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Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

What an incredible month we have had! As the events keep rolling on, we'll recap the 2021 Open State Championships and all that took place over 10 incredible days of play at Ettalong Bowling Club.

Congratulations to our thirty newest State Champions – ten in the Open State category, ten in the Open Senior category and ten in the Open Reserves category.

The events continue with the Women's Champion of Club Champion Pairs (Merrylands & Guildford) as well as the Open Champion of Club Champion Singles & Pairs (South Tamworth). Both of these events will be live streamed, and you can find the details of each match inside this issue of the Bowls NSW newsletter.

NSW State Squads have been officially announced. Congratulations to all players selected, and good luck for your upcoming Selection Series Trials at Cabramatta in July.

2021 Open State Championships



Ettalong Bowling Club once again played host to the 2021 Open State Championships and they did not disappoint, producing quality surfaces and exceptional hospitality to both players and spectators.

Despite some intermittent rain, the greens held firm and allowed for some brilliant matches to be played.

Those who missed the action can watch matches from all the Open State disciplines on the Bowls NSW Live Stream page via our website.

Join us as we take a look back over the last 10 days of play at the 2021 Open State Championships and celebrate our newest Bowls NSW State Champions!

2021 Open State Championships



NSW Open State Singles Champion

If there was one thing that the 2021 Open State Singles final proved, it's that nice guys don't always finish last. Between Kenta Treacher (North Sydney) and Lee Stinson (Warilla), you would be hard-pressed to find two nicer and more genuine people. You'd also struggle to find two players in better singles form, as both competitors showed their quality in the State Singles Final.

In perfect conditions at Ettalong Bowling Club, it was Treacher who gained the early ascendancy, leading 17-7. Stinson was uncharacteristically out of sorts, struggling to nail his line and weight in the early stages. But as soon as thoughts crept in of Treacher running away with the match, Stinson found his groove, winning five-straight ends to level the scores 17-all.

Both players then went tit for tat, exchanging shots and the scoreboard lead on multiple occasions. An umpire measure going to Treacher gave him a 28-24 lead, and the following end he held one only for Stinson to 'thread the needle' with his final bowl to remove the shot and pick up two. Kenta was not going to be denied the next end though as he piled on the shots and held on to win the match and the title 31-26.

Upon accepting the trophy and title, Treacher was humbled with the win. "When I came up to play in the Singles, I had only taken Wednesday and Thursday off for work... I did not expect to be standing here today." It was an emotional moment for Treacher, who has now joined an exclusive list of players to win a

State Singles and State Champion of Champion Singles title. It is also the first State Singles Championship for North Sydney in over 60 years.

Stinson was gracious in defeat, praising Treacher for an excellent match and tournament. While he did not get the win, Stinson has had a fantastic championship, claiming runner-up finishes in the Open Singles and Open Pairs, an amazing achievement. With the way Stinson has played, one can only assume that a State Championship is just around the corner for him.

Congratulations to both Kenta Treacher and Lee Stinson on producing an Open State Singles final to remember.

2021 Open State Championships

NSW Open Senior State Champion



Terry Warder (Harbord), also known to many as Ernie, came up against Bernie Melville (Alexandria-Erskineville) in the Open Senior Singles Final. From the first end, the match was a classic with both players peppering the jack. The match was also incredibly tight, with neither more than four shots ahead at any stage.

Warder found himself 27-29 down towards the end of the match. For most bowlers, this would be a nerve-wracking situation, but for Ernie it was a case of déjà vu as he had found himself in this position in his semi-final against Tony Shoebridge (Bateau Bay) as well as multiple sectional matches. Perhaps settled from these previous experiences, Warder was able to remain calm under the pressure that Melville was providing.

At 29-29, it was Melville's turn to feel the pressure as he was match down with one bowl to go. Sticking to his usual quick routine, he lined up a weighted shot and executed it perfectly, removing both of Warder's two shots to pick up one for himself and lead 30-29. Warder responded with a single and on the next end, drawing a side toucher with his third bowl, and narrowly missing with his last to win the match.

