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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Here we are with the March Issue and the bowls calendar is pumping with championships and pennants. Grades 2 to 7 have had their first round by the time this goes to print and the 1 Grade kicks off on 1 April.

The Beresfield Pre-Season 1 Grade tournament has been finalised with the Jets claiming victory over the Charlestown Tigers in the final on Feb 23. Charlestown conceded after dropping a six with a masterboard score of 48/27 with approximately 6 ends to go. Congratulations Jets! (see pic of the finalists on the cover) Perc is back covering the 1 Grade and has provided a list of all the players registered for this season which include some special marquee players to spice things up!! Check it out. **Aron Sherrif** – THE CURRENT #1 PLAYER IN AUSTRALIA is bolstering the Jets in their campaign to make back to back State 1 Grade Champions and we have a number of top players from other states complementing the ranks. We will let you know more about these players as the season unfolds. Surprising movements amongst the local sides include Tailor Appleby who has transferred from Kurri to Bero. Tailor has finished his carpentry apprenticeship and Beresfield has snavelled his services and bowls prowess! Caleb McDermott, another young gun has also transferred to Bero from Charlestown. Jono Davis (ex Dubbo Railway) who back in 2016 was the youngest ever winner of the NSW Champion of Club Champions Singles now plays with Nelson Bay. In the open gender competition it is great to see that Belmont is fielding TWO women bowlers in their side - Kerry Malligan and Rosemary Wayland. Bowls Co-Ordinator Joel Roche says *"the girls are excited and have trialled well. They win a lot in the LMDWBA and sure they will play their best and be a great asset to the team"*. Good luck to all players in all grades for the 2022/2023 season.

In other upcoming events we have the Multi Nations staged on the Gold Coast from **March 25-31**, featuring seven nations including **New Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa, Ireland, Hong Kong China and Norfolk Island**, with Australia fielding two teams – **Australian Jackaroos Green and Australian Jackaroos Yellow**. Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) will be skipping the Triples and Fours in the Green team, whilst in the Yellow Team, Fingal Bay bowler Jacqueline Hudson has been selected to play with Jake Fehlberg in the Vision Impaired Pairs. Good luck to the Jackaroos!

The Rookies Singles and Pairs were recently finalised at Raymond Terrace who once again provided excellent facilities and professionalism in hosting important State events. We have a write up courtesy of Bowls NSW on the washup. Unfortunately none of our local contenders made it through sectional play, but a wonderful achievement to make it to the play-offs.

Speaking of wonderful achievements, congratulations to Ami Bromhead, Charlotte Hayman & Zoe Nichols from Raymond Terrace and Koby Kattau from Greta Workers who have been selected in the 2023 NSW State Junior Representative and Junior Squad announced on Feb 14. It was noted that there is incredible depth in the NSW Junior Talent pool at the moment and making the cut is an amazing accomplishment. Good luck for future events in the Junior Blues.

The John Smith OAM Shield, a Representative event between Zones 2, 6, 10 and 15 was played on the weekend 28th and 29th January at Halekulani Bowling Club. The event is named in honour of John Smith OAM who is an NDBA Life Member, former NDBA President and spent 13 years on the NSW State Match Committee. In this time John fostered close relationships between the Zones both in administration and with his skills on the green (John once held the record (267) for the most capped Z2 Rep player until January 2020 when Jason Pietraszek surpassed him). A report on the games from the victorious Zone 2 side is enclosed but just wanted to add that Z15 Secretary Doug Rose was very grateful to Halekulani's President, CEO and staff who were all extremely helpful. In particular Mitch O'Donnell, Bowls and Greens Manager who came to the rescue when Wyong unexpectedly lost a green and had to withdraw as host. Zone 10 will be hosting next year at a date TBA now that the State Calendar is out. Congratulations to Zone 2 on their win.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank and acknowledge Janine Katon for her time and effort in submitting reports for the



Above: **Henry Meskauskas** has been honoured at the 2023 Australia Day celebrations with an Order of Australia Medal. Henry, who is a Life Member of Club Maitland City, has been Chairman since 2015 and a Board Director since 2010. Congratulations Henry Meskauskas OAM - well deserved.

Upper Hunter District Women's Bowling Association. Janine has written in for as long as I can remember and she also penned a number of reports from various clubs in the area. Janine has announced her transfer to Maitland City to further her bowls - we will miss her reports and pics, and wish her all the best. I am sure we will definitely see her around. The District will be looking for a new Publicity Officer and we look forward to welcoming whoever that may be. (hint hint nudge nudge)

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As always, take care and catch you next month.



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From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley, NDBA Sports Administrator

STRONG PERFORMANCE FROM LOCALS IN ROOKIES EVENTS

Although none of the local contingent finished with a medal and the Rookie State Finals at Raymond Terrace on the weekend of February 4 and 5, there were some super performances on display with David Henderson & Anthony Priestley (Raymond Terrace) finishing 2nd in their section with their only loss being to the eventual champions from Zone 12 13 to 9 in their 3rd section match after performing brilliantly to claim their 1st 2 matches 13 to 7 over Zone 7 and 15 to 9 over Zone 11, but unfortunately the Zone 12 Pair were too strong and continued their good form to claim gold. Joel Field (Charlestown) was also great form from the start of the competition winning his 1st match 17 to 11 against the Zone 14 representative. In game 2 he was competing against Michael Winter from Zone 5 and had a luckless 17 to 11 defeat and it was Winter who when on to claim Silver in the Singles. Field shrugged off the defeat and was ruthless in his last match winning 17 to 4 over Zone 4 to finish 2nd in his section. Hunter Zone 6 reps in the pairs, Stephen & Keegan Jones (Dungog Memorial) were undefeated in sectional play but finished 2nd in their section with 1 win and 2 draws and with their margin better than the section winners, just 1 more shot in one of the drawn matches would have seen the pair qualify for the semis. Shaun O'Toole (Kurri Kurri) finished 3rd in his section of the Singles with 1 win and 2 losses and had to contend with the eventual winner Peter Keatley from Zone 7 in his section. What was noticeable was the age variation between the competitors with contestants as young as 12 and also at retirement age showing that the sport of lawn bowls is really an all age sport where all can compete on a level playing field.

2023/24 CALENDAR RELEASED: All Zone 2 clubs have now been sent a copy of the 2023/24 season calendar which will commence on July 1. The changes from the 2022/23 Calendar include Men's Pennant being played mid-week in the February to May period in 2024. Open Pennant commencing Saturday February 17, 2024 with washed out matches being played the following Sunday week and Zone events being programmed from July 1 through to November 2023.

UNDER 25 AND MINOR SINGLES: At the time of print the Semi Finals of the Under 25 singles were about to be contested at Beresfield with Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) taking on his brother Connor Freeman (Swansea Workers) in a replay of last season's Final where Lachlan got the result by 1 shot. Kotara's Josh Sharpe was taking on Chris Kent (Raymond Terrace) in the other semi where the winner will appear in the Final for the 1st time in this event, with the Final to be played Friday March 3.

In the Minor Singles Final that was set to be played on Sunday March 5 at Edgeworth it was Matt Brown from Beresfield taking on Rod Ibbet from Marks Point. The Beresfield club were going for 3 titles in a row while it would be the 1st time Marks Point had won the event since it began in 1974.

PRESEASON FINAL TO BE DECIDED: The Final of the Beresfield Preseason Pennant competition was concluded on Thursday February 23 with the result of the final unknown due to print deadline but may appear elsewhere in this edition. However the semi-finals between host club Beresfield, who topped section 1 taking on 2nd place in section 2 Charlestown with 2nd place in section 1 Soldiers Point playing section 2 winners Raymond Terrace had a very unique end with both matches ending in a Master Board Draw with the Magpies and Tigers finishing 53 all and Soldiers, Jets 40 all, but it was the Tigers and Jets advancing to the final as they both won 2 of the 3 rinks.

OPEN PENNANT IN FULL SWING: The Zone 2 Open Pennant season for grades 2 to 7 commenced on Saturday February 25 with 127 sides taking to the greens from Tea gardens in

the north to Swansea Workers in the South across to Dora Creek in the South West, East Maitland in the West and Fingal Bay in the East and all areas in between. In Grade 2 there are 2 sections where defending Champions Raymond Terrace drawn with East Maitland, Swansea Workers, Charlestown and Hamilton North in section 2 while newly promoted Adamstown are drawn with Stockton, Mayfield West, Soldiers Point and Warners Bay. Edgeworth, promoted from Grade 4, may find the going tough in section 2 in Grade 3 having drawn Wallsend Diggers, Boolaroo, Lowlands and Teralba as it is the highest grade for all of these clubs. Grade 4 contains 2 sections where Hamilton North, Beresfield, Alder Park, Belmont, Charlestown and Cardiff make up section 1 with Wallsend Diggers, Soldiers Point, Stockton Kotara, Water Board and Raymond Terrace will battle it out in section 2. Grade 5 will have 5 sections with Nelson Bay being represented by 2 sides after winning Grade 6 last pennant season. Grade 6 will contain 6 sections with Marks Point, Raymond terrace, Hamilton North and promoted Lowlands all having 2 sides in this Grade while Grade 7 will see 4 sections contested with east Maitland and Stockton having dual entries. The 10 rounds of sectional play is programmed to finish on May 6 with May 7 and 13 to be used for any washed out fixtures and the Zone finals to be played on May 20 and 21.

Zone 2 were successful in claiming back the John Smith OAM Shield in January. Full report elsewhere in this issue.

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MARKS POINT

By John James

Major Singles Final was played on Sunday 5th February. Pat Barwick 25 defeated John Ward 18. Pat has been around bowl's for some time, he won a major singles title at the now closed Waratah club, he won 2 Major's at National Park Bowl's club now closed, add Marks Point Sports Club to the list - hope you don't shut us down Pat!!

John has only been bowling for 12 months and what an effort he put up. He made Pat fight all the way and kept the mob entertained - always next year John.

The Jack Freeman Plate: Jack was a well-known Bookmaker, there for the racing terminology. On a very hot Saturday morning spectators witnessed two elderly gentlemen competing for one of the most sort after trophies in the club championships with perspiration pouring of them there had to be a winner and that was Jim Horton who defeated Darryl Clout 25-18.



Above: Marks Point Major Singles Champion Pat Barwick and Runner-up John Ward



Above: Marks Point Jack Freeman Plate Finalists Darryl Clout and Jim Horton



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NELSON BAY WOMEN

By Bernie Carroll



Above: Teal Day at Nelson Bay

Well done NBWBC for raising a generous amount of \$600 at our annual fund raising charity event. Great effort ladies!

"Teal day is a day to support Australians affected by ovarian cancer, honour those we have lost and raise awareness of this deadly disease to change the story for future generations."

All the ladies dressed in the teal colour to mark the occasion and everyone appeared to enjoy a great day of bowls, fun and friendship. Thank you to Pam Pulbrook and the wonderful Committee members for their outstanding efforts once again in ensuring the day was a success. Congratulations to our raffle prize winner, Leone Jack who was lucky enough to pick up a lovely box of fabulous goodies.

Teal we meet again.....

SOLDIERS POINT

By Mark Watt, Bowls Director

After several weeks of social bowls during the holiday period, serious competition has now resumed at Soldiers Point. Two Soldiers Point bowlers competed last week in the final of a qualifying round for the Australian Indoor Championship. After decisive wins in the Semis, Warren Shipley and Michael Beesley had a very close match in the final with Beesley winning narrowly. He will now compete in the National Finals at Tweed Heads in August.

New bowlers are welcome at Soldiers Point Bowling Club where they can receive free coaching. Please contact Mark Watt On 4982 7173

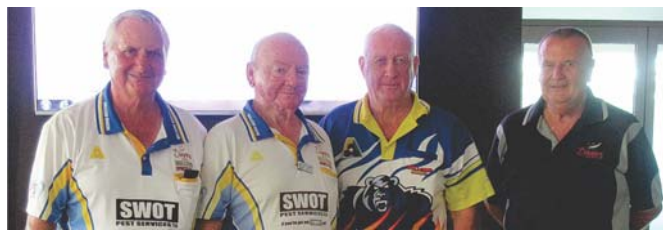


Above (may not be in order): 3rd Place Australia Day 11 Up 2 Bowl Triples Tournament at Wallsend Diggers Sports Alan Percival (Lead), Neil Percival (Second) and Ted Elks (Skip) with Peter Moore (President Wallsend Diggers)

WALLSEND DIGGERS SPORTS

WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN

By Gwen Andriessen P.O.



