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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello again! We are in the last quarter of the calendar year, daylight savings is here and bowlers will get to enjoy some twilight events in the coming months. October has a plethora of events on, I really don't know how organisers manage to fit it all in the calendar?!

This month the Mattara Carnival will take centre stage in the Newcastle District. It kicks off on the 9th October with the Open and Restricted Singles with finals day at Charlestown on Wednesday 11th. A NEW Twilight Triples event will start on Thursday 12th, also at Charlestown with the final wrapping up on Thursday 19th October. The traditional carnival events Mixed and Open Pairs, Open Triples and Fours commence all over the District from Thursday 12th and play through to the finals which will be hosted by Beresfield on Friday 20th October. Entries closed prior to print, but we wish all participants all the best for the carnival and most importantly enjoy your bowls and bask in the spirit of friendship that this event is fostered.

The Nationals will take place in Perth WA from 6-20th October and we wish the NSW State Reps in our readership (mentioned last month) all the best.

More action with the Over 40's Pairs that will be contested on 7th and 8th October at Grandviews Bowling Club. We have a number of teams having a crack at this open event. Good luck to Eugenie Muncaster & Andrew Rees (Kurri Kurri), Leisa Burton & Daniel Collaros (Soldiers Point), Peter Cassar & Matt Pearce (Harrington), Rod Lawrance & Mick Kedwell (Kurri Kurri), Shane Brodbeck & David King (Club Charlestown), Simon Mitchell & Nathan Dawson (Club Maitland City), Shannon White & Martin Gosper (Forster), Warren Shipley & Terry Antram (Soldiers Point).

The Rookies Pairs qualifying matches will also be held on October 14 and 15 – good bowling to all contenders. The State Rookies Singles qualifying events were held over 9th and 10th September. Congratulations to all those players in Zone 2, 6 and 11 (and the women's Districts within of course) who have made it through to the playoffs. These will be held at the end of November/early December.

A massive congratulations to Fingal Bay's Jacqueline Hudson, directed by husband Rob who has recently returned from the World Bowls Championship with a GOLD medal in the Para Mixed Pairs with partner Jake Fehlberg. More on this from the Fingal Bay Women's report inside, we didn't have the room to include all the excellent photo's supplied in the printed copy unfortunately, but will include in our digital version, along with a few reports as well.

I am going to divert with a little story. On the day Queen Elizabeth II died (8th September 2022), John Strickleton thought his bowling days were numbered. John sawed off ALL THE DIGITS on his right hand (his bowling hand) whilst using a table saw that he had worked with for more than 64 years!! After many months, John's wounds healed, and he now dons the bowling arm and has rejoined Maitland City. October marks his 50th year of bowls. Congratulations John, and wow, what a tale!

Last month, the Woomeras travelled to WA for the National Bowling Arm tournament and returned in second place overall. Well done team.

We heard the sad news at the NDBA AGM that Lin Coulton had passed away. Lin, a Life Member of the NDBA has got to be one of the cheekiest character's we have met in the history of our involvement in the bowls community (and that's saying something!). He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. Our most heartfelt sympathies to family and friends.

We would like to share with you, a song that William "Bill" Hancock from Cardiff has very cleverly produced. It is based on the

music and theme by Bruce Wooley of the Seekers in 1987 song and anthem "We are Australian". Enjoy, and we will catch you next month.

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I come from our bowls clubs, from district and the zones
I cover most of ages, the disabled, those who roam
The game its self is ancient, it comes from other lands
We are its prince and princesses, we are the bowling clan

We play the game on grass greens and on synthetic lawn
With singles, pairs and triples and draw for partner fours
Strive in our gala's, club games, and pennants too
No matter what your style is it is the game for you

Lead bowler, sends the jack down and hopes the length is right
Hopes the bowls that follow keep it in their sight
Second hopes to rescue and keep their hopes alive
Regardless of the effort some prefer to drive

We are one but we are many
And from clubs and zones we all come
We share a dream to win our grade flag
I am you are, we are the Lawn Bowlers

Then comes the mighty skipper, Oh!, how the mighty thrive
Depending on his effort the side can take a dive
He has set the head before hand, and tries to bring it home
To listen to some after, they won that head alone

The umpire is the unloved, their critics are unfair
You'd think they did nothing else but laze upon their chair
The call they make is critical, it makes you win or lose
It's a vital call a bowler makes, when to be an umpire chose

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Above: DOUBLE TOUCHER!! Photo supplied by Phill Carlin. This was at a gala at Hamilton North on Thursday 24/8/23 where opposing bowls laid onto the jack making the end undetermined. It was a pairs gala with Denis Broad OAM and Greg Danvers on one team, and Leo Kavanagh and Phill Carlin on the other team. The motley bowl was Denis Broads and the black one was Phill Carlin's.

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Newcastle District Bowling Association



From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley,
NDBA Sports Administrator

MATTARA CARNIVAL: The Mattara Carnival kicks off on October 9 with the Les Parrott Open and Denis Broad Restricted Singles. Entries for this year will see 42 contest the Open and 96 the Restricted event. Mixed Pairs will have 52 teams, Open Pairs 40 and restricted Pairs 48. The Open Fours will have 32 teams and the Frank Neat Triples will have 27 clubs represented. A new event this year will see a Twilight Triples contested in both Open and Restricted categories with 16 in the Open and 8 in the restricted.

NDBA AGM: The Zone conducted the Annual General Meeting on Monday September 25 with the highlight being Don Wells receiving life membership. Don commenced as Treasurer in 2012 and has held that position since then. Don is certainly worthy of the honour bestowed on him.

President Mark Conway and Treasurer Don Wells were elected unopposed while Terry Blow, David Gilday, Milton Rigby, Kevin Bucklee, Danny Rowe, John Bilby and Werner (Max) Dettelbacher were elected as Vice Presidents. The Executive committee was to meet on Thursday September 28 to elect the Sub committees.

ZONE TRIPLES: The Soldiers Point team of David Tarrant, Leigh Penman and Mark Watt will make their way to Dubbo next March to contest the BNSW State Triples Finals after defeating Hayden Bent, Jarrod Bent and Lachlan Freeman from Raymond Terrace 26 to 12 in a dominate display from the Soldiers Point trio leading all the way. The win gives Tarrant and Penman their first Zone Championship Title while it is Watt's second after claiming the Zone Pairs in 2019 and it was Soldiers Point's third Triples title in the last four seasons. It was much closer in a thrilling Men's Senior Triples Final which went right down to the last bowl of the 25th end with the team of Sam Laguzza, Kim Jaques and Eric Ryan surviving to win 20 to 19 over Charlestown club mates Garry Baker, Darryl McKinnon and Glenn Dow. Ryan's team started well racing to a 13-3 lead after ten ends but Dow's team won five of the next seven ends to trail by one after 17 ends before Ryan kicked away again and with two to play the difference was four, but Dow could only manage three shots over the concluding two ends to fall the one shot short. Soldiers Point won the Open Reserve Triples where Jamie Carr, Robert Nash and Glenn Woods defeated Bill Muir, Peter Goodwin and Anthony Ross from Alder Park 29-21 giving Soldiers Point their second Championship in three years with Robert Nash being part of both victorious teams.

ROOKIE FINALISTS DECIDED: Three local players have qualified for the State Rookie Singles Finals in early December. Joel Field from Charlestown, Ben Rowsell (Raymond Terrace) and Scott Karuso from Cardiff are the Zone Two representatives with all winning their qualifying match 17 to 7. Field, the defending Zone Champion defeated Debbie Barber (Hamilton North), Rowsell defeated club mate David Lewis, while Karuso got the better of Susan Clark from Nelson Bay. Previously only one player from each of the 16 Zones would attend the Finals but due to the popularity of the event this has been extended to 32 making their way to the State Finals.

BPL CUP QUALIFIERS: Two Newcastle teams ventured to Mount Lewis on September 24 for the State Playoffs. David Walters, Chris Edmonds and Jake Graham (Nelson Bay) along with Michael Wilks, Glen Malligan and John Gregory (Belmont) made the trip in the hope of qualifying for the National championships at Pine Rivers Qld, but unfortunately the Nelson Bay trio finished 3rd in their section with 1 win from 3 and the Belmont boys went so close having won their section winning all 3 matches before losing the knockout match to a team from Young in straight sets 7-2, 6-2.

JETS BACK TO BACK: The Raymond Terrace Jets claimed successive Men's Zone Fours Titles when they defeated Beresfield's Corey Nickalls, Anthony Ellercamp, Brad Unsted and Taylor Appleby 27-14. Tim Twining, Jamie Minter and Lee Schraner were part of the defending champions with Matt Baus joining them in place of Lennon Scott who was on an overseas holiday. The final was level after six ends before the Jets scored 13 shots to two over the next six ends to set up a winning break to record back to back victories and Raymond Terrace's fifth championship in the last nine



Above: Don Wells (centre) awarded Life Membership of the NDBA at the 124th AGM. Pictured with Mark Conway unopposed President of NDBA (left) and World Bowls President Darryl Clout (right)



Above L-R: Life Members at the 124th NDBA AGM Don Wells, Brian Carling and John Smith OAM.

years. Soldiers Point secured their second success in the Men's Senior Fours in the event's five-year history when the team of Chris Ramage, Bill Ahoy, Michael Beesley and Warren Shipley defeated Peter Callaghan, Les Pyke, Chris Heath and Mark Heath from Windale Gateshead 26-6 while Lambton became the fifth club in five years to win the Open Reserve Fours Final with the team of Scott McKinnon, Greg Fox, Kevin Abel and Tony Milton defeat Beresfield's Colin Cox, Wayne McCarthy, Ray Gallagher and Mal Adams 31-14. Beresfield led by three after three ends but 19 unanswered shots by Lambton was enough to put the final in the hands of the Rosellas. The final winning teams will represent Zone 2 at the State Championships at Dubbo in March 2024.

ZONE PAIRS: The Zone Men's Pairs witnessed three Soldiers Point teams in the Semifinals where Adam Chaffey and Matt Johnstone were defeated by club mates Leigh Penman and Daniel Collaros 24-13 and fellow Soldiers Paul Russell and Gavin Kelly stormed home to win their semi 19 to 17 over Belmont's Robert Lauridson, who had Col Heaton as a substitute for Joel Roche who was unavailable due to Joel's wife going into labour early the morning of the match. The Final was a cracking game with the scores locked at 13 all after 13 ends but from that point in the match it was Russell and Kelly who slowly edged away to lead by four with two to play but Penman and Collaros found one last effort to grab a three to trail by one last end where Russell played a bomb to hold shot which proved the deciding bowl to give them the Title which was Soldiers Point's first since 2017 and Russell and Kelly's first Pairs Title. In the Senior Pairs at Valentine it was Sam Laguzza and Eric Ryan (Charlestown) who flew the lids in the final against Tony Hinton and Bill Ahoy (Soldiers Point) to lead 7-1 after three ends but the Soldiers clawed their way back to level at 12 all on 13 ends, 13 all on 15 and 14 all on 17 before Hinton and Ahoy won three of the last four ends to claim the Championship 21-16 and first since 2011

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for Soldiers Point. The Reserve Pairs was claimed by David Ross and Stuart Clarke (Bar Beach) after they defeated Toronto's Terry Smith and David Rose 24-12 with a dominate display leading for most of the match. The win gives Bar beach their first since 2010 and their third in the 27-year history of the Reserves event.

NATIONALS UNDERWAY: Currently in Western Australia the National Championships are being contested and representing NSW are local players Geneveive Delves, Natasha Van Eldik, Lee Schraner, Daniel Hill, Vicki Parkinson, Michelle Campbell, Sharon

McReynolds, Betty Herbertson, Michael Beesley, Bill Ahoy, Kim Jaques and Zoe Nicholls. We wish them all good bowling in their respective events.



Above: Zone 2 Triples Champions Soldiers Point team of Mark Watt, David Tarrant and Leigh Penman.



Above: Zone 2 Open Pairs Champions Gavin Kelly and Paul Russell



Above: Zone 2 Back to Back Fours Champions Tim Twining, Jamie Minter, Lee Schraner and Matt Baus.



Above: Reserve Pairs Winners Front L-R Stuart Clarke and David Ross (Bar Beach) with Back L-R NDBA Vice President Milton Rigby and Runners-up Toronto's David Rose and Terry Smith.



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NELSON BAY WOMEN

By Bernie Carroll



Above L-R: Nelson Bay Women's Pairs Champions Bernie Carroll and Jenice Brown with Runners-up Ann McCann and Helen Maloney

Congratulations to Bernie Carroll and Jenice Brown on winning the Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club Major Pairs Championship for 2023.

Helen Maloney and Ann McCann certainly put up a great fight in maintaining a tight score throughout the game however Bernie and Jenice managed to gain the ascendancy in the last few final rounds. The eventual score was 20 to 12.

Well done to Helen and Ann on reaching the final, it was a fabulous game played in good spirit!

LOWLANDS

Compiled by Greg Danvers
with additional reporting and
photos by John Attenborough.



Above: Lowlands Major Pairs Winners Greg Danvers (left) and Ian Van der Werff (right)



Above: Lowlands Women's Major Singles Finalists Carolyn Wickham and Annette Kennedy

As reported last month there has been a changing of the guard at Lowies in the Club Championships. Carolyn Wickham unseated Lady President Annette Kennedy in the Women's Major Singles and a pair of newbies won the Open Major Pairs.

Carolyn, a bowler of around one year's experience, had a convincing win over Annette who has won this championship six times since 2009. Annette commented: "she found her line and length and played like that for the whole game". At one stage it was 18-2 in Carolyn's favour and Annette fought back strongly to get it to 18-16 but Carolyn prevailed after that.

