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Welcome

**Welcome to the April edition of the
Bowls NSW Newsletter!**

The 2023 Multi-Disability State Championships have been held at South Tamworth Bowling Club, where the event was a great success! Congratulations to our newest state champions, and all the competitors who participated over the five days.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Lee Stinson as Executive Manager - Bowls. Lee brings a wealth of experience into his new role and we are excited to have him join the Bowls NSW team.

We've launched a Zone & District Unification website dedicated to keeping members updated on the latest news relating to unification, as well as providing background information, interactive draft boundary maps and proposed future governance structures outlining the benefits of the unification process.

Read on to find out what's happening around our clubs in New South Wales.

2023 Multi Disability State Championships



The 2023 Multi Disability State Championships held at South Tamworth Bowling Club from 17-21 April and were a huge success! Over 20 participants competed in the event which featured a Reserve Singles, Open Singles and Open Pairs Championship. Bowls NSW had the privilege of live streaming selected matches from the event, and it must be said that the level of ability displayed by the competitors was nothing short of brilliant. After five days of high quality matches, the following State Champions

were crowned:

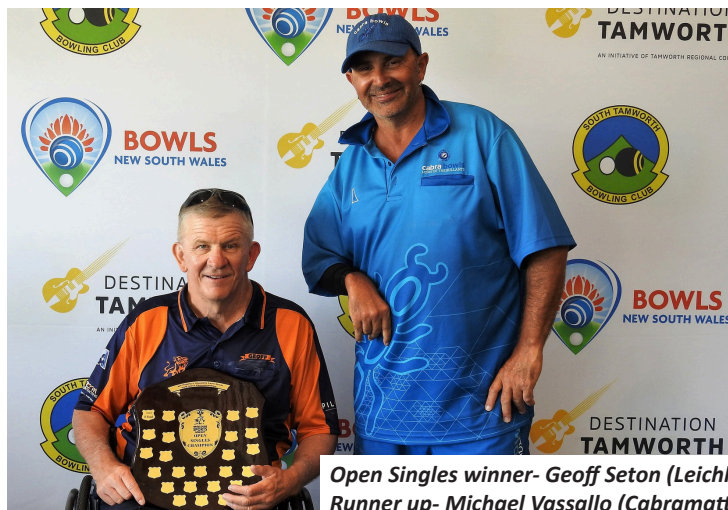
Open Singles Champion
Geoff Seton

Reserve Singles Champion
Jeff Nickalls

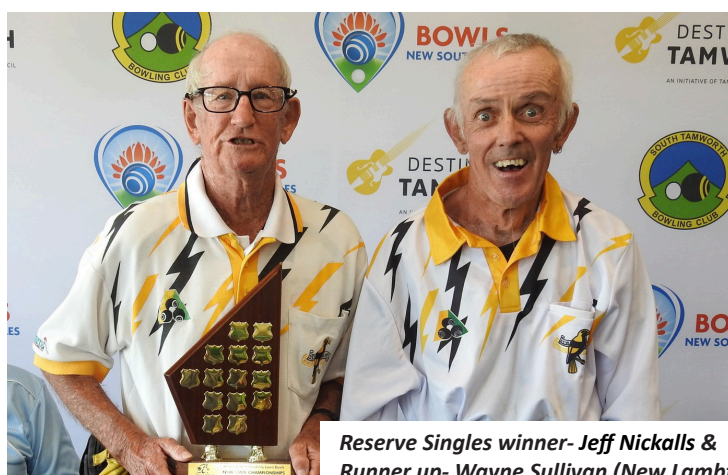
Open Pairs Champions
Aaron Kelly & Brad Gilbert

Well done to all involved, in particular the staff and volunteers at South Tamworth Bowling Club who once again went above and beyond to ensure the event ran as smoothly as possible.

2023 Multi Disability State Championships



Open Singles winner- Geoff Seton (Leichhardt) & Runner up- Michael Vassallo (Cabramatta)



Reserve Singles winner- Jeff Nickalls & Runner up- Wayne Sullivan (New Lambton)



Reserve Bronze winner- Keith Roberts & Fourth Place - David Artis (South Tamworth)



Open Singles Bronze winner- Brad Gilbert (Casino RSM) & Fourth Place - John Gibson (Nelson Bay)

Lee Stinson Appointed As Executive Manager – Bowls



of knowledge and experience into the role which will allow him to build an excellent rapport with our membership. Lee will be an asset here at Bowls NSW and I look forward to welcoming him into the team."

