on 4th December and numbers are down on last year. Bowls NSW has allocated the club Grades 2, 6 and 7 for the upcoming season but it would appear that a submission to NDBA and State Match Committee may be required to vary this allocation.

Following a motion moved at the Club's AGM the Mens Bowling Committee has endorsed the trialling of mufti attire for our Men's Saturday Gala for the next three months i.e December, January and February. It is hoped that the many social members of our mother club may be encouraged to try the game and so help to increase our Bowling Club membership.



By Michelle Robards, Zone Secretary



Above L-R: Senior Triples winners Peter Fisher, John Rees and Stewart Angwin from Kurri.



Above L-R: Open Triples winners Nathan Dawson, Brody Pitham and David Dilworth Club Maitland City.



Above L-R: Reserves winners Phil Cornford, Harry Callaghan and Kevin Osmond Abermain.

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2nd Tuesday of each month

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4 games x 12 ends
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Conditions of Play.....One end rollup at commencement 9am - if changing greens a rollup allowed on new green - 1 dead end per team per game, then re-spot on T - No drawn end points - Held in conjunction with BA rules and regs - Club uniform or BA approved clothing - Limited number of teams -

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Zone Triples have been played and what three great events we had played. Thanks to the clubs who hosted these events. The Open Triples came down to the last end following a very close game between two teams from Club Maitland City. Winners were David Dilworth / Brody Pitham / Nathan Dawson 23 / 22 over Dylan Riley / Nathan Mitchell / Simon Mitchell.

The Reserve Triples was won by Phil Cornford / Kevin Osmond / Harry Callaghan from Abermain 24/21 over the Club Maitland City trio of Wayne Van Maastricht / David Lane / Paul Windon.

Senior Triples winners were Peter Fisher / Stewart Angwin / John Rees from Kurri Kurri defeating George Niznik / Dave Button / Max Wilton 28/11.

State Division Pennant Play Offs have been finalised with Zone 6 sides all playing great bowls.

Division 1 saw Kurri finish third in their section after having a draw with Warilla on the first day 57 all. Rd 2 Kurri defeated Taren Point 75/60. Rd 3 Kurri defeated Bateau Bay 63/55. Kurri had the bye in Rd 4 and need to win all three rinks in Rd five to go through to the finals. Kurri was defeated by Belrose 63/45.

Division 2 we were represented by East Cessnock. Rd 1 East Cessnock defeated Windang 67/47. Rd 2 East Cessnock defeated Wagga RSL 62/56 and in Rd 3 East Cessnock drew with South Tamworth 60 all. East Cessnock won their section and went onto the quarterfinals playing Forster which they won 73/40. Semi final time and East Cessnock played Cabra Vale Diggers but were defeated 44/77.

Division 3 Gresford represented Zone 6. Rd 1 Gresford played Taren Point winning 67/48. Rd 2 Gresford defeated Bulahdelah 79/45. Rd 3 Gresford defeated Harbord 52/50. Gresford won their section and drew Camden in the quarterfinals. Unfortunately Gresford were defeated 80/61.

Division 4 saw the return of Miller Park in their first Pennant season since reopening. This team was so happy to have won the Zone Pennant. Rd 1 Miller Park defeated Ettalong Red 77/43, Rd 2 Miller Park defeated Tea Gardens 60/51 and in Rd 3 Miller Park defeated Tathra Beach 70/58. Miller Park won their section and went on to play Jamberoo in the quarterfinals winning 62/50. Next up was South Cronulla in the semi-finals and once again Miller Park won 75/51. In the finals Miller Park played Tea Gardens, and were successful winning 67/46. Congratulations Miller Park what a great way to re start bowling at the club.

As you can see from the above results we have had a big weekend of pennants with ALL our teams doing exceptionally well. Congratulations to all players we are all so proud of your efforts. Congratulations also to the ladies from Kurri who also made the final of the Division 2 competition and played Taren Point.

Reminder Open Pennant Nominations close soon. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Good Luck and great bowling enjoy the friendship new and old.

Michelle



By Noel James, Zone 11 P.O.

ZONE 11: MANNING DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



Above L-R: Zone 11 Open Triples Champions Shannon White, Brian Wilson and Kevin Robinson.

ZONE TRIPLES: The finals of our Zone Triples Championships have been run and won in near perfect conditions at Tuncurry Beach.

Open: The first semi-final was between Jason Morse, Heath McGuire and Keeden McGuire (Forster), against Steve Newman, Kris Murtagh and Jason Aurisch (Tuncurry Beach). After 9 ends the score was locked at 8-8 and it was anyone's game. From that point the Forster team grabbed the lead and never let it go, coming away for a comfortable 28-16 win.

The second semi was a closer affair and again it was Forster versus Tuncurry Beach. The Forster team featured Brian Wilson, Kevin Robinson and Shannon White up against Phil Swalwell, Greg Harrison and Brett English from Tuncurry Beach. Forster had a handy 13-5 lead after 10 ends, but 8 unanswered shots to the Tuncurry team tied it up at 13-13. Forster again eked out a 5 shot lead and managed to hold on for a 22-19 win.

In an all-Forster final Shannon's team was dominant right from the start. Leading 7-0 after just 3 ends, the lead continued to build throughout the game. After 16 ends the score was 21-5 and there was no coming back from there for Keeden. The final score was an impressive 28-10.

Senior: The first semi saw Harvey Phillips, Marco Pendelj and Daryl Webster (Old Bar) playing John Barnard, Mal Drury and Errol Ruprecht (Club West). In a one-sided affair the Old Bar team stormed to a 15-1 lead after 7 ends, and never looked like losing from there. The final score being 29-11.

The second semi featured Rex Johnston, Noel James and Steve Swan (Tuncurry Beach) up against Doug Kessell, Steve Pell and Peter Schroeder from Forster. The Tuncurry team had a very handy lead of 16-6 after 13 ends courtesy of winning 9 ends out of 11 in a dominant stretch of the game. Forster started their comeback with consecutive 3's to make the deficit a manageable 4 shots. Tuncurry then edged another couple of shots clear to lead 19-13. Forster then won 4 straight ends and the difference was just 1 with 2 to play. An exchange of 1's saw the final score to Tuncurry at 20-19.

The final was now between Old Bar and Tuncurry Beach, and the game started with a bang. On the first end Tuncurry scored the maximum 6 shots to gain an early advantage, and put Old Bar right on the back foot. They soon extended this score line with a 4 end run, scoring 9 shots, to make the score 17-2. Whilst Old Bar were hanging in there, and did reduce the deficit slightly, they were not making any big scores. Tuncurry were the winners with a 25-13 final score.

Reserve: The first semi was between Tuncurry Beach club mates John Mooney Andrew Harker and Neville Brymer, against Andy Tymerski, Norm Kirk and Peter Fernandez. This turned into a one-sided affair with Neville's team a big early advantage and never letting go. The final score was 34-8.

The second semi was between the Forster team of Ken Simpson, Barry Lambert and Peter Watts, up against the Tuncurry Beach team of Shannon Mokaraka-King, Anton Mah and Jarrod Small. This was a tight game the whole way, with scores tied at 8, 11, 13 and 17. Tuncurry grabbed the game by winning the last 5 ends to run out 25-17 winners.

This was a hard-fought game between these two Tuncurry teams. Jarrod's team won the first two ends to lead 4-0. Neville's team then scored 11 shots to 1 to grab an 11-5 lead. This was gradually whittled away until at 15 ends they were all square at 12-12. Neville



Above L-R: Zone 11 Senior Triples Champions Steve Swan, Noel James and Rex Johnston.



Above L-R: Zone 11 Reserve Triples Champions Anton Mah, Jarrod Small and Shannon Mokaraka.

then skipped away again, and after 21 ends he led 21-17. Jarrod then scored a massive 5 to jump into the lead by 1. Then, two ends later, another 5. Playing the last end Jarrod led by 4. A single on the last end sealed the deal for Jarrod's team, with the final score being 28-23.

Congratulations to all of our winners and good luck in the State Finals to be played next year.

In conclusion, a Merry Xmas to all and good bowling in 2023.

STATE PENNANT PLAYOFFS

DIVISION 2: Forster began their campaign with a loss to Cabravale Diggers 39-85. They did respond with wins in their next two section games, defeating Nowra 75-43 and Canton Beach 74-48. This allowed them to advance to the quarter finals against East Cessnock who proved too strong, knocking out Forster 73-40.

