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Welcome

Welcome to the July Edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter

After 13 days of action packed play across Figtree Sports, the 2022-23 State Championships have been completed. From first time champions to record setters, we've crowned over 50 new state champions and congratulate all players on participating in the event. A special thanks as well to our event hosts and sponsors, Destination Wollongong and TAB for helping ensure that this State Championships was the best one yet.

The NSW v VIC State Test Series is upon us, and we'll be live streaming matches from Warilla Bowling Club across the Open and Senior Series from 4-8 August. The event is littered with national and international stars and promises to be a great series, good luck to our KENO NSW Blues!

Rookie Singles Qualifying entries close soon, and our State Umpires Committee have provided another interesting update on everything 'rules' in the sport of bowls.

Read on to find out more!

History Made at the 2022-23 State Championships



For the first time in Bowls NSW history, the Men's and Women's State Championship events were conducted simultaneously across three host venues. Over the course of 13 days, we crowned over 50 new state champions, witnessing some incredible displays of bowls along the way.

We witnessed new state champions emerge, as well as regular winners lay claim to further silverware and their own slices of history. In this newsletter you'll find comprehensive wrap ups from each of the disciplines, and you

can also find all the event results on BowlsLink.

A special thank you to our three host venues Figtree Sports, Wiseman Park Wollongong City and Towradgi Park Bowling Club and their contingent of staff and volunteers for their services and hospitality throughout the event. Thanks also to our event sponsors Destination Wollongong and TAB for their continued support!

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Men's State Singles

Articles by Ben Krikstolaitis

Section one can be summed up by a simple sentence; Peter Taylor (Alstonville) won. He just won, with a constant display of every conceivable shot to win his section.

It was much more difficult in sections two and three with Jono Davis (Nelson Bay) and Jay Breust (Malua Bay) winning through on margins.

Jack Lewis (Engadine) in section four had a great run with three wins with a margin of 41 and a berth in the semi-finals.

Jay Breust has a massive reputation on the South Coast and a well-deserved one, but he seemed to be out of sorts in his semi-final, unable to find his rhythm and eventually going down to Jack Lewis. Jack

was clinical throughout the match, making his way to the final in fine fashion.

Peter Taylor, meanwhile, showed again why he is a powerhouse of a bowler and earning a final berth with a good, measured win over Jono Davis. Peter can play the full array of shots available to a bowler and was showing it here in the championships and proved it by winning this game against a tough opponent.

The final was set to be an epic and an epic it was. Both players giving nothing away. End after end of singles ends. Peter Taylor looked like he had it sewn up with a 24 to 19 lead after a brilliant four shot end. Jack Lewis had to be perfect – and he was.



Men's State Singles Runner-up Peter Taylor with Men's State Singles Winner Jack Lewis



Men's State Singles Winner Jack Lewis & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

A quick couple of winning ends brought the scores to 24 – 23 and the final end to win it. Jack moved around the head, bowls came close and were clattered away. Peter's final bowl just missed the target and the win was Jack's.

Jack Lewis from Engadine won the game and the championship in as epic a final as you'll ever see. Another champion from a brilliant championship singles event.

Well done to all of our new champions, all well deserved.

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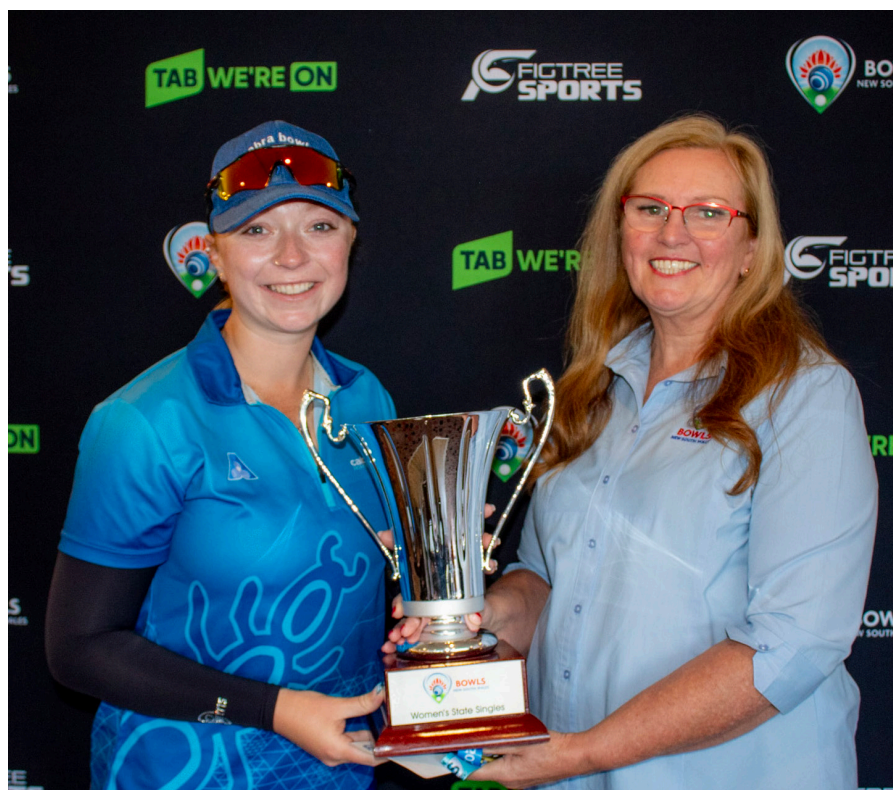
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Women's State Singles

There was a similar storyline popping up through sectional play in the Women's State Singles. Three of the semi-finalists absolutely powered through their sections. The phenomenal Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) recorded three wins and a 61 point margin. Local Favourite and Scottish International Kay Moran (Figtree Sports) managed three wins and a 28 point margin and Jessie Cottell (Cabramatta) produced three wins with a 41 point margin.

