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Welcome

Welcome to the February edition of Bowls Buzz which highlights the amazing stories from around NSW.

We at Bowls NSW hope you had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year break and are as excited as we are for the year of bowling action ahead!

The Bowls NSW Player Awards were held on Thursday 13 February. The full list of all winners and their achievements can be found in this newsletter.

The Open Inter-Zone Sides Championships and Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championships will be played March 10 to 15 at Grandviews and Olds Park Bowling Clubs.

This is the first year that these two competitions will be held concurrently.

Matches from each round will be live streamed daily via our Facebook page.

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Bowls NSW Player Awards Evening



The Bowls NSW Player Awards exists to recognise outstanding players and clubs in NSW.

Held annually in February this is the pinnacle event of the previous season.

This year was no exception. Held on Thursday 13th of February at the Kirribilli Club Lavender Bay.

The winners announced were;

Bowler of the Year

Nathan Dawson (Kurri Kurri)

Most Improved Bowler of the Year

Peter Taylor (Alstonville)

Junior Bowler of the Year

Michael Phillips (Merrylands)

Senior Bowler of the Year

Jack Littlewood (Valentine)

Disability Bowler of the Year

Michael Kedwell (Belmont)

Volunteer of the Year

Phil Garry (Charlestown)

Frank Soars became the 21st inductee to the John Young Hall of Fame. This was awarded posthumously and accepted by his son Patrick.

A presentation was made to Matt Baus, the 2019 State Champion's Singles winner. He was presented with the framed score card from the State singles final.

The Player Awards will be held again in February 2021 - more details will be available on this later in the year.

Player Awards Evening



*Bowler of the Year - Nathan Dawson and
Bowls NSW President Vince Beard*

Congratulations to the 2019 Bowls NSW Bowler of the Year Nathan Dawson from Kurri Kurri. Nathan was the grand slam winner of all Zone 6 championship events – Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Champion of Champion Singles and Pairs, Winner NSW State Pairs and Runner Up NSW State Triples.



Most Improved Bowler of the Year - Peter Taylor

Peter Taylor of Alstonville Bowling Club had a fantastic year. He was the winner of the State Champion of Champion Pairs, with partner Rodney McCabe and was the runner up State Champion of Champion Singles.



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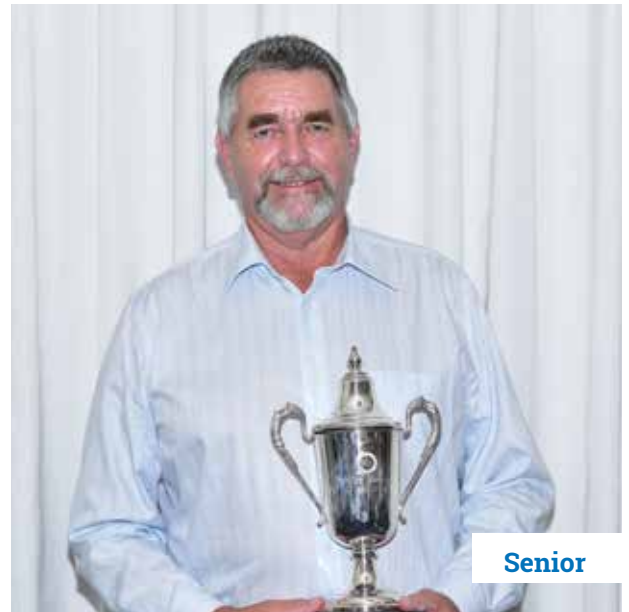
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Junior Bowler of the Year - Micheal Phillips

Michael Phillips of Marylands Bowling Club was the winner of the NSW State Junior Singles, runner up of the NSW State Junior Pairs and runner up of the NSW State Junior Fours.



Senior Bowler of the Year - Jack Littlewood

Congratulations to Jack Littlewood of Valentine Bowling Club was the winner of the NSW Senior Singles and a State Senior Triples semi finalist.

Club Plus Super congratulates the *nominees and winners* of the **2019 Bowls NSW Player Awards.**

As a fund that has supported the club industry for over 30 years, we'd like to recognise the hard work and achievement of the top players and bowls clubs in NSW.