DIVISION 3: Unfortunately Bulahdelah lost all three of their section games, and did not progress.

DIVISION 4: Tuncurry Beach began their section games well with a close 9-1, 54-52 win over Kew. They followed this up with a good 9.5-0.5, 74-52 win over Wentworthville Leagues. Their last section game was against Jamberoo, who were also undefeated. They managed to prevail with a 9-1, 58-55 win, and made it into the quarter finals.

The quarter final was against our close neighbour, Tea Gardens.

In an extremely close game that came down to the last end, Tea Gardens got the win 51-50.

RAYMOND TERRACE WOMEN

Debbie Fulton, Publicity Officer



Above: Winners of Raymond Terrace Women's Jacaranda Carnival – Gayle Gannon, Rhonda Littlewood and Leanne Farmer (Charlestown)

Raymond Terrace Ladies held their Annual 2 day Jacaranda Carnival on the 7th and 8th November after a 2 year hiatus due to Covid. This day was a huge success with 26 teams participating from as far away as Gulgong and Port Macquarie.

Two teams of 4 ladies travelled to Wangi for their Xmas Invitation Day in November and all ladies had great bowls, a lovely Xmas lunch and took home the consolation prizes on the day.

Our Club Championships will recommence with the Open Triples starting 29th November, good bowling to all those who have entered.

Our Xmas Hams will be up for grabs from the 29th November until 13th December, when we will have our end of year Xmas Party, Gala Days will resume again 10th January, 2023.

We would like to wish all the bowlers, a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year ahead, from all at the Terrace.



Above: Second Place in Raymond Terrace Women's Jacaranda Carnival – Vacie McIntyre, Vicki Marshall and Pamela Stephens (Soldiers Point)

TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.

Our 2022-23 Club Triples Championship games were played during October with the Semi-Finals played on 14th October, and both the games were of a high quality and a great exhibition of bowls which came down to the final few ends to determine the winners.

Vicki Piper, Val Feuersanger and Gae Re defeated Lorraine Clark, Dianne Blanch and Karen Carlton 22-18; Jan Cutting, Lyn McVicar and Liz Gray defeated Robyn McDonnell, Karen Mudford and Kay Griffiths 27-24.

The Final was played on 28th October between the teams of Vicki Piper, Val Feuersanger and Gae Re against Jan Cutting, Dianne Blanch and Liz Gray. It was a steady start by both teams and after 6 ends they were 6 all. It was then that Vicki, Val and Gae got on a roll and won 13 of the next 16 ends to take a handy lead. As hard as Jan, Lyn and Liz tried to peg back the lead and get back into the game, it was Vicki, Val and Gae who maintained their lead to win the Club Triples Championship 30-11. Congratulations to all the Finalists.

Congratulations to Sue Langridge, Ruth Higham and Liz Gray on winning their early games in the District Open Triples to progress to the Final. Wow, what a Final it was, their opponents were Colleen





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Star, Joan Thomas and Sarah Boddington from Forster. It came down to the last couple of ends with Sarah's team edging out Liz's team 28-24.

Congratulations to Vicki Piper, Donna Hampson and Karen Carlton who also won their early games in the District Senior Triples to progress to the Final, and what a Final it was. Their opponents were Trish Wilson, Maharion Heininger and Sue Thomas from Tuncurry Beach. After 25 ends of thrilling bowls, they were 26 shots all, so it came down to an extra end, Karen's team was holding shot until Sue Thomas came through to trail the Jack and win the Final by 28 shots to Karen's team 26.

Congratulations to our Division 2 Pennant Team of Vicki Piper, Sharyn Newcombe, June Kilpatrick, Helen Bush, Julie Curry, Lyn McVicar, Donna Hampson and Karen Carlton who were nominated for and won the 2022 Club Forster & Sporties Tuncurry Sports Person of the Year Award.

Congratulations to Sue Ryan our Communications Officer on her nomination for Club Forster & Sporties Tuncurry, Club Person of the Year Award. Whilst Sue may not have come home with the Club Person of the Year Award, her nomination was indeed a recognition of the tremendous work undertaken by her as Communication Officer.

Until next year, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year in 2023.



Above: Tuncurry Forster Sports Women's 2022-2023 Club Triples Championship L-R Winners Gae Re, Val Feuersanger, Vicki Piper with Runners-Up Jan Cutting, Lyn McVicar and Liz Gray.



HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN

By Maria Malcolm



Above: Hunter River Representative Team in Wine to Waves Challenge against Newcastle District

On Sunday 13th November our district competed in the Annual Wine and Waves Challenge with Newcastle District. It consisted of 7 teams per side. Three made up from 1/2 grades and 4 from 3/4 grades. The weather was great apart from a couple of short showers which did not delay play. After 21 ends Newcastle came out winners with the Hunter River closing the gap in the final ends. The game was played in great spirit by all players. Players and officials then went in for a two course lunch and presentation.

Right L-R: Wine to Waves Trophy Presentation Newcastle District Women's President Marion Wilson and Hunter River District Women's President Coral Sloan.



STOCKTON

By Jack High, P.O.



Above: Stockton 2022 Handicap Pairs Final Winners (on right) Keith Wagner and Steve Brown (Skip) with R/Up Ian Johnson (Skip) and Peter Quinn.

The Final of the Club Handicap Pairs was finally played on Sunday 30th October with both teams having a -8 handicap. The game was evenly contested in the early ends but the combination of Keith Wagner and Steve Brown (Skip.) proved too strong in the latter stages of the game and ran out winners over Peter Quinn and Ian Johnson (Skip.) by 20-13 shots. All spectators present agreed that it was a good game of bowls played in the right spirit. The last Club game to be completed is the "Jim Scanlon Shield" which had been delayed for various reasons and Games Organiser, John Price was keen to get it finalized before the 3rd of December which was the date of the Clubs Presentation Night.

Nine intrepid members of the Mens Bowling Club travelled to the Sunshine State to compete in the Lawn Bowls Division of the recent Pan Pac Masters games. Not a lot of success on the bowling front although there was one notable achievement with the combination of Greg Penfold and Steve Polverino winning a "Gold Medal" in the Division 2 of the Mens Pairs played at the Southport Bowling Club.

In the Alcohol Consumption event (if there was one) the boys from all reports would have won 'Gold' in that also.

Another group of mixed Stockton Bowlers competed in the Annual Mixed Tournament at the North Haven Bowling Club recently and although no details are available, I'm informed that they came away with a fair slice of the prize money on offer.

Well, another year almost gone and with the Festive season fast approaching it is an opportune time to wish our Editors, Colleen and Dean and family, all our Members and Staff and families at the Stockton Bowling Club and bowlers everywhere a very Merry Xmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Hope to see you all next year somewhere "On The Green".



Above: Gold Medal Winners in lawn bowls at recent Pan Pac games on the Gold Coast, Steve Polverino & Greg Penfold from Stockton BC

FRIDAY NIGHT CHRISTMAS HAM BOWLS GALAS



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BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.



Above: Bar Beach Women's Triples Winners Kathy Feighan, Judy Bland and Vicki Blakemore.

Hello Bowlers. With the weather uncertain for the day our Melbourne Cup Party was held in our absolutely magnificent Function/bowlers area of our club. It was transformed for the day by David and Beck our very glamorous Functions people with help from our ever present and behind the scenes people. We were joined by guests, some from other clubs, who enjoyed the day immensely.

Our Chef produced a sumptuous repast, which is by far the best food I have ever consumed and the cup was run amidst a vibe of happiness including Mens and Ladies Fashion Parades.

Next on our Calendar was our Club Triples played between mother and daughter Judy Bland and Kathy Feighan with skip Vicki Blakemore winning through against the team of Di Riordan leading for sisters Kylie Sheriff and Steph Phillips (skip).

Next will be the club pairs. All welcome at our Tuesday galas as always. SEE YOU ON THE GREEN

DORA CREEK WOMEN

By Janice Rhodes, P.O.



Above: The Winners of Dora Creek Women's Patrons Day Gwandalan

December already and we are all gearing up for our Christmas bowling festivities.

Our Christmas gala Day is to be held on 5th December and we look forward to hosting an enjoyable day of bowls.

