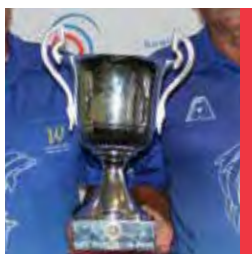


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Welcome

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

Bowls NSW were thrilled to be back on the greens with our competitions this month with the Champion of Club Champion and State Championships for 2020 being underway.

The competition was fantastic and there were a number of close games throughout the competitions. Congratulations to all the winners and competitors.

We look forward to the competition being continued from the 10th March – 19th March at Ettalong Bowling Club. All matches will be lived streamed via our Facebook page.

Our Unification Roadshow with Women's Bowls NSW continues, please check the newsletter for further dates and venues.

We welcome you to grab a coffee, sit back and read the latest updates from Bowls NSW.

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Westport & Warilla Winners



Peter Taylor - Westport

Westport and Warilla were the powerhouse clubs in the opening events of the COVID-19-delayed 2020 State Championships Finals, played at Ettalong.

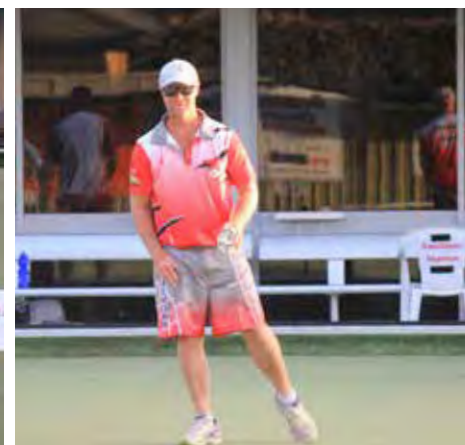
Peter Taylor lead the Westport charge, enjoying an incredible run of 15 unbeaten matches on his way to winning the Champion of Club Champion Singles, State Senior Pairs and State Senior Triples titles.

Warilla also had an impressive record, the Gorillas powering to win in the State Pairs and State Triples Championships and runner-up in the Champion of Champions Singles.

Honours in the opening events of the State President's Reserve Championships went to Cabra-Vale Diggers (Pairs) and West Wyalong Services & Citizens (Triples).



2020 Champion of Champions - Singles



Champion Of Champions - Singles



Gary Kelly (Warilla) & Peter Taylor (Westport)

Peter Taylor (Westport) made a fantastic start in the final, jumping away to a 22-11 lead. Gary Kelly (Warilla) then dominated the scoring to take a 26-25 lead. Taylor then took his chances to take the game 31-28.

Taylor emerged from his section with an unbeaten record. He opened his campaign with a narrow 31-30 win over John Campton (Asquith) then beat Ricky Potter (Temora) 31-24. Taylor then sealed the section with a hard fought 31-26 victory over Lee Stinson (Orange Country Club).

Taylor sprinted to an early semi-final lead over David Ferguson (Engadine), surviving a spirited fightback to take the game 31-26.

Ferguson emerged with an unblemished record in his section, including a first-round win over 2019 runner-up Peter Taylor (Alstonville) thwarting hopes of an all Peter Taylor semi-final!

Kelly also qualified for the semi-finals with an unbeaten record, taking on Nathan Wise (Mt Lewis). Kelly and Wise played out a gripping match, with the scores being close throughout. Kelly gaining the advantage in the closing stages claiming a 31-25 victory.

Wise gained his passage to the semi-final on countback over Jay Breust (Malua Bay) after both finished with two sectional wins. Breust claimed the honours 31-29 over Wise in round 2. Matt Slager (NBC Sports) opened the door for Wise, beating Breust 31-16 in the final round. Wise accepted the invitation, edging out Chayne Edwards (Terrigal) 31-25 to move to the top of the section.

Select matches were live streamed and can be viewed via the Bowls NSW Facebook page or online at: nswbowls.golive.events/past-events/

The Bowls NSW Champion of Champions Pairs will be played at Ettalong Bowling Club 10-12 March.