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Country Club of the Year

Congratulations to Raymond Terrace named Bowls NSW Country Club of the Year.

Their achievements for the year included; winner of the State Singles, winner of the Zone 2 Champ of Champ Pairs, winner of the Zone 2 Open Triples, winner of the Gold Division Club Challenge, quarter finalist Grade 1 Pennants, quarter finalist Grade 3 Pennants, semi finalist State Junior Singles, winner of the Zone 2 Junior Pairs and winner of the Zone 2 Junior Fours.



Country Club of the Year - Raymond Terrace



Metro Club of the Year - Engadine

Metro Club of the Year

Congratulations to Engadine named Bowls NSW Metro Club of the Year.

Their achievements for the year included; runner up of the Grade 2 Pennants, quarter finalist of the Grade 1 Pennants, winner of the State Fours Championships, runner up of the State Singles Championships, winner Zone 13 Open Triples and runner up Blue Division Club Challenge.

Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to **Phil Garry** from Charlestown being named Bowls NSW Volunteer of the Year.

In the ten years Phil has been a member of Charlestown BC he has been an avid bowler and an integral member of the club. He works every day during school holidays behind the BBQ and weekly with set up for activities at the club.

As well as volunteering his time to make club events a success Phil has volunteered as a Director for the NSW Blind Bowlers Championships in Western Australia, Head Start and the Special Olympics and has raised a substantial amount for Ronald McDonald House.

Phil is an incredible person who works tirelessly to ensure every member and guest of Charlestown has an amazing experience at the club.

Congratulations to all of the finalists:

Bruce Goldsmith from St Georges Basin

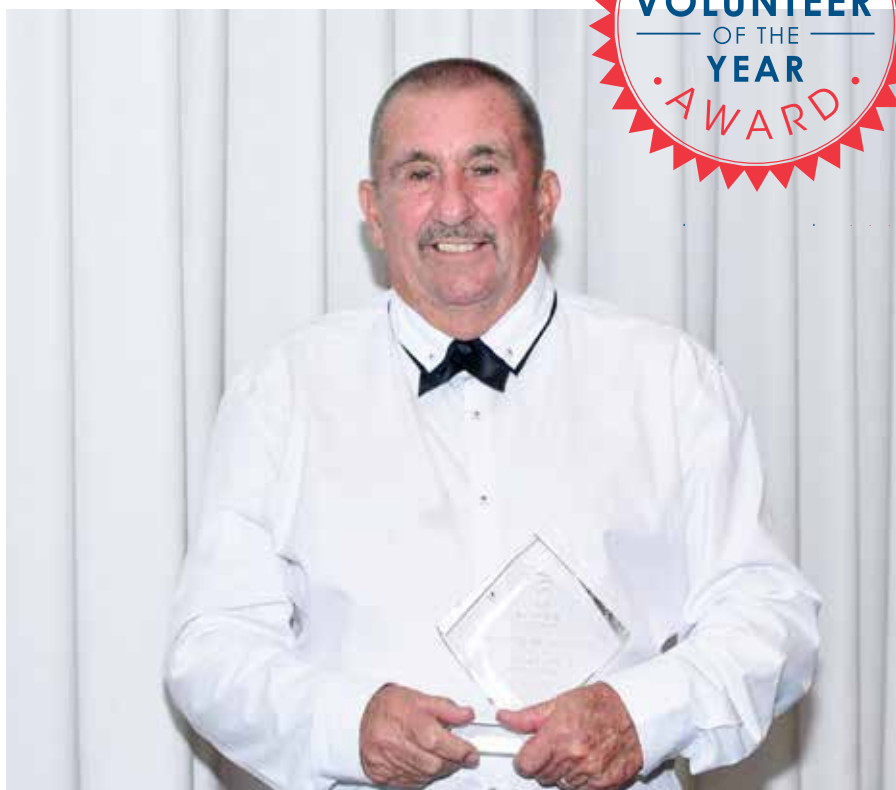
Bruce gives hundreds of hours of his time to St Georges Basin ensuring that the club achieves successful outcomes in what they set out to do.

Bruce has been instrumental in instigating a modernisation project that has taken place over the last four years. This project's aim was to bring all aspects of the club in to the 21st century, from décor to technology.