Lee is eager to start in his role, where he will be responsible for leading and governing the delivery of the sport of bowls in New South Wales and to drive Bowls NSW as the leader of bowls across Australia. "I am really looking forward to working in the sport that I am so passionate about. As well as getting the opportunity to work with our sport's great volunteers in all Zones, Districts and Regions of the state. In my time playing the sport there has never been more opportunities and events to be able to compete in so it is an exciting time to come on board and join a fantastic and enthusiastic team."

Lee begins his role at Bowls NSW in mid-May 2023.

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce that Lee Stinson has been appointed to the role of Executive Manager – Bowls, confirming recent announcements made online.

Lee comes into the role with considerable experience across the bowls and construction industries, having worked in management positions focused on creating and delivering programs that improve business performance.

Lee has been involved in lawn bowls for over 30 years, developing a strong passion for the game as well as extensive knowledge and understanding of the sport at an operational level. After taking up the sport at the age of 7 in his

hometown of Blayney, Lee has spent most of his bowling career playing at the highest level at clubs in country regions and is confident that his understanding of clubs in regional areas will assist him in his role. "As many of the membership base would know, country areas face different challenges to those in the highly populated areas. Many regional and rural towns rely on their Bowling Club as a major hub for community events, so it is vital that they can remain prosperous for many years to come."

Bowls NSW CEO Tim Rowe is thrilled to have Lee on board as the Executive Manager – Bowls, noting that he was a standout candidate amongst an impressive list of applicants. "Lee brings a wealth



2023 Women's State Carnival

Live Stream Schedule

Live Streaming



Women's State Carnival
1 - 5 May 2023



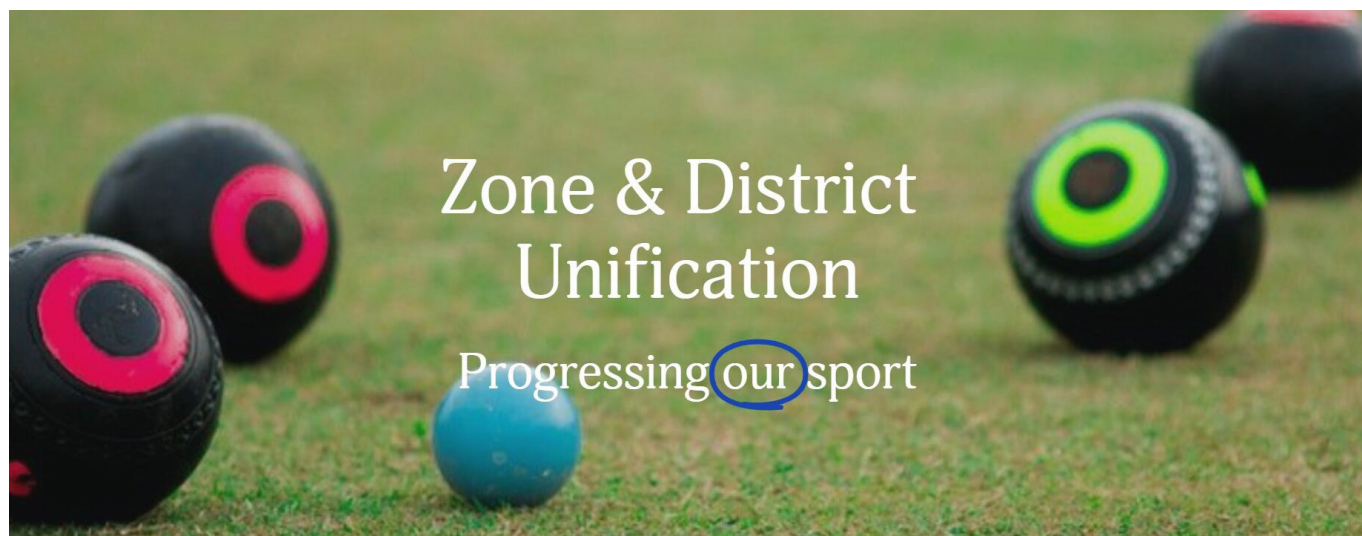
Shoalhaven
City Council

THE
COUNTRY CLUB
St Georges Basin Men's Bowling Club

Date	Time (approx)	Event
4 May	8:30 AM	Round of 32
4 May	10:30 AM	Round of 16
4 May	2:00 PM	Quarter-final
5 May	9:00 AM	Semi-final
5 May	1:00 PM	Final



Zone & District Unification Website Launched



Due to the overwhelming 'Yes' (89.7%) response from members in relation to Bowls NSW moving down a path of unifying Zones & Districts, we're pleased to launch the Zone & District Unification website. This site is dedicated to keeping members up to date on the latest developments and information relating to Zone and District Unification and we plan for this to be a single source of truth regarding process and outcomes.

