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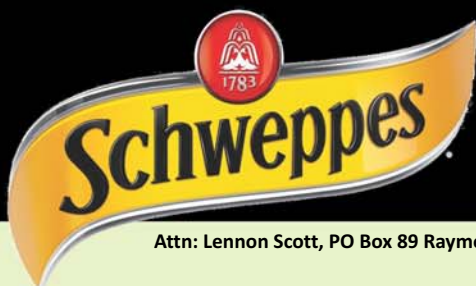
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's really quite different this time of year (compared to the past 20 odd years) with the season calendar settling in. Usually we are winding down for the year with presentations and celebrations galore, but instead we are in the thick of 2023/2024 Championship games for Club and District.

Having said that, I will now totally contradict myself and say that the NDBA/Zone 2 will be having their presentation night on Friday 3rd November (the day this magazine is officially out), and Bowls NSW Awards night is Wednesday 8th November. We will showcase the special award recipients in the December Issue.

We are so very proud that a number of bowlers from our readership are in contention for the prestigious state awards. Nominees have recently been announced and we have at least someone in 8 of the 13 categories, in some, more than one contender. In fact, Female Senior Bowler of the Year, we have ALL THREE nominees!!! Congratulations on a fantastic season to all nominees, we look forward to supporting you on the night. **Male Bowler of the Year:** Lee Schraner (RayTer), **Female Bowler of the Year:** Natasha Van Eldik (RayTer), **Male Senior Bowler of the Year:** Harvey Phillips (Old Bar), **Female Senior Bowler of the Year:** Joan Thomas (Forster), Vacie McIntyre (Soldiers Point), Raveang Namutwong (Charlestown); **Female Junior Bowler of the Year:** Zoe Nicholls (RayTer); **Female Breakout Bowler of the Year:** Vacie McIntyre (Soldiers Point), Oosh (Eugenie) Muncaster (Kurri Kurri), **Community Engagement Award:** Old Bar Beach; **Club of the Year:** Forster and Raymond Terrace.

Congratulations are in order to Lee Schraner who has brought home his **FOURTH Australian Champion of Champion Singles Title** at the recent Nationals in Perth (WA). Lee previously won this event back to back in 2017 and 2018, then again in 2021. His win this year has earned him a place in the record books. Congratulations on an amazing career achievement Lee. Junior Zoe Nicholls also from returned from the Nationals laden with a Gold medal in the Fours and a Silver in the Triples – well done Zoe! More success at Nationals with Vicki Parkinson from Lemon Tree Passage bringing home gold in the Para National Open Pairs. In the Australian Sides Championships the NSW Men's Open side won the 2023 Alley Shield, and NSW squad won the Overall Champions Trophy. And to top it off Kate Matthews, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace NSW) won the gold in the Australian Championship Triples. Great work everyone.

The State Over 40's Pairs was contested early October and a huge congratulations are in order to Zone 2 Sports Administrator Warren Shipley and Terry Antram (Soldiers Point) who won the final against Corrimal 19/14. On their way to glory, they defeated Zone 6's Simon Mitchell and Nathan Dawson in the semi-final. Well done. Warren has had pretty good form lately, he has also just notched up his **FOURTH Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles Title** in the Mattara Carnival.

Speaking of which, we trust everyone had a great experience in this year's Mattara. Congratulations to all the winners and runner-up – you will find the results spread inside this issue. A special mention to Pam Stephanis who was runner-up in the Denis Broad OAM Restricted Singles. Pam played at home (Beresfield) for the first 2 days. The ladies normally play east to west, but the greens were setup North / South so it was a bit out of her comfort zone, but she found her rhythm. Pam had entered before, once, about 4 years ago - she loves playing singles and wanted to give it another go. Pam figured her experience would be similar... play for one day,

enjoy the camaraderie and get knocked out. But to her surprise, she kept winning. Pam was extremely grateful to play the final day under the new covers at Charlestown after 3 big days out on the green. Well done Pam on making the record books as the first female bowler to make the final of the Mattara Denis Broad OAM Restricted Singles.

This month the State Mixed Pairs Qualifying matches will be played on 4th and 5th November. There are seven sections for both Zone 2 and Zone 6 and three sections in Zone 11. Good bowling to all who have contested. We will let you know who made it through to the final series next issue.

At the end of November / early December, we will see the State Rookies Finals played at Raymond Terrace. Good Bowling to **Singles** qualifiers Shaun O'Toole (Kurri Kurri), Scott Karuso (Cardiff), Benjamin Roswell (Raymond Terrace), Joel Field (Charlestown) and Robert Tilt (Forster). Contesting the **Pairs** we have Bruce Patchett and Steven Woods (Nelson Bay), Julie Trypas and Randal Cotton (Kurri Kurri), Karen King and Sarah King (Edgeworth), Robert Tilt and Peter Watts (Forster), Leslie Bird and Zachary Simpson (Maitland City) and Scott Ellis and Joel Field (Charlestown).

Whilst you are out and about, you may like to have a roll up on Kahibah's two new synthetic greens that were officially opened on Friday 20th October by Jodie Harrison, Member for Charlestown. The formalities were followed by a BBQ and an afternoon of music on the green.

That's about it from me for this month. Only one more issue to go for the year. Take care everyone.



Above: Kahibah CEO Adam Kluft having a roll at the opening of Kahibah's two new synthetic greens on Friday 20th October.

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Newcastle District Bowling Association



From the Administrator's Desk

By Warren Shipley,
NDPA Sports Administrator



Above: Lee Schraner - 4 time Australian Champ of Champ Singles Champion

SCHRANER CLAIMS QUADRELLA: Lee Schraner has claimed his **fourth Australian Champion of Champions singles title** at Sorrento Bowling Club in Western Australia last month. Schraner won five of his six matches to top the table as the only five game winner from the seven state champions from across the nation. The Raymond Terrace superstar first won this event in 2017 and went back to back to also win in 2018, his next triumph was the 2021 event which was played in 2022 due to Covid and this latest win will see Schraner represent Australia at the World Champion of Champions. Schraner's only loss was in round one where he was defeated 21 to 14 before winning his next five matches 21-11, 21-18, 21-7, 21-20 and 21-5.

SOLDIERS GRAB STATE TITLE: I was lucky enough to be partnered by Terry Antram (Soldiers Point) and we lifted the shield in the State over 40's Pairs championship last month. We won all three of our sectional matches before edging out Peter Foster & Shaun Johns from St. Johns Park with an 18-16 victory in the quarter final, then defeated Nathan Dawson & Simon Mitchell of Club Maitland City with a decisive 19-5 victory before taking the final over the formidable opponents, Tim Cavanough & John Hills from Corrimal, with a final score of 19-14.

MATTARA NOW COMPLETED FOR ANOTHER SEASON: The very popular Mattara Carnival concluded on October 20 with Finals Day at Beresfield where five deciders were contested. See full report elsewhere in this issue.

NSW CLAIM ALLEY SHIELD: NSW claimed the Men's National sides championship last month winning all seven of their matches. It came down to the last match against 2022 conquerors Queensland and challengers New South Wales who were six wins without a blemish as the final round blockbuster ensued. The first match to conclude was a seesawing contest between the Aron Sherriff and Lee Schraner skipped rink. Sherriff's Queensland chargers of Nick Cahill, Sean Ingham and Wayne Turley OAM led for the majority of the matchup and took a 20-19 buffer into the final end against Schraner, Daniel Hill, Peter Taylor and Carl Healey, however the Blues were in complete control of the 21st end, leaving the three-time World Champion Sherriff with a mountain of work to do with his final delivery, which he was unable to impact with. Schraner then obliged to add in a fifth shot to the count and record a 24-20 victory and give New South Wales a handy advantage with two rinks to be completed. The Aaron Wilson skipped rink would also salute for New South Wales as they further extended their advantage with a 20-17 victory over Sean Baker's Queensland



Above: Above: Bowls NSW State Over 40's Pairs Winners Terry Antram and Warren Shipley.

quartet. With a buffer of seven, Ben Twist's rink would be able to breathe a little easier as his team was locked in a close encounter with Nathan Rice's Queensland team. After seeing results fall their way, all the New South Wales foursome needed were bowls in the area to avoid conceding a number to their northern rivals, enjoying a 16-15 victory to go undefeated for the entire campaign and sealing NSW their first Alley Shield since 2019. Taylor, Hill, Healey and Schraner would claim the overall best rink thanks to an unblemished tournament, in fact the NSW side only lost one rink by one shot for the entire series.

STATE ROOKIE PAIRS QUALIFIERS: Edgeworth's Karen and Sarah King, Charlestown's Scott Ellis and Joel Field along with Bruce Patchett and Stephen Woods from Nelson Bay have all qualified for the State rookie Pairs Finals later in the year. Field had also qualified for the State Rookie Singles earlier this year.

SOLDIERS POINT

By Mark Watt, Bowls Director

Three more Newcastle Zone Titles have been won by Soldiers Point Bowlers making eight titles in all- a club record!

The prestigious **Open Pairs Final** was played between two Soldiers Point teams Paul Russell and Gavin Kelly versus Leigh Penman and Daniel Collaros. In a keenly contested game, Kelly and Russell drew ahead with only one shot separating the teams on the final end. Kelly then drew the winning shot to take the title 21shots to 19.

In the **Senior Pairs**, Bill Ahoy and Tony Hinton played Sam Laguzza and Eric Ryan from Charlestown who raced to an early six shot lead. Ahoy and Hinton then ran them down to win the final 21 shots to 18. Soldiers Point third Title, the

Open Reserve Triples, was won by the team of Jamie Carr, Rob Nash and Glen Woods over a Team from Alder Park 29 shots to 21.

Congratulations go to all the Soldiers Point Lawn Bowlers for an impressive treble. Let's hope these results can be replicated in the forthcoming Pennant Season!

ALDER PARK WOMEN

By Loretta Bannister

Congratulations to our Champs, runners up in the District Triples Championship and winners in the District Fours Championship. These girls have excelled themselves with determination to bring honour to Alder Park WBC.

Club championships and competitions are under way at the moment and hopefully the weather will be kind to us to continue with our games in good fun and friendship.



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BEN TWIST ST. JOHNS PARK AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Birmingham, England Commonwealth Games 2022 Silver Medalist

2022 and 2023 won successive Australian Open Pairs. Hong Kong International Singles winner, Australian Triples Champion. Also last month Skipped NSW in winning the Australian Sides Championships

MATTHEW BAUS AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Former Australian Singles Champion, Won Gold Medal Singles representing Australia at Pacific Games in Malaysia

Won 2023 NSW Champion of Champions Pairs with Lee Schraner

TERRY ANTRAM

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Former Trans Tasman Australia v New Zealand representative

Last month won NSW over 40 Pairs with Warren Shipley

JONO DAVIS

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Won the NSW Champion of Champions Singles at the record age 15 in 2018 and again in 2022

Won the Australian Champion of Champion Singles in 2022 and competing in World Singles this year

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NELSON BAY WOMEN By Bernie Carroll



Above: Nelson Bay Women's Triples Finalists L - R Runners-Up Lin Hudson, Carol Saunders, Pat Pepper and Winners Noreen Allen, Marion Dawson and Helen Nichols

Pipped at the post..... Congratulations to Noreen Allen, Marion Dawson and Helen Nichols on winning the 2023 Nelson Bay Women's Bowling Club Triples Championship. Well done to the Runners-ups Pat Pepper, Carol Saunders and Lin Hudson on a fantastic effort.

Pat's team jumped to an early lead and remained in front until the last end whereby Noreen's team drew five shots to take out the title. The final score was 21 to 18.

Well done ladies on displaying some good quality bowling throughout the game and great sportsmanship.

KURRI KURRI

By The Loose Canon

Hello fellow bowlers. We have a big write up this month as the loose cannon didn't put last month's report in. fair dinkum. We will start with club championships.

Ladies championships are flying along with minors pairs and singles completed with Rhonda Hadfield and Loraine Aspinall taking the honours. Its Loraine's first title, she has been a bridesmaid in finals before. Congratulations ladies, and to the runner ups, Julie Trypas and Jeannie Stevens for a great game. In the singles, M. Curtis became champion with a hard-fought win against Jenny Barnes 25-20. Another fantastic final and congratulations to both. Ladies are currently up to semi-finals in the major pairs with Oosh and Leisa Morgan v Julie Trypas and I Blayden, and R. Hadfield, M. Williams v L. Chenoweth and C. Glen.

Men's champs are up to finals with major singles and pairs with fours just completed. Andrew Rees will take on Ty Turnbull for the blue-ribbon event. The other big event being played is the major pairs with Mick Doherty and Shane Stoker versing Rodney Lawrance and Craig Barbour. Both games will be Saturday 18th November from 9 30am. Our men's fours was played over one weekend with hot conditions throughout. KKBC fours is DFP with teams selected by match committee. We reached the final Sunday afternoon in very windy and hot conditions. The team of Randal Cotton, David Bennett, Peter Fisher & Craig Barbour were crowned the champs with a hard fought victory over Les Hooper, Ray Mulcahy, Gary Wilkins and Ian Mann 20 - 19. Great game gentleman. Also a big thank you to all nominees as playing over one weekend can be very exhausting. Cheers all.

District, zone and rep honours. Kurri ladies in rep honours have been highly sought after with 15 players named in the Lake Macquarie Challenge at Charlestown, 3 players playing in the Upper Hunter Challenge and 9 players selected and played at Beresfield in the wine to waves. All selections have been thoroughly deserved and thank you to HRWDBA for supporting our KKBC ladies. Lastly, we can't forget the outstanding achievement from Carolyn Glen who represented NSW in WA as skipper in the seniors at the nationals. This appearance has taken Carolyn over 70 games in the blues squads and to take home the silver is another tick to her outstanding career.

In ladies district events, Oosh Muncaster has taken out her first singles with a great win in the final against her Maitland City opponent. This makes Oosh another Kurri lady who has now won all district events in her career. Awesome achievement Oosh. To go

Tanya Ware and Craig Barbour winners of Kurri Kurri Creightons Mixed Pairs.



Above: Runners-up in KKBC Creightons Mixed Pairs Gail Sheehan and Brian Biddle.

with this, she won the pairs with Leisa Morgan, with Leisa also being a member of winning all district events in her career and Oosh now playing regionals in both to make it to the state championships at Dubbo in March 2024. Our other lady, who has won all district events in her career, Carolyn Glen has won the district Triples with Adele Johns and Leanne Chenoweth and all 3 are off to regionals to

qualify for state. Good luck to all.

With the men, pairs and triples have been run and won, with senior team of W. Rowbottom and I. Mann winning Senior Pairs, Dean Taylor and S. Soper Runners-up in open as well as the team of S. Soper, A. Appleby and B. Turner were runners up in open triples. Zone Fours will be played before next issue and singles commence on the 11th November. All the best gentleman.



Above: Wayne Van Maastricht and David Lane Winners of KKBC Tooheys Cup Open Pairs



Above: KKBC Tooheys Cup Open Pairs Runners-up Adam Scott and Jockey Wilson.



Above: KKBC Minor Pairs Final Winners Rhonda Hadfield and Loraine Aspinall

With men rep honours - the Pat Geary teams have been announced with two of our debutants Will Osmond and Damon Maddock have been selected. They will join B. Taylor, A. Appleby, and A. Rees at Port City with open players, D. Taylor, S. Soper and T. Turnbull rested for later events. Zone 6 has introduced a development squad and have announced will, Damo and Daniel Burgin part off this concept. Well done to all involved and I'm sure you will do KKBC proud.

Well done to teams Oosh/Reesy and Lawrence/Kedwell who played in the over 40s at grand views in Oct. Also big thank you to Peter (CEO) who put us up at Bankstown Sports. I've never seen an indoor city before and this place was amazing. Not to mention how many times me and Lorro got lost. It was funny.

