



Senior Inter Zone



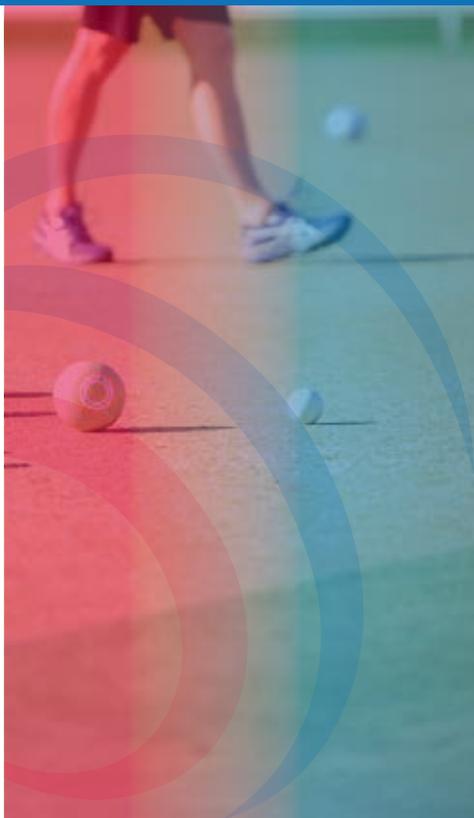
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NSW Junior
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Indoor Qualifier

finalised for 2019



Welcome

Welcome to your May issue of Bowls Buzz newsletter.

This week saw sixteen zones come together for three days of competition in the Senior Inter Zone Sides Championships.

Zone 9 took home the top honour edging out Zone 2 in the final.

We have the full wrap-up of play in this issue. If you want to watch the action, you can go to our Facebook page and view the live streamed videos from all three days of play.

The NSW state qualifying rounds for the Australian Indoor Championships were completed this month. The nine NSW qualifiers will go on to compete in the Australian event later this year. Congratulations to all those who qualified.

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Sydney Northern win Senior Inter-Zone

Winners - Zone Nine

Zone 9 have outlasted Zone 2 in an epic final held at Charlestown Bowling Club to be crowned 2019 Senior Inter-Zone Champions. This is the first ever win for the proud Sydney Northern Zone who have previously been semi-finalists on two occasions and were runners-up back in 2013. For two-time winners Zone 2, this was incredibly the sixth final they have reached in the competition since its inception in 2007.

The day began with two semi-final matches – Zone 9 vs Zone 16 and Zone 11 vs Zone 2. Interestingly, one semi-final featured two section winners (Zone 9 and Zone 16) while the other semi-final featured the two runners-up from the exact same sections (Zone 11 and Zone 16). From juniors through to open and senior sides, Zone 16 have always been considered a powerhouse zone and with players such as Geoff McGillivray, Brian

Harriott and Mal Pearson all featured in the side, it is easy to understand how they have earned such a tagline. Yet, despite the plethora of talent in their side it was Zone 9 who took control of the match early and worked their way towards three solid rink wins and a 74-49 masterboard victory. The Terry Warder skipped rink proved too strong for Brian Harriott winning 28-17 while Crawford Linton's rink recorded their own

Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship



Runner ups - Zone Two

(Cont.) 11-shot victory over Rick Malley 27-16.

The second semi-final was a similar affair in terms of the overall score with Zone 2 winning over Zone 11, 67-44. Such a score would usually indicate solid victories across all rinks, however this wasn't the case in this match. Newcastle's Mick Beesley recorded a single-shot victory over Manning's Rex Johnston while Eric Ryan's rink earned a hard-fought draw with Steve Harris 16-16. The bulk of the damage was done by Kim Jaques and his rink who recorded a convincing 32-10 victory to take control of the masterboard. The 22 shot margin was more than enough to see Newcastle through to the final where they faced Sydney Northern.

The final was a see-sawing affair from the start with the lead being exchanged multiple times. As the match entered its latter stages, Kim Jaques' rink continued their stunning form from the morning's semi-final to lead Zone 9's Terry Warder while Crawford Linton held a similar margin over Newcastle's Mick Beesley. The final rink between Sydney Northern's Steve Clark and Eric Ryan was tight from start to finish, with neither side holding more than a couple of shots advantage over the other.

A pivotal moment in the game came

when Terry Warder's rink crossed over holding a solid count. Jaques' first bowl was ineffective and Warder attempted to capitalise by drawing another shot with his first bowl. Unfortunately for Warder, while the bowl did add to the count, it opened the head to provide Jaques an opportunity to minimise the damage. The shot was by no means easy, and being under such pressure only makes it more difficult to execute, but none of this seemed to matter to Jaques who played his bowl to perfection to land one of the Zone 9 bowls with just the right angle to sit in for shot. Now the pressure was on Warder who had only the slimmest of openings to try to get to the shot bowl and turn it out of the head. After considerable time analysing the head and discussing with third John Venteman on what shot to play, Warder elected to play swinging weight on his backhand to allow himself the chance to get the shot bowl clean out of the head. His final bowl did just that, and with perfect line and weight Warder was able to sit the bowl out and claim a 6 for Zone 9. Despite eventually losing his rink 21-14, Warder's shot undoubtedly went a long way to helping Zone 9 claim victory.

The bulk of Zone 9's scoring came from Crawford Linton's rink, who recorded a strong 24-15 victory over Mick Beesley.

Steve Clark's 15-15 draw with Eric Ryan meant that Zone 9 were able to hold off a valiant Zone 2, 53-51 after 63 ends of play. The Newcastle side should be commended for their performance over the three days, and so too their supporters, who were in full voice for the final. But there can only be one winner and that title deservedly goes to Zone 9, who proved this week to be the best zone in the state. Particular credit must go to the rink of Wilson Cheng, Herbie Brenner/Michael Sparozvich, Tony Taylor and Crawford Linton who were unbeaten across all six of their games, amassing a margin of 57 shots along the way.