Patrons Day was a huge success with Gwandalan the winners and Warners Bay runners up. Our social committee supplied us with a delicious lunch of chicken salad, quiche and pavlova with fruit salad and cream. The raffle and tombola were popular as usual.

Thank you to our patron Jean Langbridge whose support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas get together this year is to be at Quarry Retreat, Martinsville. We are very lucky that this beautiful property is made available by one of our members.

Sadly, two of our members have suffered bereavements recently. Robin Hopwood, husband of our secretary, Maria Hopwood and Max Lindsay, husband of our member Lettie, passed away. We send our love and condolences to Maria and Lettie.

As our bowling year draws to an end may I wish you all, on behalf of Dora Creek Ladies, a safe and happy Christmas and new year. Merry Christmas All

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By Ross Gardner, Chairman
Zone 2 Junior Committee

JUNIORS REPORT

ZONE 2

Since the last issue it's fair to say that the Juniors/U25s have had a bit going on, before the down time over the Christmas/New Year Period. We have a new Club Minor Singles Champion in our midst. Joshua Sharpe from Kotara BC claimed the title after defeating Justin

Etheridge in the final. From all reports, Josh got off to a cracking start and led 14-2 with the finishing line in clear sight. From this point Josh played a close knit and common sense game to claim the crown 25-13. Congratulations Josh, a well deserved win. News just to hand, we understand that in the second round of the Minor singles it was son vs father, David Sharpe, for bragging rights for the household. Commiserations David, better luck next year.

The qualifying rounds for the State Mixed Pairs were recently held at Valentine BC. The format was 3 bowl pairs, 9 sections of 3 teams, with the winners of each section to return, to play in 3 sections of 3 with the 3 section winners advancing to State Level in 2023. There were several Zone 2 Juniors/U25 players who took part. Cohen Ridd played with Annette Hodge from Toronto Workers Club, Chris Kent played with Sharon McReynolds from Raymond Terrace, Charlotte Hayman with her father Corey, Brendan Stokes paired with Zoe Nicholls and Caleb McDermott paired with Kate Limond from Charlestown. A few of the teams that contained Junior/U25 players proved a handful for some of the high flyers, showing the Zone 2 Juniors/U25s were a force to be reckoned with. On the Sunday afternoon the 3 progressing teams to State had been finalised. Soldiers Point, Adamstown and low and behold, our own Zoe "Seal" Nicholls and Brendan "Choppy" Stokes were the third and final team. Congratulations to those 3 teams who qualified and well done to all those who played outstanding bowls to reach the finals qualifying day.

The Zone 2 U25 fours kicked off at East Maitland BC on Friday 4th November. It saw one Q/final between Huxley Rowe's quartet of Jordan Lean, Kyle Anderson and Joshua Sharpe against Chris Kent's team of Ami Bromhead, Aaron Halse and Lachlan Bent. A prearranged Semi final between Sean Broderick, Charlotte Hayman, Cohen Ridd and James Broderick against Zac Nicholls, Jonah Threadgate, Brendan Stokes and Caleb McDermott also took place. Rowe accounted for Kent, 28-14 to progress to the Semi Final and while McDermott got home in what ended in being a close encounter over Broderick 20-15 to advance McDermott to the final awaiting their opponent. In the second semi final it saw Rowe against the experience of Zoe Nicholls, Blair Soars, Connor Freeman and Lachlan Freeman. Freeman proved too strong on the night cruising to victory booking a place in the final against McDermott's squad. The final proved to be a closely run game between the two heavyweights of the competition. At the half way mark Freeman had jumped to a 12-5 lead showing that he had his eye on the prize and completing the Grand Slam of all Zone 2 U25 Events, having already claimed the Singles, Pairs and Triples crowns. McDermott got back to trail 12-15 after 12 and 13-16 after 14. But it was to be Freeman's night, despite McDermott's late charge, taking the title and Grand Slam, 19-17. Congratulations to all players involved, you've shown that Zone 2 have loads of talent. Thankyou to Clay Parker and Easts BC for once again showing their continued support for Junior/U25 events.

Mayfield West were the hosts for the recent Zone 2 Reserve Triples. Our very own Cohen "Cuey" Ridd from Cardiff had teamed with Neil Smith as lead and John Mackenzie at skip to progress to the pointy end of the competition and reach the Semi finals. But the challenges for Ridd were just beginning even prior to the semi final taking place. Neil Smith unfortunately contracted COVID and was quite unwell, and John Mackenzie was away, which he had made clear prior to the commencement of the competition, in case they made it to finals. Which left Cuey the only remaining player of the side, left standing. However, showing plenty of POSITIVITY, and soldiering on, he was able to gain 2 replacements in Paul Jones as skip, Cuey remaining in the middle, and Rob Peattie as lead. In the semi final they cruised to a 28-16 victory over the Beresfield side to



Above: Joshua Sharpe - Minor Singles Champion, Kotara BC
Above L-R: Brendan Stokes and Zoe Nicholls qualify for the State Mixed Pairs.



Above L-R: Zone 2 U25 Fours Champions Zoe Nicholls, Blair Soars, Connor Freeman, Lachlan Freeman.



Above L-R: Runners-up in the Zone 2 U25 Fours Zac Nicholls, Jonah Threadgate, Brendan Stokes and Caleb McDermott.



Above L-R: Cohen Ridd, Paul Jones and Rob Peattie - Zone 2 Reserve Triples Champions - Cardiff BC.

book a place in the final against the Soldiers Point Boys. Despite the hiccup earlier in the week, the Cardiff Connection went in with the "take no prisoners" attitude. Cardiff led 12-10 after 10 ends before Soldiers claimed a 3 to lead 13-12. Cardiff lead 17-13 after 13, before really putting the foot down to lead 28-14 after 18 and finishing off strongly to claim the Zone title 33-16. Hats off to the Cardiff crew for reaching the final, then claiming the crown after such a topsy turvy start to the week. Cuey, you've done great, we're all very proud of you, and a special thanks must go to Paul Jones and Rob Peattie who came to Cohen's rescue, you're absolute champions of the highest order.

Lastly, this is the last issue before the Christmas/New Year break with the next issue I believe hitting the shelves in February 2023. I would just like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Junior Committee and myself to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year. Enjoy family time and celebrations and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.



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STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO



Above: Bowlers on the Green at Stockton Women's unfurling Day

October saw our Division 4 District Pennant winners competing at East Cessnock in the Regional Play Offs. First game was against Paxton, which we succeeded in winning the master board and 1 rink. Second game against Cessnock and Cessnock won the master board and 1 rink. The second day was a battle between Paxton and Cessnock with Paxton winning the Master Board with one rink and tying on the second rink. This put Paxton ½ a point ahead of Stockton and they go on to the State Play offs. We hope you have a good result at State Paxton.

The Rose Bowl in November, Newcastle District Vs Central Coast, saw Newcastle District win the day. Our Stockton ladies selected in the teams were, Apaira Clark (Trish), Raelene Firkin, Suzanne Sansom, Jill Young and Carol Shephard. Stockton Women's Bowling Club is proud of your selection and congratulate everyone involved in the win.

Waves to Wine, also in November, was Newcastle District vs Hunter District. Again Newcastle won the day and the Stockton ladies selected for the Newcastle teams were, Raelene Firkin, Jill Young and Carol Shephard. Well done.

Last, but by no means least, our Pennant Flag Unfurling took place on 15th November.

Our Division 4 teams were led onto the green by a Scottish piper, together with current SWBC President, Helen Nash and past President Marie Mulheron. Amongst the invited guests were representatives from NDWBA, Marion Wilson and Vicki Rankin, plus the runner up team from Hamilton North. Other invited guests were members of Soldiers Point Bowling Club and Stockton Men's Bowling Club.

Marion Wilson raised the Pennant Flag to a rousing applause from all.

Once the Pennant was flying high we all enjoyed a morning of bowls followed by a delightful 2 course lunch and a few speeches.

Our Stockton ladies put in a lot of hard work to ensure the day was a success, and it certainly was.

FINGAL BAY WOMEN

By Kathryn Job, P.O.



Above: Kerry McFadden & Pauline Myers – Fingal Bay Women's Club Consistency Finalists.