Much closer was section one with Joanne Cattley (Milton-Ulladulla) playing Melinda Blumor (Engadine) with both of them on two wins each. Those present stood and watched the final end of this match which was long and close and exactly what we like to see as lovers of our sport. Melinda winning 25-24 after Joanne just missed her last shot in a ripper of a game.

The semi-final for Melinda Blumor proved a difficult task as Jessie Cottell dialed-in the weight and nailed the lines on the half-green in front of the Figtree pavilion, comprehensively



Women's State Singles Winner Jessie Cottell & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

winning her way through to the final. The semi-final between home-town favourite Kay Moran and Jackaroo

Natasha Van Eldik was much closer. The game see-sawed through momentum swings and incredible draw bowling that would make any bowls purist happy. On the final end, at 23 to 24 in favour of Kay, Natasha was able to hold the final two shots to win and make it to the final. It was an absolutely epic and tiring match.

The final started with Jessie Cottell kicking away to an early lead and Natasha Van Eldik trying to keep pace. But then the momentum swung back to Tash and the scores drew even. Even is where it would stay until Jess was able to land the killer blow to be crowned the Women's State Singles champion for 2022-2023.

An amazing first time winner and a ticket to the Australian Championships in Western Australia for Jessie Cottell.



Women's State Singles Runner-up Natasha Van Eldik & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

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Women's Senior Singles

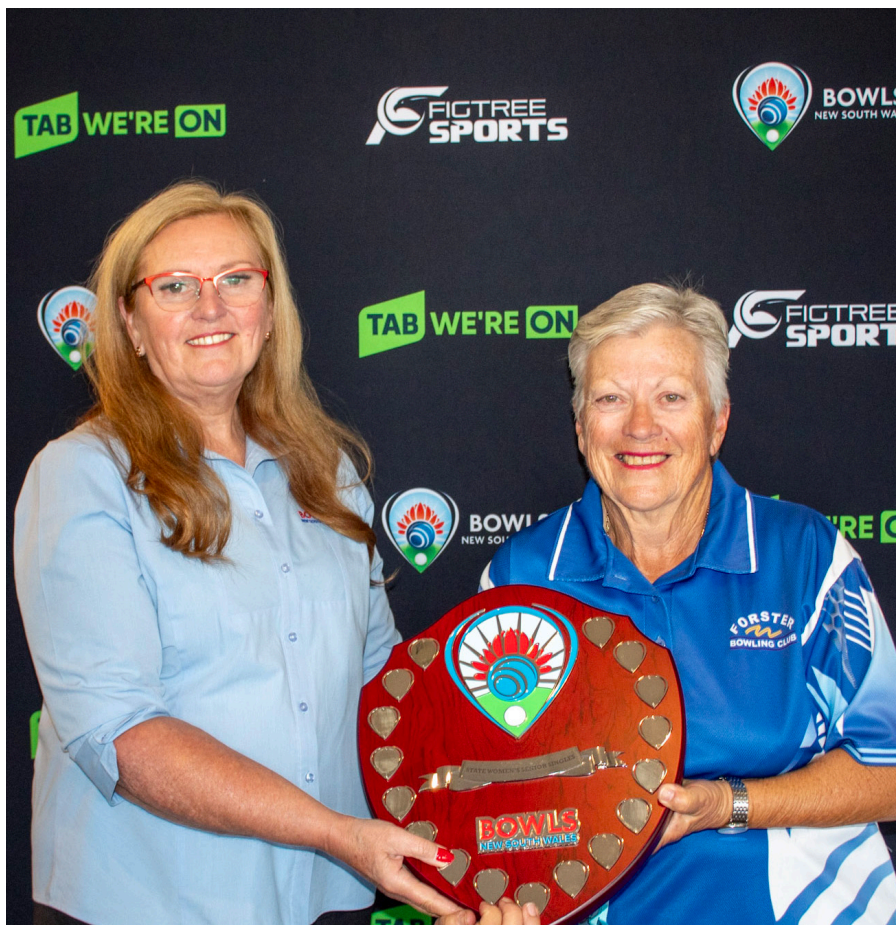
In section one of this competition there was no doubt of the winner, Christine Myers (South Tamworth) dominated the section with three wins and a huge 41 point shot margin. Section two's Wendy Clarke (Ballina) showed similar dominance with three wins and a 31 point margin on top of the ladder.

Section three was closer with Leba Yatevatu (St Georges Basin), one of the truly beautiful souls in lawn bowls, tying with Deborah Murray (NBC Sports) and Joy Scott (Merimbula), each with two wins. Joy's superior margin was enough to take her through to the semi-finals.

Joan Thomas of Forster won through in section four with two wins and a bye and was looking strong going into the finals.

The semi-finals arrived at Figtree Sports and went the way of Joan Thomas (Forster) and Wendy Clarke (Ballina). Both players were coming into great form as they won 25 shots to 15, setting up an enticing final.

The match lived up to the hype and



Women's Senior Singles Winner Joan Thomas & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides



Women's Senior Singles Runner-up Wendy Clarke & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

was a cracker with both women on 17 shots at one point as they crept towards the 25 needed to win the game. In the end it was Joan Thomas of Forster winning her way through in a close game. Joan's support crowd saluting her victory loudly from the sidelines.

Joan's win is well deserved and adds to the long list of Forster bowlers that have come home with silverware.

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Men's Senior Singles

This year's Men's Senior Singles champion had an extra incentive to take the title which may have proved the difference, but more on that later!

In Section One, Greg Laws (Carlingford) kicked off his campaign with three wins and a big margin. 2021 State Senior Singles Runner-Up Bernie Melville (Alexandria-Erskineville) did it a bit harder in his section with a win by margins to make it to the semi-finals.

Kris Lehfeltdt from Pottsville had a good run into the finals winning three games to make it through as did Mark Blackwood from Mona Vale, showing some good form to make it through a tough section that included KENO NSW Senior Blues representative Ken Snowdon (Merimbula), Greg Brims (Westport) and Phil Westcott (Ettalong Memorial).



