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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone, the year is progressing and finalising all at the same time with just three months to go til 2022/2023 season is completed. The Saturday 1 Grade Hunter/Newcastle Conference Open Gender Pennant is literally about to kick off as I type. Good bowling to all and may the best team win!! All other grades have been plugging away and are into the second half of the draw – again, good bowling to all contesting.

Most of you would have heard by now that Wallsend Diggers Sports Bowling Club has been forced to close until further notice due to mine subsidence when their green sank by nearly a metre on Saturday 25th March. The photo included was taken when it initially sunk approximately 600mm. It had plunged a further 300mm by 6pm. Following the Geotech's initial analysis it was suggested that two support pillars of the mine shaft some 25 metres underground failed.

This has obviously come as a shock. No-one has been able to access the club due to safety concerns and members have not been able to retrieve their bowls. Bowls Administrator Ron Mills has said that members have been borrowing and sharing bowls to get them through. He says *"All Clubs and the NDBA are very sympathetic and willing to assist where they can"*. Members are grateful to the Water Board Bowling Club who have offered their facilities and greens for the time being. It is unknown how long it will be before they are back in their own clubhouse, but Ron added *"the bowling greens are not going to be a quick fix"*. **Please note that the following Wallsend Diggers events have been cancelled Good Friday (7th April) 11up Triples and Diggers Tournament 11up Triples 27th May (the club is unable to access records of entrants to advise them individually – please spread the word). ALSO Zone 2 Veterans Day originally set to play at Wallsend on 27th April will now be played at LAMBTON instead.**



Above: Wallsend Diggers Sports Bowling Club Green collapsed from mine subsidence.

We attended the NDBA Delegates Meeting on 13th March as it was a bit special with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides and newly appointed CEO Tim Rowe in attendance together with WORLD Bowls President Darryl Clout addressing the meeting as well. We also got to meet Kyle Langley, the new Regional Bowls Manager for Bowls Australia for Hunter and Mid North Coast. Kyle seems very motivated and we invited him to write in whenever he wants to keep readers up to speed on BA matters. His first contribution is on Page 10. Thank you Kyle, I am sure will do a great job and be of excellent assistance to clubs in your area.

These kinds of visits are really important to keep connected. Darryl was first to talk and acknowledged all the volunteers who give their time for the betterment of the sport. Darryl has given a lot of time himself and has been extremely busy reviewing and creating a vision for the future of World Bowls. In the review that took months following his appointment as World Bowls President he found evidence that previous management had no marketing plan or strategy... that in essence the establishment was an "old boys club" that only had money to send representatives to various world events and did not offer much by way of leadership and support for member countries. Darryl plans to change that and has initiated the change by moving World Bowls headquarters to Australia and has appointed Neil Dalrymple as CEO of World Bowls. Neil is the only permanent staff member of World Bowls and brings with him extensive experience and success from his former role as CEO of Bowls Australia. They are working on a strategic plan, and developing a new marketing and communications program. Their



Above: World Bowls President Darryl Clout (centre) with NDBA President Mark Conway (left) and Past President and Life Member John Smith OAM (right)

vision is to bring all branches of bowls together under the one banner by amending the constitution to include offshoot groups such as Blind Bowls, Disabled Bowls and similar organisations into the fold, and the big goal is to introduce a World Bowls Premier League and push to include lawn bowls in the 2032 Olympics. It seems that the world of bowls is in good hands. Thank you Darryl for all of your contributions to bowls.

Next up was Tim Rowe, the recently appointed CEO of Bowls NSW. Chairperson Dilys can't speak highly enough of Tim, she says *"to me, Tim is the best thing since sliced bread. He works hard and is committed"*. Tim has excellent credentials with his core profession in accounting, coupled with experience across a broad spectrum of high-profile businesses in finance, aviation, hospitality, Government and not-for-profit sectors. Tim is not a bowler, his sporting passion is on the track, where he has represented NSW and Australia on a number of times for middle distance running. Through this medium Tim met and then collaborated with Robert De Castella in establishing the IMF, "Indigenous Marathon Foundation" which uses sport as a vehicle to develop Indigenous leaders across Australia.

Tim has joined Bowls NSW at a crucial time of restructure following the unification of the men's and women's associations. There is much to be done, but first he has made it his mandate to get around to the clubs in meetings such as this to hear issues and get feedback direct from the grass roots bowlers. From this feedback he has found that the Bowslink platform was causing concern and has responded with the introduction of a Bowslink Co-Ordinator Jake Ritchie. Jake is available for bookings to learn all about it, so if you are a user and would like to get a little more confident, give Jake a call.

Bowls NSW now turns its' head toward the next phase which is to bring boundaries in sync. We knew it was coming, it was inevitable and a necessary process for the smooth governance of the unified body. But change is never comfortable. It brings with it fear and anxiety about what that future would look and feel like. Unfortunately, there will be some unavoidable upsets in the process, but hope that all efforts will be taken to compromise and work towards acceptable outcomes for all. Things will settle and eventually the change will become the new normal.



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Above: Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides and new CEO Tim Rowe at the NDBA Delegates meeting Monday 13th March.

The floor was opened up to questions and a hot topic was the fee structure. Tim acknowledged this is a very tricky terrain, as the capitation model (pay per player) lends itself to clubs hiding members to reduce their fees. With declining membership trend every member counts towards gaining government grants and corporate partnerships for the betterment of the sport. On the other hand, for smaller clubs the fixed fee approach is a burden, but it also offers the incentive to get more members for no additional cost. I got the impression that the Fixed Fee structure is preferred and here to stay. Having said that Tim's 5 year vision is to see increased membership and onboarding of commercial partners to help finance the association, alleviating the focus from member contributions. Under the "hospitality" banner aforementioned in Tim's credentials, he was Group Head of Partnerships at Crown Resorts where he led Commercial partnership portfolios. P&O cruises is a recent partner who has come on board (pardon the pun) and I am sure this is just the beginning. Chair Dilys has every confidence in Tim and also has high praises for our own Administrator Warren Shipley who liaises with Tim on a daily basis. She also echoed Darryl's gratitude to all volunteers. Dilys is a great leader and her main message is at the end of the day, we all care about bowls and it's future and we are all on the same team – let's work together.

Enough of politics, on the bowling side of things it's exciting to see another Bowls NSW initiative is the introduction of the Platinum Pennant. This is in essence, a revamp of the Premier League which has been dormant for around a decade. Its' aim is to elevate the elite players from the 1 Grade thereby giving the sport a professional edge. It also has another objective and that is to encourage more clubs to step up to the one grade which has been dwindling in entries due to the "why bother, we don't have a chance" and "we are only in it to make up numbers" feelings surrounding the bigger metropolitan clubs that have the resources to pay for players. *The Dreamer* has more information on this on Page 12.

Qualifiers for the BPL Cup are taking place over the next few months. East Maitland is the first venue in our readership where you can have a crack. Below is a list – get your entries in, we have had some locals get to the finals previously and would love to see that again this year. [East Maitland BC | Saturday 27 May | 9:30am](#); [Forster BC | Sunday 28 May | 9:30am](#); [Rathmines Memorial BC | Sunday 2 July | 9:30am](#); [Kurri Kurri BC | Saturday 8 July | 9:30am](#); [Soldiers Point BC | Saturday 22 July | 9:30am](#). I will also include [Port Macquarie City BC | Sunday 6 August | 9.30am](#) as they are promoting a couple of tournaments in this issue. Port is a well-known holiday destination and it could work well as an excuse to get away?

We are also excited to have the Inter-Zone sides championship hosted by Club Maitland City at the end of May - Saturday 27th to Mon 29th. It should be a great showcase of bowls, come along and watch if you can.

The Multi Nations have just been staged on the Gold Coast from March 25-31. The Jackaroos have had an amazing campaign bringing home 16 medals, 7 of which were GOLD!! With it being finalised just prior to print we will have to follow up next month for more details.

Before I go, I just wanted to give a little plug to our son Jensen's latest show. Jensen has been involved with Young People's Theatre for the past couple of years and has been in a handful of productions

in the ensemble. This Easter Holidays he will be taking on his first major role as Aslan the Lion in CJ Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. I was impressed by the professionalism of the first production I ever saw a few years ago before Jensen joined. They put on a great show and thought I would put it out there in case you were looking for an outing with the grandkids over the holidays. Tickets are \$25 (adults at children's prices). Jensen is in the BOW cast and I will pop his show dates in below, but there are two casts and another 10 performances to choose from when you look at the website and both casts will do an amazing job.

Remember! The magazine is now available ONLINE, visit our website www.onthegreen.net.au If you would like a link emailed to you when it becomes available, let us know by emailing otgbowl@yahoo.com.au with the subject heading "MAILING LIST". If you could include your name, club and best contact number as well that would be great.

As always, take care and catch you next month.



"The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe is a timeless story about family, responsibility and the battle between good and evil.

Through dynamic characters the cast emphasises the contrast between the magical, mystical world of Narnia, and dreary war-torn London. This production is a delightful challenge for our intermediate students as it plays homage to the 75th anniversary of Young People's Theatre."

- Maddie Newland, Director

True to its 75 year old motto, the cast ages of LWW span from 8 to 16 and the young directing team are current students and tutors in our organisation. YPT is incredibly grateful to the community for their continued positive reviews and ticket sales, which is invaluable in supporting the not-for-profit theatre company.

For tickets book on the website <https://ypt.org.au/bookings> or call the Box Office (4961 4895) from 11am weekdays or 9am Saturdays



Above: Jensen as Aslan the lion



Newcastle District Bowling Association



From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley, NDBA Sports Administrator

Brown secures three peat for Beresfield: Beresfield's Matt Brown is the Zone 2 Minor Singles Champion claiming the Final over Rod Ibbett from Marks Point 25 to 24 at Edgeworth. Brown got off to a flyer leading 9-0 then 11-3 before Ibbett lengthened the ends and fought back to lead 15-13, Brown then found his lob again to lead 18-15 but back came Ibbett to lead 20-18, then Brown scored a 3 followed by Ibbett scoring two 2's to put him 1 shot from the Title, but Brown held his nerve to also score consecutive 2's to give him the Championship in a wonderful display of Lawn Bowling with the Marker Kevin "Vowel" Atkinson also doing an outstanding job. The win by Brown gives the Beresfield Magpies their 3rd Zone Minor Singles Title in a row with Troy Barry winning in 2019, COVID claiming 2020 and Peter Baker winning in 2021 making Beresfield the 1st club to achieve the Trifecta.

Freeman claims back to back Titles: Lachlan Freeman claimed his 2nd Under 25 Singles Title in consecutive seasons when he defeated Chris Kent 25 to 21 at Beresfield in the Final. Both players are club mates at the strong Raymond Terrace Club and it was Freeman who proved to be more consistent on the night to secure 2nd Singles Title. Check the Junior report for more information.

Jets on a mission: The Raymond Terrace Jets claimed the Zone Fours Final at Beresfield on Sunday March 12 when the team of Tim Twining, Jamie Minter, Lennon Scott and Lee Schraner were too good for Soldiers Point's David Tarrant, Mark Greene, Leigh Penman and Daniel Collaros 28 to 9, this gives the Jets 3 of the 4 Major Zone events having already secured the Triples and Pairs with the Singles to commence this Sunday where Raymond Terrace will have a strong hand with no less than 13 entries in the 55 total field. What is even more remarkable is that Jamie Minter is the only player that has featured twice in the 3 events claimed by the Jets so far so it again looks like the Club is in for yet another very successful year.