Above (may not be in order): 1st Place Australia Day 11 Up 2 Bowl Triples Tournament at Wallsend Diggers Sports Alex Bakay (Lead), Stewart Wilson (Third), Barry Boswell (Skip) with Peter Moore (President Wallsend Diggers)



Above (may not be in order): 2nd Place Australia Day 11 Up 2 Bowl Triples Tournament at Wallsend Diggers Sports Darryl Campbell (Lead), Greg McGovern (Third) and Steve Gilchrist (Skip) with Peter Moore (President Wallsend Diggers)

Our members are very proud of Christine Stone who made it to the final of the District Singles. Chris went down in the final to Debbie Bullen. Congratulations Chris. Well done!!

We had a great day on Australia Day, when our Members were encouraged to introduce our sport to a non-player friend. This has resulted in a few Ladies showing an interest and perhaps joining our Club in the future. Thanks to everyone who put Players into teams, cooked the sausage sizzle, supplied lamingtons etc as well as organizing lucky door prizes. A great fun day was enjoyed by all.

Our Club Member John Tabrett has had a visit to Hospital and is home now and improving daily. Looking forward to seeing you back on the green soon John. Barbara thanks everyone for their well wishes.

The Clubs' Mixed Pairs are under way, so keep an eye out next month for the result.

It was with sadness we heard of the passing of our Past Member Margaret Cerniauskas. Margaret was our Welfare Officer for a number of years. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Our Gala Days have been well supported despite the current high temperatures. Some of our Players have visited various Clubs' Invitation Days. It is always great to catch up with other bowling friends.

That's all for now, enjoy your bowling and remember wear a hat and most importantly Slip, slop, slap.



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VIEWPOINT

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

A reminder for Pennant players.

POSITION OF PLAYERS ON THE RINK – LAW 12.

In relation to the rink of play:

- 12.1.1 Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 metre behind the mat.
- 12.1.2 Players at the head – end of the rink who are not controlling play must stand:
 - 12.1.2.1 behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink:
 - 12.1.2.2 behind the jack and away from head if they are members of the team which is not in possession of the rink.
 - 12.1.2.3 on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch: or
 - 12.1.2.4 well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.
- 12.1.3 As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play from a position that is either level with or in front of the jack, must take their position as described in Law 12.1.2.

NOTE: If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal by one of the skips or opponents in singles, decides that the players in possession of the rink are being interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way by their opponents penalties in accordance with law 13 can be applied.

In relation to the neighbouring rink:

- 12.2.1 A player must not go into a neighbouring rink where play is in progress

VALENTINE *Lakers Line*

By Eric Roach

*We've now bowled into 2023,
how time flies, I'm sure you'll all agree.
Pennants about to get underway,
Hoping for success to come our way.*

Our selectors have been busy selecting teams for Pennants in which the Lakers have entered 4 sides on Saturdays & 5 sides for the min-week Challenge. Disappointingly our numbers are well down on previous seasons, which must be cause for concern for those running our great game.

Congrats to our Bowls Manager Peter Lynn who was a member of the Zone 2 side, which recently won the John Smith Shield at Halekulani B.C. Several new members have recently become Lakers. We hope you will enjoy your time at our friendly club. Good things are happening for Andrew Hanlon, who defeated Kel Wilson in the Minor Singles Final following his success in the Mixed Pairs with Jenny Baldwin where they defeated Barbara Bell & Bob Hathaway. Well done to all contestants. Andrew has displayed his enthusiasm & desire for success & improvement in his game by entering several District Events. We wish him well.

Our Major Singles has reached the semi-final stage, with 2 previous champions, Ross Levido & Ian Macrae still in contention. Handicap Pairs Honours went to Ross Morris & John Roberts who defeated John Bullock & Mark King 24-19 in a closely contested final. This was a new event & proved very popular with our members.

Bruce Boyle & Peter Steel successfully defended their Veterans Pairs crown, defeating Bill Lyon & Eric Roach 17-14 in a closely contested final.

Jessies Restaurant has introduced a special meal & drink deal on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday nights for \$18, so come along & enjoy a fine meal & the spectacular lake views.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Jacqui Aldred, NDWBA Secretary

Newcastle District is very happy for our Raymond Terrace Juniors who have been selected to participate in NSW Junior Representative & Development Squad. Our warm congratulations go to Ami Bromhead, Charlotte Hayman & Zoe Nichols and we wish all selected for the Squad great success and enjoyment in all their endeavours.

The District Fours are being played 27th & 29th February & 1st-3rd March with the Regional Finals hosted by Upper Hunter District at Denman Sunday 12th March.

The District Singles are scheduled to play 8th-11th March and Regional Finals again hosted by Upper Hunter District at Scone Sunday 28th May. It would be great to see Newcastle members in attendance to cheer our District Winners on at the Regionals in their bid to qualify for State Finals.

The 2023-24 District Program is with State Match Committee at time of writing and pending approval.

At our Delegates' Meeting 03.02.23 it was determined to change frequency of Management & Delegates' Meetings from

monthly to Quarterly plus the AGM & Xmas meetings. Thanks to those Clubs who have contacted Colleen and made arrangements for delivery / collection of OTG magazine previously available at Delegates' meetings. Lambton & Raymond Terrace have agreed to be collection points with bundles labelled for Clubs who have confirmed this preference with Colleen. Some Clubs have opted for freight delivery. Please contact Colleen Mannis 4966 1655 otgbowl@yahoo.com.au if you wish to arrange delivery/collection.

District thanks Warren Shipley for his attendance prior to the February Delegates' meeting, presenting members with an update about the Boundary Review status quo and clarification of the Bowls NSW 2023-24 Program. The next District Management Meeting is Wednesday 3rd March and the next Delegates' Meeting is Friday 5th March at Raymond Terrace 10:00a.m. Stay well and happy.

BAR BEACH By Barbie Chowlo



Above: BBBC v Lowlands Grade 6 and 7 Pennants Trial. Sister and Brother Team, Vicki Blakemore and Gary Robinson.

February was a month of club games and pennants trials at the reef!

Our Minor Singles 2022-23 Club Championship kicked off with a great start. We've had some great games, including a huge comeback. Now, all comebacks will forever be known at Bar Beach as 'A Stonestreet'. The semi-finals for this competition will be played in the coming weeks with two great games, Shane Quill v Luke Favalaro and Glen Stonestreet v Mark Meehan.

The 2022-23 major singles draw is available on the club's noticeboard and everyone is looking forward to getting started with this competition following the minor singles.

It was a pleasure to host Lowlands grades 6 and 7's for an Open Gender Pennants trial on Sunday 5th February. Our two clubs are closely linked and there were several opposing family members and great mates amongst the two clubs, however the day was productive and enjoyed by all. Everyone appreciated a lovely lunch provided by our Women's Bowling Club members and a beautiful ham donated by Tina and Damien Biasiol.

WHAT'S ON ... Galas. Wednesday 1pm and Saturday 1pm. Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club provides free nibbles after the Wednesday and Saturday galas for bowlers to enjoy during the raffle and consolation draw. You can't pick a better location than Bar Beach for a roll at this time



Above: BBBC v Lowlands Grade 6 and 7 Pennants Trial. Great mates happy to be playing in blue together again, Scott Harrison, Barry Munday and Mark Meehan.

of year. Lovely sunshine and a coastal breeze adds to the beachy atmosphere and fun vibes. We've had some very hot days, but not an afternoon where there wasn't a lovely breeze.

WHAT'S ON... St. Patricks Day Shindig. On St. Patricks Day, Friday 17th March, at 4pm, we will be hosting a 'Winner Takes All' bowls event. There will be fun events, extras and prizes on the day, including for best dressed. To be sure, to be sure, it will be a cracking good day!

WHAT'S ON... Facebook Promotion. Join the **Breakers Bar Beach** Facebook page and for every 'like', comment or share you will go in the draw to win a \$30 bar/bistro voucher. Drawn every Saturday afternoon, the winner will be announced on the Breakers Facebook page on Sunday and will have until the following Saturday (7 days) to redeem their prize. Not to be confused with the Bar Beach Bowlo Facebook page, **'Breakers Bar Beach'** has a dark blue logo as a profile picture with club championship winners on the cover photo. This is the place to go to stay in touch with bowls news, photos and events at Bar Beach.

This year Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club celebrates 100 years! There will be celebrations coming later in 2023. Happy bowling, everyone!

Celebrating 100 years at Bar Beach Bowlo



Above: BBBC v Lowlands Grade 6 and 7 Pennants Trial. Gala mates, pennants opponents, Neil Armstrong and Brian Mason

KURRI KURRI

By The Loose Canon

Hello fellow bowlers! With club games flying along, another major discipline has been run and won. It was the major singles with the one and only Aaron Appleby versing the Smiling Assassin Wayne Rowbottom who has been on fire. The game went neck and neck with 10 all after an hours' play. Aaron decided to go through the gears and got out to a commanding lead with only needing 1 shot to obtain the trophy. Rowey with his fighting qualities kept Apples on 24 for at least ½ hour but was finally defeated 25-20. Congratulations to both players and a big thank you to members for creating a great atmosphere with a big crowd at hand. Good luck at champion of champions Apples.

Ladies Triples final was also played with the team of J. Trypass, Anne Wilkins and Sharon Sumner versing Marianne Curtis, Jeanie Stevens and Adelle Johns. What a great game with the score really not reflecting the quality of bowls played. The winners were Adelle's side winning 28-17 and congratulations to all of them on another successful event.

Mens pairs are up to the quarter finals which is shaping up to be a little bit of a lottery when predicting the winners with some great teams still in, some great sides already knocked out and teams playing enormous due to playing with their long time

partners or great mate. Good luck gents. Men and ladies only have minor events left and mixed fours.

Pennants will have started by the time this newsletter comes out but from the selectors, good luck in the open pennant season. Being the first year of open pennants 21 ladies nominated which is awesome and we have 10 reserves each week. We knew this was going to be the hardest job we've ever done as selectors. After teams were announced there was a bit of conjecture but now all is settled - we have full faith in all grades. Grades are 1-3-4-5-6 and 7s. Go get 'em Cannons!

Speaking of selecting teams, Kurri has nominated and ready to go in the Zone 2 Challenge which will also commence before magazine comes out. Shippo and Zone two have come out with a competition on Wednesdays for six weeks with the response from our club being fantastic and are now able to put in 1-3 and 4 division to compete. Again good luck cannons and selectors again have full faith in the squad we have chosen. Go get 'em Cannons!

Zone 6 District Singles will be commencing on the 26th march. With Kurri nearly making up 50 percent of the field, good luck to all competitors in each discipline.

Speaking of districts, Kurri have won the District Fours in Seniors and Open in February. Firstly the team of P. Dekrey, M. Holland, M. Angwin and W. Rowbottom were pretty much in cruise control from day 1 and were crowned champions due to all players being on their game throughout. Brilliant gents! In the Open, Kurri played Kurri in what was a classic game. Finishing 18 all, a tie break was played and with some near misses and great bowling the team of S. Soper, T. Bennison, T. Turnbull and A. Rees became the District Fours Champions. The game was played with fantastic comradery and just being apart of that alone was great. To my boys, thanks for the two days guys. To both champion teams good luck at the state championships.

Kurri will be holding our annual Anzac day tourney, with promo in this months issue. Please just let Mick know your team via text or phone call. Great prizemoney and format, and obviously a very important day as lest we forget.

In conclusion, from all of us at Kurri Bowling Club, good luck to all our teams playing over the next two months, and to all other clubs, good bowling and see you all on the greens.



Above L-R: Open Zone 6 Fours Winners Kurri Kurri Ty Turnbull, Trent Bennison, Andrew Rees and Shane Soper.



Above: Senior Zone 6 Fours Winners Max Angwin, Peter Dekrey, Mark Holland and Wayne Rowbottom



Above L-R: Kurri Kurri's Major Singles Champion Aaron Appleby and Runner-up Wayne Rowbottom

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Above: Kurri Kurri Women's Triples Champions Adele Johns, Jean Stevens and Marianne Curtis

MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes

We're all back in the swing of bowls now after the Christmas break and ready for our open gender pennants season to commence at the end of month. We held our season launch on Sun 19th Feb to announce teams, outline the season and come together as a club for hopefully a successful year of pennants.

The Ladies Rookies final was held end of January, with Nan and Grand-daughter fighting it out for the title. It was Lauren Jukes victorious over (Nan) Janice Dagger 17-12 in a close game where excellent bowls were played all round.

The Ladies are now onto Consistency with the young Jukes girls both having wins in the 1st round. Good luck to everyone!