On the final end, Warder's second bowl sat as shot and remained there, with Bernie narrowly missing with both his third and last bowl. The 31-30 win was an epic match, and Warder was thrilled with the result, particularly that he improved on his semi-final appearance in the previous Senior Singles Championship.

NSW Open Reserve State Singles Champion

Troy Brown (Coonabarabran) came within one shot of not making it through his section in the Open Reserve Singles. Two days later, he is the Open Reserve State Singles champion.

In his sectional match against Shannon King-Mokaraka (Tuncurry Beach) scores were locked at 30-30. Had King-Mokaraka won that end and the match, he would have automatically won through his section. As fate would have it though, it was Brown who claimed a solitary shot to win 31-30 and eventually his section. Fast forward to the final, and it

was Phillip Hall (Urunga) who had the early running, leading 10-2. Brown remained calm however, steadily clawing his way back into the match and eventually hitting the lead at 21-20 after picking up a crucial full count.

Hall fought hard to regain the lead, and pulled out some of his best shots of the match when facing a 30-24 deficit. For two successive ends, he drew brilliantly to pick up a score of two and one to get on the springboard and trail 30-27. In the end though, Brown was not going to be denied as he claimed a single shot to win 31-27.



2021 State Championships



NSW Open State Pairs Champions

The State Open Pairs final had everything – quality bowls, incredible shot making, huge scores and a tight finish. Merrylands and Warilla exchanged shots in the early stages of the match, with the Gorillas holding a slight 7-5 lead about a third of the way through. From there, Jack McShane and Shawn Thompson went on an epic run, picking up scores of 4, 2 & 6 to jump away to a 17-7 lead. Not to be outdone, Brendan Aquilina and Lee Stinson hit right back picking up a 7 to trail 17-14.

From Aquilina and McShane's impeccable drawing to Stinson's conversions and Thompson's trademark forehand drive, all four players were putting on a show for

the strong Ettalong crowd. Heading into the final end, Warilla led 22-21 leaving Merrylands needing two to win and one to force an extra end. Some brilliance from the Merrylands duo to manufacture shot ensured that the final would go to a decisive extra-end.

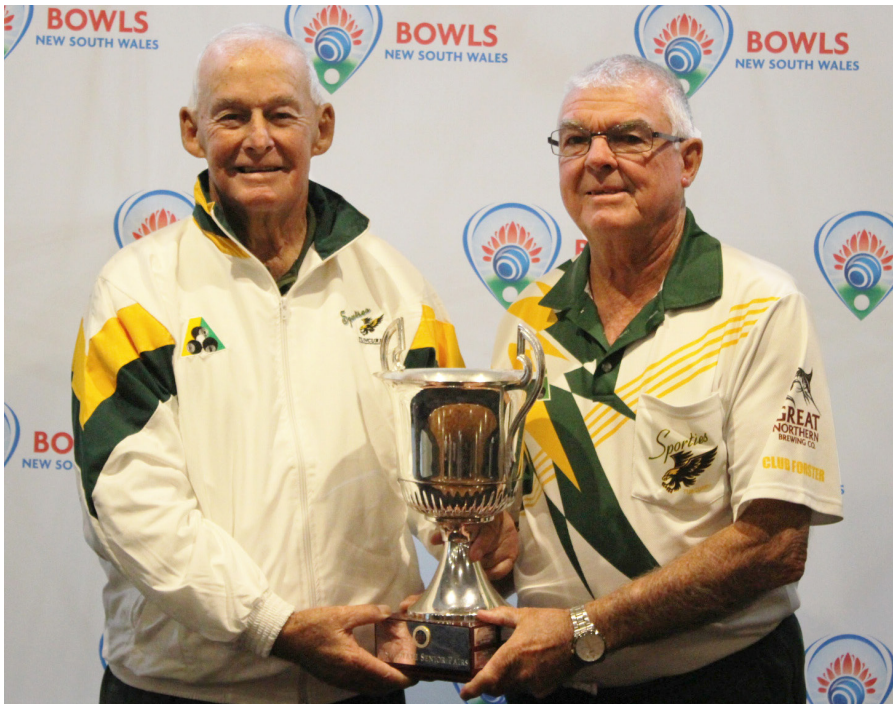
Buoyed by the previous end, Merrylands continued to pepper the jack, with Thompson drawing two shots within inches of the jack from the second position. Despite their best efforts, neither Aquilina nor Stinson could wrestle back shot, allowing McShane and Thompson to take the match and the State title with a 23-22 win.