By Billy Johnson

**Live streams from the
Senior Inter-zone Sides
Championship can be
viewed via the**

Bowl NSW **NSW Junior Selection**



The NSW Junior Selection Committee are proud to announce the following team to represent NSW Junior Blues at the 'home' of the NSW Junior Blues, Cabramatta Bowling Club, 7-9 July 2019.

Erin Swatridge
– Cabramatta

Rebekah Lord
– St Johns Park

Mia Hotson
– Cabramatta

Brittany Camp
– Armidale Ex-Services

Zoe Stewart
– West Tamworth

Bailey Meti
– Ettalong

Connor Freeman
– Raymond Terrace

Jordan Thompson
– Gulgong

Toby Peters
– Warilla

Michael Phillips
– Merrylands

NSW Indoor Qualifiers Finalised

By Billy Johnson

The nine NSW qualifiers for this year's Australian Indoor Championships have been determined after sectional play taking place over 3 - 6 May at both East Cessnock and Warilla Bowling Clubs. Congratulations to the following players who have booked their place up at Tweed Heads Bowling Club in August.

From East Cessnock Qualifying:

Section 1 – Nathan Dawson (Kurri)

Section 2 – Daniel Hill (Charlestown)

Section 3 – Warren Shipley (Charlestown)

Section 4 – Tailor Appleby (Kurri)

From Warilla Qualifying:

Section 5 – Benjamin Twist (St Johns Park)

Section 6 – Gary Sampson (Oak Flats)

Section 7 – David Ivanoff (Wagga RSL)

Section 8 – Harley McDonald (Engadine)

Section 9 – Mathew Pietersen (St Johns Park)

NSW representatives have fared well in the premier national event with the last five winners hailing from our great state (Note: Jeremy Henry won back to back titles in 2015 & 2016, having represented NSW on both occasions). The mixture of youth and experience in this year's contingent means that there is every possibility that NSW could produce a sixth straight win.

Leading the list of names is Keno NSW Blues skip and current Australian Jackaroo Ben Twist. Twist is coming off an excellent month having helped secure the Alley Shield for NSW up at Ettalong in mid-April before recently being selected to represent Australia in the upcoming UK Tour in July. Undoubtedly keen to impress selectors on the big stage, Twist will be hoping that a string of good results can propel his chances for possible selection in the 2020 World Bowls Championships.

Also headlining the list of qualifiers is Keno NSW Blues player Nathan Dawson. Dawson's consistent form in the last few years has not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by his recall into the State Side. A consistent performer at zone and state



level, Dawson's exceptional touch coupled with a devastating weighted game makes him a serious contender for the title.

It's not just the headliners though who have serious potential to claim the lucrative title of Australian Indoor Champion. Former Australian representative Mathew Pietersen is a renowned singles specialist, and former NSW U25 rep Harley McDonald has proven to be lethal on indoor surfaces courtesy of his years playing at Warilla Bowling Club. Watch out too for young Tailor Appleby who is a rising star of the sport in NSW. Credit must be given to all qualifiers who had to win either three or four rounds of play in order to earn their place, a difficult task in itself amongst such a high-quality field.

Bowls NSW would like to congratulate all qualifiers and wish them the best of luck as they take part in the Australian Indoor Championships at Tweed Heads Bowling Club from 26-29 August.

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Indoor Singles please
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Unbeaten West Dubbo Claim Zone 4 Grade 2 Pennant



West Dubbo are the Zone 4 Grade 2 Pennant champions after an emphatic season in which the side remained unbeaten through all six rounds of play. In a group that included the likes of Parkes, Bathurst City and local rivals Dubbo Railway, West Dubbo stood firm to record home and away victories against all three sides. The season was not without its close calls – Railway came within 5 shots in a 57-52 (9-1) loss while Bathurst City managed to claim two rinks in their Round 4 clash, eventually

losing 64-60 (8-2). Ultimately, West Dubbo were deserving winners of the pennant having dropped only four rinks across the six rounds and accumulating a shots margin of +99. Preparation will now be underway for the State finals which will take place from 26-28 July at St Georges Basin and Huskisson Bowling Club. The Zone 4 finals in Grades 3-7, determining the sides to represent at the State finals, will soon be played.

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2019 Bowls NSW State pennant finals



The Bowls NSW State Pennant competition is the largest inter-club lawn bowls competition in NSW and is the only competition with a State finals series for each of the seven grades contested, giving grassroots players the opportunity to shine alongside the elite.

Sides qualify for the State finals through their local zone competitions, preparing them for the challenge of a 3-day event to take home the flag as the State Champion.

1,400 players will converge on 12 venues across NSW to battle it out over the weekend of 26 - 28 July for their respective grade's Pennant flag.

Venues for the 2019 Bowls NSW finals are:

- Grade 1** – Forster Bowling Club
- Grade 2** – St Georges Basin/Huskisson BC
- Grade 3** – South Tamworth Bowling Club
West Tamworth Bowling Club
- Grade 4** – Port City Bowling Club/West Port
- Grade 5** – Halekulani Bowling Club/
The Greens The Entrance
- Grade 6** – Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club
Kiama Bowling Club
- Grade 7** – Nelson Bay -
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The Bowls NSW State Pennants is a fantastic spectator sport. The event also brings bowling communities together in friendly competition.

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Moruya BC - 25 May

Brian Rinaldo Handicap Triples

St Johns Park - 22 - 23 June

Gundagai Women's Mixed triples

Gundagai BC 13 August

Mixed Pairs Spring Tournament

Moruya BC 2-13 September

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