The Men's President Triples Final was played on Friday night with Robert Edmunds, Steve Pedelty and Steve Cooper vs Greg Wright, Dave Taggart and Darren Cook. It was a close fought match worthy of a final, but congratulations go to Greg Wright's team, with a 15-12 victory.

The Men's Club Triples Final was also contested this month on a rather hot Sunday afternoon. A strong game from all but the team of Tony Scott, Jake Maloney and Terry Brett proved too good for Greg Wright, John Bowles and Larry Necakovski with a convincing

LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN



By Jen Kenyon, District Publicity Officer



Above L-R: Debbie Bullen Charlestown and Christine Stone Warners Bay.



Above L-R: Senior Singles Gayle Gannon Charlestown and Raweang Namutwong Charlestown



Above L-R: Region 6 Singles Runner up Debbie Bullen Charlestown Inset: Winner Heather McColl Gosford City.

In the first week of February the District Singles and Senior Singles were held with some great games played during the week. In the Singles congratulations go to Debbie Bullen Charlestown 25 who defeated Christine Stone Warners Bay 7 and in the Senior Singles final Gayle Gannon 25 defeated Raweang Namutwong Charlestown 22. Thank you to Valentine BC for hosting both finals.

Both Gayle and Debbie then went onto play in the Region 6 Singles and Senior Singles on the 19th February and in the Seniors success to Gayle Gannon Charlestown 25 defeating Gail Sheehan Munmorah United 18. Unfortunately in the Singles Debbie Bullen Charlestown lost in a close one 25 to 23 against Heather McColl Gosford City, well done to all players and congratulations to Gayle who now will play in the State Championships in July 20 to 1 Aug 2023 being held at one of the host venues Figtree Sports, Towradgi Park, Wiseman Park, Wollongong City for the Championships.

The District Match have been busy setting the 2023/24 Calendar so expect another busy year. The next Delegates meeting will be held on the 3rd March at Kahibah Sports Club at 10am. For those who have been on the sick list we wish them all the best and hope to see you back on your feet soon.

Until next month, Good bowling.



Above L-R: Region 6 Senior Singles Winner Gayle Gannon Charlestown Inset: Runner-up Gail Sheehan Munmorah United

24-15 win. Well Done!!

Men are now onto Minor Singles and Consistency and Mixed Pairs also to be played soon. Good luck to all!



Above L-R: Mayfield West Women's Rookies Finalists Janice Dagger and Lauren Jukes.



Above L-R: Mayfield West Triples Winners Jake Maloney, Tony Scott and Terry Brett



Above L-R: Mayfield West Triples Runners-up John Bowles, Greg Wright and Larry Necakovski



Above: Mayfield West Presidents Triples Winners Darren Cook, Dave Taggart and Greg Wright



Above: Mayfield West Presidents Triples Runners-up Steve Cooper, Robert Edmunds and Steve Pedelty



STATE ROOKIES

By Billy Johnson, Bowls NSW

Peter Keatley Wins Rookie Singles State Final



Above: Peter Keatley (Malua Bay) State Rookie Singles State Champion.

Peter Keatley (Malua Bay) is the 2022-23 Rookie Singles State Champion, beating **Michael Winter (Camden)** in a high quality final. Despite the 17-5 score line, both players were in great touch, drawing magnificently on the undercover Raymond Terrace surface. Keatley was in a ruthless mood, drawing shot after shot and placing incredible pressure on Winter. There were moments of brilliance from Winter, but the Camden Rams representative couldn't answer all the challenges thrown down by Keatley, who jumped away to an early lead and never let up on the way to victory.

Both finalists went through their sections unbeaten, recording solid wins across their three rounds. Keatley boasted an impressive +28 shot margin from his three matches, while Winter amassed +14 shots from his three victories. Their semi-final clashes were both classics, each going down to the wire.

Keatley was quick out of the blocks in his semi-final against recently crowned Rookie State Pairs Champion **Rick Lucey (Cabra-Vale)**, leading 12-5 off the back of some clinical draw bowling. Lucey, realising he needed to change the flow of the match, played a slightly more aggressive game, and it paid immediate dividends. Lucey led 13-12, and looked to be running away with the game, but Keatley had other ideas. He stuck firm to his draw game – a clear strength for the Malua Bay representative – and got over the line 17-15, drawing within inches of the jack with what would be his last bowl of the match.

It may have been that confidence boost that pushed Keatley to new heights in the final. Whatever it was, it worked for Keatley and left him almost speechless when accepting his winners' medal.

Winter was gracious in defeat, complimenting his opposition on the incredible bowls he played in the final. Winter should also be proud of his efforts, as he displayed ability and temperament well beyond his few years in the sport as a rookie – a bright future ahead in the sport for the young Camden Ram!

Right: Michael Winter (Camden) State Rookie Singles State Finalist



Cabra-Vale Dig Their Way To Rookie Pairs Win



Above: Rookie Pairs State Champions - Bradley Clark & Rick Lucey (Cabra Vale Diggers)

The 2022-23 Rookies State Finals have started in exceptional style, with sixteen pairs teams showing touches of brilliance and experience well beyond their years throughout a great day of play at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. The short, sharp 12-end format made for some high quality matches with tight finishes littered throughout sectional play.

The greens at Raymond Terrace, affectionately known as 'The Hangar' were running beautifully with swooping hands making for slightly tougher conditions, but it didn't seem to phase any of our Rookie pairs teams who adapted to the greens immediately. After sectional play was completed, it was **Scott Burrows & Gregory Smith** (Asquith / St Ives), **Nicholas Lowe & David Hynes** (Marrickville), **Bradley Clark & Rick Lucey** (Cabra-Vale Diggers) and **Josh Eyles & Artie Stacey** (Temora/Temora Ex) who managed to qualify for the semi-finals.

All four teams picked up a gear in these matches, putting on a show for the supportive crowd filled with club supporters as well as other rookie pairs sides sticking around after their sectional matches. Both semi-finals came down to the wire, with the Marrickville and Cabra-Vale duos getting up over the Asquith/St Ives and Temora/Temora Ex teams respectively.

The final started in similar fashion, with all four players jumping on the jack. Nick Lowe and Brad Clark had a great battle up front, peppering the jack – much to the delight of the vocal crowd. From there, both David Hynes and Rick Lucey pulled out an array of shots, from dead draws to brilliant on-shots. After exchanging early blows, barely anything separated either side on the scoreboard.

As the match wore on, Cabra-Vale dug deep and piled the pressure on Marrickville, holding solid counts on multiple ends. Despite some brilliant play from Nick and David, they couldn't quite restrict Cabra-Vale who picked up crucial multiples to jump ahead on the scoreboard towards the three-quarter mark of the match and eventually secure a 15-7 win.

Well done to Brad, Rick, Nick, David and all the rookie bowlers who showed incredible skill over the days' play.

The Rookies is a key event on the Bowls NSW calendar, and we look forward to running it again – bigger and better than ever!



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Dreamer

Hi Dreamers and welcome to March. With many of our clubs having volunteers to run their committees the NDBA is often asked for assistance with many bowls and club related issues. The Zone 2 Advisory committee has a library of Advisory documents covering a vast array of topics and below is one of these documents relating to AGM's. Obviously this information is to be used as a guide only but it may assist people who have joined a committee for the 1st time with little experience but willing to give their time for the good of their club and the game.

Conducting An Annual General Meeting

PREFACE: Club administration is increasingly more demanding, requiring greater professionalism, accountability and transparency. This advice is general in nature and should be read in conjunction with the "Clubs NSW Director's Guide" and in consultation with your legal & financial advisors.

An Annual General Meeting is for members to be advised on all aspects of the year's operations, to have their say on important matters, and to elect their Representatives for the coming year. Your AGM should result in:

- (a) A fair and democratic Board/Chairperson and Committee election process.
- (b) More informed candidates running for positions.
- (c) A clear handover process between the Board / Committees.
- (d) Widespread, clear understanding of your Club's financial and membership positions.

AGENDA:

1. Meeting opened by the Chairperson and a call for apologies.

2. Chair introduces/thanks guests.
3. Obituaries – names can either be read out or members referred to the listing in the Annual Report which should have been made available to members on entering the meeting.
4. Minute's silence in remembrance of deceased members.
5. Confirmation of previous AGM's minutes and those of any Special General Meetings held during the year.
6. Presentation of all reports including, but not limited to, Chairman/President's address, Financial Statement and Balance Sheet (the Club's Auditor should be introduced to report on the Club's Financial results).
7. Motion for acceptance of Financial Statements and Reports.
8. Appointment of Auditor for next year if applicable.
9. Propose and accept any Special Resolutions of which due notice has been given to all Members. These would include such things as.
 - appointment of Life Members (numbers determined by the club's Constitution)
 - consideration of Allowances and Honorariums for Directors/Committee Members.
10. Directors/Committee Members vacate their positions. Chairperson asks the Returning Officer to declare the results of the elections of Board/Committee Members (or carry out election if this was not conducted prior to the AGM).
11. Invest the newly elected Board/Committee members.
12. Election of Returning Officer to conduct any elections during the ensuing year.
13. General Business – matters of which due notice has been given. (There can also be provision here for Recommendations to the Board from the floor.)
14. Invite the NDBA Representative to say a few words.
15. Thank the members for their attendance and close the meeting.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. A Notice of Annual General Meeting must be provided to all members prior to the AGM in accordance with the requirements of its Constitution.
2. Quorum – It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to ensure that a quorum of eligible members is present for the meeting to be opened and proceed.
3. Auditors Report – If the Constitution does not require the Club to have an Auditor, the Financial Reports should be presented by the Club's Treasurer or accountant.

Sweet Dreams.

PURGE THE PUNTER



SATURDAY PENNANT GRADE 1

Hi Punters, and welcome to an exciting 2023 Grade 1 season where, for the 1st time, our local clubs have agreed to play a series of double header weekends to delay the start of grade 1 and condense the time taken to complete sectional play which allows some of our local players the opportunity to travel interstate to play in prestigious events but, it also, gives us in Newcastle, the opportunity to attract some of the biggest names in the game to play in our own Pennant competition. Without doubt the strength of some of the sides in this season's event is arguably the best it has been in years. What follows is a list of the sides registered to play for each of the 12 clubs and I have highlighted any "Marque" or new players that clubs have secured for this season. The number in brackets after players indicates where they were ranked in Australia in February or what State they play for.

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DAVID KING
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CLAY PARKER
COREY PARKER
WARREN TOWNEY
JOSH WALKER-DAVIES (12)

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LEE SCHRANER (26)
MATT BAUS
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CARDIFF By The Falcon

Short & Sweet this month. The Major Pairs commenced with first round on 22nd January. The final will be played on Sunday 26th February between Winston Stokes & Trent Smith playing Ron Cusack & Warren Wahlstedt. The Major Singles commence on Sunday 5th March. The nominations for "Garry Mick James 3 Bowl Triples" is full & commences on Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March. The "Cardiff BC 11Up Triples" is on Monday 3rd April & the flyer will be out shortly. Pennants commence on Saturday 25th February & the Club Challenge on Wednesday 1st March. In Open Pennants, the grades 1, 3 5 & 6, while in the Club Challenge the Divisions are 1 & 3.

*"Always remember that you are absolutely unique.
Just like everyone else" — Margaret Mead.*

CARDIFF WOMEN By Bianca Hann, P.O.



Above: Winner of Cardiff Women's Club Pairs Paula Collaros and Terrie-Ann Jones.



Above: Runners-up in Cardiff Women's Club Pairs Marilyn Rochester and Val Adamiak

Congratulations to Terrie-Ann Jones who is qualified for the indoor finals at the Gold Coast in August. What a great achievement.

The final of the club pairs was won by Terrie-Ann Jones and Paula Collaros, with Val Adamiak and Marilyn Rochester as the runners-up. It was a great game to watch. Thanks to Di Moore as our umpire and June Hancock as match.

Happy birthday to our February ladies Coral Rice, Fay Mordue, Mary Takiwa, Barbara Murdoch and Nola Tier.

KOTARA WOMEN By Maree Harman



Above: Kotara Women's Pairs Final Maree Harman, Marilyn Unsted, Leanne Kerby and Judy Handley.

The Club Pairs Final resulted in a win for Marilyn Unsted with Maree Harman against Judy Handley with Leanne Kerby. After the game the players and spectators were once again treated to a delicious lunch organised by the committee ladies.

STOCKTON By Jack High, P.O.



Above L-R: Stockton 2023 2 Bowl Pairs Winners Mick Slater and John Price.