Nelson Bay Dual Celebrations: The Nelson Bay Bowling club had cause for double celebrations when they were successful in both the Senior and Reserve Fours Zone Championships. In the Senior Men's Fours Final at Soldiers Point the Nelson Bay team of David Holmes, Ray Asquith, Russel Nobes and John Gibson got the better of Grant Seal, Bill Wiltshire, Rob Pinfold and John Gregory (Belmont) 18 shots to 9, while at East Maitland the Bay's John Carroll, Kevin Kilbride, Brian Comley and Peter Mentis just managed to get over the line against Marks Point's Richard Simmer, Ian Burge, John Dukes and Alan Brown 18 to 16 in a high quality final.

Strong representation in Woomearas side: Local players feature heavily in the NSW Bowling Arm side selected recently to contest the Bowling Arm National Championships at Devonport Country Club, Spreyton, Tasmania from Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th September. The squad of 18, cleverly Nicknamed the "Woomearas", contains 13 members from the Newcastle and Hunter area and they are Kaye Arnott and Clay Parker (East Maitland), Mick Kedwell and Ian Mann (Kurri), John Mackenzie (Cardiff), Ian Macrae (Valentine) Ian Percival (Charlestown), Robert Pinfold and Bill Wiltshire (Belmont), Allan Starrett and Stan Wrzeczycki (New Lambton) Pam Stephanis (Beresfield), Barry Winslade (Dora Creek). The side will compete in all 4 disciplines, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours in the hope to be crowned National Champions.

Rod Robards Shield: Friday night March 24 saw the Rod Robards Shield contested at Beresfield will see the Zone 2 Open and Senior Men's Sides take on Zone 6 in the 10th staging of the event of which Zone 2 were pushing for 7 wins in a row. The Match up between skips had Lee Schraner taking on Nathan Dawson, Matt Baus playing Aaron Appleby and Terry Antram against Andrew Rees while in the Seniors Kim Jaques was challenging Wayne Lambourne, Eric Ryan against Bill Prosser and Mick Beesley against Jack Rees. Debuting in the Seniors was David Wayland (Beresfield) Chris Edmunds (Nelson Bay) and Chris Ramage (Soldiers Point) while in the Open side Adam Gleeson (Soldiers Point) returned to the side after playing his last game for the Zone in 2002.

Heat disrupts Singles: The extreme temperatures on Sunday March 19 forced some slight changes in programming for the Zone Singles events but hopefully we are back on track now with the final rounds to played on April 16 and 23.

BAR BEACH By Barbie Chowlo

Celebrating 100 years at Bar Beach Bowlo



Above: BBBC 2022-23 Minor Singles Champion Shane Quill

Above: BBBC 2022-23 Minor Singles Runner Up Mark Meehan

March brought a new champion to the reef! The final of the 2022-23 Minor Singles was played between Shane Quill and Mark Meehan. Shane Quill won the game which was played in great sportsmanship and enjoyed by lots of spectators. Congratulations to both Shane and Mark.

Our 2022-23 Major Singles kicked off at the end off in March and we are soon to go into Quarter Finals. The first 3 rounds were interesting with a few upsets and great bowls.

The new Open Gender Singles will be commencing towards the end of April.

WHAT'S ON ... Galas. Wednesday and Saturday 1pm. Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club provides free nibbles after the Wednesday and Saturday galas for bowlers to enjoy during the raffle and consolation draw. You can't pick a better location than Bar Beach for a roll at this time of year. Lovely sunshine and 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... Easter Long Weekend. On Good Friday we have live music and the bistro is open from 4pm. Our 1pm Saturday gala will still be on and with \$5 Newtowners all day and a break in the pennants for the weekend, we hope to get everyone together for the afternoon. Join us for our Easter luncheon for \$25 each and the Big Easter Raffle on Easter Sunday with live music from 3pm.

100 Years old! This year Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club turns 100! We will be hosting a weekend tournament in September to celebrate this momentous occasion. We'll keep you posted!

Happy bowling, everyone!

LAMBTON PARK WOMEN

By Michelle Farrow, V.P.

Sadly, we had to cancel our Belle Brown Shield that was to be held Wednesday 22nd March. Cancellations and unfortunately for Belmont, Covid. Speedy recovery for those girls.

Some game results from recent are: Triples – Winners R. Buckingham, L. Wilson and D. Smith (skip) and runners-up J. Silver, G. Pont and D. Macpherson (skip). Congratulations girls.

Our next invitation day will be the Rosella Fours in May and we are hoping to have a good roll up for that day. Our Men's club will be running the Easter Carnival so we look forward to that.

Happy Easter to all.



UPCOMING BOWLS TOURNAMENTS

PORT MACQUARIE MIXED PAIRS

FRIDAY 2ND - SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

Entry Fee - \$100 per team

Entries Close once tournament is full

**\$7,500
PRIZE
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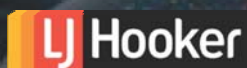
PAUL WEBSTER MEMORIAL 6'S & 7'S TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 16TH JULY

Entry Fee - \$225 per team

Entries close Monday 10th July 2023

**\$5,400
PRIZE
MONEY**



JAX TYRES PRESTIGE PAIRS

FRIDAY 22ND - SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Entry Fee - \$160 per team

Entries Close Friday 15th September 2023 at 5pm

**\$5,300
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HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator



Above: Hamilton North Pairs Finalists Corey Hayman, Mark Evans (Winners) with Craig Thompson and Wayne Smith (Runners-Up)



Above: Hamilton North Ladies Singles Finalists Karen Young (R/up) and Lynne Sara (Winner)

Hi Hornets, we are continuing to have a 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 and Ladies Major Singles. In the Major Pairs Corey Hayman and Mark Evans narrowly defeated Craig Thompson and Wayne Smith 22/21. In the Ladies Major Singles Final Lynne Sara defeated Karen Young 25/23.

The men's Major Singles Final will be between Mark Evans and Ryan Steel. The Club Triples Final is between Tim Haren, Col Wallace & Ryan Steel, and Brendan Boyle, Jeff Callister & Justin Petherbridge.

We are also nearly up to the quarter finals of both the Handicap Pairs and Minor Pairs and into the second round of the Consistency Singles.

We have a sheet up for entries in our club Mixed Pairs championship.

HAMILTON NORTH Versus THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON

SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB was a great success with Hamilton North winning Five Rinks to One, and it was a fun day for all.

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 an 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 receiving a \$15 seafood voucher.

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



Above: Hamilton North Men's Singles Finalists Mark Evans & Ryan Steel

MEREWETHER WOMEN

By Rosemary Allars, C.O.



Above: Hilary Jenkins & Lesley Afflick - Merewether Women's Pairs winners

The final of Club Championship Women's pairs was played in hot February conditions. Kath Cornish and Laraine Clifford played a great game, but Hilary Jenkins and Lesley Afflick won, with a score of 20 - 10. This is their second Pairs win."

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WALLSEND WOMEN'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOURNAMENT

Green was all that could be seen when you walked into Wallsend Diggers Sports Club on St Patricks Day! Tables of players donned in green with brightly lit faces, smiling eyes and grins ear to ear.

Earlier in the week there were thoughts that real leprechauns would be there at the end of the rainbow with wet weather threatening, but it turned out to be a sunny day. Probably a bit too sunny actually, with the heat bringing a mugginess that knocked a few of the ladies around. With this in mind, the second game was pulled up at 8 ends instead of the scheduled 10 for which players were grateful.

Winners of the day were Stockton's side of Enid Radnidge, Chris Brown, Dianne Fagan and Jill Young as skip on 2 wins +19; **2nd Place** went to Rosita Ryans team of Kerry Pedder, Lyn Hinton and Julie Schumacher from Soldiers Point only 1 shot behind on 2 wins +18. An honourable mention to Bianca Hann's Cardiff side and Dorothy Hayes team from Adamstown who also both undefeated 4+11 and 4+7 respectively. **Consolation** went to Jenny Liddle, Judy Foley, Marie Lindsay and J. Elks team from Valentine. **The spider's** were won by Neryl Slater (Jesmond) and Sharon Brewer (Cardiff).

There were also prizes for Best Dressed and photo's of these are included with Wallsend Women's report. Little did the ladies know, that just over a week later their beloved club would be off limits for an unknown period of time due to mine subsidence. The men were also lucky to sneak in a tournament on the following Friday, the day before the green sunk. Bowls Organiser Arthur Civill had been so happy to see players on the green, commenting that in the past few years their events had been plagued with approximately 11 cancellations.



Above: Wallsend Women's President Jan Smith with winners of the St Patrick's Day Fours Tournament Jill Young, Dianne Fagan, Chris Brown and Enid Radnidge from Stockton.



Above: Wallsend Women's Pres. Jan Smith with R/up in St Pat's Day Fours Rosita Ryan, Julie Schumacher, Lyn Hinton and Kerry Pedder from Soldiers Point.

"May all your troubles be less, all your blessings more and nothing but happiness come through your door"

VIEWPOINT

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

LIVE JACK IN THE DITCH.

18.1 A jack that is moved by a bowl in play into the front ditch within the side boundaries of the rink is a live jack.

18.2 The position of a jack in the ditch **MUST** be marked by a white indicator placed vertically either against the face of the bank or on top of the bank, immediately in line with the jack. As well as the indicator, if the surface of the ditch is sand, lines can be drawn in the sand around the jack. If the surface of the ditch is vegetation or synthetic, the lines can be drawn with chalk.

18.3 The position of a jack in the ditch will be validly altered if the jack is moved by either:

18.3.1 a toucher in play: or
a non-toucher while it is partly on the rink and partly overhanging the ditch, as long as part of the non-toucher is still on the rink when it comes to rest after it has moved the jack. **(it must be noted that if this bowl is moved into the ditch during subsequent play it becomes a dead bowl and must be removed)**

18.4 If a jack in the ditch is displaced by a non-toucher entering the ditch, an opponent or the marker **MUST** put it back to its former position.

18.5 If, once its position has been marked, there is further valid movement of the jack in the ditch (as described in law

18.3), its new position **MUST** be marked (as described in law 18.2) by moving the indicators or removing and redrawing the lines as appropriate.

KOTARA WOMEN

By Maree Harman



Above L-R: Winners of Kotara Women's Triples B. Thorpe, K. Evans, L. Henry with Runners-up J. Handley, J. Law and L. Kerby

The Final of the Club Triples was finally played, after a few postponements due to heat or rain interruptions. Both teams kept spectators entertained with good bowls from all players. Congratulations to Beryl, Kay and Lisa, making it a back-to-back result. Once again, a job well done to our ladies for the delicious lunch for everyone present.

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NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Jacqui Aldred, NDWBA Secretary



Above L-R: Region 5 Open Fours Winners - Raymond Terrace Sharon Mc Reynolds, Charlotte Hayman, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik



Above L-R: Region 5 Senior Fours Winners Pamela Stephens, Maria Barrett, Alison Moxey and Vacie Mc Intyre (Soldiers Point).

It was great day for Newcastle District at the Region 5 play-offs in Denman for the Women's State Fours and Women's Senior Fours Sunday 12 March. NDWBA President Marion, Match Chair Vicki, and Secretary Jacqui witnessed very close games with some spectacular shots being played, resulting in several 'wooo-hooos!' from spectators.

Congratulations to our Soldiers Point Ladies, Pamela Stephens, Alison Moxey, Maria Barrett, and Vacie Mc Intyre taking out the Regional Women's Senior Fours 18 – 11 against Beresfield and our Raymond Terrace Ladies, Sharon Mc Reynolds, Charlotte Hayman, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik taking out the Regional Women's Fours 28 – 15 against Kurri Kurri.

Well done to both these teams who will now head off to the State Fours Play-offs in the Illawarra region 28-30th July. More details and full schedule for State Championships venues & rounds available on <https://bowlsnsw.com.au/state-championships/>



Above L-R: Runners-up at District level to Raymond Terrace in the Open Fours - Soldiers Point's Robyn Flanagan, Jan Sutherland, Betty Herbertson and Leisa Burton (Skip).



