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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hey everyone. Normally this month I might start with an observation like "we have hit the halfway mark of the year" etc... BUT with the new calendar, it's actually the twilight of the 2022/2023 season. Clubs will be busy finalising any championships still lagging and be celebrating their champions at presentation days/evenings ready to start the 2023/2024 season on 1 July. Congratulations to all our 2023 champions and enjoy.

Open Gender Pennant Season is completed. This issue we have a pictorial of the Zone 2 winning teams. Hopefully we can gather pics of the Zone 6 and Zone 11 Pennant winners for the next issue. May the best teams win at the State Play-offs from 30 June – 2 July.

The State Interzone Senior and Open Sides championship have been held at Club Maitland City in the last week. The Seniors have been won by Zone 15 and Runners-up Zone 2 (featured on the cover). The Open sides are ongoing as I type with Zone 2 in the quarter-finals against Zone 1. Unfortunately Zone 6 and 11 have dropped out of contention. Well done to DJ and Club Maitland City as well as Lorn Park on a great job as hosts. Unfortunately we are deprived of DJ's most excellent report this issue due to his obligations as host which include commentary duties with Warren Shipley and Andrew Lynn. We will also catch up with Noel James from Zone 11 next issue as he was busy playing in the Zone Senior Rep. Team.

Dean has been asked me to keep my comments to the absolute minimum as we need all the room we can get to include as many local club reports as possible, so I will sign off and save the precious space for you all.

Good luck to all who are heading up to the Australian Open this month. It's on from June 10 – 23. Take care.

TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.



Above L-R: Tuncurry Forster Sports Women's 2022-2023 Major Consistency Singles Finalists Runner-Up Ruth Higham and Winner Kay Negus.

The Semi-Finals of 2022-2023 Major Consistency Singles were played on 21st April and WOW both of the games were tremendous to watch with both coming down to the last couple of bowls played by each player.

In the game between Ruth Higham and Lyn McVicar scores were fairly even throughout. Ruth went into the last end leading on 146 points to Lyn's 144 points, both collected 5 points each which enabled Ruth to win her game with 151 points to Lyn's 149 points.

In the game between Kay Negus and Vicki Piper their scores were also fairly even throughout. Vicki was leading 147 points to Kay's 143 points going into the next end, Vicki picked up 3 points and Kay 7 points and they were both on 150 points. An extra end was required to determine the Winner, and after the 8 bowls had been delivered, they both had 2 of their bowls close to the Jack and the tape came out to determine the points, Kay collected 6 points and Vicki collected 4 points, with Kay finishing on 156 points to defeat Vicki on 154 points.

The Final was played on 28th April between Ruth Higham and Kay Negus. Once again, we were treated to a great game with the scores fairly even throughout, only on a couple of occasions did either player get 10 points or more in front, only for their opponent to come back an even the scores. Going into what was the last end, Ruth was on 144 points and Kay on 146 points, who would be the

player to get to 150 points or more to win the Final? Once again, it came down to a close measure with both players collecting 5 points each and the Final was won by Kay on 151 points to Ruth's 149 points. Congratulations to Kay Negus on winning the Major Consistency Singles and Ruth Higham on being Runner Up.

ALDER PARK WOMEN

By Loretta Bannister

Winner, Julie Lyon and runner up Helen Ross - Alder Park Women's Consistency



Firstly and most importantly, CONGRATULATIONS to our member Robyn Bagnall, runner up in the final of the NDWBA Singles Championship. Alder Park members are so proud of your achievement Robyn.

Your determination in all rounds leading into the final was amazing and we are looking for more success for you in the future.



Above: Robyn Bagnall, runner up NDWBA Singles Championship

Robyn thanked and appreciated the effort of the members who attended the semi and final and Alder Park ladies congratulate Vacie McIntyre on winning and adding to the excitement of the day.

The Club Consistency has been played and finalised with Julie Lyon taking out the title defeating Helen Ross. It was a game well played by both ladies and we congratulate you both on your efforts.

To our precious member, Anne Kershaw (who recently broke her wrist) we send our best wishes for a full recovery. And to all bowlers, please keep warm and safe.



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2023 Bluewater Winter

Mixed Carnival

17th - 21st July 2023

Total Prize Money

\$5180.00

Mixed Fours Monday 17th
entry Fee \$80 per team per event includes lunch

1st \$600 2nd \$400 3rd \$280
+ Best Card in last round \$200

Men's Pairs & Ladies Pairs Tuesday 18th July:
Entry Fee \$40 per team includes lunch

1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$140
+ Best Card in last round \$100

Mixed Pairs Thursday 20th July:
Entry Fee \$40 per team includes lunch

1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$140
+ Best Card in last round \$100

Mixed Fours Friday 21st July
entry Fee \$80 per team per event includes lunch

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+ Best Card in last round \$200

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Newcastle District Bowling Association



From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley,
NDDBA Sports Administrator

ZONE 2 2022/23 OPEN PENNANT FLAG WINNER AND RUNNERS UP

2023/24 Season is fast approaching. We are also at the end of the 2022/23 season with a few events to tidy up and complete before we are all back into it again. From June 30 to July 2 the 7 grades of Open Pennant will contest their State Final series with Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point, East Maitland, Nelson Bay and Beresfield heading to Forster for Grade 1, Raymond Terrace in Grade 2 are off to Ballina, Teralba will contest Grade 3 right here at Lambton, in Grade 4 Terrace will head to Tamworth, Cardiff make the trip to Dubbo with East Maitland heading to Warilla for Grade 6 and Northmead for grade 7.

This will be followed by the Zone 2 seven aside squad heading to Dubbo for the Junior Inter Zone from July 10 to 14. State Championships will be contested from July 18 to August 1 with the main host being Figtree in the Illawarra.

The 23/24 Zone events will commence on August 12 with Zone Fours, followed by Zone Triples commencing August 27, Zone Pairs September 16 and Zone Singles October 21 and the Zone Minor Singles on November 11.

In between we will have the Over 40's Pairs qualifying on August 19 and 20, Rookie Pairs September 9 and 10, Rookie Singles October 14 and 15 which is the middle weekend of Mattara which runs from October 5 to 20. Mixed Pairs Qualifying November 4 and 5.

Bit of a break before the Australian Indoor Qualifying on January 19 to 22 2024, before Mens Pennant commences February 14 and Open Pennant February 17.

The 23/24 State Championships take place from March 1 to 13 followed by the State Champ of Champs from April to May 10. Platinum Pennant kicks off April 6, Ladies State Carnival May 13 to 17, Men's and Women's Pennant State finals May 21 to 23, Inter Zones for Seniors and Open May 28 to June 3, the Australian Open from June 8 to 21 before the State Open Pennant finals finish the season from June 28 to 30.

And we then do it all again for the 2024/25 season!!

GRADE 1 Flag Final RAYMOND TERRACE 70 defeated NELSON BAY 58

GRADE 2 FINAL SERIES											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Raymond Terrace	3	3	0	0	0	212	146	66	145.21	29
2	Hamilton North	3	2	1	0	0	170	164	6	103.66	18
3	Soldiers Point	3	1	2	0	0	170	174	-4	97.7	11.5
4	Warners Bay	3	0	3	0	0	135	203	-68	66.5	1.5

GRADE 4 FINAL SERIES											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Raymond Terrace	3	2	1	0	0	194	152	42	127.63	19.5
2	Beresfield	3	2	1	0	0	185	173	12	106.94	19
3	Belmont Golf	3	2	1	0	0	185	181	4	102.21	19
4	Kotara	3	0	3	0	0	140	198	-58	70.71	2.5

GRADE 5 SECTION 1											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Cardiff	3	2	1	0	0	181	168	13	107.74	20
2	New Lambton	3	2	1	0	0	182	167	15	108.98	19
3	Teralba	3	2	1	0	0	173	172	1	100.58	19
4	Windale Gateshead	3	0	3	0	0	158	187	-29	84.49	2

GRADE 5 SECTION 2											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Lemon Tree Passage	3	2	1	0	0	174	160	14	108.75	21
2	Tea Gardens	3	2	1	0	0	169	164	5	103.05	19
3	East Maitland	3	1	2	0	0	166	194	-28	85.57	10.5
4	Raymond Terrace	3	1	2	0	0	189	180	9	105	9.5

GRADE 5 Flag Final											
	CARDIFF	77	defeated	LEMON TREE PASSAGE	49						

GRADE 6 SECTION 1											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Adamstown	3	2	1	0	0	165	162	3	101.85	19.5
2	Edgeworth	3	2	1	0	0	184	157	27	117.2	17.5
3	Valentine	3	1	2	0	0	168	177	-9	94.92	12.5
4	Raymond Terrace 2	3	1	2	0	0	148	169	-21	87.57	10.5

GRADE 6 SECTION 2											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	East Maitland	3	2	1	0	0	173	159	14	108.81	20
2	New Lambton	3	2	1	0	0	178	171	7	104.09	18.5
3	Rathmines Memorial	3	2	1	0	0	165	167	-2	98.8	17.5
4	Stockton	3	0	3	0	0	165	184	-19	89.67	4

GRADE 6 Flag Final											
	EAST MAITLAND	62	defeated	ADAMSTOWN	54						

GRADE 3 FINAL SERIES				
Position	Name	For	Against	Score Diff.
Q/F1	CHARLESTOWN	64	44	20
	RAYMOND TERRACE	44	66	-20
Q/F2	EDGEWORTH	68	56	12
	CARDIFF	56	68	-12
SEMI 1	NELSON BAY	50	55	-5
	CHARLESTOWN	55	50	5
SEMI 2	TERALBA	60	44	16
	EDGEWORTH	44	60	-16
FINAL	CHARLESTOWN	47	66	-19
	TERALBA	66	47	19

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GRADE 7 SECTION 1											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	East Maitland 1	3	2	1	0	0	184	158	26	116.46	19
2	Alder Park	3	2	1	0	0	168	165	3	101.82	18
3	Stockton 1	3	1	2	0	0	166	173	-7	95.95	12
4	Beresfield	3	1	2	0	0	163	185	-22	88.11	11
GRADE 7 SECTION 2											
Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Teralba	3	2	1	0	0	196	162	34	120.99	20
2	Valentine	3	2	1	0	0	165	181	-16	91.16	18.5
3	Soldiers Point	3	2	1	0	0	187	174	13	107.47	18
4	Fingal Bay	3	0	3	0	0	160	191	-31	83.77	3.5
GRADE 7 Flag Final											
	EAST MAITLAND	75	defeated				TERALBA	32			

HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi Hornets, the feature of the last month was the playing of the Club Triples Championship Final.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: The trio of Tim Haren, Col Wallace and Ryan Steel proved too strong for Brendan Boyle, Jeff Callister and Justin Petherbridge winning 24 to 12. Petherbridge's side led eight to six after 10 ends, but Steel then took control scoring six shots from the next two ends and never lost the lead from that point. In the semi-finals Justin Petherbridge's side defeated D. Morgan, R. Williams and M. Griffiths while

Steel's side accounted for M. Moran, J. Kelly and M. Powell.

We are also up to the Semi-finals of the Mixed Pairs, Minor Pairs, Handicap Pairs as well as the Consistency Singles.

We have nomination sheets up for next seasons Major (Mens and Ladies) Singles as well as our Minor Singles.

PENNANTS: Congratulations are extended to the members of our No. 2 Grade on convincingly winning their section. The squad of Brad Dawson, Corey Hayman, Howard Smith, Mark Evans, Mark Casey, David Evans, Mick Brown, Jamie Lee, Craig Thompson, Wayne Smith, Chad Sutton and Ryan Steel. We are pleased to report that all our pennant sides performed credibly.