The 4th Round, Semi-Finals and the Final of the 2 Bowls Pairs event were played on Thursday 15th February. This event usually played over 4 Thursday nights was extended to 6 because of a wash out and Australia Day. Teams play 2 sets of 11 ends with points being awarded for sets win and overall wins. In the event of tied sets a 3 end shoot out is played to determine the overall winner. At the end of the 4 rounds the 4 top teams play a Semi- Final and Final over 3 ends to find the winner. The 4 top scorers were, **1st** John McCartney and Darren Mehan (Skip), with 24 points + 42 shots, **2nd** was Mick Slater and John Price with 21 points + 66 shots, **3rd** was Dean Castle and Todd Anderson with 21 points + 34 shots and **4th** was Greg Penfold and Brian Hitchcock with 19 points +31 shots. In the Semi-Finals Hitchcock def. Mehan by 5-0 shots and Price def. Anderson by 6-1 shots. In the Final the Slater / Price combination def. the Penfold / Hitchcock team by 4-0 shots. It must be noted that all players on the night had to contend with a typical Stockton strong north east wind and considering the conditions



By Ross Gardner, Chairman
Zone 2 Junior Committee

JUNIORS REPORT

ZONE 2

Hi everyone. Hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. This is my first Junior Report back in 2023 and I hope that 2023 gives me plenty to write about. At the end of 2022 most of our schools hold their Annual Awards Presentation at which

some of our young talented players are rewarded for their efforts in Lawn Bowls throughout the year. 2022 once again didn't disappoint. Zoe "Seal" Nicholls from Hunter River High took out several honours in 2022, along with Cohen "Cuey" Ridd from Glendale Technology High and Huxley Rowe from Irrawang High. Although Combined High Schools (CHS) are not Association Events, Juniors who excel in Lawn Bowls deserve recognition, considering that the majority of CHS Events contain most of NSW's elite Junior Bowlers. Huxley Rowe deserves mention as he received a Hunter Blues Award from Irrawang High for his achievements in Lawn Bowls throughout 2022. A Hunter Blues Award is the Schools top award for Sporting achievements. Well done Huxley.

Zoe Nicholls awards are as follows: Australian All Schools Merit Team; NSWCHS Lawn Bowls Pairs Winner; Hunter Blue Award from Hunter River High; NSW All Schools Representative; Hunter Region Representative; Hunter River High Sportsman of the Year. I feel that the final award Zoe was awarded requires special mention. Zoe was awarded the top honour for CHS competitors at an award ceremony in Sydney, where she was awarded NSWCHS Female Junior Bowler of the Year. What an excellent achievement Zoe. Hold your head high, Zone 2 are very proud of your achievements.

Cohen Ridds awards are as follows: Glendale Technology High Junior Sportsman of the Year; NSWCHS Final 16; Hunter Lawn Bowls Award; NSWCHS Lawn Bowls Award; Lawn Bowls Sportsmanship Award; Glendale Tech High Hunter Blues Award. Congratulations Cohen, you have also done us proud. Keep up the good work.

Friday February 3 saw the commencement of our first U25 event for 2023. The Zone 2 U25 Singles started at the host club Beresfield. In the first night matches Kate Matthews (R/T) accounted for Thomas Webster (Kahibah), Aiden Parish (E/Mait) accounted for Charlotte Hayman (R/T) and Lachlan Freeman (R/T) got over the winners line against Caleb McDermott (Charlestown). On February 10 it was a Quarter Final berth as a reward to those winners. Chris Kent (R/T) accounted for Aaron Halse (T/Workers) 25-17, Andrew Hanlon (Valentine) proved too strong for Aden Parish 25-10, Connor Freeman (S/Workers) accounted for his old

there were some excellent bowls played. For the first time our Lady Bowlers were invited to compete and there were numerous teams that entered. At the time of writing the Handicap pairs Competition had reached the Semi-Finals stage, Paul Darr / Dick Hadley (skip) had to play Dean Castle / Todd Anderson and Peter Quinn / Ian Johnson had to play Nev Crittenden / Leo Payne. We have five sides entered in the Saturday Pennant Comp. No's 2, 4, 6, and 7 (2) Grades. A busy time ahead for all Clubs I imagine with Pennants. Club Championships and District games to be played. Good bowling to all involved.



Above L-R: Stockton 2023 2 Bowl Pairs Runners-Up Brian Hitchcock and Greg Penfold



Above: Cohen Ridd - Glendale Technology High Junior Sportsman of the Year



Above: Zoe Nicholls - NSWCHS Female Junior Bowler of the Year

Raymond Terrace team mate Blair Soars 25-17. In a topsy turvy affair, Brady Anderson (Kahibah) left it to the last bowl to defeat Sean Broderick (Cardiff) 25-24. Anderson lead 13-2, 16-7, 18-8 before Broderick put his foot down to draw within 2, 17-19. Anderson jumped to a 24-20 lead needing 1 to go out, however Broderick wasn't finished yet and hit back to draw level 24 all. Broderick held shot, with one bowl remaining, however Anderson sat Broderick's bowl through to claim victory. The final game there was bragging rights up for grabs. Lachlan Freeman took on Kate Matthews. What proved to be an up and down affair between the two, Freeman managed to hang on to claim victory, 25-17. Quarter Finals saw Connor Freeman account for Ami Bromhead, Chris Kent was too strong on the night for Cohen Ridd (Cardiff), Lachlan Freeman accounted for Andrew Hanlon 25-21 and in the final match, Brady Anderson showed that he quite familiar with cliff hanger games when he took on Joshua Sharpe (Kotara). Scores were levelled at 24 all, however it was not to be Anderson's night this time around, as Sharpe took the lollies 25-24 to advance to the semi finals.

It has also come to my attention that one of Raymond Terrace's finest, Charlotte Hayman, was a part of Raymond Terrace's Women's winning Triples side. Charlotte teamed with Pat Skinner and Lynn Thompson to bring home the bacon. Well done girls, and thankyou to Pat and Lynn for taking on one of our talented Juniors to play in the event.

Next issue will be the finals update of the U25 Singles and the early rounds of the U25 Pairs with host club East Maitland.



Above L-R: Stockton 2023, 2 Bowl Pairs Semi-Finalists Dean Castle and Todd Anderson.



Above L-R: Stockton 2023 2 Bowl Pairs Semi-Finalists Darren Mehan and John McCartney



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BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.



Above: Boolaroo Mixed Pairs WINNERS...Brian Taylor and Maree Vincent.

Above: Runners Up in Boolaroo's Mixed Pairs Margaret Barry and Kerry Houghton.

Firstly, I must correct an error made in last Month's report, that was brought to my attention very quickly by the winners. The Mixed Pair winners were of course Maree Vincent and Brian Taylor with Runners Up Margaret Barry and Kerry Houghton. It was such a close game to the end, both were worthy. I had put the wrong wording under the photos. Apologies to all parties, and now I really know the column is being read.

Our Minor Singles are underway at present, so good bowling to those Ladies. The Fours Tournament will closely follow, so please put your Teams in by the 2nd March.

The year is certainly moving with The Open Gender Pennants commencing on the 25th Feb so good luck to all who are representing our great Club. Let's hope the Autumn weather will be kinder.

That is all for February, so until next month, good health and great bowling.

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KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

The club 2022-2023 Club Major Pairs has now been completed. The semi-finals saw the Merv Brown and Brady Anderson defeat Riley Cleaver and Ian Gibbons 27-18 after establishing a lead of 21-7 at the halfway mark before their opposition rallied to reduce the deficit to 22-18 on the 18th end but a 3 and 4 on successive ends saw them home with a 29-18 score. The other semi also saw a big lead established with Rod Cleaver and Kevin Gibbons jumping to a 12-1 advantage from Col Dorn and John Smith on the 7th end. They maintained and increased the margin with a 27-8 scoreline being the final score.

The final began as a very even contest with Brady and Merv leading 10-8 on 10 ends but a 6 on the 11th end jumped them to a 16-8 lead. Rod and Kevin fought back to bring the deficit back to 18-14 on 15 ends but were kept scoreless for the next four ends with the final score being 27-16 to Merv and Brady. This gave Merv quite an achievement in winning both the Major Singles and Pairs in the 2022-2023 Season.

Entries closed for our Major Minor Pairs and Consistency Singles on 28th February with play scheduled to start in both events during March.

The sections for The Open Gender Pennants have seen our No 3 Grade drawn with Hamilton North, Nelson Bay, Toronto Workers and Cardiff with a bye as well. The No. 6 Grade do battle with Charlestown, Marks Point No. 2, Adamstown, Lowlands No. 2 and Bar Beach for Sectional honours. Early results will be in the next report.

The club will be conducting a Jack Attack Programme on 6 Friday Nights from 3rd March and we are hopeful that this may provide an avenue for those who enjoy the experience to consider becoming members of the Bowling Club.

The 2022-2023 Club Presentation Day for has been scheduled for Sunday April 23rd with mixed bowls at 10.00a.m followed by lunch and presentations at 12.00p.m. Cost for the day is \$10 and a good roll-up is anticipated. Nomination sheets are on both noticeboards.

RAYMOND TERRACE WOMEN

Debbie Fulton, Publicity Officer



Above: Raymond Terrace Women's Novice Singles Winner Kim Dunster and Runner Up, Glenda Armer

Our first Club Championship event for 2023 was our Novice Singles with the Winner, Kim Dunster and Runner Up, Glenda Armer, a very close game from both ladies, so well played.

Congratulations to our up and coming young junior girl bowlers, Zoe Nicholls, Charlotte Hayman and Ami Bromhead on being selected in the NSW Representative and Development Squad for 2023. We are all very proud of you girls, so bowl well and enjoy the journey ahead.

Our next club Championship is the Major Pairs which started last week so the results will be in next months news and this will be followed by our Club Fours in March.

That's all from the Terrace for now, happy bowling everyone!



NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6
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Above L-R: Winners of RSL Bowls at Raymond Terrace on 30 January Karl Menzies, Barry Cartwright and Chris Koulouris.



Above L-R: Zone 6 RSL President Ron Morley with the best-performed team at the Annual Interzone event Jack Lyon, Scott Kohler, John Riemann and Scott Bourne (Zone 6 RSL)

On 30 January, we held a social day of triples at Raymond Terrace, with a good crowd of 42 bowlers taking part. The winners were Karl Menzies, Barry Cartwright and Chris Koulouris. The game was followed by the usual lunch and refreshments, as well as our regular meat raffle.

Our next event, held on 8 and 9th February at Raymond Terrace, was the annual Interzone competition between the 4 RSL Zones north of Sydney. It consists of a round robin of 3 games of fours over 2 days, with 4 teams per side, which meant more than 100 bowlers took part, accompanied by many partners. A formal dinner was held on the second night, when a well-patronised raffle was held and presentations made.

Zone 6 had a very successful 2 days, winning all 3 matches, and claiming the Country Interzone shield. The best-performed team for Zone 6 was Jack Lyon, Scott Kohler, John Riemann and Scott Bourne presented by Zone Pres Ron Morley.

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

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 **Secretary, Rod Woodhouse 0412 145 971** for dates. You can enter preferably as a triples team, or singly. You will not be disappointed.

Upcoming events:

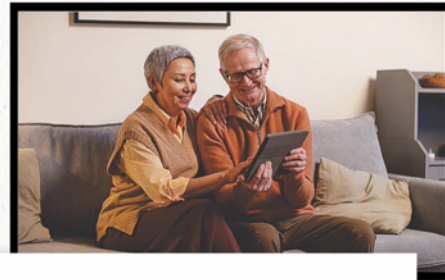
- 6 March: Social at Beresfield,
- 20 March: Social at Boolaroo,
- 17 April: pre-ANZAC social at Raymond Terrace

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BERESFIELD By David Govan, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi, their fellow Magpies, well get strapped in for a very busy and exciting period of bowls for the next few months! With open gender pennant grades 2-7 starting this weekend along with district fours the next day followed by club challenge followed by 1 grade open gender pennants followed by district singles. I wonder what you will all be doing in your spare time? Good luck to everyone in their various events. The highlight of the past month has been the completion of our Blue-Ribbon Major Singles Championship & also the completion of the club fours championship. Congratulations David Govan claiming the Major singles title for the third year in a row defeating Grant Boyce 25-4. Congratulations go to Andrew Gardner, David Hutchison, Dean Govan & David Govan defeating Troy Barry, Mark Fisher, Greg Dobson & David Wayland 21-20 on an extra end. Congratulations to both sides on a great close contested final. A special shoutout to Boyd Dumbrell AKA (Happy Bowler) for his great coverage on the live streaming for our finals & his side kick Max Dettelbacher on his expert commentary. Boyd does a great job on promoting our game of lawn bowls travelling state & interstate at times live streaming, great stuff Boyd! Another highlight over the past few weeks has been our 1 grade preseason competition which is now down to the semi-finals. Beresfield went through section 1 undefeated & will play second place getters in section 2 Charlestown, semi final 2 will see section 2 winners Raymond Terrace play section 1 runners up Soldiers Point. Our 30th Beresfield 1 grade preseason champions are the Raymond Terrace Jets who defeated Charlestown Tiger 54/28. Rink scores were L. Scott v E. Ryan 12 – 11, L. Schraner v D. Hill 21 – 10, J. Stokes v S. Thoroughgood 21 – 7. Thank you to all the sides who entered the event, I'm sure it will put you in great stead for your selection process.