Men's Senior Singles Winner Kris Lehfeltdt & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides



Men's Senior Singles Runner-up Bernie Melville & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

In the first semi-final Bernie Melville flexed hard with a huge win over Greg Laws despite his strong showing in the sections. It was a harder game for Kris Lehfeltdt, narrowly winning his semi-final game 25-21 against Mark Blackwood.

The final kicked off as we expected, a see-sawing affair. Spectators witnessed a remarkable run of ends where Bernie would be holding big multiples only to be dragged back with rescuing bowls by Kris. A brilliantly even game the whole way until Kris managed to score the final shots to take the crown as the Senior Men's Singles champion.

In an interesting twist, back in 1993 Kris had played to win in the Men's State Singles at Figtree Sports and lost. Thirty years later he was able to receive redemption, claim a trophy and finally be crowned state champion.

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State Open Reserve Singles

The qualifiers of this competition showed up strongly early with the only woman in the open competition, Kate Carriage (Nowra), winning all three games in her section to fire her way to the semi-final.

Section two's eventual winner, David Kahlfeldt (Engadine) impressed his large crowd of supporters with three strong wins in a tough section. Similarly, Wayne Ede (West Pennant Hills Sports) won through with three wins albeit with closer margins and a winning aggregate of 8 shots.

The final section, Nathan Kent from Campbelltown won through on shot difference after finishing level with Jeffrey Nolan (Bangalow) on two wins. A 25-11 final round loss for Jeffrey to Tony Parkes from West Wyalong proved crucial, giving Nathan the superior shot margin to top the section.

The semi-finals were set. Kate Carriage to take on David Kahlfeldt and Wayne Ede to face off against Nathan Kent. None of the players had it all their own way. Having shifted to the finals venue of Figtree Sports from their sectional play venues, it took a few ends for the players to adjust. The player that adjusted the best would do better and so it would seem, Kate winning her way though and so did Wayne.

The final started on the number 2 rink closest to the club entrance. The early ends were close with Wayne Ede finding the advantage but then Kate Carriage kicked away. She scored several multiples and showed her strength and obvious skill with an incredible display of bowls to win the match 25-10.

Our first new State Champion of the Day; Kate Carriage in the Open Reserve Singles! A worthy winner and the first woman to win the Open Reserve singles.



State Open Reserve Singles Winner Kate Carriage & Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides



State Open Reserve Singles Runner-up Wayne Ede

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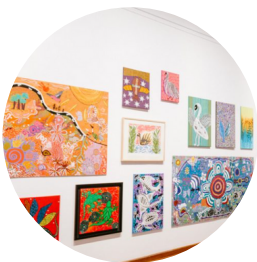
WINE & DINE

If you're looking for local and tasty seafood try Harbourfront or Steamers Bar & Grill. Kneading Ruby, North Beach Pavilion, or, The Fraternity Club are your go-to for authentic Italian and delicious pizza. Stop in for a craft beer at Five Barrel Brewing, an award-winning gin at Headlands Distilling Co, or a cocktail at Juniper.



COFFEE & BREAKFAST

Rise & shine with a delicious coffee in hand from Diggies, Lee & Me, or Seven Miles Roasters. Don't forget to try their mouth-watering breakfast menus. Levendi's located on Wollongong Harbour serves up a tasty coffee, with the best fish & chips in town.



ART & CULTURE

Wander Wollongong Art Trail, taking you through the cultural landscape of Wollongong CBD. Check out a unique exhibition at Wollongong Art Gallery. Explore amazing gardens and open spaces at Wollongong's Botanic Gardens.



BEACHES & OUTDOORS

A must-do walk is down the Blue Mile, past Belmore Basin to the iconic Lighthouse' where you can grab food and drink along the way. Check out one of our ocean pools at North Wollongong, Towradgi, or Bellambi. Take a drive up to Mt Keira lookout where you will find breath-taking views of the city.



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Men's State Pairs

Unusually for sectional play, all four sections had a clear winner. The four semi-finalists winning all of their games to make it through for a chance. Corey Wedlock & Gary Kelly (Warilla), Craig Maythers & Christopher Couchman (Austral), Beau Prideaux & Carl Healey (Cabramatta) and Mark Cross & Bernie Melville (Alexandria Erskineville) the confirmed semi-finalists with the chance to win a championship medal.

The first semi-final was a tight affair with the Cabramatta team of Jackaroo Carl Healey and emerging Jackaroo Beau Prideaux having a bit of a scare from the Alexandria-Erskineville team led by the indomitable Bernie Melville but winning through in a close match 19-14.

The second semi-final was more of a lopsided affair with another Jackaroo, Corey Wedlock helping the legendary international representative Gary Kelly to another final.

Speaking of the word 'legendary', that's what the final turned out to be. In the introduction to this article we spoke about these games being



Men's State Pairs Winners Gary Kelly & Corey Wedlock

a marathon, this game turned out to be just that. Four and a half hours of play brought the exhausted

players to their final end. The lights were turned on it was so late in the afternoon. The crowd watched a legendary final end with the Cabramatta team looking for three to tie the game and force an extra end.

They just missed out. Carl Healey's final bowl just missing the jack which needed to move less than thirty centimetres to force the final end. Gary Kelly and Corey Wedlock booking their ticket to the National Championships in Perth in October as the newly crowned Men's State Pairs champions.



Men's State Pairs Runners-up Carl Healey & Beau Prideaux with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

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Women's State Pairs

Everywhere you looked in this field, you saw legends. Three of the four sections won by teams on two wins and margin. Virginia Longfellow & Christine Gordon (Harbord) won through with +3 extra margin over second in their section, while Jeanice Scheimer & Kylie Hardy (Port City) got through on two wins and a draw.

In one of the most remarkable sectional scores ever seen, Ellen Falkner & Karen Murphy (Cabramatta) won through on top of their section with two wins a draw and a score differential of an enormous 48 shots. Not necessarily remarkable for players of Ellen Falkner and Karen Murphy's legendary capability but they only just got up over the all-conquering team of Genevieve Delves & Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) who had a 44 point differential. They are also the two teams that played in one of the best games we've seen on our live stream.