TOURNAMENTS: We still have vacancies in our Ladies Open Fours tournament to be played on Wednesday, the 28th of June commencing at 9:30am. We have \$600 in prizemoney on offer. This tournament is 2 games of 10 ends. Entry is \$100 per team (\$25 per player) which also includes lunch. For more information or to enter the tournament please contact the club.

GALA'S: With the end of pennants our Saturday afternoon gala has returned. All our galas continue growing with nearly a full green at least for every gala, all of our galas are \$10 per player. The Tuesday Pairs Cash Gala is always competitive every week with prize money averaging about \$200 per week. The Thursday 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 and our Friday Seafood Voucher Gala has every winning player receiving a \$15 seafood voucher.

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



Above L-R: Hamilton North Triples Winners Tim Haren, Col Wallace & Ryan Steel



Above L-R: Hamilton North Triples Runners Up Justin Petherbridge, Jeff Callister & Brendan Boyle



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

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY UNVEILED

Bowls Australia (BA) has launched its **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy**, the development of which was identified as one of the key priorities in the organisation's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.

The Strategy's overarching goal is to increase participation within underrepresented community groups by making the sport of bowls more inclusive and welcoming.

Over a three-year period, BA will work to achieve identified strategic objectives across six functional areas, encompassing Equity (Women and Girls), Pride in Sport, First Nations, Multicultural, All Abilities and Inclusion & Safety.

The delivery of the Strategy will be overseen by BA's Diversity & Inclusion Manager **David van der Waal**, who said that it will contribute to BA's purpose of "connecting more people to bowls – in more ways – more often."

"Ensuring that the bowls community is truly reflective of the wider Australian population will aid and contribute to bowls clubs being welcoming community hubs and ensuring they are culturally rich environments where everyone is safe and can thrive," van der Waal said.

"It's important that BA lead by example, with its Board and staff championing the cause and playing a significant role in the delivery of the identified initiatives, and working alongside external consultants to ensure the roll-out of the strategy is handled with the utmost thought and care."

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion involves increasing awareness through sharing experiences and listening to perspectives from people from all backgrounds with a growth mindset.

As an ongoing component of the Strategy, BA will invest in providing regular training for all staff in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion space.

The strategy can be view on the Bowls Australia webpage – bowls.com.au

For any enquiries relating to BA's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Strategy, contact David at dvanderwaal@bowls.com.au.



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NELSON BAY

By Bernie Carroll



Congratulations to Nelson Bay Bowling Club Grade 1 Open Gender Pennant side who sailed through the 2023 season undefeated. A fantastic result winning all 10 of their District games which afforded them a direct entry into the State Playoffs.

The Mighty Marlins went on to play for the Zone 2 flag on Sunday 21st May at Club Lambton however were defeated by Raymond Terrace.

The large crowd that attended the game were not disappointed with superb bowls played across the three rinks. The game was worthy of an all-time final. The marquee players from both teams captivated the spectators demonstrating their skills to make it a thrilling game. Congratulations to the winners, Raymond Terrace who managed to overcome a huge comeback from the Marlins to eventually come out on top 70 to 58.

Above: Nelson Bay Semi-finalists Grade 3 Open Gender Pennant team

Our Grade 3 side finished on top of their section to advance to the finals. They met Charlestown in the semi-final under cool and windy conditions. Our Marlins played great bowls however were not successful with their season coming to an end defeated in a close game 50 to 55. A fantastic effort by our Marlins and well done on reaching the semi-finals.

Nelson Bay Bowling Club are extremely proud of all the players who participated in this year's Open Gender Pennant season and hope to come back next year bigger and stronger across all the Grades.

Good luck and good bowling to our Grade 1 side in the State Playoffs scheduled to be played at Forster from 30th June to 2nd July 2023.

BAR BEACH

By Barbie Chowlo

Celebrating 100 years at Bar Beach Bowlo

We're looking forward to a busy month of June at the reef! During May, our open gender singles has been progressing well. Congratulations to finalists, Brad Warren and Damien Biasiol. The Breakers are looking forward to watching a great game!

Our Club Chairman and Games Secretary, Mark Hornby-Howell, has written a brief about the upcoming President v Chairman event. "The inaugural President (Bar Beach Men's Bowling Committee) v Chairman (Bar Beach and Sporting Club) was first played in 2015. Dennis Willis (President) and Darryl Lowe (Chairman) captained the teams. The President's Team won that first match. The day was designed and continues to promote a connection between the Club Board and the Bowls Committee and a fraternal feeling between our members.

Club vouchers are provided to all players who nominate to play. Each player in the winning team receives an additional voucher. Everything is funded jointly by Registered Club and Men's Bowling Committee.

From names on the Nomination Sheet, the current Registered Club Chairman and current Men's Bowling Committee President choose two (2) squads. The Club Chairman becomes a player and captain of the Chairman's squad and the Men's Bowling Committee

President's Team Victorious— Inaugural 2015 President's versus Chairman's Challenge

President's Team:

D Willis (c)
D Bell
E Warren
N Rayner
G Johns
D Hill
R Robinson
B Munday
R Johnson
A Anderson
M Hornby-Howell
J Matthew



Chairman's Team:

D Lowe (c)
T Jenkins
S Jones
S Ansell
D Campbell
L Dagwell
N Brown
M Caesar
B Robertson
A Parsons
K Shellswell
B Mason

Above: BBBSC 2015 The 1st President V Chairman Day, Dennis Willis and Darryl Lowe

President becomes a player and captain of the Presidents' squad. The first pick is alternated each year.

Once matches to be played are determined by the numbers nominated, players are placed into teams by the captains and a draw is finalised. In the past 2-4-2 pairs, mixed triples, 2 bowl, 3 bowl, joker ends, consistency and versatility formats have all been used. The winning squad is determined by most matches won. If tied, shots held then ends won are tallied. If still tied, a pre-determined extra end is played.

The next match is scheduled for Sunday, June 18th 2023, with the Chairman having first pick. For the record; the Presidents Team has won six (6) times while the Chairmans Team has won two (2) times."

WHAT'S ON ...Social Galas. Wednesday and Saturday 1pm. Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club provides free nibbles after the Wednesday and Saturday galas for bowlers to enjoy during the raffle and consolation draw. You can't pick a better location than Bar Beach for a roll at this time of year. Lovely sunshine takes the edge off the colder weather and adds to the beachy atmosphere and fun vibes.

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!



Above: BBBSC 2023 9th President V Chairman Day, Dixon Bell and Mark Hornby-Howell.

NELSON BAY WOMEN

By Bernie Carroll

Pretty in Pink.... Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club members proudly supported the Tomaree Ladies Breast Cancer Support Group on Tuesday the 23rd May 2023 with over 40 ladies in attendance. The ladies had a tremendous fun filled day with a scrumptious morning tea and a friendly game of bowls....more importantly it was made successful with the raising of \$885.00 to contribute to the worthy cause.

The Tomaree Ladies Breast Cancer Support Group are a local 'grass roots' self-funded group that provides assistance to residents on the Tomaree Peninsula who are Breast Cancer patients.

All funds raised or donated to the group stay in the Tomaree area and are used to support people living in the Tomaree Peninsula with Breast Cancer.

Pam Pulbrook, President of NBWBC acknowledged and appreciated the outstanding efforts of all the Committee members in making the day such a success.

Thank you to all the ladies who generously donated the wonderful raffle prizes.

A fabulous effort once again from everyone involved....

VIEWPOINT

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

UMPIRES SHIRTS – If your Club is considering purchasing or replacing Umpires shirts then hold off because the State Umpires Committee is in the process of designing a new one so there is some uniformity and it should be available for purchase soon.

UMPIRES PLEASE NOTE- The Bowls NSW State Umpires Committee has advised the following:

1. The Umpires use of a small mirror to assist with a close measure is no longer allowed. Umpires should use strips of plastic or cardboard.
2. Callipers that cannot be fixed in position once a measure has been made are no longer allowed.
3. When using Feeler Gauges or Callipers, they are to be used from the top down.

2023-24 CONDITIONS OF PLAY – These should be released soon. Umpires should obtain a copy and check out any changes that have been made. A copy of the Conditions of Play together with a copy of the recently released Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition April 2023 should be placed in your Umpires Kit. (Copies of the law Book are available from the Association Office at a cost of \$14 each).



Above: Raffle Prize winners



Below: Players at Nelson Bay for Tomaree Ladies Breast Cancer Support Group

REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO

This month two of our Members Sue and Kathy have celebrated their special "0" birthdays in different ways. Kathy had a wonderful holiday in Canada and Alaska with Ian and also celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary - congratulations from all of us. Sue spent the week with Anne, Jen and Lorna at Soldiers Point Carnival which she was fortunate to win 2 prizes in the raffle and be part of one of the best performed teams with Jen, Lorna and Anne for game 7 on her birthday, great ways to celebrate the milestone. Thank you to our two Rose's who came to watch us play, they made a great cheer squad and thanks to Soldiers Point WBC for running another amazing Carnival.

Our Finals of the Consistency and Minor Singles are still yet to

be finalised due to unforeseen circumstances, the results will be in next month's edition. The sheet is up for pennants and it will be great if we can get two teams again.

We welcome three new full Members Liz Hutchinson, Gail Chinnery and Val Patfield to our Club which is fantastic and we are a small Club but we pride ourselves on having great team spirit and friendship to all. Our Wednesday Galas are well attended and we encourage and help our new players on the game. Ladies can play Wednesdays Gala, Thursdays (Club games), Fridays Gala open Pairs (nominated pairs or single entry any combination), Saturday Mixed 1pm so plenty of bowls throughout the week. We are as competitive as any Club and if you are not happy at your own Club then why not come to Redhead.

I wish all of our Ladies who have been unwell a speedy recovery and for those having a birthday during this month Happy Birthday. Until next month, good bowling.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Secretary Jacqui Aldred & Match Chair Vicki Rankin



Above: Newcastle District Women's "Coast" Team

The City to Coast Challenge was played at Fingal Bay on Friday 28th April. What a wonderful day and many thanks to our hosts Fingal Bay WBC for looking after us. The Coast were victors again this year winning 138 to 130. We look forward to this event next year.

The Newcastle District State Singles and State Senior Singles commenced on Monday 8th May with rounds being played at Raymond Terrace and Alder Park, Tuesday at Mayfield West, Hamilton North, and Stockton. The Semi-Finals and Finals played at Kotara on Thursday 11th May. District thanks each Club who hosted the Singles for their generous hospitality. It was a pleasure to be a spectator at these matches, with all being played in the true spirit of the game.

According to the finalists, the Kotara green was a great green to play. We understand this was a major project for the Club over several months completed by Complete Greenkeeping Solutions' Peter Thornton and staff. Their 5:00a.m. starts and late evening finishes have evidently paid off with players commending the green regularly through play. To volunteer and Club man through & through John

Storrie, who rolled the green between matches, we thank you on behalf of the players. Thanks also to Kotara President Di Bradbury and her Committees for hosting this District event. It was very much enjoyed by all and wonderful to see so many spectators attend the Finals.

Congratulations to Natasha Van Eldik Raymond Terrace, winning Newcastle District Women's Singles and to Leanne Kerby Kotara, who is this year's runner-up in the discipline. With this win, Tash completed her championships' goal for the 2022-23 season, having won all four District Championships & claiming the grand slam.

The Senior Singles Championship, a new competition introduced this year by Bowls NSW, was won by Vacie McIntyre Soldiers Point after a very strong fight back from her opponent, Robyn Bagnall of Alder Park. Congratulations to both players, it was a great game with an edge of your seat finish.