Above L-R: Runners-up to Soldiers Point at District level in the Senior Fours Kotara's Beryl Thorpe, Marj Storrie, Kaye Palmer and Judy Law (Skip)

wonderful day and were a witness to Maggie and her two granddaughters presenting the Black Duck Shield to our first-time winners - Jo Burgess, Lesley Dixon, Ross Barry and Mal Adams along with their individual medals. What a memorable day!

On Tuesday, 28 February the Flag Unfurling for the District Pennants season 2022-2023 winners of Grade 3 was held at our Club. Keeping with tradition, our Grade 3 Team 2 was led onto the green by a Scottish piper while members of our Club and our guests watched as the two skips, Margaret Boan and Lorraine Humbles, raised to flag to its lofty height. This ceremony was followed by a delicious luncheon and a beautiful cake which was cut by Margaret and Lorraine to commemorate the day.



Above: Beresfield Women's Flag Unfurling Day for Grade 3 Team 2. L-R: B. Wilmen, K. Jarrett, N. Glover, J. Evans, M. Boan, L. Humbles, G. Reid, N. Bunt, H. Russell.

The District Senior 4s Regional Playoff was held on Sunday, 12 March at Denman Bowling Club. As the winners of the District Senior 4s played last November, our team comprising of Pat Pascoe, Helen Russell, Narelle Bunt and Sue Adams made the trip to Denman to compete in the Playoffs. The morning game against Scone, our ladies won by a point to take them through to the Final. Playing against Soldiers Point in the afternoon, our ladies were not so fortunate. Congratulations to Pat, Helen, Narelle and Sue reaching the Final of the Regional Playoffs but ultimate

BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.



Above: Inaugural Black Duck Shield Day at Beresfield.

A great day was held at our Club on Thursday, 23 February. It was the inaugural Black Duck Shield Day held to honour the memory of our Club President, Des Skinner who passed away in February 2022. I am sure that many of our friends in our wider bowls family will remember Des and his wife Maggie. Many of our Club members and friends of Des and Maggie attending this

congratulations to Soldiers Point.

Our Club Major Singles Final was eventually played on Tuesday, 14 March between Betty Wilmen and Lorraine Humbles. Congratulations to both Betty and Lorraine in reaching the final but the ultimate victory went to Lorraine with a 25 to 23 win in a nail-biting finish. Well done!!

The Coal Board 4s this year was played on Friday, 17 March at Telarah Bowling Club in extremely hot weather conditions!! Beresfield entered four teams with two of our teams winning both games and competing in the "playing to the yardstick". The winner for the 2023 Coal Board 4s Competition was East Maitland. Well done!

Good bowling to all! Diane



Above: HRDWBA District Senior 4s Regional Playoffs. L-R: S. Adams, N. Bunt, H. Russell, P. Pascoe.



Above: Beresfield Women's Major Singles Finalists L-R: Betty Wilmen (Runner-up) and Lorraine Humbles (Winner).

KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

The opening rounds of the 2022-2023 Open Gender Pennant Competition have seen mixed success for our No 3 and 6 Grade Sides. The No. 3 Grade opened with a narrow victory over Hamilton North 53-51 (9-1) at home with Keith Keelan's rink win proving decisive in the overall result. This was followed by the bye and a trip to Nelson Bay where the home side proved too strong 9-1 with Keith's rink grabbing a late point which might prove valuable in the long term. An away game to Toronto Workers resulted in a narrow loss 61-63(2-8) with Tony Perkins and Kevin Gibbons rinks being successful.

The No. 6 Grade began with a narrow 1-9 (5-59) loss to Charlestown at Lambton with Merv Brown's rink obtaining a point. This was followed by a trip to Marks Point No 2 resulting in a comprehensive victory 66-39 (10-0). Round 3 saw us host Adamstown and the visitors proved too strong with Merv Brown's rink win of 31-16 not enough to carry the day with a loss 55-61 (1-9). In Round 4 we hosted Lowlands No 2 and in another strong performance came away with a 65-39 (10-0) win to keep us well in contention in the section being only 6.5 points behind the leaders Charlestown.

The 2023-2024 Consistency Singles has drawn 18 entries and first round games were due to commence on 26th March with some interesting match-ups. Current Major Singles Champion Merv Brown will face Minor Singles Champion Ben Moore and Chris Mogg will do battle with Brady Anderson.

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The entries in the 2023-2024 Major/Minor Pairs have closed and this event is scheduled to begin straight after the Consistency Singles.

The Kahibah Sports Club had organized through Regional Bowls Manager Kyle Langley to promote a Jack Attack Programme on Friday evenings in daylight saving. There were 6 teams entered and we thank the Holy Rollers, Magpies, Kahibah Butchery, Kahibah Snooker Club, Advantage and Regal Rebels for their support and hope that they are enjoying their experience. Final results will be in the next OTG.

The 2022-2023 Combined Presentation Day is scheduled for Sunday 23rd April with mixed bowls at 10.00am to be followed by Lunch/Presentation at 12.30 p.m. Sheets are on both noticeboards and we look forward to a pleasant day of celebrating the achievements of our bowlers in the last 12 months.

MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes

Open gender pennant season is now up and running with our 6 Grade Team in the mix for play offs. 2nd and 5th Grade have had mixed results but an enjoyable season so far.

Both our Mid-week pennants sides are doing well, sitting near the top of the table. All are enjoying the new format and hope to continue to play good bowls.

Ladies Consistency is still at the semi-final stage, after being stalled by covid once again. We should have a winner by end of month, good luck to the remaining 4 ladies.

Men are also up to the semi-final stage in the Minor Singles, with Rachel Shelton to take on Lauren Jukes in one semi and Billy Blake up against Tony Jukes in the other. These will be played early April. Good luck to all.

Mixed pairs, Handicap pairs and Men's Consistency are all still to play prior to our June Presentation Night.



By Kyle Langley,
Regional Bowls Manager (Hunter & Mid
North Coast NSW)

PUMA NAMED OFFICIAL APPAREL PARTNER

Internationally-renowned performance and lifestyle apparel brand Puma, through its team wear licensee TLA, has entered a new agreement with Bowls Australia (BA) as its official apparel partner until 2025.

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Puma/TLA will be added as an official National Merchandise Program licensee, with clubs and bowlers able to purchase performance teamwear products to be worn on the greens nationwide.

In collaboration with BA, Puma intends to develop innovative and fashionable bowls apparel utilising the brand's knowledge within the sports and lifestyle market.

Puma's licensee TLA Merchandise has a long-term partnership with the sports brand as the exclusive licensee to supply Puma team wear products to community clubs and organisations across Australia.

Bowls Australia CEO Matthew Kennedy said the new agreement is a coup for bowlers across the country, both at grassroots and high performance levels.

"Puma is a globally recognised and highly regarded apparel brand, which will enhance the calibre of merchandise worn across all levels of the sport of bowls," Kennedy said.

"It will be fantastic for bowlers from all over the country to have access to Puma's range of high-quality merchandise, while also seeing our Right at Home Australian Jackaroos don the green and gold in some of the best sportswear in the business."

TLA Merchandise CEO Scott Davidson said he is looking forward to a promising partnership.

"I am delighted with the partnership and look forward to working with BA to enhance the Bowls market with an International Sports Brand that will provide apparel and footwear that not just performs but looks and feels great," Davidson said.

Courtesy of the partnership, bowlers around the country will have access to special promotions during the year which applies to the full range of Puma product available at au.puma.com.

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If you or your club is interested, scroll through the wide-range of resources at www.bowls.com.au/club-support, or view the drop down menu via the Bowls Australia website home page.

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.



Above L-R: 2022-2023 Charlestown Club Major Singles Kathy Faint and Raweang Namutwong

CLUB BOWLS: 2022-2023 MAJOR SINGLES have been finalised. **Champion** Raweang Namutwong, **Runner-Up** Kathy Faint. Congratulations to both players on a great game. It was Kathy's first major Singles Final at Charlestown and Raweang's 5th Major Singles Championship win Champion 2005, 2013, 2014 R/Up, 2016 R/Up, 2020, 2021, 2022-2023

Raweang, will now Represent Charlestown at the 2022-2023 Women's Champion of Champion Singles State Finals, to be held 5-8 June 2023. This event will be held on the same dates as the Mens Event Venues: Main Host Club Cabramatta, Cabra-Vale Diggers, Club Mt Lewis and St Johns Park

CLUB NEWS: I am pleased to announce our Charlestown Women Committees have now been finalised in conjunction with Charlestown Bowling Club Bowls Structure. **BOWLS COORDINATOR** – Daniel Hill; **BOWLS COMMITTEE WOMEN** – At the beginning of the restructure, our 2 elected Women Bowlers were Gayle Gannon and Julie Garry. They will continue to hold Office until the commencement of the Bowling Year (30th July 2023) Nominations for the Bowls Women's Committee Members for 2023-2024 will be called in June 2023.

The following Women's Committees have now been Elected and will hold Office until 30th June 2024. Nominations for the above for 2024-2025 will be called in June 2024.

2023-2024: WOMEN BOWLS OFFICIAL – Leeanne Farmer; **WOMENS MATCH COMMITTEE** – Gayle Gannon (Chairperson), Kathy Faint, Debbie Foote, Maree Hollis, Helen Sanderson, Kay Shuttlewood; **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** – Debbie Foote (Chairperson), Nola Evans, Val Gibbs, Penny Lamb, Kim Nillesen, Janine O'Connor, Anette Pontey, Jill Thomas; **PUBLICITY OFFICER** – Laurel Faint; **WELFARE OFFICER** – Beryl Heather.

BOWLS NEWS: Cardiff Invitation Fours 20.02.2023 Runner Up – Debbie Foote, Gayle Gannon, Kathy Faint (Charlestown), Jan Baldwin (Belmont)

All the very best of play to our Ladies and Men, who are playing in the Open Gender Pennants and Club Challenge. Till Next Month Laurel

introducing

Darren Tooth - HUNTER LAWN CARE

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Aside from my products, my background is greenkeeping. I was a bowling club greenkeeper for almost 30yrs here in the Hunter Valley, starting my apprenticeship at Raymond Terrace, onto Bar Beach for 6yrs & finally 15yrs at Telarah Bowling Clubs before operating my own horticultural & fine turf business here in the Nelson Bay area, Lakeside Garden Care. This walk-in & online shop that I've opened is a natural progression away from the tools, but remaining involved in my industry.

I know our local conditions & the issues that we faced on our greens, so I am here & available to help with advice, products or in any way that I can.

If any of the clubs &/or greenkeepers would like to discuss my products or how I may be able to help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN

By Gwen Andriessen P.O.

Hopefully everyone is enjoying their bowling despite the heat. Congratulations to all who were involved in getting both greens playable and in great condition, due to this we are happy to announce we will be holding a Ladies Invitation Fours day on Friday 16th June with a 9am morning tea and a 9.30am start. 2 Games of 10 ends. Entry fee \$80 per team with lunch provided. We look forward to welcoming you all on the day. To enter your team please contact T. Spooner 0417 481 632 or B. Jones 0413 796 185

Again a big thank you to Dave Brenton who gives his time freely to coach new players who are considering joining our Club. Very much appreciated Dave!

Our Gala Days, both Wednesdays and Thursdays have been very well attended. The Club mixed fours has not been decided at this time.

This years' Pennants are starting 5th September with entries closing 13th June. The form is on the Notice board, so please put your name down if you are considering playing.

Presentation Day is being held on Saturday 27th May. Please keep this date vacant. For those who are not well, please get well soon, until next month enjoy your bowling.