The last team through blitzed their opposition with three wins and 68 points in the positive. With these results, many saw them as serious contenders for the championship.



**Women's State Pairs Winners Ellen Falkner & Karen Murphy
with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides**

Samantha Ferguson & Anne Johns (Engadine) were playing amazing bowls and knew the rinks well at this point having been at Figtree Sports all week.

But they didn't have it all their own way. The Port City team pushed them hard in the first semi-final and the Engadine duo just pipped them at the post by one shot.

The Cabramatta team flexed their muscles and kicked away from Harbord for the win and a berth in the final.

Make no mistake, the final was a close game. Anne and Sam played outstanding tactical bowls and each end was hotly contested. But Karen and Ellen aren't the legends they've proven to be for many years for no reason, winning out 22 to 13 in the end.



Women's State Pairs Runners-up Anne Johns & Samantha Ferguson

Men's Senior Pairs

Three, three game winners in sectional play promised an impressive pair of semi-finals. The final winners through, with two wins and a ten shot better margin than the second place getters in that section would prove to be no slouches in the semi-finals either.

That final team, Clay Parker & Rowan Brassey (East Maitland), pushed their opponents to the end. Eventually winning by three shots over Harvey Phillips & Daryl Webster (Old Bar) and making their way through to the final.

In the other semi-final, the familiar face of Robbie Warren (Towradgi) showed up with partner Brian Suckley and did what seemed inevitable, made it to another final. Steve Read & Mark Fitzalan (Nyngan) were classy to the end but couldn't keep up with the Towradgi team.

The final was not a forgone conclusion. Both teams were accurate and focused but these games can turn quickly and it was the Towradgi team who kept their focus a little longer and won a second State Championship in the 2022-23 season.

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Men's Senior Pairs Winners Robbie Warren & Brian Suckley with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides



Men's Senior Pairs Runners-up Rowan Brassey & Clay Parker

Women's Senior Pairs

Similar to the Open Reserve Pairs, there were two three-game winners in sectional play. Judith Scholz & Judith Brady (Port City) and Kathryn Limond & Raweang Namutwong (Charlestown) won their sections with aplomb and qualified for the second day of play full of confidence.

Wendy Constable & Susan Metcalf (Lithgow Workies) won through with two wins and a draw. A harder pathway for Barbara McCracken & Julie Sigsworth from the wonderful Sussex Inlet RSL Bowling Club who won two games and got through on margin.

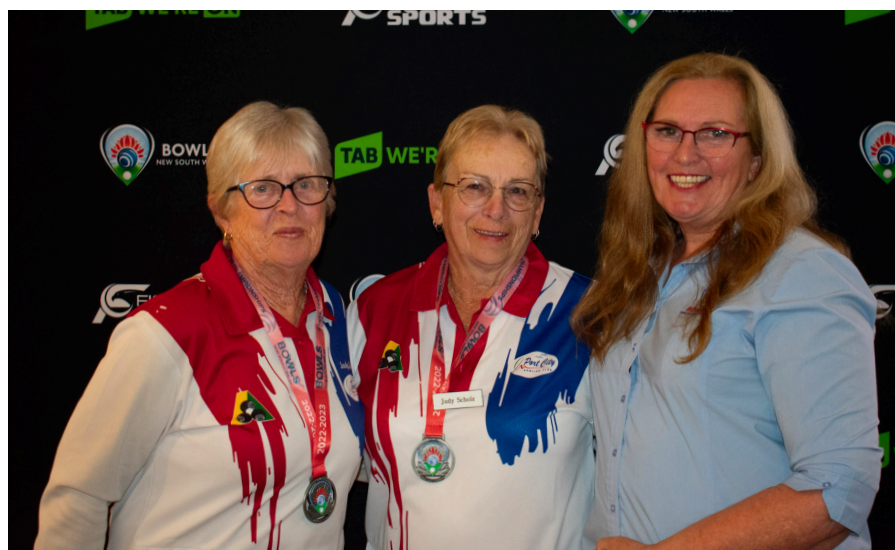
The semi-finals were contrasting in their scores. The Charlestown ladies winning with a big score over the Lithgow Workies team who fought valiantly. On the rink next door, a close battle between Sussex RSL and Port City was epic to watch. Port City winning by three shots, 22-19.

The impeccably skilled pair from Charlestown picked up where they left off in the semi-final and blitzed the hard fighters from Port City



Women's Senior Pairs Winners Kathryn Limond & Raweang Namutwong with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

to win the final 31-6. They'll take their medals back to the recently upgraded Charlestown Bowling Club and celebrate as only bowlers can.



Women's Senior Pairs Runners-up Wendy Constable & Susan Metcalf with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides



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State Open Reserve Pairs

There were two standouts at the end of sectional play, Stephen Sanders & John Kinsella of Fingal Bay and Allan Low & Dale Jeffery of Stuarts Point. Both teams winning three games and a score differential of over forty shots.

Michael Catling & Antonio Turcato (South Lismore) and Scott Bonthron & John Lloyd (Lane Cove) scraped through with two wins and margin. A great performance for a city team and a country team who were excited to even attend. It may have been this positive attitude that helped them secure a spot in the semi-finals.

The semi-final matches were incredibly symmetrical. Both winning teams scored 17 shots over their opposition who scored 13. Allan Low & Dale Jeffery of Stuarts Point and Scott Bonthron & John Lloyd (Lane Cove) both having wins and a chance at a State Championship.

The final was low scoring, close affair as these important matches often are. Neither team gave in and the final score showed a margin that belies the closeness of the game. The Stuarts Point team winning a great game and a very worthy championship.