NDWBA Management & Committee wish Natasha and Vacie great bowls and victory when playing the Regional Finals at Scone, Sunday 28th May.

The Singles event finalized our District Championships for 2022-2023 and we thank all players and host venues for participating.

Congratulations to Cheryl Benbow from Raymond Terrace and Vicki Parkinson Lemon Tree Passage who played in the 2023 Disability State Championships at South Tamworth in April, well done Cheryl and Vicki.

Congratulations also to our young juniors from Raymond Terrace, Zoe Nicholls, Charlotte Hayman and Ami Bromhead who played in the U18 Zone 2 Championships and made it through to the finals. These young ladies are great ambassadors for the sport of bowls.

At the time of writing, we have the hotly contested Friendship Trophy against Lake Macquarie to be played at Belmont Golf and Bowls complex on Friday 26th May. This is always a great day for both Districts. The Versatility Day entry form was issued to Club Secretaries 20.05.23, so keep your eye on the notice board at your Club. We welcome Beresfield ladies to our District on July 1st and it will be great to have them included in all our events.



Above: Newcastle District Women's Inaugural Senior Singles Champion Vacie McIntyre



Above: Newcastle District Women's Singles Champion Natasha Van Eldik



Above: Newcastle District Women's "City" Team

MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes



Above L-R: Mayfield West Men's Consistency Singles Finalists Robert Edmund and Dave Curry.



Above: Mayfield West Mixed Pairs Winners Dave Curry and Rachel Shelton with Runners-up Tina and Graham Brown.



Above: Mayfield West EEC shield Winners Pam Stephens, Karen-Anne Bergesen, Sandra Ball and Maria Barrett.

Men's Consistency final has now been completed and our winner is Dave Curry. He played in the final against Robert Edmunds, in a tight game to start, but ran out the winner 150 – 130. Congratulations to both players.

Dave Curry also featured in the mixed pairs final with partner Rachel Shelton victorious over Graham and Tina Brown. This was a fantastic game with the scores close throughout, but it was Cuz and Rachel taking the title with a 18-17 win. Well done !! The final games of Handicap Pairs are now in progress to finish off our 2022/23 season.

The Ladies recently held their annual EEC Shield gala day, which was postponed due to wet weather. Thank you to all that still participated on the lovely sunny day that greeted us on the 24th April. Our winners on the day were Pam Stephens, Karen-Anne Bergesen, Sandra Ball and Maria Barrett with 2 wins and +27 and our Runners up Rosita Ryan's team with 2 wins +26.

The Ladies also played their Pairs Tournament in April and May. Wet weather once again spoilt the party washing out the 1st 2 weeks of our 4 weeks of play. The games committee decided to revamp our regular 18 ends to 2 x 10 end games on the remaining 2 weeks to facilitate playing the 4 rounds. It was an exciting end to the comp with up to 6 teams in contention for the prize money and joint winners overall, with the same score, margin and ends.

Congratulations to Mayfield West duo of Robyn Belcher and Nancy Avery and Charlestown team of Nang and Kathryn Limond joint winners and in 3rd place Julie Schumacher and Leslie Wilson.

May West have been holding a Junior "Bowls Battles" on Fri nights in May. The first night around 12 kids attended and swelling to over 30 on the 2nd night. Great fun is being had by all and we hope to

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continue our Junior Bowls Program into the future. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Finally, our Bowls Presentation night will be held on Sat 24th June and we hope to see all our bowlers there to celebrate our achievements and have some fun in preparation for a strong 23/24 season.



Above: Mayfield West Pairs Tournament JOINT winners Charlestown and MayWest

LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN



The year is nearing the end of the Bowling Calendar with the Champion of Champions Singles and Pairs being played during the first two weeks of June and we wish Raweang Namutwong (Charlestown), Denise Walton (Belmont Golf and Bowls) in the C of C Singles and S. King & Y. Ross (Edgeworth), K. Limond and R. Namutwong (Club Charlestown), G. Brown and M. Simpson (Belmont), W. Morrin and M. Johnston (Valentine) in the C of C Pairs all good bowling to all.

I have been asked to remind all Clubs that the 23/24 Bowls Calendar commences on the 1st July Below is an extract from Bowls NSW regulations - **"Bowling Season means the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022. From 1 July 2022 means**

By Jen Kenyon, District Publicity Officer

from 1 July to 30 June each year". You will remember that clubs had the option of playing their championships in the first six months of 2022. That was a one-off and it is now illegal to play 2023/24 events prior to 1 July 2023. The current bowling season for all championship events is 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024."

The LMDWBA AGM will be held on the 14th July at Kahibah BC. We wish all those who have not been well, we wish you a speedy recovery and you back on the green soon.

Until next month, good bowling.

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR BREAST CANCER

The Biggest Morning Tea, for Breast Cancer, organised by Val Gibbs, was held at our Club on Friday 19th May 2023. What a fantastic day was enjoyed by nearly 100 people, lots to eat, glass of bubbly and lots great raffle prizes.

Val started her first "Biggest Morning Tea" 15 years ago, in her own home with her Husband Clive and with the help of Family and Friends. It was also the start of Val searching for donations from Clubs, Pubs and Businesses around the Newcastle area for her raffle prizes to aid Breast Cancer.

Each year, the number of people attending grew and grew, as did the generosity of donations and all the volunteers willing to assist. Everything, including the food/wine on arrival/prizes all donated and/or prepared by volunteers.

Unfortunately, 4 years ago, Clive passed away and Val no longer was able to cater for the increased numbers in her own home. 2023 is now the 4th year, since "Val's Biggest Morning Tea", received a new home. Michael offered the facilities and use of Club Charlestown. The continued generosity is enormous. Special thanks to Michael for the use of the Clubs new Function Room, the Clubs Staff, including the Bar Staff and vouchers for Raffle.

As a special Charity Day, the Club allows the donation and generosity of every volunteer who cooked/bought food for the tables, all to be set up in the Function Room, a wine to enjoy. Val continues to work tirelessly to make this event the success it has become.

After 15 years the generosity of the Clubs, Pubs and Business across the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie area continues to grow. She personally approaches each venue every year and returns after the event, to again thank them for their donations.

This year there was 3 separate raffles with over 70 Prizes ranging from \$22 - \$100 with the total raised \$3,500 for Breast Cancer.

To all the Sponsors for their donations, Family, Friends and Club Members who donated their time and everyone who supported this great event in anyway, a HUGE THANK YOU.

If you want to attend a fantastic Big Morning Tea next year, put Club Charlestown in your diary for 2024.

For this Month: Some great wishes/good bowling for our 2022-2023 Club Mixed Pairs, who are heading into the Finals. Our 14 Lake Macquarie District Representative Players will join LMD v/s Newcastle District in "The Friendship Trophy", at Belmont Bowling Club on Friday 26th May. Lynn Genders, Halina Wuro, Kathy Limond, Gayle Gannon, Debbie Foote, Gail Baker, Pattie White, Kay Shuttlewood, Raweang Namutwong, Karleen Gemmell, Rhonda Littlewood, Debbie Bullen, Laurel Faint, Kathy Faint. Our Major Singles (Raweang Namutwong) and Pairs Champions (Raweang Namutwong and Kathy Limond) will represent the Club, competing in the 2022-2023 Champion of Club Champion Singles (5th-8th June) and Champion of Club Champion Pairs (1st-4th June).

Results in the July edition, Till next Month Laurel.

MARKS POINT WOMEN

By Helen Pucher, P.O.



Above L-R: Marks Point Women's Minor Singles Finalists Dianne Jenkins (Winner) and Janette Allen (R/Up)

The past month has simply flown past ...I can hardly believe that I am rushing at the last minute to get the report in for June. During the month we completed the Minor Singles Championship and there were some very good bowls played. The final was a really good game to watch. Congratulations to both players.

We are now up to Semi Final stage in the President's Consistency so shall report on that in the next report. This is the final competition for the 22/23 year for the women's bowls however there are some mixed games going on currently.

Good wishes to Lyndal Gorton who has recently got home after a very long hospital stay. Hope to see you back at bowls soon. To any other members on the sick list we send our best wishes. Happy bowling.

BELMONT GOLF AND BOWLS WOMEN

By Di Stockwell, P.O.

Hello members and fellow Bowlers. Here we are into the month of June and the cool weather has arrived time for our warm bowling gear to be worn.

Our Major Singles winner and the Pairs winners are heading to the State play offs at the beginning of June so I shall report on this in my next report.

Wishing Denise Walton our Club Champion and Maureen Simpson and Gaye Brown the Pairs Champions every success at the play offs.

Our Invitation Day will be held at the end of May. I will also report on this event next month.

A reminder our AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th JUNE after our morning gala.

The mixed pairs are still being played as I write our report and the mixed fours will commence in June. Wishing teams every success and good bowling.

Our Gala day with pick your partners have been very successful and the members are enjoying the games. A Special Thank you to Carol Goodwin for her great job in reminding members to put their names down for gala and the colourful back grounds well done Carol.

Wishing all members a very Happy Birthday who are celebrating in the month of June.

Sending best wishes to any member on the sick list a speedy recovery.

Deepest Sympathy Deanne Trevenar and Family on the passing of your loving Husband Graeme. Graeme will be sadly missed. Until next month I will see you all O.T.G.

EASTS OVER 70'S PAIRS



Above: Winners of Easts Inaugural Over 70's Pairs Keith Irwin and Allan Starrett with representatives from sponsors Alto Imaging Dr Ebrahimi (left) and Jo Williams (right)

Easts calendar got a little fuller this year with the introduction of the Over 70's Pairs tournament that was played on Monday 15th May. It was well received with 28 teams contesting the inaugural event played over 3 games of 11 ends.

Five teams completed the day undefeated which meant the 5 major prizes on offer were divvied up according to margin. Right out in front with +51 was the New Lambton combination of Allan Starrett and Keith Irwin whose +28 win in the first round cemented their first placing. However, their ascension to the winners' podium would not have been possible without the downfall of tournament leaders George Grant and Ed Wozniak. This pair had won the first round by +38 and the second round by +25 amassing a colossal lead of +63 before faltering in the final match by an equally impressive loss of 20 shots – commiserations guys. Starrett and Irwin slashed the hopes of Bob Sims and Terry Miles who also had 2 games up their sleeve heading into the last round – the loss dropped them well out of contention in the wash up. In second place with 3 wins + 36 was Beresfield's Grant Boyce and Max Dettelbacher and local Easts side of Ross Mclean and Peter Ball were not far behind in third place on 3 wins + 31. Tied on 3 wins +22 was Lorraine Hay and Glenn Hooper and Dick Marriott and Dave McDonald. A Countback of least shots against gave Lorraine and Glenn the advantage and they claimed fourth place over Dick and Dave. Congratulations to all major prize winners.



Above: Second place in Easts Inaugural Over 70's Pairs Max Dettelbacher and Grant Boyce with representatives from sponsors Alto Imaging Dr Ebrahimi (left) and Jo Williams (right).

Best Performed prizes were awarded for each round. Aforementioned George Grant and Ed Wozniak actually qualified for BP in both round 1 and round 2, but with only one prize per team, BP Round 2 went to John Maughn and Daryl Dorney on +12. In round 3 Ray Cooper and Peter Schremmer ironically won best performed, being the team that defeated George and Ed by +20.

Well done to Easts on another great addition to their extensive tournament calendar - Bob and Clay are a great team. Thanks to all the players who threw their hat in the ring and contested and thanks to all the helpers behind the scenes bar, greens, umpires, kitchen etc.. whose contribution does not go unnoticed.