Still a junior, Jack McShane becomes one of the youngest ever State Championship winners, and is the first male junior bowler since 2013 to win an Open State Championship and Junior State Championship in the same year after he won the State Junior Singles title only a month ago. For Thompson, this is his second State Championship after winning the State Fours with Birrong back in 2001.

To watch our live streamed matches please go online to the Bowls NSW Facebook page or www.bowlsnsw.com.au

2021 Open State Championships

NSW Open Senior Pairs Champions



Anthony Gorrie and George McCartney were on a mission in the Senior Pairs final, playing superbly from the outset against Figtree Sports' Alan Jones & Mark Kesby. The Figtree pair were well in the match at the halfway point, trailing by only a couple of shots. However, a decisive few ends saw Sporties Tuncurry jump ahead 19-11.

Figtree did well to claw their way back, but it proved to be just a little too much as Sporties Tuncurry held on for a 20-18 victory. The title is the first Open State Senior title for the Sporties Tuncurry club, a huge achievement. Congratulations must go to all players involved in what was a cracking final.

NSW Open Reserve Pairs Champions

It was a case of déjà vu for Belrose's Rob and Max Gray. The father and son duo stormed out of the gates to early leads in both their semi-final against St Johns Park and the final against Stuart Point, only to have their opposition claw their way back and eventually lead at the death. In both matches, Belrose trailed on the last end, needing two for victory. True to form, Rob and Max produced their best bowls when it mattered to win those ends on both occasions, securing the State Reserve Pairs title in the process.

Their final against Allan Low & Dale Jeffery (Stuarts Point) was worthy of an Open final, with countless tight heads and shots exchanged. All four players can be proud of their achievements and the way they represented their clubs. Congratulations to Rob and Max on an amazing win and a well deserved state title!



2021 State Championships



NSW Open State Triples Champions

The 2021 NSW Triples Champions have been crowned at Ettalong Bowling Club.

In the Open State Triples Championship, the Port City combination of Jai Whelan, Jake Waterhouse and Matthew Carter had a dominant middle period of the game to establish a match-winning lead over Narrandera's John Ingram, Christian Morgan and Matthew

Thornton running out 28-16 victors. The victory was the first in the State Triples since 1996 (Runners Up in 2017) for Port City teams, while Narrandera celebrated their first State Triples Final appearance since 1995 on the same weekend the club celebrated their centenary year.

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2021 Open State Championships

NSW Senior Triples Champions



The State Senior Triples saw reigning Westport Champions Greg Brims, Peter Stockham and Peter Taylor retain their title with a 28-15 victory over Mark "Scruffy" Barton, Trevor Imer and Dale Maitland of Wenty Leagues. For Taylor, this championship continues a huge run of State Open and Senior titles he has won since 2020!

NSW Reserve Triples Champions

The State Reserve Triples title was taken out by Cabra Vale Diggers team of Mark Sajnovic, John Wragg and Shane Allard with a hard fought 25-23 win over Trevor Mundy, Robin Cook and John Williams of Kempsey Macleay RSL. The title is the second to have been won by the Allard family, with Shane Allard's son Troy skipper of the 2020 State Reserve Fours Champion team.



2021 State Championships



NSW Open State Fours Champions

Merrylands overcame a slow start to claim the Open State Fours Championship in another tense and tight finish. Kurri Kurri led 10-1 through some brilliant play, putting Shawn Thompson and his Merrylands team under considerable pressure. Unphased, the Magic worked their way back into the match, levelling the scores 11-11 after 12 ends.

It wasn't until the 15-end mark that Merrylands hit the lead for the first time, up 14-12. Shots were hard to come by for both teams, with eight ends killed across the match. Once again Shawn Thompson's forehand drive was in form, with the Merrylands skip rarely off target.