**State Open Reserve Pairs Winners Allan Low & Dale Jeffery
with BOWLS NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides**



**State Open Reserve Pairs Runners-up Scott Bonthron & John Lloyd
with BOWLS NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides**

Women's State Triples

The sections in this tournament were terrifyingly good. Everywhere you looked up and down the team sheets you saw talent. Club legends, state representatives, national representatives, coaches, bowls organisers and just great players showing up for one of the marquee championships in Australia.

Section one winners, Kate Matthews, Genevieve Delves & Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) had three good wins over some enormous talent with Engadine triplet Rebekah Lord, Samantha Ferguson & Anne Johns (Engadine) coming in a close second.

Sections two and three were won similarly by well-known players, Colleen Starr, Joan Thomas & Sarah Boddington (Forster) and Suzanne Fischer, Julie Baker & Billie Maas (Belrose).

Section four was won by a strong team from Northmead Bowling Club, Julie Lovejoy-Kennedy, Angela Platt & Maelene Reynolds. Maelene is one of the real characters of our game and it was great to see her expressiveness in her games. She always wears her heart on her sleeve while on the greens.



Women's State Triples Winners Kate Matthews, Natasha Van Eldik & Genevieve Delves with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

The first semi-final between Raymond Terrace and Belrose was a close game to start with. Both teams trying to come to terms with the nature of the green. But it was Natasha Van Eldik's team who kicked away, using the extremely accurate, short Jack delivery by Kate Matthews to great effect and the resultant big win.

The second semi was an all-time classic. A long, long game that

continued well after the other teams were enjoying the refreshments provided by Figtree Sports. They fought hard and doggedly but the experienced state level campaigner Sarah Boddington won out by three shots to make it to the final.

A foreboding task faced Forster in the final, coming up against Raymond Terrace who have essentially owned the Women's State Triples having won it six times in the past eight years. Forster started well but found it tough to keep pace with the consistency of the Jets trio. Kate Matthews was at it again, delivering the shortest of short lengths to an accuracy of a few centimetres over and over again. The powerhouse duo of Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik, fresh from an Australian Open pairs win, were deadly accurate and they won the day 23 shots to 6. A dominant display by the newly crowned State Champions who will head to Perth with a lot of confidence.



Women's State Triples Runners-up Sarah Boddington, Joan Thomas & Colleen Starr with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

Men's State Triples

Another star-studded lineup arrived for the State Championship Men's Triples and the sections proved difficult to get out of and into the next round. The biggest winners were Jack Lewis, Callum Murray & Mason Lewis (Engadine) with three wins and a 46 shot differential.

Three wins to Trevor Gillis, Craig Roberts & Lee Stinson from Warilla saw them nicely into a semi-final. In section two, Michael Phillips, Heath Lewis & Darren Morrison (Merrylands) got through on two wins and a positive score differential with every team below them with a negative score.

The familiar names of Jamie Minter, Ian Lean & Shannon Gittoes (Raymond Terrace) made up the last of the semi-finalists after two wins and a narrow 9-point differential in their favour over David Dilworth, Nathan Dawson & Brody Pitham (Club Maitland City).

The semi-finals were two very different affairs. Darren Morrison and the team from Merrylands were in control against Raymond Terrace despite the obvious skill of Shannon



Men's State Triples Winners Darren Morrison, Heath Lewis & Michael Phillips

Gittoes and his team, earning a solid victory.

Lee Stinson's Warilla triples team had it much harder, having to come back from a huge deficit to win by a couple of shots. The comeback was made from a remarkable four end run of thirteen shots to bring them back to the lead.

The final was played between two teams featuring some of New South Wales' best bowlers, and despite the efforts of the Gorillas, their fight-back heroics in the semi-final couldn't quite be emulated again in the final. The Merrylands team were relentless in securing a win and the title of Men's State Triples champions.



Men's State Triples Runners-up Trevor Gillis, Craig Roberts & Lee Stinson with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

Women's Senior Triples

The senior women's sectional play can be summed up by saying that four teams really dominated their sections with three wins each and a large margin of shots between them and their competitors.

Colleen Galvin, Mary Astill & Dianne Mackay (Warilla), Jan Sutherland, Vacie McIntyre & Betty Herbertson (Soldiers Point), Kaylene Meredith, Kaye Haberman & Donna Evans (Commercial Albury) and Margaret Sheean, Diane Murphy & Janet Newell (Taren Point) all won through to their semi-finals in what were a series of powerful games in the lead up to the final.

The Soldiers Point team, who had a 91 shot score differential at the end of sectional play, proved too strong for a quality Warilla side, winning by 10 shots and earning a place in the final.

It was somewhat closer on the rink next door with the Commercial



Women's Senior Triples Winners Jan Sutherland, Betty Herbertson & Vacie McIntyre



Women's Senior Triples Runner-up Kaylene Meredith, Kaye Haberman & Donna Evans with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

Albury and Taren Point teams battling it out shot for shot. Neither team was able to gain a real advantage. Commercial Albury were pleased, it seemed, that the game finished when it did as they just snuck over the line by one shot.

The final was played in a tough, competitive spirit. The two teams working hard to gain the momentum and kick away. It is hard to do in this game and neither side was able to do it at any point. Soldiers Point, the strongest of the teams throughout the tournament managed to win by a single shot, 19 to 18 and hold the trophy aloft.

Men's Senior Triples

Sectional play for the Senior Men was a mixed bag of results for all competitors. Paul Curtis, Stuart Wright & Shane Dollar of Bronte managed to finish third in Section 3 despite having a positive score margin which is an oddity.

In addition to that, three wins to the teams of Brian Suckley, David Wakeling & Robbie Warren (Towradgi), Greg Brims, Peter Stockham & Peter Taylor (Westport) and Mark Barton, Trevor Imer & Dale Maitland (Wenty Leagues) gave them a good run up to the semi-finals.

Neil Williams, Michael Gibbons & Richard Thornton (The Entrance) and Peter Fisher, Stewart Angwin & John Rees (Kurri Kurri) tied on points with two wins each at the end of sectional play, but it was the team from The Entrance who went through with a three shot differential lead over Kurri Kurri.