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Dreamer

Hi Dreamers and welcome to April. For some years now the BNSW Grade 1 competition has been slowly dwindling in numbers across the State due to some Clubs not wanting to try and compete with the so called "Power House" clubs like Warilla, St Johns Park, Cabramatta and our own Raymond Terrace, who have dominated our Grade 1 for the past 7 years. This is nothing new of course as Soldiers Point did it from 2003 to 2008 and Kahibah from 1990 to 95 and Hamilton winning 13 out of 15 years from 1926 to 1940 so it has been going on for a while, however clubs, rather than try and compete would rather drop down grades which has been detrimental to our grade 1 across the State. So... I guess if you can't beat them, get rid of them!

In 2023/24 BNSW will introduce the Platinum Pennant which will sit on top of Grades 1 to 7 for the so called "elite clubs" and matches will be played at times that differ from grades 1 to 7 so members will get the chance to go watch, not only the best in our area, but also the best in the country play in our back yard. This event will have an entry fee and prize money.

Introducing: The Platinum Pennant

Why have it?

- The perception is that Bowls NSW favours the elite clubs and players with the current competition structures
- That the elite clubs, with more money to spend on players, monopolise the Grade 1 competition
- This monopoly is unfair on smaller sized clubs and regional clubs who want the opportunity to compete in the Grade 1 competition, however, can't compete against the elite clubs and players.
- Some clubs in regional areas competing in the current

Grade 1 competition who qualified for State Finals felt that they were only there to 'make up the numbers'. As such, they had a considerable expense to compete with no real expectation of progressing beyond sectional play.

- There is a current trend of clubs steadily dropping down pennant Grades. Bowls NSW wants to reverse this trend.

The Purpose of the Platinum Pennant

The Platinum Pennant has been introduced in relation to the above commentary and is aimed at:

- Creating a world class competition for clubs with elite level players, where the playing field is even and all matches are competitive
- Providing a vehicle for promotion and showcasing the sport through streaming.
- Providing an opportunity for host clubs to promote their home matches and encourage spectator attendance.
- Getting rid of the stronger clubs, levelling the playing field in the Grade 1 competition and encouraging other clubs across the State to enter Grade 1 pennant sides

Scheduling

Matches in the Platinum Pennant may be scheduled on Friday evenings, Saturday morning, afternoon or evening and on Sunday Morning or afternoon. Clubs will have a greater choice over match times, and as such will be encouraged to promote their home matches to attract spectators and to attract social members and visitors within the club to watch the sport.

Promotion & Streaming

Bowls NSW will promote the competition and will live stream selected competition matches each week.

Entering a Side into the Platinum Pennant

Expressions of Interest have now opened for clubs to enter the Platinum Pennant and close May 13.

Expressions of Interest are open to all affiliated bowls clubs across NSW however, final selection into the Platinum Pennant will be subject to the discretion of Bowls NSW and the State Match Committee.

Conditions of Play

Match formats for the Platinum Pennant will be the same as all other Open Gender Pennant Grades i.e. 12 players per side, three teams of four, 63 end matches. Clubs competing in the Platinum Pennant will be required to nominate a squad of at least 12 players, male or female, to make up their side. These players will not be eligible to play in Grades 1-7 during the season.

It is hoped that the Platinum will attract at least 6 or more sides from the Newcastle Hunter area and a qualifying section will be conducted in our local area with the top teams advancing to the finals.

BNSW will then call on clubs to nominate for Grade 1 and it is hoped that some clubs from the current grades 2 and 3 will be interested in having the grade 1 status again and apply to enter the Grade 1 competition.

Sweet Dreams

MAITLAND CITY

By Hunter Bowler

Good day to you all!!! Hunter bowler back after a small break to give you the rundown at everyone's favourite club!!

Pennants is well and truly underway now for grade 2-7 and what a difficult year it has been for player availability. The group of selectors here have battled hard with players in out in out shake it all about throughout the course of 5 rounds. That aside we sit in great positions throughout. The Terrible 2's have rallied in the last few games to keep themselves in the hunt but need to win all games remaining to keep things in their hands. The Fantastic 4's suffered their first defeat of the season at Telarah and followed up with a rallying victory over KKBC to remain at the top of the tree alongside

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By Hunter Bowler continued..

our noisy neighbours. The Fabulous 5's are in a tight section with only 3 points separating 1st and 4th!! Top of the table clash this week at home should hopefully see them take a firm grasp of the section. Then onto our gun side with the Sexy 6's who sit 3 points ahead at the summit of Grade 6 section 1 and with a washout game up their sleeve - this side are looking good and will hopefully keep the confidence up and finish strong. Finally, we have the Slippery 7.1's and the Silky 7.2's. Both started well but it is the 7.1's with the strongest push for a play-off berth but they must win their next game vs Miller Park at home. All in all we are battling well considering across 6 grades we have had to use 85+ players already this season.

Club Championships came back with a bang with the major pairs being played side by side. After a break from winning it

last year Jessica and Caroline were back in the final after a couple of come from behind victories. This year seen them up against Louise Bishop and Marion Crump who have been building a nice partnership over the last few years and themselves having some good battles and wins on their way to the final. This was one step too far with the experienced pair of Caz and Jess coming away 32-8 victors and booking their place in the State Finals. This means Jessica did the double in the majors for the 2nd time after also winning both on 2020. Not the men's and in the final you would struggle to name 4 nicer men in the club and very few would be more deserving of being in this final the 4 men who have given dedication to the club over a long period of time. Ashley Fisher made this his 2nd major final of the season having been runner-up in the Singles. He teamed up with long time partner and mate Damien



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By Hunter Bowler continued..

Bailey and together they laid waste to some of the heavy hitters in the competition. In the other corner we had stalwarts of CMC with the club George Niznik and Darren Kedwell defying age and making it to the final together. It was a ding dong battle early but George and Darren took their chances and were the winners in the final of the nice guys winning 26-11 and like the ladies moving onto the state finals. Well done everyone involved.

The Terry Harmer is back in Easter after some enforced breaks with covid and weather and we look forward to welcoming a very solid field to the club.

Everyone take care of themselves, keep the little ring to the inside and we will see you all next month.

CARDIFF By The Falcon



Above L-R: Cardiff's 2022-2023 Pairs-winners Warren Wahlstedt and Ron Cusack

The 2022/23 Major Pairs Final was won by Ron Cusack & Warren Wahlstedt by defeating Winston Stokes & Trent Smith. The 2022/23 Major Singles Semi-Finalists are Damian Robb, Craig Wahlstedt, Greg Chapman & Callan Starrett.

The NDBA Reserve Singles Quarter-Finals see Paul Jones &

John Mackenzie playing each other. After five (5) rounds of the Open Pennants, Grade Three (3) are Second Grade Five (5) are undefeated after five (5) rounds & have scored maximum points in each game, & now have a 20 point lead over the three (3) teams in equal 2ND, & Grade Six (6) are in 6TH position. The 2023 Club Challenge Division one (1) are in fourth (4th) after four games while Division Three (3) are in 2ND & two (2) points off the lead.

The "Garry Mick James 3 Bowl Triples" was a huge success with 28 teams. The winning team were Warren Ranger, Neil Rigby & Craig Thompson from Hamilton North. The place getters: 2ND Joel Field, Jarrod Bent & Scott Thoroughgood (composite), 3RD Glenn Baxter, Paul Russell & Warren Shipley (composite), & 4th Shane Soper, Adam Chaffey & Matt Johnstone (composite).

The "Cardiff BC 11Up Triples" commences on the Monday 3RD April 2023, & results in next edition of OTG.



Above L-R: Cardiff's 2022-2023 Pairs Runners-up Winston Stokes and Trent Smith



Above L-R: Winners of Cardiff's 2023 Garry 'Mick' James Shield Warren Ranger, Neil Rigby and Craig Thompson



Above L-R: Runners Up in Cardiff's 2023 Garry 'Mick' James Shield Joel Field, Scott Thoroughgood and Jarrod Bent.



Above L-R: Third place in Cardiff's 2023 Garry 'Mick' James Shield Paul Russell, Warren Shipley and Glenn Baxter.



By Ross Gardner, Chairman
Zone 2 Junior Committee

JUNIORS REPORT

ZONE 2

Hi everyone. Since last issue we have seen the completion of Zone 2 U25 Singles and Pairs, with some great bowls on display by our talented youngsters. The semi-finals of the U25 Singles took place at the host club, Beresfield. In Semi-final one it saw Chris Kent (R/T) against

Joshua Sharpe (Kotara). Chris got off to a flyer holding his lead right through. He led 17-5, 19-6, 23-8 before getting over the finish line 25-13 booking himself a place in the final. Semi-final two was a humdinger. The Freeman brothers, Connor and Lachlan going head to head once again. Bragging rights again up for grabs. Lachlan looked like he wanted an early shower when he led Connor 15-0, 18-5, 18-9, 20-10. Connor was having nothing of this and the beast within rose to put it to brother Lachey. Connor slowly kept plugging away and got the score to trail 24-22. On what was to be the final end, Connor had clawed his way back to hold 3 shots and game with Lachey to play his last bowl. After deliberating, Lachey played with weight, put the Jack in the ditch to get shot and game 25-22 and gaining himself a spot in the final against his club mate Chris Kent. The final was a tight knit affair. The scores were level 5-5, 8-8, 14-14, 18-18, 20-20. From here Lachey jumped to what was to be the biggest lead of the match and led 24-20 before finishing off and taking the crown, 25-21. Well done to both players on what was a very entertaining final with great bowls played by both players. I would like to extend my appreciation to both David Govan, Max Dettelbacher and Beresfield Bowling Club for their continuing support and hospitality of Junior/U25 Events.

Zone 2 U25 Pairs commenced on 21 February 2023 with East Maitland hosting. First round matches saw Chris Kent and Andrew Hanlon (Valentine) account for Ami Bromhead (R/T) and Joshua Sharpe, 26-15 and Zac Nicholls (R/T) and Brendan Stokes (R/T) accounting for Sean Broderick (Cardiff) and Aden Parish (E/Mait) 23-13. Second round matches saw Kent and Hanlon prove too strong for Matthew and Thomas Webster (Kahibah) 30-13, and Zoe Nicholls (R/T) and Kate Matthews (R/T) outclassing Charlotte Hayman (R/T) and Cohen Ridd (Cardiff) 25-14. Semi Final one saw Stokes' due against the Freeman boys. The Freemans raced to a 19-4 lead after 13 and could see the finish line in sight before Stokes strung a few ends together and got back to trail 19-11 after 17. This



Above L-R: Connor Freeman and Lachlan Freeman NDBA U25 Pairs Winners



Above L-R: Chris Kent and Andrew Hanlon NDBA U25 Pairs Runners-up.

however was as close as Stokes would get to the Freeman boys with Connor and Lachey taking the match 21-12. In semi-final two Kent/Hanlon took on Nicholls and Matthews. Hanlon got out to a 6-0 lead after 3, before Matthews levelled after 7. Scores were again levelled at 8 all after 10. Matthews took the lead 13-12 after 15, however this was the first and last time of the match before Kent/Hanlon booked their spot in the final against the Freemans with a 21-15 victory. The final was set for a great display of bowls by some of Zone 2's young talent. Freeman led Hanlon 7-1 after 4, 13-7 after 12, 18-9 after 16. Hanlon then grabbed a 4 and a 1 to trail 14-18 after 18, before the Freemans taking the match and the Crown 20-14. Congratulations to both teams on a well played final In the true spirit of the game. Lachey Freeman once again showing he is a force to be reckoned with taking the double of U25 Singles and Pairs with his sight set on the Grand Slam for 2023. A special thanks goes to Clay Parker and East Maitland BC for their continued support of Zone 2 Junior/U25 Events, of which they are volunteering their hospitality each year for which we are extremely grateful.