The Open Major Singles are in play at the moment and one wonders will any of the newbies be able to unseat the established stars with the Open Major Singles final scheduled for Sunday November 5.

Greg Danvers and Ian van der Werff teamed up to beat Andrew Davis and Drew Fowler in the Open Major Pairs.

"In Open Major Pairs the underdog theme continued with Greg Danvers and Ian van der Werff overwhelming the more fancied combination of Andrew Davis and Drew Fowles," Lowlands Bowls co-ordinator Brett Gemmell wrote in his weekly 'Bowls Update'.

John Attenborough noted: in what can only be described as a boil-over, Greg and Ian won the first seven ends with Andrew and Drew fighting back in the next seven but Greg and Ian maintained their advantage to win 24-10.

Lowies celebrated 131 years since foundation, in 1892, last month with a fun gala day, wine tasting and music on Thursday September 21.

Lowies celebrated their 131st birthday last month

Thursday 21 September marked the 131st birthday of the oldest active bowling club in the region when Lowlands celebrated with two full greens of bowlers.

Affectionately known as "Lowies" the club's history dates back to 1892. In September, 1892, the Lowlands Bowling club was officially formed and continued to play on the old cricket ground green until 1912 when the club moved to its present site in Centennial Park.

This shift was the result of a gift from the Australian Agricultural Company which proposed the park as a centennial gift to the citizens of Newcastle.

Nestled in the leafy suburb of Cooks Hill, right next to picturesque Centennial Park, Lowlands has two synthetic greens with an enclosed outdoor function area and a fantastic Bistro.

Lowlands has become somewhat of a staple in the Novocastrian lifestyle and is the perfect place for small functions and events.

The present members of Lowlands Bowling Club represent a cross section of the community, fulfilling important social and sporting roles with a strong interest in charity and community activity.

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VIEWPOINT

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

Many of our Umpires only officiate at irregular intervals and become a bit rusty on the Laws and measuring techniques.

I recently received an invitation from Tea Gardens Bowling Club to speak at a seminar they were holding on Umpiring. The seminar was organised by the Men's Bowls Secretary Doug Andrews and Umpire Co-Ordinator Daryl Martin and its purpose was to update their Umpires and interested Bowlers on the New Law Book and the 2023/24 Conditions of Play and measuring techniques.

The recent changes and a series of questions submitted by the participants were fully discussed together with a demonstration of all the measuring equipment inside before they proceeded out onto the green for measuring practice. Feedback indicated that this was a valuable exercise and the Umpires Committee recommend that other clubs consider holding similar seminars.

BELMONT GOLF AND BOWLS WOMEN

By Julie Paterson on behalf of P.O Jules Haggert.



Above: Sarah Bennett representing sponsor Belle Property with Valentine Women's Invitation Day Winners from Edgeworth - W. Pearson, M. Robson, M. Wilkinson & L. Mitchell.

A brief report this month on behalf of our Publicity Officer, Jules, who did herself a nasty leg injury and has spent time in hospital requiring many screws, pins and plates!

We would like to thank our sponsors Belle Property and Pettigrew Family Funerals and all out visiting teams for a very successful Invitation Day on 30 August. The winners on the day were Edgeworth - W. Pearson, M. Robson, M. Wilkinson & L. Mitchell. Our next, and last Invitation Day for the year will be our One Agency sponsored Christmas Twilight 4's on 27 November. This is always a popular event, and we have lots of fun winding down for Christmas.

2023/24 Pennants is underway, and we will be looking forward to hosting the Pennants Play Off at our Club on 26 October. We have 5 teams this year (Grade 1, 2 x Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4) and wish all an enjoyable season. It is a great privilege to be representing your Club. We don't expect everyone to be winners, just enjoy the game.

Our next Club Championship game for 2023/24 will be Pairs on 21 November. Wishing our Publicity Officer, a speedy recovery and good bowling to all.

HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

This upcoming month will see the club holding its Men's Major, Ladies Major and Minor Singles Championship Finals.

THREE THREE'S: As of the time of writing this article (Round 5) we still have one team alive in this year's Three Three's, our Grade 2 (2) side.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: We will be holding the finals of both of the major single and Minor Singles as well as our Major Pairs. Our



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Men's Major Singles Final will be between Callan Starrett and Craig Thompson. The two semi-finals saw Cal defeat Wayne Smith 25-8; while Craig downed Nicholas Cleary 25-9. Defending champion Ryan Steel was eliminated in the quarter-final 25-19 by Thompson in a high quality quarter finals match.

The Ladies Major Singles Final will be between Lois Wedesweiler and Karen Young. In the semi-finals Lois defeated Lynne Sara 25-20, and Karen accounted for Billie Galley 26-13.

The Minor Singles Final will be between Kenneth Stauffer and Geoff Harrison. The two semi-finals saw Kenny lead all the way to down Anthony Gilmour 25-13 and Geoff had a similar victory 25-14 over Christopher Gorton.

The Major Pairs Championship commenced with 35 teams participating. Defending titleholders Corey Hayman and Mark Evans meet Laurie Moy and Ken Fairhall in their opening match.

This season's Club Triples Championship with 28 entries. Last season's reigning Champions Tim Haren, Col Wallace and Ryan Steel will have a first round clash against the formidable side of Corey Hayman, Mick Brown and Mark Evans.

TOURNAMENTS: Congratulations are extended to Craig Thompson, Wayne Smith, Ryan Steel and Scott (George) Thoroughgood on qualifying for the quarter-finals of the Inland Petroleum Club Dubbo International Fours. An outstanding achievement against a top class international field.

GALA'S: 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 Morning and Afternoon Galas as well as our Saturday Afternoon Jackpot Gala's have continued to be extremely successful. Along with being jackpot galas all winning players also receive a \$10 voucher and our Friday Seafood Voucher Gala has every winning player receiving a

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LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN



Above: LMDWBA Triples Winners Belmont Kerry Malligan, Diane Stockwell and Rose Wayland

During August the District Triples and Senior Triples were played. The winners of the District Triples were Belmont's Kerry Malligan, Diane Stockwell and Rose Wayland 22 defeating Charlestown's Terrie-Ann Jones, Kathy Limond and Paula Collaros 14. In the District Senior Triples, it was an all Charlestown final with the winners Karleen Gemmell, Helen Sanderson, Kay Shuttlewood 21 defeating Debbie Foote, Kathy Faint and Val Fullback 18, congratulations to all players.

At the time of writing Pennants is at the half way point for Grades 2, 3 and 4 with Grade 1 commencing their season on the 19/9. The weather has been good so far with only one extreme day of hot weather and one game between Grade 2 Wangi and Charlestown Black having to be suspended due to the heat. Good bowling to all players.

Entry forms are out for the District Singles and Senior Singles, the District Pairs and Senior Pairs and the close of date to District is the 13th October.

Until next month, good bowling.



Above: LMDWBA District Senior Triples Winners. Karleen Gemmell, Helen Sanderson, Kay Shuttlewood



Above: LMDWBA District Senior Triples Runners up. Debbie Foote, Kathy Faint and Val Fullback



Above: LMDWBA Triples Runners up Charlestown Terrie-Ann Jones, Kathy Limond and Paula Collaros

STOCKTON WOMEN

By Kris Wright CO



Above: Stockton Ladies Pairs Champions 2023 Suzanne Sanson and Jean Price



Above: Stockton Women's Major Singles finalists L-R Runner-up Vicki Marshall and winner Mary Williams



Above: Management Committee together with Enid at Stockton Women's Patrons Day lunch.

Well... the year is certainly disappearing quickly, and we have finished our Championships and Club Competitions for 2023.

During August we held our Championship Pairs and this was won by Suzanne Sanson and Jean Price. The competition was fierce, and many of the scores throughout the early rounds were extremely close. Well done to Suzanne & Jean. Runners up were Carol Shepherd and Jill Young, who bowled extremely well, with the lead changing several times throughout the game, but finishing up as 24 / 19 to our winners.

August also saw SWBC hold our annual Patrons Day. Unfortunately one of our Patrons, Vera Redman (who is 102 years old), was not well enough on the day to come along. Thankfully our Patron, Enid Pugh, was able to join us and provided prizes to our winners and runners up on the day on behalf of herself and Vera, and we wish to thank them for their generosity.

Stockton Women were well represented at the District Versatility Day and, even though they met some very stiff competition, they all played well with some wins and some losses. Our selection Committee offered the opportunity to represent the Club this year to some of our Division 3 and Division 4 players, and it was great to see how well they all performed. Thank you to Soldiers Point Bowling Club for hosting the day, and I think our representatives enjoyed the experience.

The SWBC Major Singles has seen some wonderful bowling, and again, some extremely close scores. Unfortunately there has to be a winner and a runner up in every round, but any one of the

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contestants could have easily taken the Major Singles title this year. The depth of talent in our Club is very clear when our ladies are playing a one-on-one competition, and they bring everything they have to the game. Our eventual winner was Mary Williams (Mary is the newest member of our club having transferred from Queensland about 12 weeks ago) and the runner up was Vicki Marshall – well done to both ladies.

Stockton has also fielded a few teams in the District Triples in September. Carol Shephard, Jill Young and Suzanne Sansom, together with Raelene Firkin, Trish Clark and Vicki Marshall all progressed through to the second round and Raelene's team continued to the semi final. Well done ladies, and a fabulous effort. Unfortunately, even though they gave it their all, Alder Park won the semi.

We also had a team in the Open Triples – Sandie Lowndes, Nadine Bolton & Sharon Gilbert. Better luck next year ladies.

Congratulations also to Nadine Bolton for being selected to play in the District Wine to Waves event last weekend. The event was cut short due to the extreme heat, but the win went to the Waves.

Our first Spring 4's Invitation Day has just been held, and under bright blue and sunny skies 112 ladies from near and far took part. Everyone enjoyed the day with the overall winners being Alison Moxey, Vacey McIntyre, Lyn Hinton and Pamela Stephens. 2nd place went to the team of Sandie Lowndes, Bernie Carroll, Pam Combala and Janice Brown.

A huge thank you is extended to all our ladies who cooked, set up, cleaned up, organised, and ran raffles. You all put in a great effort and made the day a very successful one. Another thank you must go to the sponsors for the day, being NCIG and their representative, Carly Parmenter who presented the prizes. We are all very grateful for their support.

Also, a huge thank you to our Greenkeeper on the day – Leo Payne, ably assisted by John Price, and to the Men's Club who assisted with setting up the tables and putting things back to normal at the end, and to Greg Penfold for giving up his time to help with the umpiring. We all appreciate your help.

Now the preparations begin for the 2023/24 Pennant Season

starting in February. This is always a wonderful time of year and we meet so many lovely women from other clubs in the area and have some very tight battles on the bowling green. We, at Stockton, are looking forward to another great competition with the local clubs, and wish everyone good luck and good bowling for the event.



Above: Stockton Women's Spring Fours Overall Winners Alison Moxey, Vacey McIntyre, Lyn Hinton and Pamela Stephens

CLUB LAMBTON

By Barry Hewat

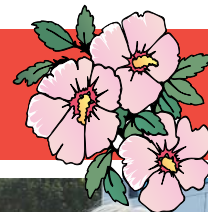
Good news of our Zone 2 Reserve Fours team winning the final 31-14 against Beresfield. Congrats to Scott McKinnon, Greg Fox, Kevin Abel and Tony Milton. They are certainly on a roll and will be the team to beat in club fours as they defeated John Wozniak, Grant Conway, Ken Dighton and Al Battistuzzi 23-22 in first round.

In the other game Graham Gibson, Barry Hewat (sub), Charles Sheather and Ross Collinson defeated Lew Mascelle, Dan Clements, Steve Gilshenan and Terry Creighton 24-8.

The major singles are boarded to start on 24th September, then back to club fours which was postponed due to four teams in Zone 2 pairs games.

Please note Tuesday and Thursday galas now start at 9.30am. Good bowling.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC.



By Vicki Rankin, Chair of Match



Above: NDWBA Open Triples Champions Sharon McReynolds, Deborah Whelan and Lynne Thompson (Raymond Terrace).

District qualifying matches for the State Triples & Senior Triples Championships played on 14th & 15th September.

Under the 2023-24 CoP, the State Women's Triples played 2-bowl Triples x 25 ends, while the Senior Women's Triples played 21 ends. This resulted in a 90-minute difference in finishing time in the two Finals. District Match has noted this and will address this issue for future events.

We thank all entrants in these Championships, the Clubs who hosted rounds and congratulate the 2023-24 winners, wishing them great bowls at the Regional Championships in November. District Management sincerely thanks the Triples' Finals host, Nelson Bay Bowling Club for their excellent hospitality and assistance. **State Women's Triples Winners:** Sharon McReynolds, Deborah Whelan and Lynne Thompson (Raymond Terrace) and Runners-up Kerry Pedder, Debra Johns, Missy Witts; **Senior Women's Triples Winners:** Jan Sutherland, Vacie McIntyre and Betty Herbertson (Soldiers Point), Runners-up Judy Handley, Maree Harman and Judy Law (Kotara). **Sunday 17.09.23** NDWBA hosted the Waves to Wine at Beresfield Bowling Club.

The hot weather prevented us from completing a full game with it proving to be too much for some players and a few having to retire from the game. We hope all players recovered well, especially Wanda from Hunter River District who had to take a trip to hospital.

Now that the hot weather is with us, we have to be mindful to keep well hydrated and wear appropriate head wear and retire from the game if you don't feel well. We played 112 ends which complied with the Conditions of Play and the winners were Newcastle District 104 Hunter River District 86.

Thank you to Beresfield WBC President Margaret, Secretary Helen and all the ladies from Beresfield who looked after us and



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



Above: Trophy presentation Waves to Wine HRDWBA President Coral Sloan and NDWBA President Marion Wilson.