With KKBC players nominating in all types of events with state

mixed pairs having 11 teams coming up on November 4-5, rookies, zone and district, over 40's etc. it's a credit to all of you as I feel it's very important to have your club supporting and promoting our colours whenever we can. Brilliant work cannons and good luck in upcoming events and playoffs.

Rookies: KKBC hosted the Rookie Pairs Zone 6 qualifying on the 14th 15th October with 3 teams from KKBC plus a full green of competitors. Wow, how good are these up and comers. Great to watch. With Zone 6 having 2 qualifiers – to back up our singles winner Shaun O'Toole in the last 32 of state, the team of Julie Trypas and Randal Cotton made it with also team from Maitland City L. Bird and Z. Simpson. Good luck to all involved at Raymond Terrace from Thurs - Sunday Nov. 30 - 2nd Dec.

Tournaments: KKBC have had two tournaments run and won over the last two months with firstly, the Creighton's mixed pairs, won by our team of Tanya Ware and Craig Barbour. R/ups were Gail Sheehan and Brian Biddle with equal thirds Carolyn Hooker and Andrew Mercer and mum Sharon with her handsome son Dean Taylor. Our next tourney was our open Toohey's Cup with winners from Maitland City Wayne Van Maastricht and David Lane and runners-up A. Scott and Jockey Wilson and equal 3rds Oosh/Maddock and J. Fields and S. Beagan. A big thank you goes to all nominated teams. To have 36 teams in both events is exceptional. Please, any clubs wanting teams for tourneys, give us at KKBC a shout out anytime. Cheers bowlers.

Our twilight social bowls returned at the start of the daylight savings. Ran each Wednesday evening at 6pm. \$10pp nominated open pairs with cash prizes. Two games x 10ends 3 bowl pairs. Also we are running a couple of ham and pork tournaments in December.

Ok hope I haven't left out anything important, but special mention to Sharron, Carolyn, Barbs, Body Jocko, Tanya and Nikki and all who volunteer to help when I'm away or unavailable. I'm sure all BC's agree volunteers are huge part of running bowls, so thanks again legends. To all bowlers, good luck in upcoming events and see ya's on the greens

The loose cannon.



Above: KKBC Minor Singles Finalists Runner-up J. Barnes and winner M. Curtis



Above L-R: KKBC Men's Fours Winners Craig Barbour, Peter Fisher, Dave Bennett and Randall Cotton.

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VIEWPOINT

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

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS.

Volunteers such as Umpires and Controlling Bodies give up their time to ensure that our great game of Lawn Bowls is conducted in accordance with the relevant Laws and Policies which have been drawn up in the spirit of true sportsmanship.

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2.1.3. Threatening any person with physical violence or assault;

2.1.4. Assaulting any person has occurred.

Then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender

shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent in a singles game,

or opposing team in a team game, or team in a side game.

Upon a second such offence by the same player in the same game, the player shall be excluded from taking any further part in that game according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls -Crystal Mark Fourth Edition. C2 and C10 will apply.

Please Note: This only applies to an incident in a game of bowls. Other offences should be dealt with by the Club where the game is being played.

BELMONT GOLF AND BOWLS WOMEN

By Jules Haggert P.O.

It's been a busy period of bowls of late with the four division teams in the competitive pennants competition. Well done to all the teams and players. A huge congratulations to our division 4 team who came out on top winning their division. By the time this reaches the readers the flag presentation will have occurred on the 26th of October (see photo of the team in Lake Macquarie District spread). Thankyou to Julie Paterson for completing the last month's report due to my incapacitation."

CHARLESTOWN WOMEN

By Laurel Faint, P.O.



Above: 2022-2023 Charlestown Women Bowler of the Year Raweang Namutwong



Above: 2022-2023 Charlestown Women Most Improved Player Anette Pontey

Our 2022 - 2023 Club Charlestown Presentation Day was held on Sun 24th September 2023. This great day recognised, all our Club, District, Region 6 & NSW Champions/Runners Up/Section Winners and Incentive Scheme Winners for both Men and Women

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

For Charlestown Women: Two Special Awards were awarded to, **2022 - 2023 CHARLESTOWN WOMEN BOWLER OF THE YEAR, RAWEANG NAMUTWONG.** Raweang's success: 2022-2023 Club Charlestown Major Singles Champion, Pairs Champion, Fours Champion; 2022-2023 NSW State, Region 6 and LMD Senior Pairs Champion; 2022-2023 LMD Senior Singles Runner Up; 2022-2023 LMD and Region 6 Grade 1 Pennant Champion.

2022 - 2023 CHARLESTOWN WOMEN MOST IMPROVED PLAYER, ANETTE PONTEY: 2022-2023 Club Charlestown Minor Singles Champion.

2022-2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: MAJOR SINGLES: W Raweang Namutwong, **R/Up:** Kathy Faint; **CLUB PAIRS: W** Kathy Limond and Raweang Namutwong, **R/Up:** Kathy Faint and Laurel Faint; **CLUB TRIPLES: W** Laurel Faint, Val Fullick, and Rhonda Littlewood, **R/Up:** Debbie Foote, Tina Gibson and Gayle Gannon; **CLUB FOURS: W** Gail Baker, Jodie Turner, Kathy Clerke and Raweang Namutwong; **R/Up:** Lynn Genders, Jan Moore, Halina Wuro and Pattie White; **MINOR SINGLES: W** Anette Pontey, **R/Up:** Gail Baker; **CONSISTENCY: W** Kay Shuttlewood, **R/Up:** Leeanne Farmer; **MIXED PAIRS: W** Kathy Limond and Brett Waugh, **R/Up:** Rhonda Littlewood and Jack Littlewood.

NSW STATE, REGION 6 & LAKE MACQUARIE

DISTRICT RESULTS: 2022 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT GRADE 1 PENNANT WINNERS CHARLESTOWN RED: Karleen Gemmell, Kathy Clerke, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon, Lynn Genders, Halina Wuro, Kay Shuttlewood, Raweang Namutwong.

2022 REGION 6 GRADE 1 PENNANT WINNERS CHARLESTOWN RED: Karleen Gemmell, Helen Sanderson, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon, Lynn Genders, Halina Wuro, Kay Shuttlewood, Raweang Namutwong

2022-2023 NSW STATE, REGION 6 & LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONS Kathy Clerke, Kathy Limond and Raweang Namutwong. **2022 - 2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT AND REGION 6 SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPION** Gayle Gannon; **2022 - 2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT STATE SINGLES CHAMPION AND REGION 6 RUNNER UP** Debbie Bullen; **2022 - 2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR SINGLES RUNNER UP** Raweang Namutwong. **2022-23 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT AND REGION 6 OPEN TRIPLES CHAMPIONS** Lynn Genders, Pattie White and Halina Wuro; **2022 -2023 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT SENIOR TRIPLES RUNNERS UP:** Gail Baker, Laurel Faint, Rhonda Littlewood. **2022-23 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT AND REGION 6 SENIOR FOURS CHAMPIONS** Lynn Genders, Kathy Faint, Pattie White and Halina Wuro. **More news and photos for the December Edition:**

2023 - 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION: A record number for Charlestown to have 18 Players Selected to play LMD v/s Hunter River, in the "Hunter River Challenge" at Club Charlestown, on Friday 27th October, 2023. **Players:** Gail Baker, Kay Shuttlewood, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon, Debbie Foote, Lynn Genders, Leanne Kirby, Ann Redhead, Kathy Limond, Debbie Bullen, Karleen Gemmell, Pattie White, Halina Wuro, Raweang Namutwong, Terry Ann Jones, Val Fullick, Laurel Faint, Paula Collaros. **Congratulations on Selection.**

2023 - 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT PENNANTS

Our 2023-2024 LMD Pennants will finalize on Thursday 26th October 2023, at Belmont Golf and Bowls, with Playoffs and Presentations: Grade 3 Section 1 and 2 Winners will play off to determine the Winner and Runner Up. Grade 1, 2 and 4 are outright Winners and Runners Up. More details next month - see photos in with Lake Macquarie District spread.

A huge Congratulations to **2023 - 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT GRADE 1 PENNANT WINNERS CHARLESTOWN:** Gail Baker, Debbie Bullen, Rhonda Littlewood, Gayle Gannon and Kathy Limond, Pattie White, Halina Wuro, Raweang Namutwong

And to **2023 - 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT GRADE 2 PENNANT WINNERS CHARLESTOWN GOLD:** Lynn Genders, Karleen Gemmell, Val Fullick, Laurel Faint and Debbie Foote, Terry Ann Jones, Ann Redhead, Paula Collaros.

Our **2023 - 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT GRADE 3** narrowly missed a Section win by 0.5 points. And Our **2023 - 2024 LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT GRADE 4** was down to the last

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A big thank you to all the Players and Team Captains, Reserves who filled in when needed, Our Umpires, Controlling Body and all who assisted with Morning Tea and behind the Scenes for the Pennant Season. And again, Congratulations to ALL WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP

Good Luck and Great Bowling to our Grade 1 and Grade 2 Pennant Players and LMD Grades 3 and 4 Winners at the Region 6 Pennant Play Offs, to be held at Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy on Sunday 12th November 2023. And for the Region 6 Championships, to be held on Sunday 26th November 2023. Good luck to our LMD Senior Triples Winners Karleen Gemmell, Robin Gardner and Helen Sanderson; and LMD Senior Fours Winners Debbie Foote, Laurel Faint, Rhonda Littlewood and Gayle Gannon. The LMD State and Senior Singles and Pairs are still to be played Good Bowling to all participants

Till Next Month, Laurel

STOCKTON

By Jack High, P.O.

The remaining Semi-Final of the Club Major Singles was played on Sunday 15th October and Billy Smith showed no ill effects from his recent stint in hospital with a resounding win over Donald Terry by 25-7 shots. Bill was to play Dick Hadley in the Final on Sunday 22nd October but this did not eventuate and at copy time a date had yet to be advised. Although fairly well defeated Donald could still be happy with his performance to reach the Semi-Finals, he is a lower grade Pennant player and played extremely well to reach the Semis claiming a couple of higher grade "scalps" on the way.

A large contingent of Stockton bowlers ventured north to compete in the popular week-long Tournament at the North Haven Bowling Club in October. At time of writing Jack High had received no reports of any results. Popular Club member Neil (Chook) Raphael was in hospital suffering a fairly serious health problem, by the time this issue hits the streets we hope he has made a full recovery and is back on the green wielding the "magic arm".

Most Bowling Clubs will be winding down their programs for the

current year and preparing for presentation nights which is a major event for all club members and those in line for championships trophies.

LORN PARK

By Jennie Boyton, P.O.



Above: Players on the green at Lorn Park's Stuart and Dunn Office Tournament.

Hello all from the home of the 'Lorn Lions'. 23-24 Championships are in full swing. Our Major Singles Final to be played between Jarad Hamilton & Matt Norris should see some outstanding bowling. The Major Triples & Consistency Singles are both at Semi-Final stage and the Minor Singles is up to the Quarter Finals. Results in my next report.

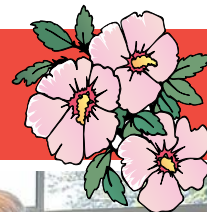
We have recently held our Stuart & Dunn – Office Choice Tournament and would like to thank all who attended and helped make this a great day. There are a couple of photos of the 'action on the green'. **Winners:** Damon Maddock, Andy Turner, Brodie Turner; **2nd Place:** Terry Parker, Dwayne Cullen, Geoff Cribb; **3rd Place:** Ken Katon, Peter Pickton, Ty Turnbull; **4th Place:** Ben Griffiths, Ingrid Griffiths, Glen Phillips.

Saturday 16th December is the date for our Paterson Butchery – Pig & Ham Tournament. Please get in contact with us at the Club if you would like a 'flyer' or enter a team.

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By Vicki Rankin, Chair of Match



Above: Newcastle District Women's District Senior Triples Runners-up team from Alder Park Anne Stuart (Skip), Helen Ross (Second) and Julie Lyon (lead).

NDWBA Management apologizes for the error in reporting the District Senior Triples Runners-up in October. The Runner-up team was Alder Park, Julie Lyon (lead), Helen Ross (Second) and Anne Stuart (Skip), not Kotara as reported.

District Fours Championships commenced 21.09.23 and in the State Women's Fours there were some very surprising upsets, but that's bowls and for some it just wasn't their day. The following teams made it to the Semi-finals: **Soldiers Point:** Robyn Flanagan, Sandra Ball, Cheryl Field, Melissa Witts, **Stockton:** Sharon Gilbert, Vicki Marshall, Nadine Bolton, Sandie Lowndes, **Soldiers Point:** Adelle Pearson, Alison Cutcliffe, Debbie Bellingham, Jan Tyson, **Nelson Bay:** Heather Witts, Denise Archibald, Helen Maloney, Bernadette Carroll. The final was contested at Stockton by Soldiers Point and Nelson Bay and what a great match that was. It could have gone either way, but Soldiers Point were the victors winning 23-13.

In the Senior Fours we had 25 entries and like the State Fours there were some upsets, but again it's on the day and you can only play as good as your opposition lets you. The following teams made it to the Semi-finals: **New Lambton:** Robyn Bagnall, Carol Salisbury, Helen Foreman, Marion Wilson, **Stockton:** Enid Radnidge, Christine Brown, Shirley Simpson, Ruth Sutcliffe, **Stockton:** Raelene Firkin, Jill Young, Suzanne Sansom, Carol Shephard, **Alder Park:** Judy O'Brien, Julie Lyon, Helen Ross, Anne Stuart. The final was contested by New Lambton and Alder Park at Stockton in very windy conditions and it was close all the way but Alder Park edge ahead to win the Trophy 23-17. A special mention to Stockton who had 4 teams make it through to the quarter finals, what a great effort.

Congratulations to all the players who entered and to those trophy winners who have never played in a final before. Thank you to all the Clubs who hosted rounds including the finals, the District greatly appreciates the hard work and effort put into hosting our events and thank you to all the Umpires, Controlling Bodies & Greenkeepers for your time.

The hot weather is now with us, and we must be mindful to stay well hydrated, wear appropriate headwear and if you do not feel well, leave the greens as your health is more important than a game of bowls.

To all Clubs, please ensure you always have an up to date Heat Policy and a functioning temperature calibrator at hand.

In the December issue, we will have results for the District Pairs / Senior Pairs, Singles / Senior Singles, the Regional Championships & the Rose Bowl, our annual representative match vs Central Coast.

REMINDERS: REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS commence Monday 6th November 2023 at East Cessnock Bowling Club. Rose Bowl is Friday 17th November at Everglades Country Club. **PENNANT ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023**

We have a very busy time right through to the end of the year, so we wish everyone the best in everything they enter.



Above: Newcastle District Women's Fours Champions Soldiers Point Cheryl Field, Melissa Witts, Sandra Ball and Robyn Flanagan.



Above L-R: Runners-Up in Newcastle District Women's Fours Nelson Bay's Heather Witts, Denise Archibald, Helen Maloney, Bernadette Carroll.



Above L-R: Newcastle District Women's Senior Fours Champions Alder Park Judy O'Brien, Julie Lyon, Helen Ross and Anne Stuart



Above L-R: Runners-up in Newcastle District Women's Senior Fours Final New Lambton's Robyn Bagnall, Carol Salisbury, Helen Foreman and Marion Wilson

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MAYFIELD WEST

By Jackie Jukes



Above: Tony Scott and Bob Bernard Mayfield West Men's Major Singles Finalists.

What a big month of bowls we've had here at May West, starting with our Men's Major Singles Final. What a great match between Tony Scott and Bob Bernard, played in tough conditions. Bob was a little nervous but found his rhythm after 5 ends, but it was the experience of Tony (killing several ends) that won him the match 25-15. Well done Tony!!

We held our mixed triples competition over 4 Wednesday nights in Sept/Oct finishing on a very stormy night. A big thank you to teams from other clubs that entered to create a stronger competition, on this our 2nd year. Congratulations to all our winners!