Men's Senior Triples Winners Brian Suckley, Dave Wakeling & Robbie Warren



Men's Senior Triples Runners-up Greg Brims, Peter Stockham & Peter Taylor with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

The semi-finals were closer than their scorelines indicate. All four teams playing brilliant shots and every player at the top of their game but in the end it was the teams of Brian Suckley, David Wakeling & Robbie Warren (Towradgi) and Greg Brims, Peter Stockham & Peter Taylor (Westport) to battle it out for the trophy.

Well, it was all Towradgi from there. Peter Taylor, who has bowled brilliantly the entire tournament, tried everything he could but just couldn't keep pace with the team led by Robbie Warren who ran away winners 29 shots to 16. A big contingent of Towradgi bowlers cheered as the local qualifiers secured the win.

State Open Reserve Triples

Russell Manning, Darryl Bruest & Ben Gersbach (Temora Ex Services) kicked off their campaign in fine style, topping their ladder in a great result for the country boys. Country teams are a very proud lot and it showed in each of their games.

In Section two, things were a bit different. Manu Tunga, Heath Austin & Bruce Evans (Wiseman Park Wollongong City) and Michael Fallows, Robert Saric & Warren Binney (Ballina) both won two games and tied with each other in the second game. The Wiseman Park Wollongong City team won through the section on shot margin.

Section three's result was no less bizarre with Chris Letherbarrow, Justin Sylvester & Mark Harrison (Ettalong Memorial) winning through with two wins and a draw. Second place, Roger Newman, Andrew Weaver & Paul Hodgkinson (Castle Hill) had two wins and a draw, but their inferior shot margin sent the Ettalong team through to the semi-final.

Baden Powell, Andrew Reynolds & Mark Fitzalan (Nyngan) had a good, strong set of wins and a margin of 36 shots to earn their place in the semi-



Open Reserve Triples Winners Russell Manning, Darryl Bruest & Ben Gersbach with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

finals and a shot at securing a state championship.

The first semi between Temora Ex-Services and Wiseman Park Wollongong City went down to the wire. A close game all the way and an exciting ending but the Temora trio just did enough to sneak past the regional city team from Wiseman Park Wollongong City.

The second semi-final was another hard-fought affair between two passionate teams who love the game and play hard for each other. Ettalong played an exceptional game but were just outdone by the Nyngan team – the Bogan Shire team ecstatic at earning a place in a state championship final.

It came down to this, a final between two teams from Western NSW. Both teams playing on the coastal plains between the mountains and the sea at the magnificent Figtree Sports Club. As all good country sports events are, the game was played hard but in great spirit as the teams went shot for shot over 25 ends.

At the end it was a five-shot difference and a new set of champions crowned. Russell Manning, Darryl Bruest & Ben Gersbach of Temora Ex-Services saluting the crowd and receiving the trophy to the delight of their supporters and their hometown.



Open Reserve Triples Runners-up Baden Powell, Andrew Reynolds & Mark Fitzalan with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

Women's State Fours

The four section winners in the Women's State Fours were convincing to say the least, with each of the four semi-finalists winning their way through with a perfect record.

All four teams with some kind of story. The Forster team of Robin Condello, Colleen Starr, Joan Thomas & Sarah Boddington were familiar with the greens having already featured in other finals matches earlier in this State Championships.

Jill Morris, Marie Comerford, Patrica Pollard & Coral Nathan from Pottsville went through on the back of amazing team play, brilliant leading by Jill Morris and Coral Nathan cleaning up all comers with a magnificent display of draw bowling.

The star-studded team of Jamie-Lee Worsnop, Ellen Falkner, Ellen Ryan & Karen Murphy from Cabramatta survived a heavy challenge from St Georges Basin (Janette Pigg, Leanne Darcy, Deion Thurston & Sue Moore) but ended up winning by the barest of margins 20-19.

Sharon McReynolds, Charlotte Hayman, Genevieve Delves & Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) dominated their section with



Women's Fours Winners Ellen Falkner, Jamie-Lee Worsnop, Ellen Ryan & Karen Murphy

convincing wins, ensuring another finals appearance for Genevieve Delves and Natasha Van Eldik in the process.

It was a different story in the semi-finals however, with the Jets coming up against Cabramatta. The bullants side were in fine touch, overcoming their opponents with a big win and earning their place in the final.

The other semi-final was a far closer affair. The Pottsville team threw everything they had at Sarah Boddington's Forster crew and it took the final bowl of the match to secure Forster's spot in the final.

Winning any State title is difficult, particularly so when facing a team that contains Australian champions, Commonwealth Games medalists, Jackaroo squad members, Jackaroo coaches and the mighty Karen Murphy. Forster fought valiantly throughout, but in the end the Cabramatta team claimed a solid 24-9 victory.



Women's Fours Runners-up Robin Condello, Colleen Starr, Joan Thomas & Sarah Boddington

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Men's State Fours



Men's State Fours Winners Ben Twist, David Ferguson, Mathew Pietersen & Craig Donaldson with Bows NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

Sectional play was an event punctuated by the success of some powerhouse clubs, Raymond Terrace's Tim Twining, Jamie Minter, Lennon Scott & Lee Schraner, Taren Point's foursome of Mark Willey, Kyle Hansen, Simon Lyttle & David Axon and the formidable four from St John's Park – Craig Donaldson,

David Ferguson, Mathew Pietersen & Ben Twist. Kingscliff's Stuart Miles, Chris Amos, Beau Sampson & Peter Duncan won through their section with two games and a considerable margin, showing the field why they're featuring at the pointy end of the competition.

In the semi-final it was the Jets of Raymond Terrace who pushed past the Taren Point Power, winning 18 shots to 16. St Johns Park had a slightly easier run against Kingscliff winning 28 to 8 and earning a shot at the title.

In the final, St Johns Park came out all guns blazing to gain a solid early lead, but the Jets had other ideas with strong gameplay, consistently flying close to the jack.