October saw our Club Consistency Competition being played. It was a great competition this year, with the final match coming down to Kerry McFadden & Pauline Myers. The final score was 150 to 125 with Kerry winning the match.

It was a fabulous game to watch, with everyone thoroughly enjoying it. Our congratulations go to both participants, well done.

ZONE 6 SINGLE

GENDER PENNANT

DIVISION 1 WINNERS: KURRI KURRI



DIVISION 2 WINNERS: EAST CESSNOCK



RUNNER-UP:
Singleton RSL

DIVISION 3 WINNERS: GRESFORD



RUNNER-UP: Kurri Kurri



DIVISION 4 WINNERS: Miller Park



Runners-Up: East Cessnock



MILLER PARK BOWLERS BRING HOME STATE FLAG

By Faye Fuller, Secretary

Lawn bowlers from Miller Park Bowling Club Inc. travelled to Warilla to compete in the State Pennant finals against 15 other winning clubs representing their respective zones from across NSW. The competition went on for 3 days starting with sectional play that Miller Park won by beating Ettalong, Tea Gardens and Tathra to a knockout situation where the locals went through undefeated beating Tea Gardens again in the final to bring home the State Flag to Branxton.

The squad of 13 consisted of Jason Preston, Jason Stewart, Glen Cliff, Darren Drayton, Grahame Dicker, Peter Martin, Keith Dicker, Ian Jordan, Phillip Garland, Chris Charnock, Steve Ready, Xander Webber and Shayne Mears. The team was managed by Club Secretary Faye Fuller.

This has been a remarkable achievement considering the Club is still in its first operating year as Miller Park Bowling Club Inc.



WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN

By Gwen Andriessen P.O.

With the bowling year almost completed, we look back on a very successful year, welcoming new Members, introducing our new look uniform in time for Pennants and of course a lot of wonderful Club Games as well as our well attended Gala Days. Congratulations to our Men's Division 2 team in Pennants who made it to the play offs, well done.

Results of Club Games: Major Singles: Freda Wells; **Club Pairs:** Christine Stone and Louisa Dunn; **Triples:** Sue Kerr, Barbara Howard and Elaine Bergquist; **Fours:** Barbara Jones, Barbara Richards, Louisa Dunn and Christine Stone; Minor Singles were not played; Consistency will be played in the New Year. Congratulations to all winners and those who participated in these events.

I would like to thank Colleen and her team on behalf of our Club for their help in putting together a great "On The Green" allowing us to get news out to our Members.

Our Christmas Party is being held at the Club on Thursday 8th December, starting with a fun game of bowls. Last day for the year is Thursday 15th December 2022 and restarting on 12th January 2023.

As this will be the last publication for the year, I take this opportunity to wish all fellow bowlers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2023.

RATHMINES MEMORIAL

By Illy Staples



Above: Overall winners of Rathmines Memorial Gala day Neville Timmins and Illy Staples

2022 is coming to a fast end with everyone finalizing their championship games. Recently, 22nd October we held an in-house club open Gala Day. The event was 3 bowls pairs playing two 12 end games. 18 teams participated on a perfect picture day with the overall winners for the day with a +19 Neville Timmins and Illy Staples, runners-up Kevin Crump and Jan Wilkinson with +13.

The final of the Open Fours was held on Sunday 14th November. The teams contesting the final consisted of N. Timmins, H. Ossen, T. Hickman, B. Hicks (Skip) and K. Crump, D. Werner, I. Staples, A. Jones (Skip). A very close game with the final end starting of 18 to 19. Congratulations to Barbara Hicks' team for a brave comeback.

Saturday 12th November, RMBC was the final destination for the team from the 26SQN Mechanical Equipment Operations Maintenance Section at the Royal Australian Air Force Base at Williamtown pushed a fighter jet replica billy cart 52km from their base to the WW2 RAAF Base memorial at Rathmines to raise funds for the Beyond Blue mental health support organisation.

Leaving at 6.00 am they travelled via the Stockton ferry to Nobby's Beach, Charlestown, Warners Bay, Speers Point, and Toronto, arriving at Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club at around 4.30pm. They raised over \$7000 for Beyond Blue including a donation of \$250 from RMBC.

Thursday, 17th November welcomed back Twilight Bowls to



Above: Runners up in Rathmines Memorial Gala Day Kevin Crump and Jan Wilkinson.

introduce the game of bowls to the community and encourage new players. It was heartening to see close to 25 people attend. The afternoon started at 4 pm with free coaching available and practice roll ups from 4.30 to 4.50, sign into play at 4.45. The concept being games of 10 ends of three bowl triples (with at least one experienced bowler in each team) commencing at 5 pm and finishing at 6.30 pm. Followed by a free sausage sizzle after the game.

RMBC would like to wish all club members, family, friends and all fellow bowlers a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. See you all in 2023.

Happy Bowling, RMBC



Above: RAAF Billy Cart



Above: Rathmines Memorial Open Fours Winners M. Timmins, H. Ossen, T. Hickman and B. Hicks



Above: Rathmines Memorial Open Fours runners-up K. Crump, D. Werner, I. Staples and A. Jones.

SOLDIERS POINT

By Mark Watt, Bowls Director



Above: NSW Master Builders winners of the 6 Way Challenge at Soldiers Point.



Above: NSW RSL Side in the 6 Way Challenge



Above: NSW Police Side in the 6 Way Challenge



Above: NSW Fire Brigade Side in the 6 Way Challenge

This years Six Way Challenge seen the NSW Master Builders Side take out the honours with back-to-back titles.

The last round of play on the third and final day was a clash between the NSW Builders and NSW Police, both sides were undefeated going into the last round of play with the NSW Master Builders winning 65-36 on the master board to take out this year's title.

The NSW Master Builders also donated their winning prize money to charity.

A big thank you went to our Soldiers Point and Nelson Bay players for filling in at the last minute to make up the numbers with a late withdrawal of one side.



Above: Soldiers Point Side in the 6 Way Challenge



Above: Nelson Bay/Soldiers Point Side in the 6 Way Challenge

DORA CREEK WORKERS

By Ron McCarthy, Publicity Officer



Above: Melanoma Foundation Day at Dora Creek Workers Club

The Bowls Club raised over \$3000 on 13th November for the Melanoma Foundation. The funds were raised in a benefit day for the "Bob Fohmsbee Memorial Bowls Day". Bob's passing had already been recognised by his former railway mates bringing steam locomotives to Dora Creek to provide a chorus of whistle blasts.

Eight rinks with 64 bowlers plus family and friends enjoyed good weather, lots of laughter, music, and a sausage sizzle. The function was a credit to the organisers and volunteers and an excellent demonstration of good will.

LAMBTON PARK WOMEN

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By Michelle Farrow, V.P.



Above: Nance Hunter, long time member cuts the Grade 3 Pennant Unfurling cake. Nance has been in the District for over 50 years and a member of Lambton Park



Above: Lambton Women's President Nola Nowlan and NDWBA President Marion Wilson unfurling the 3 Grade Pennant Flag



Above: NDWBA President Marion Wilson (centre in red) with Lambton Women's 3 Grade Pennant team at their unfurling L-R: Elizabeth Tuppi, Jan Nicol, Elva Jarvis, Lorraine Sharp, Nola Nowland, Jan Healey, Sandra Ray, Deb Smith and Dawn MacPherson.

TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.

The past 2 months have seen a bit of action at Toronto with a few teams playing in district events, Club Championships as well as Invitation Days.

Our monthly challenge, where TWWBC play the members from Elements of Toronto continues to be competitive. After being beaten in September, we pulled up our socks to be victorious 2 months in a row. It is lots of fun, also serious, but most of all, a great day of

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A lovely luncheon with toasts to District, Winners, Runners Up, all other opponents, Club Lambton and Club Charlestown. Cutting of the cake by Nance Hunter, our long time member. Many thanks to all who supported our very important day, it was in our eyes absolutely fantastic, after such a long break from the winner's circle.

Next year will see our Div 3 girls in Div 2. It's just a number and we are sure they will be fighting just as hard.

Enjoy the festive season – Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to all

Good bowling to everyone.



camaraderie.

Two Toronto teams entered the District Triples. Annette Cook, Barbara Fox & Kris James were in the Seniors Division and were beaten in the first round. The newly formed team of Chris Morgan, Trish Kellehear & Ann Redhead, made it to the Quarter Finals in the Open Division, but went down to a more experienced Belmont at Belmont. Great games had by all and also great experience playing on different surfaces at other Clubs.