Beresfield will be host to the open district fours & also an early round of the reserve fours starting this Sunday, good luck all you Magpies! Last of all Congratulations to Matt Brown on his advancement to the district singles final, he will take on R. Ibbett from Marks Point on a date TBA. That's all for now, Good Bowling & Go The Magpies!!!

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ATTITUDE TO BOWLS

Bowls may well contribute towards the physical, emotional and social health and well-being of the player. It provides an opportunity to exercise, in fact quite strenuously if completing in a tournament over a period of days. It also provides a means of getting outdoors in pleasant surroundings where there are trees, fresh air, flowers and shrubs in a natural environment and to indulge in pleasant exercise and recreation.

The very fact that bowlers may go out and shed the cares and stresses of everyday life, overcome any mental cobwebs and get immersed in a pleasant contest may do wonders for their emotional health. Of course it does require self control, courage, good humour and personal behaviour, but it also provides freedom from cares and a release from worry. It may also test one's temper and reveal one's true character.

On the social health aspect, it provides an ever expanding variety of acquaintance from a wide spectrum of backgrounds, for establishing friendships and to become involved in the courtesy, kindness and generosity extended both to opponents and team mates.

It is therefore essential that a player should come to the game prepared to enjoy it irrespective of the circumstances to do his or her best at all times. Your attitude to these things will determine the level of pleasure both for yourself and others.

It is important to make the most of the opportunities provided for good competition, but never to lose sight of the fact that bowls is first



By John Bilby,
Level 1 National Coach &
Member of the NDBA
Coaching Committee

and foremost a game. Not a war.

CONCENTRATION

Concentration is an essential requirement for any bowler aspiring to an improved standard. So many bowlers allow outside factors to interfere with their concentration.

That it is probably the greatest single reason why they fail to improve. This is particularly apparent in certain cases such as when spectators are present and the player or players leave the green to converse with them. Thus failing to give full attention to play and scores on other rinks other than their own. It is often noticeable that a top grade player will play a good shot when attempting to convert to save. But it is surprising how many times the same player will fail to add to the score when she/he has plenty of room to draw another shot. This is often due to a lack of concentration. This happened to me on Saturday!

Good luck, good bowling, see you next month.

EAST MAITLAND By Kathy Wilton



Above: East Maitland Women's Versatility Day Winners Helen Allomes, Kathy Wilton and Elaine Brunker.



Above: Runners Up at East Maitland Women's Versatility Day Denise Goodman, Lorraine Hay and Christine Wright.



Above: Third Place at East Maitland Women's Versatility Day Simone Smith, Lyn Smith and Colleen Frew.

Our ladies started 2023 off with a Versatility Day, even a few new bowlers participated to make up the numbers. Thanks ladies. A great day was enjoyed by all.

The winning team was Helen Allomes, Kathy Wilton and Elaine Brunker. Runners Up were Denise Goodman, Lorraine Hay and Christine Wright. Third place getters were Simone Smith, Lyn Smith and Colleen Frew. Good Bowling Ladies!

ZONE 2 WRESTLE BACK SHIELD

By Warren Shipley



Above: John Smith OAM Shield presentation - Zone 15 Secretary Doug Rose, John Smith OAM and Zone 2 President Mark Conway

The Zone 2 Open and Senior Men's representative teams performed brilliantly on the last weekend of January at Halekulani to snatch back the John Smith OAM Shield from Zone 6 in a 4 way challenge also involving Zones 10 and 15. Life Member of Zone 2 John Smith OAM was at the presentation to hand the Shield to current President Mark Conway. Smith who, himself made 267 appearances for Zone 2 and was President from 2007 to 2019, was full of smiles with his home Zone tasting success.

In this unique event, the combined scores of both the Open and Senior sides are calculated to determine the winner and Zone 2 finished with a total of 41.5 points ahead of Zone 10 on 38 points, Zone 15 on 28.5 and Zone 6 on 12. The Senior side defeated Zone 6 in game 1, 69 to 37 winning all 3 rinks, they then defeated Zone 10, 85 to 59 winning 2 of the 3 rinks before a 59 to 46 loss to Zone 15 although winning 2 of the 3 rinks. Mark Sheppard, Clay Parker, Jack Littlewood and Mick Beesley were the best of the Seniors finishing with 3 wins +30, Peter Lynn, Brett Waugh, Bill Ahoy and Eric Ryan also had 3 wins +26 while Mark Heath, Mick Brown, Sam Laguzza and Kim Jaques finished with 1 win -12.

The Men's Open side had a 71 to 55 win over Zone 6 claiming all 3 rinks. This was followed by a narrow 58 to 56 loss to Zone 10 losing 2 of the 3 rinks with the final match resulting in a massive 72

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to 37 win over Zone 15 with 2 rink wins and a draw. Warren Shipley, Kane Coulls, Daniel Hill and Terry Antram completed the weekend with 3 wins +39, Lachlan Freeman, Jarrod Duncan, Michael Smith and Lee Schraner had 2 wins +6 and Matt Johnstone, David Govan, Lennon Scott and Jason Stokes finished with a win, a draw and a loss +4.



Above: Zone 2 Representative Team who took out the John Smith OAM Shield

LAMBTON PARK WOMEN

By Michelle Farrow, V.P.

A quiet month with rain causing our draw for partner triples to be postponed. Some changes to our invitation days are as follows: Belle Brown Fours on Wednesday 22/3/23. Morning Tea 8.30am, 9.10 Spider followed by 2 games of 8 ends. Lunch included. Rosella Fours now Monday 8/5/24 changed from Wednesday 10/5/23. These changes are due to midweek pennant, which will commence

on Wednesdays at approx 1pm. Our parent club Charlestown may be sharing our greens due to their greens being renovated.

Good bowling to all playing Pennant.

HEXHAM

By Glenn Hetherington, C.O.

Good afternoon, great day had by all on Monday and Tuesday at Hexham for the Bowling Arm Singles. Thanks to Ricky from the Riverside Bistro for feeding players, the markers and behind the scenes helpers. Everyone enjoyed the two days and the great meals.



By Noel James, Zone 11 P.O.

ZONE 11: MANNING DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

ZONE 4'S CHAMPIONSHIP FORSTER BOWLERS WIN TWO FINALS

The Zone 4's championship for 2022/23 has been completed in the three divisions with the finals being hosted by Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club.

OPEN: In the first semi we had a clash between Forster clubmates in a battle to reach the final. Dave Ireland, Jason Morse, Heath McGuire and Keeden McGuire played Brian Wilson, Kevin Robinson, Martin Gosper and Shannon White. Shannon's team had an early 6-1 lead, but that was slowly whittled away until after 15 ends the scores were tied up at 10-10. They were also all square after 18 ends at 12 apiece. A 3 on the 19th end to Shannon was decisive and he closed out with a single on the last for a 16-13 win.

The second semi saw John Mitchell, Steve Newman, Ashley Brymer and Jason Aurisch from Tuncurry Beach playing the Pacific Palms team of Brad Fraser, Dave Bush, John Higman and Peter Harris. This was a game that went right down to the wire. After 15 ends Peter trailed by 7-12, but they came home very well, winning 5 of the last 6 ends to snatch a 15-14 win.

The two local teams from Forster and Pacific Palms would now battle out the final. Forster proved to be the best starters and quickly had a 7-1 lead, which they continued to build on and after 11 ends they had a commanding 14-3 lead. The Palms team did try to fight back, but the Forster team was too experienced to let this one get away and they ran out 18-9 winners.

SENIORS: The first semi was a clash between the Forster team of Chris Slater, Brian Harris, Vic McGlashan and Geoff Robinson, against Harvey Phillips, Mick Kilkeary, Lindsay Langtry and Daryl Webster from Old Bar. The Forster team held the lead up to the 12th end where Old Bar scored 5 to hit the lead for the first time. This was a lead that they would never relinquish and went on to win 21-11.

The second semi had Ron Carder, Paul Meyers, Barry Duggan and Mark Aldridge from Forster playing Col Campbell, Daryl Fitzgerald, Grant McKirdy and George McCartney from Sporties. The Sporties team jumped from the blocks and were never headed, running out decisive 22-9 winners.

So, it was Old Bar versus Sporties for the title. The Sporties team were looking good with an 8-1 lead after 5 ends. This was when the wheels fell off. Old Bar won 4 ends running, scoring 14 shots, including a massive 7, to smash their way to a 15-8

lead. The Sporties team never recovered, despite scoring a couple of 1's. Old Bar scoring a 5 and a 4 on successive ends put the result beyond doubt with the final score being 29-15.

RESERVE: Semi No. 1 saw a clash between two Tuncurry Beach teams with Phil Swalwell, Gary McMahon, Frank Edwards and Steve Holohan playing Kevin Walsh, Kevin Woods, Andrew Harker and Neville Brymer. Neville's team was just too good on the day and ran out convincing 27-12 winners.

The second semi again saw a clash of clubmates with two Forster teams playing each other. Jeff Moyes, Barry Lambert, Trevor Jackson and John Davies played Brian Collins, Dennis Tull Ben Quirke and John Bagnall. What a game. There was hardly more than a couple of shots in this for the entire game. Scores were tied at 7-7, 12-12, and after the final end, 15-15. Off to an extra end, where John Bagnall's team got up by 1 shot.

The final was an equally close affair between these two local clubs. Forster had an early lead courtesy of a 5 end winning sequence of 7 shots to lead 7-2. Tuncurry then hit back with their own run of 6 ends straight to lead 12-7. Shots were exchanged between these two teams and after 15 ends the margin was still 5 shots to Tuncurry, at 15-10. Forster then won 4 of the next 5 ends, and the score was all tied up at 17-17 with just the last end to play. With Tuncurry

holding the shot, John Bagnall drew the shot with his first bowl to hold game for Forster. Tuncurry's Neville Brymer was unable to change the head and Forster ran out 18-17 winners.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and good luck in the State Finals in July.

DOOKER EGGART SHIELD

We recently travelled to Wauchope for our annual clash with Zone 14 for the Dooker Eggart (Open) and Millennial Shields (Seniors), and came away with a mixed bag of results.

Dooker Eggart Shield: In the morning game we won two of the three rinks to go into the break with a 53-45 advantage. The afternoon session provided a similar result, again winning on two rinks for a 52-43 win. This gave us an overall win of 105-88. The rink of Trevor Costa, Daniel Jessop, Jason Aurisch and Dominic Riley were our best performed, winning both of their games, with a +8 margin!

Millennial Shield: The Seniors was not such a pretty tale, losing the morning game 48-55, but with just a 7 shot deficit, were still in touch. The afternoon game was a shocker, losing on all three rinks for a resounding 37-54 loss. This was an overall defeat of 85-109. With just one rink win out of six the selectors have some work to do before the Senior Inter-zone.



Above: Zone 11 Open Fours Champions Brian Wilson, Shannon White, Martin Gosper and Kevin Robinson.



Above: Senior 4's winners Harvey Phillips, Mick Kilkeary, Lindsay Langtry and Daryl Webster.



Above: Reserve 4's winners John Bagnall, Ben Quirke, Dennis Tull and Brian Collins.

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Where to Get a Game

NEWCASTLE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Adamstown 4957 3447			9:30am Mens 3's Gala
Bar Beach 4929 3428 0449 924 601	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

LAKE MACQUARIE

Belmont Golf & Bowls 4945 4348		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

BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.



Left: Bar Beach Ladies Luncheon

Hello Bowlers! Our Ladies started 2023 off with a bang partaking of a happy lunch after the gala provided by our club. Much catching up was done before the entries for the Club Pairs were placed on the board.

Our Championship green is now up and running and hopefully the weather will be kind for the duration of this competition.

Our first 2023 Invitation Day on Friday 14th April, 2023 is filling up quickly, so don't leave your entry until it is too late. Our April Family Day is not far behind on Tuesday 18th April, 2023. Bye for now and SEE YOU ON THE GREEN.



Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

Legend: 2's = Pairs,
 3's = Triples,
 DFP = Draw for Partner

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SE = Single Entry Accepted
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4926 4892
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NEWCASTLE

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti	9:30am Mens 3's Gala	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti			1:00pm Mixed Gala 3's Mufti
	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

LAKE MACQUARIE

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

HARRINGTON WOMEN

By Jeanette Moloney,

On the 22nd February Harrington Women's Bowls club played their Minor Singles Championship. Great bowls played by the two ladies. Winner was Jeanette Moloney with Runner-up Kay Hodgson. Congratulations ladies.

Right L-R: Harrington Women's Minor Singles Finalists Kay Hodgson and Jeanette Moloney.



Sunday Monday Tuesday

LAKE MACQUARIE CONTINUED....

Rathmines Memorial 4975 1955

9:30am Ladies Day Uniform

Redhead 4942 6022

Club Games

9:30am Men's Gala

Teralba 4958 1407

Valentine 4946 7232

Club Championships Uniform

Roll-ups available

9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti & Championships Uniform

Warners Bay 4948 8866

Men & Women Club Championships

Windale/Gateshead 4965 7888

PORT STEPHENS

Fingal Bay Ladies 0411 936 055
Men 0403 668 995

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

Lemon Tree Passage 4982 4800

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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
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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	9:30am	Men's Social Bowls Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Social - uniform
1:00pm	Men's Social Mufti	● 5:00pm	Mixed Social Gala				Men & Women Club Championships
10:00am	Open Triples Mufti	10:30am	Open DFP 3's Mufti			1:00pm	Open DFP 2's Mufti
		5pm	Open Pairs Mufti			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	Names by 11:30 Men's Mufti 3's	9:30am	Names by 8:30 Ladies Gala			1:00pm	Names by 11:30am Men's Uniform
1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	10:00am	Ladies	1:00pm	Men's Mufti DFP	1:00pm	Men's Bowls Creams
1:00pm	Mens 3's Mufti	5:00pm	Twilight Mixed Mufti names by 4:00	1:00pm	Jackpot 2's Mufti		
9:30am	Men's Pairs Mufti DFP	9:30am	Ladies Bowls	2:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Jackpot - Mufti		Club Championships
1:00pm	Mens Bowls Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Gala	10:00am	Open Gala	1:00pm	Open Bowls Gala Bowls wear with BA Logo
1:00pm	Men's Gala 3's	6:00pm	Twilight Nom. Open 3's Mufti	1:30pm	Men's Mufti	1:00pm	Mens Bowls
		10:00am	Ladies Bowls	1:00pm	Men's Gala 2's / 3's		
		10:00am	Ladies Day				

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

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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

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

LEMON TREE PASSAGE WOMEN

By Anne Cheetham, C.O.

Congratulations to our new Major Singles winner Delma Price and to the runner up Lyn Jordan. The final was played in a very competitive spirit by both players. Well done to our bowlers who entered this competition for the first time – keep up the enthusiasm and good bowling.

A very successful Invitation Triples Day was held on 6th February – even the weather was in our favour. Congratulations to the winners: Jenny Burford, Joy McDeane, Adele Johns (Kurri Kurri), runners up Kris Wright, Pam Wagner and Judy Taylor (Stockton), and consolation winners Ann Callaghan, Dianna Sullivan and Lorraine Cloke (Soldiers Point).

Welcome back to President Annette Davis- it is good to see her back with us even though she is not yet bowling. Our Secretary Anne Zoutendijk has also been unwell – hopefully she will also be back on the green soon.

The final of the Mixed Pairs resulted in a win for Lorraine Quigley and Andrew Gardener and the runners up Lisa Davies and Ray Choice.

Our Club Pairs will be starting soon – good luck to all the teams entered this year.



Above L-R: Lemon Tree Passage Women's Invitation Triples Winners Jenny Burford, Joy McDeane and Adele Johns (Kurri Kurri)



Above: Lemon Tree Passage Women's Major Singles Finalists Lyn Jordan (Runner Up), and Delma Price (Winner)

NSW BOWLING ARM SINGLES 2022



Above: EAST MAITLAND RHODIUM SECTION WINNERS 2023 Champion - Clay Parker (centre), Runner-up Craig Thompson (left) and 3rd Place - Brian Morton (right)



Above L-R: BERESFIELD PLATINUM SECTION WINNERS 2023 Winner John Dempsey, Second Chris Brown and Third Jeff Thom.

The NSW Bowling Arm Singles has evolved into a massive event with entries increasing each year. It's popularity has seen it grow from humble beginnings at Beresfield. In 2019 it grew to three venues, then four in 2021 and now spans across five clubs to fill the demand. Bowlers travel from far and wide to be compete with the hope to catch the selectors' eyes for inclusion in the NSW Woomera's side.

Day one of play was used to sort players into sections with the top four from each venue heading to East Maitland for the Rhodium Section (*Let me save you the google and confirm that Rhodium is rarer than Platinum and Gold, it is usually extracted FROM Platinum when mining and is tougher, more reflective and brighter than Platinum – you're welcome*). The next four from each played at Beresfield in the Platinum section, then the next at Hexham who hosted the Gold, Cardiff had the Silver section and Kurri Kurri the Bronze.

In the main event, Clay Parker (Easts) grinded his way through a draw studded with previous champions and remained undefeated to claim what he thought was his third title, but there is some clarification required as I can count 5 in my records???. In Round 1 he defeated Barrie Winslade (2020 champion) by 8 shots - it was a bit of a close call against defending champion Brian Morton in the second round, hanging in with a 2 shot margin, and after an eleven shot win over Warren Hepple he came up against yet another past champion in Stan Wrzeczycki (2021 champion) in the final match winning by JUST 1 SHOT! Clay certainly earned the title this year that's for sure!

Allan Starrett, Chairman of the NSW Bowling Arm Committee is the founder of the NSW Bowling Arm Singles and oversees the running with the help of sponsor clubs. Many thanks for all the hard work that Bowls Organisers put in at each of the venues to make it a success. Bob Smith looked after East Maitland, Werner "Max" Dettelbacher took the reigns at Beresfield, Mick Cummings at Hexham, Terry Blow at Cardiff and Mick Kedwell at Kurri Kurri. Of course, there were many helpers behind the scenes, being singles, markers were needed and all who helped are sincerely appreciated for the time they gave. Below is a pictorial of the place getters from all sections. Congratulations to all.

The selection committee will be meeting on 13 March to discuss their picks for the Woomera's 2023 National Bowling Arm and will be announced shortly thereafter.



Above: HEXHAM GOLD SECTION WINNERS 2023 Chairman Les Carter, Second Place - Gavin Dunn, Winner - Gordon Wood and Third Place - Ian Trowbridge.



Above: CARDIFF SILVER SECTION WINNERS 2023 1st Place - Shane Hodge (centre), 2nd Place - Greg John (right) and 3rd - Geoff Muggleton (left).

Below: KURRI KURRI BRONZE SECTION WINNERS



1st - Wayne Sullivan

2nd - Noel Barnsley

3rd - Michael O'Neill



By Michelle Robards, Zone Administrator

The Zone fours championships have been played. Thank you to all our host clubs. **Winners of the Open Fours** were S. Soper / T. Bennison / T. Turnbull / A. Rees from Kurri 19 in a close encounter over fellow club mates K. Langley / W. Osmond / R. Lawrance / M. Kedwell 18. This game had so many twists and turns with some great bowls being played.

Reserve fours was won by A. Mitchell / D. Brasington / D. Kramer / J. Burzynski from Singleton RSL over the Abermain four of A. Bunn / D. Kennett / R. Driver / T. Bunn. Annette was the only lady to play in the reserve fours.

Seniors was won by P. DeKrey / M. Holland / M. Angwin / W. Rowbottom 21 over the Gresford side of M. Bolton / M. Kealy / C. Lawrence / G. Smith 12.

Thank you to Happy Bowler for the coverage of one of the reserve semi finals and the final of the open fours.

Zone Pennants commenced on Saturday 25th February – good luck and great bowling to all players.

The Zone singles draws are out finally, with over 60 entries in the reserves and over 40 in the open and seniors this is a massive leap in numbers from previous years. To get through all the games the Zone Match committee have decided to hold the singles in

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sections. Most sections have three players in them with two playing each other and the third player marking the game.

The Zone Rod Robards Open and Senior sides have been announced – congratulations to all players. Clubs have been advised of who has been selected and players need to contact Michelle asap with shirt sizes.

The Veterans Inter Zone side has also been selected with clubs also having a copy of the side. Players need to contact Michelle with shirts sizes and if they will be taking wives with them.

TAREE RAILWAY

By Greg Tape, Bowls Coordinator and P.O.



Above: Taree Railway Major Singles Champion 2022 - Barry Crain



Above: Taree Railway Minor Singles 2022 - Mitch Carter

Hello to all of the bowlers and readers of this wonderful magazine. It's been quite a while since we've been able to provide an update from Taree Railway Institute Bowling Club up here in the Manning Valley.

We have a Grade 5 side competing for the first time in the upcoming NSW Open Pennants Competition and the members are very keen, with an "in-house" trial set down for Saturday 11th February.

The 2023 Club Fours championship was won by Peter Ryan, David Lynch, Greg Stanford, and Alan "Sharka" Reeves in a close game 21-18. Runners up were last year's winners - Gary Berg, Dallas Mascott, Roger "Nugget" Turner and Barry Crain. A considerable achievement for this year's winners since Barry Crain dominated events in 2022 to win the Major Singles Major Pairs, and Club Fours.

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Barry Crain and Alan Reeves are also set to do battle again in the final of the 2023 Major Pairs to be played on Saturday 18th February.

We have plans displayed at the recent AGM for a rejuvenation of the club premises and there is a proposal to shorten the clubs lengthy title name.

The club will also be reintroducing its well known Electric Light Fours again this year in November. Happy bowling.



Above L-R: Taree Railway Club Fours 2022 Champions Dallas Moscott, Barry Crain, Gary Berg and Roger Turner.



Above L-R: Taree Railway Club Triples Champions 2022 - Peter Ryan, Alan Reeves and Gary Berg.



Above: Taree Railway Mixed Pairs Champions 2022 - Alan Reeves and Denise Cummins.

RATHMINES MEMORIAL

By Alex McDonald

Bowls Resurgence at Rathmines: An influx of new players over the last eight months has seen a resurgence of men player numbers at Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club. Experienced bowlers have joined the club from as far north as Alstonville and as far south as Sydney as well as several Lake Macquarie clubs to boost player numbers.

With the inclusion of some lady bowlers the Club has been able to enter two pennant teams in the upcoming open gender pennant season for the first time in four years.

Two of the new players, Owen Smythe from Halekulani and Gordon Foster from Alstonville contributed to a Section win for Rathmines in the short men's Pennant season played in August/September 2022; the first section win by a Club team for

many years.

Gordon has since taken on the role of Bowls Coordinator and Owen has become a selector for the upcoming season which is greatly appreciated by the Club.

The installation of a new synthetic green in November 2021 has enabled the Rathmines Club to host several Newcastle District Events in the second half of 2022 including the Reserve Men's Pairs Finals in November and the Rookies play-offs and the Rookies finals on 11 and 12 December. The new green has been a great boost to the profile of Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club

UPPER HUNTER WOMEN

By JK



Above: Upper Hunter District Women's Open Champions are Denmans Denise Train, Joy Hancock, Helen Rose & Janine Katon



Above: Upper Hunter District Women's Senior Champions are Scones Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Marian Bettens & Rebecca McLoughlin

District Open & Senior 4's have been played. Open Champions are Denman's Denise Train, Joy Hancock, Helen Rose & Janine Katon. These girls were getting absolutely flogged and made the biggest come back ever to defeat Scone's Helen Saunders, Laurine Wilkinson, Colleen Guilfoyle & Pru Harrington. Senior Champions are Scone's Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Marian Bettens & Rebecca McLoughlin. They had a convincing win over Denman's Margaret Brown, Karen Darcey, Deb Marsh & Jenny Sainsbury. Good luck to the winners at the Region playoffs on Sunday 12th March at Denman.

BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.

The second half of our bowls year is well underway with a number of Club Championships completed. Our Club Minor Singles was played on Sunday, 5 February between Lynn Young and Rose Gardiner. Congratulations to both ladies but ultimate congrats to Lynn, our new Minor Singles Champion with a 25 to 12 score. Well done, ladies!