1st Place: Rosita Ryan, Greg Ryan and Ben Headley - 4 wins plus 31; **2nd Place:** Tony Atcheson, Kayla Jukes and Digby 3 ½ wins plus 30 and **equal 3rd place:** Brian Nichols, Glenda Cox and Russell Cox along with David Woods, Rachel Shelton and Larry Necakovski.

We also held our Alan Brinkley tournament early Oct with a full complement of teams. There will be a full write up within the magazine, along with photos, so keep an eye out.

Finally, our Women's Bowling Club celebrated their 70th Birthday on the 18th Oct, in conjunction with our Oncology Day. A great day was had by all. We had Marion with us representing the district, along with several special guests and sponsors. The day started with a spider, 10 ends of bowls and a photo on the green, followed by a luncheon, raffles, cutting of the cake and great live music to round off the day. We raised over \$1800 for the Mater Hospital and a big thank you to everyone who helped make the day run smoothly and also those visiting clubs who helped us celebrate our big day.



Above: Mayfield West Women's 70th Birthday Celebrations and Oncology Day.

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Hi Dreamers, continuing on with the 2023-24 Conditions of Play, I thought this month we will look at the conditions of play for the Singles and Pairs Rookie events with the State Finals of these to be held the first week of December at Raymond Terrace.

Event Name NSW Rookies Championships

Discipline Formats: There shall be two disciplines of NSW Rookies played: **SINGLES**, Players as four bowl per player. Each match shall be played as 17 shots up. Shots in excess of 17 do not count. **PAIRS**, Played as three bowls per player. In the order lead 3 bowls, skip 3 bowls. Each match shall be played over 12 ends.

Players Eligibility: Players must satisfy eligibility requirements as set out in General Conditions of Play. There are no gender requirements for NSW Rookies Championships. Players must not have been a bowling member of a club (anywhere in the World) before 1 April 2019 and must not played in more than one year of Rookies Competitions in previous years. (May have played in one year only of Rookies in 2019 or 2022-23) **This date changes each year. Previous State Winners are ineligible to enter in that discipline.**

Pairs Teams are not required to be from the same club. Members of Pairs teams are required to be registered with Clubs that are within the same Zone Boundaries.

Qualifying Play: Qualifying play shall be conducted at local qualifying venues. Qualifying play shall be conducted as a combination of sectional and knockout play. **Trial Ends:** No trial ends are played

Re-spotting the jack: If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink or rebounds to a distance less than 18m from the mat line the end shall not be declared dead, but

the jack re-spotted on the 2m mark.

State Finals: 32 Qualifiers for Singles and 32 Teams of Pairs will qualify for State Finals. A minimum of one qualifier from each Zone area (in singles and in pairs) will qualify for the State Finals. Additional places for State Finals will be allocated based on the number of entries received. State Finals will be conducted as a combination of sectional and knockout play.

EDGEWORTH

The Eagles Nest, By Debbie Chapman

The last few weeks has seen some good bowls from our Bowlers. For the first time in a long time, Edgeworth had our Ladies Pairs consisting of Yvonne Ross and Sarah King go to State. Unfortunately, they lost their games, but it was such a rewarding experience for them, and who knows what the future may bring. Well done girls.

The LMWDBA Pennants were played recently over 5 weeks and our Club was represented in Grade 3. Whilst we did not win to go to the next level, we were very proud to have finished 2nd just 3 points behind Marks Point. Nearly half of our ladies had not played Pennants before, so this made it all the more special. A big thank you to Edith Leech our Site Manager, Ken Harragon our Selector and Mick Maddock who umpired our home games. We obviously could not have done without you.

Congratulations to Julie Rossington, Mick Maddock and Mark Rossington for making the semi-finals of the District Triples. This was a huge effort, especially as Julie is a relatively new bowler.

We also had Karen and Sarah King win the Rookie Pairs at Raymond Terrace, and they are now off to the State. Can't wait to see how much further these girls can go. I am sure there will be plenty that will want to come and cheer you on.

Other recent representatives have been Sarah in the Dennis Broad Restricted Singles. Mick Wajczyk, Greg Thornton and Anthony Ross in the Frank Neat Triples. Marg Robson and Al Davis in the Mixed Open Pairs.

Our Grade 2 Three 3's teams have made it to the Round Robin Section of the Competition. As this goes to press, they will play Belmont at East Maitland Wednesday 25th October. Again, I am sure we will have plenty of supporters there to cheer them on. Go Eagles!

Club Championship games are still continuing and wish all those participating all the best.

For all our bowlers, whether you are representing Edgeworth outside of our Club or just someone that comes to share bowls with friends, we are glad you have chosen and made Edgeworth your home Club.

DORA CREEK WOMEN

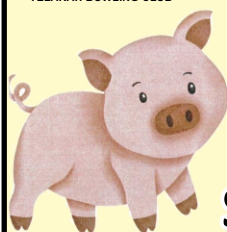
By Mitzi Hopwood, P.O.

The Rookie Pairs played at Raymond Terrace on 15-16th October was a great learning experience for our novice players. I have spoken to some of our Rookie Pairs players, they described the event as a great learning experience, very pleased they had entered the competition.

Pennants is now over for another year, good luck to all Grade winners and Runners-up. Look forward to cheering you on at Regional Pennant finals on the Central Coast.

On Monday 16th we held our Patron's day fun day, teams came from Toronto, Wangi, Warners Bay, Marks Point, Boolaroo, Canton Beach, 5 from Munmorah United, 3 from Halekulani and 2 from Dora Creek. Great day had by all, thanks for enjoying yourselves, hope to see you all for our Christmas Invitation. Spider winners were Jean Lauriston – Halekulani, Shirley Coltman – Munmorah and Margaret Dixon - Canton Beach. Touchers; winners Lead – Colleen Eather Canton Beach, 2nd – Sharmain Roberts Halekulani, 3rd Margaret Peisley Toronto and Skip Jean Langbridge [Patron] Dora Creek.

Hope everyone is looking forward to having a recovery break over Christmas and New Year, hope to see you on a green somewhere in our beautiful geographical area.



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Zone Six

Hunter / Upper Hunter District

By Michelle Robards, Zone Administrator



Above: Nathan Allen, Singleton RSL's Major Singles Winner, Bowler of the Year and Club Person of the Year 2023. (Nathan is also the bowler on this month's cover)

Zone Championships have continued with some great games being played. Thanks to all clubs who have hosted our Triples championships.

B. Gaunson, G. Huth and L. Del Degan from East Cessnock defeated M. Beaumont, G. Niznik and D. Button from Club Maitland



Above: Zone 6 NSW Rookie Pairs Qualifiers Randel Cotten & Julie Trypas Kurri with Leslie Bird and Zachary Simpson Mait City

City in the Seniors. In the Open Reserve we had one of our smaller clubs shine with F. Doyle, A. Bailey and P. Martin from Miller Park defeating D. Kennett, P. Cornford and T. Bunn from East Cessnock. The State Triples was another battle with M. Bender, B. Bailey and M. Cronin from Club Maitland City defeating S. Soper, A. Appleby and B. Turner from Kurri Kurri.

Our Selectors have met for the first time this season and the Pat Geary Shield has been selected. Congratulations to all players who have been notified on their selection. The Selectors also selected a squad of Open players and a newly formed development squad. These players have also been notified along with their clubs. All clubs should have these lists on their notice boards.

Expression of interest is now being called for all players seniors (60yrs +) and veterans (70yrs +) who would like to be considered for selection in these squads. All clubs should have the nomination form on their boards. If your club does not have one, please contact the zone so this can be corrected.

Nomination forms for the upcoming Open and Single Gender have been sent to all clubs. Please don't forget to add your name to your club's pennant names.

Zone fours will be played soon with a report in the next edition. We have also had a record number of nominations for the Zone singles. Draw will be out soon.

Randel Cotten & Julie Trypas (Kurri Kurri) and Leslie Bird and Zachary Simpson Mait City have qualified for the Rookie Pairs play-offs at Raymond Terrace – congratulations and good bowling.

Looking forward to seeing you all around the greens. Michelle.

JUNIORS REPORT



ZONE 2

By Ross Gardner, Chairman Zone 2 Junior Committee

Hi everyone, hope all is well leading up to the final stages of 2023. Since our last issue, two of Zone 2's star Juniors represented NSW in the National Championships in Perth. Zoe "the Seal" Nicholls for the NSW Junior Girls and our newly acquired Junior from Zone 6, Koby Kattau, who is now playing out of East Maitland BC. Whilst Koby finished just outside the medal rounds, Zoe was part of the Gold Medal Fours Team and Silver Medal Triples Team. We in Zone 2 are very proud of you both for being selected to represent your State and your efforts to fly the flag for Zone 2. Congratulations on your Gold and Silver Medal Zoe, you've done yourself, family, friends and Zone 2 proud. Great work!

Our Annual Mattara Carnival commenced recently with Beresfield being the Host club. A couple of new initiatives were introduced this year with the Twilight Triples being one of them. It was played in two divisions under sets play rules. The Twilight Triples were hosted by Club Charlestown. In Division 2 it saw the team of Charlotte Hayman, Neil Smith and Cohen "Cuey" Ridd compete. A steady head in between two young guns. The competition was played over two nights. Ridd's trio made it through to the semi-finals and narrowly defeated Stephen Gilshenan's side to book themselves a place in the final against Ray Harding's side from Hamilton North. In a close fought affair, it was Ridd's side who triumphed. Congratulations to the trio and by all reports Neil was pretty chuffed to win the Title with two of Zone 2's talented young guns. (see photo of winners with the Mattara wrap up)

As I mentioned in the previous issue, Zone 2 Committees were up for re-election at our Zone AGM. The new committee consists of the following: Ross Gardner, Adrian Solomons, John Wolfe, Joel Roche (Belmont BC Bowls Coordinator), John Bilby (Beresfield) and David Sharpe (Kotara). Welcome aboard guys. To Doug Crockford, Tom Crockford and Tony Wicks, we thank you for your time and assistance,



Above: Zoe Nicholls Silver / Gold Medallist at National Championships

and for volunteering your time and effort. We would also like to thank those who nominated for the positions, willing to give their time and assistance to help out our talented Zone 2 Juniors.

A quick mention to another new Junior who has joined our family. Shelby Powell who has recently moved to our Zone and will be playing out of Raymond Terrace. Welcome Shelby.

Our Junior Christmas Party is fast approaching, so keep your eyes on Zone 2 Bowlers for date and venue. See you all next issue.

MAITLAND CITY

By Hunter Bowler

Howdy bowlers and welcome to your favourite release from the normal world.....Hunter Bowler's report on City!!

Major Pairs first up for you this month and this dished up the matches you wall wanted to see!! Jessica and Caz were out to defend their title from last year after a deep run in the State COC gave them a thirst to get back there! This year they came up against 2021 winner Michelle Niznik and her new partner and skip Kayla Courtin (soon to be McBean-Courtin) who herself was out for the Major Double!! It was a tight game all round but it was the challengers who came out on top this time 20/14 giving Kayla the double in her first full season with the club, and Michelle her 2nd major pairs title in 3 years. Onto the men's and the final was a star-studded affair. In one corner, serial winner Mick Cronin who had to miss last season going for a 3peat, teaming up with new partner Nathan Dawson! In the other corner Brody Pitham fresh off the back of rep selection in the NSW legends team along with current Major Singles winner Simon Mitchell. Both teams made it through to the final with relative ease and some professional performances. Everyone was salivating over this line-up from the draw came out! The game was tighter than the scoreline indicated but a jump of 11-0 and 14-1 for Simon and Brody was too much for Mick and Dawso to claw back on this occasion. They got within touching distance and held on the 17th end which would have made it interesting but a clutch final bowl from Simon kept them at arms length before taking the title 20/11 ensuring Simon completed his own Double.

The finals as good as they were, were only the warmup for the main event the following weekend with the 'not so' Minor Pairs! All games dished up some fascinating finishes but it was the gun pairings of Trevor Taylor and Marcia Cobb against Paul and Darren Chapman that made this final!! It was a real ding ding affair for the entire game with only 4 shots separating them in the end. The scoreline of 21/17 favourite Trev and Marcia on this occasion!! Marcia becoming the first women bowler to win the event since we combined both into an open event.

Finally, we framed in our club fours this month before we take a break with green Reno's. A new format in both men's and women's this year. The men followed suit with the women from last year and did single entry club drawn teams. This increased the entries by a full 2 sides with other players just missing out because

they did not get their names up quick enough. It is hoped after the success of this year that we will increase the numbers again next year. Anyway, it was a family affair in the men's winning team with Hayden and Neil D'arcy being drawn from the hat as lead and skip respectively. They teamed up with Bruce Glover and David Cornes to win the title for 2023/24 and get some new names on the honour board. As we mentioned the women did this last year but with numbers dwindling and only 3 teams the bowls committee made the call to make the event a round robin, to avoid the bye into the final. This went down well as it guaranteed all 3 teams would play 2 games and the team with most points at the end would be the winners. Well done to Christine Harmer, Lyn Strickleton, Kerry Seers and Janine Katon who won both their games to take out the championship for this year.

Into the external events now. Kayla and Janine made it through to their respective finals in the district singles. Kayla came up against Oosh from KKBC and Janine got Caroline Glenn, again from KKBC. Both games were neck and neck for a lot of the contest. Congrats to Janine who held on to win the senior singles and commiserations to Kayla's who went down in the open singles both scores mirroring each other of 25/22. Nathan and Simon secured qualification to the over 40 pairs this year, Simon bringing Nathan on board after coming runner up last year with Ben Harrison who had a family holiday to Europe to keep him out of action. After winning their group they went as far as the semis only to be done by eventual winners Warren Shipley and Terry Antram from Soldiers Point.

Our ladies pairs was a roaring success again in 2023, please see the report in the magazine for these results. Well done to Oosh and Kayla taking home the top prize this year.

Representative selections continue with no fewer than 16 men selected in the Open and Development sides for Zone 6. This is a new/refurbished idea from Zone 6 to get to know some other players outside of the 'big' names and it will be interesting to see how it develops.....pun 100% intended. It shows the strength and depth in Zone 6 when a former Country rep and past state title holder can only make the development side.....

That's all from Hunter Bowler this month and possibly next with not much else happening between now and the end of the year, but I refuse to commit to either as I like to keep the suspense.

Thanks everyone and keep those little discs on the inside. You're Welcome, Hunter Bowler.

Semi-Finals of the Major Singles will see Damien Wahlstedt against Greg Chapman, & Terry Blow against Damian Robb to be played on Sunday 29th October & Final is programmed for Sunday 5th November. Major Triples will be into the Semi-final rounds on Sunday 29th October the If all goes well. Consistency Singles have commenced & hope to play Semi-finals on Friday 27th October. Mixed Pairs nominations are on the notice board & close on Sunday 12th November & commence on Sunday 26th November.

In round 7 of the 3x3's, Grade 3/2's travelled to Karuah RSL with the losing side eliminated for 2023/24 season. Grade 3/1's were eliminated in round six (6). All results of all previous club competitions in next OTG publication. Cardiff players had bad days on the green in all events, no bowler making the knockout rounds. Congratulations to Ian Harrison, Neil Smith & Peter Crotty in making it to the Semi-final of the Zone Senior Triples, & to Sean Broderick & Scott Karuso on making the final or the Rookie Pairs & unfortunately lost the final by one (1) shot.

Cardiff nominations in the Zone Singles are Greg Chapman & Scott Karuso in the Open, Kel Frame in the Seniors & Jeff Gilmour & Glenn Baxter in the Reserves. The "Father & Son" tournament qualifying commences on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th November, & the Finals on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st November. Nominations sheets for 2023/24 Saturday & Midweek Pennants are on notice board.

CARDIFF WOMEN

By Bianca Hann, P.O.