Above: Third place in Easts Inaugural Over 70's Pairs Ross Mclean and Peter Ball with representatives from sponsors Alto Imaging Dr Ebrahimi (left) and Jo Williams (right).

KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

Neither of our No 3 Grade or No 6 Grade sides were able to progress to the Post-Sectional Games in the Open Pennant competition with both our No 3 Grade and No 6 Grade finishing 4th in their Sections. Many thanks to the 23 players who participated and represented the club over the 10 weeks of the competition.

The Club Championship moved along with the continuation of the Major-Minor Pairs 2nd Round matches Ennio Volpe and John Smith had a 24-7 victory over Robert Yelds and Merv Brown, Jim Richards (Sub) and Brady Anderson scored an 18-12 victory over Scott O'Donohoe and Brian Stokes and then Col Dorn and Brady Anderson just outlasted Darrell Oaten and Kevin Gibbons 17-16. Barry Humphries and Gerry Gamble accounted for Ian Gibbons (sub) and Robert Freeman 20-16 and in the next round. Ian Gibbons (Sub) and Gerry Gamble defeated Wayne Enks and Riley Cleaver 21 -18 while Rod Cleaver and Chris Mogg scored a 5 on the last end to defeat Thomas and Matthew Webster 21-18. The first semi-final resulted in a 21-16 victory for Ennio Volpe and John Smith over Col Dorn and Brady Anderson in a see-sawing game with 2 threes to winners on the last two ends giving them the victory.

Entries have now closed for our 2023-2024 Major Singles Championship with the competition due to commence early in June.

At this time there are no plans to stage either the Darby Ross Singles or Alan Shaw Pairs Tournaments in 2023 as the Club will be converting both grass greens to synthetic surfaces with work on the project due to commence in June. As it will be difficult to provide two greens until the project is completed it was thought better to start future planning when there is greater certainty about possible playing dates. We thank all those who have contacted the club and shown an interest in these events.

CLUB LAMBTON

By Barry Hewat

Thank you to Dean and Colleen from On The Green for their photos and report of our very successful Mixed Fours Easter Carnival in May's issue.

Last of our club championships was consistency singles with Kevin Abel defeating Dan Clements 152-102 in the final. The Presker Brothers shield for Lambton full members will be played from late May. It's a Mixed 3 bowl DFP triples knockout.

Unfortunately all men's pennant sides did not make playoffs but were competitive with several players new to pennant format. Thank you for representing your club.

Good bowling and may the luck be shared.

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MARKS POINT

By John James



Above: Marks Point Consistency Finalists Bob Steele (right - Winner) and John Ward (left - Runner-up)

The Consistency Bowl's Final 13.5.23 Bob Steele 153 def John Ward 147. Wow, what a great example of draw bowls from Bob & John not seen at this club for some time. John will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. What can we say about Bob? He had to use all his experience to gain that much needed advantage to win.

Ken, Bob and Jody 26 def John, Rod and Graham 22 in the Triples final. What a great game of bowls this match was. The lead changed many times, the bar sales would have suffered as the many spectators did not want to leave to fill their schooners up. All the bowlers played great bowls, however Jody who plays very limited bowl's as she has work commitments showed plenty of potential leading therefore was named MAN of the match.

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Right: Marks Point Triples Finalists J. Ward, R. Ibbett and G. Easton (Runners-up) and K. Forsyth, B. Steele and J. Swain

Dreamer

Hello Dreamers! The 2023/24 Conditions of Play have been released and some of the changes regarding length of matches and age qualification for Senior events are listed below.

Duration of Matches: Reduced durations of matches may be used where 3 matches of sectional play are played in one day, as per General Conditions of Play Clause 39. Sectional play may be conducted in sections of 3 or 4 teams/players.

SINGLES:

- State Men's Singles Championships 25 shots up
- State Women's Singles Championships 25 shots up
- Senior Men's Singles Championships 25 shots up
- Senior Women's Singles Championships 25 shots up
- Open Reserve Singles Championships 25 shots up

PAIRS:

- All Pairs are played as 2x2x2x2 except **Senior Women's Pairs which is 3 bowls per player.**
- State Men's Pairs Championships 21 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends**
- State Women's Pairs Championships 21 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends**
- Senior Men's Pairs Championships 21 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends**
- Open Reserve Pairs Championships 18 ends **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 12 ends**
- Senior Women's Pairs Championships 21 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends**
- Senior Women's Pairs Championships are 3 bowls per player**

TRIPLES

- All matches 2 bowls per player
- State Men's Triples Championships 25 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends**
- State Women's Triples Championships 25 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends**
- Senior Men's Triples Championships 25 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends**
- Senior Women's Triples Championships 21 ends or **Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends**
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To enter Senior Championships the player must be aged 60 years or over as at the first date scheduled for The Bowls Australia Nationals - 5 October 2024.

Sweet Dreams



Zone 2 Open Gender Pennant Results

GRADE 1 **WINNERS: RAYMOND TERRACE**



Runners-Up: Nelson Bay



GRADE 2 **WINNERS: RAYMOND TERRACE**



**Runners-Up:
Hamilton North**

GRADE 3

WINNERS: TERALBA



Runners-Up: Charlestown

GRADE 4

WINNERS: RAYMOND TERRACE



Runners-Up: Beresfield

GRADE 5

WINNERS: CARDIFF



Runners-Up: Lemon Tree Passage

The Major Singles Champion for 2022/23 is Greg Chapman who defeated Damian Robb. Congratulations to both for a great game. In the Open Pennants, 3 of the 4 Grades made the Zone playoffs. Congratulations to our Grade 5 on winning the Zone flag, & now off to Dubbo for the BNSW flag. Grades 1 & 3 made the playoffs & unfortunately fell on the first day. Nominations for Major Pairs (close 18TH June & commence 2ND July) & Singles are now open.

"the only thing that feels better than winning is winning when nobody thought you could" – Hank Aaron.

BERESFIELD

By David Govan,

Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi there fellow Magpies! Well what a few weeks it has been for the club with the club challenge coming to completion. Congratulations to the 3 & 4 division Magpies on the victorious campaigns claiming both titles. Congratulations to all our pennant teams this season for a great job, our 1 grade 4 grade & 7 grade for making the playoffs with the 1 grade qualifying for state playoffs at Forster next month the 4 grade finishing runners up & our mighty 7 grade a great effort in their campaign. Good luck to our representatives in the upcoming state champion of champions. Women's singles Lorraine Humbles, Mens singles David Govan, Women's pairs Lynn Young & Sue Adams, Mens pairs Corey Nickalls & Anthony Ellercamp. Keep your eyes posted magpies in the coming weeks as we round out the last of our club championships. That's all for now Good Bowling & Go The Magpies!!!



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BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.

May has been a very busy Month for our Boolaroo Ladies, with our Invitational on the 3rd Congratulations to Team Valentine for their win with our very own Boolaroo Ladies runner up. Lots of great scoring considering the strong winds on the day. A special thank you to Creighton's Funerals for their ongoing sponsorship of these events.

We also had the honour of hosting the Executive Delegates Vet's Day on the 22nd, with over a hundred Ladies in attendance. A day to Celebrate our District members, of a mature age in what was a perfect day for bowls, not a cloud in the sky. Our game was only 12 ends played with Ladies from other Clubs which was a lovely way to meet and greet.

Thankyou to all our wonderful helpers and to our great cooks for a very special morning tea for all on arrival, and to those who donated to our Tombola and Raffle, with lucky winners going home very happy.

A special 'Get Well' to Marg Barry recovering from heart surgery, we all send our best to you and trust you will be bowling down our



Above: Winners of Boolaroo Women's Invitation Day - Valentine

rinks again soon.

With Winter upon us, enjoy your bowls, stay well and warm.



Above: Runners-up in Boolaroo Women's Invitation Day - Boolaroo

CARDIFF WOMEN

By Bianca Hann, P.O.



Above: Cardiff Women's Minor Singles Winner Janelle Peattie with Jo Henderson runner up



Above: Ann Merriam Shield Winners Maryann Wilkinson, Margaret Robson, Debbie Chapman with Cardiff Women's Patron Ann Merriam Patterson

A busy month at Cardiff. First we held a special gala on Anzac Day. Thank you to our organisers, Jo Henderson and Glenda Robins for the day. The day began with CBC president Warren Wahlstedt who recited the ode, followed by the last post and one minute silence. We had 46 bowlers all enjoying a warm and sunny day many winning prizes along the way with the 1st to get a toucher after the bell was rung. We were also spoiled by the cheese and biscuits served by Jo Henderson. We then came into a delicious high tea catered by some great cooks, Barbara Murdoch, Glenda Robins, Di Healey, Margaret Merriam, Sharon Brewer and Jo Henderson. Spider winners were Jan Eustace and Brian Richens, the spider raising \$74 for legacy. It was a great day.

We welcome Marea Olsen as a new member to our club. Marea transferred from Kotara to join her longtime friends, we wish her many happy years bowling at Cardiff.

We held our annual Ann Merriam shield invitation day with 72 bowlers from different clubs. This event has been played since 1950 and was attended by four of the Merriam family Margaret, Greg, Louise Eggleton, and our patron, Ann Merriam Patterson, along with our life members Pat Hoole and June Hancock. Winners of the day were Maryann Wilkinson, Debbie Chapman and Margaret Robson, from Edgeworth. Runners-up Pat White, Robyn Gardner and Jan Moore from Charlestown. Consolation going to Val Adamiak,

Glenda Robins and Brigitte Wilson from Cardiff. Spider winners were Julie Rossington from Edgeworth and Bianca Hann from Cardiff. After bowls we sat down to the traditional serving of corn beef and vegetables served by a restaurant "the Blind Chef". Many thanks to our umpire Neville Hill match, June Hancock and to all our members who helped make the such a successful day.

Congratulations to Janelle Peattie as winner of the Minor Singles with Jo Henderson as the runner-up. It was a very good game. The game is more special as Janelle has only been bowling for a few months. Thanks to match and to all the markers and umpires for the three games. Thanks to all who came along for support.

Happy birthday to our May ladies Denise Mackenzie, Peg Dart and Ruth Savage.



Above: Marea Olsen – new member at Cardiff Women. Marea asked us to give her "the Doris Day treatment" – hope you like it Marea ;)

EAST MAITLAND By Kathy Wilton



Above: East Maitland Women's Major Singles Champion Simone Smith and Runner Up Sandi Brock.

Our Club Major Singles Championships were played at the end of February. What a fantastic final was witnessed with both girls putting down some awesome bowls. Congratulations to our Major Singles Champion, Simone Smith and Runner Up Sandi Brock. Great effort girls and well done to both of you.

During March we played our Minor Singles Championship's with several entries, and a fantastic line up. A great final and awesome bowls being played. Congratulations to our Minor Singles Champion, Julie Holmes and Runner Up Gloria Irby.

The Hunter River District Women's held the Coal Board Fours during March at Telarah. Easts entered four teams to participate in



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Above: East Maitland Women's Minor Singles Runner Up Gloria Irby and Champion, Julie Holmes.

the event with all teams playing well and did their best under very warm conditions. Congratulations to one of our teams who took out first place, outstanding effort girls. Winning team - Lorraine Hay, Betty Sinclair, Annette Hooper and Helen Allomes.

During April East Maitland hosted the Hunter River District Women's Open and Senior Singles Championship's. It was lovely to see several of our club players competing on their home turf. The Club is so proud of all their ladies and their efforts during the competition. Well done.

Congratulations to Lorraine Hay being Senior Singles Champion winning 25-23 against Beresfield's Pam Stephanis.