Included in this was the refurbishment of the onsite restaurant; this has resulted in bringing more customers to the club.

Bruce also oversaw the application to host the 2019 Grade 2 pennants. Bruce ran this event with Bowls NSW and was so successful he is currently working on the number 5 Pennants final that will be held at the club later this year.

St Georges Basin is very grateful that Bruce has lent his excellent organisational skills to the club, for the benefit of all members and growth of bowls in the region.



Volunteer of the Year - Phil Garry

Maelene Reynolds – Ashfield

Maelene has been the backbone of Ashfield BC, organising tournaments and helping wherever needed.

Maelene also works tirelessly promoting tournaments for Ashfield and clubs all over Sydney on Facebook. She also takes an active role in boosting participation numbers by personally calling players to fill spots in tournaments.

Maelene works hard for her club but is also willing to do whatever she can to help out other clubs all for her love of bowls.

Ailsa MacCallum – Mosman

Ailsa has been a member of Mosman BC for over 20 years; in this time she has served on numerous committees and has acted in the role of player, coach, umpire and mentor.

During the last three years Ailsa has mentored and coached Bronwyn

Fitzpatrick, a visually impaired club member. This has included coaching and accompanying Bronwyn to the State and Australian Blind Bowls Championships.

Ailsa has also trained other club members to act as a guide for Bronwyn enabling her to be able to participate in social and competition games and regular club competitions.

Ailsa is generous with her time given and caring in her attention and in doing so has promoted the diversity and understanding of club members.

The Volunteer of the Year Award is a nomination based award. Clubs and Individuals are encouraged to nominate an outstanding volunteer in their community -

For more information contact marketing@bowlsnsw.com.au



2020 Bowls NSW Events

More information on Bowls NSW Events can be found online at bowlsnsw.com.au

- March** - Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championships
Open Inter-Zone Sides Championships
NSW State 5-a-Side
- May** - City v Country
- June** - Brett Duprez Junior Development Series
- July** - Keno NSW Blues v Victoria
Drakes Pride Junior Carnival
State Junior Championships
NSW State Pennants Finals
Keno NSW Blues v QLD
- August** - NSW State Championships
Under 18 NSW v QLD
State/ Reserve/Over 60s/ Over 40s
- Sep** - Keno NSW Blues v ACT
- Oct** - Over 40s Pairs
- Nov** - Junior Inter-Zone 7-a-Side
Rookies
Champion of Club Champions
Singles & Pairs
- Dec** - NSW Club Challenge
NSW Under 25 Singles



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John Young Hall of Fame - Frank Soars 21st inductee

Australian Indoor Singles



Frank Soars the 21st Inductee to the John Young Hall of Fame - His award was accepted by his son Patrick Soars

The legendary Frank Soars joined Manly Vale in 1956 and later went to Harbord before settling at Mona Vale. The first bowler from Mona Vale to be selected for NSW, Frank was considered the best player produced on the Northern Beaches. In discussions as to "best bowler NEVER to represent Australia" Frank's name was always to the fore.

The late Bowls Australian representative and BA Hall of Famer Ken Woods quoted in 2011, "Frank was the best bowler I ever played against".

A Rat of Tobruk in World War II, Frank suffered with health problems which curtailed his career significantly.

A man with an incredibly sharp wit, a booming voice and a very quick delivery, Frank Soars was one of those irreplaceable characters of our game.

- NSW Cap #617 – Played 85 tests (from 19/11/1965)
- NSW State Selector 1982-19
- 1970 Won Australian Fours
- 1980 Won Centenary Singles
- 1970 Won NSW State Singles
- 1967 Won NSW State Champion of Champions Singles
- 1970 Won NSW State Triples
- 1981 Won NSW State Triples
- 1966 Won NSW State Fours
- Won 10 District Singles
- Won 8 District Team Events
- Won 21 Major Singles events (Including 2 Ampol Master of Masters, 3 City Masters, 3 East Cessnock Invitation, 3 Banyo Q Invitation, 2 North Manly Champion of Champion Singles)
- Won circa 50 team tournaments
- Won circa 35 Club championships

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce that there will be four venues for Australian Indoor Singles Qualifying for NSW males. Qualifying being held from 27-29 June 2020 at Casino RSM, East Maitland, Warilla and Merimbula.

