



Australian Sides

NSW clean sweep



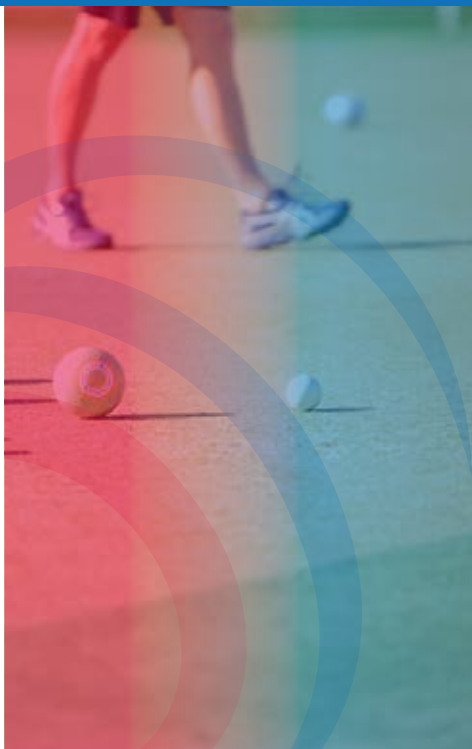
Brett Duprez Series

NSW Junior Development



2019 Pennant

Grade 1 update



Welcome

Welcome to your April newsletter.

Congratulations to the NSW KENO Blues and the NSW Women's State team who won their respective trophies by a clean sweep at the Australian Sides Championships played at Ettalong Memorial. If you want to re-watch the action, matches can be viewed via the Bowls Australia Facebook page.

The Brett Duprez NSW Development series was a success with the Hunter Junior Academy team proving to be the best on the day.

Pennants are well under way. Good luck to all competing throughout the grades. More information on Bowls NSW events can be found online at bowlsnsw.com.au.

NSW Blues Clean Sweep of Australian Sides Championships



Arampant New South Wales (NSW) has completed a clean sweep of the 2019 Australian Sides Championships, taking out both the Men's Alley Shield and Women's Marj Morris Trophy without tasting defeat along the way.

The KENO NSW Blues, defending Overall Champions, romped to seven wins apiece from as many matches over the four days, dropping just 2.5 (Women) and 5.5 (Men) rink points along the way to another overall

victory. NSW State Coach Gary Willis stated "What a team effort and an amazing team we have! Very proud of what these guys have achieved not only on the green, but more importantly off the green, as individuals and representatives of their families, clubs and State." For the NSW Men's team, it's their first victory since 2015.

Elsewhere, Queensland collected outright second-place in both fields, while South Australia and Western Australia finished third

in the Men's and Women's respectively.

Topping the overall skip ladders were Karen Murphy (NSW) and Brett Wilkie's (QLD) rink, with the latter only thrust into the skip position following the late withdrawal of Nathan Rice.

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Pennants Season Back to Business After Easter



The battle for finals qualification in the 2019 State Pennants competitions gets back to business after a break for Easter.

Competition in each of the Zones is nearing the end of sectional play. Some Zone finalists have been determined in Far North Coast (Zone 1) and Mid-Western NSW (Zone 4).

In Grade 1 competition, the battle within the conferences to reach qualification for State finals is also heating up.

In the Southern Conference the Warilla Gorillas remain the side to beat despite a loss to the Kiama Kookaburras in their Round 6 clash. Merimbula Dolphins sit at the top of the table, closely chased by Dapto Citizens and the Wiseman Park Wollongong City Lions. Merimbula has played one more match than Citos; the Gorillas and Lions have a further match in hand.

Whoever finishes top of the table in Southern Conference will directly qualify for the State finals, while 2nd to 5th will face off in a round-robin finals series to gain the 2nd qualifying place.

A fierce battle rages for 5th place with Corrimal Cougars, Towradgi Park Warriors, Albion Park Eagles and the Kiama Kookaburras all eyeing off a berth in the play-off series.