Zone 2 Junior Championship nominations have recently been called for and closed on Monday 27th March. Championships will take place in the second week of April School Holidays which is the week commencing 17th April 2023. I will keep Juniors informed via Zone 2 Bowlers of the days of play and format of competitions.

Nominations for Zone 2 U25 Triples will soon be called for so please start organising who you intend to play with so as to avoid missing out.



Above L-R: Adrian Solomons (NDBA Junior Committee), Lachlan Freeman (NDBA U25 Singles Winner), David Govan (Beresfield Bowls Coordinator)



Above L-R: Adrian Solomons (NDBA Jnr Committee), Chris Kent (U25 Singles R/up), David Govan (Beresfield Bowls Coordinator)

BERESFIELD

By David Govan,
Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi their fellow Magpies, pennant season is at the half way for 2-7 grade and Beresfield is looking good at qualifying for finals in a number of grades, keep up the good work ladies and gentlemen! The 1 grade starts its campaign this weekend at the time of writing with Beresfield travelling to Kurri on Saturday and Windale on Sunday.

The highlight of the past month has been the completion of the club fours final. Congratulations go to Andrew Gardner, David Hutchison, Dean Govan and David Govan defeating Troy Barry, Mark Fisher, Greg Dobson and David Wayland 21-20 on an extra end, well done to both sides on a fantastic final.

Last of all congratulations to Matt Brown on winning the District Minor Singles 25-24 in the final, this is Beresfield's third consecutive victory in the championship with Troy Barry and Peter Baker the last two champions. That's all for now Good Bowling and Go The Magpies!!!



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BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.



Above L-R: Minor Championship Winner 2023 E. Plessiet President, Cherylyn Jenkins and Jan Baldwin

Autumn already and here's hoping we get the temperatures to match the season soon.

Our Minor Singles Championship has been played and I must say I feel very honoured to have won this title, playing against amazing Ladies each week. Runner up Cherylyn Jenkins was a super opponent in the final and Congratulations go to her for her great play and friendship both on and off the green. 2024 awaits you, Cheryl.

Open Gender Pennants started late February with an opportunity for all to enjoy the company and games of the Lake Macquarie Clubs. Four weeks in and Boolaroo's Grade 5 had their first win on Saturday 18th. One team with three Ladies on board have had the best time representing their home Club and excitement reined with

their win. Thank you to Greg Lane our skip who guides us each week, we already have been given a team name The G G's (Greg and the Girls).

Our best wishes go out to Shirley Murphy our Treasurer who is recuperating after her recent illness, and to all who have been off with injuries, we look forward to seeing you all return soon.

A special mention this month to Denaline Smith, a bowler for many years but also a very talented Lady who does amazing flower arrangements for our Club, adding that special touch where needed, along with many potted plants donated and maintained around our rinks. Thank you from us all.

Look forward to seeing more Ladies participating in the Tuesday Galas and the Mixed Galas every Thursday, 9am for 9.30 am start.

Easter is fast approaching and on that note I wish you all a Happy one and look forward to seeing you in the Mixed Pairs, Easter Saturday. Until then, good health and great bowling. Cheers Jan.

STOCKTON

By Jack High, P.O.

The final of the Handicap Pairs was played on Sunday 12th of March and with the benefit of a 7 shot lead under the handicap format the team of Ian Johnson and Peter Quinn were competitive for most of the match until the last couple of ends when the duo of Dick Hadley and Paul Darr scored shots to win the match by 25-20 shots. A very entertaining game appreciated by the spectators present. The mixed Pairs competition was at the Qtr. Finals stage at copy time, will catch up with scores in next edition. Our Pennant sides have been performing well, after Round 4 our No. 2 Grade Side was in second spot on 19 pts. with leaders Soldiers Point on 21 pts. No. 4 Grade was leading their Section on 22 pts., No. 6 Grade was also leading their Section with 30.5 pts. Our No. 7(1) Grade was second with 28.5 behind Fingal Bay on 38 pts. No. 7 (2) Grade were running third with 23 pts. behind the leaders Soldiers Point on 38 pts.

The "Jim Scanlon Shield" was scheduled to start on 27th March, this is a competition of triples teams selected to be graded competitively by the Selectors.



Above L-R: Stockton 2023 Handicap Pairs Winners Dick Hadley (Skip) & Paul Darr with Runner-up Ian Johnson & Peter Quinn.

CARDIFF WOMEN

By Bianca Hann, P.O.



Above L-R: Cardiff Women's Club Triples Winners Diane Moore, Helen Lott and Catherine Taylor

Our club triples are happening, finals next week. There were some very close and exciting games in the semi-finals. Congratulations to the team of Catherine Taylor (substitute for Maureen Mitchell), Helen Lott and Diane Moore in winning the club triples with Sharon Brewer, Terrie-Ann Jones and Paula Collaros as the runner-up. It was a great final coming to a draw on the final end. Di won the toss and handed the mat over with her team then winning by one shot. Thanks for the match June Hancock, umpire Bianca Hann and all the spectators who came along for support.

Congratulations to Terrie-Ann Jones, Diane Moore and Paula Collaros on being selected for the City to Coast challenge.

Happy birthday this month to Di Healey, Di Gregson and Nancy Williams.



Above L-R: Cardiff Women's Club Triples Runners up Paula Collaros, Terrie-Ann Jones and Sharon Brewer



NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6
rslzone6@gmail.com



Above L-R: Garry Pickett, Ken Blackmore and Garry Jennings Winners of RSL Zone 6 Social Day at Beresfield.

On 6 March, we held a social day at Beresfield, with over 30 playing triples. The winners were Garry Pickett, Ken Blackmore and Garry Jennings. The day was rounded off by a good lunch, some refreshments and a meat raffle.

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:

17 April: pre-ANZAC social at Raymond Terrace

13 May: Social at Hamilton North

SOLDIERS POINT

By Mark Watt, Bowls Director

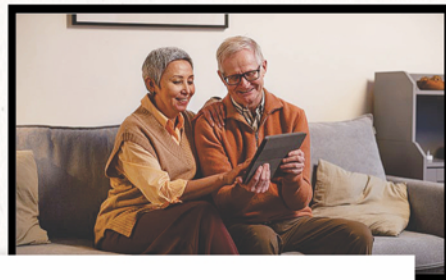


Above: Soldiers Point side of George Pearson, Tony Pearson, Pete Smith & Graeme Rainey Runners-up in the Zone 2 Reserve Fours.

The finals of the Zone "Fours" Lawn bowls finals were held last week. In the "Open" event the Soldiers Point team of Dave Tarrant, Mark Green, Leigh Penman and Daniel Collaros reached the final after beating strong teams from Charlestown and East Maitland.



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However, they faced the favoured team of Raymond Terrace with former Australian International, Lee Schraner as skip. The Terrace team, the Jets, proved to be dominant in the Final winning the match 27 shots to 9.

In a thrilling encounter in the "Reserve Fours" Semi-final the Soldiers Point team of George and Tony Pearson, Pete Smith and Graeme Rainey played a strong Nelson Bay team with Peter Mentis as skip. The high-quality match ended in a 25 shots all draw needing two additional ends to decide the match in favour of Nelson Bay winning by one shot. Nelson Bay went on to win the Final.

Congratulations go to both these Soldiers Point Teams for reaching the finals in a very large field in the Newcastle Zone!



Above: Runners-up in the Zone 2 Open Fours Open Fours Daniel Collaros, Dave Tarrant, Leigh Penman & Mark Greene

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LATEST NEWS and INFORMATION

We are now 3 Games into the Pennant Season and now is the time for Selectors to fine tune their teams for the rest of the season to try and qualify for playoffs and/or make changes if things are not going to plan. If you are a player not playing to your potential and developed small delivery problems and lost their rhythm now is a good time to approach your coach and correct these small problems so that you can get back to a good smooth and basic delivery.

Many players develop these small problems because of not enough competition and are unaware this has happened. Good Coaches will pick up these habits with players and will tell these players of their concerns and highlight these bad habits.

These faults can only be corrected by Coaches who have techniques for correcting these faults so it's a good idea for players to go back, if possible, to their accredited coach who first coached them.

Mental and physical fitness and a positive, confident and relaxed approach through regular meaningful practice will help to raise the standard of a bowler's performance and enjoyment. Most poor shots are played due to a player's concentration having gone on a holiday - it happens to many good bowlers. Players must ensure that their full attention is given to the game and the position on the mat and the relevant principles of basic deliveries are observed and always take a few seconds to consider how your shot should be played and visualizing the correct grass and pace required.



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

Take a good deep breath and deliver a good smooth bowl. On no account rush the execution of your shot. These few seconds of thought can make all the difference between playing a winning or an ineffective bowl.

RATHMINES MEMORIAL

By Iilly Staples

The men's Minor Singles club championship games commenced with the first round on the 5th March.
ROUND 1: A. Meredith def. M. Lorenz; A. McFarlane def. D. Robinson; N. Andrews def. A. McDonald; S. Ranger def. D. Lysaght. **SEMI-FINAL** 12th March: R. McFarlane def. A. Meredith; S. Ranger def. N. Andrews; **FINAL** 19th March. **R. McFarlane** def. S. Ranger.

The 1st round of the men's major singles was played on 26th March. G. Foster def. D. Lysaght; R. McFarlane def. B. Staples; R. Patterson def. B. Hopner; A. Meredith def. A. Jones; S. Jennings def. R. Shutter; R. Wylde-Brown def.

S. Ranger; A. McDonald def. J. Langburne; I. Karuso def. D. Robinson.

Second Round will be played on the 2nd April: G. Foster vs. R. MacFarlane; R. Patterson vs. A. Meredith; S. Jennings vs. R. Wylde-Brown and A. McDonald vs. I. Karuso.

Rathmines is looking good so far as regards to Pennants this year. We have two teams entered into the Open Pennants, Grade 7 and Grade 6. At the time of this report (28th March) our grade 6 team is currently sitting at the top of the ladder, and our grade 7's is running 3rd.

The Men's Fours Final was held recently with the winners being A. Meredith, R. McFarlane, D. Lysaght, Andrew Jones, runners-up were B. Hopner, G. Foster, S. Jennings, I. Karuso.



Above: Rathmines Memorial Minor Singles Winner R. McFarlane



Above: Rathmines Memorial Mens Fours Winners A. Meredith, R. McFarlane, D. Lysaght and Andrew Jones.



Above: Rathmines Memorial Mens Fours Runners-up B. Hopner, G. Foster, S. Jennings and I. Karuso.



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NSW WOOMERAS BOWLING ARM CALENDAR



By Allan Starrett

The NSW Woomeras Selectors are pleased to announce the NSW Woomeras team selected to play at the 2023 9th National Bowling Arm Sides Championships in Devonport Tasmania from Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th September 2023.

Congratulations are extended to the following 2023 NSW Woomeras: Kaye ARNOTT (East Maitland), Peter BIRD (Wenty Leagues), Paul BUTLER (Taren Point), Paul Dodd (Harrington), Patricia EAKIN (Pottsville), Mick KEDWELL (Kurri Kurri), Brian MORTON (Taren Point), John MACKENZIE (Cardiff), Ian MACRAE (Valentine), Ian MANN (Kurri Kurri), Clay PARKER (East Maitland), Ian PERCIVAL (Charlestown), Robert PINFOLD (Belmont), Allan STARRETT (New Lambton), Pam STEPHANIS (Beresfield), Bill WILTSHIRE (Belmont), Barrie WINSLADE (Dora Creek), Stan Wrzeczyski (New Lambton). **Managers:** Jim Stephanis, Lorraine Dodd; **EMERGENCY STANDBY RESERVES** (*Alphabetically listed*) Glen BOOKLESS (New Lambton), Chris BROWN (South West Rocks), Cheryl COOK (Telarah), Jenni FLYNN (Sawtell), Steve GILCHRIST (Karuah), Warren HEPPEL (New Lambton), Chris HODGE (Parkes Railway), Greg JOHN (Teralba), Greg MOLYNEUX (Munmorah), Jeff THORN (Park Beach) and Gordon WOOD (Pottsville).