It has been a quiet month in October with good attendances at our gala. Happy birthday to our ladies this month, Brigitte Wilson and Pat Hoole who is celebrating a special "0" birthday.

13 of our members had a week at the North Haven Carnival, some with great success. It was a week of fun, fellowship and lots of bowls.



Above: Cardiff President Maureen Mitchell with Special "O" Birthday Girls Pat Hoole and Brigitte Wilson



Above: Cardiff Women at North Haven Carnival

TUNCURRY FORSTER SPORTS WOMEN

By Sue Ryan, C.O.

2023-2024 MAJOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: Our 2023-24 Major Pairs Championship commenced on 14th September and after some very close and exciting matches in the early rounds, the Semi-Finals were played on 22nd September.

In the Semi-Final between Julie Curry and Karen Carlton they defeated Val Feuersanger (sub for Judy Lawrenson) and Lynette McVicar 23-22 in a thrilling last end, and in the Semi-Final between Sue Ryan and Nancy Shaw they defeated Kay Negus and Jackie Houston 23-13. Congratulations to all four teams on playing tremendous bowls in very windy conditions.

The Final of the Major Pairs Championship played on 23rd September was a terrific game to watch with so many good bowls played by Julie, Karen, Sue and Nancy. Julie and Karen got off to good start winning the first 2 ends and led 3-0. Sue and Nancy won 2 of the next 3 ends and by End 5 it was 4 all. Julie and Karen consolidated to win the next 7 ends to have a handy lead 13-5 after 12 ends. Sue and Nancy won 3 of the next 5 ends played and by End 17 it was 16-7 in favour of Julie and Karen. However, as hard as Sue and Nancy tried it was Julie and Karen who won the remaining



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ends to win 22-7 and win the 2023-24 Major Pairs Championship.

Congratulations to Julie, Karen, Sue and Nancy on their ability to play so many good bowls in very windy conditions. Congratulations to Karen and Julie on winning the 2023-24 Major Pairs Championship, and to Karen on winning her second consecutive Major Pairs Championship having won it last year. Also, congratulations to Sue and Nancy on the good bowls played throughout the Championship and being 2023-24 Major Pairs Championship Runner Up.



Above: Tuncurry Forster Sports Women's Major Pairs Finalists - Runners Up Sue Ryan, Nancy Shaw and Winners Karen Carlton, Julie Curry



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BOOLAROO WOMEN

By Jan Baldwin, C.O.

Another quick month passes with our Pennant season coming to an end. Congratulations to all Ladies who participated each week for their Clubs, and to the winners of each section Good Luck in the playoffs.

Boolaroo ladies had the pleasure of a new uniform for the second half of the season and were greeted with compliments on our new look everywhere we played.

Lots of Club games coming our way, especially the Pink Day for the McGrath Foundation on the 26th Nov. Wear pink, have a fun day, enjoy a great lunch and go home knowing your donation could help save a life.

Our Ladies Major singles will be starting on the 2nd Nov. Good Luck to all.

It is always good to know that everyone reads our monthly news, especially when there is a little typo error under a certain photo in last months, stating that Brett Scott won the Women's Minor Singles, now this writer knows who that really was as it was me. Brett won the Men's title. Giving everyone a good chuckle indeed!

Until next month, play well and enjoy this great game of ours. Cheers Jan.

Below: Boolaroo's Division 3 Pennant Team 2023



LEMON TREE PASSAGE WOMEN

By Anne Cheetham, C.O.

Congratulations to Vicki Parkinson who was the only female member of the KENO NSW Para Blues at the recent Australian Nationals in Western Australia. Vicki teamed with Matt Barrie from the ACT to win the Gold Medal in the Men's (Mixed) Pairs. A wonderful achievement and well deserved from Vicki with lots of practice. Vicki received a special mention in the latest Bowls NSW October mid-month Newsletter.

Congratulations also to our 2023 Pairs Champions Lisa Davies and Lorraine Quigley, and runners up Margaret Drury and Lyn Jordan. The final was a very close game with Lisa and Lorraine winning by 1 shot on an extra end.

Our 2023 Silver Fern Shield (played in memory of past bowler Pat Barker) was won this year by Sue Gunness, Jeanette McClure and Lorraine Quigley.

Heartfelt sympathies are extended to our Patron and Life Member Margaret Lewis on the recent passing of her husband of 67 years Lionel (aka Louie). Lionel was also a longtime bowler and Life Member of Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club.



Above: Lemon Tree Passage member Vicki Parkinson Para Nationals Gold medal winner



Above: 2023 Lemon Tree Passage Women's Pairs - Lyn Jordan, Margaret Drury (runners up) and Lorraine Quigley and Lisa Davies (winners)



Above: Lemon Tree Passage Women's President Annette Davis with winners of the Silver Fern Shield Lorraine Quigley, Sue Gunness, Jeanette McClure.



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NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 6

By Rod Woodhouse, Secretary Zone 6
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Zone 6 RSL Bowls Annual North v South match



Above L-R: Winners of Zone 6 RSL Social Day at Beresfield in September Ditta Janadar, Greg Adams and Henry Skinner.



Above: Presentation to North

On 25 September, we held a day of social triples at Beresfield, where over 40 bowlers attended. Winners were a Raymond Terrace trio of Ditta Janadar, Greg Adams and Henry Skinner.

Our next outing was the annual meeting against Zone 11 from the Upper Hunter. We had 64 bowlers on the green playing fours, in our usual friendly atmosphere with both ex-service and social players enjoying the camaraderie of a glorious game of bowls played in the best of spirits. Zone 6 won the day.

In what will probably become the highlight of the year, the inaugural match between the North and the South was held at Raymond Terrace on 11 and 12 October. The format was for 2 teams each from the four zones from the central coast to the Qld border, to play 8 teams from the zones south of the Hawkesbury. It is a great opportunity for us to catch up with our bothers from the south. The North was successful on the day.

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, socialisation 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.

Upcoming events:

27 November presentation day social at Beresfield

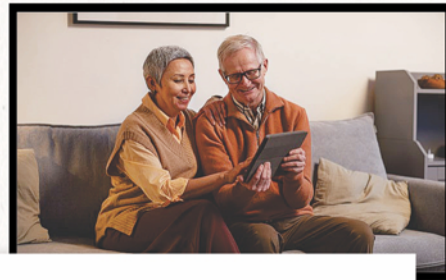
11 December Christmas social at Raymond Terrace



Above: Dinner after the game



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NSW RSL BOWLS: ZONE 8

By John Bown, Zone 8 Publicity

A great day was had at Taree Leagues in October with 84 bowlers including State President Jack Abernathy. Pork Trot Day is again at Taree Leagues on Monday 6th November and our presentation day has been moved to Forster on Monday 11th December.

2023 Champions: Triples: Dennis Rothe, Terry Rowe and Dave Penman; **R/up:** John Patterson, Joe Griffiths and Paul Wilson; **Pairs:** Dave Penman and Peter Schroeder; **R/up:** John Black and John Bown.

NEW LAMBTON WOMEN

By Bev Ranclaud, Secretary



Above: Winners of New Lambton Women's Electric Light Triples Jodie Turner, Halina Wuro & Raweang Nanutwong

This month our club held their Electric Light Triples over 2 great nights. The weather was kind to us & 72 lovely ladies helped us to a very enjoyable event. **Winners were Charlestown** Jodie Turner, Halina Wuro & Raweang Nanutwong; **2nd Soldiers Point** Adelle

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Pearson, Sandra Ball & Lyn Hinton; **3rd Stockton** Chris Brown Enid Radnidge & Judy Taylor. **Best performed Mon. Stockton** Vicki Marshall, Aperia Clark & Lorraine Smollen; **Best performed Wed. Edgeworth** Debbie Chapman, Maryanne Wilkinson & Margaret Robson.



Above: Runners-up in New Lmbton Women's Electric Light Triples Adelle Pearson, Sandra Ball & Lyn Hinton

HAMILTON NORTH HORNETS

By Mark Casey, Bowls Co-ordinator

The highlight of the last month was the playing of the 2023-24 Club Major Singles, Ladies Singles and Minor Singles Championship Finals. We also had a strong showing in this year's Mattara with representatives in all the competitions.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Craig Thompson won his inaugural Hamilton North Major Singles Title with a hard fought 25-16 victory over Callan Starrett. The game was close throughout with Thompson leading 9-7 after 7 ends, 19-15 after 15 ends, before scoring a 3 followed by a 1 to establish a match winning 23-15 advantage.

Lois Wedesweiler led all the way to defeat Karen Young 25-19 in a keenly contested Ladies Major Singles Final. Wedesweiler led 9-4



Above: Hamilton North Men's Major Singles Finalists – Callan Starrett (R/Up) and Craig Thompson (Winner)

after 8 ends and increased her advantage to 9 shots (16-7) after 14 ends, before Young staged a fightback to trail only 3 shots 22-19, however a 3 on the 29th end sealed the win for Wedesweiler.

Kenneth Stauffer recovered from a 8-2 deficit after 6 ends to down Geoff Harrison 25-16 in the Minor Singles decider. Stauffer drew level at 13 all on the 15th end and hit the front 17-16 on the 19th end then scored a 2, 4, and a 2 to clinch the victory.

The Club Pairs Championship has advanced to the quarter final stage. Defending title holders Corey Hayman and Mark Evans qualified for the quarter-finals with a comfortable 18-9 victory over Nick Cleary and Peter Conlon.

MATTARA: Congratulations to all of our players who played in this year's Mattara where we had representatives in all the competitions. With a special congratulations to Ryan Steel for Winning the Pairs and Craig Thompson for being in the Fours Runner Up side; as well as Bryan Doyle (Restricted Singles), Lois Wedesweiler & Wayne Smith (Mixed Pairs), Heath Casey, Corey Hayman & Mark Evans (Open Twilight Triples) and Callum Harding, Allan Green & Ray Harding (Restricted Twilight Triples) for all making past the group stages of their respective competitions.

THREE THREE'S: We would like to thank all the players who played in all of our Three Three's Sides.

GALA'S: While we have one green all our galas are nearly at capacity. 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 are Jackpot Gala's and continue to be extremely successful, along with the jackpot all winning players also receive a \$10 voucher. All winning players receive a \$15 seafood voucher in our Friday Seafood Gala.



Above: Hamilton North Ladies Major Singles Finalists – Lois Wedesweiler (Winner) and Karen Young (R/Up)



Above: Hamilton North Minor Singles Finalists – Kenneth Stauffer (Winner) and Geoff Harrison (R/Up)

LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT WOMEN'S 2023 PENNANT WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP



Above L-R: **WINNERS 1 Grade - Charlestown** Kathy Limond, Patty White, Halina Wuro, Raweang Namutwong (s), Gayle Gannon (s), Rhonda Littlewood, Debbie Bullen and Gail Baker.



Above L-R: **Runners-Up 1 Grade - Valentine** Cheryn Derrick, Sue Armstrong, Barbara Bell, Anna Harris (s), Maggie Johnston (s), Gwyn Garrett and Nancy Childs. *Absent:* Carol McCrohon.



Above L-R: **Runners-Up 2 Grade - Toronto Workers** Mollie O'Leary, Margaret Derkson, Trish Kellehear and Margaret Peisley (s), Annette Cook (s), Doreen Warner and Chris Morgan. *Absent:* Barbara Fox



Above L-R: **WINNERS 2 Grade - Charlestown Gold** Lynne Genders, Karleen Gemmell, Val Fullick and Laurel Faint (s), Paula Collaros (s), Ann Redhead, Terrie-ann Jones and Deborah Foote.



Above L-R: **WINNERS 3 Grade - Marks Point** Nicole Bell, Sandra McKay, Lynnette Huggins and Jean Harrop (s), Silvia Murray (s), Helen Evans, Linda Pryor and Helen Pucher.



Above L-R: **Runners-Up 3 Grade – Rathmines Memorial** Jan Wilkinson, Elaine "Val" Samuels, Robin Sharrock and Gisela Maude (s), Pam Langburne, Barbara Hicks, Linda Douglas and Cheryl Grant (s).



Above L-R: **Runners-Up 4 Grade – Marks Point** Gail Sheehan, Lynnette Arthur, Viv Cleary (Side Manager), Di Jenkins (s), Val Bubb (s), Jennifer Kirkwood, Hillary Fellowes and Judy Markham. *Absent:* Barbara Butt



Above L-R: **WINNERS 4 Grade – Belmont** Inset Greta Williams, Zonia Deaves, Ann McDonah, Cheryle Smith-Howell (s), Laraine Phillips (s), Shirley Pedonese, Jill Thompson and Carol Goodwin.

VALENTINE WOMEN

By Donna Owen, C.O.



Above: A great photo of our Valentine players at North Haven

Valentine Women's Grade One Gold side – are runners up in the Lake Macquarie District Pennants this year. The players were Nancy Childs, Gwynn Garrett, Carol McCrohon, Maggie Johnston, Cheryn Derrick, Sue Armstrong, Barbara Bell and Anna Harris. Well done ladies on a magnificent performance. (see photo elsewhere in

this issue)

Fifty of our members played in the Riverside Carnival at North Haven. A few of the teams enjoyed some success, the most exciting one being the team of Jill Gillies, Irene Robinson, Bernice Wilkins and Cheryn Derrick winning Ladies Day. Another Ladies Team of Anna Harris, Sue Armstrong, Paulette Bignell and Denise Miller were runners up. The mixed team of Peter Lynn, Jenny Elks, Ted Elks and Heather Lynn won an afternoon session.

CLUB LAMBTON

By Barry Hewat

The Phil Mattson Memorial Open 13 Up Triples is on PM Saturday 25th and AM 26th November with \$3000 prizemoney. Entry \$75 per team. More details were on the cover of last month's *On The Green* (October Issue).

Club championships: Men's Fours semi-final R. Lyon, I. Jarman, G. Jennings & S. Duncan defeated I. Patterson, V. Hamling, I. Olsen & C. Lorimer 23-14. **Major singles so far:** K. Abel d J. Wozniak 25-24, T. Creighton d S. McKinnon 25-20, G. Gibson d J. Lyon 25-21, G. Conway d T. Milton 25-20, I. Jarman d R. Collinson 25-14, G. Jennings d G. Candy 25-5. **Round 2:** T. Creighton d A.

Battistuzzi 25-18, S. Duncan d D. Clements 25-13, G. Gibson d G. Conway 27-9, G. Turnbull d S. Gilshenan 25-24.

Our monthly Mixed Fours gala being popular with 38 player last month. All the best and may the luck be shared.



Above: Bernice, Jill, Cheryn and Irene celebrating their win at Club North Haven.



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Where to Get a Game

NEWCASTLE

Sunday Monday Tuesday

Adamstown 4957 3447			9:30am Mens 3's Gala
Bar Beach 4929 3428	9:15am Club Championships as scheduled		9:00am Ladies Gala - mufti
Beresfield 4966 3574	9:00am or 1pm Club Championships	Names by 8:30am 9:00am Mens Nom. 2's Mufti Jackpot 5:00pm Mixed Gala Names by 4:00pm	9:30am Ladies DFP uniforms
Cardiff 4954 7244	1:00pm 3rd Sunday Monthly Mixed 4's - Mufti	Mufti Gala 1st & 3rd Monday of each month	10:00am Ladies Mixed DFP 9:30am DLS
Carrington 4961 4140	1:00pm Meat Raffle	Happy Hour 4:30 - 5:30pm	9:30am Bowls Gala 10:00am Yoga 4.30-5.30pm Happy Hour
Edgeworth 4958 1994	Club Championships, 9:30am Special Events, Check Noticeboard		9:30am Names in by 8:45 Ladies Gala
Hamilton Nth. 4961 4574			12:30pm Mufti Cash Gala
Heaton BGBC Jesmond Bowls 4955 8725	Club Games		9:30am Mixed Jackpot 3's Creams DFP Picnic Lunch
Hexham 4964 8079	9:30am Hexham Greys All welcome MIXED MUFTI		6:00pm Open Gender Mufti DFP
Lambton 4957 3272	9:30am Club Games		9:30am Open Gender 2's
Lowlands 4929 3046	9:30am Mens Club Games 12:00noon Social Bowls	9am Mixed Beginners-tuition, equip supplied 4:30pm - 6:30pm HAPPY HOUR	Ladies Day 4:30pm - 6:30pm HAPPY HOUR
Mayfield West 4968 3202	9:30am Club Games		6:00pm Mixed Gala
Merewether 4963 1461	4-7pm Live Music		
Waterboard 4957 2155			9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti

LAKE MACQUARIE

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

KAHIBAH WOMEN

By Margaret Yarrow, C.O.