Above L-R: Newcastle District Women's Overall Winners of Versatility Fours Betty Herbertson, Missy Witts, Vacie McIntyre and Pam Stephens

helped make this day a great success. Congratulations to all the teams from both Districts who played the game with great sportsmanship and friendship. We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to when we next meet.



Above: Newcastle District Women's Waves to Wine Rep Side

MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes



Above: Mayfield West Men's Pairs Champions Tony Atcheson and "Digby" (Jade Butterworth)



Above L-R: Runners-up in Mayfield West Men's Pairs Dave Dumbleton and Bill Elliott

Competitions are well underway now for both the Men and Women for the 2023/24 season. We have members currently competing in Wednesday 3x 3's and several Zone and District events. Congratulations to Robyn Belcher, Rachel Shelton and Jackie Jukes who made it to the semi-finals of District Triples.

The Men's Pairs have been completed with strong competition throughout. The experienced pair of Dave Dumbleton and Bill Elliott won through to final after knocking off a few top teams. They played Digby and Tony Atcheson. Digby and Tony started strong with a 13-1 lead after 7 ends and then continued to dominate the game, coming away with a 29-10 win. Congratulations boys!

Our Ladies started off their season with the Minor Singles. Congratulations to Tina Brown and Janice Dagger for making the final. Janice was the first out of the starting blocks but it didn't take long for Tina to get going. The score was 11 -5 after the 9th end. Tina was the winner 25-11, with a very consistent display of bowls, not only in the final, but throughout the whole competition. Well Done!

The Ladies are looking forward to celebrating their 70th Birthday and are holding a Party in conjunction with our oncology gala day. All clubs should have received information but please contact Jackie on 0417 472 457 if you need more info or would like to attend.

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Above L-R: Mayfield West Women's Minor Singles Finalists Janice Dagger and Tina Brown.

HEXHAM

By Glenn Hetherington, C.O.

Those who have entered a team in our chairman's challenge on October 1 please finalise your team ASAP. Congratulations to our championship winners so far Major Singles N. Allen, Minor Singles P. Au; Pairs G. Hetherington and A. Crow; Triples G. Mordue, Fay Mordue and L. Carter with the Fours and Mixed Pairs to play their finals in the next couple of weeks.



Above: Players on the green at Soldiers Point for the Newcastle District Women's Versatility Fours.



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Dreamer

Hi Dreamers. Continuing on with The 2023-24 Conditions of Play, I thought this month we will look at the duties of the Controlling Body for Zone or State events. Too often members are given this responsibility not really knowing what is expected of them, so what follows are some guidelines.

DUTIES OF A CONTROLLING BODY

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE: This is intended as a guideline for those who perform the duties of the Controlling Body. Other functions may be required of the Controlling Body for certain events or under certain circumstances. This guideline has been divided into three sections: Pre-Match, During Match and After Match.

2. PRE-MATCH: Before the commencement of play on any day the name (s) of the person (s) representing the Controlling Body and the Umpire(s) of the day should be announced. The Controlling Body must always be present during the match, plus for a reasonable time before the start of play and after play finishes.

They ensure that Association Events are played in accordance with the Conditions of Play.

They ensure that the dates of play for all events are set out, including provisions for rescheduling of matches which are delayed or postponed. These dates should be included on entry forms.

They should ensure that the players, umpires and markers are aware of any non-standard playing conditions.

They should ensure that an umpire (who must be an accredited umpire if available) has been appointed to officiate for the matches being played.

They should ensure that there are markers in attendance

for singles matches.

They advise players of their eligibility for pre-match practice and the availability of rink space for that practice.

They ensure that the rinks on which players are drawn to play are announced not less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

They can determine that a player is physically incapable or unable to take any further part in a competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body and can then authorise an eligible member to join that team as a Replacement player.

They can authorise one (or more) team(s) in a side to play one player short if there is no eligible player or substitute available.

They are responsible for ensuring that the player's attire is in accordance with Bowls NSW Regulations and Conditions of Play (or in line with the requirements for that event if not an Association Event).

They decide when to start play if affected by inclement weather determined by reference to the Bowls NSW Extreme Weather Policy and any applicable local weather policy.

They may, if circumstances warrant it, extend the time allowed for late arrivals.

They can award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match.

3. DURING MATCH: They can warn the player involved if they are causing damage to the green, then they can ask them to retire from the green and take no further part in the match (the Umpire may also do this).

They can replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable standard.

They can take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players.

They may allow variations in the position of players at both head and mat ends to facilitate viewing by spectators, or to assist television coverage.

They can award the match to the opponent if advised by the umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires a penalty.

They decide when to abandon play for the day because of darkness, inclement weather determined by reference to the Bowls NSW Extreme Weather Policy and any applicable local weather policy or any other valid reason.

4. AFTER MATCH: They are the ones to whom the umpire hands the set of bowls and the \$150 deposit if there has been a challenge to a set of bowls. They arrange to have the confiscated bowls tested. (See Law 52)

They are the official to whom the appellant gives their written appeal and to whom the umpire hands the deposit and their written report if there has been an appeal against the umpire's application of the Laws.

They ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made.

DORA CREEK WOMEN

Mitzi Hopwood,

A first for Dora Creek, we had 2 members enter NSW Rookie Singles and 3 for Rookie Pairs, what a great experience for them all. There are also 3 men members entered into those competitions. This is a report from Gail Walker, "high quality bowlers competed from across the zone. S. Addy found herself in a very tough draw and acquitted herself very, very well. G. Walker won one, lost one game and didn't make the cut. She was happy with her bowling. The 3 men from Dora Creek were very competitive, only one (1) A. Walker progressed to the quarter finals. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the day."

We hope the Rookie Pairs will be as good an experience as the singles, good luck everyone.

Women's Pennants this year has been interesting, Dora Creek has new players in the side, giving them the opportunity to experience a new level of bowls, and also in Grade 3.

One of our Three 3's teams, has Gail Walker, in the team and is doing us proud. Her team is still in the competition, good luck for the rest of the competition.

Well, don't forget to keep your fluids and electrolytes up in this hot weather, we don't need any ambulances called to bowlers.

2022/2023 CHAMPIONS



Above: Zone 6 Junior Bowler of the Year Koby Kattau with Z6 Chair of Umpires Bruce Johnstone



Above: Zone 6 Junior Pairs Champions Xander Webber and Koby Kattau.

Telarah was once again the venue of choice for the Zone 6 presentation of champions. Many thanks to Julie Lee for all her assistance in organizing, and for a fabulous feed from Woo Hoo Asian Bistro. This is the second last presentation as a stand-alone Zone. There will be just one more before the men's and women's associations will celebrate together as a sector. With the boundaries now decided, the addition of the ladies are the only changes that the Zone will see – all current clubs will remain as is.

Zone Administrator Michelle Robards MC'd for the day and President Greg Parrey welcomed all players and guests. This was one of the best attendances to presentations for some time. A couple of clashes with club championships saw the open category a little shy of representation, but overall, well attended. President Greg extended a special congratulations to the Junior Representative side who returned with the Zone's best performance in the history of the State Junior 7-a-side event finishing fourth overall.

The Juniors were first off the mark with Koby Kattau awarded Junior Bowler of the Year. Koby won the Singles against last year's Junior BOTY James Allerton, won the Pairs with Xander Webber against Kaytee Muncaster and Cooper Appleby, and was also skip in the winning Fours team with James Allerton, Xander Webber and Jeremy Bourke against Theo and Dakoda Meatheringham, Kaytee Muncaster and Cooper Appleby. Congratulations on a fantastic season Koby.

Open Reserves Division was next on the agenda. The championships were shared well amongst players in the Zone. Both Harry Callaghan and Wayne Van Maastricht were the only



Above: Runners-up in Zone 6 Junior Fours Cooper Appleby, Kaytee Muncaster, Dakoda Meatheringham and Theo Meatheringham.



Above: Zone 6 President Greg Parrey with Z6 Open Reserve Bowler of the Year Wayne Van Maastricht.



Above: Zone 6 Open Reserve Triples Winners Artie Earl (sub for Harry at State Play-offs), Harry Callaghan and Phil Cornford Absent: Kev Osmond

contenders to reach the final of two disciplines. Harry won the Triples and was Runner-up in the Pairs, whilst Van Maastricht was Runner-up in the Triples and winner of the Open Reserve Singles. The points tally favoured Wayne, and he was named Zone 6 Reserve Bowler of the Year! Congratulations Wayne. Results of Open Reserve Championships are: **Singles Winner:** Wayne Van Maastricht, **R/Up:** Trevor Solomons; **Pairs Winners:** Alan Hicks and Peter Nichols, **R/Up:** Artie Earl and Harry Callaghan; **Triples Winners:** Phil Cornford, Kev Osmond and Harry Callaghan, **R/Up:** Wayne Van Maastricht, David Lane and Paul Windon; **Fours Winners:** Alex Mitchell, Darren Brasington, Dan Kramer and Jason Burzynski, **R/Up:** Annette Bunn, David Kennett, Ralph Driver and Tim Bunn. A special mention to Annette Bunn who was the only woman to enter this "open" event – well done on making the final of the fours and we urge more players of both genders to have a crack.

The seasoned Seniors also have their own division which is keenly contested. **Senior Singles Champion:** Phil Heuston, **R/Up:** Garry Edwards, **Pairs Winners:** Warren Styles and Donald Strickland, **R/Up:** David Button and George Niznik; **Triples Winners:** Peter Fisher, Max Angwin and John Rees; **R/Up:** Max Wilton, George Niznik and David Button; **Fours Winners:** Peter De Krey, Mark Holland, Max Angwin and Wayne Rowbottom, **R/Up:**

JUNIORS REPORT



ZONE 2

By Ross Gardner, Chairman Zone 2 Junior Committee

Hi everyone. Here we are in October already and before we know it we'll be in the New Year and a whole new season begins for our talented Juniors and U25s. But before that rolls around a few things to report. Recently our Juniors travelled to Dubbo to contest the Annual State Junior 7aside. It's played in three disciplines of Singles, Pairs and Fours. The team consisted of: **Singles:** Jordan Lean, **Pairs:** Zoe Nicholls / Kyle Anderson, **Fours:** Mackenzie Wicks, Ami Bromhead, Charlotte Hayman and Cohen Ridd. All disciplines performed well but unfortunately this year we narrowly missed medal contention but improved our ranking from fifth in 2022 to fourth in 2023. A special mention for Jordan Lean who had a tough introduction to Junior 7aside by striking Reese Finn- from Merimbula in his first game. Reese had recently been runner up in the Women's Australian Indoor Singles. This fact didn't rattle Jordan, he persevered and came out a winner against one of the State's best. Good job. Two of our talented Juniors, Mia Bromhead and Huxley Rowe also competed for Zone 15 (Central Coast) to enable them to enter a side. We thank you both for volunteering and showing that Zone 2 Juniors will help out wherever possible. We congratulate all our Juniors on the effort put

Martin Bolton, Michael Kealy, Craig Lawrence and Grahame Smith. Well done to David Button and George Niznik making it to the finals of both the Senior Pairs and Triples and congratulations to Max Angwin who claimed the coveted Senior Bowler of the Year Trophy for his win in the Triples and Fours!

In the OPEN Division we have some familiar names, as well as a couple of newbies which is always good to see. Surprisingly Nathan Dawson's name appears only once in the following championship list. Dawson has been busy as a member of the State Representative Open side and retired earlier this year after logging over 50 games. Well done Nathan and all the best for the future. Congratulations to the **Zone 6 OPEN Champions - Singles Winner:** Brodie Turner, **R/Up:** Simon Mitchell, **Pairs Winners:** Aaron Appleby and Tailor Appleby; **Triples Winners:** DJ Dilworth, Brody Pitham and Nathan Dawson, **R/Up:** Nathan Mitchell, Dylan Riley and Simon Mitchell, **Fours Winners:** Shaun Soper, Trent Bennison, Ty Turnbull and Andrew Rees, **R/Up:** Kyle Langly, Will Osmond,



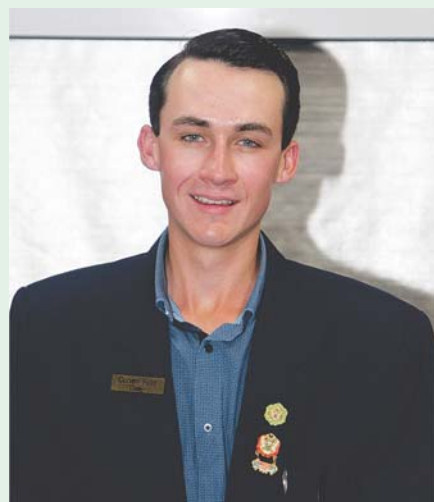
Above: Zone 2 Junior 7-a-side L-R: A. Solomons (Manager), K. Anderson, C. Ridd, Z. Nicholls, J. Lean, A. Bromhead, C. Hayman, M. Wicks, R. Gardner (Junior Chairman)

in and regardless of not finishing in medal contention, you fought to the very end. Zone 2 are very proud of you all. We would like to thank Zone 2 President, Mark Conway, for making the trip out to support our Juniors. Mark, it truly meant a lot to all involved that you were there at your first State Junior 7aside.

From the above, a NSW State Training Junior Squad, 20 Junior girls and 20 Junior boys were selected from across the State. I am proud to advise that six of our nine competing Juniors were selected. They were, Jordan Lean, Kyle Anderson, Mackenzie Wicks, Ami Bromhead, Charlotte Hayman and Mia Bromhead. Congratulations to you all, go out and do Zone 2 proud. Cohen Ridd, Zoe Nicholls and Huxley Rowe are soon to age out, and go out of Juniors into their next bowls chapter of Under 25s.

Zone Presentation night has been scheduled for Friday 3rd November 2023 to be held at Beresfield Bowling Club.