The process of Zone and District Unification is extensive and covers a broad range of topics although we acknowledge that there are many items we still need to address and do not have answers for at this point in time. Through our Membership survey conducted earlier this year, you told us the key areas of unification that need to be addressed moving forward. One of those key areas was communication and the ability for Bowls NSW to disseminate information to members. In response, we've built and launched the Zone & District Unification website.

Within the website you'll find background information, interactive draft boundary maps and proposed future governance structures explaining how unification can benefit members and the sport of bowls in general. You can also provide further feedback in response to the information we've published on site.

To access the website, visit www.zonedistrictunification.com.au or go to the Bowls NSW website and look under Member Resources.

You will note that the proposed competition boundaries are listed

as part of this website. We strongly reiterate that these are draft only at this stage and your feedback in relation to these will be compiled for consideration. Each competition area (or 'Sector' as referred to) can be clicked on, downloaded, and easily printed for those who would like to do so.

We will continue to update this website with relevant information as we progress, and as always we appreciate your positive and constructive feedback.



State Junior Tri-Series Confirmed At Cabramatta



The annual Junior Test Series between the NSW Junior Blues and Queensland will be contested as a tri-series this year, with Victoria set to compete in the event. The Series will take place at the home of the NSW Junior Blues – Cabra Bowls – from 3rd to the 5th July 2023.

The tri-series is an opportunity for some of the best junior bowlers in Australia to go head-to-head and showcase their abilities in the lead up to the Australian U18 Championships held in October this year.

Bowls NSW CEO Tim Rowe is thrilled to see Victoria's inclusion in the annual series. "It's fantastic to have Victoria competing in the tri-series. Their inclusion is a welcome boost and will further improve what is already a high-quality event."

Bowls QLD CEO Brett Wilkie shared the same view, stating "Queensland and New South Wales have had some amazing battles over many years in our annual U18 Test Series, and we now welcome the Victorian juniors to this series which will enhance the contest."

Sixteen players from each state, eight boys and eight girls, will compete in the multi-discipline event which will be live streamed by Bowls NSW. More information on the event, including selected players will be made available closer to the event dates.

Bowls Victoria CEO Tony Sherwill sees Victoria's inclusion as a big win for all three States. "Bowls Victoria's juniors are incredibly excited to join New South Wales and Queensland in making this event a tri-series. We see this as a great test for us, coming up against the depth and talent in both NSW and QLD. We look forward to this annual series for many years to come."

Many players in the current Australian Jackaroos squad are products of the junior bowls system, which makes it even more exciting to see our next generation of bowling superstars take to the greens at Cabra Bowls.



Laws Of The Sport Of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4th Edition



Bowls NSW has released the following Circular regarding the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4th Edition. The Circular also includes a comprehensive analysis of the new laws provided by the National Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG).

The World Bowls Council at the Biennial Council meeting held in August 2022 in Birmingham, UK replaced Crystal Mark 3rd Edition (CM Version 3.2) of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls with the Crystal Mark 4th Edition (CM4).

The World Bowls Laws & Umpiring webpage has been updated with the revised version CM4, including a list of all changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls between CM3.2 and CM4 editions.

Bowls Australia has published CM4 including Australia's Domestic Regulations, (DRs).

There have been no changes to Australia's DRs, only an expansion of DR 2.4.5 to improve clarification of the use of substitutes.

Any required changes to the Bowls NSW Ltd Conditions of Play will be implemented in the 2023-24 Conditions of Play.

As all of the Bowls NSW 2022-23 Championship Events commenced prior to 1 April 2023, they will be completed under the CM3.2 version of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (under which they commenced).

Copies of the new Laws of the Sport

of Bowls, Crystal Mark 4th Edition, including Domestic Regulations for play in Australia can be purchased from www.ibowlonline.com.au.

To read the full circular please go online to www.bowlsnsw.com.au

Vale Jack Hawkins OAM



We are saddened to hear of the passing of former Bowls NSW State Coaching Committee member and State Junior Coach Jack Hawkins OAM.

Jack joined the NSW Coaching Committee in 2003 where he selflessly devoted his time to educating members through the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS). Jack was also instrumental in the success of the NSW State Junior Side for many years, coaching and mentoring countless junior bowlers. Jack helped turn several NSW Junior representatives into National Champions, while also teaching them the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Bowls NSW passes on its sincere condolences to Jack's family and friends.



Put Some Play Into Mother's Day



Make Mother's Day memorable with a Keno promotion that will bring the occasion to life.

When it comes to making occasions stand out and giving customers more reasons to play, you can't go past a Keno In-Venue Promotion.

Wrapping a promotion around an important occasion like Mother's Day enhances the playing experience for members and guests and boosts sales revenue.

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said their Keno sales increased during the promotional period.

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