Our second Championship Final was the Club Pairs played on Sunday, 12 February. Competing in the Final was Lynn Young and Sue Adams against Betty Wilmen and Margaret Boan. Congratulations to this year's Club Pairs Champions, Lynn and Sue. Well done, ladies. It was a nail-biting game throughout with a

score of 17 all at 21 ends. An extra end had to be played with Lynn and Sue the victors with a final score of 18 to 17. It was agreed that it was the best final in Women's Bowls witnessed at our Club in a long time!!

Good bowling to all! Diane



Above L-R: Beresfield Women's Club Minor Singles Winner Lynn Young and Runner-up Rose Gardiner.



Above L-R: Beresfield Women's Club Pairs Winners Sue Adams and Lynn Young.

STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO



Above L-R: Stockton Women's Single Entry 4's competition Judy King (lead), Sue Dee (2nd), Trish Moffitt (3rd), Supak Delany (skip)

Well January got off to a good start with many of our ladies nominating to play in the Open Gender Pennants, both mid-week and Saturdays, commencing soon. We wish all our men and ladies success and know you'll all enjoy the experience.

Stockton have had 3 Pennant Trials already in preparation for the season, and our thanks to Warners Bay, Karuah, and Bayway for joining us on these occasions, and best of luck to you all for your Pennant season.

The Ladies Club commenced the year with a Single Entry 4's competition, where teams were randomly selected across the available grades. The scores along the way were very close and reflected how even the teams were. Our overall winners were Supak Delany (skip) Trish Moffitt (3rd), Sue Dee (2nd), Judy King (lead). Supak's team came from behind and once they levelled the score it was a neck and neck battle to the end. The runners up were Trish Clark (skip), Debbie Salmon (3rd), Ellen Shearman (2nd), Nadine Bolton (lead). Well done ladies, it was a great game to watch, and I believe everyone enjoyed the format.

Our next event is the Handicap Pairs with about 20 teams entered, and this is due to commence on Tuesday 21st February.

Stockton Bowling Club also has a new catering team in the form of Rust Bistro. They began this venture in the latter part of 2022 and their meals have proven to be very popular and of a very high standard. Next time you visit Stockton stay and have a bite to eat, you won't be disappointed.



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TEA GARDENS WOMEN

By Lynda Richards



Above L-R: Ingrid Luck and Sandra Leisemann winners of Tea Gardens Woemn's Club Championship Minor Pairs with Runners Up Sue Morris and Sheril Johnson.

Our Club's bowling year commenced on the 17th January its been a busy month since then. On Monday 6th February 3 teams of bowlers travelled to Lemon Tree Passage to compete in their Invitation Triples Day unfortunately none of our teams "won the money" but a good day enjoyed by all also such a great opportunity to bowl against so many top bowlers. Tuesday 7th February Round 1 of the Club Championship Minor Pairs the final of this event was contested on Thursday 16th February the winners were Ingrid Luck and Sandra Leisemann, Runners Up Sheril Johnson and Sue Morris.

Well done to Sheila Rattray, Irene Roberts, Ingrid Luck and Robyn Beaumont who were Runners Up at Jesmond Women's Fours Invitation Day, held on Friday 17th February (see photo with Jesmond Women report). Their team won 12 v 6 against Lemon Tree Passage and a win 12 v 9 against a Fingal Bay team just missing out on being overall winners by 1 shot. Congratulations to the Wallsend ladies who were the winners.

Coming events for TGWBC are Fingal Bay Fours Invitation Day 20th February, our Club Novice Consistency Competition starting on Thursday 23rd February and Round 1 of the Open Gender Pennants Competition begins Saturday 25th February. Good bowling to all.

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.



Above L-R: Soldiers Point Women's Major singles winner Pam Stephens and Runner-up Jan Sutherland.



Above L-R: Soldiers Point Women's Prestige Pairs Winners Taryn Keir and Leanne Chinery.



Above L-R: Soldiers Point Women's Prestige Pairs second place Maree Harman and Carolyn Glen.

The bowling calendar is underway with the Club Major Singles being contested with many close games. The final was won by Pam Stephens, for the second consecutive year, with runner up Jan Sutherland. Pam pulled away with an early lead, but had to defend her lead against determined challenges by Jan, the final score being 25-18. It was a tense gripping game between two fine bowlers, congratulations ladies on winning through the rounds and making the final a great game.

Our annual invitation Prestige Pairs was held 18 and 19 February in mostly very hot, sticky weather - a change from last year's La Nina sponsored rain threatened event. It ran like clockwork thanks to match, all committee members, umpires, and raffle ticket sellers. Some players wilted in the heat and humidity, so we used our full quota of Soldiers Point reserves. Worthy winners were Taren Point's Taryn Keir and Leanne Chinery, with a margin of

76! Second place went to Carolyn Glen and Maree Harman, (Kurri Kurri/Kotara) with a margin of 47. Also have to give a special mention to Maree and Carolyn for their attractive turtle / aquarium shirts! 3rd place went to Melissa Witts and Charlotte Hayman, (Soldiers Point / Raymond Terrace). 4th place Deanne Price and Sharon Sumner (Kurri Kurri). 5th place was Bronwyn McPherson and Sue Moore (Taren Point / Engadine). Finally 6th place was Delma Price and Kath Rados (Lemon Tree Passage). Taryn Keir, on receiving first place was handed the microphone and thanked the organisers for a great tournament and the club for their hospitality. It was clear that all the competitors enjoyed the bowls and the friendship it fosters. Next year it will be held in a cooler time of year.

Coming up are the Club Minor Singles. Good luck to all bowlers, but remember to have fun. And stay cool!

BELMONT GOLF & BOWLS WOMEN

By Di Stockwell, P.O.



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Invitation Day Winners E. Plessiet, J. Baldwin, P. Rudd and M. Ross - Boolaroo.



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Invitation Day Runners-up P. Stephens, S. Ball, M. Barrett and V. McIntyre - Soldiers Point

Another successful month with many members participating in the District Senior & State Singles. Congratulations to members Lorraine Rixon, Kerry Malligan and Rosemary Wayland on reaching the Quarter Finals and congratulations to Jenny Wicks for reaching the Semi Final - great achievement Ladies!

Our Invitation Day sponsored by One Agency Real Estate and Pettigrews Funerals was held on the 15th February another successful day. With many visiting clubs participating a great day had by all. We sincerely thank our sponsors for their kind generosity without these sponsors our day could not be held.

Winners: Boolaroo - E. Plessiet, J. Baldwin, P. Rudd, M. Ross; **Second:** Soldiers Point - P. Stephens, S. Ball, M. Barrett, V. McIntyre; **Third:** Composite team Valentine & Windale Gateshead

- K. Meek, M. Meek, S. Pyke, B. Stauble. Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all clubs attending on the day. Thank you to members for your kind donations. Thank you to our hard-working Committee for making our day another success.

Happy Birthday to members celebrating Birthdays in the month of March. Best wishes and get well any member on the sick list. Until next month see you all OTG.

WANGI WOMEN

By Robyn Fairfull, P.O.



Above: Robyn Fairfull presenting Wangi Women's Perpetual Trophy to Jenny Waight

Hello from WWBC. Hope everyone is healthy and enjoying their bowls. We are in the midst of organising our competitions for this year, hopefully the ladies will participate and enjoy all the games. Congratulations to all our bowlers who took part in last year's Club Championships. Jenny Waight was our Perpetual Trophy Winner for 2022, well deserved. Our Club is looking forward to this years Invitation Days. We are proud of our days and the work that goes into preparing for the event, but the most enjoyment is the fun, laughter, music and friendship everyone brings along and the food is not bad either thanks to our kitchen ladies. Hopefully this year we may have some new ladies join our Club, everyone is most welcome. Thanks also to our Sausage Sizzle ladies who roll up once a month at the IGA to support the WBC. Well done. Until next time stay happy and healthy. Good bowling.



Above: Solders Point Women's Prestige Pairs 3rd to 6th place getters.



Left Third Place in Belmont Golf and Bowls Invitation Day K. Meek, M. Meek, S. Pyke and B. Stauble - Composite Valentine / Windale Gateshead



Above: Consolation in Jesmond Women's Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours Day - Kotara

Below: Spider Winners in Jesmond Women's Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours Day S. Rattray and E. Plessiet



FINGAL BAY WOMEN

By Kathryn Job, P.O.



Above: Jacqueline Hudson selected to play for Bowls Australia in the Multi Nations event in March.



Above: Fingal Bay Women's Club Pairs Champions Claudia Perrine and Kerry McFadden

Our much celebrated blind bowler Jacqueline Hudson has been out & about once again. This time Jacqui attended a 5 day World Trial & was selected to play for the Multi Nations BA to be held in March 2023. Huge congratulations from us all at FBWBC.

February saw the Club Championship Pairs being played, with Claudia Perrine & Kerry McFadden being the winners, it was a great match with the final score being 29 to 16.

WALLSEND WOMEN

By Patricia McAllister P. O.

I would like to introduce you to our President, Janet Smith. Janet was voted in as President at our AGM in August. Jan has been on a Leave of Absence to spend a few months holidaying with her husband Garry, touring Tasmania and arrived back shortly before Christmas. This helped her hand to recuperate from an injury she sustained during pennants. If you are coming to our "GREEN ON THE GREEN" Saint Patrick's Day 4's on Friday 17th March you will get the opportunity to meet Jan that day. I am sure many visitors to our club will already know Jan as she had been our Games Secretary for many years.



Above: Wallsend Women's President Janet Smith.

Invitation Day 4's bookings are available by phoning Dianne Cass (Games Committee) Mob. 0466 030 686 or Home 4027 5981. Our next Invitation 4's will be a Right Royal Day on Friday 16th June, 2023. Followed by Christmas Theme on Friday 3rd November, 2023. If you would like to join in Our Gala on Wednesday Mornings 9.30am start you can also phone Dianne Cass on the above numbers. Come and try our great grass greens. *Every winner gets a prize.*

We will have results of our Presidents Consistency next issue. The final will be played between Marie Ruming and Dianne Cass. Good Bowling.

KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.

90th Birthday Celebrations were held late January for Vonnice and Beth. Great Celebrations, memories, cake and flowers. Such a great age.

The Club 4s Finals will have been held when this goes to press. Good luck to both teams. hope to weather is not toooooo hot!

Also our special day the Waterfall Triples will have been held on the 27th February. Thanks in advance to all helpers, donors and especially players from other Cubs attending. Results and more about this day next month.

Loving thoughts to those unwell, hope for some relief and less pain.



Above: Kahibah Ladies celebrate the 90th birthday's of Beth Anlezark & Vonnice Marshalls

REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO



Above L-R: Redhead Women's Club Pairs Winners Donna Cram (skip) and Lorna Weismantel with Runners Up Kathy York and Jen Kenyon (skip)

This month our Club Pairs were played and all games were close ones. Our 2022/23 Club Pairs Champions are Lorna Weismantel and Donna Cram 18 who defeated Kathy York and Jen Kenyon 14, congratulations to all players it was a great game to be part of.

Our Redhead Teams have been practicing for the Open Gender pennants commencing on the 25th February and in the Zone 2 Club Challenge commencing on the 1st March with three of our Ladies Kathy, Lyn and Jen playing in the teams this year. We wish all teams good bowling.

Our Galas are going well and welcome visitors and new bowlers, Ladies Wednesday Galas are 9am for 9:30am start and on Fridays 9am for 9:30am is Scroungers and open to all sheets on the boards. The mixed Saturday continues to be popular.

Enjoy a game of bowls and a meal at the Seaside Fusion. We are a very social Club and enjoy competition, so if you are wanting a change come and join us where we give everyone a go.

Our thoughts are with those who have been unwell and hope you are on the mend soon. Until next month, good bowling.



WINGHAM WOMEN

Eye on Women's Bowls, by Di Lewis



Above: Sibling Rivalry - Chris Willey (Skip) excited about beating her twin sister Leonie (Skip) in Wingham Women's Club Fours!!!

The Fours Championship 2023 was played in humid conditions; with team Chris Willey closing out the match with a resounding win from twin sister Leonie Gilford – 21/14, in a 4 hour match.

Chris's team started off with a 3 pointer with Team Leonie winning the next 4 ends 6/4. From then on for next 6 ends, they bowled "catch-up" to a 13/11 score. Skip Leonie tried to rally the troops; missing out on measured bowls for next 4 ends, then to finish off the match; team Willey put a 3 & 2 pointer to take the Win 21/14. They won 13 ends of the 21 ends played !!!

Congrats to both teams who played a solid, friendly game but we wondered what twins Leonie and Chris talked about on the Skip's end!!