Also congratulations to Kathy Wilton, only just coming away with a win in the Open Singles against her fellow club member and sister Simone Smith, Score 25-24.

Both finals were nail biters right down to the last end. Well done ladies doing Easts proud and playing your hearts out. Good Bowling!!

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All sports involving repetitive processes and their multiple application have, for the great majority of people, a natural progression to competence.

This procession has a number of stages.

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Stage 1 - The Illusory stage (belief in being too good too quick)

Stage 2, 3 and 4 - The Learning or Apprenticeship Stage

Stage 5 - The Application or Tradesman's Stage



STAGE 1 - THE ILLUSORY STAGE

This stage, if it is not recognized for what it is, can hinder future progress in a chosen sport in our case Lawn Bowls.

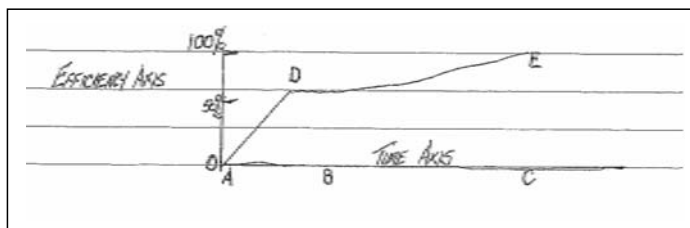
This stage is reached very quickly in the career of most sport persons sometimes after only two or three lessons or games. It is in most cases wrongly interpreted to reflect the initiates flair for the sport and depending on his or her level of performance. Quite often misleads both coaches and players into believing that this ready aptitude for the game or some of its' repetitive processes indicates that the player is destined for a great future in the sport of lawn bowls.

Unfortunately this may not be so!

This is why this stage of a player career is called "The Illusory Stage". In almost all cases, this stage reflects the player's

predominant natural aptitude or flair evidencing itself. In other words, physical flair or ability which the player has natural and easily, is automatically applied to perform one or more of the repetitive processes. This is why all athletes in all sports have a predominant characteristic be it good right or left hand in boxing, a sidestep in football, a square cut in cricket or a big serve in tennis and so on.

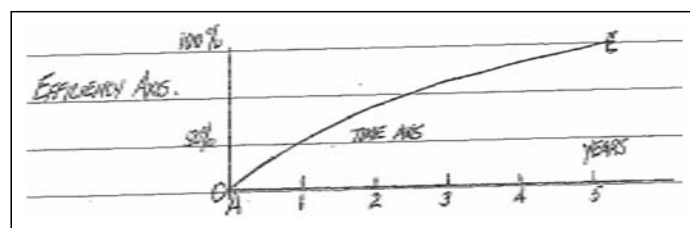
The latent and quickly evidenced characteristic is no indication of the players' future progress in the sport and the great tragedy is that in most cases it is incorrectly interpreted as being just that. Unless some corrective action is taken, the average players learning/proficiency curve (ODE) will probably finish like this:



Period A to B can represent as little as 3 to 4 weeks practice.

Period B to C can represent the rest of your bowling life

Unfortunately most of all bowlers get bogged down somewhere along the line D to E. Quite obviously the ideal Learning/Proficiency curve should be something like this.



Our Coaching programme sets out to disregard Stage 1 - The Illusory Stage - and regard it as a bonus. Instead it sets out to teach the "Total Subject" not just for leads, seconds and third and skips, although they obviously will be approached on a progressive or graduated basis with emphasis given to different subjects from time to time.

Thus the Programme has to cover:

- The History of the game and the laws and regulations under which it operates.
- The practical mechanics of the subject and the physical laws which they operate
- The Application of the knowledge to achieve the strategic or desired ends.

All these subjects are studied simultaneously and that brings us to Stages 2,3 & 4.

STAGE 2, 3 & 4 - THE APPRENTICESHIP/LEARNING STAGE

If Stage 1 is recognized for what it is and by virtue of the fact that the new player accept they will progress little or no further in their chosen sport unless they disregard that early proficiency and improve their overall performance as follows:

Learn the mechanics of all the repetitive processes. Count how many you know and the examine your conscience to admit how few you have learnt and can perform adequately.

Learning the requirements of each position so that the task of each are understood which means Lead, Second, Third and Skip.

Concurrently with that, learn the rules of the game so that all the foregoing may be implemented to maximum efficiency.

If you wish to learn the rules of lawn bowls, rule books are available at the office of N.D.B.A. at a nominal cost.

Stage 5 will follow in next copy of "On the Green"

NELSON BAY BLUEWATER PAIRS



Above: Winners of Nelson Bay Bluewater Pairs Haydn Bojkowski (left) and Josh Walker-Davis (right) with Men's Bowls President Mark Rodway (centre).



Above: Runners-up in Nelson Bay Bluewater Pairs Jono Davis (left) and Matt Baus (right) with Men's Bowls President Mark Rodway (centre).

I would like to say that bowlers were treated with glorious sunshine for the Bluewater Pairs tournament as they were last year, but... well they were..... kinda... for the most part. But the final day was disrupted by intermittent rainfall. However, with a pause in play at the appropriate times, the 8 round event was successfully brought to a conclusion. As a number of sides travelled from afar, the option was given for those who wished, to pull up stumps and head off if they weren't in with a chance at the prize money.

Going into the last round only Haydn Bojkowski who teamed with Josh Walker-Davis was undefeated and remained that way taking the major prize. A further six teams had dropped a match at some point over the three days, but they all won their final round to stay in the money. The order slightly changed though - Aaron Teys and Corey Wedlock from Warilla came home strong with a +23 victory which elevated them from 5th to 3rd whilst Alvin Gardiner and Chris Ramage drew their final game and settled in eighth.

There was a fantastic field of top end bowlers on the green, attracted by the prize money and Bowls Australia Ranking points for the top four places. Bowls Manager Kane Coulls thanked them for their continued support in making the Bluewater Pairs a prestigious event. He also thanked sponsors Guys Choice Cuts and Taylor Bowls, volunteers who helped behind the scenes including Bob Lyle, Kevin Baker "the guru on the BBQ" and other helpers, as well as umpires, green staff, Richard Girvan and club staff and Boyd Dumbrell "Happy Bowler" who live-streamed the games.

Prize money was paid down to 8 places with 2 Best Performed prizes outside the major prize money for round 7 and 8. Winners: Haydn Bojkowski and Josh Walker-Davis (Easts) 8+64; Second: Jono Davis (Nelson Bay) and Matt Baus (Raymond Terrace) 7+92; Third: Aaron Teys and Corey Wedlock (Warilla) 7+70; Fourth: Matt Swan and Andrew Swan (Wenty Leagues) 7+67; Fifth: Lee Schraner (Raymond Terrace) and Matt Johnstone

(Soldiers Point) 7+62; Sixth: Ali Coleman and Simon Beggs (Tweed Heads) 7+33; Seventh: Eric Ryan (played Mon&Tues), Daniel Hill (played Wed) and Sam Laguzza (Charlestown) 6½+61; Eighth: Alvin Gardiner and Chris Ramage (Soldiers Point) 6½ + 30; Best Performed Round 7: Mark Cross and Pete Davies (Alexandria Erskineville) +20; Round 8: Jake Graham (Nelson Bay) and Greg Jeans (Cabramatta) +14.

Congratulations to all winners.



Above: Third Place in Nelson Bay Bluewater Pairs Aaron Teys (left) and Corey Wedlock (right) with Men's Bowls President Mark Rodway (centre).

SOLDIERS POINT

By Mark Watt, Bowls Director

BOWLS VICTORY FOR SOLDIERS POINT

As well as the main Saturday Pennant Competition, the Newcastle Zone runs a mid-week "Club Challenge". This year, Soldiers Point Bowling Club entered three 9 person teams. The play comprises two games each of "Fours", "Triples" and "Pairs". Soldiers Point 1st Team reached the final in Division One to play Raymond Terrace who are always formidable rivals. The match resulted in a 2 games to 1 win for Soldiers Point so congratulations go to the team shown in the photo.

The club's 2nd team also reached a final this time in Division 3 but were narrowly defeated by Beresfield Bowling Club. New members are welcome at Soldiers Point and receive free coaching-contact Mark watt on 49827173.

Below: Soldiers Point Division 1 "Club Challenge" Winners From top left and clockwise the team is W Flanagan (Mngr), B. Ahoy, T. Sagar, M. Watt, D. Tarrant, T. Antram, T. Hinton, M. Johnston, M. Shepherd and W. Shipley.



LEMON TREE PASSAGE WOMEN

By Anne Cheetham, C.O.

Congratulations to Sue Gunness for reaching the semi-final of the recent District Senior Singles - a well-deserved achievement.

Delma Price and Kath Rados have been selected to play in the upcoming Newcastle District Friendship Trophy game against Lake Macquarie District at Belmont on 26th May.

Lyn Jordan, Anne Cheetham, Sue Gunness and Delma Price represented Coast in the Newcastle District City versus Coast Challenge held at Fingal Bay on 28th April.

Congratulations to Lemon Tree Passage Grade 5 Open Pennant side who won their Section in Saturday Pennants this year.

Our annual fund-raising day for the Tilligerry Rural Fire Service and LTP Marine Rescue will be held on 18th June - this is usually a fun day for both bowlers and non-bowlers with all proceeds shared by these 2 vital local organisations.

Well done to Anne Cheetham, Lorraine Quigley, Sue Gunness, and Kath Rados who were the best performed team in game 5 at the Soldiers Point Blue Water Fours Carnival.

Our Invitation Fours will be held on Monday 24th July.

Contact Vicki Parkinson, Match Chair, for entries-

Ph: 0422 09 09 10 or email

mocaandvparkinson@gmail.com.

LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Robertson, C.O.



Above L-R: Lowlands Women's President Annette Kennedy presenting Oncology Day Winners Lorraine Fairhall and Phyl Davies from Stockton.

Our club is experiencing a resurgence of increased club membership through the WEA learn to play bowls clinics. We have currently completed the final clinic of 10 ladies on the 23rd of May which has been an outstanding success. Tuesday's galas are now consistently supported with over 30 players, a level not reached from over 4 years ago.

The annual Oncology day was held on the 1st of May and again a great day for Oncology and bowlers. We raised \$2072, an amazing amount. The winners were ex Lowland members Lorraine Fairhall and Phyl Davies from Stockton. Runners up were Lynn Harland and Cheryl Anderson from Bar Beach. Well done girls. Thanks also to the volunteering Oncology team who work tirelessly for the cause in providing a healthy and delicious lunch, running raffles and selling crafts. Thanks to our men's club members who assisted with parking, our organisation committee, and to the visiting players. Another fabulous day at Lowlands

The club mixed pairs 2-4-2 was won by Jane Johnson and Ben Wick. Runners up Fran Hoppe and Ken Proctor.

Club elections are currently underway with nominations opening on the 23rd of May. It's great to see that many of our newer members are keen to nominate and become part of the essential organisation which is required to run the club. A big thankyou to those who are volunteering their time and efforts in support for our club.

Please check the middle of this issue to locate all the fixtures which are scheduled for Lowlands throughout the month in both women's and open events.

Great bowling to everyone. Just enjoy the game. See you on the green.



Above L-R: Runners-up in Lowlands Women's Oncology Day Lynn Harland and Cheryl Anderson from Bar Beach with President Annette Kennedy (centre). Well done girls!

STOCKTON

By Jack High, P.O.



Above: Stockton 2023 Jim Scanlon Shield Winners Tony Baker (Skip) Gary Ferguson, Greg Penfold with Runner-Up Allan Pengally, Mick Hoyer and Brian Hitchcock.