Around the half-way stage of the game St Johns Park grabbed some momentum and never looked back, playing solid bowls from all positions on their way to a 22 – 13 win.



Men's State Fours Runners-Up Lee Schraner, Lennon Scott, Jamie Minter & Tim Twining

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Women's Senior Fours



Women's Senior Fours Winners Pamela Stephens, Alison Moxey, Maria Barrett & Vacie McIntyre

It was a mixed bag of results in the Senior Women's sectional play. Kerry Armstrong, Barbara Hvass, Kim Brough & Bronwyn McPherson (Taren Point) and Pamela Stephens, Alison Moxey, Maria Barrett & Vacie McIntyre (Soldiers Point) made it through with three wins each.

A tougher run for Charmaine Jones,

Christine Rothery, Veneda Profilio & Maureen Imms (Toongabbie) and Wilma Stedman, Olive Daly, Janet Ross & Adele Pobje (North Haven) who made it to the semi-finals with two wins and margin.

The semi-finalists got straight to the point with the teams from Soldiers Point and Taren Point each

securing wins to fight it out in the final. Soldiers Point prevailed over Toongabbie while Taren Point were too good for North Haven.

The final was a very close game the whole way until the final five ends. Soldiers Point kicked ahead at the pivotal moment to win 24 shots to 16.



Women's Senior Fours Runners-up Bronwyn McPherson, Barbara Hvass, Kim Brough & Kerry Armstrong with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

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Men's Senior Fours

There was only one three game winner; Hank Sato, Wayne Anderson, George Bakulic & Julio Posadas (St Johns Park) went through sectional play undefeated with a fairly narrow score difference. Other winners were Harvey Phillips, Michael Kilkeary, Lindsay Langtry & Daryl Webster (Old Bar), Graham Crawley, Garry Moroney, Robert Mills & Kris Lehfeldt (Pottsville) and the well supported South Coast team of Luke Tierney, Allan Thatcher, Robert Black (Paul McGrath, Sub) & Lynton Riddell (Tathra).

The semi-finals would be rippers with only one shot dividing each of the teams. Tathra came from a long way down to pip Pottsville at the post for a 21 – 20 win. It was a similar story for the Old Bar team over St Johns Park who kept their nose ahead at the end, 22 – 21.

The final two clubs, each representing coastal regions of NSW faced off in



Men's Senior Fours Winners Harvey Phillips, Michael Kilkeary, Lindsay Langtry & Daryl Webster



Men's Senior Fours Runners-up Luke Tierney, Allan Thatcher, Paul McGrath & Lynton Riddell

perfect conditions in the comfortable surrounds of Figtree Sports. The game was brilliant and neither team seemed to be able to gain a big advantage.

Then, on the second last end, when they were down by three shots, Old Bar scored a remarkable six. It put them three shots up with one end to play. Not to be outdone, Tathra came from nowhere and scored a three to level the scores. The extra end was the loosest end played all game as the tired players succumbed somewhat to the pressure. Old Bar held on for a solitary shot and won the State Senior Men's Fours title.

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State Open Reserve Fours



Open Reserve Fours Winners Trent Macpherson, Kosta Mitskof, Mark Hennen & Tony Trad

All of the sections were close but the teams that won through in this section were primed for the semi-finals. Gregory Best, Stephen Sinclair, Greg Evans & Robert Watmough (Birrongo Sports) won on a countback after tying on 2 wins and 11 shot score difference with Rohan Stocker, Peter Bryant, Bernie Rooke & Allan Trevithick (GyMEA).

The other three teams to make it through were Trent Macpherson, Kosta Mitskof, Mark Hennen & Tony Trad (Figtree), Murray O'Bryan, Peter Hutchinson, Darren White & Peter Guthrie (Malua Bay) and John Flanagan, Mark New, Scott Wholohan & Peter Willis (Port City).

The semi-finals were an exciting pair of games with the evenly matched

teams from Malua Bay and Port City fighting it out until the final few ends. Malua Bay just taking it in the end 20-15.

The home club team from Figtree Sports got over Birrongo Sports by a solitary shot and won through to the final by the skin of their teeth.

In the final, the local side picked up where they left off in the semi-finals, playing brilliantly against Malua Bay. Motivated by the cheers and of their excited local crowd, the Falcons managed a win over Malua Bay 20 – 16. They enjoyed their new State title well into the night at their wonderful club and even promised to return on Monday to continue the celebrations.

Congratulations to our latest State Fours champions!



Open Reserve Fours Runners-up Murray O'Bryan, Peter Hutchinson, Darren White & Peter Guthrie with Bowls NSW Chair Dilys Kindleysides

State Mixed Pairs

The final event of the 2022-23 State Championships was a ripper. It's the only championship that didn't come from Zone or Region qualifying, it came from qualifying clubs. This meant that a multiple teams from the same club could qualify, as well as teams featuring players from different clubs.

The first quarter final saw Debra Barber (Adamstown) & Matthew Johnstone (Soldiers Point) come up against the familiar finals talent of Anne Johns paired with Mason Lewis (Engadine). The teams fought out a close match with the Engadine pair winning by three shots.

Defending champions Claire Kelly and Shannon White of Forster had a strong win over Patricia Tan and John Campton from Belrose. It was a similar scenario for Zoe Nicholls and Brendan Stokes (Raymond Terrace) winning comfortably over Christine Myers and Ken Trow of South Tamworth.

The last quarter final was a ripper between Chanel Chakouch (Cabramatta) and Cameron Curtis (Wenty Leagues) and Margaret Smith & Alan Joss (Ettalong). The Ettalong team dominated early and were up by what seemed an insurmountable margin. But the Cabra/Wenty combination suddenly rushed home and nearly won the match, falling just two shots short of victory.

It was a tale of two destroyers and the honourable vanquished. Making a semi-final in this championship is no mean feat and the losing teams played with determination but fell short to a couple of sides in fine form. Raymond Terrace once again showed their consistency at state level with



State Mixed Pairs Winners Anne Johns and Mason Lewis

a great win, with the Engadine duo following suit and shooting their way through to the final.