Kurri Kurri refused to lie down and only trailed by two shots heading into the final end. Michael Clarke was peppering the jack in the second-

half of the match from the second position and did the same on end 21. It left Nathan Dawson match-down, and with one bowl to go he killed the end, keeping Kurri Kurri's hopes alive. On the replayed end though he could not emulate that feat, missing narrowly with his last two, leaving Merrylands to claim the win and the 2021 Open State Fours Championship.

For young Jack McShane (who is still a junior) and Shawn Thompson, they have finished their week with two Open state titles – the Pairs and the Fours. Congratulations must go to them, their Merrylands team and all the competitors who made the Open State Fours Championship so successful.



2021 Open State Championships

NSW Open Senior Fours Champions



In the middle stages of the match, Westport attempted a minor comeback, reducing the deficit to five shots at the 14-end mark. Entering the final stages the Bateau Bay side again hit their strides, and potentially buoyed by the boisterous home crowd support, piled the pressure on Westport to take out the match 21-14.

The win was particularly sweet for Tony Shoebridge, who only a couple of days earlier fell agonisingly short of featuring in his first Open State Senior final after being pipped at the post 31-30 in the Open Senior Singles semi-final. The win in the Open Senior Fours means that he won't go home empty-handed and caps of a successful week for himself and his team.

Bateau Bay have saved their best performance for the Open Senior Fours final against Westport, where they were on fire from start to finish. Leading 8-3 in the early stages, they

were up for the battle against the experienced Westport side which featured four players who had all previously won a State Senior Championship.

NSW Open Reserve Fours Champions

Before the Open Reserve Fours final had even started, both the Gilgandra and Gunnedah teams were the pride of their towns. Not only had they played well enough to qualify for the final, but they competed with a level of spirit and enthusiasm that made their matches a pleasure to watch.

Gilgandra jumped out to a 7-2 lead and maintained a decent buffer throughout the match. At the 14-end mark they were 16-6 in front and forcing Gunnedah to manufacture multiples to stay in touch. Unfortunately for Gunnedah, their attempts to keep pace with Gilgandra didn't work out, with Gilgandra running away 24-9 victors. Despite the loss, it was a championship to remember for the Gunnedah side who incredibly had



four members from the same family competing. Skip Caleb Cameron had his sister Ella at third, uncle John at second and mum Jo leading. It is fantastic to see the team making the most of the Open Championship format and turning the event into a

family affair. Congratulations to the Gilgandra team, and in particular skip Noel Raines who now has an Open Reserve Fours Championship to go with the Reserve Singles Championship he won back in 2018.

2021 Open State Championships



Appointment of Bowls NSW Ltd Chair and Deputy Chair



The Board of Bowls NSW Ltd met on June 1st, 2022, one year on from the unification of Women's Bowls NSW and the Royal NSW Wales Bowling Association.

This meeting was held in accordance with the Bowls NSW Ltd Constitution

12. INTERIM BOARD

(b) The Interim Board will appoint

a chair from amongst its number who will hold office for a term of one (1) year but may be reappointed for a second year.

Bowls NSW Ltd is pleased to advise that following a ballot at this meeting, Dily's Kindleysides was elected as Chair unopposed and Brett Duprez elected as Deputy Chair.

The Board thanks the inaugural Chair Matt Goodwin and Deputy Chair Pam Andrich for their leadership and time throughout the first year of Bowls NSW Ltd.

Circular **C9/2022 Appointment of Bowls NSW Ltd Chair** is available to download from the Bowls NSW website

2022-23 NSW State Squads Announced

The Women's and Men's NSW State Open, Senior, O40, U25 and Junior squads for 2022-23 have been announced!

The Open, O40, U25 and Junior squads will trial at Cabramatta Bowling Club on 2-3 July in the State Selection Series, with the Senior squads trialling at Cabramatta from 4-5 July.

Please go online to bowlsnsw.com.au to view the selected squads

Congratulations to all players who have been selected to trial.

Annual Membership Fee



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To assist clubs working through the challenges faced over the last year, Bowls NSW board has resolved that there will be no increase to Annual membership fees for 2022- 2023.

Fees will be the same as 2021-2022.