2020 State Championships - Pairs

Jeremy Henry and Aaron Teys (Warilla) were in magnificent form to claim the 2020 NSW State Pairs crown. They played near perfect bowls to eclipse Neil Burgess and Alf Boston (Ballina) in the final.

Henry & Teys (Warilla) played out a see-sawing Semi-Final against Jay Porter and Ray Pearse (Cabramatta). The Cabramatta Bull Ants fought back from an early deficit before the Warilla Gorillas regained the lead in the later stages. The match went down to the wire, Pearse played a scintillating conversion shot with his second last shot to lay the 4 shots required to take the game. Teys reduced the count to 2 with the penultimate

bowl of the match. Pearse went within a whisker of drawing another shot but the Gorillas progressed with a 19-18 victory.

Ballina claimed their place in the final after repelling a late charge from the Club Maitland City duo Simon Mitchell and Michael Cronin. Boston played magnificent saves on each of the final two ends to tip the balance in a close fought 16-14 win.

Westport's Greg Brims and Peter Taylor claimed the State Senior Pairs final with a strong 22-13 victory over Wayne Marsh and Australian Senior Representative Sam Laguzza (Charlestown). Westport progressed to the final after a dominating

performance over Greg Smith and Ken Snowdon (Merimbula). An umpire's measure on an extra end determined that Charlestown would take the Semi-Final victory over George Bakulic and Julio Posadas (St Johns Park).

Paul and Ian Norman (Cabra Vale Diggers) became the first Father & Son combination to win the State President's Reserve Pairs, overcoming Steve Hill and Peter McDermott (Pittwater Memorial) 23-17 in the final. Cabra Vale accounted for Gary Manning and Peter McDonald (Wauchope) while Pittwater beat Phil Bartlett and James Boyle (Corrimal)



Paul Norman & Ian Norman (Cabra Vale Diggers)



Greg Brims & Peter Taylor (Westport)



Jeremy Henry & Aaron Teys (Warilla)

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2020 State Championships - Triples

Warilla claimed the 2020 NSW State Triples Championship with a performance roundly described as relentless.

The trio, who have all played at International level, of Brendan Aquilina (Malta), Corey Wedlock (Australia) and Gary Kelly (Northern Ireland) rarely missed a beat. They emerged with three good wins from their section and then dominated in the knockout stages.

Adam Johnson, Ricky McConnell and Luke Grainger became the first team from Campbelltown City to contest a State (Open) Championship Final when they outclassed Glen Wilmott, David Richardson and Steve Harris in the semi-final. A clinical performance from Warilla ended the hopes of a maiden win.

The Soldiers Point trio of Daniel Clarke, Warren Shipley and Brody Pitham also felt the relentless pressure of the Warilla Gorillas in the semi-final.

Peter Stockham joined Senior Pairs Champions Greg Brims and Peter Taylor to take a second Senior State Championship title, claiming the Senior Triples for Westport.

Westport made all the running in the final to account for Terrence McFadden, Martin Holden and Percy Langby (Lismore Heights).

Lismore Heights claimed their place in the final with a 25-17 semi-final victory over Ray Brown, Phillip.A.Morris and Phillip.W.Morris (Lightning Ridge) while Westport progressed with a 23-16 win

against Ross Levido, Neville Hardes and Kim Jaques (Valentine).

West Wyalong Services and Citizens trio Robert Forsyth, Craig Widdows and Tony Parkes took out the State President's Reserve Triples. They prevailed 18-15 over Graeme Styman, Michael Maycock and Peter Gibbs (Breakers Wamberal) in a final that came down to the last bowl.

Both Semi-Finals were decided by a single shot. West Wyalong accounted for Garry Smith, Bob Holt and Ken Brown (NBC Sports) 26-25 while Breakers were taken to an extra end to win 22-21 over Kevin Miller, Luke Dobbie and Albert Homer (Bathurst City).