Pennants now over for 2023 and while we didn't win overall, we "fought the good fight". Congratulations to Belmont as winners and Marks Point as Runners up. Now on to the Club Championships. The Fours will have been played when this issue goes to press, good luck to all teams.

Such a wonderful if not cold and windy day was held on the 17th October for our Silver Service Competition. Winners on the

day were H. Wilson and D. Ormorod, Runners up K. White, L. Schavon, M. Waddingham. Congratulations Ladies. These awards were presented by our CEO Adam. The Day made more special due to a visit from a Director of NSW Bowls John Ellison who presented Special Awards of Merit to some very surprised Ladies. M. Waddingham, B. Mckay, J. Wrightson, P. Walsh, B. Long and a very very surprised A. Finnie. Each award so well deserved. Guests were treated to a hot lunch and lovely cake!!! All in all a great day had by all. Just some dates to remember -Christmas breakup 12th December. Recommence 9th January.

Happy Days, Good Bowling.



Brett O'Farrell
Warren Shipley
Ross Gardner

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

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 4929 3441
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SNE = Single Name Entry

NEWCASTLE

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti	9:30am Mens 3's Gala	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
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	
	9:30am Vets Gala	9:30am Open 3's Mufti Gala	1:00pm Open Nom. 3's Mufti
1:00pm Men's 3's Gala Mufti	9:00am Ladies Gala	9:00am Men's 3's Gala Mufti	1:00pm Mixed 3's Gala Mufti
	9:00am 2-4-2 Mixed last Thurs. of the month	5:15pm Raffles	1:00pm Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
		9:30am Nom. 3's Mufti	

LAKE MACQUARIE

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

Below: L-R: Winners of Kahibah Women's Silver Service Day Di Ormerod and Hazel Wilson with CEO Adam Klufft.



Below: L-R: Kahibah Women's Silver Service Day Runners-up Loretta Schiavon, Kerrie White and Maree Waddingham with CEO Adam Klufft.



Sunday Monday Tuesday

LAKE MACQUARIE CONTINUED....

Rathmines Memorial 4975 1955		9:30am	Ladies Day Uniform
Redhead 4942 6022	Club Games	9:30am	Men's Gala
Teralba 4958 1407			
Valentine 4946 7232	Club Championships Uniform	Roll-ups available	9:30am Ladies Gala Mufti & Championships Uniform
Warners Bay 4948 8866	Men & Women Club Championships		
Windale/Gateshead 4965 7888			

PORT STEPHENS

Fingal Bay Ladies 0411 936 055 Men 0403 668 995		9:30am	Names by 8:30 Ladies Gala
Lemon Tree Passage 4982 4800	Call to see if something is on, or check notice board	1:00pm	Names by 12 Mens Mufti
Nelson Bay 4981 3332		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

HUNTER

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

UPPER HUNTER

Scone 6545 1511	names by 9 9:30am Mixed Triples Mufti 1:30pm FREE Coaching & Training	names by 12:30 start 1:00pm Jock & Dave's Mens Triples Mufti
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MANNING

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

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

9:00am	Men's Mufti 3's			9:00am	Mixed Mufti 3's	12:30pm	Mens Mufti
9:30am	Ladies Gala	1:00pm	Retired Bowlers	9:30am	Men's Gala	1:00pm	Mixed Gala
9:30am	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti			4:00pm	Men's Nom. Pairs Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Nom. 3's Mufti
9:30am	Men's Social Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Gala Mufti & Ch/Ships uniform				
1:00pm	Men's Social Mufti	● 5:00pm	Mixed Social Gala	9:30am	Men's Social Bowls Mufti	1:00pm	Men's Social - uniform
10:00am	Open Triples Mufti	10:30am	Open DFP 3's Mufti				Men & Women Club Championships
		5pm	Open Pairs Mufti		Open 2's Gala 5:30pm to 7:30pm	1:00pm	Open DFP 2's 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

1:00pm	<small>Names by 11:30</small> Men's Mufti 3's	9:30am	<small>Names by 8:30</small> Ladies Gala	1:00pm	<small>Names by 11:30am</small> 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 <small>names by 4:00</small>	1:00pm	Open Bowls & Scoungers <small>Alternate weeks (contact club for start times)</small>
9:30am	Men's Pairs Mufti DFP	9:30am	Ladies Bowls	2:00pm	Club Championships
1:00pm	Mens Bowls Mufti	9:30am	Ladies Gala	10:00am	Open Bowls Gala
1:00pm	Men's Gala 3's	6:00pm	Twilight Nom. Open 3's Mufti	1:30pm	Bowls wear with BA Logo
		10:00am	Ladies Bowls	1:00pm	Mens Bowls
		10:00am	Ladies Day	1:00pm	Men's Gala 2's / 3's

HUNTER

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

UPPER HUNTER

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

MANNING

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

MATTARA CARNIVAL 2023



Above: **LES PARROTT OPEN SINGLES** Winner Warren Shipley with the Parrott family – Les's granddaughter Jenna (far left) and daughters Dianne and Bev (right)

Our Annual Mattara Carnival was played in October. A couple of new initiatives were introduced this year with the **Twilight Triples** being one of them. It was played in two divisions under sets play rules. The Twilight Triples were hosted by Club Charlestown. In Division 2 it saw the team of Charlotte Hayman, Neil Smith and Cohen "Cuey" Ridd compete. A steady head in between two young guns. The competition was played over two nights. Ridd's trio made it through to the semi-finals and narrowly defeated Stephen Gilshenan's side to book themselves a place in the final against Ray Harding's side from Hamilton North. In a close fought affair, it was Ridd's side who triumphed. Congratulations to the trio and by all reports Neil was pretty chuffed to win the Title with two of Zone 2's talented young guns.

The main event was hosted by Beresfield. In the **Mixed Pairs** it was the combination of Simone Smith and Greg Haigh giving East Maitland their first success in the Mixed Pairs 52-year history when they defeated Jenny Blanch and Tony Hinton 24-6. The **Restricted Pairs** was taken out by Beresfield's Anno Vanzanden and Mick Cooper claiming the title with a 24-14 win over Ken and Trevor Blackmore from Lemon Tree Passage. The **Wal Young OBE Open Pairs** was won by Daniel Hill, who replaced Scott Thoroughgood, and Ryan Steel 18 to 15 over the Lorn Park duo of Charlie Hojer and Matt Norris. Thoroughgood may have pulled the wrong rein by playing in the **Frank Gardner Fours** as his team of Craig Thompson, Craig Eades and David Collins were defeated by a red-hot Soldiers Point team of Mark Sheppard, Warren Cocksedge, Daniel Clarke and Mick Beesley 22-6. And in the prestigious **Frank Neat Triples** it was back-to-back wins for the Teralba trio of Brett Findlay, Scott Davies and Jarrod Duncan. In the week before, the Jet's Ben Rowsell added to his State Rookie Singles qualifications claiming the Mattara **Denis Broad OAM Restricted Singles** Title. Rowsell defeated Pamela Stephanis from Beresfield 21 to 15 in the

final last Wednesday. Stephanis, who is the first female to appear in the Restricted Final, started well to lead 10 to 5 but Rowsell then fought back to win eight of the next 11 ends to raise the shield. Soldiers Point's Warren Shipley recorded his fourth victory in the **Les Parrott Memorial Mattara Open Singles** defeating fellow clubmate Matt Johnstone 21 to 14. Shipley led all the way and at one stage led 16-4 before Johnstone fought his way back into the match but the lead was too big and Shipley claimed victory.



Above: **DENIS BROAD RESTRICTED SINGLES** winner Ben Roswell (left) and runner-up Pam Stephanis (right) with former NDBA Secretary Denis Broad OAM (centre).



Above: **MATTARA FOURS** Beresfield's Chairman Col Byron (centre) and David Lloyd representatives (far left) Tracy and (far right) Jenni with Fours winners Mark Sheppard, Daniel Clarke, Warren Cocksedge and Mick Beesley.



Above: Runners Up **MATTARA FOURS** Craig Eades, Scott Thoroughgood and Charlie Collins (absent: Craig Thompson)



Above: **LES PARROT OPEN SINGLES** Runner-up Matt Johnstone and 4 time winner Warren Shipley.



Above: **MATTARA TRIPLES** Z2 Pres Mark Conway and David Lloyd representatives Tracy and (far right) Jenni with Triples Winners Jarrod Duncan, Scott Davies and Brett Findlay



Above: Runners up MATTARA TRIPLES Anthony Ellercamp, Taylor Appleby and David Govan



Above: MATTARA MIXED PAIRS Z2 Pres Mark Conway, David Lloyd representatives (far left) Tracy and (far right) Jenni with winners Greg Haigh and Simone Smith



Above: District Vice President Max Dettelbacher, David Lloyd representatives (far left) Tracy and (far right) Jenni with Runners up MATTARA MIXED PAIRS Tony Hinton and Jenny Blanch.



Above: MATTARA OPEN PAIRS David Lloyd Funerals Representatives far left Tracy, far right Jenni with Scott Thoroughgood and Ryan Steel with Beresfield's Ron Morley and sub for final Daniel Hill.



Above: MATTARA OPEN PAIRS Runners Up Charlie Hojer and Matt Norris (Lorn Park)

Right (may not be in order): MATTARA TWILIGHT TRIPLES DIVISION 1 Winners Daniel Feighan, Trent Alexander and Todd Rizzoli (Adamstown).



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Above: MATTARA RESTRICTED PAIRS Anno Vanzanden (centre) and Mick Cooper (right).



Above: NDBA Vice President Max Dettelbacher with MATTARA RESTRICTED PAIRS Runners Up Trevor and Ken Blackmore





Above: MATTARA TWILIGHT TRIPLES DIVISION 1 Runners-up Mark Evans, Corey Hayman and Heath Casey (Hamilton North)



Above: MATTARA TWILIGHT TRIPLES DIVISION 2 Winners Neil Smith, Charlotte Hayman and Cohen Ridd



Above (may not be in order): MATTARA TWILIGHT TRIPLES DIVISION 2 Runners-up Ray Harding, Alan Green and Callum Harding (Hamilton North)



Above: Officials at the Opening of the Mattara Bowls Carnival L-R Tracy and Jenni from sponsor David Lloyd Funerals, NDBA President Mark Conway, Eddie Atkinson Patron Beresfield, Joan Carey Life and Foundation Member Beresfield Women and Beresfield Chairman Col Byron.



Above: Mattara Opening kitty rolled by Joan Carey Life & Foundation Member Beresfield Women's Bowling Club



Above: Eddie Atkinson Patron and Stalwart of Bero rolls the Golden Bowl at the Opening of 2023 Mattara

BERESFIELD

By David Govan, Bowls Co-ordinator

Hi there fellow Magpies, we have had a very busy moth with club championships, district events and Mattara! Congratulations go to Anno Vanzanden & Michael Cooper on winning the restricted Mattara Pairs & Brad Unsted, Anthony Ellercamp & David Govan finishing runners up in the triples. Our Major Singles is up to the final & will David Wayland take on Tailor Appleby in what will be a cracking final, our club pairs are up to near semi final stages with some great match ups to be played.

Beresfield's Bandit 12 up triples tournament will be played next week as of writing & will be a great couple of days for all. Last of all a big thankyou to all involved in the running of mattara, our bowls committee our ladies for making morning tea our directors for all there help our umpires and a big thankyou to Maxy Dettelbacher for doing countless score cards and entering of results. That's all for now Good Bowling & Go The Magpies!!!

WARNERS BAY SPORTS WOMEN

By Gwen Andriessen P.O.

Our Pennant season is coming to an end. Thank you to all our ladies and congratulations on the effort you all put in! You did us proud. Myself, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with ladies I had previously not met. Also, many thanks to the side Captains for your organisation and to those who put their hands up to reserve. Congratulations and best wishes to all teams who made it through to the play offs.

One of our newest Members Julie Bramble, has had a stay in hospital, hoping you are feeling much better Julie and hope to see you back on the green soon.

Christine Stone has been selected to play in the Hunter River Challenge Representative team. Well done!

That is all for now, and I look forward to catching up next Month with results of the Club Games soon to be played. Remember please stay well and enjoy your bowling.

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UPPER HUNTER WOMEN

By Christine Constable, UHWDWA Match Chairperson

UHDWBA has been busy playing Single Gender (Women's) Pennants and District Championships for 2023/24. In September, District played Pennants and two grades qualified for Regional playoffs in April 2024. **District Grade 3 flag winners – Scone Women's Bowling Club** – Team: Sandra Graham, Maureen Bowd, Sue Watts, Rebecca McLoughlin, Di Hartley, Prue Harrington, Laurine Wilkinson, Di Pund, Ann Bailey. **District Grade 4 flag winners – Denman Women's Bowling Club** – Team: Joy Hancock, Jo Betts, Annie Hughes, Margaret Brown, Jenny Sainsbury, Shantelle Green, Gillian Garland, Helen Rose and Denise Train.

In October, District Championships 2023/24 were played. We include a pictorial of our champions. Senior & Open Singles Championships to be completed at the end of October 2023. Good Luck and Enjoy Everyone the Regional play-offs, championships in November 2023 & pennants in April 2024



Above: UHWDWA - Grade 3 Pennant Winners Scone 2023-24



Above: UHWDWA – Grade 4 Pennant Winners Denman 2023-24



Above L-R: UHWDWA - District Senior Fours Champions – Scone - Ann Bailey, Morna Boyle, Sandra Graham and Rebecca McLoughlin.



Above L-R: UHWDWA - District Open Fours Champions – Aberdeen - Lorraine Baker, Sylvia Lawson, Lorena Croft and Chris Constable



Above L-R: UHWDWA - District Open Triples Champions – Aberdeen - Lorena Croft, Judy Wright and Chris Constable



Above L-R: UHWDWA - District Senior Triples Champions – Scone - Maureen Bowd, Wendy McKenzie and Laurine Wilkinson.



Above L-R: UHWDWA - District Senior Pairs Champions – Muswellbrook RSL - Kay Collins and Jenny Hamson.



Above L-R: UHWDWA - District Open Pairs Champions – Aberdeen - Judy Wright and Lorena Croft

KAHIBAH

By "The Scribe" (John Smith)



Above: Chairperson of Kahibah Sports Sarah Smith rolls the first bowl at the Official Opening of Kahibah's two new synthetic greens.

On Friday 20th October a special ceremony was held after the completion of the No 1 Green to officially celebrate the transition of the greens from grass to synthetic. The official guest for the ceremony was the Member for Charlestown Jodie Harrison, representing the NSW

Government, through whom the club had obtained a grant in association with Kahibah Bowling Club Co Op Ltd for the transition to occur. A large number of Club Members were in attendance to enjoy the occasion which marked a new era for the club. Jodie spoke of the importance that the facility will be for the whole of the Kahibah Community as well as the Club and together with Board Chairperson Sarah Smith symbolically rolled the first bowls on the new surface.

We have the Semi-finals of our Club Major Pairs completed. Keith Keelan and Tony Perkins had a hard fought victory 19-14 over Robert Freeman and Tony Hicks. They had led 8-1 after 4 ends but only 15-13 on 18 ends after their opposition had staged a good fightback but won 2 of the 3 last ends to seal the win. The second Semi-final could not be completed through illness with Rod Cleaver and Kevin Gibbons qualifying for the final which is scheduled for Sunday 12th November.