In final, Zone 2 recently had their AGM held at Lambton Bowling Club. This year was the election of officers for the various Committees and Sub Committees. As a result I am pleased to announce that one of



Above: Cohen Ridd, newly appointed as a member of the Zone 2 Umpires Committee.

our own Juniors, Cohen "Cuey" Ridd from Beresfield Bowling Club is now a member of the Zone 2 Umpires Committee. Great job Cuey, I'm sure you will be an asset, we are all very proud of you for volunteering for a Committee that is close to your heart. Nice work!

Rodney Lawrance and Mick Kedwell. This year Bowler of the Year was awarded to Simon Mitchell. Simon, who is no stranger to

this award, started bowling in Year 7 for sport and it has now been 30 years since he picked up a bowl. Congratulations Simon and to all Zone Championship winners and finalists. Good luck to all for the coming season.



Above: What a great year for Brodie Turner, winner of the Zone 6 Singles, Runner-up in the Pairs and a new Dad to this little cutie.



Above: Winner of the Senior Singles Phil Heuston. Phil started bowling when he was 12 years old when there wasn't even such a thing as a "Junior member". In his time, junior players weren't even allowed inside the club house. Phil commented that it is good to see the sport looking after the future of the game now.



Above: Zone 6 Open Bowler of the Year Simon Mitchell with President Greg Parrey.



Above: Zone 6 President Greg Parrey with Senior Bowler of the Year Max Angwin. Max started bowling in his early twenties and was a District Representative player until life got too busy. He took the game up again in his fifties and has been selected in the Senior Representative side.

CARDIFF By The Falcon

After Major Singles games on Sunday 24TH September there are two (2) games in the quarter-finals of the top half of the draw before the semi-final can be played, while in the bottom half, Terry Blow & Damian Robb meet in the semi-final.

Consistency Singles commence on Friday 6TH October & Major Threes commence on Sunday 8TH October. After 4 rounds of the Three Threes, Grades 3/1's have one (1) life remaining & 3/2's are undefeated, & Grades 1 & 2 have been eliminated.

Congratulations to Scott Karuso who has qualified for the BNSW Rookie Singles Finals. Congratulations also to Janella Peattie on winning her section, unfortunately Janella beaten in the knockout stage, & to Sean Broderick who lost his section on margins. Sean & Scott have nominated for the BNSW Rookie Pairs Championships.

Congratulations to John "Macca" Mackenzie on playing for the Woomera's National Bowling Arm Championships at Devonport Tasmania & finished as runner-up. The "Father & Son" tournament qualifying commences on Monday 13TH & Tuesday 14TH November, & the Finals on Monday 20TH & Tuesday 21ST November.

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go instead where there is no path & leave a trail".*
— Ralph Waldo Emerson.

CARDIFF WOMEN

By Bianca Hann, P.O.

A very busy month at Cardiff. We had a perfect day for our invitation day with no wind and lots of sunshine. We had a wonderful roll up. Winners of the day were Kerry Pedder, Lyn Hinton and Julie Shumacher from Soldiers Point, runners-up, Leonie Murray, Mandy Gemmell and Gail Mooney. from Lowlands, with the consolation going to Loraine Smolen, Chris Brown and Raylene Firkin from Stockton. Spider winners were Marea Olsen from Cardiff and Sue Maloney from Lambton Park. Many thanks to umpire, Neville Hill,



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Above: Cardiff Women's Invitation Day winners, Kerry Pedder, Lyn Hinton and Julie Shumacher, from Soldiers Point with President Maureen Mitchell.

and club rep Jo Henderson. We all sat down to delicious salad lunch, catered by Margaret Merriion, Judy Hill and Di Healey. The cheese and biscuits were well appreciated during the game, thanks to Sharon Brewer and Judy Hill. Big thank you to all our members, who helped set, clean up, sell raffle tickets and the #100# club to make this such a successful day. Many thanks to our sponsors.

Congratulations to Janice O'Reilly on winning the major singles and Helen Lott as the runner up. It was a great game to watch. Thanks to Margaret Merriion as controlling body, Sharon



Above L-R: Cardiff Women's Club Pairs winners Janice O'Reilly and Bianca Hann



Above: Cardiff Women's Club Singles Winner Janice O'Reilly (right) with runner-up Helen Lott (left).

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Brewer for match, and Bianca Hann as umpire. Thanks to all who came along and supported them.

Congratulations to Diane Moore on being chosen to play in the Waves to Wine game on 17 September we wish her well. Marea Olsen, Bianca Hann, Diane Moore and Janice O'Reilly were selected to play in the versatility day at Soldiers Point. They won 3 out of 5 games. Janice and Bianca won the pairs, in section one. Thanks to our supporters who came to watch, also to the district for their organisation of the day, everything ran smoothly.

Congratulations to Janelle Peattie. She played in the Rookies games at Charlestown. Janelle won her section, and made it to the first round of the finals, a great achievement. Thanks to all her came and supported her.

We had a social fun day at the Postmans run in the Hawkesbury River. it was a perfect sunny day, filled with friendships and lots of laughter, thanks very much to Sharon Brewer and Jo Henderson for organising such a day. We sang happy birthday to Janelle Peattie, who managed to cut the very small birthday cake into 22 pieces.



Above: Cardiff Women's Club Pairs runner up Sharon Brewer and Jo Henderson

LEMON TREE PASSAGE WOMEN

By Anne Cheetham, C.O.

Congratulations to this year's Major Singles Champion Kath Rados and to runner up Lyn Jordan. The final was a very close game ...well done to both players.

Sadly, two of our members have recently passed away - Lucy Colecliff and June Baker. June was a Life Member of our club since 1999, a well-deserved recognition for her contribution to our club, especially as an inspiration and mentor to all our umpires as she herself began umpiring in 1990 until 2017.



Above:
VALE: June Baker



Above: Major Singles Runner-up Lyn Jordan and winner Kath Rados.

Congratulations to Janice O'Reilly and Bianca Hann as winners of the club pairs with Sharon Brewer and Jo Henderson as the runners up. It was a great final, a very close game with only two points the difference. Many thanks to Janelle Peattie for controlling body, Marea Olsen as the umpire, and to all who came along to support our players.

Happy birthday to our September ladies, Jeanie Hutton, Janelle Peattie and Diane Moore,

BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.



Above: Boolaroo Women's Minor Singles Champion Brett Scott and Kerry Houghton Runner up

We welcome October with a Celebration of a special member's 80th Birthday. Congratulations Lyn Sullivan, may it be everything you wished for with much love from all your mates at Boolaroo. Enjoy all your cheer.

Our Pennant season has a week to go and by the time you read this let's hope our Division 3 Ladies are still going strong. We have been proud to represent our home club and enjoyed every game, with an exception to the 35degree day, which took its toll on so many

in the district. Nice to see so much support on our home games too.

Special thankyou's this month go to our Social Committee for organising our Pennant raffles, morning teas, and those special Boolaroo lunches which we have enjoyed after each game with our opposition. Every Club has had nothing but praise for our hospitality. A nice way to finish our day.

Congratulations to our Chef Brett winning the Minor Singles, with Kerry Houghton runner up. A great game to watch and as Brett only started bowling as a pastime between shifts, he deserves all the accolades he has been getting. Well done to both. Good Luck and Safe Travels to our Bowlers going to enjoy Northaven.

Until next Month 'Happy Bowling' and enjoy all our Club has to offer, on and off the green.



Above: Boolaroo Women's Birthday Girl: Lyn Sullivan *80*th



NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6
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Above: RSL Bowls STATE Champion Pairs Winners: Jason Price and Tim Malone.

On 4 September, we visited Maitland City for triples, where we had a slightly lower attendance than usual for a number of reasons. Winners were Ray Cooper and Scott Bourne.

Zone 6 pairs championship final was held on 8 Sept at Raymond Terrace, where Tim Malone and Jason Price (Raymond Terrace) had a good win over Rod Woodhouse and Ross Barry (Beresfield).

They then travelled to Cabramatta for the finals series, in which they won all matches and became State RSL champions.

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

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

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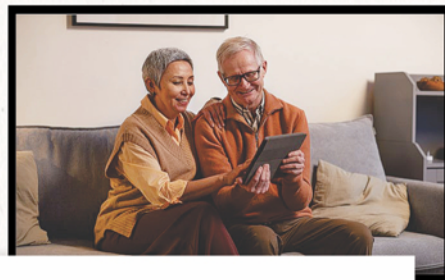
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KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)

On Tuesday 5th September our new synthetic surface on the No. 2 Green was officially opened for play following a very meticulous installation by the KCL Company. The honour of rolling the first kitty was given to Life Member of Kahibah Womens' BC Barbara Ross followed by Life Member of Kahibah Mens' BC John Smith OAM delivering the first bowl. This was followed by the first competitive match on the green in the Lake Macquarie Women's BA Single Gender Pennants between Kahibah and Redhead. Members playing in galas and championships since that time have been highly complimentary in their assessment of the new facility.

The reconstruction of our No. 1 Green began immediately on the completion of No. 2 green and the club is hopeful that it will be completed by late October.

At Club Championship level the Major Pairs has continued with Robert Freeman and Tony Hicks proving far too strong for Col Dorn and John Smith winning 23-9 after the scores had been locked at 6 all on 7 ends. Merv Brown and Brady Anderson established a 10-6 lead over Riley Cleaver and Ian Gibbons and maintained their advantage throughout the game to gradually draw away to run out winners by 21-11 and then scored a 24-16 win over Greg Jones and Ben Moore to reach the semi-finals. The experienced combination of Owen Jefferson and Paul Bradshaw flew out to a 17-2 lead over Bob Yelds and Scott O'Donohue after 9 ends and consolidated this start to finish with a 30-12 victory but subsequently found Keith Keelan and Tony Perkins too solid allowing them only two singles to put Keith and Tony into the semi-finals. Rod Cleaver and Kevin Gibbons led 16-5 against Ennio Volpe (Sub) and Darrell Oaten running out 21-14 winners. Semi-finals will see Freeman and Hicks against Keelan and Perkins and Cleaver and Gibbons will be pitted against Brown and Anderson.

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Saturday 30th September and no elections were required. The following are the Executive for the ensuing year: **President:** Tony Perkins, **Vice-President:** Gerry Gamble, **Secretary:** Chris Mogg,

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Treasurer: John Smith, **Games Organizer:** Keith Keelan and Committee Members; Kevin Gibbons and Rob Schumacher. Selectors are Neville White and John Smith with one to be added.

We thank outgoing President Barry Butters for all his contributions during his term in office and hope that his health will continue to improve.

FINGAL BAY WOMEN

By Kathryn Job, P.O.



Above: Fingal Bay's Jacqueline Hudson wins GOLD at the World Bowls Championship in the Para Mixed Pairs with partner Jake.

We came together this week to honour the amazing achievement of our own Jacqueline Hudson. Jacqui won GOLD at the recent World Bowls Championship, held on the Gold Coast Qld.

Jacqui won a gold medal in the Para Mixed Pairs, incidentally this is the first time this particular competition has been played. Jacqui & her playing partner Jake were assisted by their directors. Jacqui directed by her husband Robert & Jake by his brother Cody. They beat South Africa in the finals 16~14 to bring home the Gold.

To say we are all behind Jacqui & Rob 100% is an absolute understatement, we are beyond proud of them both.

★ COACHING SHOWCASE

for the
NDBA COACHING COMMITTEE

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

LATEST NEWS and INFORMATION

As of now all accreditation and re-accreditation of any and all coaches can be done on-line with Bowls NSW website.

How to obtain a working with children check (WWCC), **Step 1:** Visit <https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply> and complete the application form.

Step 2: Once your application is successful you are required to go to your local Service NSW office to receive your WWCC number. **Step 3:** AWWCC number will be forwarded to you by the office. We ask you to then

provide this number to your club secretary and to Bowls NSW to update your personal records. For further information contact Bowls NSW Office by phone on 02 9283 4555 Monday to Friday between 9am and 2.30pm.



ROLE OF A COACH

What type of people become involved in coaching Lawn Bowls? Most have been competitors and enjoyed playing bowl at probable at various levels of bowls and wish to give back their knowledge of the game to various ages of people so that they can get the amount of enjoyment as they achieved. Do they derive pleasure and a sense of achievement from helping other players? Receive a reward by seeing their students do well at the game.

Coaches should ask themselves: Why do I want to become a coach? Then indulge in some self analysis and reflect on their answers. Whatever their reasons, good coaches need to have a thorough understanding of the game of bowls and what they will be teaching. Coaches should be quick thinkers so that they can make quick decisions on faults to help students build self confidence.

The necessary qualities and responsibilities of a good coach include the ability to:

- Have knowledge of the game
- Observe
- To lead
- Communicate
- Educate
- Evaluate and to
- Organise
- Motivate
- Instruct clearly

A coach must "teach efficiency" by demonstration and communication. Always use the same terminology in the coaching manuals. At all times be pleasant, relaxed, in control but always curious. Proceed at the students pace and don't be over forceful. No two students are the same. They may vary in many ways, and if these variations are not observed and considered. They will create problems which could have been avoided.

Some differences that readily come to mind are:-

- Age Variations
- Nervousness
- Disabilities
- Lack of Motivation
- Lack of Co-Ordination
- Lac of power or strength in arms

Much of the above can be overcome after consideration of the students own needs and the setting up on an appropriate programme.

To all coaches good luck – good bowling – til next month.



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TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.



What a crazy month weather wise for bowling. Cold and blowy, cold and sunny, then hot hot hot! Now just lovely (sometimes a little chilly even).

Our Tuesday's and Thursday's are still getting a good roll up even with 8 of our girls out playing Pennants. Thursday's sometimes have more men than ladies!