The Far North Coast Conference have all sides having completed half of their scheduled matches, some wash-out matches affecting the program so far. Casino RSM narrowly leads Ballina in the race for top place on the ladder, both with 3 wins from their 4 completed matches after Ballina beat Casino RSM in Round 1 and Casino returned the favour in Round 6. Ballina will be looking for a strong win to move to the top of the table in the next round; Casino RSM has the bye.

Top place on the ladder will qualify for the State finals, while second will play off against the Northern Conference. All five sides in the

Far North Coast will still feel that they are a chance to push for a top two place and a crack at the State finals. Pottsville is one win behind Ballina but has two chances to claim wins to move ahead of the Cherry Street Club on the ladder. Kingscliff has two clashes with Casino RSM remaining and could overtake the ladder leaders with two victories. Ocean has played each side once and recorded one win in their opening rounds, however a strong finish from the 2018 State Grade 2 Champions is expected to see them challenge for the top of the table.

The Northern Conference has a very congested table. Just four points separate the top 3 sides. Park Beach (27) just heads Port City (26) and Westport (23). South West Rocks (20) and Tuncurry Beach (14) have completed one more match than the top three but still have the chance to challenge. In upcoming matches Port City has the bye while Park Beach hosts Tuncurry Beach and South West Rocks hosts Westport.

First on the ladder will progress to State finals, while the second place will have a shot at qualification by playing off with the Far North Coast Conference second place.

Hunter-Newcastle Conference presents an interesting equation. The conference is divided into two sections of 10 sides, who will play against each other once (9 rounds). The top four from each section will progress to a play-off in two sections of 4. The top place in each section will qualify for State finals, while a play-off between second will send the winner to State finals and the loser to a sudden-death qualifying match with the Central Coast runner-up. Soldiers Point and Nelson Bay sit atop **the Blue Section**, both win 6 wins from 6 outings. Newcastle's recent powerhouse club, the Raymond Terrace Jets sit in third with 4 wins, having lost to Soldiers

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Point and stumbled against Edgeworth who now occupy fourth on the ladder. Club Maitland City sit 3 points outside the top four.

The Red Section has East Maitland and Windale at the top of the table, both with 5 wins. They are keenly chased by Kurri Kurri and Valentine who have both recorded 4 victories. Kurri Kurri hold an advantage with a game in hand. The Cannons clash with Beresfield was deferred because of Nathan Dawson being a member of the Keno NSW Blues Alley Shield campaign. Warners Bay have 3 wins and are 7 points adrift of the top four. The Magpies will be desperate for a victory over the Cannons to stay in touch with the top four. Charlestown Tigers recruited well for the 2019 season and will be disappointed to have recorded only 2 victories so far. Cardiff and Alder Park are also on 2 wins while Boolaroo has struggled so far and is winless.

Central Coast Conference has a two-week break. No play is scheduled over Easter and the Australian Sides Championship was hosted at Ettalong Bowling Club on the weekend prior. The break allowed a number of people to volunteer and spectate at the most prestigious inter-state event in the nation (and avoided the disruption of having all four greens at Ettalong unavailable). The Ettalong Eagles lead the Conference on 43 points, just one ahead of Terrigal (42) with Halekulani pressuring both (39). Wyong (25) and Avoca (21.5) are two wins behind, while The Greens The

Entrance (9.5) have a single win this year.

A double header of matches on 27-28 April will be critical, with Terrigal to play Halekulani in both their washed-out Round 3 replay (Sunday) and Round 8 (Saturday) clashes.

The top two placed sides will play-off in a final, the winner to claim a state final berth, the loser to face off against Hunter-Newcastle to qualify.

The Metropolitan Conference will also have a second week break over Easter. All Metropolitan sides were allocated a bye during the Keno NSW Blues successful campaign to claim the Australian Sides Championship.

The Belrose Bulls have been the surprise packet of the start of the season and lead the ladder on 46 points. The Mt Lewis Lions and Engadine Cougars are both on 39.5 ahead of Taren Point Power and Cabramatta Bull-Ants on 37. The Power and Bull-Ants also have a game in hand, after their opening round clash had to be deferred. NBC Sports, Wenty Leagues and St Johns Park are all on 32 points and are fighting for the important 6th place and qualification for State finals. Merrylands (28.5) and Harbord (20) will also retain hopes of a strong finish to sneak into the State finals, while Grandviews and Penrith are winless thus far and are out of the race.