Our two remaining championships for the 2023-2024 Season ie; the Triples and Fours will have entries close on 30th November 2023 with play to begin as soon as possible after that date.

Entry sheets and the competition



Above: Member for Charlestown Jodie Harrison at the Official Opening of Kahibah's two new synthetic greens.

information for the 2023-2024 Open and Men's Single Gender Pennants are on the noticeboard. The Single Gender is due to begin on Wednesday 14th February 2024 and the Open Gender on Saturday 17th February 2024.



Above: Kahibah's Foundation and Life Member Ken Harrison and Life Member John Smith OAM watch Barbara Ross have a roll at the Official Opening of Kahibah's two new synthetic greens.



Above: Group photo at the Official Opening of Kahibah's two new synthetic greens.



HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WOMEN

By Maria Malcolm

The last month has been another busy one for our District. Championships were played in both Open and Senior divisions of Triples and Singles. Congratulations to all winners and Runners up. We include a pictorial of the latest finalists.

On 29th September, a Hunter River Representative side participated in a challenge match with Upper Hunter District. This challenge consisted of one rink of Grade 2 and 4 rinks of Grade 3/4 over 18 ends. Congratulations to our Hunter River team players who won the challenge 5 rinks to nil – 111/72.



Above: Hunter River President Coral Sloane (right) with Upper Hunter President Gillian Garland (left)



Above: Winners Hunter River District Women's Open Triples Carolyn Glen, Leanne Chenoweth and Adele Johns from Kurri Kurri



Above: Runners up in Hunter River District Women's Open Triples Betty Sinclair, Kathy Wilton and Simone Smith from East Maitland



Above: Hunter District Women's Rep Side that contested the Challenge Trophy against Upper Hunter District Women.



Winners of the Hunter River District Women's Senior Triples Lorraine Hay, Annette Hooper and Helen Richards from East Maitland



Above: Runners up in the Hunter River District Women's Senior Triples Robyn Stein, Gloria Irby and Allison Rae from East Maitland.



Above: Winner of the Hunter River District Women's Open Singles Oosh Muncaster from Kurri Kurri.

Above: Runner Up in the Hunter River District Women's Open Singles Kayla Courtin from Maitland City



Above: Winner of the Hunter River District Women's Senior Singles Janine Katon from Maitland City



Above: Runner up in the Hunter River District Women's Senior Singles Carolyn Glen from Kurri Kurri



Above: Easts Minor Pairs Champions 2023 – Frank Ternanov and Dallas Lawrence.

Hi Bowlers, as I write this report, we are getting down to the nitty gritty end of the Zone Singles Championships. East Maitland will be represented by Steve Coutts in the Open Reserve Singles ¼ Finals at Mayfield West Bowling Club. Good luck Coutsy. We will also be represented in the ¼ Finals of the Open Singles by Haydn Bojkowski and Michael Abel at East Maitland Bowling Club. Best of luck boys and hopefully you can both keep winning and play each other in the final which is possible.

3 X 3S COMPETITION: East Maitland entered 3 teams in the Midweek (3 x 3's) competition. Two teams in Div. 2 and one team in Div. 3. Our Div. 2a side has progressed to the 3-way round robin final. Each team will play each other at a neutral venue. Wednesday 25th October Belmont def Edgeworth 66-58 which means Easts will now play Edgeworth at Belmont Wednesday 1st November and then Belmont at Edgeworth the following week which will then unveil the Div.2 (3 x 3s) winner for 2023.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Easts have completed three of the 2023 Club Championship events to date. **Mixed Pairs:** Simone Smith & Gavin Laing 21 def Julie Holmes & Steve Coutts 10; **Minor Pairs:** Dallas Lawrence & Frank Ternanov 24 def Leigh Brady & Martin Jolly 13. **Club Triples:** Colin Hindle, George Grant and Clay Parker 24 def Owen Mortlock, Tari Johnstone and Benny Osborne 17. Final of the Major Pairs will be played Friday night 27th October @5pm. Clay Parker/Paul Cousins will play Daniel Hooker/Haydn Bojkowski. Hooky and Boj will be out for blood trying to stop The Unit and Cuzzo winning their 4th straight pairs Title. Good luck to both teams.

ZONE/STATE REPRESENTATION: Congratulations to Haydn Bojkowski and Jake Lawton being selected to represent Zone 2 in the Pat Geary Shield at Port City Bowling Club 2 Port Macquarie Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November. Congratulations also to Koby Kattau representing NSW U18 in the National Championships in WA. Cody recently transferred from Greta to Easts and will be a great asset to our club.

Congratulations to Kaye Arnott and Clay Parker representing the NSW Woomearas in the National Teams Championships at Devonport Country Club. What a magnificent complex with 3 grass greens, a massive 40m indoor complex and a beautiful 18 hole golf course situated right on the river with magnificent views. NSW came away with the Silver Medal again running 2nd to the strong VIC side.

MATTARA: Congratulations goes to our easts combination of Simone Smith and Greg Haigh winning the Final of the Mixed Pairs defeating Jenny Blanch and Tony Hinton 24-6 at Beresfield Bowling Club. A huge congratulations to all the Mattara winners in each discipline and a great job by all the co-ordinators, staff and volunteers at each of the venues. A special congrats to "Shippo" on his personal success winning the Open Singles and also the running of another successful Mattara.

TOURNAMENTS: Easts do not have any more Tournaments set down until the new year. Unfortunately, our Bowling Arm Pairs Tournament had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. The Woomearas just returning from Tassie in the National Championships and clashing with the midweek (3 x 3s) competition having a huge bearing. **Bowling Arm Open 3 Bowl Pairs**.....Monday 18th September 2023. **CANCELLED**



Above: Easts Minor Pairs Runners-Up 2023 – Marty Jolly and Leigh Brady

5 ASIDE @ BROADBEACH BC QLD: Congratulations to the 5 bowlers that represented "The Griffins" in the latest 5-a-side tournament at Broadbeach BC. Jake (The Beard) Lawton, Barry (Mungo) Mungoven, Rodney (Darce) Darcey, Haydn (Boj) Bojkowski and our special visitor from Tassie Josh (speedie) Walker-Davis and their Manager Bob (Slider) Smith. Massive thanks to Ryan Bester and Nick Cahill for the invitation to such a world class event with the best players in the world competing. The Easts boys jumped out of the boxes in the 5 day event with some awesome wins against top class sides and held their position in the top 6 right until the last round when they were defeated by the star studded Warilla team. They finished equal 6th and were beaten on a countback on differentials by Deer Park in Victoria. Our Fours team were undefeated until the last round and once again nudged out of first place in the Fours discipline with the defeat from Warilla. Thanks to the Easts Board for supporting our guys in their very first attempt. Done the club proud boys and put the Griffins on the map.

Well, that's it from "The Griffin" until the next issue



Above: Easts 2023 Club Triples Champions – Clay Parker, George Grant and Col Hindle.



Above: Easts 2023 Club Triples Runners-up - Tari Johnstone, Benny Osborne and Owen Mortlock.



Above: Easts Mixed Pairs Winners Simone Smith and Gavin Laing, Runners-up Julie Holmes and Steve Coutts

SOLDIERS POINT WOMEN

By Wendy O'Brien, P.O.



Above: Soldiers Point Women fare-well Cheryl Field



Above L-R: Soldiers Point Women's Club Pairs winners Julie Schumacher and Rosita Ryan, Runners up Yvonne Corcoran and Nareen Layer.

This month we waved farewell to our prominent club member and bowler Cheryl Field as she and her husband forsake our fair state to head up to the good life, (and hopefully warmer weather all year!) on the Gold Coast Queensland. She will be very much missed for her unmistakable laugh ringing across the greens during gala, her contribution to bowls, coaching and match committee, and for being the skilled computer guru running our major tournaments. Best of luck Cheryl in your new home and new club.

The last hurrah for Cheryl, was in the Soldiers Point team who won the district level state 4s against Nelson Bay at Stockton. Along with Cheryl, were Robyn Flanagan, Sandra Ball, and Missy Witts. Great bowling ladies.

Our club major championship pairs was run this month, with

lots of close competition. Finalists Rosita Ryan and Julie Schumacher came out winners against Nareen Layer and Yvonne Corcoran, on a day of blustery winds with some flurries of showers thrown in. Congratulations to the winners, and to all for winning through to the final.

Our club major singles will commence on 16 November. Good bowling everyone.

Christmas is just around the corner (so soon?), and our Christmas party is locked in for 30 November. Patron's Day and fun final bowls day is 5 December. That's all for this month.

NEW LAMBTON

By Dennis McGuirk



Above: New Lambton Triples Winners Arthur Kelso, Clive Bennett and Neil Bagnall



Above: New Lambton Triples Runners-up Tony D'Accione, Graeme Talbot and Glen Bookless

The final of the triples has been played and the winners were Arthur Kelso, Clive Bennett and Neil Bagnall who defeated Tony D'Accione, Graeme Talbot and Glen Bookless. With the scores locked at the completion of 21 ends an extra end was required. Congratulations Neville and your team winning 23/21. You will notice that the second for Neil was Clive Bennett who celebrated his 90th earlier this year.

In October we hosted the final of "Let's Play Bowls", a competition open to Year 7 – 11 Students from Newcastle and Hunter High Schools. In a last end 'shoot-out' Rutherford Technology High defeated Belmont High in a last bowl ... thriller!!! Congratulations to the team members and manager D. Connaughton. It was Rutherford's first final win with brilliant performances from Belmont High 2nd place and semi-finalists Hunter River HS and Kotara HS.

During a recent clean out at home I came across the programme for the 1975 Tamworth Easter Bowls Championships. These Championships were held over 4 days comprising Singles, Pairs and Fours. The Fours played Friday, Pairs Saturday with post sectional play Sunday and finals Monday. A consolation Fours was played Sunday and Monday. The Fours consisted of 10 sections with 10 or 12 teams per section, Pairs 15 sections with 14 teams per section. 32 players contested the Singles which commenced Saturday. The event was knock-out of 31 up. Players in the Singles

included Dave Downie, Barry Salter, Peter O'Neill and Bob King. The number of players exceeded 450 and entrance fee per event was \$2, for all events. Bowlers came from Sydney, Wollongong, Queensland, Victoria and even a lone bowler from America. Bowlers from 21 Newcastle Clubs and 4 Maitland Clubs were represented. (Ned O'Brien was the only player from New Lambton).



Above: Students from Rutherford – Winners of the Let's Play Bowls 2023 final at New Lambton

LADIES PAIRS CARNIVAL CLUB MAITLAND CITY



Above L-R: Winners of Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Oosh Muncaster and Kayla Courtin with Sports, Sponsorship and Facilities Manager DJ Dilworth.



Above L-R: Runners-up in Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Missy Witts and Debbie Bellingham.

Maitland City held their big money Ladies Pairs Carnival on the weekend of October 14 and 15. A little windy, but clear skies. A number of players from outside the zone contested and visitors from West Tamworth Cheryl Schipp and Margaret Tutt were holding their own until they came up against Kayla Courtin and Oosh Muncaster in round three of Day 1. Unfortunately they lost by a landslide 25 shots, which was the beginning of the end - they never recovered and slipped out of contention. Kayla and Oosh went into the second day play as hot favourites on 3 + 42. Not far behind was another side from West Tamworth, Sherilee and Zoe Stewart who

had notched up three comfortable wins and amassed a margin of +32, whilst Raweang (Nang) Namutwong & Kathryn Limond nestled in on 3+12. These were the only three teams undefeated at this point.

In the morning game of Day 2, both Kayla and Nang's sides stumbled. Kayla and Oosh lost by 2 shots to Karen Mason and Kim Nillesen from Charlestown, whilst Nang and Kathryn drew their match against Vacie McIntyre (Soldiers Point) and Leanne Kerby (Charlestown). Meanwhile, after another win, Sherilee and Zoe were the standout side. Unfortunately their luck ran out, and they lost by 3 shots in the final match to Sandie Lowndes (Stockton) and Bernie Carroll (Nelson Bay) and their "sure thing", now not so sure. Fate would have Kayla take on Nang in the final round which means one of them was going to have 4 wins as well. It was a close game – Kayla and Oosh prevailed by 4 shots. Coming out of the last round, half of the top 8 contenders lost their final match which really stirred things up on the leaderboard. Nang and Kathryn dropped from 2nd to 6th place, whilst Kayla and Oosh claimed overall victory and a number fringe teams had their path cleared. Below are the full list of placings.

FULL RESULTS LIST: Winners: Oosh Muncaster (Kurri Kurri) and Kayla Courtin (CMC) 4+44; **Second:** Missy Witts and Debbie Bellingham (Soldiers Point) 4+32. **Third:** Sherilee and Zoe Stewart (West Tamworth) 4+26; **Fourth:** Nikki Ware and Tanya Ware (Kurri Kurri) 4+7; **Fifth:** Robin Flanagan and Jan Tyson (Soldiers Point) 3+D+18; **Sixth:** Kathryn Limond and Raweang Namutwong (Club Charlestown) 3+D+8; **Seventh:** Chris Constable (Aberdeen) and Janine Katon (CMC) 3+D-9. **Best Performed Round 1:** Melanie L'estrage (South Tamworth) and Debbie Quick (Woonoona) +15; **Round 2:** Karen Mason and Kim Nillesen (Club Charlestown) +10; **Round 3:** Dorris McKinnon and Glenda Elford (Wauchope) +21; **Round 4:** Kerry Seers and Michelle Niznik (CMC) +15; **Round 5:** Lois Wedesweiler and Kerrie McDougall (Hamilton North) +17.

Congratulations to all placegetters and thanks to all who entered to make it a spirited competition. As always, these events don't run themselves and a big shout out to DJ, Greg D'Arcy, Lyn Greedy, the Committee, staff and everyone who pulled together to make it a great success. This was the last major event of the year for Club Maitland City.



Above L-R: Third Place in Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Sherilee and Zoe Stewart.



Above L-R: Fourth Place in Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Tanya Ware and Nikki Ware.



Above L-R: Fifth Place in Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Robin Flanagan and Jan Tyson.



Above L-R: Sixth Place in Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Kathryn Limond and Raweang Namutwong.



Above L-R: Seventh Place in Club Maitland City Ladies Pairs 2 Day Carnival Chris Constable and Janine Katon.

TAREE WEST WOMEN

By Lorraine Austin, C.O.

Just this last October Long Weekend saw Taree West Women's and Club West Men's Bowling Clubs hold a very successful "Mixed Versatile 2 Day Triples Carnival". The winners were Diane and husband Chris Prichard and Bob Newitt from Gloucester. They were the only team with 5 wins. President Lois Ruprecht, husband Errol and Mal Drury placed second. Marco Pendelj, Judy Lawrenson and George McCartney from Forster Tuncurry Sports in third. Steve Newman, Moya Whitton and Jason Aurich from Tuncurry Beach placed fourth, with Barry Crain, Bev Rumble and Steve Crain in fifth place, a composite team from Taree Railway and Taree Leagues. Robyn Marker and Karen & Peter Campbell from North Haven were the 5th 4 Game winners and in 7th place were Brenda Perrett, President Peter Hall from Taree West and John Beach with 3 wins and 35 ends. We wish Vice President Shirley Perrin and Warren Merchant who teamed up with best mate Grant Hawkins from Taree Leagues, receiving the "Good Bowlers Out of Luck" trophy and better luck next year. Day One was "Versatile" with three games of 12 ends and Day two was two games of 12

ends, but you could choose what positions you played. Winners won with "Wins + Ends" then margins. Although the weather was very warm everyone enjoyed the friendship, good bowls and great food, and even the monster raffle. According, from all reports, this could become an annual event, as the sponsor has offered "to double" the money, for the ladies to run this event again next year. "It was great to see the club full of happy bowlers", was what the sponsor said. So put it in your calendar as a great way to spend the October Long Weekend, stay tuned for confirmation.