Our Grade 2 Pennants Ladies are doing us very proud with some

Above: TWWBC Grade 2 Pennants Team 2023 L-R Margaret Peisley, Trish Kellehear, Margaret Derkeson, Molly O'Leary, Chris Morgan, Barbara Fox, Doreen Warner & Annette Cook.

great results against some excellent opposition from the Lake Macquarie Clubs. They have just started Round 2 and we wish them all the best bowls they can deliver for their remaining games.

May all your bowls be touchers!

PARA VI PAIRS SCHEDULE

2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 29 (DAY 1)

Broadbeach



R1 V SCOTLAND
8.30AM



R2 V HONG KONG
2.45PM

AUGUST 30 (DAY 2)

Broadbeach



R3 V SOUTH AFRICA
8.30AM



R4 V ENGLAND
2.45PM

AUGUST 31 (DAY 3)

Broadbeach



R5 V NEW ZEALAND
2.45PM



Above: Fingal Bay's Jacqueline Hudson wins GOLD at the World Bowls Championship in the Para Mixed Pairs with partner Jake.

NEW LAMBTON

By The Regent Bird



Above: New Lambton's Minor Singles Winner - Steven Heggs

A further 2 of our Club Championships have been completed, the Minor Singles and Club Pairs, which leaves only the Club Triples and Major Singles to complete our Championships.

The Minor Singles was won by Stephen Heggs who defeated Ralph Della Grotta 25/18.

The Club Pairs were played over the weekend prior to Fathers' Day, semi finals Saturday and the final Sunday. On Saturday Col Mascord and Allan Starrett over came the "giant killers" Ashok Lal and Robert Chapman, whilst Chris Campbell-Jones and Steve Lawson defeated Jeff King and Barrie Heslop. In the final the combination of Chris and Steve proved too strong for Col and Allan 21/17 to win the Club Pairs.

"Bowl Over Cancer", our yearly fund-raising event for cancer, will be held in November although the actual day is to be confirmed. The event is a mixed gala. The travelling bowlers will be heading to North Haven in October. This is their eighth journey away.

Steve Poulton was a member of West Rugby League Grand Final winning teams in the 80's, a member of NLBC and a volunteer at the Soul Hub for the past 18 years, preparing meals and offering assistance for the needy. Steve's volunteer work has been acknowledged and awarded accordingly.

Steve's recent project has been the need for long life milk and I would like to pass on an item from the Soul Hub Facebook site.

"Steve is a champion of Soul Hub and when he's not busy onsite volunteering, he's out and about rallying community support for Soul."

Every Friday he's been rallying the community of [New](#)



Above: New Lambtons Minor Singles Runner-Up Ralph Della Grotta

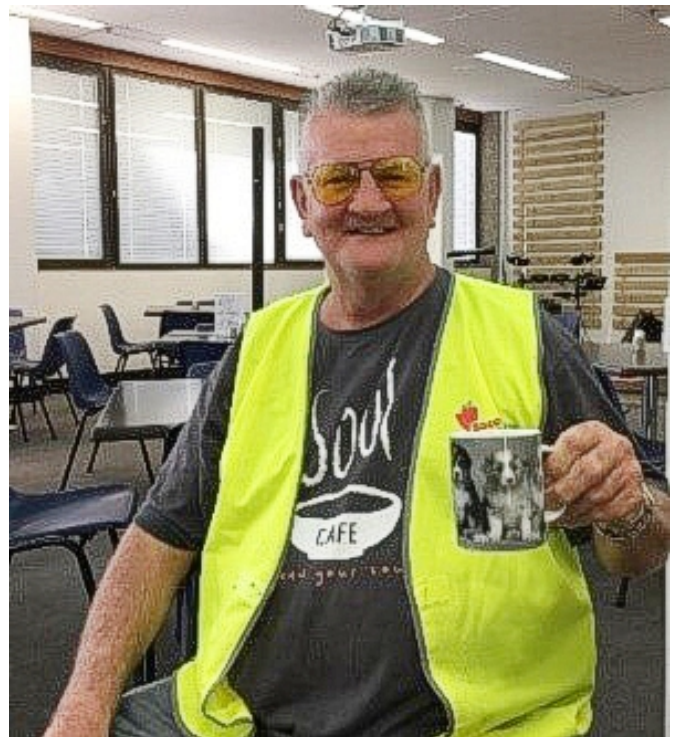
[Lambton Bowling Club](#) to bring in cartons of long-life milk for Soul. Milk that is desperately needed by our kitchen. Last week alone over 30 cartons were generously donated by the club members"

A teacher at San Clemente School at Mayfield saw the Facebook article and Steve's story during class. A week later several cartons of milk were donated by the students and delivered to the club for Steve to collect.



Above: New Lambton Club Pairs Finalists Col Mascord and Allan Starrett.

Below : Chris Campbell Jones and Steve Lawson.



Above: Steve Poulton

END OF WINTER MIXED PAIRS EAST MAITLAND



Above: Winners of the End of Winter Mixed Pairs Joel Roche and Lorraine Rixon (centre) with representatives from Icon Cancer Centre Helen (far left) and Kylie (far right).



Above: Runners-up in East Maitland's End of Winter Mixed Pairs Sharon Sumner and Mick Kedwell (centre) with representatives from Icon Cancer Centre Helen (far left) and Kylie (far right).

East Maitland held their End of Winter Pairs on Monday 28th August sponsored by Icon Cancer Clinic. Competition was rife with all teams in the major prize minor undefeated. Winners were Joel Roche and Lorraine Rixon from Belmont Golf and Bowls with the highest margin 6+31. Joel said that Lorraine played fantastic bowls all day and thanked Clay and the team at East Maitland on a well-run tournament. Runners-up were Kurri Kurri's Sharon Sumner and Mick Kedwell who finished on 6+25 and in third were local East Maitland members Glenn and Annette Hooper not far behind on 6+20. Sarah King and Anthony Ross from Edgeworth settled in fourth place on 6+16 whilst composite team of Gail Baker (Charlestown) and Peter Ball (Easts) claimed the last of the major prize money on 6+10. Congratulations to these players.

A best performed prize each round was awarded. In Round 1 two teams won by +21 and a countback was necessary with Kaye Arnott and Bill Ahoy just missing out on shots against to East Maitland's Cheryl Cook and Ross McLean. Round 2 went to Lorn Park's George and Cheryl Crane with +14 and in the final round East Maitland's Simone Smith and Gavin Laing claimed the prize with +10. Well done to all place getters and thank you to all players for their support.



Above: Glenn and Annette Hooper (centre) Third Place in East Maitland's End of Winter Mixed Pairs with representatives from Icon Cancer Centre Helen (far left) and Kylie (far right).

OVER 50 TRIPLES RAYMOND TERRACE

With Bowls Co-Ordinator Lennon Scott away on a well-deserved overseas holiday, Bowls Assistant Matt Baus looked after the hangar which included running the Over 50 Men's Triples Tournament. The one-day event was held across 4 games of 10 ends. After three rounds, four teams were undefeated and of course hot favourites. There were only 5 shots separating them all and margins would prove precious in the wash up.

Warren Shipley's composite side of Peter Burgess and Steve Gilshenan had lost the first round but followed up with 2 good wins to hold the highest margin of all teams on the board. This meant if any one of the top four faltered, they only had to worry about the win to be in the money! Unfortunately for Shippo, those four teams all came home strong and remained undefeated. They didn't go home

empty handed though, bagging a BP for round 3 with +19 margin.

Congratulations to **Winners** Mick Slater, Steve Brown and John Price (Stockton) 8+26; **Runners-up** Steve Kerby, Sam Laguzza and Eric Ryan (Charlestown) 8+23; **Third** Trevor Solomons, Peter Thornton and David Lane (Club Maitland City) 8+22 and **Fourth** Rod Watt, Barry Mungoven and Bogdan Duma (composite) 8+19. **Lucky Losers:** Ross Clague, Richard Harman and Will Kachel (Davistown RSL); **Best Performed Round 1:** Scott Bourne, Jamie Minter and Ian Lean (RayTer) +16; **Round 2:** Peter Schremmer, Noel Fishburn and Greg Frost (composite) +5; **Round 3:** Peter Burgess, Steve Gilshenan and Warren Shipley +19; **Round 4:** Brendon Soars, Mick Harriss and Marc Bert (RayTer) +22.

Congratulations to all placegetters and many thanks to all for entering. Matt was ably assisted by Garry Hickey and Shaun Gordon did a fine job on the mike with the presentation. Thanks to all who contributed behind the scenes. We know these events can't be done without teamwork.



Above L-R: Winners of Raymond Terrace's Over 50 Triples John Price, Steve Brown and Mick Slater.



Above L-R: Third Place in Raymond Terrace's Over 50 Triples Peter Thornton, Trevor Solomons and David Lane.



Above L-R: Runners-up in Raymond Terrace's Over 50 Triples Steve Kerby, Sam Laguzza and Eric Ryan.



Above L-R: Bogdan Duma, Barry Mungoven and Rodd Watt - Fourth Place in Raymond Terrace's Over 50 Triples.

BAR BEACH Celebrating 100 years at Bar Beach Bowlo

By Barbie Chowlo

We have had a HUGE moth at The Reef! As we continue with the 2023-24 championship season, we would like to congratulate the Major Singles Club Champion, David Ross. David is a valued member and employee of Bar Beach Bowling Club and we congratulate him on his achievement. Major Singles Runner Up Dan Kehane, every one's mate and self-titled as 'the best bowler at Bar Beach', played a great final with the score being a nail-biting 25-24.

We have also seen the final of the Minor Singles in September. Bowling Committee President, Ian Phillips, won the title in another close game. Spanning 3 and ½ hours and over 30 ends, Ian beat runner up, Anthony White. Affectionately known as 'Chef', Anthony has just recently taken up the game of lawn bowls just over 6 months ago and made it to the final of a Club Singles Championship. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Centenary Tournament... Our 100 year celebration tournament was held on the 9th and 10th September. We were excited to host two full greens of teams for the whole weekend and were genuinely appreciative of having such a great group of people to spend the weekend with. Special thanks goes to club people Al Parsons, Jane Stephenson and Neil Raynor who supported the behind the scenes work all weekend, and to event organisers Stuie Clarke, Dixon Bell and Mark Hornby-Howell.

The highlight of the tournament was being honoured by Milton Rigby presenting a Centenary Flag to Bar Beach Bowling Club on behalf of the NDBA.

WHAT'S ON... FIVER FRIDAYS - Every Friday from 5pm \$5 Tap Beer, House Wine and House Spirits. **Jag the Joker Draw on Friday Nights** - With every bar purchase on Friday afternoons, all patrons will receive a free entry into the Jag the Joker draw after the raffle. Sunday Arvo Sesh - \$15 Coopers Jugs.

CENTENARY TOURNAMENT



The highly anticipated Centenary of Bar Beach Bowling Club was celebrated in September. Players enjoyed 2 days on the green with the Centenary Tournament, a 13 and up 2 bowl triples format. Three games were played on the Saturday, with live music in the afternoon. It concluded with 2 games on the Sunday followed by lunch and a raffle generously donated by sponsors. It was a fabulously festive atmosphere and a great job done by the well-knit team at the Breakers.

On the Saturday, NDBA Vice President Milton Rigby presented the club with a centenary flag on behalf of President Mark Conway and the NDBA. The coastal breeze was perfect and kept it flying proudly all weekend. The gift was gratefully received by the Bar Beach Breakers as was sponsorship for the tournament by Belle Property, Young Henrys Newtowner Australian Pale Ale Beer, Tooheys New and the club.

Six sides made it through the first day undefeated. Bill Smith was well ahead on +35, whilst their closest rivals Neville Lott and Stuie Clarke shared second place on +18. Steve Storrle was only 1 shot behind +17, followed by Val Fullick on +13 and Warren Barter managed to scrape through each round by 1 shot and finished the day with +3!

First game on the Sunday was a tough round for the tournament leaders. Smith, Lott and Storrle (as per named team on board – may not be skip) managed to maintain top 3 (respectively). Lott came up against Fullick and won by a single shot. Smith managed to pull through with a 2 shot victory, and Storrle drew. Unfortunately Stuie Clarke and Warren Barter's luck ran out and they lost their



Above: 2022-23 Bar Beach Major Singles Champion David Ross



Above: 2022-23 Major Singles Runner Up Dan Kehane



Above: 2022-23 Minor Singles Runner Up Anthony White and Winner Ian Phillips



Above: NDBA Vice President Milton Rigby and Bar Beach Bowling Club President 2022-23 Dixon Bell



Above L-R: Winners of Bar Beach's Centenary Tournament Carl Schroder, Kevin Govan and Neville Lott



Above L-R: Runners-up in Bar Beach's Centenary Tournament Glenn Dewhurst, Steve Storrle and Justine Etheridge.

undefeated status. After the final round and another 1 shot victory, Neville Lott's side were the only team to win all games and were outright winners. Congratulations to all the placegetters and thank you to all who entered and joined in the celebration of Bar Beach's centenary milestone.

Winner: Carl Schroder, Neville Lott and Kevin Govan (Redhead) 10+20; **Second:** Justin Etheridge, Glenn Dewhurst and Steve Storrie (Kotara) 9+34; **Third:** Paul Darr (Lead Day 1 & 2), Paul Taylor (Day 2 Third), John McCartney



Above L-R: Third Place in Bar Beach's Centenary Tournament John McCartney. Absent: Paul Darr, Col Firkin (Day 1) and Paul Taylor (Day 2).