BELMONT GOLF & BOWLS

By Panda

What an opening half to the pennant season we have had our 4 and 6 grade with some mixed results across the board, we have had our major singles run and won with Joel Roche taking out the major single over Grant Seal 25-19 in a hard contested final in extremely windy conditions. Good Luck to Joel in the State playoffs in early June.

Club Pairs are almost complete with Bill Wiltshire along with Ben McAlpine (who is looking to grab his 3rd pairs title in a row) await the winners of Grant Seal, Bob Pinfold or Rob Robertson and Rob Koenig.

Lastly Huge Congratulations to Bill Wiltshire and Bob Pinfold who have been selected in the NSW Woomeras side to travel to Tasmania later in the year we are hugely proud of your achievements and we know you will do yourselves and the state very proud. Signing off, Panda.

BELMONT GOLF AND BOWLS WOMEN

By Di Stockwell, P.O.

Dear Members and fellow bowlers the time is flying by here we are in April and celebrating Easter. Have a very Happy Easter if travelling stay safe.

Congratulations to four great bowlers for reaching the Final of the Championship Pairs. I am sure all members who participated enjoyed their games.

The Winners Maureen Simpson & Gaye Brown a great game Ladies you both played well I am sure all spectators enjoyed the great bowling. Runners Up Shirley Cooke & Lorraine Rixon these Ladies played well but unfortunately it was not their day. Best wishes Maureen & Gaye when you represent Belmont at State. Our next Championship game is the consistency Singles.

Many Ladies & Gents have been playing in the Inter club challenge and having fun playing different clubs. Thanks to the side Managers for your work.

A DATE for your Diary Ladies our AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th June at 1pm. The President will inform Members when the nomination sheets are available for positions.

Congratulations to Joel Roche as from the A.G.M. Joel will be

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<p>TUESDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY</p>	<p>9:30am: Nom. Triples (mufti) 9:30am: Nom. Triples (mufti) 1:00pm: Nom. Triples (Mufti)</p>
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Chair Person of selection and Joel, I know you will do a fantastic job. I (Di Stockwell) have enjoyed many years as Chairperson of Selection - not an easy job but I wish Joel every success.

Sending Birthday wishes to all members Celebrating in the month of April. Best wishes to members on the sick List.



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Women's Pairs Champions Gaye Brown and Maureen Simpson



Above: Belmont Golf and Bowls Women's Pairs Runners-Up Shirley Cooke & Lorraine Rixon



By Noel James, Zone 11 P.O.

ZONE 11: MANNING DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Grade 3: Leaders Taree Leagues had a hard fought game against second placed Forster with a draw, but courtesy of 2 rink wins gained a point to extend their lead to 8 points.

Grade 4: Forster and Wingham both had 9-1 wins, with Forster maintaining their 8 point lead.

Grade 5: Forster are again leading, but only by 0.5 points over Tuncurry Beach. These two team meet in the next round in what should be a cracker of a game to decide the leaders at the halfway mark.

Grade 6: Harrington and Forster (b) both had 10-0 wins, but Harrington remain in front by a very handy 10 points.

Grade 7.1: Just 0.5 points separates Wingham and Old Bar (a) at the top of this grade with Sporties (a) just another 1.5 behind. This is shaping up to be maybe our most interesting contest.

Grade 7.2: Old Bar (b) have an 8.5 point lead, but with the bye in round 5, you can expect second placed Sporties (b) to change that in the next game.

ZONE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Open: Two rounds have been played with two of the early favourites in Clinton Doust and Shannon White already departing. This does not take away from the remaining bowlers, with several previous winners still in contention. The Senior and Reserve events are at different stages and the results of all three championships will be seen in the next few weeks.

OVER 70'S: The teams have been selected to travel to Merrylands for the Over 70 Inter-Zone Championship. We wish them all the best and will have their results in the coming weeks.

PENNANTS: Results are in after 4 rounds of pennants and some big leaders have already emerged from the pack, whilst some of the other grades are very close.

Grade 2: Forster began the year as hot favourites, and after 4 rounds have shown why. They are undefeated and lead Tuncurry Beach by 7 points. With Tuncurry having the bye in the next round the lead will only be extended.

BLUE MARLINS WOMEN'S PAIRS NELSON BAY



Above L-R: President Pam Pulbrook with Kurri Kurri's Lee Chenoweth and Sharon Sumner, winners of Nelson Bay Blue Marlins Women's Pairs.

Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club hosted the Ladies Blue Marlins Pairs Tournament on Monday 20th March, an annual event with three greens full of ladies from all over the district competing.

The weather certainly was conducive to all players after the recent heatwave that made a pleasant change for bowling.

Congratulations to Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club for what proved to be a successful day. President Pam Pulbrook and her team of Committee members worked tirelessly in making sure the event ran smoothly. A beautiful morning tea and a wide range of donated gifts were supplied by many of the members for the raffle prizes. Well done ladies, exceptional team effort!!

Thank you also to Kane Coulls, NBBC Bowls Manager for his valuable assistance on the day.

Congratulations to all the winners on their outstanding achievements. There were nine 2 game winners and in **1st Place** on 2 wins, 60 points, + 36 was Leeanne Chenoweth and Sharon Sumner (Kurri Kurri BC), **2nd Place:** 2 wins, 59 points, + 25 Beryl Thorpe and Marie Harman (Kotara BC); **3rd Place:** 2 wins, 58 points, + 13 Ruth Sutcliffe and Trish Clark (Stockton BC), **4th Place:** 2 wins, 57 points, + 10 Di Williams and Pam Connick (Soldiers Point). The remaining 2 game winners were also pretty close.

Congratulations to all the ladies who received prizes in the raffles and to the three spider winners that donations contributed \$80 to the worthy charity of Ronald McDonald House.

Well done to everyone who participated in the Tournament and thank you to all Club members for travelling from all areas of the district to our friendly Club.

On behalf of the NBWBC we thank you for your attendance, friendship and support and hope that each of you enjoyed your visit, catching up with old friends and making new friends.
Till next time.....



Above L-R: President Pam Pulbrook with Maree Harman and Beryl Thorpe from Kotara, Runners-up in Nelson Bay Blue Marlins Women's Pairs.



Above L-R: President Pam Pulbrook with Third Place in Nelson Bay Blue Marlins Women's Pairs Ruth Sutcliffe and Trish Clark from Stockton.



Above L-R: President Pam Pulbrook with Nelson Bay Blue Marlins Women's Pairs Fourth Place getters Di Williams and Pam Connick from Soldiers Point.

LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Robertson, C.O.

Our club membership is growing with much enthusiasm and energy. Ladies' numbers have increased dramatically as a result of the WEA bowls clinic with many participants immediately joining the playing ranks. Tuesday gala entries have nearly doubled from the previous year which indicates that bowls is a fabulous lifestyle activity which increases social interaction and sport enjoyment. Club culture is positive, happy and welcoming.

We have also moved into electronic sign on allowing for pre planning and less paperwork. Although challenging for some, it is a more efficient process for game organisation and team selection.

With increased ladies numbers, more mixed events are being organised and played. There are now a variety of games throughout the week to accommodate all players at any level of experience.

Brett Gemmell our games organiser has introduced 'Mad Monday', an open twilight comp for both men and women members. An entry fee of \$10 which covers a short 2 bowl triples. 3 x 8 ends, beginning at 5pm, grading of players, a sausage sizzle and prize money of 1st \$420, 2nd \$210, 3rd \$120. Dress is casual.

The friendship visits with Bar Beach are continuing and are a fabulous way of promoting the game in our community.

Also thanks to Liz Cunningham who organised teams to play at Wallsend on St Patrick's day. The day was extremely hot but thoroughly enjoyed and Liz claimed the title of best dressed. Well done girls for getting into the green theme of the day.

Thanks to all of our new members for getting into the game of bowls and choosing our club to play and enjoy it. Also to our existing members who are continually supporting our club on all levels.

Come and join Lowlands where it is all happening.



Above: Best Dressed team at Wallsend Women's St Pats Day Tournament L-R Jo Henderson, Bianca Hann, Margaret Neeson and Sharon Brewer.



Above: The Lowlands girls getting into the Green theme on St Patrick's day at Wallsend BC invitational day.



Above: Liz Cunningham (Lowlands) Winner of Best Dressed individual at Wallsend Women's St Pats Day

offered us their green for our galas and club games. We don't know at this stage how long it will take but hoping we may be ok for our next Invitation Day (fingers crossed). Invitation Day 4's bookings are available by phoning Dianne Cass (Games Committee) Mob. 0466 030686 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 (now at Water Board) on Wednesday Mornings**

9.30am start you can also phone Dianne Cass on the above numbers. **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.



Below: Ian Shearer the leprechaun prepping the green for St Pats Day Tournament

WALLSEND WOMEN

By Patricia McAllister P. O.

On Wednesday 1st March, Newcastle District held the first round of the Open 4's on our beautifully prepared grass greens. It was wonderful to have Newcastle District back in our club and hope to be of assistance again in the near future.

Our **Saint Patrick's Day Invitation 4's held on Friday 17th March** was a huge success. The club house was adorned in Green Balloons and Green 4 Leaf Clover with players dressed in the "Wearing of the Green" took to the greens in great harmony and the spirit of the day. See report elsewhere in this issue for winners. **The best dressed team** went to Cardiff and **best dressed individual player** went to Liz Cunningham from Lowlands.

As most of you would have heard, our club is closed for an unknown period of time. Water Board Bowling has have generously

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		
Waterboard 4957 2155			9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti

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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



Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

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

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 CS = Club Selected

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SNE = Single Name Entry

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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
	9:00am 2-4-2 Mixed last Thurs. of the month	5:15pm Raffles	
		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

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
Lemon Tree Passage 4982 4800	Call to see if something is on, or check notice board	Mixed 4's - Third Monday in Jan / Mar / June / Sept.	1:00pm	Names by 12 Mens Mufti
Nelson Bay 4981 3332	12:00pm Mixed 3's Mufti 4 April / 2 May		10:00am	Ladies
Raymond Terrace 4987 2404 4983 1647	Club Championships	10:00am Open 2's DFP Mufti	2:00pm	Roll Up
Soldiers Pt. 4982 7173	9:30am Club Championships	Roll-ups on carpet green	9:30am	Ladies Bowls
Stockton 4920 1999	1:00pm Club Championships	9:30am Flexi Day 1st Mon. in Month	9:30am	Ladies Day
			10:00am	Ladies Bowls
			10:00am	Ladies Day
			5:00pm	Twilight Social

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East Cessnock 4990 1444				
East Maitland 4033 1116	10am start Open DFP Mufti Introductory Bowls 2pm - 4pm	1pm start Mens 3 Bowl 2's DFP	10am start	Open DFP
Kurri Kurri 4936 4089 4937 1676	names by 9 9:30am start Ladies DFP 2's Jackpot Mufti	names by 9 9:30am start Mens DFP 2's J/Pot Mufti	names by 9 9:30am start	Mixed Mufti J/Pot DFP 2's
Bowls Office 4939 1218 Maitland City 4939 1200	District Games / Club C/Ships Check Board		9:30am	Open DFP 2's Mufti
Bowls Office 4933 6039 Lorn Park 4933 6869				

UPPER HUNTER

Scone 6545 1511	names by 9 9:30am Mixed Triples Mufti 1:30pm FREE Coaching & Training		names by 12:30 start 1:00pm	Jock & Dave's Mens Triples Mufti
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Taree Leagues 5561 9058			Names by Noon 1pm	Open Mufti
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Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

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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				

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

UPPER HUNTER

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

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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

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Zone Six

Hunter / Upper Hunter District

By Michelle Robards, Zone Administrator

What a busy time we have had in the last month for bowls in Zone 6. With an increase in numbers for the Zone Singles events the decision was made to play all games in sections. Thank you to Scone and Gresford for hosting the State Singles.