Craig Widdows, Tony Parkes & Robert Forsyth (West Wyalong)



Peter Stockham, Peter Taylor & Greg Bims (Westport)



Corey Wedlock, Brendan Aquilina & Gary Kelly (Warilla)

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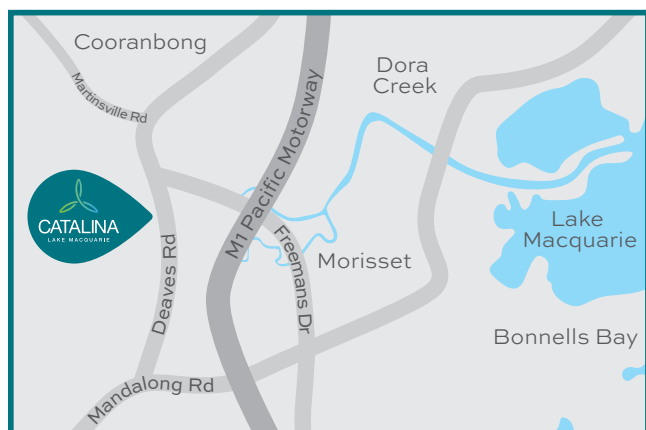


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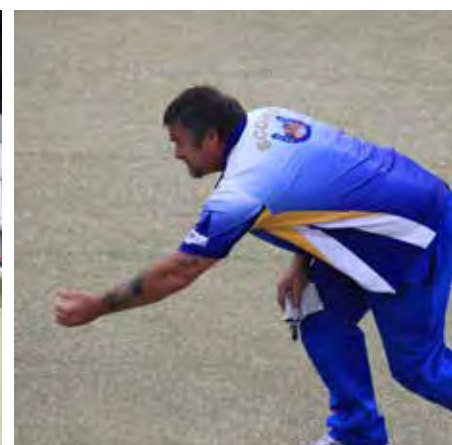
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2020 State Championships Triples & Pairs





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Bowls NSW 2020 Champion of Champions-Pairs

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Day	Time*	Event	Match to be streamed
Wed 10	1pm	C o C Pairs Rd 1	Grenfell (Galvin/Beath) v Soldiers Point (Johnstone/ Shipley)
Wed 10	5.30pm	C o C Pairs Rd 2	Ballina (Lehfeldt/Jones) v Engadine (Donaldson/Murray)
Thur 11	9.30am	C o C Pairs Rd 3	Club Maitland City (Mathieson/Cronin) v Cabramatta (Miles/Healey)
Thur 11	1.30pm	C o C Pairs Semi Final	Winner of Sec 1 v Winner of Sec 2
Fri 12	9.00am	C o C Pairs Final	Winner of SF 1 v Winner of SF 2
Mon 15	12.30pm	State Fours Rd 1	Macquarie Dubbo v Cabramatta
Mon 15	5.30pm	State Fours Rd 2	Warilla v Davistown RSL
Tue 16	9.30am	State Fours Rd 3	Kurri Kurri v Taren Point
Tue 16	1.30pm	State Fours Semi Final	Winner of Sec 1 v Winner of Sec 2
Wed 17	9.30am	State Fours Final	Winner of SF 1 v Winner of SF 2
Wed 17	1.30pm	State Singles Rd 1	Corey Wedlock (Warilla) v Dylan Riley (Club Maitland City)
Wed 17	5.30pm	State Singles Rd 1	Jai Whelan (Port City) v Simon Lyttle (Taren Point)
Thur 18	9.30am	State Singles Rd 3	Darren Morrison (Bateau Bay) v Ben Twist (St Johns Park)
Thurs 18	1.30pm	State Singles Semi Final	Winner Sec 1 v Winner of Sec 2
Thur 18	3.30pm	State Singles Semi Final	Winner Sec 3 v Winner of Sec 4
Fri 19	9.30am	State Singles Final	Winner of SF 1 v Winner of SF 2

*Start times are an approximate only

For more information go online to



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Unification Roadshow

Our unification roadshow is underway and we have been encouraged by the strong interest from the New South Wales bowls community.

Commencing early February, members of the Unification Working Group have been visiting clubs across the State to share the work completed to date, discuss the benefits of the unification model, and importantly, answer any questions from the community.