(Day 1 third, Day 2 Skip) and Col Firkin (Day 1 Skip) 8+36. NB: This was the team named "Bill Smith" mentioned above – Bill put the team in but unfortunately suffered a heart attack and was unable play – we hope he is recovering well. **Fourth:** Ian York (Redhead), Peter Campbell (North Haven) and Gordon Thompson (Toronto) 8+20; **Fifth:** Glenn Stonestreet, Greg Johns (Merewether) and Craig Eades (Charlestown) 7+31; **Sixth:** Tony Randall, Shane Murgatroyd and Brian Hocking (Teralba) 6+22. **Best Performed prize for Day 2:** After a pretty ordinary Day 1, it was good to see Myles Huntley's side acknowledged for their come back with 2 wins +21.

BERESFIELD

David Govan, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi there fellow Magpies, what a busy time we have had over the past month with numerous club and district championships.

Our major singles and major pairs are well under way and have some cracking games coming up on the 7th & 8th October so get to the club and cheer on our members. We still have a few vacancies for our Bandit Triples Tournament on the 30th & 31st October so get your teams in quick, so you don't miss out. Pennant nominations are on the board so get yours name down as it closes before December. Presentation night was held a few weeks ago & enjoyed by all members & a few beverages enjoyed by all also. Beresfield's bowlers of the year were David Govan for the Men & the Women's Lynn Young. Last of all good luck to our members in the next lot of district championships Good Bowling & Go The Magpies!!!

STOCKTON

By Jack High, P.O.



Above: Stockton 2023 Club Pairs Winners on left Dean Ward (Skip), Leo Payne with Runner-up Ian Johnson, Lea Johnson (Skip)



Above: Stockton 2023 Club Triples Winners on left Tony Baker, (Skip) Brian Hitchcock, Paul Wilson with Runners-up Col Firkin, John Puce, Rik Clark (Skip)

Both the Finals of the Club Pairs and Club Triples were played on Sunday 10th of September. The Pairs game was between the Father and Son combination of Ian and Lee Johnson (Skip) and Leo Payne and Dean Ward. The lead fluctuated for most of the game until the Johnson team lead by 18-16 shots. Their progress stalled

at that point however and the Payne / Ward team claimed the remainder of shots to run out winners by 27-18 shots. In the Semi-Finals, the Johnson team defeated the Sailing Club duo of Dean Castle and Todd Anderson and the Ward team defeated the team of Mick Rowan and Paul Croucher.

The Triples game was contested by the Paul Wilson, Brian Hitchcock, Tony Baker team against the team of Col Firkin, John Price and Rik Clark. The Baker team always seemed to do just enough to stay in control of the match and the final score was 23-16 shots in their favour. Semi-Final results were: Baker team defeated the combination of Neil Raphael, Dave Tinsley, Peter Quinn and the Clark team defeated the trio of Steve Blayden, Dean Ward and Dick Hadley. The Quinn team was a hastily compiled team of lower grade players, and did exceptionally well to reach the Semi-Finals.

One Semi-Final of the Major Singles had been played at copy time with the result being Dick Hadley prevailed over John Price by 28-18 shots. The other Semi between Don Terry and Billy Smith has been delayed due to a medical episode suffered by Bill shortly after winning his Qtr. Final match. He was recovering well in hospital at time of writing and was given extended time to complete his match.

The Saturday afternoon single entry mixed pairs gala continues to be popular with each winning team claiming a tasty meat tray from the local T & J Family Meats.

DORA CREEK WORKERS

By Ron McCarthy, Publicity Officer



Above L-R: Winners of the Brian Kappler Cup Gala Day Kyle Bennetts and Bec East with Brian Kappler (presenting) and Dave Derrick.

The "Brian Kappler Cup" Gala day was played on Saturday 2nd September at Dora Creek Workers. Brian is a Club Legend having spent many years representing the club and winning many Championship trophies.

The weather for the day was excellent and a good crowd of both men and lady bowlers enjoyed the three-match contest and the celebration later in the club room. The event is a showpiece for the amalgamation of the men and ladies separate clubs.

LOWLANDS WOMEN

By Lynn Flanagan, C.O.



Above: Lowlands Women's Group photo at their recent trip to Forster

LOWLANDS WOMEN INAUGURAL TRIP AWAY: Sixteen Lowlands women travelled to Forster mid-September for their first official trip away. We joined the Forster women in their Thursday Gala Day and for lunch afterwards. It was great fun and we were very impressed with the standard of both their bowling and their hospitality. Afterwards lot of dining, imbibing and shopping was indulged in by the group. The Lowlands group enjoyed themselves so much we are planning two such trips next year!!

Where to Get a Game

NEWCASTLE

Sunday Monday Tuesday

| | | | |
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| Adamstown 4957 3447 | | | 9:30am Mens 3's Gala |
| Bar Beach 4929 3428 | 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 | 9:30am Ladies DFP uniforms |
| Cardiff 4954 7244 | 1:00pm 3rd Sunday Monthly Mixed 4's - Mufti | Names by 4:00pm | 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

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

KOTARA

By Maree Harman

The final of the Ladies' Club Pairs was contested in near perfect weather and our latest member, Kellie, combined well with Lisa, to defeat Tina and Judy. Congratulations Kellie and Lisa, Pairs Champions for 2023.

A very happy Scott Farley is Kotara's new Club Champion for 2023, defeating Brian McLeod.

Father and son Graeme and Gerry Gairns performed very well to defeat Glen Dewhurst and Scott Farley in the Final of the Club Pairs. Graeme is relatively new to the game and also took out

the Final of the Club Minor Singles, defeating Bob Carey. Congratulations Graeme.

Below: L-R: Kotara Women's Pairs Finalists Tina Neill and Judy Law with winners Lisa Henry and Kellie Blake.





Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

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

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SE = Single Entry Accepted
 CS = Club Selected

● Only during Day Light Savings Time

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SNE = Single Name Entry

NEWCASTLE

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

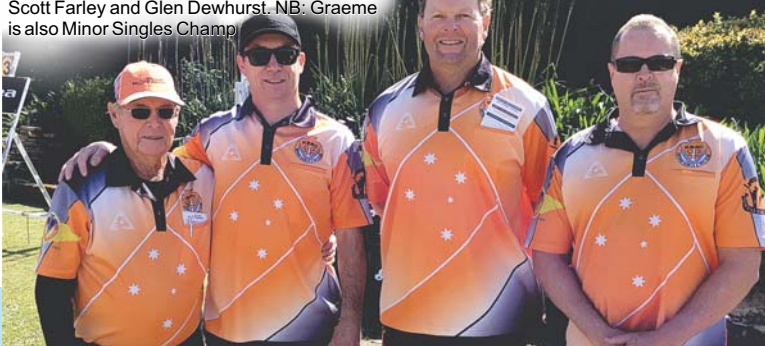
LAKE MACQUARIE

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

Below: Runner-up in Kotara's Major Singles Brian McLeod and Club Champion Scott Farley



L-R: Kotara Mens Pairs Champions Gerry Gairns and Graeme Gairns with Runners-up Scott Farley and Glen Dewhurst. NB: Graeme is also Minor Singles Champ



Sunday Monday Tuesday

LAKE MACQUARIE CONTINUED....

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| 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

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| 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 | | 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 | 9:30am | Ladies Day |
| | | 10:00am | Open 2's DFP Mufti |
| | | 9:30am | Ladies Day |
| | | 10:00am | Ladies Bowls |
| | | 10:00am | Ladies Day |
| | | 5:00pm | Twilight Social |

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

UPPER HUNTER

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| 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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| Pacific Palms 6554 4333 | | Names by Noon |
| Taree Leagues 5561 9058 | | 1pm Open Mufti |

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| 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 |
| | | 5pm | Open Pairs Mufti | | | | |
| 9:30am Names by 9:10 | Men's Mufti Gala | ● 5:30pm | Open Mufti Cash 3's | 10:00am | Mixed retired bowlers Mufti Social | 1:00pm | Men's Mufti J/Pot Cash Gala |

PORT STEPHENS

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| 1:00pm | Names by 11:30 Men's Mufti 3's | 9:30am | Names by 8:30 Ladies Gala | 1:00pm | Names by 11:30am Men's Uniform |
| 1:00pm | Men's Mufti DFP | 10:00am | Ladies | 1:00pm | Men's Bowls Creams |
| 1:00pm | Mens 3's Mufti | 5:00pm | Twilight Mixed Mufti names by 4:00 | 1:00pm | Open Bowls & Scoungers Alternate weeks (contact club for start times) |
| 9:30am | Men's Pairs Mufti DFP | 9:30am | Ladies Bowls | | Club Championships |
| 1:00pm | Mens Bowls Mufti | 9:30am | Ladies Gala | 2:00pm | Men's Nom. Pairs Jackpot - Mufti |
| 1:00pm | Men's Gala 3's | 6:00pm | Twilight Nom. Open 3's Mufti | 10:00am | Open Gala |
| | | 10:00am | Ladies Bowls | 1:30pm | Men's Mufti |
| | | 10:00am | Ladies Day | 1:00pm | Men's Gala 2's / 3's |
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| 9:00am | Lady Bowlers | 9:00am | Lady Bowlers | 9:00am | Retired Bowlers | 1:00pm | Open Pairs |
| 1:00pm | Retired Bowlers | 4:00pm | Open Pairs | | | | |
| | Practice & Coaching | 9:30am start | Women's Bowls Creams | 10am start | Open DFP Mufti | 1pm start | Open DFP |
| | | 1pm start | Mens Nom. 2's (Mufti) | | | | |
| 6:00pm names by 5:30 | Mixed Twilight DPF 2's Mufti | 10:00am names by 9:30 | Ladies Social DFP | 9:30am names by 9 | Mens DFP j/pot 2's | 1:00pm names by 12 | Men's Pairs |
| 4:30pm names by 10am | Open Nom. Triples | 9:30am | Open DFP 2's Mufti | 5:30pm | Open Nom. 2's (4 bowl) | 1:00pm | Open DFP 2's |
| ● name by 4:30 5:30pm | Mixed Mufti DPF 3 Bowls 2's | name by 12 1:00pm | 4 Bowl Nom. 2's SE 1 x game 18 ends | | | name by 12 1:00pm | 1st & 4th Sat. of each month 1 game 21 ends 2-4-2-4 bowl Nom 2's SE |
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UPPER HUNTER

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

MANNING

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

ZONE 11: MANNING DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



By Noel James, Zone 11 P.O.

ROOKIE SINGLES: Congratulations are going to Rober Tilt from Forster B.C on winning the 2023 Zone 11 Rookie Singles. In an absolutely thrilling final, that came down to the very last bowl. Robert defeated Andrew Bissex from Old Bar 17-16. On the last end, with scores tied, the umpire needed his callipers to adjudicate on the winning shot. Robert will now represent Zone 11 in the State Finals at Raymond Terrace in December.

MEN'S PENNANTS: In **Division 2** Tuncurry Beach have been declared the winners. **Division 3** and **4** are not so clear-cut and will require section play-offs to decide the winners. In Division 3 Tuncurry Beach will play Harrington. In Division 4 Gloucester, Tuncurry Beach A and Tuncurry Beach B will play-off to decide the winner. These play-off games will be on 7th and 8th of October.

ZONE AGM: Following the Zone AGM we welcome some new members to our Zone Executive and Committees. **President:** We welcome Grant McKirdy who has taken over from Peter Schroeder. **Match:** We welcome Steve Mauer and Kevin Walsh as new members. **Selection:** We welcome back Peter Schroeder as well as new members Ashley Brymer, Jason Cassidy and Duncan MacDiarmid.

MAITLAND CITY By Hunter Bowler

Major Singles done and dusted for 2023/24!! Jessica Fisher came up short in her search for another title and she turns her attention to defending the pairs with Caroline hooker. Instead we had 2 new bowlers in the final, Janine Katon and Kayla Courtin who both came to us towards the end of the 2022/23 season and have been real assets to the club since their arrival. Kayla's consistency on the draw done the job on this occasion, winning her first Major title at City 25-10 and booking her spot in the champion of champions. Special mention to Kayla's sister Skye at Padstow who a couple of weeks after Kayla's victory won her own major singles at Padstow. Will the sisters meet at the State Finals?

In the men's event we got the final everyone expected and the final we all deserved with big guns Simon Mitchell and Nathan Dawson facing off. It was everything you would expect between these two heavy weights, both in form at the right time. Simon opened up a bit of a lead before Nathan fought back to lead 14-13. Simon kicked on again to lead 22-16 before Dawso dragged in back to 22-20. Simon then went on the edge of glory leading 24-20 before

a well-timed 3 from Nathan put both fellas on the brink and in a position to finish the next end. On this occasion it was Simon taking the sole shot on the last end to win 25-23 and keep his sensational run of form going. Well done to Simon and Kayla and we know they will go well in the state finals in the back half of the season.

In Zone events Mick Cronin kept his own form going winning the zone Triples with Marc Bender and Brad Bailey, adding to the pairs he won with Simon. Special mention also to Michael Beaumont, George Niznik and David Button who made it to the senior final.

With our ladies, congratulations to Jessica, Caroline, Kayla (late withdrawal), Lyn Strickleton, Kerry Seers, Shendelle Smith, Michelle Niznik, Janine Katon and Louise Bishop who have all been selected in varying representative teams of late. Well done ladies it is great to see you get some recognition for your hard work on the greens.

Not much else to talk about but Major Pairs coming up so look out for those results on bowlslink and of course our women's Pairs on 14 and 15 October.

Cya at the City!

MARKS POINT By John James

In the Minor Singles final John Dukes 26 def Richard Simmer 18. Forget the score, this Final was a wonderful example of both draw and on shots however there had to be a winner - always next year Richard.

In the Men's Pairs final J. Duke's and D. Roche 25 def D Cox G Huggins 12. The score doesn't indicate how competitive this game of bowls was, however experience and consistency won on the day.



Above: Marks Point Men's Pairs Finalists D. Cox and G. Huggins with winners J. Duke's and D. Roche



Above L-R: Club Minor Singles Finalist Richard Simmer with winner John Dukes.