Despite the forecast of bad weather which fortunately did not eventuate, the Final of the "Jim Scanlon Shield" was played on Sunday the 30th April. An interesting match with fortunes fluctuating during play until the trio of Greg Penfold, Gary Ferguson and Tony Baker (Skip) won the final few ends to defeat the team of Allan Pengally, Mick Hoyer and Brian Hitchcock (Skip) by 21-16 shots. Following the final round of Saturday Pennants we had 2 sides that made it to the playoffs. Our No. 6 Grade defeated Water Board in Round 10 in a cliff hanger by 56-55 shots to retain their Section lead with 68 points. and were scheduled to play Rathmines at Nelson Bay on the 20th May in their 1st game of a Round Robin series with a similar format to Grade 7. Our No.7 (1) Grade Side. Although defeated by New Lambton on the Master Board by 67-70 shots in Round 10 retained 2nd place in the Section with 60.5 points behind Fingal Bay who scored 69.5 points. They proceeded to the Section playoffs at Valentine on Saturday 20th May when they were drawn to play the winner of Section 1, East Maitland (1) in the first of the Round Robin series to decide the winner of Group A who would go on to contest the Final against the winner of Group B on Sunday afternoon. At copy time the Club Minor Singles Competition had commenced and most of the 1st Round matches had been completed.

STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO



Above: Stockton Women's Under six years finalists Nadine Bolton and Ruth Sutcliffe

It has certainly been a busy couple of months through April and May this year. Firstly we held our Under 6 years competition, and unfortunately there weren't as many entries as we would have liked, nonetheless, congratulations are extended to Ruth Sutcliffe who defeated Nadine Bolton in this event. This was the last year that Ruth could qualify, so well done for getting there. Next we held our Consistency Competition, and what a final that turned out to be. Raelene Firkin had a healthy lead over Supak Delaney, but Supak didn't let that deter her one bit. It was a great game to watch, and Supak showed us how well she fights back when she's behind. Well done Raelene, it was a difficult game, but Supak has another notch on her belt and I hate to think how many times she's won this particular event over the years. Well done.

Our most recent competition was the Minor Singles, and again, not as many entries as we hoped for. Ruth Sutcliffe and Debbie Salmon were our finalists, and Debbie left her run a little late, even though she almost caught Ruth towards the end of the game. Ruth, however, held on to win and we congratulate her, and Debbie, for a great game.

Our Mixed Gender Pennants teams have seen a little bit of success this season, with our Grade 6 making it to Play Offs at Nelson Bay and our Grade 7.1's in the playoffs at Valentine.

Both our teams put up a good fight on Saturday and Sunday, but didn't make the final. Our 7.1's did manage to win their first game on Saturday against East Maitland, who had not lost a game through the whole season. In both cases, the 6 grade and 7.1's, were only behind on the Masterboard by between 1 and 3 shots in most cases.

Well done to all who participated, it was a wonderful effort, and our thanks to both Nelson Bay Bowling Club and Valentine Bowling Club for hosting the event.

Also, our congratulations are extended to the Stockton Ladies selected to play in Friendship Day. They are Carol Shephard, Trish Clark, Raelene Firkin, Jill Young and Suzanne Sansom. It is always an honour to be selected for these events, and we know you will play well and enjoy the day.



Above: Stockton Women's Consistency Finalists Supak Delaney and Raelene Firkin



Above: Stockton Women's Minor Singles Finalists Ruth Sutcliffe and Debbie Salmon.

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.



Above: Winners of Soldiers Point Women's Blue Water 4s Carnival - Forster/composite side of Joan Thomas, Betty Herbertson, Gina Pain and Debbie Slater.

The main event this month was the very popular Blue Water 4s Carnival held over 3 days which hummed along in perfect weather until the last day when the games were shortened due to some cloud bursts. Forty teams enjoyed the competition, camaraderie and the club's hospitality. The winners were Forster/composite team of skip Joan Thomas, Debbie Slater, Gina Pain, Betty Herbertson who won with 8 wins and a margin of 95. Second place went to the Taren Point girls, skip Kate Walker, Colleen Minehan, Jo Parker, and Katrina Wright with 8 wins and a margin of 69. Third place went to Kurri Kurri - Skip Sharon Sumner, Adele Johns, Lee-Ann Chenoweth and Tanya Ware. 4th place Valentine/composite, skip Trixie Stauble, Kelly Meek, Marilyn Meek and Shirley Pyke. 5th place Raymond Terrace/composite team, skip Vacie McIntyre, Christine Davie, Pat Skinner and Sharon McReynolds. 6th was Seaforth - skip Jenny Roberts, Brenda Chalmers, Sharron Hudson, and Jacque Morgan. 7th to Stockton - skip Carol Shephard, Raelene Firkin, Suzanne Sansom and Jill Young. Bowlers travelled from as far afield as Engadine, many renewing old friendships and it was evident everyone enjoyed the bowls and the fun. Thanks to our hardworking committee, match, social committee, the umpires, many volunteers, and our club who helped make the carnival a success.

Our club consistency singles will commence next week. Special



Above: Second place in Soldiers Point Women's Blue Water 4s Carnival Taren Point, Colleen Minehan, Katrina Wright Jo Parker, and Kate Walker

mention and congratulations go to Vacie McIntyre who won the Seniors District singles. Julie Schumacher bowled well but was narrowly edged out in the semi-final. Until next month.

KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.

Not a lot of news this month except for upcoming events. Our biggest Morning tea will have been held by the time this goes to press. Here's hoping for a successful day.

Fees may now be paid ASAP before the A.G.M. which will also be the Presentation Day. All welcome. List for names in The Ladies Room. Bessie Gilbert Invitation day is to be held 21st August. Hoping for a great day. Names to Glenice please 0409 451 930. 17th October is the new date for the Silver Service to be played due to being cancelled before due to heavy rain. Names are still needed for Pennants please.

Happy days, good bowling, stay warm and well.

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Where to Get a Game

NEWCASTLE

Sunday Monday Tuesday

Adamstown 4957 3447			9:30am Mens 3's Gala
Bar Beach 4929 3428 0449 924 601	9:15am Club Championships as scheduled		9:00am Ladies Gala - mufti
Beresfield 4966 3574	9:00am or 1pm Club Championships	Names by 8:30am 9:00am Mens Nom. 2's Mufti Jackpot 5:00pm Mixed Gala Names by 4:00pm	9:30am Ladies DFP uniforms
Cardiff 4954 7244	1:00pm 3rd Sunday Monthly Mixed 4's - Mufti		10:00am Ladies Mixed DFP 9:30am DLS
Carrington 4961 4140	1:00pm Meat Raffle	Happy Hour 4:30 - 5:30pm	9:30am Bowls Gala 10:00am Yoga 4.30-5.30pm Happy Hour
Edgeworth 4958 1994	Club Championships, 9:30am Special Events, Check Noticeboard		9:30am Names in by 8:45 Ladies Gala
Hamilton Nth. 4961 4574			12:30pm Mufti Cash Gala
Heaton BGBC Jesmond Bowls 4955 8725	Club Games		9:30am Mixed Jackpot 3's Creams DFP Picnic Lunch
Hexham 4964 8079	9:30am Hexham Greys All welcome MIXED MUFTI		6:00pm Open Gender Mufti DFP
Lambton 4957 3272	9:30am Club Games		9:30am Open Gender 2's
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

LAKE MACQUARIE

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

OLD BAR

By Marg Northam

We had a unique situation occur on Saturday 13th May 2023, at Old Bar bowling club. We had 2 Old Bar Grade 7 open pennant teams, the A team and the B team qualify for a play-off to go to state at Dundas at the end of June. Our club teams won each of their sections in our zone, therefore winning the grade 7 zone 11 flag.

The B team were victorious, so now Old Bar send a team of 12 players to the state to contest the state pennant flag. Our little club is very proud of this achievement.

Right L-R: Old Bar Grade 7 open pennant players 2023 Paul Grogan, Reg Pye, Andrew Bissex, Narelle Tarrent, Marg Bryant, John Burke, Marg Northam, Peter Hickman, Trevor Wisemantel, Lloyd Downey, Gary White, Evy Haywood, Rod Watts, Kerri Ruprecht, Eric Parmeter, Greg Hart, Peter Hooper, Dave Singer, Bob Baker & Col Morley. Front L-R: Dave O'Brien, Mal Ladmore, Grahame Gallagher & Mick Ruprecht.



Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

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

CEO Hunter Academy of Sport
 Administrator NDBA
 Chairman NDBA Junior Bowls

SE = Single Entry Accepted
 CS = Club Selected

4926 4892
 4929 3441
 0409 995 111

SNE = Single Name Entry

● Only during Day Light Savings Time

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		1:00pm Open Gender 3's
	9:30am Open Gender 3's		1:00pm Open Gender 3's
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	1:00pm Open Nom. 3's Mufti
	9:30am Vets Gala	9:30am Open 3's Mufti Gala	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti	9:00am Ladies Gala	9:00am Men's 3's Gala Mufti	1:00pm Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
	9:00am 2-4-2 Mixed last Thurs. of the month	5:15pm Raffles	
		9:30am 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	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	2:00pm	Roll Up
Soldiers Pt. 4982 7173	9:30am Club Championships	9:30am	Ladies Bowls
Stockton 4920 1999	1:00pm Club Championships	10:00am	Ladies Day
		10:00am	Ladies Bowls
		10:00am	Ladies Day
		5:00pm	Twilight Social

HUNTER

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

UPPER HUNTER

Scone 6545 1511	names by 9 9:30am Mixed Triples Mufti 1:30pm FREE Coaching & Training	names by 12:30 start 1:00pm Jock & Dave's Mens Triples Mufti
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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	9:30am	Men's Social Bowls Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Social - uniform
1:00pm	Men's Social Mufti	● 5:00pm	Mixed Social Gala				Men & Women Club Championships
10:00am	Open Triples Mufti	10:30am	Open DFP 3's Mufti	Open 2's Gala 5:30pm to 7:30pm		1:00pm	Open DFP 2's Mufti
9:30am	Men's Mufti Gala	5pm	Open Pairs Mufti	10:00am	Mixed retired bowlers Mufti Social	1:00pm	Men's Mufti J/Pot Cash Gala
<small>Names by 9:10</small>		● 5:30pm	Open Mufti Cash 3's				

PORT STEPHENS

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

HUNTER

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

UPPER HUNTER

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

MANNING

<small>Names by 8:30</small>	9:00am start	Ladies Bowls	<small>Names by Noon</small>	1pm start	Open Mufti	<small>Names by Noon</small>	1pm start	BA Logo - Open
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Zone Six

Hunter / Upper Hunter District

By Michelle Robards, Zone Administrator

Zone singles have been played and won after a record number of entries and sectional play being the format for these events. The State Singles was a close game between Brodie Turner from East Cessnock and Simon Mitchell from Club Maitland City. Brodie was the winner 25/24. Thank you Scone and Gresford Bowling Clubs for hosting this event.

Senior Singles was a battle between Phil Heuston from Singleton RSL and Garry (Gus) Edwards from Muswellbrook RSL. Phil was the winner 25/13. Thank you to Telarah and Singleton RSL Bowling Clubs for the use of their greens.

Open Reserve Singles had the largest number of nominations. It came down to club mates from Club Maitland City Wayne Van Maastricht and Trevor Solomons. Wayne was the winner in another close game 25/23. Thank you to Dungog, Paxton and Abermain for the use of their club and greens. It's good to see some of our smaller clubs featuring in the finals and also allowing the Zone to use their facilities.