Each session has run for approximately one and a half hours including a 30-minute presentation and 30-40 minutes for questions and answers.

The atmosphere at all of the sessions has been very positive, with high levels of engagement and questions being asked.

We encourage all members of the NSW bowling community to attend a session in your local area.

You can register here: <https://nswroadshowregistration.questionpro.com/>

Although registration is not compulsory to attend, it is recommended, as it will assist with planning and enable us to communicate any schedule changes or venue capacity constraints.



Member Information Sessions – Timeline and Schedule*

Register for a session of your choice at <https://nswroadshowregistration.questionpro.com>

Central West, South Coast, North West and South West completed

Region	Date	Venue	Time
Wollongong	1 March	Figtree Sports	7pm
Far North Coast	3 March	Mullumbimby Ex-Services	2.30pm
	4 March	Yamba Bowling Club	10.30am
	4 March	East Lismore Bowling Club	7pm
Lower Mid North Coast	2 March	Park Beach Bowling Club	6.30pm
	9 March	Port City Bowling Club	7pm
	10 March	Turicurry Beach Bowling Club	11am
Sydney	22 Feb	Carlingford Bowling Club	7pm
	8 March	Ramsgate RSL	7pm
	11 March	Cabra-Vale Diggers Club	7pm
	15 March	Belrose Bowling Club	7pm
Newcastle	10 March	Charlestown Bowling Club	6.30pm
	16 March	Raymond Terrace Bowling Club	2pm
Central Coast	19 Feb	Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club	1pm
	16 March	Halekulani Bowling Club	7pm

New sessions are indicated in blue.

*Please note that these timings may be subject to change.

More information on the roadshows and unification can be found at: Bowlsnsw.com.au.

We continue to welcome any questions you may have which can be submitted to: unification@bowlsnsw.com.au.



Bathurst



Carlingford



Wagga Rules



An Australian Lawn Bowls Legend Rex “Paddles” Johnston OAM Announces his Retirement

At the Champion of Club Champions event in February Rex Johnston OAM announced that he was going to be moving into retirement. Rex is without doubt one of the most decorated bowlers in NSW and will be sorely missed across the greens by all.

Rex started his bowling career to recover from injuries he suffered in a motor vehicle accident and has played since 1979. Rex's abilities in the field of bowls were quickly recognised and this has led to Rex having represented Australia over 450 times and New South Wales over 320 times. He has represented Australia at four consecutive Commonwealth Games (winning a gold medal in 1994, silver in 1998). He has competed at two World Bowls Tournaments (Team Bronze in 1996 and Team Gold in 2000). He has

competed at five Asia-Pacific Games, 10 Trans-Tasmanians, four Hong Kong Classics, three World Indoor Championships and 19 indoor Internationals. And this doesn't mentioned the countless games of club, zone and pennant games he has also played. Rex was inducted into the New South Wales Hall of Fame in 2009, as Inductee no 8.

Rex's contribution to the sport and success playing bowls was recognised in 2006 when Rex was awarded the Order of Australia medal for his service to lawn bowls as a competitor and administrator. There is not a higher award to receive and the whole Bowls community was thrilled for Rex to be awarded such a deserving medal. Whilst Rex had a busy playing schedule he has throughout the years contributed enormously to the

administration and running of Bowls at club, zone and as a State Councillor and a Director on the Bowls NSW Board. Most recently Rex has continued his devotion to the game through coaching and as an Australian representative player.

Rex has also been committed to growing the game and make the sport as professional as possible for administrators, players and spectators. As Rex says "The more professional we become in bowls, the better our prospects of service in the future".

It's been heard across many greens that Rex Johnston – is thought to be the best 2 bowl skipper in the world! And we are sure these comments will continue for many years.

The team at Bowls NSW wishes Rex the best wishes in his retirement and thank him for all his dedication to the sport throughout his life. He has been a pleasure to watch, to learn from and will always be remembered as one of Australia's best Bowlers and one of the biggest supporters of assisting to grow the game of bowls throughout New South Wales.