EAST MAITLAND By Kathy Wilton



Above L-R: East Maitland Women's Club Triples Runners Up Lorraine Hay, Adele Henson, Lorraine Small with Club Triples Champions Simone Smith, Kathy Wilton, Betty Sinclair.

Club Triples Champion winners Betty Sinclair, Kathy Wilton and Simone Smith. Club Triples Runners Up Lorraine Hay (substituted for Helen Richards), Adele Henson and Lorraine Small. A great final girls! Congratulations to you all. Score 23-20.

The Hunter River District started their year off with the Pairs. All teams competed well with our Senior Pairs reaching the finals playing against East Cessnock. Congratulations to Helen Richards and Betty Sinclair coming Runners Up. Wonderful effort girls, well done. Score East Cessnock 18 East Maitland 14.

Next on the calendar was the Fours, East Maitland were well represented in both categories. Fantastic finals were contested with East Maitland versing Kurri in the Fours open and seniors.

A big congratulations goes out to the Fours Open Team Julie Holmes, Alison Rae, Kathy Wilton and Simone Smith on taking out the Championship, with an extra end played. Score 23-22.

Also, big congratulations to our Senior Fours Team Helen Richards, Helen Allomes, Annette Hooper and Lorraine Hay who won their final on the last end. Score 15-13.

Up next is the District Triples it was played on our home turf with outstanding results from our Club. Congratulations to the Open Triples team Betty Sinclair, Kathy Wilton and Simone Smith coming Runners Up to Kurri again in the final. They were just too good on the day.

But the Seniors Triples seen our Club have two of our teams play against each other in the final. Congratulations to both teams a terrific result ladies. Senior Triples Champions were Helen Richards, Annette Hooper and Lorraine Hay. Senior Triples Runners Up were Alison Rae, Gloria Irby and Robyn Stein.

On Tuesday 12th September East Maitland Women's Bowling Club hosted the Joyce Lawson Memorial Triples Day and invited all the Hunter River Clubs to participate in a fun day of bowls and to commemorate such a lovely special lady. Joyce was an active bowling member of East Maitland for many years and a patron for HRWDBA and EMWBC. Joyce's family attended the day to talk about her life and to present the perpetual trophy.

There were 2 teams with 2 wins and on equal 33 points and it came down to their margins to determine the winners. Congratulations to the winning team from Maitland City Maria Malcolm, Betty Clarke and Christine Harmer. Runners Up Team East Maitland Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper and Julie Holmes. Best Performing Team Round 1 - East Maitland Lorraine Small, Fay Beavis and Annette Corbett. Best Performing Team Round 2 - Paxton. Congratulations to all teams.



Above L-R: Joyce's children (far left & right) presenting the Memorial Trophy to Maitland City Maria Malcolm, Betty Clarke, Christine Harmer



Above L-R: Runners Up in Memorial Trophy East Maitland Team of Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper, Julie Holmes.

JESMOND WOMEN

By Robyn Collin

With the Final of our Club Major Singles, we have completed our Championship games for this year. Congratulations to Wendy Adamson Major Singles Champion 2023 and Runner Up Patricia Buchanan.

Our team of Robyn Collin, Trish O'Hearn, Wendy Adamson and Menka Weddell who participated in the District Versatility Day was pleasantly surprised with their success with wins in the Singles both Pairs and Triples. Unfortunately their loss in the Fours was detrimental to ultimate victory. Well done ladies.

New Lambton Women's Probus Club Barefoot Bowls was declared most enjoyable by the ladies who attended with enjoyable bowls, yummy morning tea and a lovely lunch. It was a pleasure to have the ladies at our club and we are so pleased they had a great time. Thank you to our Secretary Manager Marlene who did a superb job decorating the tables in Probus colours of blue and gold ensuring that the Probus ladies knew they were indeed welcome to our club, and our caterer who provided lunch ably assisted by two of our Board members. As usual our lovely ladies did a superb job with the morning tea.

The two teams who are participating in the Narrabri Weekend Carnival have left for Moree to spend a couple of days in the hot springs making sure that they are super ready for their bowling games. We wish them a happy successful time.

Pettigrew's Rainbow Day Invitation Fours on Friday 13 October is fast approaching. Two games of 10 ends will be played, one on the grass, one on the synthetic. Morning tea is at 9.00 am and lunch is provided. No uniform wear bright rainbow colour clothing. It will be a day of fun friendship and good bowls. We hope you can join us. Enquiries please phone Joan Hancock on 4952 4532.

Good health and good bowling.

Right: New Lambton Ladies Probus Club Barefoot Bowls Day enjoying Lunch at Jesmond BC



Above: Jesmond Women's Major Singles Winner 2023 W. Adamson and Runner-Up P. Buchanan



BERESFIELD WOMEN

By Diane Ross, C.O.

The Annual General Meeting for the Beresfield Ladies Bowling Club was held recently. We would like to welcome our new Executive. **President:** Margaret Boan; **Secretary:** Helen Russell and **Treasurer:** Pat Pascoe. Also, Chairperson to the Match Committee is Gail Stunell and Chairperson to the Social Committee is Lesley Dixon. Our NDWBA Delegates are June Evans and Helen Russell. I have once again been returned as Communications Officer. We would like to welcome all new and returning position holders. A huge thank you to our retiring Board for all their hard work during the past year.

During each year at Beresfield, we celebrate occasions and Fathers' Day was no exception! This September, the Day was well supported by our members including some of our Club's Directors and their wives. We all enjoyed a great morning of bowls – the tiny glass of port or a chocolate for a "toucher" was also greatly appreciated and an incentive to play well! We then adjourned to our



Above: 2023-2024 Board and Committee members

barbecue area for lunch. Kudos to Lesley Dixon and her Social Committee for a delicious meal. The "open bar" (thank you to the Club!) was greatly appreciated by, not only our celebrating Fathers, Grandfathers and great Grandfathers, but everyone in attendance.

At the beginning of September, Pam Stephanis travelled to Devonport, Tasmania to play in the 9th National Bowling Arm Sides Championships as a representative for New South Wales. Pam says that it was a great week of bowls with New South Wales taking the medals for runners-up in the Championship.

Congratulations to Victoria as the outright winners (for the ninth

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time)!! Well done, NSW!!!

The Beresfield Bowling Club Presentation Night for the 2022-2023 bowls season was held on Friday night, 15 September. As always, it was a great night and very well attended. Presentation Night is a culmination of our year's bowling achievements and a chance to give well-earned accolades to our winners and runners-up in Championships and District games. Huge congratulations to Lynn Young who was named "Lady Bowler of the Year". Lynn has played exceptionally well this year and is very deserving of this prestigious award. Well done, Lynn! Our congratulations also go to David Govan who was named the Men's Bowler of the Year.

Good bowling to all! Diane



Above: Beresfield Women's Lady Bowler of the Year, Lynn Young with Ladies Club President, Margaret Boan and Club President, Col Byron

KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.

Pennants are well and truly underway despite some different weather. Cold one day hot the next. Our ladies have been very competitive so far with some great wins and some not so great loses. Very well done overall. Our grateful thanks must go to the ladies willing to substitute and special mention should be made to our faithful cheer squad following ever game. We must say words about our new synthetic green. Was somewhat of a worry it would be finished in time. So different for all players the first day. Lovely to have our Life Member bowl the

Left: Life Member; Barbara Ross rolls the Jack to open Kahibah Bowling Clubs' new synthetic turf



first kitty and first bowl well bowled Barbara Ross. Also, our thanks to our Greenkeeper still measuring and marking as we started to play. What a worker we are so thankful for his help.

Kahibah Fete seemed to be a success. Hoping we have recruited some new Ladies they seemed keen on the day, time will tell.

Mary Dixon and Pink day to be held 14th November. Names on the board please. Happy days - good bowling.

TAREE RAILWAY WOMEN

By Sandra Ryan



Left: Taree Railway Women's Minor singles winner Bev Weily who defeated Judith Dedman in her first year bowling.

Below: Taree Railway Women's Cub Fours winners Denise Cummins, Shirley McLeod, Anne Coulton & Kay Erby with Runners-up being Ollie Lambert, Bev Weily, Carol Purnell & Iris Gill, congratulations to all the ladies.



TAREE WEST WOMEN

By Lorraine Austin, C.O.



Above L-R: Taree West Womens Champions Kathy Rasmussen, Brenda Perrett, Lorraine Austin, Suzanne Robinson and Rita Bolter



Above: Lorraine Austin and Errol Ruprecht - Bowlers of the Year for Taree West Women's and Club West Men's Bowling Club.

Kathy Rasmussen won the Major Singles. Rita Bolter, Sue Robinson, Lorraine Austin with skip Brenda Perrett were the winners of the Championship Fours. Sue, Lorraine and Brenda then teamed up to go on to win the Championship Triples, Lorraine and Brenda were the Championship Pairs winners and to cap the year off Lorraine was the Runner-up of the Major Singles.

Errol was the winner of the men's Zone 11 Senior Singles, the Club Fours and the Mixed Pairs. He was Runner-up in the Club's Championship Pairs



HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN

By Maria Malcolm

The month of August/September has been a busy one for our District. Championships were played in both Open and Senior divisions of Fours and Pairs. Congratulations to all winners and Runners up. **OPEN PAIRS:** Eugenie Muncaster and Leisa Morgan (Kurri Kurri); **R/Up:** Sharon Sumner and Tanya Ware (Kurri Kurri); **SENIOR PAIRS:** Carol Parkinson and Chris Hallam (East Cessnock); **R/Up:** Betty Sinclair and Helen Richards (East Maitland); **OPEN FOURS:** Simone Smith, Kathy Wilton, Allison Rae and Julie Holmes (East Maitland); **R/Up:** Sharon Sumner, Tanya Ware, Leanne Chenowith and Nikki Ware from Kurri Kurri. **SENIOR FOURS:** Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper, Helen Allomes and Helen Richards (East Maitland); **R/Up:** Carolyn Glen, Adele Johns, Sue O, Brien and Shirley Austen (Kurri Kurri).

On 17th September a Hunter River Representative side participated in a challenge match with Newcastle District. Our players performed very well, on an extremely hot day, losing to Newcastle 4 rinks to 3, 104/86.



Above: Winners of the HRDWBA Open Pairs Eugenie Muncaster and Leisa Morgan from Kurri Kurri.



Above: Runners up in the HRDWBA Open Pairs Sharon Sumner and Tanya Ware from Kurri Kurri



Above: Winners of the HRDWBA Senior Pairs Carol Parkinson and Chris Hallam from East Cessnock



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Above: Runners up in the HRDWBA Senior Pairs Betty Sinclair and Helen Richards from East Maitland



Above R-L: Winners of the HRDWBA Open Fours Simone Smith, Kathy Wilton, Allison Rae and Julie Holmes from East Maitland.

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Above R-L: Runners Up in the HRDWBA Open Fours Sharon Sumner, Tanya Ware, Leanne Chenoweth and Nikki Ware from Kurri Kurri.



Above L-R: Winners of the HRDWBA Senior Fours Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper, Helen Allomes and Helen Richards from East Maitland



Above: Hunter River District Representative Team for the Waves to Wine Representative match against Newcastle District.

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.

Soldiers Point Women's Club Triples winners Robyn Flanagan, Deb Bellingham and Missy Witts.



Above: Soldiers Point Women's Club Triples runners up: Julie Lister, Chris Pedder and Betty Herbertson.

The months are speeding by, and August saw the Club Championship Triples contested, with many players enjoying the high standard and sometimes close competition. The club triples champions, winning 27-15 are Robyn Flanagan, Deb Bellingham and Missy Witts defeating Chris Pedder, Julie Lister and Betty Herbertson. The scores in the final were close until halfway when Missy's team drew away for the win. Congratulations all finalists on a great competition!

NDWBA Versatility day was hosted at Soldiers Point, a shout out to our girls who performed so well to come out winners on the day: Missy Witts, Betty Herbertson, Pam Stephens and Vacie McIntyre.

Congratulations to Jan Sutherland, Vacie McIntyre and Betty



Above L-R: Runners up in the HRDWBA Senior Fours Carolyn Glen, Adele Johns, Sue O'Brien and Shirley Austen from Kurri Kurri.

Herbertson on winning the Seniors District Triples; also to the talented Betty again, who has been selected in the NSW side to go to WA in October to the nationals. Good luck Betty over in the west!

Coming up we have the Major club championship pairs starting 3 October, good bowling everyone!



NSW WOOMERAS

By Allan Starrett

NSW WOOMERAS BOWLING ARM CALENDAR

OCTOBER:

Monday 23rd October Kurri BC NSW Ladies Encouragement Tournament (TBC)

NOVEMBER:

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November Sawtell Open Pairs Tournament (TBC)

BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.



Above: Ena Matthew's Presentation of Life Membership to Bar Beach Women's Bowling Club. District Reps Julie Schumacher (left) and Denise Quinlan (right) with members of BBWBC.

Hello Bowlers. Almost 100 women gathered around recently to offer warm congratulations at the presentation of Life Membership to one of our stalwarts Ena Matthew for the service she has given our club over the years. Ena is always the first to put her hand up when work needs to be done and the last to leave until the job is finished.

Many of you knew her as the person putting in weekly results and announcements in Newcastle Morning Herald or the friendly voice on the Match Committee confirming entries for the next Invitation Day. She was our hard-working Team Manager for Ladies Pennants as she handled this important job with common sense and fair play.

She never forgets a face, a name and more than likely your current and former residence and family history. She has advised women new to Pennants to just relax, do your best and enjoy the day. Her motto has always been IT WILL ALL BE ALRIGHT.