Ten NSW males will qualify for the Australian Indoor Singles at Tweed Heads from 17 to 20 August.

Players are able to nominate which of the venues they wish to attend to qualify and will be asked to nominate their preferred day of qualifying. Bowls NSW will make every effort to allocate everyone their preferred date. Players will not have to travel to another venue for subsequent rounds.

Qualifiers will receive some financial assistance towards their costs of travelling to the national finals, while BA provides accommodation and some meals while players are competing at the National finals.

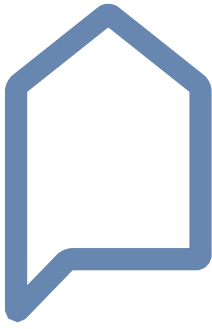
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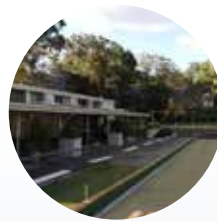
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Open and Senior Inter-Zone Sides

Grandviews and Olds Park Bowling Clubs will play host to the cream of the lawn bowls talent from around NSW when they host the 2020 Inter-Zone and Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championships from 10-15 March.

The Championships kick off on Tuesday 10 March with the Senior Sides, featuring the players aged 60 years and over before the Open version players begin their quest to be the supreme Zone on Friday 13 March.

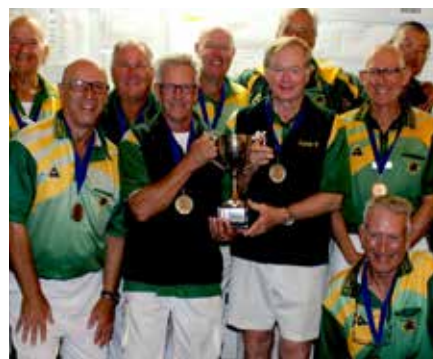
Each of the Championships has a side of 12 players representing each of the 16 Zones from around NSW, bringing almost 500 players and officials into the area and making a massive carnival of bowls.

Tuesday 10 March will see the opening sectional rounds of the Senior Inter-

Zone, Wednesday the 3rd sectional round and quarter-finals. Thursday 12 March has the semi-finals and final of the Senior event. The (open) Inter-Zone opening 2 rounds are played on Friday (13 March), round 3 and quarter finals on Saturday and the semi-finals on Sunday 15 March.

Grandviews is the main host club and will have play each day, while Olds Park will host the sectional rounds and quarter-finals on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Live matches from every round will be live streamed via our Facebook page, go to www.bowlsnsw.com.au for more information.



Bowls NSW 5-a-Side

The Bowls NSW 5-a-Side is set to show the best of lawn bowls again this year when some of the best players in the world show their talent at Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club between 23 and 26 March 2020.

The event will feature the Australian Jackaroos sides to compete at the 2020 World Bowls.

Joining the competition in 2020 will also be two sides from Hong Kong as well as the top talent from clubs around NSW.

Warilla will be looking to emulate their 2019 victory.

Other local sides include Dapto

Citizens, Oak Flats and Corrimal while the resurgence of Nowra is reflected in their entry this year.

Top Sydney metropolitan clubs, Cabramatta, St Johns Park, Taren Point, Merrylands and Engadine will also look to make their mark on the event.

Clubs from the Hunter and Newcastle dominated the recent NSW Player Awards and will be keen to perform well in the 5-a-Side, with Raymond Terrace, Kurri Kurri, Windale, Soldiers Point and Charlestown all representing their region while Terrigal will be flying the flag for the Central Coast.

It is also fantastic to see our first non-

Grade 1 composite side involved in 2020. Centred around Gunnedah, the Western Warriors will feature some great bowlers from the State's North West and will be sure to make an impression.

The event features sides of 5 players who play off over 12 rounds – 6 rounds of singles/fours and six rounds of pairs/triples. The best performed sides progress to the finals.

Play gets under way at 8.30am on each day, spectators are encouraged to enjoy the hospitality of Warilla Bowls. Entry is free! (normal club visitor rules apply).

To advertise your club tournaments or if you have a story or article you would like to submit for consideration to be included in the Bowls Buzz Newsletter please send full information to bowlsnsw@bowlsnsw.com.au

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