Above (may not be in order L-R): The Westies Mix 2 day carnival, Chris and Di Prichard and Bob Newitt (Gloucester).



Above: Second Place in the Westies Mix 2 Day Carnival - Errol and Lois Ruprecht and Mal Drury (Taree West)



Above: Third in the Westies Mix 2 Day Carnival Marco Pendelj, Judy Lawrenson and George McCartney (Tuncurry Forster Sports)



Above: Fourth Place in in the Westies Mix 2 Day Carnival Steve Newman, Moya Whitton and Jason Aurich (Tuncurry Beach)



Above: Fifth Barry Crain, Bev Rumble and Barry's son Steven. (Taree Railway and Taree Leagues)

BAR BEACH

By Barbie Chowlo

Celebrating 100 years at Bar Beach Bowlo



Above: Bar Beach Open Triples 2023-24 Champions Tony DeTourettes, Stuie Clarke and David Ross.



Above: Bar Beach Open Triples 2023-24 Runners Up Eddie Warren, Brian Mason and Gary Burrett



Above: Zone 2 Open Reserve Winners, Bar Beach Stuie Clarke and David Ross

What a great month at The Reef! The club board and bowls committee of Bar Beach Bowling Club would like to acknowledge the fantastic effort and achievement of our very own Zone 2 District Pairs Champions, Stuie Clarke and David Ross. They played their rounds and final series at Charlestown Bowling Club, beating our new friends from Toronto, Dave Rose and Terry Smith, in the final. Good on you, boys!

As we continue with the 2023-24 championship season, we would like to congratulate the Open Triples Club Champions, Stuie Clarke, David Ross and Tony DeTourettes. Stuie and David have a string of achievements during the 2023-24 season so far, including

Zone 2 Reserve Pairs Champions. We are all thrilled for Tony who has become Club Champion for the first time! The boys beat three great Bar Beach Clubmen in the final, Brian Mason, Eddie Warren and Gary Burrett. Well done to everyone who played in a big day of finals!

The Open Singles and Mixed Pairs will be played in November. Thank you and good luck to everyone who is participating.

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

Happy bowling, everyone!

FINGAL BAY WOMEN

By Kathryn Job, P.O.



Above: Fingal Bay Women's Club Triples Winners Anne, Kerry & Claudia

October saw the Final match for our Club Triples 2023. It was a great competition, with the final winners finishing on 22 to 12. The team was made up of Anne Hooper, Kerry McFadden & Claudia Perrine as skip

WANGI BOWLING, SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB

By Bigtro



Above: Cameron Vane, Wangi Minor Singles Champion.

On Sunday 15th October we had the Final of our Minor Singles. What a game between two up-coming young Bowlers - Cameron Vane and Tony Jurd. We had in excess of forty people watch the game and applauding often as the two Bowlers went head to head with great bowls. The end result was Cameron winning 25 -16 over Tony. Great bowls and great for the Club, well done to both Bowlers.

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BAR BEACH WOMEN

By Daphne Shelswell, P.O.



Above L-R: Bar Beach Women's Triples Runners Up Lynn Harland, Noni Anschau, Jane Stephenson with winners Kathy Feighan, Kylie Sheriff and Judy Bland.



Above L-R: Bar Beach Women's Consistency Singles Winner Kylie Sheriff and Runner Up Kathy Feighan



Above: Annette Kennedy President Lowlands Friendship Day



Above: Lynn Harland and Suzanne Perrett at Lowlands Friendship Day

Hello bowlers. Well, it has been a long wait for the result of our Consistency Final between Kathy Feighan and Kylie Sheriff. The game was hard fought all the way, neither girl giving an inch. Kathy was holding the lead until the last end when Kylie kept a level head and pipped Kathy at the post with a win of 150 to 142. Congrats To both girls for a fantastic game!

Our Championship Triples followed with the team of Lynn Harland, Noni Anschau and President Jane Stephenson against Kylie Sheriff, Judy Bland (Mother of Kathy) and Kathy Feighan. A hard-fought match ensued with the girls plus Mum Judy just nudging ahead to win by 2 points. A great game played with great Sportsmanship.

Next came a Friendship visit to Lowlands, one of our oldest clubs in the Newcastle District. The welcoming atmosphere was apparent from the top down as President Annette Kennedy set the pace for the day. A delicious lunch followed some great bowls played on the new look greens. Bar Beach will host next time.

Until then, SEE YOU ON THE GREEN.

RATHMINES MEMORIAL

By Bob Boxall, Bowls Secretary



Above: 2023 Rathmines Memorial Mens Triples winners Ian Karuso, Brian Woolnough and Rusty Patterson.

It is a busy time of year as we head for Christmas and the year end. The year started off with the Open Pennants with various results, but overall Rathmines put up a valiant effort. The club also participated in the BPL this year, progressing into round 2.

The Men's Triples Champions for 2023 were Brian Woolnough, Ian Karuso and Rusty Patterson who defeated Owen Smythe, Gordon Foster and Ray Shotter.

Winner of the Open Singles Championship was Richard



Above: 2023 Rathmines Memorial Minor Singles winner Richard McFarlane.

McFarlane who defeated Gisela Maude in a hard fought game. The final of the Mixed Pairs competition proved a hard game between the teams of Barbara Hicks and Tony Pelosi against Dave Robinson and Helen Gray, with Barbara and Tony being the eventual winners.

At the time of writing, Rathmines has now won 6 of the matches so far in the zone 3x3s competition, undefeated, in their section and are due to play against Nelson Bay on Wednesday 25th October. Till next time, happy bowling.



Above: Rathmines Memorial Mixed Pairs winners Barbara Hicks and Tony Pelosi.

JESMOND WOMEN

By Robyn Collin



Above: Jesmond Women's Pettigrew's Rainbow Day Winners Composite Team Cardiff and Jesmond.



Above: Runners Up at Pettigrew's Rainbow Day - Waterboard



Above: East Maitland - Best Dressed Team at Pettigrew's Rainbow Day

We were blessed with a lovely spring day for our Pettigrews Rainbow Day Invitation Fours on Friday 13 October and the visiting teams certainly got into the spirit of the day with our greens awash with their rainbow colours. Winners of the day was a Composite Team of H. Lott and M. Mitchell from Cardiff and E. Tupps and Y. Cavanagh from Jesmond. Runners Up after a count back of ends won was Waterboard's N. Sutcliffe, L. Southwood, T. Redman and M. Ruming with the Consolation going to E. Plessieth, M. Broadfoot, P. Rudd, M. Ross from Boolaroo. Spider Winners were J. Emmett Tea Gardens and M. Broadfoot Boolaroo. Best Dressed Team was Judy Tobutt's team from East Maitland. Thank you to the visiting teams and our ladies who made the day so successful and enjoyable.

This was our last Invitation Day for 2023. Dates for Invitation Days for 2024 are Friday 5 April Priceline Pharmacy Pink Oncology Invitation Fours Day, Friday 19 July Local Hearing Aid Specialists Olympic Games Invitation Fours Day, Friday 18 October Pettigrews Rainbow Day Invitation Fours. Enquiries contact Joan Hancock 4952 4532.

With all of our Championships finalized and the weeks till Christmas disappearing, we are relishing the friendship and competition of Gala Days and looking forward to our Christmas Presentation Day party on Thursday 14 December.



Above: Spider winners J. Emmett (Tea Gardens), M. Broadfoot Boolaroo at Pettigrew's Rainbow Day.



Above: Consolation Pettigrew's Rainbow Day - Boolaroo



WINGHAM WOMEN

Eye on Women's Bowls, by Di Lewis



Above L-R: Club Pair's Championship for 2023/24 Leonie Gilford, Chris Willey

The FINAL of Club Pair's Championship was played with better weather than the previous week in which the "rain" showers persisted with the greens flooding and the game was called off till this week. Chris Willey & Leonie Gilford – 18 Defeated Carol Kriss & Laurelle Dennes – 17. This game proved to be a close and intense game with these ladies. The game went like this...

On the 8th end Laurelle & Carol were leading by two 6/4, then by the 14th end they stretched the lead to 15/9. By the 14th end they still led 17/11; when the proven strong finishers Chris & Leonie scored over next three ends with one pointer to make it 17/14 on the 20th end. Chris & Leonie picked up a 4 pointer on the "last" end to take the "Final" by one shot; 18/17. Concentration by the bucket loads with these two bowlers of Chris & Leonie. The spectators were on edge of their seats watching this thrilling match on last end.

Congrat's to the above players who showed great sportsmanship.

MEREWETHER

Mick Dempsey, Bowls Co-ordinator

The annual Back to Merewether Nominated Open Triples event was held on 14th October 2023. On a fine sunny day, a good turn out of 18 teams enjoyed a great day of bowls. It was fantastic to see a number of teams of former members come back to join in the fun.

Thanks to sponsorship from Carlton United Breweries, the total prize pool exceeded \$1,300. After qualifying and knockout rounds of bowls, the field was whittled down to five teams in winners Pool A and four teams in the repechage Pool B, with one end shoot outs to determine the winners.

There was a lot of excitement in the shoot outs, with narrow misses and great shots determining the results. At the end of the day the big winners were Greg Johns, Glenn Stonestreet and Steven Wright, with prizes also going to seven other teams. Thanks to everyone who helped out and to all the prizewinners. Look forward to seeing everyone again in 2024!

Right: Back to Merewether Day

TORONTO WORKERS WOMEN

By Trish Kellehear, C.O.

Our big news, which has the Toronto Bowlers walking around quite proud is, our little club, achieved Runners Up in the Grade 2 Pennants! How wonderful. Winners & Runners Up came down to the very last game where we played Charlestown Gold. Two very close games with Toronto coming away in second place! All the members of our pennants team agreed the format this year was great. They also commented on what a great bunch of bowlers we have in Lake Macquarie and look forward to competing and catching up with everyone again next year. Congratulations both of our teams. **Team 1:** Mollie O'Leary (lead), Margaret Derksen (2nd), Trish Kellehear (3rd), Margaret Peisley (skip); **Team 2:** Chris Morgan (lead), Barbara Fox (2nd), Doreen Warner (3rd), Annette Cook (skip)

Substitute Bowler & Controlling Body: Lyn Haley; Umpire: Trudy Richens

Other results over the past month include one of our bowlers, Trish Kellehear being a part of the winning triples team of the Beith Shield held at Marks Point. The team of 3 consisting of Trish & Debbie & Gordon Thompson were undefeated over the 2 day event and Trish & Debbie were the first women to have ever won the Beith Shield in over 40 years of being played!

With so many great bowlers, we have just begun our Club Championship Pairs. Only 1 round played so far but the bowling has been excellent. We look forward to crowning our Champions in a few weeks time.

This year we have one player entered into the District (State) Singles & one team



entered into the District (State) Senior Pairs. Trish Kellehear is our Singles entry, and Annette Cook & Kris James will represent us in the pairs.

Gala is getting back to normal now all our players are back from Pennants. We are looking forward to a happy and pleasant summer session of bowls with all our members and guests. May all our bowls be touchers.

The Club Championship Singles matches were played on Saturday 8/10/2023 before more than 40 spectators who later shared a barbecue lunch with the competitors. Both matches were well contested and the result decided with both players' scores in the twenties.

DORA CREEK WORKERS

By Ron McCarthy, Publicity Officer



Above L-R: Dora Creek Workers Minor Singles Champion Nathan Eden, Club President and marker John Rayner with runner-up Peter Starling.



Above: Dora Creek Workers Major Singles Champion Kyle Heaton, (right), with runner-up Errol Lind.

EAST MAITLAND

By Kathy Wilton



Above: Special Birthday Milestones for Easts Marie Wiggins and Annette Hooper



Above: East Maitland Women's Club Minor Singles Runner Up June Watt and Champion Jan Randell

We had a special Birthday Luncheon at the end of September with around 30 members attending. We celebrated Marie Wiggins' 80th and Annette Hooper's 70th. A lovely time was enjoyed by all.

Our Club Minor Singles Championship has been contested and what a final!! The girls both played fantastic bowls throughout the final. The game was played in great sportsmanship and friendship, it was a very close nail biting finish. Final score 25-24. Congratulations to you both. Well done to Club Minor Singles Champion Jan Randell and Runner Up June Watt.

WANGI WOMEN

By Robyn Fairfull, P.O.

Hello from WWBC. Pennants are over for us this year, congratulations to all the winners and runner up clubs. I must thank all the girls from Wangi who participated in our Pennant teams this season, also thank you to all clubs we played against. Great sportsmanship and friendly games.

Shout out to our players who participated in the Rookies at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club, Sue and Brett Robin, Donna and Darren Tully, Ian McCullam and Steve Harris. Well done to all. Our Christmas Invitation Day 20th November is our last for the year. Robyn from Colour the Green will be coming along with her beautiful bowling attire, looking forward to seeing her. Until next time. Good health and good bowling. Robyn

RATHMINES MEMORIAL WOMEN

By Ilona Staples, P.O.



Above: 2023 Rathmines Memorial Women's Ladies Pairs Winners Val Samuels and Gisella Maude.

This year is coming to a close very quickly and it has been busy. Just a recap of this years results so far. **2023 Ladies 4's winners were:** C. Grant, B. Hicks, T. Hickman, W. Mobsby with the **runner's up** F. Ball, I. Staples, M. Hearne, G. Maude; **Pam Lunn Consistency Winner:** B. Hicks, **Runner up:** L. Douglas. **Anne Spicer Consistency winner:** G. Maude, **Runner up** B. Hicks. **2023 Ladies Pairs winners** G. Maude and Val Samuels, **Runners up:** B. Hicks and C. Smythe.

Ladies also played in the Open Pennants this year and those that participated found the experience gained playing outweighed any losses.

Congratulations also go to our Rathmines Grade 3 Ladies for making the playoffs this year by half a point. They had two important wins in the last two matches to secure a place in the final. One of our teams also scored 8 shots on one end.

At the time of writing, the final will be played at Belmont on Thursday 26th October against Marks Point. It should be an interesting game considering that Marks Point finished with 33 points and Rathmines on 32. Well done ladies.

Till next time, happy bowling everyone.

SWANSEA WORKERS WOMEN

By Dawn Stevens, P.O.

In memory of Keith Rearden – Swansea Workers Club.

Keih passed away on the 3rd October 2023.

The work you did for the Ladies Bowling Club was greatly appreciated.

Rest in Peace Keith.



Vale: Keith Rearden

GEOFF PRISK MEMORIAL MEN'S TRIPLES



Above L-R: Tom Ekin & Sonny (sponsor from Praxis Civil) and Geoff's mum Penny with winners of Nelson Bay's Geoff Prisk Memorial Men's Triples Tournament Don Hutchison, Jamie Carr and Steve Cruikshank.

For the second year, players came together to play in memory of Geoff Prisk, a well-loved member of Nelson Bay Bowling Club who sadly passed away in his prime at 48 years of age. 130 players took to the greens over 3 days with a total of 8 games of 15 ends chasing a hefty prize purse of \$8000. This type of money is usually reserved for the elite, however the Geoff Prisk is open to 6 & 7 Grade players only which is good to see. As our winners eloquently noted... *"the lower grades are the lifeblood of just about every club in Australia"*. This generous prize pool was made possible by the family and friends of Geoff with sponsorship from Sylvester Real Estate, Praxis Civil, NSW M&H Air, Hyflow Plumbing Solutions, HAFc Plumbing, H&M Accountants, Evergreen Turf Management, Jake's Plumbing and Gas and the Nelson Bay Bowling Club.

Geoff's parents Penny and John had to isolate last year and missed the inaugural event, but were there this year. Penny said it was an honour to see the room full of people, people who were there because of their son. Geoff's daughter Sophie re-iterated how the club and bowls was such an important part of her Dad's life. The family thanked all players for making it such a great success and thanked the club and Bowls Manager Kane Coulls and band of helpers for all their hard work and excellent organisation over the weekend.