Our Club Consistency Championship, which was hotly contested in unseasonably warm Spring weather is now down the wire. YOU GUESSED IT our young guns Kathy Feighan and Kylie Sheriff face off in the Final Showdown. Good luck to both girls. SEE YOU ON THE GREEN

LAMBTON PARK WOMEN

By Michelle Farrow, VP

Sandra Ray was the runner up in the special event of Major Singles. The Winner of the Major Singles was Lesley Wilson. A great game which everyone enjoyed watching.

Winners of the Club Fours were Loris Hope, Sandra Ray, Michelle Farrow and Dawn Macpherson. Runners Up for that event were Elva Jarvis, Denise Quinlan, Lesley Wilson and Nola Nowlan.

Our next event will be the Melbourne Cup Party to be held at the

club on Tuesday 7th November, 2023. Please put your name down at the Club.

Good bowling everyone



Right L-R: Lambton Park Women's Major Singles finalists Sandra Ray and Lesley Wilson



Above L-R: Winner of Lambton Park Women's Fours Loris Hope, Sandra Ray, Michelle Farrow and Dawn Macpherson



Above L-R: Lambton Park Women's Fours Runners-up Elva Jarvis, Denise Quinlan, Lesley Wilson and Nola Nowlan



Above: VALE: Lin Coulton – Life Member NDBA

DEPARTED BOWLERS

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

June Baker (Life Member - Lemon Tree Passage Women); Lucy Colecliff (Lemon Tree Passage Women); Lin Coulton (Life Member – NDBA)

TEA GARDENS WOMEN

By Lynda Richards



Above L-R: Tea Gardens Womens Vice President Judy McGavock with Bette Saillard, Winner of the Open Consistency and Club Patron Lyn Humphries.

It has been a busy month of bowling for our members our Open Consistency Competition commenced on Tuesday 22nd August, the winner of this event was Bette Saillard and the runner up Sheila Rattray. TGWBC had 3 teams competing in NDWBA Senior Triples Competition two of which made it through to round 2 as did our team bowling in the Open Triples Competition, well done to all. On Monday 18th September Stockton Bowling Club hosted an Invitation Fours Day, 2 teams from our club enjoyed a fun day of bowling unfortunately neither were in the "winners circle". Our annual RSL Pairs Trophy Day was played Tuesday 19th September, 32 members entered a random draw of teams, format for play 3 games of 3 bowls Pairs usually 10 ends each game but due to the hot weather conditions the number of ends played was reduced to 7 ends. The winners were Lyn Nightingale and Ingrid Luck and the runners up were Maryanne Cuss and Lynne Green.

Coming events: Bulahdelah Queen of the Mountain Triples Competition Wednesday 27th September and our Club's Major Pairs competition starts Thursday 28th September.



Above L-R: Winners of the RSL Pairs Ingrid Luck and Lyn Nightingale with Malcolm Motum President Tea Gardens Sub Branch RSL



Above L-R: Runners-up in the RSL Pairs Maryanne Cuss and Lyn Green with Malcolm Motum (President of Tea Gardens Sub Branch RSL)

WANGI BOWLING, SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB

By Bigtro



Above: Winner of Wangi's Mixed Pairs Maree Hogan and Ian McCallum

Sunday 27th Wangi had the final of the Mixed Pairs. What a great afternoon, two teams that were not the favourites in the semi-finals, a week before, played a magnificent game of Bowls.

The two teams Maree Hogan and Ian McCallum the eventual winners 22, played Sandie Michie and Alan Macdonald 14. People are still talking about the game - after the 12th end, the game was 11 all, Sandie and Ian won 5 of the last 6 ends. What a game. Congratulations to both teams.

NEW LAMBTON WOMEN

By Bev Ranclaud, P.O.



Above: New Lambton Women's Club Consistency Winner Helen Foreman



Above: New Lambton Women's Club Consistency Runner-up Sandra Bromilow

Our club games have been done and dusted for this year with the club consistency won by Helen Foreman with Sandra Bromilow runner up. We now set ourselves for the 2 day Electric Light Triples with a full compliment. Unfortunately due to a lack of interest we had to cancel our 70 plus invitation.

TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.



Above: Tuncurry Forster Sports Women's Major Singles Finalists L-R Runner Up Susan Leonard and Winner Vicki Piper.

2023-2024 MAJOR SINGLES CHAMPION: The Semi-Finals the 2023-2024 Major Singles Championship were played on 1st September where Vicki Piper defeated Terrie Bowman and Susan Leonard defeated Dianne Bauerhuit. Each of the Semi-Finals were close encounters with all the players involved playing great draw bowls. The Final played on 7th September between Vicki Piper and Susan Leonard was a terrific game to watch with many a good bowl played by both ladies. Vicki got off to a good start by picking up 3 shots on the first end played, with Susan winning the next end with 1 shot to steady the nerves. Vicki won the next end to lead 4-1, but not for long with Susan winning the next end with 4 shots to take the lead 5-4.

Over the next 7 ends they were virtually going shot for shot with Vicki taking the lead by 1 shot to be 9-8 up. Vicki then consolidated her lead by collecting 11 shots over the next 5 ends to have a handy lead by 12 shots, 20-8. Susan won the next 2 ends and the score was 20-10 in favour of Vicki, however, it was Vicki who won the next 2 ends and pick up the 5 shots required to win 25-10 and win the 2023-2024 Major Singles Championship.

Congratulations to both Vicki and Susan on playing so many consistent draw bowls in very windy conditions. Congratulations to Vicki on playing in her 4th consecutive Major Singles Championship Final, having been Runner Up in 2020, Winner in 2021, Runner Up 2022-2023 and Winner in 2023-2024. Also, congratulations to Susan on her consistent draw bowls played throughout the Championship and being Runner Up.

REDHEAD WOMEN

By Jennifer Kenyon, PO

On the 30th August we held our Invitation Triples which was sponsored by Charlestown Steering Services and Trish was on hand to present the prize winners - thank you for sponsoring the day. The winners were Kahibah Pat Walsh, Beryl Long and Annette Finnie who were very surprised, the Runners up for the day were Jesmond Sports Margaret Rushford, Wendy Adamson and Menka Weddell with the conso lead going to Gail Neilson from Merewether, the Second Helen Burgin from Edgeworth and Skip Jen Wicks Belmont, spider winners Helen Pucher Marks Point, Dale Worth Redhead, Sharon Brewer Cardiff, Oona Sullivan Charlestown. Congratulations to all the winners and players who came along and enjoyed the day. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Thank you to all of our hard-working committees who helped make the day. The Seaside Fusion was well patronised on the day so thank you. Thank you to Kim, Corrina and staff for helping set up the night before and of course our Sal who made the delicious Biscuits and Slices (all Gluten Free) for the morning tea.

Pennants are well under way and both of our Grade 2 and Grade

4 are being very competitive against the other Clubs and we have some members who are playing in their first season and are enjoying the experience. Go Redhead.

Our Wednesday galas have been well attended with over 20 even with Pennants being played on the Tuesday and Thursday. Our Membership is increasing which is great and visitors are always made welcome at our Galas.

We still have Members who are going through health issues and we wish them well.

Until next month, Good bowling.



Above L-R: Redhead Women's Invitation Day Winners Trish from Charlestown Steering Services presenting Annette Finnie (sk), Beryl Long and Pat Walsh Kahibah



Above L-R: Trish (sponsor Charlestown Steering Services) with Redhead Women's Invitation Day Runners up Jesmond Sports' Margaret Rushford, Wendy Adamson and Menka Weddell (sk)

ALDER PARK WOMEN

By Loretta Bannister



Above L-R: Runner-up in the Newcastle District Women's Triples Anne Stuart, Helen Ross and Julie Lyon.

Congratulations to our three Champs, runners up in the District Triples Championship played recently. Julie Lyon, Helen Ross and Anne Stuart excelled themselves to bring honour to Alder Park Women's Bowling Club.

Alder Park ladies also congratulate Jan Sutherland, Vacie McIntyre and Betty Herbertson on their winning achievement.

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.



Above L-R: 2023-24 LMD Senior Triples Champions Karleen Gemmell, Helen Sanderson, Kay Shuttlewood and Senior Triples Runner Up Debbie Foote, Kathy Faint, Val Fullick and LMD State Triples Runner Up Terry-Ann Jones, Kathy Limond, Paula Collarus.

It's been another great month for 2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District Championships results, with three Teams into the Triples finals congratulations to all players. **2023 – 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT STATE TRIPLES RUNNER UP** Terry-Ann Jones, Kathy Limond, Paula Collarus. It was an all Charlestown, Senior Triples Final. **2023 – 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR TRIPLES CHAMPIONS** Karleen Gemmell, Helen Sanderson, Kay Shuttlewood. **2023 – 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR TRIPLES RUNNER UP** Debbie Foote, Kathy Faint, Val Fullick.

Our LMD Senior Triples Champions will now join our LMD Senior

Fours Champions Debbie Foote, Laurel Faint, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon at the Region 6 Championships on Sunday 26th November (and/or Mon 27th if 2 days needed)

With the change of date for our 2022-2023 CLUB CHARLESTOWN PRESENTATION DAY to 10am Sunday 24th September, 2023 we will have to wait till the November Edition for the details.

Our 2023 – 2024 Lake Macquarie District Pennants Grades 2 – 4 have now completed the First Round and Grade 1 just starting on Tues 18th September.

Keep up the great bowling Girls. Till next month Laurel



WINGHAM WOMEN

Eye on Women's Bowls, by Di Lewis

It is with great affection that we witnessed our Wingham Fire Brigade fire persons present our much-loved bowling member Gwen Bell with a District Appreciation Award for her knitted craft toys; knitted by her many elves; namely small animals & teddy bears for the children who face trauma in accidents / family members. This in turn is a great comfort in their "hours of need". Capt. David O'Donnell enlightened us as to some children returning to the Fire Station to tell them of the names of their special little knitted toy. Gwenie's reply was short & sweet – we do it for the love that it brings and I don't expect anything in return "That's our Gwenie"

Right: Gwen Bell with the Wingham Fire Brigade Captain David O'Donnell receiving District Appreciation Award on behalf of the band of knitting elves who make "trauma beers" that get given out for the needy children in their hour of need.



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WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN

By Gwen Andriessen P.O.

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we are experiencing whilst playing Pennants. Our Club games are being finalised with Christine Stone defeating Freida Wells in the open Ladies singles final. The Minor Singles was won by Ruth Mc Glashan who defeated Kathy Brennan. Ruth has only been playing bowls a little over a year, so well done Ruth!

The open singles final was won by Stan Jakabowski

defeating Christine Stone. It is so good to see so many of our Members coming along supporting the players.

We are so pleased to see all our new Members putting their names down to compete in the Club games as well as playing Pennants. It is because of these Ladies we were able to enter a team in both Grade 3 and 4 this year.

Special thanks to Dave Brennan who has made himself available to coach them. They have come along in leaps and bounds.

The Galas have been well supported during Pennants. That is all for now, remember stay well and enjoy your bowling.



Above: Winner of Warners Bay Women's Singles Christine Stone and Runner up Freida Wells



Above: Warners Bay Open Minor Singles Winner Stan Jakabowski and runner-up Christine Stone



Above: Warners Bay Women's Minor Singles Winner Ruth McGlashan and Runner-up Kath Brenton.

MEREWETHER WOMEN

By Rosemary Allars, C.O.

The Merewether Womens' Fours final was played on Sunday 20 August 2023. Team Lea O'Shea (skip) with Mardi Ryan, Gail Nilsson and Jo Palmowski and Team Sylvia Murray (skip) with Dorothy Ramplin, Kath Cornish and Laraine Clifford. The match started closely but Team Lea built their lead to win in 19 ends with the final score being 28 - 2. The score didn't fully reflect the competitiveness of the game which featured tactical placements, drives, changing end lengths and some very close heads. Congratulations to all players on their sportsmanship and to Lea, Mardi, Gail and Jo for their first Club Championship title as a team.

What a great day on Saturday 2nd September 2023, Alison Hughes Tournament. Thank you, Tony Hughes for your support and a huge congratulations to Mick Dempsey on his organisation on the day. 14 mixed teams, a sausage sizzle lunch, a fun day enjoyed by everyone. Winners: Laraine Clifford, Shane Quill and John Bower. Runners up: Anthony White, Gail Nilsson and Steve Wright.



Above: Merewether Womens Fours Champions Mardi Ryan, Gail Nilsson, Jo Palmowski and Lea O'Shea.



Above: Alison Hughes Tournament: Libby (Alison Hughes's daughter) with Winners Laraine Clifford, Shane Quill and John Bower and Jane (Alison Hughes's daughter).

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.

The Club Fours was won by Maggie Johnston, Wendy Morrin, Alina Miklosi and Denise Barnett who defeated Carol McCrohon, Gwynn Garrett, Jenny Baldwin (substitute for Barbara Cornford) and Nancy Childs. This was a wonderful final to watch, as many fine bowls were delivered.

Donna Owen, Noelene Wilson and Margaret Bates reached the semifinals of the LMDWBA Seniors Triples. This was a great achievement for these ladies.

Our Mixed Social Bowls committee organised a Mothers' and Fathers' Day Gala recently. Everyone enjoyed a game of bowls in the sunshine, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch.

Pennants has started and our four teams have had some successes. It has been wonderful not to have the added stress of covid and rain this year.



Above: Valentine Women's winners and runners up in the Club Fours L-R Winners Denise Barnett, Alina Miklosi, Wendy Morrin and Maggie Johnston, President Glenda Morgan, Runners Up: Carol McCrohon, Gwynn Garrett, Jenny Baldwin and Nancy Childs.

Right: Di McCarthy, Valentine Women's hard working club member serving players after the Mothers' and Fathers' Day Gala.

Below: Alison Hughes Tournament Runners-up Anthony White, Gail Nilsson and Steve Wright with Libby (Alison Hughes's daughter).