Our Club Championship Pairs were played in October. 8 teams entered. The final saw Annette Cook & Kris James defeat Trish Kellehear & Chris Morgan. Congratulations to our Champions

Annette & Kris.

Our Club Championship Triples have just been completed with Molly O'Leary/Annette Cook, Barbara Fox & Kris James winning over Chris Morgan, Trish Kellehear & Ann Redhead. Once again, congratulations to our Champions.

Another great result for Toronto Girls, was winning the Swansea Master 4's. Trish Kellehear & Ann Redhead teamed with Ann's daughter Leeanne Farmer & Kim Nillesen (both from Charlestown) and won. Great games and a first for Ann & Leeanne (mother/daughter combination) playing together.

That's all the news from TWWBC for now, may all your bowls be touchers.



Above: Toronto Workers Women Club Pairs Champions - Annette Cook & Kris James

BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.



Above L-R: Winners of the Anderson Gray Shield accompanied by Dolly's daughters, Sonia and Gail. L-R: Sonia Anderson, Helen Russell, Gloria Irby, Ray Gallagher and Gail Stunell.

Each year our Ladies Bowling Club holds the annual Anderson Gray Shield Day to remember two wonderful ladies who were well known in our Club as well as our wider bowls District family - Dolly Anderson and Susie Gray. This year's event was held on Thursday, 27 October and was very well supported by the men and lady bowlers from Beresfield. The prestigious Anderson Gray Shield and accompanying medals were won by Helen Russell, Gloria Irby and Ray Gallagher. Well done to all who attended the bowls morning



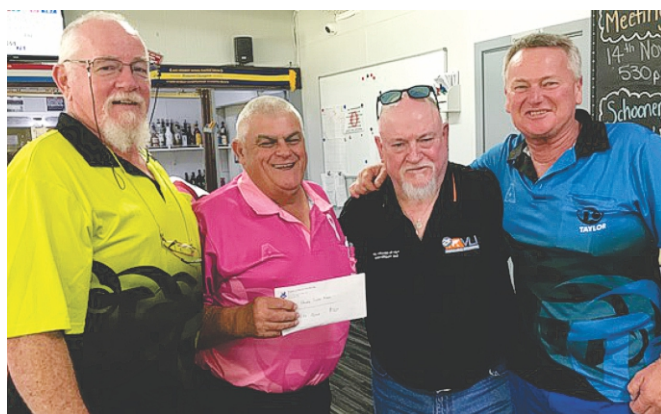
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DENMAN WOMEN

By JK, P.O.



Above: Valley Longwall Triples Winners B. Clerke, K. Katon, Hagar (sponsor) and JJ.

Our Valley Longwall Triples was played last month. 28 teams participated from all over including 3 Sydney teams. The meals were a credit to Chef Fiona and her helpers. The greens ran good and everyone had a great time. The winners were JJ, Bob Clerke & Ken Katon. This was JJ's first tournament win! Congratulations guys.

and following luncheon especially Helen, Gloria and Ray!

Congratulations also to June Evans and Grant Boyce winning through to the Mixed Pairs State Playoffs which will be played in July, 2023.

The Waves to Wine Challenge was held on Sunday, 13 November at East Cessnock Bowling Club. Selected to represent our Hunter River District against Newcastle District from Beresfield Club was Betty Wilmen, Narelle Bunt, June Evans, Margaret Boan, Pam Stephanis, Helen Hemingway, Mary Stretton and Lorraine Humbles. Unfortunately, our District was defeated by the Newcastle District with a score of 158 to 125. Better luck next year!

After winning this year's Regional Pennant Playoffs against Lambton Park, our Beresfield Grade 3 Team 2 headed to Bomaderry to play in the State Pennants Playoffs commencing on Friday, 18 November. Our teams consisted of Helen Russell, Pat Pascoe, Narelle Bunt and Lorraine Humbles; Betty Wilmen, Kay Jarrett, June Evans and Margaret Boan. Our teams played extremely well during the rounds but competition was fierce and unfortunately we did not make it through to the quarter finals. Congratulations to the overall Grade 3 winners - Yamba with a final score of 34, defeating Parkes 32. Congratulations, also to Kurri who won the Grade 2 flag.

As this year is rapidly drawing to a close, I would like to wish everyone in our wider bowls family a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy welcome to 2023!

Good bowling to all! Diane

Below L-R State Pennant Team at Bomaderry. Lyn Pickett (Res), Betty Wilmen, Kay Jarrett, June Evans, Margaret Boan; Lorraine Humbles, Narelle Bunt, Pat Pascoe, Helen Russell, Diane Ross (Res).

BARRY SALTER TWO BOWL TRIPLES MAYFIELD WEST



Above: Winners of the Barry Salter Two Bowl Triples Caleb McDermott, Sam Laguzza and Daniel Hill (Charlestown)



Above: Second Place in the Barry Salter Two Bowl Triples Wayne Nichols, Peter Davis and Lloyd Roberts.

Secretary Terry Wake thanked all players for their attendance at this year's Barry Salter Two Bowl Triples. He said *"Each year we pay tribute to the wonderful contribution to bowls that Barry made, especially with the Juniors"*.

Barry passed away 15 years ago now, but his influence can still be seen in the Juniors he mentored and coached along the way who are now well seasoned members of the bowls fraternity.

NDBA Junior Bowler of the Year for the past 2 years Caleb McDermott won it this year. Now he is a Junior that Barry would have had great pleasure in mentoring! Caleb teamed with Charlestown club mates Sam "The Man" Laguzza who has played with against Barry in his time and Bowls Co-Ordinator Daniel Hill who had Barry as his first coach in the Newcastle Academy – not a bad combination at all. They won undefeated on 5 + 58. The composite side of Lloyd Roberts (Beresfield), Wayne Nichols and Peter Davis (Water Board) were also undefeated on 5+34. Third Place saw twins Tony Ball (Lowlands - lead) and Troy Ball (Bar Beach - skip) team with Craig Eades (Charlestown) to take third place on 4+28 whilst David Woods (MayWest), Logan Brown (Windale Gateshead) and Bill Ahoy (Soldiers Point) snatched the final prize with 4+21. Two Best Performed Prizes were awarded and Round 4 went to Mick Beesley, Adam Chaffey and Matt Johnstone (Soldiers Point) +10 and Round 5 with a massive +22 margin went to Tony Atcheson (Beresfield), Chris Ramage and Gavin Kelly (Soldiers Point). Congratulations to all prize winners.

Secretary Terry Wake thanked Stephen Pedelty for running the weekend and looking after the board. He also paid tribute to the Bar staff, Keiran and staff in the Westside Bistro, sponsors Maria Di Claudio from Dowling Property Group and Wayne Druce from Bridgestone Tyres, Umpires, Jackie Jukes for running the 100 club, and last but by no means least Tony, the Greenkeeper who he said *"the top green is a credit to him"*.

Well done everyone. The Ron and Gloria Hawkins Mixed Pairs should be the next event on the Calendar to be held early 2023 – dates are being finalised at the moment.



Above: Third Place in the Barry Salter Two Bowl Triples Tony Ball, Craig Eades and Troy Ball



Above: Fourth Place in the Barry Salter Two Bowl Triples David Woods, Bill Ahoy and Logan Brown.

MARKS POINT By John James



Above L-R: Marks Point Minor Singles Finalists Robert Raine and John Dukes.



Above L-R: Marks Point Major Pairs Champions Harry Small and Pat Barwick with Runners-up Graham Easton and Neville Kirkwood

Club Championships Minor Singles Final. Robert Raine 25 def John Dukes 24. What a game - it went down to the wire with all Robby's experience showing in a 25up match he did not need to bowl his last bowl to win Dukes'y did not let his noisy supporters down as always.

In the Major Pairs Harry Small and Pat Barwick 20 defeated Graham Easton and Neville Kirkwood 16. This match was anyone's game to win the crowd and there were plenty of schooners in hand also noisy we were well entertained.

REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO



Above: VALE Margaret Asplund

Vale Margaret Asplund: It is with sadness our dear friend and Life Member Margaret Asplund passed away on the 2nd November, Margie was a friend to us all and a very valued and respected Member. Margaret helped many of us when we first started and gave us plenty of good tips and sayings that we keep in the backs of our minds even now. Margaret had won the Major Singles, Minor Singles, 1 x Club Pairs, 3 x Triples and the President's Consistency and was part of the Winning 2001 Grade 3 and 2017 Grade 4 Pennant team. There many great bowls trips away to Nelson Bay and Soldiers Point over the

years and although not bowling recently was still a full member and enjoyed coming to Galas to watch the Ladies, we will miss you RIP dear friend.

Every Five years the Club renames both greens posthumously to past Members who have made a valuable contribution to Club Redhead. For the first time a Green has been dedicated to a past Female Member of the Redhead WBC and we are very pleased to say Vivian Walker has been given this honour. Vivian first became involved right at the beginning when the Club's building was so small, when the original members were planting the green by hand after a hard day's toil and the ladies were giving their time cooking & catering to raise much needed funds. Vivian joined Redhead Women's Bowling Club in 1958 and was on the Social Committee for 2 years then took on the position of Treasurer which she continued for 36 years consecutively. Vivian was bestowed Life Membership in 1978 and was also a patron for many years. Throughout Vivian's Bowling life she won 4 Club Pair's, 3 Club Triples and the Madge Hill Memorial Shield. When Vivian stopped bowling she was still attending our meetings and functions and donating back to the club until her passing in March 2019 at the age of 95.

Our other Green was posthumously dedicated to John McNally who held various Directors Positions, including President over many years. John had a vision for Redhead Club and was able to fulfil his plan. John guided the Club through some difficult times, he was an active bowler and organised many social trips and was also bestowed Life Membership. John and Vivian were both well respected and are both deserving of Greens being named after them.

Fridays are now an Open Gala and will be either nominated pairs or triples depending on numbers, Teams can nominate as a Ladies team, a mixed team or put your name down as a spare and John



Above: Vivian Walker Green at Redhead

Spaans will put you in a team. There is a sheet on the Men's Board at the Club. Ladies now have Wednesday Galas, Thursdays Club games or skills, Friday Open Gala and Saturday Mixed so if you were thinking our Club didn't have enough bowls we now do, so keep us in mind if you were considering joining or transferring.

We are now looking forward to our end of year festivities and will be finishing with our end of year Gala on the 14th December so I will have more to report in the first issue in 2023. To our members who have not been well we wish you a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing you back with us soon. Until next year I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you all on the green in 2023.

TEA GARDENS WOMEN

By Lynda Richards



Above L-R: Major Singles Runner-Up Karen Green and Robyn Beaumont Winner



Above L-R: Tea Gardens Women's Club President Robyn Webster presenting Bev Rhodes her 20 year Membership Certificate Women's Bowls

On Sunday 13th November the annual Waves to Wine Challenge was played at East Cessnock Bowling Club, congratulations to NDWBA who had 4 wins and a draw out of the 7 games bowled, winning the Master Board 158 – 125. Well done to Robyn Beaumont and Lorraine Murphy from our Club on being selected to participate in this district event.

On Monday 14th November 2 teams from TGWBC headed to Fingal Bay to compete in their Triples Invitation Day. I have to report we drove through some very heavy rain to get there. On arrival things didn't look to good the synthetic green could have been mistaken for a swimming pool, we were told 4 teams had opted out and the Green Keeper had closed both Greens. Hence we would be playing cards instead of bowling. Well, a miracle happened the wind picked up and moved the rain clouds on, the sun came out and the Green Keeper announced if "no further rain we could bowl at 1100". Format for play was changed to just 1 game, 12 ends. I'm pleased to report the TGWBC team consisting of Lynda Richards, Deyonne Page and Karen McPhie won first prize. Well done also to our other team Lorraine Murphy, Jean Glover and Robyn Webster who

defeated a strong team from Soldiers Point. A great day enjoyed by all, many thanks to Fingal Bay Women's Bowling Club for making this day such a success.

Our Club Championship Major Singles commenced on Thursday 3rd November, this year 16 members entered this Competition, great to see a lot of our "new" members having a go at this event. The Final was Tuesday 15th November Robyn Beaumont defeating Karen Green 25 v 7, great bowling by both competitors. Following lunch/presentation Club President Robyn Webster gave Bev Rhodes her certificate for 20 years membership to Womens Bowls NSW.

We are nearing the end of our bowls calendar for 2022, in December our Club events are the annual RSL Grange Trophy Day and Break Up Day combined with Secretary v President Trophy Day. Good luck to our 3 teams competing in NDWBA Open Triples Competition.



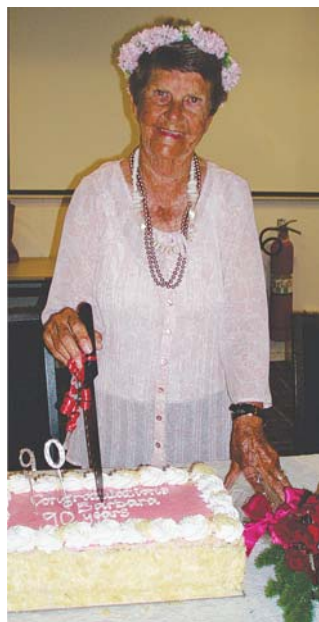
Above L-R: Winners of Fingal Bay Triples Invitation Day Karen McPhie, Deyonne Page and Lynda Richards

KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, P.O.



Above: Kahibah Club Triples – Winners - Hazel Wilson, Ella Jordan & Pat Walsh



The Triples Final Competition was played on the 8th November with a close game and the winners were E. Jordon. P. Walsh and H. Wilson. Thanks go to M. Waddingham as substitute when Ella became unwell. Runners up S. Ward B. McKay J. Bryden. Congratulations to both teams reaching the finals. Our Mary Dixon Day combined with Pink Day and Barbara Ross' 90th birthday was held on the 15th November. Such a great day and lovely weather also. Winners on the day were G. Lowe, M. Cousins, A. Bailey, M. Ratten, H. Wilson. The ladies played half a game two ends each then swapped which they are enjoying as a trial. Margaret Cousins was

Above: KAHIBAH LADIES CELEBRATE BARBARA ROSS'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

thrilled to be a winner on the Trophy as Mary Dixon was her Mother and the Trophy was in her memory. The Pink day was a success with the money raised going to Breast Cancer Research. Prizes were given to the best dressed B. Ross and M. Ratten.

Next celebration was to Honour Barbara Ross' 90th Birthday and a celebratory lunch was enjoyed by all who attended. Speakers on the Day were M. Waddingham, M. Bradbury and P. Roach on behalf of our Life Member Patty Roach.

The Christmas Party and Breakup Day will be held 13th December. No Bowling fun in the club and a 2 course meal subsidised by our ladies Lucky door prizes etc. Names Please. Remember Bowling will recommence Tuesday 10th January. Happy Christmas - keep well.



Above: Mary Dixon Pink Day Winners Hazel Wilson, Margaret Cousins, May Wratten, Ann Bailey & Glenice Lowe

NSW WOOMERAS BOWLING ARM COMMITTEE NEWS

By Loretta Banister, NSW Bowling Arm Committee



Above: Inventor of the Bowling Arm Dean Winton with Winners of the WORLD FIRST Womens Bowling Arm Tournament Jenni Flynn and Wendy Kennedy with Allan Starrett, Chairman of the NSW Woomeras Bowling Arm Committee.

The first ever Women's Bowling Arm Tournament was played at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club on 14th November. Allan Starrett and the Bowling Committee Board came up with the WORLD FIRST idea for the growing number of women using the device. Mick Kedwell who has recently returned from the National Championships where he represented NSW in the Multi-disability division, provided the facilities at his new club Kurri Kurri.

RESULTS: Winner: Wendy Kennedy (Hibbard Sports) and Jenni Flynn (Sawtell) 6+22; **Second:** Lynne Clancy (Park Beach) and Beryl Titmuss (Urunga) 4+7; **Third:** Wilma Reynolds and Gloria Lamb (Beresfield) 4+0; **Best Performed Last Game DRAW BETWEEN:** Dot Murgatroyd (Teralba) and Ruth Sutcliffe (Stockton) AND Beryl Bracken (Sawtell) and Pam Maddock (Telarah).