Peet Kay bowls group seeks new members

Are you interested in joining this group of bowlers who play regularly, usually mid-week, representing the social arm of Bowls NSW against like-minded bowling groups such as City Tatts Bowlers, Grandviews BC, Master Builders, Education & Politicians etc.

All of our regular bowlers are retired.

The basis of our group is that we bowl twice yearly, three test matches against Tasmania, January in Tassy and August in Sydney. This Tasmanian / NSW friendship challenge has been unbroken since 1961.

We seek interested bowlers to supplement membership in this bowling group. With the future option of competing against the Taswegians at both home and away events.

Most games are played within the Parramatta / Ryde / Penrith Bankstown boundaries aimed to mitigate the majority of traffic issues.



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Hunter Academy Claim Their First Brett Duprez Series

By Billy Johnson

The junior bowlers of the Hunter Academy, ably assisted by former juniors and academy graduates Lachlan Freeman and Kate Matthews, have won this year's Brett Duprez NSW Development Series. The series, which showcases some of the finest young talent across New South Wales, is run annually at Taren Point Bowling Club to not only test the skills of our junior bowlers but to offer them the opportunity to learn from some of the best in the game. Under the format each academy side had one 'marquee' player provided to them by Bowls NSW and included names such as Karen Murphy, Carl Healey, Barrie Lester and the great Brett Duprez himself, who were all on hand to mentor the players throughout the day.

Upon opening the series, Jackaroo's assistant coach Gary Willis made note of why the series was named after Duprez. Aside from his glittering bowls career, which includes a Commonwealth Games gold medal along with bronze and silver World Championship medals, Duprez was known for his exceptional work ethic and commitment to the sport. Even now, years after retiring from representative bowls, he is still competing at some of the highest levels of the sport playing for Taren Point in their Number 1 Pennant side. With the emphasis of the day being on personal development as much as it was personal success, no one personified these two qualities more than Duprez.

Eight competing sides were split into two sections of four, with the winners of each section playing off for 1st place. Each side consisted of a singles player, pairs combination and fours team and winners of the section were determined by overall rink wins. In Section 1, Hunter Academy faced off against the NSW U18 boys side in the morning before playing Zone 10 and Zone 5 in the afternoon. Despite losing two rinks to the NSW U18 boys, Hunter were unblemished in their remaining two games which allowed them to claim first place in the section by a single rink win. In Section 2, Zone 12 lost only one rink



en route to topping their section. A close look at the results revealed how close this section actually was – Zone 12 won their singles encounter over Zone 16 21-20, but had the scores been reversed, both sides would have had an even number of rink wins, meaning 1st place could have come down to margins. In the end, it was Zone 12 to play Hunter for top spot in what was a repeat of last year's final.

In near perfect conditions on a superb Taren Point green, Zone 12 gained the early upper hand courtesy of a 21-12 singles win by Matthew Swan. Knowing they needed to win both the pairs and fours, the Hunter Academy side kicked up a gear and took control of both rinks, winning 22-13 and 13-5 respectively. In what was a true team effort, credit must be given to all the Hunter players for the way they performed, but credit too must also go to team coach and mentor Jason Stokes. Stokes, who commented on how proud he was of his team, should be commended for the way he has run such a fantastic Junior Academy. Indeed, all coaches and mentors who volunteered their time to help their teams

over the day and throughout the year should be congratulated for their tireless efforts. Bowls NSW would like to pass on its thanks to these people, as well as the many volunteers at Taren Point Bowling Club who marked games, set up rooms and ensured a smooth running of the event. Special mention to Bowls Coordinator Chris Green for constantly updating the website scoreboard and to Gary Willis and the Bowls NSW team for overseeing the whole event. With events such as these, the future of junior bowls looks in safe hands.

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BOWLS AUSTRALIA RECEIVES \$1.2 MILLION BOOST



Bowls Australia has welcomed a \$1.2 million grant from the Sport Australia Better Ageing program to develop the **'Roll Back The Clock'** initiative.