Section winners were:

Section 1 – D Riley (CMC);	Section 7 – N Allen (SRSL)
Section 2 – B Turner (EC)	Section 8 – A Appleby (KK)
Section 3 – W Osmond (KK)	Section 9 – D Hoffman (T)
Section 4 – N Dawson (CMC)	Section 10 – S Mitchell (CMC)
Section 5 – D Roff 9 (SRSL)	Section 11 – D Maddock (KK)
Section 6 – B Bailey (CMC)	Section 12 – M Davidson (Scone)

Thank you to Telarah and Singleton RSL for hosting the Senior Singles.

The Senior Singles winners were:

Section 1 – M Angwin (KK)	Section 7 – D Strickland (Scone)
Section 2 – W Rowbottom (KK)	Section 8 – R Hill (EC)
Section 3 – P Heuston (SRSL)	Section 9 – G Edwards (MRSL)
Section 4 – B Biddle (KK)	Section 10 – P Sumner (KK)
Section 5 – R Solomons (CMC)	Section 11 – R Young (KK)
Section 6 – B Taylor (KK)	Section 12 – B Clerke (SRSL)

Thank you to Abermain, Paxton and Dungog Memorial for hosting the Open Reserve Singles. This was the event with the biggest number of participants. Section winners were:

Section 1 – S O'Toole (KK)	Section 11 – T Solomons (CMC)
Section 2 – T Bunn (BP)	Section 12 – D Sidebottom (A)
Section 3 – R Winters (MP)	Section 13 – S Jones (DM)
Section 4 – A Scott (EC)	Section 14 – K Jones (DM)
Section 5 – A Earl (A)	Section 15 – D Lane (CMC)
Section 6 – K Taylor (T)	Section 16 – D Cornes (CMC)
Section 7 – E Day (Scone)	S17 – W Van Maastricht (CMC)
Section 8 – L Del Degan (EC)	Section 18 – S O'Neill (BP)
Section 9 – G Smailes (SRSL)	Section 19 – J Spinks (CMC)
Section 10 – P Windon (CMC)	Section 20 – P Moore (Scone)

Open Pennants after 5 Rounds: **Grade 2** – Club Maitland City 26.5, Singleton RSL 20.5; **Grade 3** – Lorn Park 38, Scone 23.5, Kurri Kurri 21 and East Cessnock 20.5; **Grade 5** – Aberdeen 31, Maitland City 29, Kurri Kurri 29, Miller Park 28,

Gresford 20, Lorn Park 13; **Grade 6 - Section 1:** Club Maitland City 31, Singleton RSL 30, Scone 28, Muswellbrook RSL 28, Kurri Kurri 21, Bellbird Park 2; **Grade 2 - Section 2:** East Cessnock 45, Maitland Park 30.5, Dungog Memorial 29.5, Abermain 22.5, Telarah 12.5, Bellbird Park 10; **Grade 7 - Section 1:** Merriwa 29, Scone (1) 29, Aberdeen 27, Scone (2) 11, Denman 4; **Grade 7 - Section 2:** Miller Park 27, Singleton 21.5, Singleton RSL 21, Club Maitland City 20.5, Greta Workers 10; **Grade 7 - Section 3:** Kurri Kurri 38, East Cessnock 29, Paxton 21, Maitland Park / Lorn Park 11, Abermain 1; **Grade 7 - Section 4:** Clarence Town 39, Gresford 30.5, East Cessnock 29.5, Lorn Park 21.5, Club Maitland City 20, Telarah 9.5.

TAREE RAILWAY WOMEN

By Sandra Ryan



Above: Winners of Taree Railway Women's Club Triples final Carol Purnell, Diane Bauerhuit and Ollie Lambert



Above: Sandra & Peter Ryan of Taree Railway celebrating Sandra's 80th birthday at Taree Railway B.C.



WINGHAM WOMEN

Eye on Women's Bowls, by Di Lewis

We had two players, namely Chris Willey and Leonie Gilford from Wingham Bowling Club; to compete in the District Singles for 2023. Leonie Gilford was defeated by Di Smith in a good match.

Chris Willey had some hard matches to play, on her way to play in the Final against Sarah Boddington. They were – Lorraine Austin from Taree West, Sarina Kreitmeyer from Forster and Di Smith from Tuncurry Beach.

Sarah showed her great bowling skills in defeating Chris to take the Title; District Singles for 2023. This is second time Chris has played Sarah in District Singles.



Above: Chris Willey who played in the FINAL of the District Singles on Wed 1st March @ Taree Leagues Club against the reigning champion Sarah Boddington, who won yet again.

ROD ROBARDS SHIELD

By Michelle Robards

Thank you to Beresfield Bowling Club for hosting the Rod Robards Shields on Friday 24th March 23. It was played as three rinks Open and three rinks of Seniors. In the Open section Zone 6 won 46/44 after a last bowl by Brad Bailey took out one of Zone 2 bowls going from 1 down to 4 up. Best performed rink was N. Allen, D. Taylor, D. Roff and B. Bailey from Zone 6 winning by 4 shots. M. Baus and T. Antram from Zone 2 won their rinks by 1 shot each. This was a very close game leading into the State Inter Zone with both sides performing well.

Seniors was won by Zone 2 58/43. Best performed senior side was P. Lynn, C. Edmunds, B. Ahoy and E. Ryan from Zone 2. K. Jaques from Zone 2 won by 7 shots and J. Rees Zone 6 won by 2 shots. Some quality bowls was played by all the players. This was a great hit out for all the players leading into the State Senior Inter Zone.

Overall winner was Zone 2 102/89. Next years' event will be held at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club. Wishing all players good bowling in the upcoming State Open / Senior Inter Zones.



Above: Michelle Robards present the Rod Robards Shield to Zone 2 President Mark Conway.

On behalf of the family thank you to Zone 2 & 6 for playing this event in memory of Rodney. Michelle and Family



Above: Zone 2 Rep side overall winners of the Rod Robards Shield.



Above: Zone 6 Rep side for the Rod Robards Shield.

TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.



Above: Winners of Tuncurry Forster Sports Ladies 2 Day Carnival Ruth Sutcliffe, Jill Young, Nadine Bolton from Stockton. Absent: Gail Gleeson

2023 TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS 'LADIES FOURS' 2-DAY CARNIVAL: On 9th and 10th March Tuncurry Forster Sports held their Annual Ladies Fours 2-Day Carnival with 42 teams (168 bowlers) entering to play in this annual event. It was great to be able to hold this Carnival again, after a hiatus due to COVID 19 restrictions.

We welcomed to our Club visiting teams from Soldiers Point, Stockton, Tea Gardens Merewether, Nelson Bay, Neutral Bay, Figtree Sports, Wallerawang, East Maitland, Kurri, Alstonville, Aberdeen, Maitland City, North Haven, Urunga and St. Johns Park joining many of our local Clubs to play in the Carnival.

Thursday and Friday saw us take to the greens with everyone in good spirits and looking forward to the competition ahead. As predicted over the two days the warm and humid conditions arrived and luckily our nor'easter also arrived later in the day to provide some relief. Despite the warm weather conditions, many of the games were very close with many good bowls put down by the ladies. After the last game on Friday, it was time to have a drink with friends (new and old) and wait for the results.

It was a tremendous 2 days of bowling and it was great to see the 3 greens full of bowlers. Thank you for supporting our Carnival and making it a great success. Well done to President Barbara and her Committee and Volunteers on a very successful 2-day Carnival. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Congratulations to all our Winners, **1st Place** N. Bolton, G. Gleeson, J. Young, R. Sutcliffe (Stockton), **2nd Place** D. Bauerhuit, L. Mooney, D. Smith, K. Ward (Tuncurry Beach), **3rd Place** J. Curry, S. Newcombe, T. Bowman, M. Gorrie (Tuncurry Sporties), **4th Place** L. McVicar, S. Leonard, D. Hampson, K. Carlton (Tuncurry Sporties).

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Irene Robinson, Acting CO.

At the Lake Macquarie Citizen of the year Awards, our Life Member, Past President and hard-working Committee member, Gwen Gould received a Highly Commended Award in the Senior of the year category. Gwen also was involved in the running of the Lakeside Netball for many years. Congratulations a well-deserved recognition.

On Friday the 17th March VBC held a St Patrick's Day fancy dress and bowls evening. Prizes and bowls with an Irish twist were enjoyed with Geoff Armstrong and Kim winning best dressed. Bob Gray sang Irish Eyes are smiling and a visiting lady also sang some Irish songs. A fun night was had by all. Thank you Peter and Heather Lynn for organising a special night.

The semi-final of the Past President's Consistently will be played on the 30th March. This will be hotly contested between Maggie Johnston v's Jenny Baldwin, and Sue Armstrong v's Trixie Stauble.

Our ladies are enjoying the Open Gender Pennants Competition with the men with some good wins. We look forward to hearing great news from Anna Harris, Sue Armstrong, Maggie Johnston, Trixie Stauble, Alina Moklosi, Jenny Baldwin, Denise Miller, Barbara Bell and Wendy Morrin as this is their first Open Gender Competition.

For our Members who are travelling overseas we wish a safe return and members on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery. It was great to see Bev Woolfenden back playing after her knee replacement 5 weeks ago.

Good bowling to all and look forward to seeing you on the green.

RAYMOND TERRACE WOMEN

Debbie Fulton, Publicity Officer



Above: Raymond Terrace Women's Major Pairs Winners Marie Moorhouse and Catherine Johnston

Our Major Pairs Winners are Marie Moorhouse and Catherine Johnston with Runners Up, Deb Whelan and Jenny Roots, lovely bowls played by all ladies.

Our Club Fours Winners are Pat Skinner, Charlotte Hayman, Lynne Thompson and Jenny Roots who defeated Christine Davies, Margaret Judge, Catherine Johnston and Marie Moorhouse in a thrilling match. It came down to the last two ends, congratulations to all ladies.

We are now finished our Club Championships for 2022/2023 season, congratulations to all the winners and runners up throughout the last year.

Raymond Terrace Club are all very proud of our Open Fours Ladies, Sharon McReynolds, Charlotte Hayman, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik on winning the Regional Championships played at Denman, now they will head down south to the Illawarra Region for the State Championships end of July, awesome result girls and excellent bowling by all of you.

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



Above: Raymond Terrace Women's Club Fours Winners Pat Skinner, Charlotte Hayman, Lynne Thompson and Jenny Roots

TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.

A quiet few weeks for the Toronto Ladies. Our Tuesday Ladies Gala keeps getting good regular attendance and the competition is excellent. Our Thursday Mixed Mufti continues to grow and also offers great competition.

This month, on our Toronto vs Elements Day, Elements did us! Well done, but there's nothing like being beaten to make us

pull up our socks.

A few of our ladies are enjoying playing in the Open Pennants & Mid Week Club Challenge with the men. The ladies are playing really well and are enjoying the bowls, travel and company.

Regarding our planned Invitation Days and 60th Anniversary, due to club renovations, we have regretfully had to cancel all planned events until 2024.