Dean Winton invented the Bowling Arm for his Dad and now with over 30,000 bowlers registered to use the device, has a thriving business. DHB Mechanical Arms sponsored the tournament and Dean was on hand all day to answer any questions, watch the games and present the prizes. Karen from Hunter Bowls who are the official distributors of the DHB mechanical arm also came and brought some gear for the ladies to do their second favourite thing apart from bowls – SHOP!!

There were many players who travelled to be part of this inaugural event and Dean in his generosity added a special award to Gordon and Patricia from Tweed Heads for the "furthest travelled".



Congratulations to Jenni Flynn and Wendy Kennedy on winning this prestigious event and from the feedback from all who competed they will be looking forward to the event next year. Mick Kedwell has some great ideas about making next year's event bigger, better and bolder. A special thanks to Mick Kedwell and Kurri Kurri Bowling Club and to Allan Starrett who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success. Playing in this event and others could lead to representation in the Woomeras State side, so we encourage all to participate and enjoy playing in as many bowling arm tournaments

Above: Group photo of the players in the world first Women's Bowling Arm Tournament with Allan Starrett (back row) and Dean Winton, inventor of the Bowling Arm (seated).

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.



Above: Second Place in the Women's Bowling Arm Tournament Lynne Clancy and Beryl Titmus.



Above L-R: Valentine Women's Singles Finalist Jenny Baldwin, President Lorraine Davies and winner Denise Miller



Above L-R: Wendy Morrin, Maggie Johnston, Fran Ellis and Donna Owen. Winners and runners up in Valentine Women's Club Pairs



Above: Third Place in the Women's Bowling Arm Tournament Gloria Lamb and Wilma Reynolds.

Our Valentine team of Nancy Childs, Wendy Morrin, Gwyn Garrett and Carol McCrohon were the winners of the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival, which was held over two days at Belmont. Congratulations on this win, as there were many strong teams playing.

The Unfurling Day for our Grade 2 Blue Pennants team was a wonderful day for our ladies. The team was piped onto the green by Peter Campbell with the runners up from Redhead. A short game of bowls ensued, before the ladies retired to the function room, where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and were formally acknowledged by the LMDBCA President Gaye Brown.

The Super 10s Carnival was a great success. Although we had teams from Belmont, Bolaroo, Kotara and Charlestown, the winning teams all came from Valentine. The winners were Sue Armstrong, Donna Owen, Fran Ellis and Heather Lynn. The runners up were Glenda Morgan, Judy Foley and Jenny Liddell. Third place went to Julie Scott and Wendy Lesniak. The consolation went to

Anna Harris, Di McCarthy, Kris Lockett and Del Copeland. The spider winners were Val Robson, Jenny Elks, Sue Armstrong and Kay Evans.

The Club Pairs was won by Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin, who defeated Donna Owen and Fran Ellis.

The playoffs for the State 4s Ladies Pennants was held over four days at Valentine end Marks Point. The weather was great until the last day, when the semi-finals and finals were played in very windy conditions. Austral ladies defeated Bourke in the final, and they all played with great skill, despite the howling wind.

Denise Miller defeated Jenny Baldwin in the final of the Major Singles final. See photo of President Lorraine Davies congratulating them.

KOTARA WOMEN

By Maree Harman



Above L-R: 1st Place at Kotara's T-Tone Tournament G. Baker, K. Clerk and L. Farmer—from Charlestown



Above L-R: 2nd Place in Kotara's T-Tone Tournament J. Storrie, K. Gilbert, S. Storrie



Above L-R: 3rd Place in Kotara's T-Tone Tournament G. Gairns, G. Gairns, B. McLeod

A special thank you to Lisa Henry and Blair Perry for running our famous T-Bone Tournament, sponsored by Joslin Street Butchery. There were 26 teams entered from many visiting clubs, playing two games of Triples. The following won the major prizes:- **1st Place:** G. Baker, K. Clerk and L. Farmer — from Charlestown; **2nd Place:** J. Storrie, K. Gilbert and S. Storrie; **3rd Place:** G. Gairns, G. Gairns

and B. McLeod. Party Pies and Sausage Rolls were enjoyed in between games.

Marj Storrie recently had her first game playing for Newcastle in the Rose Bowl — congratulations Marj.



Above: Blair Perry concentrating on updating the scoreboard.



Above: John Hamill, a popular member of Kotara



Above L-R: Kotara members Marj Storrie, Maree Harman and Judy Law at the Rosebowl Rep Game.

LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Robertson, C.O.



Above L-R: Fran Hoppe winner of club minor singles and runner up Chris Dwyer. Congratulations girls

It is with great sadness that we have learned of our wonderful member Carol Leo's recent passing. After joining Lowlands in 2010, Carol enjoyed a successful playing career with many victories in club events. She won the club pairs in 2012, club triples in 2019, club 4's 2014, 2017, 2021. Also a minor singles champion in 2021 and winning the Annis Young consistency in 2019. Carol was a regular player in our pennants side which won a flag and a keen and consistent participant in invitational days. She also volunteered her time with the match committee and organised the catering for morning teas and our annual Christmas luncheon. Carol always welcomed you with a smile, played the game with wonderful sportsmanship and respect, and was a valued member of our club on all levels. Our deepest condolences go to her family as Carol will be sadly missed by all.

The festive season is fast approaching and we will be finishing the playing year with a fun Xmas gala on the 13th of December and our annual Christmas luncheon at the club on Thursday 15th. Gala will resume in early January.

Our club playing membership is gradually increasing with strong numbers for gala matches. Newer members are eagerly entering club events which is a great indicator of the growing strength of the game.

Fran Hoppe and Chris Dwyer played the final of the club minor singles with Fran the winner. Congratulations Fran. We are currently progressing through the President's Consistency Singles which will wrap up by the end of the month. Good luck to all players.

Come to Lowlands and join a club that is on the move. We have a fabulous club culture which mentors and supports all players of any level, and as always, a wonderful, warm and friendly environment to be a part of.

See you on the green.

HEATON BIRMINGHAM GARDENS WOMEN

By Robyn Collin



Above: Menka Weddell Club Consistency Winner 2022 and Neryl Slater Runner Up



Above: Joyce Forrest's birthday celebration at bowls

The final of our Club Consistency between Menka Weddell and Neryl Slater was a closely fought tussle with the scores tied several times during the game. Congratulations to Menka Club Consistency Winner for 2023 and Runner Up Neryl Slater. Thank you to all those who have competed, marked, umpired, celebrated our victories and efforts to win, catered for our parties and contributed in so many ways to our club. Your efforts are much appreciated.

We have begun to play Turn Around Round Triples in our Tuesday Galas to give players the opportunity to experience the game through different positions. It has proven to be most enjoyable and given players a fresh perspective on their responsibilities during the game.

One of our treasured members Joyce Forrest celebrated her 94th birthday during November and was recognized with birthday cake and small celebration after the bowls Gala. Joyce shows us that age

has nothing to do with bowling prowess and continues to keep us hoping that she will be in our team. Happy Birthday Joyce.

Our Christmas Party and Presentation is on Tuesday 13 December starting at 11 am and will finalise another enjoyable year of bowls.

We wish our bowling community a Happy Christmas and a healthy happy New Year and look forward to some more great bowling, competition and friendship next year.

RATHMINES MEMORIAL WOMEN

By Ilona Staples, C.O.



Above: Winners of Rathmines Memorial Women's Birthday Invitation Day from Halekulani - G. Smith, M. O'Brien, J. Forett, and K. Miller.

Our club has been busy leading up to this month. 31st October we welcomed 14 visiting teams to our Birthday Invitation Day. Teams attending included 4 teams from Halekulani, 2 from Munmorah, 2 from Beresfield, Warners Bay, Wangi, Toronto, Edgeworth, Valentine Canton Beach and of course, our ladies teams. President Val Samuels welcomed all the teams and thanked Monica Wastle from Creightons Funerals for the support and sponsorship for this event. The result for the game finished off with the team from Halekulani G. Smith, M. O'Brien, J. Forett and K. Smith being the overall winners and Edgeworth's Y. Ross, J. Parker, P. Rooke and H. Burgin runners-up.

The Ann Spicer Consistency final was held on the 3rd November between G. Maude and B. Hicks. Congratulations go to B. Hicks as winner and to all the ladies that participated.