2023 Open Pennant has been completed. Unfortunately we will not have a representative in the Grade 2 this year. Winners were

Grade 1 – Kurri Kurri
Grade 3 – Lorn Park
Grade 4 – Club Maitland City
Grade 5 – Aberdeen
Grade 6 – East Cessnock
Grade 7 – Singleton RSL

Good luck and great bowling to our representatives at the State pennant in June / July. Thank you to Kurri Kurri Bowling Club for hosting the Grade 6 & 7 play offs recently. Special thanks to Sharon and Tanya for umpiring during the weekend.

KURRI KURRI

By The Loose Canon

Hello fellow bowlers. The 2022/23 pennant season has been run and won with Kurri having two sides making past the sectional stage. With our seven grade, they went through undefeated and played off in a round robin event at Kurri on the 20/21st May. With their spirits high, our team gave their all but went down to a strong Singleton RSL side who will represent Zone 6 at state. Thank you goes to Zone 6 officials for choosing Kurri to host post sectionals for the two days. Also a special mention to Barbs, Carolyn Glen, Wayne Parko and Sharon Sumner on their help in getting everything ready for the big weekend as well as being officials as some little bugger got ill. Cheers guys.

Our 1 grade, have qualified for state after running second in our section. Also our 1s will come Zone 6 flag winners. Congratulations



Above: Kurri Kurri 7 grade post sectional team

and Good luck up at foster gents.

To all pennant players this season, thank you for representing our club over the 10 weeks, I really appreciate it.

Our club championships only have one game remaining, the mixed fours, which will be in next month's issue. With this, our minor events have been run and won with men's pairs going to young gun Cooper Appleby and Gary "Pommie" Wilkins who defeated A. Manners and R. Mulcahy. In the ladies, the family team of Jenny and Emma Barnes held off a late charge from Rhonda Hadfield and Loraine Aspinall to win the pairs and with the singles Julie Trypas defeated Rhonda Hadfield and become minor champion in another fantastic game by all.

With representative honours, young Cooper has made the Junior Zone squad who head to dubbo later this year. Awesome bud. Also we have many Kurri members in our interzone sides who play in May. Good luck and congratulations goes to - Seniors J. Rees, R. Young, W. Rowbottom and I. Mann. Open players – D. Taylor, T. Turnbull, A. Rees and A. Appleby. Go get 'em gents.

Also, all the best to our champ of champ players heading to Sydney in June, Pairs teams of Oosh Muncaster and Leisa Morgan, and Glenn Raymond and Paul Gilmore with Singles players Aaron Appleby and Carolyn Glenn. Some cracking players there. Again, good luck!

Well, a new season is just about upon us, so keep enjoying your bowls everyone, and see you's on the greens.

THE LOOSE CANNON.



Above L-R: Kurri Kurri Women's Minor Singles Runner-up Rhonda Hadfield with winner Julie Trypass



Above: Kurri Kurri Women's Minor Pairs Winners Jenny and Emma Barnes



Above: Kurri Kurri Men's Minor Pairs Winners Cooper Appleby and his uncle Pommie Gary Wilkins.

UPPER HUNTER WOMEN

UPPER HUNTER DISTRICT WOMEN PRESENTATION DAY 2023



Above (file photo): UHDBWA Open Singles Champion Helen Rose (left) and Runner-up Debbie Marsh (right) both from Denman.



Above: Upper Hunter District Women's Division 4 Pennant Winners Scone BC L-R: Rebecca McLoughlin, Prue Harrington, Di McLoughlin, Ann Bailey, Sue Watts

Scone Bowling Club was the venue where Upper Hunter District Women celebrated their 2023 Champions with a fun game of bowls in the morning followed by lunch at the new restaurant "Dumplings on the Green". Delicious!!

Winners of the day were a local Scone side of Laurine Wilkinson, Morna Boyle and Rebecca McLoughlin, Second place went to another Scone side of Nannette Miller, Marian Bettens and Laurie Dunn with Third place going to Denman's Joy Hancock, Margaret Brown and Denise Train. The Ditch prize went to Lauretta Cooper (Merriwa), Coin to Laurie Dunn (Scone) and Spider to Morna Boyle (Scone). The Upper Hunter District WBA donated all prizes for the day. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful morning on the green.

This year Scone won the Division 4 Pennant and had a great campaign at Regionals but unfortunately just missed out on the state playoffs berth. The Championships were pretty evenly shared amongst Aberdeen, Denman and Scone with all three clubs making five finals appearances. They all had their share of success with Aberdeen claiming 3 titles whilst Denman and Scone took 2 each. Muswellbrook RSL won the final they contested - the Senior Triples.

Congratulations to this year's District Champions. **OPEN FOURS:** Denise Train, Joy Hancock, Helen Rose and Janine Katon (Denman), **R/Up:** Helen Saunders, Laurine Wilkinson, Colleen Guilfoyle and Prue Harrington (Scone); **SENIOR FOURS:** Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Marian Bettens and Rebecca McLoughlin (Scone), **R/Up:** Margaret Brown, Karen Darcy, Debbie Marsh and Jenny Sainsbury (Denman); **OPEN TRIPLES:** Lorraine Baker, Lorena Croft and Judith Wright (Aberdeen); **R/Up:** Lillian Strong, Carolind Strong and Chris Constable (Aberdeen); **SENIOR TRIPLES:** Kay Collins, Barbara McPhee and Eryn Brown

(Muswellbrook RSL), **R/Up:** Helen Saunders, Colleen Guilfoyle and Prue Harrington (Scone); **OPEN PAIRS:** Carolind Strong and Chris Constable (Aberdeen), **R/Up:** Margaret Brown and Jenny Sainsbury (Denman); **SENIOR PAIRS:** Ann Bailey and Rebecca McLoughlin (Scone), **R/Up:** Patricia Robinson and Diane McLoughlin (Scone); **OPEN SINGLES:** Helen Rose (Denman), **R/Up:** Debbie Marsh (Denman), **SENIOR SINGLES:** Julie Copland (Aberdeen), **R/Up:** Karen Borham (Aberdeen).

Unfortunately a handful of players were unable to attend the presentation resulting in absences in most runner-up photos so we have run with the winners only this year. Having said that, every runner-up player that was present is pictured either in the Pennant team photo, winner of another discipline or recipient of a "day" prize. The Open Singles Championship Winner Helen Rose and Runner-up Karen Borham were both unable to attend and we have included a file photo of these ladies.

Congratulations to the 2022/2023 Champions and thank you for sharing your special day with us. Thank you to UHDBA Vice President Kay Collins who stepped up to look after proceedings. Kay, along with Secretary Ann Bailey and Chair of Match Committee Chris Constable did a great job while President Gillian Garland was unwell and unable to attend. Also many thanks to Scone Women's President Wendy McKenzie and the Scone Bowling Club for hosting and special guest Bruce Johnstone for his excellent company as always.



Above L-R: Open Fours Champions Denman Denise Train and Joy Hancock
Absent: Helen Rose and Janine Katon



Above L-R: UHDBWA Senior Fours Champions Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Marian Bettens and Rebecca McLoughlin from Scone. Ann Bailey (far left) and Rebecca McLoughlin (far right) are also the Senior Pairs Champions.



Above L-R: UHDBWA Open Triples Lorraine Baker, Lorena Croft and Judith Wright from Aberdeen.

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Above L-R: UHWDWA Senior Triples Kay Collins, Barbara McPhee and Eryn Brown from Muswellbrook RSL.



Above L-R: UHWDWA Open Pairs Chris Constable and Carolind Strong from Aberdeen.



Above L-R: UHWDWA Senior Singles Champion Julie Copland (Aberdeen)



Above L-R: UHWDWA Senior Singles Runner-up Karen Borham (Aberdeen).



Above L-R: Winners of the Day Laurine Wilkinson, Morna Boyle and Rebecca McLoughlin from Scone.



Above L-R: Second place winners of the Day Nannete Miller, Marian Bettens and Laurie Dunn from Scone.



Above: Margaret Boan representing the Runners-up in the Senior Pairs and Fours.

TAREE RAILWAY

By Greg Tape, Bowls Co-ordinator .

The recent Open Gender Pennant competition for Taree Railway Institute Bowling Club has very challenging and rewarding for all those involved. Our 5 Grade side were happy to finish 3rd in Zone 11 after having twice beaten the Tuncurry side that finished 2nd. We had many elderly players who toughed it out throughout the 10 rounds, battling illness and injury, and several times we had to call on all of our reserve players just to make up a side to compete on the weekend.

Most of our Club Championships for 2022-2023 have been finalised and Alan "Sharka" Reeves has had a very successful year in the club championships with wins so far in the Club Major Singles, the Major Pairs and The Club Fours. He also had a good season skipping one of the rinks in our pennant side.

We are increasing the number of bowls days with the addition of Wednesday and Saturday afternoon pairs for the men, and retaining the Tuesday morning for the Women and Thursday morning for the Mixed gala.

With our AGM approaching later in the year it will be interesting to see what developments are planned for the club house and surrounds.

Our front green is running extremely well at this time of year and several visitors have complimented the club on the quality of the playing surface.

Keep warm and happy bowling.



Above L-R: Winner of Taree Railway's Major Singles Alan "Sharka" Reeves and runner up Greg "Whiskers" Stanford.

RAYMOND TERRACE WOMEN

Debbie Fulton, Publicity Officer



Above: Raymond Terrace Women teams that played at Merewether's Invitation Day.

Two teams of Raymond Terrace ladies played in the Merewether Invitation Day at the beginning of May, everyone had a great day and met up with lots of lovely ladies again.

Congratulations to Tash Van Eldik on winning the Newcastle District Open Singles, excellent result Tash and best of luck on Sunday 28th May at Scone.

Congratulations also go to Lynne Thompson, Sharon McReynolds, Deb Whelan, Zoe Nicholls and Charlotte Hayman on being selected and who played in the City to Coast at Fingal Bay 28th April but unfortunately City went down to the Coast this year.

Best of luck to Tash, Gen and Sharon who will all be playing in the Australian Open again this year up on the Gold Coast in June, with a few of our ladies and their husbands going up to support the players. Good luck to everyone that will be playing in the Australian Open on the Gold Coast in June, enjoy the experience.

That's all from the Terrace for another month.

DORA CREEK WOMEN

Mitzi Hopwood, Acting Publicity Officer

Dora Creek green has been replaced – The Red Heart Invitation Day on 5.6.23 is going ahead. Get well wishes to our unwell members, see you on the green real soon.





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FINGAL BAY WOMEN

By Kathryn Job, P.O.



Above: Fingal Bay Women's Major Singles Sandra Hoare & Kerry McFadden.

Last month saw the final of the FBWBC Major Singles, played between Sandra Hoare & Kerry McFadden. It was a fabulous match to watch with Sandra being the eventual winner 25 points to 19. Great game girls.

WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN

By Gwen Andriessen P.O.

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a lovely Mothers' Day being thoroughly spoilt by loved ones.

Congratulations to our Mens Grade 2 Pennants team who have made it through to the final which is to be played at Nelsons Bay. Wishing you good luck on the day.

The Club Mixed Pairs was decided by a thriller, not only did they have to have a break in play due to a hail storm, then it came down to 15 all with one end to play. In a great game the winners were Phil and Christine Stone who defeated Bill Patterson and Kim Searant 16 to 15.

Well done to Christine who was selected to play for Lake Macquarie Rep. team against Newcastle.

Please Ladies, if you are considering playing Pennants this year,

put your name down ASAP as entries close soon.

Our Member Joan Parks has had a health scare but is doing well now. Hoping to see you back on the green soon Joan.