Keno Supports Aussies Battling Natural Disasters



Whether it be floods, bushfires or drought, Disaster Relief Australia will be able to provide additional emergency assistance to Australians impacted by a range of natural disasters thanks to a \$100,000 donation from Keno.

The latest donation continues Keno's commitment to Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) and follows a \$100,000 donation made in December 2019 for the Black Summer Bushfires – one of the worst bushfire seasons in Australia's history.

A not-for-profit organisation, DRA unites the skills and experiences of military veterans, emergency responders and civilians to rapidly deploy relief response teams around the country in the wake of a natural emergency.

DRA CEO Geoff Evans said the donation from Keno would be used for a number

of ongoing operations, including bushfire recovery in New South Wales.

"It is thanks to our generous partners, like Keno, that we are able to continue to serve communities in need. When we support communities affected by a disaster, we bring them hope," he said.

"As a growing 'for-purpose' entity, we rely on building strong relationships with our partners. We are proud of the ongoing relationship we have with Keno and grateful it gives us the ability to respond to more disasters.

"The last \$100,000 donation was used for the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019 and 2020. The support Keno provided helped us deploy over 600 veterans to fire-affected communities for over five months.

"Keno's support not only resulted in assistance being provided to hundreds of devastated survivors of the bushfires but has also enhanced our capacity to respond to similar events."

Keno General Manager Terry Fowler said he was in awe of the DRA team and was proud to continue Keno's support.

"Last year was a tough one, but it highlighted how important it is to rally together as a community, and we couldn't be prouder to once again support DRA," he said.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue our partnership with DRA so the team can continue their inspiring work of serving local communities, before, during and after natural disasters.

"Anyone who has witnessed the DRA volunteers in action would know how incredibly hard-working and inspiring they are.

"When communities are in need, they step into action and we want to do our bit to help too.

"In times of crisis, Keno venues, such as clubs and pubs, often act as hubs for the



40 Years in Pennants

William Heath will compete this year in his 40th year of pennant play with St Marys Diggers and Band Club.

Had last year's pennants not been postponed due to COVID, he would have achieved this milestone in 2020.

William started playing bowls in 1962 while stationed at Balmoral with the Navy. His future father-in-law introduced him to the game, and he joined Grandviews Bowling Club.

William married and he and his new wife moved to St Marys in 1979 where he joined the then St Marys City Bowling Club and competed in his first season of Pennants in 1980.

Over 40 pennants seasons William has collected 17 flags from grade one to six.

"The only one I am missing is grade 7 and that is what I am competing in now so maybe this is the year" said William who turns 80 next year.

William has served twenty-two years on the board of St Marys City Bowling Club, the last three as President and in 2004 was the first President of St Marys RSL serving nine years on their board closing his years of service as Vice President.

"I love bowls and love playing bowls and I would just like everyone to know what a beautiful place St Marys is and how proud I am of all the club has achieved."

The 2021 Bowls NSW State Pennants finals will be held July 30 -31

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Qualifying play is offered on Sunday 2 May, Monday 3 May and Tuesday 4 May 2021. Players are expected to be required for one day only.*

The expanded range of venues is to give more people from a wider area of NSW the opportunity to participate in this prestigious National Championship.

Play is conducted as 2 sets of 9 ends, with a 3-end tie breaker set if required to determine the match.

Ten NSW players will qualify for the National finals to be held at Tweed Heads Bowls Club 15-19 August 2021.

The qualifiers receive lunches and accommodation while competing at the National finals (provided through Bowls Australia) and will also receive some financial assistance from Bowls NSW towards their traveling costs.

Enter at www.bowlsnsw.com.au.

Entries must reach Bowls NSW by 4.00PM on 12 April 2021.



*Note – Players are asked to indicate their preference for playing day. Bowls NSW will attempt to allocate players to their 1st preference but cannot guarantee that all venues will play on each of the days and cannot guarantee that a player will be allocated their first preference.

Allocation of playing days and qualifying places to venues will be made based on number of players and playing dates preferences.

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