When Chris accepted her medal, she swang around to quip "I beat her, I beat her" – she was so excited on the team's win... I was quick enough to take "the photo" A beauty so to speak !!

See you on the green.

DEPARTED BOWLERS

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Margaret Cerniauskas (past member of Warners Bay Women).
Robin Bell (Edgeworth BC)

TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.



Above: Karen Carlton, Donna Hampson, Lyn McVicar, Vicki Piper 2022-23 Lower North Coast District WBA Senior Fours Winners



Above: Tuncurry Forster Sports Women's Club Fours Championship Winners Julie Curry, Sharyn Newcombe, Karen Mudford and Donna Hampson

Our Club Fours Championship Final was played on 2nd February with Julie Curry, Sharyn Newcombe, Karen Mudford, Donna Hampson up against Jan Cutting, Dianne Blanch, Val Feuersanger, Liz Gray. Donna's team got off to a good start to lead 8-3 after 7 ends. Liz's team settled to be only 3 shots off the lead after 16 ends 11-14. However, it was Donna's team who held their nerve and good bowls to take out the 2022-23 Club Fours Championship 23-13. Congratulations to Julie, Sharyn, Karen and Donna on winning back-to-back Club Fours Championships. Also, well done to Jan, Dianne, Val and Liz on consistent bowls played throughout the Championship.

What a tremendous achievement for the team of Vicki Piper, Lynn McVicar, Donna Hampson and Karen Carlton on winning the 2022-23 Lower North Coast District Senior Fours on 16th February. In Round 1 they defeated another Sporties team of Lorraine Clark, Dianne Blanch, Helen Bush, Gae Re 20-15. In Round 2 they defeated Trish Wilson, Moira Barnes, Maharion Heininger, Sue Thomas from Tuncurry Beach 24-9. In the Semi-Final (which was a thriller) they defeated Gina Pain, Debbie Cary, Sue Davis, Carol Watters from Forster 22-19. In the Final their opponents were Carole Wright, Gail Robinson, Laraine Mazurek, Claire Kelly from Forster. Right from the first end our girls were firing on all cylinders and rarely missed a beat. They were very quick out of the blocks and had a handy lead and as hard as Forster tried to get back into the game, it was not to be, with Sporties going on to win 30-5. Congratulations to all the Finalists on their bowling achievements during the District Senior Fours Championship.

JESMOND WOMEN

By Robyn Collin



Above: Winners of Jesmond Women's Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours Day - Wallsend



Above: Runners Up in Jesmond Women's Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours Day - Tea Gardens

As you can see we have had a name change at our Club. Because the suburbs of Heaton and Birmingham Gardens are no longer relevant in proximity to our club, it has been difficult for patrons and players to find us if they are not familiar with our location. Hence the decision to now be known as Jesmond Bowling Club.

We are looking forward to another Barefoot Bowls morning with the New Lambton Women's Probud Club on Tuesday 4 April. The Probud ladies really enjoyed the day last year and have requested another opportunity to join us.

The weather for our Local Hearing Aid Specialists Invitation Fours Day on Friday 17 February was fortunately not too hot with low humidity and a slight breeze keeping the temperature well within the guidelines for hot weather. Winners of the day were N. Sutcliffe, M. Juchniewicz, J. Mather and M. Ruming (Wallsend). It was a popular win as Marie and her team have been to just about every Invitation Day we have had and although come close, have never won the day before. Runners Up were S. Rattray, I. Roberts, I. Luck and R. Beaumont from Tea Gardens with the Consolation going to L. Keeley, D. Wright, H. Cleary and E. Gearing Kotara. Spider Winners were Sheila Rattray - Tea Gardens and Elaine Plessiet - Boolaroo. Thank to the visiting teams and our own lovely ladies for making the day so successful and enjoyable.

Our next Invitation Day is the Priceline Pink Oncology Day Fours on Friday 14 July. No uniform, wear something pink and your team may include one man who must play lead. Enquiries please ring Joan Hancock 4952 4532. We hope you can join us. Good health and good bowling.

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.



Above: Winners of Valentine Women's Invitation Day Margaret Ross, Pat Rudd, Margaret Broadfoot and Elaine Plessiet from Boolaroo

Valentine ladies held an Invitation Day on the 20th February, and the profits were donated to Valentine Lions Club. Everyone had an enjoyable day, thanks to our wonderful Catering and Social Committees.

The winners were Margaret Ross, Pat Rudd, Margaret Broadfoot and Elaine Plessiet from Boolaroo. The runners up were Trixie Stauble, Denise Miller, Barbara Bennett and Denise Barnett from Valentine. The third place went to Maggie Johnston, Wendy Morrin, Sandra Blow and Carol Thomas from Valentine. The spider winners were Margaret Bates, Noelene Wilson Denise Barnett and M. Judge.

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Above: Runners up in Valentine Women's Invitation Day were Trixie Stauble, Denise Miller, Barbara Bennett and Denise Barnett from Valentine



Above: Third place in Valentine Women's Invitation Day Maggie Johnston, Wendy Morrin, Sandra Blow and Carol Thomas from Valentine.

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.



Above L-R: 2022/2023 LMD and Region 6 State and Senior Fours combined successes for Charlestown. LMD and Region 6 Senior Singles Champion Gayle Gannon, LMD Senior Singles Semi Finalist Lynn Genders, LMD Senior Singles Runner Up Raweang, LMD State Singles Semi Finalist Halina Wuro and LMD State Singles Champion and Region 6 State singles Runner Up

Another great month of successes for Charlestown. After winning the 2022-23 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR FOURS, our Charlestown team travelled to Gwandalan Bowling Club on Sunday 29th January, 2023 to play in Region 6 Senior Fours v/s Bateau Bay and WON!! Congratulations and well done to our new 2022/2023 REGION 6 SENIOR FOURS CHAMPIONS Lynn Genders, Kathy Faint, Pattie White and Halina Wuro.

In the last LM District State and Senior Singles games for 2022/2023, not only did Charlestown have 5 out of 8 players into the Semi Finals, but completed the Finals with 2 Champions and a Runner Up - fantastic results! Congratulations to our new 2022 - 2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT STATE SINGLES CHAMPION Debbie Bullen who defeated Chris Stone, Warners Bay 25-7 (Congrats Chris on reaching Final and being Runner Up).

And: In the Senior Singles, it was an ALL Charlestown Final. Congratulations to our new 2022/2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPION Gayle Gannon. It was an extremely close

game with Gayle winning 25-22. Congratulations also to our new 2022/2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR SINGLES RUNNER UP Raweang Namutwong. This was a back to back Singles Final 2021 and 2022/2023 for both Gayle and Raweang. Raweang being the 2021 LMD Singles Champion and Gayle Runner Up.

Debbie and Gayle both played in Region 6 games, at Everglades Bowling Club, Central Coast on Sunday 19th February 2023. Congratulations to our new 2022 - 2023 REGION 6 SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPION Gayle Gannon defeating Gail Sheehan, Munmorah United 25-18 and to 2022/2023 REGION 6 STATE SINGLES RUNNER UP Debbie Bullen, who was narrowly defeated by Heather McColl, Gosford City 23-25. Gayle will now join our Region 6 Senior Fours Champions, Lynn, Kathy, Pattie and Halina at the NSW State Championships.

On the Social side, what a great Valentines Day celebration 2023 was had by all who joined the get together at our Club. Well done again Debbie Foote for all the

table decorations and everyone who helped make the day a success. Kay Shuttlewood was the lucky Lady who won the Bubbles and Chocolates. I'm sure everyone will look forward to more activities over the year to come.

Till next Month, Laurel.



Above: Charlestown Ladies at table



Above: Charlestown Ladies Valentines Day Celebrations Group photo

TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.



Above L-R: Toronto Workers Women's 2023 Consistency Final Winner Trish Kellehear & Runner Up Annette Hodge.



Above: Australia Day at Toronto Workers - Dave & Trish Kellehear.

February is always the hottest month of the year and this Feb has not let us down. Fortunately at Toronto, most days, we get a nice little breeze to keep us cool.

This year, we finished January with the Consistency final between rookie, Trish Kellehear and seasoned player, Annette Hodge. What a game! Trish lead, then Annette came back, only to have Trish take the win and claim Consistency Champion for 2023.

Trish then went on to try her luck in the State Singles.

Unfortunately, she went down in the first round, 20/25, to another seasoned player, Jenny Waight from Wangi. Trish says, she learnt a lot and will be back next year, for another try.

On a hot and sunny Australia Day, we welcomed 32 bowlers to a fun filled day. There was lots of green and gold, prizes, BBQ and competitive bowls and the vow to do it all again next year!

We continue to enjoy our monthly challenge against the bowlers from Elements of Toronto. This month, the Toronto Bowlers we're triumphant, but had to pull up their socks, as Elements, gave them a run for the money.

With the weather starting to become a little cooler, we look forward to continuing on with our Championship games over the next few months. In the meantime, we trust you all enjoy your bowls and, may all your bowls be touchers.

LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Robertson, C.O.



Above L-R: Winners of the Club 4's Club Championship. Congratulations to Sonia Freeman, Helen Bailey, Skip Gale Mooney and Cathy Graham.

The year is certainly rolling along and now, into the great bowling season of autumn, Lowlands is the place to be on the green.

We have begun our 3rd WEA ladies learn to bowl clinic with 22 eager and enthusiastic participants. Club coach, Col Friend is providing a valuable introduction for participants learning the basics of lawn bowls and once again, thankyou to the ladies who signed up for the course.

The club championship 4s were held in February and the winners were Sonia Freeman, Helen Bailey, Cathy Graham and wonderfully skipped by Gale Mooney. Well done girls on a great victory. It's also a taste of winning for newer members Sonia Freeman and Cathy Graham at championship level who began with the WEA introduction course.

We now regularly have 24 plus playing at Tuesday Galas and the new electronic sign on has made the morning gala organisation a faster and smoother process. Our galas now have a mixture of different game formats instead of just playing triples, other games as pairs and fours are scheduled to give a wider understanding of the different types of bowls played. Players are also encouraged to take on different positions in teams which develops strengths, roles, communication and the understanding of team play. It also provides opportunities for experienced players to mentor and share knowledge in all aspects of the different games for newer players.

Clubs don't function and evolve without the effort and time voluntarily given by committee members taking our club forward with a fresh approach. So thankyou to all the members who regularly play and contribute on all levels.

See you on the green at Lowlands. A fabulous club to be a playing member.

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HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi Hornets, we are looking forward to great Pennant and Club Challenge seasons at the Hornets Nest.

PENNANTS: We have teams competing for this year's Open Pennant season. This year we are challenging this year's Open Pennant with six teams (No. 2 Grade, No. 3 Grade, No. 4 Grade, No. 5 Grade, and two No. 6 Grade sides 6(1) and 6(2) Grade) pennant sides, and Division 3 and Division 4 (1) and 4 (2) sides in the Midweek Club Challenge.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: We completed our Major Pairs with Corey Hayman and Mark Evans narrowly defeating Craig Thompson and Wayne Smith 22/21.

We are currently in the midst of running our Major Singles, and Open Triples both being up to semi-final stages of the respective competitions as well as nearly completing the second round of Handicap Pairs and started out our Minor Pairs and Consistency Singles. We have a sheet up for entries in our club Mixed Pairs championship.

The ladies Major Singles Semi Finals will be Karen Young Vs Kerrie McDougall and Lynne Sara Vs Lois Wedesweiler. The men's Major Singles Semi Finals will be between Barry Cartwright Vs Mark Evans and Mick Brown Vs Ryan Steel. The Club Triples Final is

between Tim Haren, Col Wallace & Ryan Steel, the winner of the second Semi Final between Darren Morgan, Bryce Williams & Mark Griffiths versus P. Broughton, J. Callister & J. Petherbridge.

GALA'S – All our galas continue growing with nearly a full green for every gala, all of our galas are \$10 per player. Tuesday Pairs Cash Gala are always competitive every week with prize money averaging about \$200 per week. It is Two games of 10 ends (Double points for the last end of each game) with winners playing winners and losers playing losers (except when odd number of rinks are used, one winner plays one loser). Prize Money is for First and Second Prize and a Consolation Prize for the highest margin in the second game for the first game losers.

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 \$10 vouchers.

With Good Friday coming up remember we have a Friday Seafood Voucher Gala with every winning player receives a \$15 seafood voucher.

JUNIORS – We are involved with Let's Play Bowls initiative.



Above L-R: Hamilton North Pairs Champions C. Hayman and M. Evans with Runners-up Craig Thompson, Wayne Smith