The Jean Kelly Triples final between N. Naismith, J. Wilkinson, T. Hickman and G. Grant, M. Hearne, G. Maude took place on the 15th November with team Hickman taking the honours for this year.

As this report is going to press, our Elvie Wilby Pairs competition is under way. Good luck to all the ladies taking part.

In between all our competitions, a lot of the ladies also took part in various open games such as the Gala Day held on the 22nd October and the Open fours which ended on the 14th November.

Our ladies are also taking part in the new Twilight Bowls which started on the 17th November.

With 2022 coming to a close, we wish all our ladies, friends, family and all the other clubs that we have visited and for their support of our invitation days, a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Happy Bowling.

WALLSEND WOMEN

By Patricia McAllister P. O.

Due to weather conditions not being favourable, our Invitation Day on the 4th November was confined to our recently renovated club house. We had a fun packed morning of trivia with Dianne Cass and a big laugh and hoot with Jennifer Van Zanden and her joke pages. A delightful lunch followed by the drawing of the 100 club, tombola and raffle.

In lieu of the spider a best dressed team was chosen. The winners where Jennifer Penman's team from Cardiff, including Di Moore, Margaret Merrion and Terri-Anne Jones. The individual best dressed went to Jill Gillies of Valentine Bowling Club.

Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to our sponsors on the day, Red River Rural.

Our Christmas outing will be a road trip to Wyong Milk Factory Tavern on 25th November and bowls break up novelty day on 14th

December. Looking forward to a good time.

We will be going into Christmas Recess after the 14th December and returning on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

INVITATION DAYS FOR 2023: 17th March 2023, 16th June 2023 and 3rd November 2023 (Christmas Theme). Please phone Dianne Cass on 0466 030 686 for bookings.

Wishing All a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



Above: Margaret Ingold and Jenny Mathers. Winners of Wallsend Women's Draw for Partner Pairs.



Above: Joy Cotterill and Colleen Fishlock. Runner-up in Wallsend Women's Draw for Partner Pairs

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.



Above: Soldiers Point bowlers selected for the Newcastle District team in the Rose Bowl.

It's been a busy month for some of our best bowlers in district and state bowls.

In the Rose Bowl competition, Soldiers Point was well represented and contributed to a great win by Newcastle District against Central Coast.

Waves to Wine Challenge was a similar story with many of our bowlers selected, and a great win by Newcastle district against Hunter River District.

In the District Open pairs, Melissa Witts and Betty Herbertson were worthy runners up to Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldick from Raymond Terrace.

While in the District Senior Pairs, Soldiers Point had 3 teams in the running. Outstanding performance by team Carolin Jory and Alida Roditis who defeated Fingal Bay's Kerry McFadden and Anne Murray to win the District Senior pairs trophy.

We are very proud of our Division 1 pennants team which

contested the state pennant finals in sometimes blustery conditions. After 3 days of torrid bowls they were second overall in their section with 3 wins and 2 losses. Great effort by all bowlers Adelle Pearson, Julie Schumacher, Melissa Witts, Cheryl Field, Pamela Stephens, Rosita Kamis, Jan Sutherland, Betty Herbertson, and Leisa Burton, and also to the supporters who went along to cheer the side.

This month we bid a sad farewell to our dear long time member Beryl Pearson, who passed away at 90 years. A bowler until recent years, Beryl was always up for some fun, especially at our celebrations, where only last Christmas she led her lively dance troop of Beryl's Rockers. We will miss her smiling face.

We look forward to another busy month concluding with our Christmas party on 6 December.

WANGI WOMEN

By Robyn Fairfull, P.O.

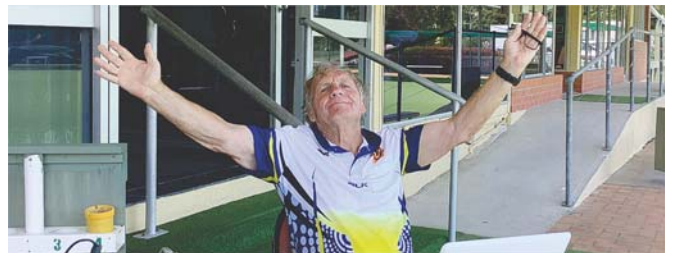


Above: Winners of Wangi Women's last Invitation Day for the Year - East Maitland

Hello again from from WWBC. All our Championship's are over for any other year, congratulations to all the ladies who participated in these events. Our last Invitation Day was a great day but starting off badly, with heavy rain all night and early morning. Thank goodness for Bobby and his merry men with the Super Soaker. Problem with teams pulling out and numerous draw changes. But in saying all that the sun came out Mister Music did his thing and the day was fantastic. Thank you to all the teams who came along and



Above: Mary Ann Guy setting the tables for Wangi Women's Xmas Invitation Day



Above: Bobby Arnold "Mr Music" doing his thing at Wangi Invitation Day

supported our day. Fun and laughter was the theme of the day. Winners were East Maitland, Runner-up Dora Creek.

Condolences to our dear friend Mitzy Hopwood with the passing of her husband Robbie. At the moment I am at Port Macquarie watching the State Pennant Playoffs. Charlestown are doing Lake Macquarie District proud. Well done



WINGHAM WOMEN

Eye on Women's Bowls, by Di Lewis



Above L-R: Winners of Wingham Women's Club Pair's Championship 2022 Chris Willey and Di Lewis.

We have played the final of Club Pair's Championship for 2022. Results are: Di Lewis, Chris Willey – 25 defeated Denise Polley, Claudia O'Donnell – 19. This match was a very long one (4.5hrs) with conditions very hot and humid, one could feel the moisture & heat coming out of the green.

By the 7th end it read 8/3 in Claudia / Denise favour, but in the next 3 ends they dropped a 3, 4 & a 3 pointer to make it 13/8 in favour of Chris / Di. It was 15/15 all on 15th end when Chris / Di hit back with some tidy bowling to put on 11 shots over next 6 ends to take the win. Congrat's to both teams: as it was not easy playing in the humidity.

See you on the Green – Di

ALDER PARK WOMEN

By Loretta Bannister



Above: Winners of Alder Park Women's Pairs Trish Chisholm and Robyn Bagnall.

Our pairs championship has been played and won by Trish Chisholm and Robyn Bagnall, runners up Julie Lyon and Helen Ross. A game well played and right down to the last end. The club championship triples are now in progress and hopefully final results will be in the next issue of OTG. Apart from some windy days we have been fortunate with the weather so that our gala days have been well attended. Plans are now in progress for 2023 and looking forward to more fun filled days on the green. Loretta Bannister



Above: Runners Up in Alder Park Women's Pairs Helen Ross and Julie Lyon.

SWANSEA WORKERS WOMEN

By Dawn Stevens, P.O.



Above: Swansea Women's Club Fours Champions Carna Johnston, Alison Fletcher, Ineke Daunt, Elaine Bruning Absent: Kay Bailey



Above: Winners of Swansea Workers Women's Master Fours L. Farmer, K. Nillesen A. Redhead and T. Kellehear

This year has flown are club fours were played the winners being Carna Johnston, Alison Fletcher, Ineke Daunt, Elaine Bruning and Kay Bailey.

After being postponed our Master Fours were played in fine weather on the 11th of November. **Winners** L. Farmer, K. Nillesen A. Redhead and T. Kellehear, **2nd** P. Johnstone, M. West, G. Brown and M. Simpson; **3rd** S. Cook, L. Rixon, J. Paterson, L. Genders; **Best Performed team last game:** Edgeworth L. Cooper, H. Bower, M. Wilkinson, M. Robson. Well done to all teams on a great day of good bowling and friendship

As this being the last *On the Green* for the year I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

DEPARTED BOWLERS

Please advise us of *Departed Bowlers* by sending an email to otgbowl@yahoo.com.au

Carol Leo, Lowlands Women (12 years); Beryl Pearson, Soldiers Point Women; Margaret Asplund, Redhead Women; Robbie Hopwood, Dora Creek; Max Lindsay, Dora Creek; Carol Leo, Lowlands Women; Dana Hoover, Adamstown; Tommy Wade, Adamstown.



Above: Raymond Terrace Bowling Club - Photos of the club through the years. 1955 Flood; Aerial shot of the greens and club house;