Invitation Day is fast approaching, so if you have not entered your team yet, please phone Tini Spooner on 0417 481 632 or Barbara Jones on 0413796185. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Just a friendly reminder our fees are due and payable by the 30th June. Until next Month, stay well, stay safe and enjoy your bowling!

WALLSEND WOMEN

By Patricia McAllister P. O.

Wallsend Women's Bowling Club are now playing at Waterboard Bowling Club, and we wish to thank them for their kind generosity.

Unfortunately, The Right Royal Invitation Day we have set down for **Friday 16th June HAS BEEN CANCELLED**. We know our regular players understand how difficult it is to arrange an Invitation Day without having the necessary equipment. Any enquiries can be directed to Dianne Cass, Games Committee on Mobile 0466 030 686.

The finals of our Major Singles will be played on Wednesday 24th May between Veronica McGuigan and Val Elliot. (weather permitting). Results next issue. Good Bowling.

BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.



Above: Beresfield Women's Triples Champions Margaret Boan, Betty Wilmen and June Evans.

Above: Beresfield's Pam Stephanis – Runner-up in District Singles.

The final of the District Singles Championship was played in April at the East Maitland Bowling Club. Our lady bowler, Pam Stephanis, played through to the final against East Maitland but unfortunately was defeated in a nail-biting finish 25 to 23. Those of our members who went to support Pam in her endeavours said that the final was sensational with a tied result on the last end. The result could have gone either way as an additional end had to be played. Well done, Pam!

Our Club Championships are progressing slowly however, the final of our Club Triples was played at the end of April. The final was played between Gloria Lamb, Helen Hemingway and Lorraine Humbles against Betty Wilmen, June Evans and Margaret Boan. Congratulations to both teams in reaching the final but congratulations to Betty, June and Margaret as the ultimate winners.

Each year our Club holds special bowling events followed by luncheons. Mothers' Day was one such event which allowed our members to play bowls and to socialise afterwards. On Thursday, 11 May, a morning of mixed bowls was followed by a luncheon in our outdoor barbecue area. These events are always well attended and this year was no exception. Good job to our Social Committee who organised this event. Well done!

Very sad to report the passing of Life Member of our Club, Pat Atkinson, recently. Pat was a long-time member at Beresfield Bowling Club and was also Head of the Social Committee for many years. Pat and her husband Bob had many friends at the Beresfield Club and the Beresfield area. I am sure that members of the wider bowls community will remember Pat as a lovely lady who had great success in her bowling career. She will be sadly missed by all her friends. Vale Pat.

Good bowling to all! Diane

ADAMSTOWN WOMEN

By Christine Rhodes, C.O.

Dorothy Hayes played lead for Adamstown No. 6 grade pennant side. Dorothy is 93 years of age and the rink that she played in won 53-4, winning 2-8 in consecutive ends. Dorothy is an inspiration to us all with her amazing bowling and her tireless work she does for our Club. With the weather being so lovely at the moment we are enjoying our Gala Day each Thursday. We would always welcome some new members and Dorothy can prove that age is no hinderance.



Above: Adamstown's Dorothy Hayes

JESMOND WOMEN

By Robyn Collin



Above: Jesmond Women's Minor Singles Runner Up M. Rushford and Minor Singles Winner J. Hancock.

The first round of the Minor Singles between Margaret Rushford and Kris Fox was worthy of a final with 32 ends played before Margaret was able to claim victory and go on to meet Joan Hancock in the final. Congratulations to Joan Hancock our Minor Singles Champion for 2023 and Margaret Rushford Runner Up. Our Draw for Partner Fours has begun and will be followed by Club Consistency leaving only the Major Singles and Club Pairs to be played after 30 June. It is quite a different schedule for our games to comply with the new bowling calendar.

We congratulate Menka Weddell and Wendy Adamson who played in the City to Coast Challenge on Friday 28 April. Although City was not victorious, we are proud of Menka and Wendy and their participation and representation in District games.

Barefoot Bowls Day with the New Lambton Ladies Probus Club is proposed for Thursday 31 August. Hopefully the weather will be kinder this time so that we are able to again enjoy what is becoming an annual visit to us.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 6 June at 9.30 am followed by our usual Gala. Thank you to all those who have volunteered for positions this year.

Priceline Pink Oncology Day Fours is on Friday 15 July. No uniform wear something pink. One man may play in each team but he must play lead. Two games of ten ends, one on the grass and one on the synthetic. Lunch is provided. Morning tea is at 9.00 am. Enquiries please ring Joan Hancock 4952 4532. We hope you can join us.

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.

The final of the Minor Singles was played in magnificent weather, watched by a large crowd of members. It was a very tightly contested game, with Alina Miklosi prevailing over our president Lorraine Davies. Vice President Glenda Morgan presented the winner and runner up with their prize money.

Our ladies assisted the men in the organisation of a wonderful Anzac Ceremony, which was attended by many members and the

local community. We all enjoyed a delicious "Trench Stew" afterwards.

Sixteen of our ladies had an enjoyable time contesting the Soldiers Point Blue Water Carnival recently.

We will be holding our annual Oncology Day Carnival on the 26th June, and our ladies are looking forward to hosting this event.



Above: Winner of Valentine Women's Minor Singles Alina Miklosi, Vice President Glenda Morgan and runner up President Lorraine Davies.

DORA CREEK WORKERS

By Ron McCarthy, Publicity Officer

The funeral for Dora Creek's Patron Reg Long was held on Friday 12.5.2023 with many club members attending. Reg was a foundation member of the bowling club in 1964 and was a major volunteer for the construction of the first lawn green.

For many years he helped maintain it, water it, roll it, and maintain the machinery free of charge. A keen bowler, he won club championships in all formats.

Above: VALE Reg Long, Patron and Foundation Member of Dora Creek Workers

BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.



Above L-R: Bar Beach Women's Club Pairs Winners D. Riordan, V. Blakemore and Runners-Up K. Sheriff and D. Shelswell.

Hello Bowlers! Our Minor Singles Final was played with great enthusiasm between Lynn Harland and Di Riordan. Great bowls were delivered by both girls with Di forging ahead at the end to win out.

The Pairs Final was resumed after many setbacks in the past few weeks. This was played between Kylie Sheriff and Daphne Shelswell against Di Riordan and Vicki Blakemore. Di and Vicki were on fire on the day and achieved a convincing win over Kylie and Daphne.

Some of our girls recently attended an Oncology Day Morning Tea held at Charlestown Bowling Club, where another catch up with old friends took place.

Back at Bar Beach only the Major Singles to go to complete the year's Championships.

SEE YOU ON THE GREEN



Above: Winner of Bar Beach Women's Minor Singles Di Riordan and Runner Up Lynn Harland.



Above: Bar Beach ladies at Charlestown Oncology Day

MEREWETHER WOMEN

By Rosemary Allars, C.O.

On the 30th April 2023 the Major Singles final between Lea O'Shea and Oona Sullivan, was held on a warm sunny afternoon. It was a long game, neck and neck all the way through, very tense. Congratulations to the winner, Oona Sullivan. Well done runner up Lea O'Shea.

On 7th May 2023 the Women's Triples final between Lea O'Shea, Oona Sullivan and Gwen Smith against Sylvia Murray, Laraine Clifford and Dorothy Ramplin, was held on the most dreadful afternoon, weather wise. It was freezing, windy, rainy and some hail. The first part of game was close, but team Lea O'Shea skipped ahead for the latter part of game. Congratulations to the winners, Lea O'Shea, Oona Sullivan and Gwen Smith. Team Sylvia Murray were valiant runners up.

Happy bowling everyone.

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DEPARTED BOWLERS

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Above: VALE George Fuller (95 yrs old), Life Member Toronto Workers Bowling Club.

George Fuller, (Life Member Toronto Workers); George Wahle (Telarah); Graeme Trevenar (Belmont Golf and Bowls); Pat Atkinson, (Life Member Beresfield Women);



Above L-R: Merewether Women's Major Singles final Lea O'Shea - winner and Oona Sullivan - runner up.



Above L-R: Merewether Women's Triples winners Gwen Smith, Oona Sullivan & Lea O'Shea.

NEW LAMBTON WOMEN

By Bev Ranclaud, P.O.

We are well into our club games & another has finished. The winners were sk. Marion Wilson, 2nd Helen Foreman & lead Sandra Bromilow. Second place went to sk Bobbie Patel, 2nd Maria Pye & lead Robyn Zambelis.

At this time 3 of our ladies have been in No. 6 pennant team with the men & have advanced to the playoffs at the end of the month & we wish them good luck.

I think many clubs are having difficulties with the low numbers attending invitation days & we hope Oncology days will be supported so we hope our day on 19th June will be a success.



Above R-L: New Lambton Women's Triples winners sk. Marion Wilson, 2nd Helen Foreman & lead Sandra Bromilow.



Above R-L: New Lambton Women's Triples Runners-up skip Bobbie Patel, 2nd Maria Pye & lead Robyn Zambelis.

LAMBTON PARK WOMEN

By Michelle Farrow, VP



Above: Lambton Mixed Pairs Runners-up Dawn Macpherson and Matt Riding with Winners Janet Turner and Geoff Horton



Above L-R: Rosella Fours Invitation Day Winners Annette Kennedy, Sue Maloney, Jenny Silver and Dawn Macpherson

Our Rosella Fours Invitation Day was held on Monday 8th May, 2023. Great to see our visitors and thank you for your support. Weatherwise, a cool start but the BBQ seemed to bring out a smile at lunchtime. Winners on the day were the Lambton team of Lead Sue Maloney, 2nd Jenny Silver, 3rd Annette Kennedy and Skip Dawn Macpherson. Well done girls. Runners Up were the Fingal Bay side of Jacqui Hudson, Ann Hooper, Loretta Halpin and Skip, Sue Quigley. Always happy to see Fingal Bay girls at our Club.

Club Consistency has reached the semi-final with two exciting games resulting in Nola Nowlan defeating Dawn Macpherson and Jenny Silver defeating Elva Jarvis. Both great matches, Jenny and Elva were 150 all and a playoff was forced resulting in Jenny's victory. Congratulations girls.

Congratulations to Janet Turner and Geoff Horton for winning the Club Mixed



Above L-R: Rosella Fours Invitation Day Runners Up Fingal Bay Ann Hooper, Loretta Halpin, Jacqui Hudson and Sue Quigley

Pairs. They defeated Dawn Macpherson and Matt Riding.

A reminder for our Betty Parrott Triples on Monday 17th July, which means that we will be having a BBQ again. The cost will be \$45 per team (\$15 per head) to cover BBQ cost. Phone Pat McMahon to put your entry in.

Our 90th Celebrations are shaping up and we're hoping for a lovely sunny day on 20th June.

Good bowling all.

WANGI WOMEN

By Robyn Fairfull, P.O.

Hello from WWBC. A very successful invitation day was held on the 8th of May a big thank you to all the clubs who attended. Charlestown was the winner on the day, and a big thanks you to our sponsors Creighton Funerals. Our Minor Singles Final was held on Tuesday 16th May, a great game between worthy opponent's Sue Hird defeating Margaret Lawes. Well done ladies. A special celebration lunch was held on Wednesday 16th May at the Wangi RSL, a great group of ladies joined Aileen Pascoe, life member, patron, mentor and friend of WWBC. Aileen all the very best for your 80th xx

Until next time good health and good bowling.



Above: Wangi Women's member Aileen Pascoe celebrates her 80th Birthday.



Left: Sue Hird Winner of Wangi Women's Minor Singles & Margaret Lawes Runner-up



Left: Charlestown - Winners of Wangi Women's Invitation Day sponsored by Creightons Funerals