It is our intention that keeping Annual Membership Fees unchanged will offer welcome relief to clubs, and Bowls NSW is pleased to be providing our clubs and members additional services and competitions for 2022-23.

The Annual Membership Fee invoices are for the 2022-23 Financial Year and provides membership with Bowls NSW up to 30th June 2023.

Invoices for the 2022-23 Financial Year will be sent to all clubs from the 1st July 2022.

Circular **C8/2022 Annual Membership Fee** is available to download from the Bowls NSW website



Keno Announces its Move to The Lottery Corporation



Keno would like to share with its valued RSL and Services club partners the exciting news that it has moved home and is now part of Australia's largest lottery company, The Lottery Corporation.

The Lottery Corporation has become the new driving force behind Australia's lottery games after it was formed on 1 June from the demerger of Tabcorp's Lotteries and Keno businesses.

On 24 May, The Lottery Corporation Managing Director and CEO Sue van der Merwe was delighted to ring the bell at the ASX for the new company (ASX:TLC).

"Keno, and our venue partners who offer the game to their customers are an integral part of The Lottery Corporation and its future success," Ms van der Merwe said.

While some things may have changed behind the scenes, it's business as usual for Keno. Your club and customers won't notice any major differences to the game they know and love now that Keno is part of The Lottery Corporation.

"I look forward to our team delivering a range of exciting new Keno features and promotions to enhance the customer experience in clubs, pubs, casinos, hotels, and agencies across the country," said Ms van de Merwe.

"In partnership with our loyal and strong venue partner network, players can look forward to more winning moments as The Lottery Corporation continues Keno's evolution by driving innovation, deepening customer and venue engagement, and enhancing the customer experience."

Keno invites you to spread this great news to other venue staff. Please share this email with your team. And feel free to reach out to your Keno Sales Executive, who will continue to provide advice and support whenever your club needs it.

You can read the full story on Keno Connect kenoconnect.com.au or watch the Keno video introducing The Lottery Corporation to venue partners.



Live Streaming



Women's Champion of Club Champion Pairs 2 - 5 June 2022



Day	Time (approx)	Round	Streamed Matches
2 June	12:45 PM	Round 1	B. Inwood & G. Sheehan (Munmorah United) v S. Anderson & H. McColl (Gosford City)
3 June	8:45 AM	Round 2	R. Keene & D. Trovato (The Hills District) v L. Waters & L. McMahon (Adaminaby)
3 June	12:45 PM	Round 3	J. Ferris & M. Skinner (Warilla) v M. Truesdale & G. Barnes (Greenlees Park)
4 June	8:45 AM	Round of 16	TBD v TBD
4 June	12:45 PM	Quarter-final	TBD v TBD
5 June	8:45 AM	Semi-final	TBD v TBD
5 June	12:45 PM	Final	TBD v TBD

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Live Streaming



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Open Champion of Club Champions
3 - 7 June 2022



Day	Time (approx)	Match	Streamed Matches
3 June	8:45 AM	Singles - Round 1	A. Gleeson (Bar Beach) v K. Treacher (North Sydney)
3 June	12:30 PM	Singles - Round 2	P. Taylor (Alstonville) v B. Glasson (Mt Lewis)
4 June	8:45 AM	Singles - Round 3	J. Davis (Macquarie Dubbo) v J. McShane (Merrylands)
4 June	12:30 PM	Singles - Semi-final #1	TBD v TBD
4 June	3:00 PM	Singles - Semi-final #2	TBD v TBD
5 June	8:45 AM	Singles - Final	TBD v TBD
5 June	1:40 PM	Pairs - Round 1	S. Kerr & M. Blackburn (Belrose) v D. Mathieson & M. Cronin (Maitland City)
6 June	8:45 AM	Pairs - Round 2	M. Clarke & S. Thompson (Merrylands) v C. Donaldson & C. Murray (Engadine)
6 June	12:45 PM	Pairs - Round 3	J. Nash & J. Pinnock (Maclean) v D. Hall & K. Price (Park Beach)
7 June	8:45 AM	Pairs - Semi-final	TBD v TBD
7 June	12:45 PM	Pairs - Final	TBD v TBD

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