'Roll Back The Clock' aims to boost physical activity rates among Australians aged 65 and over through bowls, light exercise and education. The funding comes at an important time when sedentary behaviour and isolation are key risk factors in our ageing population. Health related reasons (including physical and mental health as well as disability or poor health or injury) are the main barriers for older Australians participating in sport or physical activities.

The **'Roll Back The Clock'** initiative will run 180 programs across 40 national locations, promoting the benefits of regular physical activity.

Sessions will be adapted for individuals and benefits include flexibility, muscular endurance and strength and in some instances aerobic/cardiovascular exercise.

At \$5 per session, the program offers a low cost opportunity for older Australians to take part in accessible activities and provides opportunities for those socially isolated to engage with new people and education.

Through the implementation of the Better Ageing grants, Sport Australia aims to reduce cardiovascular and metabolic problems, control weight, combat chronic disease and help prevent falls.

In addition to the health benefits, engaging in physical activity and group sports for older Australians provides increasingly important opportunities for socialisation, peer-support, conversation and reduces the possibility for loneliness related physical and mental illnesses.

Currently only 25 per cent of Australians over 65 meet the Department of Health physical activity guidelines of 30 minutes activity per day.

Successful Grant Recipient List

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Bowls NSW Staff Announcement

With the recent resignation of Anthony Cottee as General Manager of Bowls NSW, a review of the operations and administration of the Association was undertaken.

It has been decided that whilst a role for the operations of the Association is still very much required that the new role will be more sport focussed. The position of Head of Sport & Operations – Bowls NSW has been created to fulfil this objective.

This position will be focussed, but not limited to, the following areas: manage and administer all sporting activities of the Association; provide educational leadership regarding the sport; update policies and practices including improving programs, COP and Calendars Liaise with District/Zone Match and Executive Committees, mentor staff & monitor performance; various administrative, financial, operational and management tasks. Bowls NSW are pleased to announce that this important new role within the organisation will be held by David Ellis.

David comes to Bowls NSW with over 20 years' experience as an Operations Manager within the legal support industry, where he was a State Manager and who has created and implemented many operational and financial processes to streamline procedures to be more cost effective as well as being instrumental in effecting change and creating platforms for businesses to succeed into the future. This, along with, his, 10 years' experience as a professional bowls coordinator (most recently at Mount Lewis Bowling Club) and his 35 years as a participant in the sport, will allow David to be

in position to help guide and administer Bowls NSW.

David (or, Junior, as everyone in the bowls fraternity knows him as) was a member of the very first State Junior program in 1985 and has continued to play and be involved in the administration of the sport at District then Zone level and has many representative and competition achievements to his credit.

He has been on various Executive, Match and Selection Committees throughout his involvement in bowls and has implemented some innovative changes to those Zones.

As a former member of club boards, a State Councillor and member of the State Match Committee he has extensive knowledge and understanding of the needs and requirements for all levels of bowlers throughout the State and is very passionate about the long-term survival of the sport. The Board, Management and Staff of Bowls NSW congratulate David on his selection to this new role and we look forward to many years of expert administration and support for our various stakeholders involved in the sport.

Bowls NSW, would also, like to thank and congratulate Anthony Cottee for his work as General Manager of Bowls NSW for the past 2 years.

His professional attitude to the many tasks involved was unwavering and he has placed the administration of Bowls NSW in a great position to enable the Association to take this next important step. We wish Anthony well in all his future endeavours. David will commence as Head of Sport & Operations – Bowls NSW on Monday 29th April.

The position of Marketing Manager at Bowls NSW has been filled by Michelle Taylor, whose background is in general marketing across a number of industries. With a young son who has recently taken up bowls at Belrose, Michelle looks forward to assisting to grow the game across all demographics and increase the awareness of bowls across New South Wales.

Upcoming Events

Easter 2019 Bowls Tournament

Howlong BC 19 - 23 April

Dave Leggatt Memorial Graded Fours

St Johns Park 20 - 21 April

Easter Saturday Men's Pairs

Moruya Men's BC 20 April

Australian indoor singles qualifying

Warilla BC & East Cessnock 3 - 6 May

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