On the bowls side of things, no-one managed to make it through all games victorious, but 3 teams won seven of the eight, 5 teams won 6 matches and a further 8 managed to notch up 5 wins. Congratulations to the **winners** Jamie Carr, Steve Cruikshank and Don Hutchison (Soldiers Point) 7+79; **Second:** Peter Warren, Danny Field and Mark Rashleigh (St Johns Park) 7+55; **Third:** Dave Tinsley/Tim Smith, Tim Sutcliffe and Peter Quinn (Stockton) 7+51; **Fourth:** Darren Stewart, Bruce Clynes and Paul Stevens (Nelson Bay) 6+54; **Fifth:** Ray Wilson, Glen Robinson and Beau Black (Abermain RSL) 6+51; **Sixth:** Jason New, Mark New and Steve Matheson (Port City) 6+47; **Seventh:** Mark Nightingale, Col Amos and Mark Hair (Tea Gardens) 6+39; **Best Performed Game 6:** Tao Debijl, Thomas Powell and Mick Powell (Hamilton North) +19; **BP Game 7:** Shaun Roberts, Dave Rysko and Col Cope (Merewether)+17; **BP Game 8:** Glen Hughes, Terry Phillips and Dave Farr (Windale Gateshead) +21.



Above: Runners-up in the Geoff Prisk Memorial Men's Triples Tournament Danny Field, Mark Rashleigh and Peter Warren (St Johns Park).



Above: Third Place in the Geoff Prisk Memorial Men's Triples Tournament, Stockton side of Peter Quinn, Tim Sutcliffe and Tim Smith (sub for Dave Tinsley on final day)



Above: Fourth Place in the Geoff Prisk Memorial Men's Triples Tournament Darren Stewart, Paul Stevens and Bruce Clynes (Nelson Bay).

Left: Geoff's daughters Chelsea & grandbaby Bowie, Sophie, Geoff's Mum Penny, and Ashley with grandbaby Sonny.

BEITH SHIELD MARKS POINT



Above: Players at Marks Point for the Beith Shield with their “wee dram” before the game.

The Beith Shield was successfully completed for the first time since 2019! Covid was responsible for 2020 and 2021 of course and last year players had their shot of dram and got out on the green, only to be drizzled on within minutes of play, and was eventually declared a washout. This year, there were some gray clouds threatening, but they remained threats only, and play continued to produce the 2023 titleholders.

This is a great event to contest with only 1 top grade (1 or 2 grade) bowler permitted per side, with combined grade to be 11 or more. Congratulations to the Toronto Workers side of Trish Kellehear together with Debbie and Gordon Thompson who claimed victory with an unblemished record of 5 wins +49. They were not the only team to be undefeated. In fact, the top four teams were undefeated, and they certainly gave Trish, Debbie and Gordon a run for their money. Tony McClean's side more than doubled their margin in the final round with a +26 win and was just 2 shots shy on 5+47. D. Collins team was only a further 2 shots behind them on 5+45. Shannon Rowe's side scraped through with a 1 shot victory in the final round to keep their undefeated status and finished in fourth on 5+26. Prize money was paid to 8th place with 5th: S. Davis (4+30); 6th: John Synott (4+9), 7th: W. James (3 wins + draw + 25) and 8th: Logan Brown (3 wins + draw + 22). Marc Bert's side actually qualified for Best Performed prize outside the top eight in both rounds 3 and 4, but only one prize per team rule, meant that round 5 went to the next best performed which was K. Bush on +8. In the final round Joel Roche's side took the BP with a big +17 victory.

The Beith Shield is tied to their sister club in Scotland and as is the with tradition, the winners were piped into the club by the Clan McEwan Pipe Band. Congratulations to all winners for 2023, thank you to all who participated, and to all who helped make it a success.



Above L-R: Winners of The Beith Shield 2023 Trish Kellehear, Debbie & Gordon Thompson.

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SCONE MASTER PAIRS

It was a great weekend up at Scone for bowlers in the Scone Master Pairs tournament. Friday night was abuzz with a Calcutta that turned out to be nearly as lucrative as the big prize money on offer! Happy Bowler livestreamed the Calcutta which had over 3200 views from all over the world along with some excellent matches over the weekend.

The last game streamed happened to be a winner takes all affair between Steve Pepperall and Paul Gilmore from Teralba and Steve Gaffney (Taren Point) and Franklin Fong (Wenty Leagues). The result was going to blemish a perfect record either way, and leave one team \$2500 richer! The result... Gaffney and Fong defeated Pepperall and Gilmore by 12 shots. This left Pepperall and Gilmore to vie for the minor placings with the other 5 game winners. The 12 shot slash from their margin did not help things, and they ranked the lowest of the 5 game winners and placed fourth. Scott Beagan (Raymond Terrace) and Anthony Ross (Teralba) won their last match by a whopping 30 shots which catapulted them to second place, whilst locals Damien Saunders and Tristan Wells added 2 more to an already healthy margin and came in third. Full results are...

Winner: Steve Gaffney (Taren Point) and Franklin Fong (Wenty Leagues) 6+56; **Second:** Scott Beagan (RayTer) and Anthony Ross (Teralba) 5+39; **Third:** Damien Saunders and Tristan Wells (Scone) 5+35; **Fourth:** Steve Pepperall and Paul Gilmore (Teralba) 5+27; **Fifth:** Ty Turnbull and Brodie Turner (Kurri Kurri) 4+Draw+52; **Sixth:** Mark Boyd and Tim Thorning (Gunnedah) 4+27; **Seventh:** Wayne Rowbottom and Aaron Appleby (Kurri Kurri) 4+24; **Best Performed Round 4:** Lee John and Greg John (Teralba) +16; **Round 5:** Jason Price (RayTer) and David Macpherson (Scone) +21; **Round 6:** Reg Davidson and "Butch" Dave Watson (Aberdeen) +18.

The \$3325 first prize in the calcutta went to Lizzy Twostroke;

second with \$1660 to Shaun Hush and third place with a \$555 purse went to DKT (Damo, Kenny and Tristan).

Great job to all who contributed to organise and run the weekend. Chairman Ken wells thanked Phil, Dave, Tristan on the committee for organising, Warren and Reg on the scoreboard, Umpires Bruce and Don, bar and kitchen staff, the courtesy bus guys, Rob and staff for the greens, and the traveling bowlers. A big big thank you to all players who travelled to Scone to be part of the 2023 Master Pairs. Congratulations to all placegetters.



Above L-R: Third place in Scone Master Pairs Damien Saunders and Tristan Wells.



Above L-R: Winners of Scone Master Pairs Franklin Fong and Steve Gaffney.



Above L-R: Runners-up in Scone Master Pairs Scott Beagan and Anthony Ross.



Above L-R: Fourth Place in Scone Master Pairs Paul Gilmore and Steve Pepperall.



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ALLAN BRINKLEY 3 BOWL 2'S MAYFIELD WEST



Above L-R: Winners of Allan Brinkley 3 Bowl Pairs David Woods (MayWest) and John Devlin (Hamilton North)

The Allan Brinkley 3 Bowl Pairs were played on the weekend 7th and 8th October at Mayfield West Bowling Club. Three rounds were played on the Saturday, followed by two more on the Sunday morning. Come Saturday evening, the leaderboard was a little congested. Four sides were undefeated and three of them within a shot!

Eric Russell and Tony Atcheson, as well as Ken Fairhill and Troy Ball let their undefeated status slip in the first round on Sunday morning. Meanwhile Glenn Baxter and Eric Ryan just held on with a 1 shot victory in the morning game, only to have an equally harrowing finish in the final match, but this time went down by 1. These losses cleared the congestion for John Devlin and David Woods who had smashed the final two games with +13 and 17 respectively to take out the major prize as outright champions on 10+54.

When the chips fell, they didn't fall far, with the aforementioned teams staying in the same order as they were when they completed Day 1 and that was... **Second:** Glenn Baxter (Cardiff) and Eric Ryan (Club Charlestown) 8+25; **Third:** Ken Fairhill and Troy Ball (Hamilton North) 8+23; **Fourth:** Eric Russell and Tony Atcheson. Best Performed in round 4 went to Bill Elliott and Nick Cleary + 16; Best Performed in round 5 was Ben Eick and Tom Brown + 10; Lucky Loser prize was awarded to Greg Lane and Peter Goodwin. Congratulations to these players.

Bowls Secretary Greg Wright did a great job, and thanked all the players who participated, the kitchen and bar staff and all who worked behind the scenes to make it a smoothly run event.

Up next is The Barry Salter 2 Bowl Triples which will be contested 4th and 5th November. Good luck to all.



Above: Mick Callaghan and Glenn Hughes just missed out on a slice of the prize pie at Allan Brinkley Pairs coming in fifth.



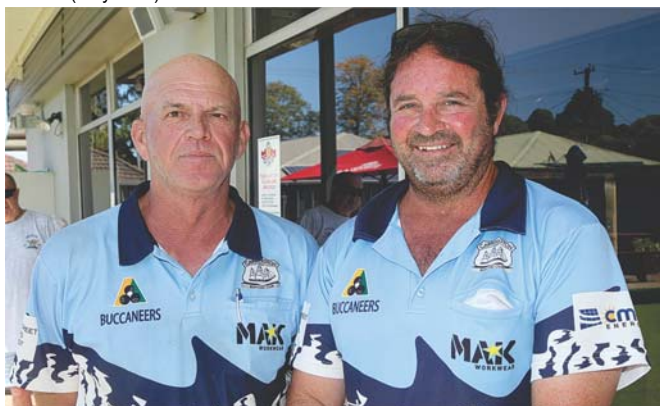
Above L-R: Runners Up in the Allan Brinkley 3 Bowl Pairs Eric Ryan (Club Charlestown) and Glenn Baxter (Cardiff)



Above L-R: Third Place in the Allan Brinkley 3 Bowl Pairs Ken Fairhill and Troy Ball (Hamilton North).



Above L-R: Fourth Place in the Allan Brinkley 3 Bowl Pairs Tony Atcheson and Eric Russell (MayWest)



Right: L-R: Darryl Callen and Paul Davidson from Carrington were possible money contenders for the Allan Brinkley but lost their last match and unfortunately dropped to 12th place.

KAHIBAH WOMEN

SPECIAL SURPRISE AT SILVER SERVICE DAY



President Annette Finnie went to great lengths to make the 2023 Silver Service Day that extra bit special. Annette contacted Bowls NSW and told them all about the tireless volunteers that made up the Kahibah ladies club and they asked her to choose 5 members to pay homage to with a Merit Award and visit from State. Director John Ellison was the representative from Bowls NSW and he brought an extra merit pin for Annette to her great surprise! John recalled how he was starstruck by Kahibah's fame when he took up bowls 43 years ago. Kahibah was a big deal with the likes of the legend Darby Ross, and other players such as John Smith OAM who was also present.

It turned out to be a lovely day, with the Silver Service game played in the morning followed by lunch. The Trophy, made up of an actual service by Ron Papworth (hubby of late member Peg) was presented to the Ladies Club on their 25th Anniversary on 7th May 1985 by the then President Sid Carr, to Ladies President Isabel Kinniburgh. It has been played for faithfully every year since, with the exception of Covid of course. Photo's of this year's winners are in with Margaret Yarrow's report. Thanks were extended to CEO Adam Kluff and the main club for their sponsorship.

The choosing of only 5 from the membership was the hardest part for President Annette, she said *"I believe each and every one of you deserve a merit pin – I salute you all"*. But after great deliberation, Annette chose the following ladies who were presented with their Merit Awards.

MARIE WADDINGHAM: JOINED FEB, 1990 – 33 YEARS

Match committee – 5 years; Selector, Umpire 12 years, District delegate 10 years (at least). Maree has always worked tirelessly behind the scenes of gala and invitation days. As well any special occasion that arises for the club. **DISTRICT MATCHES:** 2005 District Pairs, 2009 Runner Up, District - James Wall Shield; **MAJOR SINGLES:** 2012, 2022/23; **CLUB PAIRS** – 2002, 2005, 2006, 2020, 21/22 AND 22/23 – STATE PLAY-OFFS; **CLUB TRIPLES:** 2005, 2009, 2013, 2018, 2019, 2020; **CLUB FOURS:** 1991, 1993, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2019 – SIX TIMES; **CONSISTENCY** – 2022/23; **BOWLER OF THE YEAR:** 2023.

Above L-R: Kahibah Merit Award Recipients cutting the cake at Kahibah's Silver Service Day - Pat Walsh, Maree Waddingham, Barbara McKay, Bowls NSW Director John Ellison and Julie Wrightson.



Above L-R: Maree Waddingham with John Ellison Director Bowls NSW

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JULIE WRIGHTSON: JOINED KWBC MAY 1979 – 44 YEARS

Treasurer - 30 years. Julie has won numerous club championships and district games. **DISTRICT PAIRS:** 1992, 1996 runner up – 1998 winner; **MAJOR CLUB SINGLES:** 1991 and then every year from 1995 to 2002 - 8 consecutive years! **CLUB PAIRS:** 1990, 1995, 1997 and 2001; **CLUB TRIPLES:** 1990, 1995, 2001, 2003, 2007; **CLUB FOURS:** 1985, 1989, 1993, 1995, 2000, 2002, 2006.

BARBARA MCKAY: MEMBER FROM 4/6/1993 – 30 YEARS

Vice President, Selector, Coach. Barbara is a consistent and tireless worker at many gala and invitation days. She is proactive in introducing lawn bowls to younger people by visiting local high schools. **DISTRICT MATCHES:** 2001 – runner up in district triples; 2008 – winner of district triples; 2009 – winner of the James Wall Shield; **CLUB MATCHES:** Club pairs – 2015, Triples: 1998, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2012, Fours: 2008, 2020, 2021/22

PAT WALSH: MEMBER SINCE 2/12/1988 – 35 YEARS

Secretary 1991-1995 and again in 2012 to the current- a total of 15 years; Match committee, Selector, Social committee, Umpire since 1992 – 30 years. **CLUB TRIPLES:** 2013, 2020, **CLUB FOURS** – 2019. Being Secretary is the busiest job of the lot, thank you for your commitment to the club Pat.



Above L-R: Julie Wrightson with John Ellison Director Bowls NSW

BERYL LONG: Burwood app. 20 yrs / Kahibah 8 yrs

Beryl has given service to lawn bowls at two local clubs: Burwood bowling club – closed – approx. 20 years where she was: President twice, Vice President, was on the social committee and umpire. Beryl won several major singles titles and the fours. In her 8 years at Kahibah Beryl was President and is currently the Vice-President and the birthday fairy. Beryl has brought tonnes of laughter and enjoyment to many bowlers over many years with stage revues and organising bus trips. Also, works above and beyond at all our fundraisers. Unfortunately Beryl was unable to attend the Silver Service Day to receive her award.



Above L-R: Barbara McKay with John Ellison Director Bowls NSW



Above L-R: Pat Walsh with John Ellison Director Bowls NSW

DEPARTED BOWLERS

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

Keith Rearden – Swansea Workers Club,
Lionel Lewis - Life member Lemon Tree Passage Men



Above L-R: Pres Annette Finnie with John Ellison Director Bowls NSW

BLOOD CLOTS / STROKE

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STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters.... S. T. R.

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) .she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough...

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

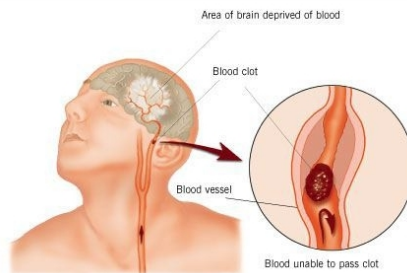
Thank You for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)



(i.e. It is sunny out today.)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If every bowler in our districts learns how to tell a stroke victim, you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

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