Keep enjoying your bowls and until next time may all your bowls be touchers.



Above: Toronto Workers' Women's Mollie O'Leary with only some of her badges and stars



HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN

By Maria Malcolm



Above L-R: HRDWBA Coal Board Fours Winners Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper, Betty Sinclair & Helen Allomes (East Maitland)

The annual Coal Board Fours was held at Telarah Bowling Club on Friday 17th March. Teams from all over the district competed on a very hot and humid morning. Two games of 11 and 9 ends were played with all 2 game winners playing off to a yardstick to decide winners and runner's up.

Winners from East Maitland Bowling Club were Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper, Betty Sinclair & Helen Allomes and Runners up from Kurri Kurri Bowling Club were Sue O'Brien, Joy McDeane, Adele Johns and Deanne Price.

STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO

Our Handicap Pairs competition came to an end in March after some very tight games being played over the course of the previous weeks. The standard of bowling from all our ladies has been exceptionally good throughout. The runners up in this event were Sandie Lowndes & Suzanne Sansom, and the winning team was Supak Delaney & Sharon Gilbert. We were treated to some sensational bowling from both teams, and I'm sure everyone would agree that Sharon Gilbert, who has only been bowling for a short time, will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Well done ladies.

Many of our members are, like most Clubs, participating in the Mixed Gender

Pennants on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Stockton, at this stage, is fairing very well in both competitions. Keep up the good work!

One of our past members, and current Patron, Vera Redman turned 102 in March 2023. Vera joined Stockton Women's Bowling



Above: Vera Redman Patron of Stockton Women's BC turned 102 in March!!





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Above L-R: HRDWBA Coal Board Fours Runners up from Kurri Kurri Sue O'Brien, Joy McDeane, Adele Johns, & Deanne Price.

Club in 1974, and has been a Patron for the past several years. She celebrated with other residents of Wescott during the week and enjoyed a family lunch at the Bowling Club last Sunday. We all wish you a very happy birthday Vera and congratulate you on reaching 102!



Above: Final of Handicap Pairs 2023 (Photo insert - Left to Right - Sandie Lowndes, Suzanne Sansom, Sharon Gilbert, Supak Delaney)

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TEA GARDENS WOMEN

By Lynda Richards



Above: TGWBC teams at Tuncurry-Forster WBC Open Fours Carnival



Above L-R: Irene Roberts Runner Up in Tea Gardens Women's Novice Consistency with the Winner Sheila Rattray

Another busy month of "bowls" for our members despite the weather. On Monday 20th February 4 teams from TGWBC competed at the Fingal Bay Invitation Fours Day unfortunately no good news to report about the bowling results but our ladies certainly "cleaned up" on the Spiders, raffles and Tombola. A fun day enjoyed by all, also a wonderful opportunity for new bowlers to venture out from their comfort zone, a real learning curve. Our Novice Consistency started Thursday 23rd February, this event is open to members who have bowled 7 years or less. The Final, Thursday 2nd March eventuated in Sheila Rattray defeating (her bestie) Irene Roberts 153 v 117, great bowling by both finalists.

Monday 27th February first round of NDWBA State Seniors Fours our Club entered 2 teams in this event, unfortunately both were beaten on their first game. On the 3rd March the final of NDWBA State Seniors and Open Fours was hosted by our Club.

Our 4 teams who competed in the Tuncurry - Forster Sports WBC Ladies Open Fours Carnival (Thursday 9th March - Friday 10th March) had a great time, despite not being in the "winners circle".

TGWBC Triples Championship commences on Tuesday 22nd March. Congratulations to our members Deyonne Page, Lorraine Murphy and Sandra Leisemann who have been selected by NDWBA to bowl in the annual Waves to Wine Competition.

MARKS POINT WOMEN

By Helen Pucher, P.O.



Above: Quite a number of our Marks Point ladies have been enjoying playing in the Open Gender Pennants games over the past few weekends. Above is a photo shot of how a couple of our talented ladies managed to draw the perfect 3 shot end win. H.

Fellows with toucher and bowl in ditch, then toucher with Jack in ditch and V. Bubbs with bowl sitting on edge of ditch. Certainly worthy of taking a photo of that end. I am happy to hear that our woman's Pennants will be played in September, when hopefully, the weather will be kinder to us.

During the past month, we have been playing the Club Championship 4's, under these extremely hot conditions. Currently we are up to the finals which are due to be played tomorrow (between D. Jenkins team and J. Harrop's team), so will report on that in next month's magazine. Good luck to both teams. The 4 Semi's games were all close with only a 2 point difference.

Good wishes to our Past President Sue Kidd, who has been unwell for some time. Hope all the tests go well and you make a quick recovery as can be back to bowls soon. You are missed by all. To any of our members who are not so well; take care and hope you get back on the green soon.

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.



Above L-R: Club Minor singles winner Deb Bellingham and runner-up Trudy Van Der Reyden

Some hot bowls in hot weather has been the go at Soldiers Point. The Club Championship Minor singles concluded with some fine bowls from two great finalists. Deb Bellingham is the club minor singles champion winning over Trudy Van Der Reyden. Deb established an early lead, at one point 13/8 but Trudy made a come back challenge nearly levelling the scores in an entertaining match, Deb the eventual winner 25 to 22.

The Club Championship Major pairs are underway with Round 1 played in rainy conditions and Round 2 in a heatwave! Round 3 will be played on 21 March and finals due on 28 March.

Congratulations go to our State Senior Fours who have won the Regional play offs. Terrific bowls, Pam Stephens, Maria Barrett, Alison Moxey and Vacie McIntyre (skip). Good luck when you go to the State play offs. Also special mention goes to our Open State Fours team for their gallant efforts, going down to Raymond Terrace in the district play offs. A great effort Robyn Flanagan, Jan Sutherland, Betty Herbertson, and Leisa Burton (skip).

Until next month happy bowling everyone.

BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.

Hello Bowlers! Our ladies are now in a state of recovery from the extremes in the weather in the last few weeks.

We are now concentrating on our April events. The first is a visit to Lowlands BC for a Friendship Day Competition where new and old friends are the order of the day

The next Championship for us is our Minor Singles with some eager contenders for the title. Good luck girls.

Next is our new look Invitation Day catered by our wonderful chef Anthony who can also be seen on his day off enjoying playing the game of bowls. See you on the green.

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RATHMINES MEMORIAL WOMEN

By Ilona Staples, P.O.



Above: Rathmines Memorial Women's Club Fours Winners C. Grant, B. Hicks, T. Hickman and W. Mobsby (Skip)



Above: Rathmines Memorial Women's Club Fours Runners-up F. Ball, I. Staples, M. Hearne, and G. Maude (skip).



Above: Rathmines Memorial Women's Invitation Day Winners A. Cook, C. Morgan, B. Fox, R. Jones with Lyn Parkes representing sponsor Creightons Funerals.



Above: Rathmines Memorial Women's Invitation Day Runners-up D. Jenkins, S. Murray, L. Pryor, P. Peck with Lyn Parkes representing sponsor Creightons Funerals.

So far it has been a busy start to 2023 with the Ladies 4's championship just finishing with winners being C. Grant, B. Hicks, T. Hickman and W. Mobsby (Skip) with runners-up, F. Ball, I. Staples, M. Hearne, and G. Maude (skip).

Monday 20th March was the club's first invitation day for 2023. We hosted 4 teams from Halekulani, 5 from Valentine, 1 from Belmont, 1 from Dora Creek, 2 from Beresfield, 2 from Warners Bay, 1 from Marks Point, 1 from Redhead, 2 Wangi, 2 Toronto.

The day was again sponsored by Creightons Funeral Service and representative Lyn Parks presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up on the day.

A very close contested day with the winners being Toronto (2+14) and runners-up Marks Point (2+12)

KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.



Above: Kahibah Club Fours Winners Hazel Wilson, Di Ormerod, Pat Walsh & Ella Jordan



Above: KAHIBAH WATERFALL TRIPLES Sponsored By: White Lady Funerals - Winner: Belmont

Congratulations to the winners of the 4s Competition played recently E. Jordan, D. Ormerod, P. Walsh, H. Wilson and commiserations to the Runners-Up A. Bailey, P. Wyborn, L. Schiavon and M. Yarrow. Consistency is underway at the moment having been delayed due to nasty weather!

Waterfall Triples Day was held 27th February and was a great success. Winners on the day were Spider Winners G. Gannon (Charlestown), P. Chatto (Belmont), M. Smith (Charlestown); Overall Winners Belmont Team D. Bourke, J. Currie and P. Chatto; 2nd: Marks Point P. Finn, J. Allen, J. Markin and Consolation to Merewether Ladies G. Smith, B. Unwin, L. O'Shaw. Again many thanks to all our helpers and Donors without these ladies it would be difficult to make these days a success. Our next day is Silver Service day to be held 4th April and Biggest Morning Tea 23rd May. Just a reminder the AGM will be held 9th June. Happy Days. Good Bowling

ADAMSTOWN WOMEN

By Christine Rhodes, C.O.



Above: Adamstown Women's member Lerida Smith celebrates her 90th Birthday.

Our much loved bowler Lerida Smith celebrated her 90th birthday with the bowling ladies. We had a lovely lunch and a huge birthday cake and our President Beryl presented Lerida with a nice indoor plant. Lerida still bowls every week and has now joined the list of ladies 90 plus bowling at Adamstown.

REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO



Above: Redhead ladies celebrate St Pats Day



Over the past few weeks Members of both the Men and Ladies have been playing together in the Zone 2 Club Challenge in Division 3 and Division 4 and both teams have been enjoying the competition and the format of Set play and the challenge of the Competition. The Open Pennants are half way through and both the Division 5 and Division 6 are playing against some great competition. Thank you to the Men bowlers who have been very accepting of our Ladies playing alongside them and our Competitors as well, it is the way to moving forward.

A number of our Ladies enjoyed the Aunt Molly's St Patrick Experience at Wangi District Workers Club on the 14th March and from all accounts had a great afternoon of food and entertainment. Well done to Diane for organising the day.

Our Galas are going well and welcome visitors and we have

some new Ladies Lesley, Gail, Liz and Vicki enjoying learning the game. 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 commencing at 1pm. If you are looking for a Club as a new bowler or to transfer we are a very social Club and enjoy competition, so come and join us where we give everyone a go.

Club Redhead is a central part of the Community so come along, enjoy a game of bowls and a meal at the Seaside Fusion open for Lunch and Dinner Tuesday to Sunday, Tuesdays Schnitty night 13.50, King Poker on Wednesday nights, Trivia on Thursdays nights, Raffles on Friday night and Sundays, Happy hour 4 to 6 everyday.

For those of our Members who have been unwell and hope you are on the mend soon. Until next month good bowling

NEW LAMBTON WOMEN

By Bev Ranclaud, P.O.



Above L-R: New Lambton Women's Club Fours Winners Helen Foreman, Hazel Newcombe, Maureen Morrow and Jan Newham.



Above L-R: New Lambton Women's Club Fours Runners-up Yve Heydon, Carol Salisbury, Julie Hobbs and Jean Sprules.

What a frantic start to 2023 maybe to make up for last 2 years. we've had to make changes to our invitation days & Helen has worked hard to let everyone aware of these changes.

Our club games are well under way with the 4's run & won by Sk Helen Foreman 3rd. Hazel Newcombe 2nd. Maureen Morrow & lead Jan Newham. The better luck next time were Sk. Yve Heydon 3rd. Carol Salisbury 2nd. Julie Hobbs lead Jean Sprules.

Seven of our ladies entered the mixed pennants & so far are enjoying the experience & are doing well.

Congratulations to Helen our bowls chair for making it into City to Coast.

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