The story here is that it was all Engadine from the very start. The Raymond Terrace youngsters were under the pump playing against their experienced opponents. Mason Lewis was completely on-song from the second end onwards. The KENO NSW Blues representative probably had one bowl that he would have been unhappy with as he set up heads beautifully for fellow state representative and skip Anne Johns time after time.

A defeat for the Raymond Terrace team but a fantastic learning experience and one they won't forget for a while. For the youngsters, many a Mentos will be consumed on

the way home to the sweet sounds of Luke Combs.

The Engadine pair both have a test series in which to compete next weekend and more glory to be found in Perth at the National Championships later in the year.

Congratulations to all of the players who qualified and competed. Thank you to the three host clubs in Figtree Sports, Towradgi Bowls and Recreation Club and Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club and the countless volunteers for assisting in any way possible. Thanks also to our sponsors Destination Wollongong and TAB for ensuring our State Championships were the best event yet.

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Confirmation of Rookies Event Dates

Bowls NSW would like to clarify to all members the confirmed dates for our 2023-24 Rookies events:

Rookie Singles

Qualifying Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 September 2023 Venues in your local Zone

Rookie Pairs

Qualifying Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 October 2023 Venues in your local Zone

Rookie Singles

State Finals Thursday 30 November & Friday 1 December 2023 Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

Rookie Pairs State

Finals Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December 2023 Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

These dates are now included on the Bowls NSW season calendar and chronological season calendar located on our website.

We apologise for any confusion caused to members entering these events and to assist with rectifying

discrepancies we are extending the entry closing date for the Rookie Singles Qualifying to Tuesday 8th August 2023. The entry closing date for the Rookie Pairs Qualifying will stay at Monday 11th September 2023.

For more information go online to www.bowlsnsw.com.au.



2023-24 STATE ROOKIES Singles & Pairs



Finals at Raymond Terrace

Singles: 30 Nov - 1 Dec 2023
Pairs: 2 - 3 Dec 2023

Qualifying at Your Local Zone

Singles: 9 - 10 Sep 2023
Pairs: 14 - 15 Oct 2023

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Day	Time (approx)	Event	Streamed Matches
4 August	2:00PM	Women's State Series Test One	S. Boddington, K. Walker, K. Moran & D. Hayman (NSW) vs A. Miles, S. Kurzman, J. Wallace & L. Phillips (VIC)
4 August	6:30PM	Men's State Series Test Two	M. Miles, C. Wedlock, A. Teys & A. Wilson (NSW) vs J. McCarron, B. Holland, B. Orr & A. Flapper (VIC)
5 August	9:30AM	Women's State Series Test Three	K. Courtin, G. Delves, A. Johns & N. Van Eldik (NSW) vs N. McKenzie, A. Jenkins, O. Cartwright & C. Millerick (VIC)
5 August	1:30PM	Men's State Series Test Four	D. Hill, P. Taylor, M. Baus & L. Schraner (NSW) vs T. Cromie, J. Pearce, B. Mahoney & M. Flapper (VIC)
6 August	8:00AM	Women's State Series Test Five	B. Smith, J. Cottell, J. Worsnop & E. Ryan (NSW) vs J. Freund, S. Atkinson, T. Doolan & K. Whitehead (VIC)
7 August	8:45AM	Men's Senior Series Test One	B. Lack, M. Clarke, T. Warder & T. Shoebridge (NSW) vs T. Sciavello, B. Barker, D. Donaldson & C. Young (VIC)
7 August	12:45PM	Women's Senior Series Test Two	C. White, C. Kelly, M. Parcell & S. Renshaw (NSW) vs C. Sanders, A. Hall, R. Thomassen & J. Hurst (VIC)
8 August	8:00AM	Men's Senior Series Test Three	B. Ahoy, K. Jaques, E. Johannes & P. Taylor (NSW) vs C. Veenendaal, T. Ristic, N. Dawe & R. Jansen (VIC)

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The Big Sports Breakfast Live at Figtree Sports!



In case you missed it, we had The Big Sports Breakfast broadcast their show live from Figtree Sports during the State Championships!

The boys provided great coverage of the event, including a brilliant interview with bowling legend Karen Murphy. We loved their presence at the State Championships and look forward to continuing the promotion of our great sport!

Umpire Session at Wiseman Park Wollongong City

Umpires at Wiseman Park Wollongong City took advantage of the presence of chair of State umpires Alan Clarke, to learn more about the latest laser measure and boundary mirror during the state championships.



BowlsLink Basics Learning Module Now Available



The first of a dozen new BowlsLink training modules is now available online in BowlsLearn, Bowls Australia's self-paced learning platform.

The BowlsLink Basics course is designed for first-time users of BowlsLink giving them a broad understanding of the various BowlsLink functions and how to get started, along with helpful insights on using the platform for the first time.

In particular, any new committee members at clubs who have never used BowlsLink before will get some benefit from completing the course which includes a variety of text, video and quizzes as part of the learning journey.

More training modules will come online shortly within the BowlsLearn platform with a new one expected every month.

Head to the link below to view the module.

For any further queries on BowlsLink please contact BowlsLink Manager Aaron Delaporte at bowlslink@bowls.com.au

<https://learn.bowls.com.au/courses/bowlslink-basics/>



Junior Golden Nugget

Congratulations to our junior superstars on some exceptional performances at the 2023 Junior Golden Nugget!

Boys' Champion | Jacob Aitken

Girls' Runner-up | Chanel Chakouch

Boys' Runner-up | Travis Moran

Well done to Ethan Scott-Branagan, Tim Thorning, Tom Rich, Jasmine Smith, Katie Astley, Reese Finn-Young and Taylor de Greenlaw for competing in such a high quality field.



Order of Australia Honours for Carol Cooper



At Hazelbrook Women's Bowling Club we are so proud of our wonderful member, Carol Cooper, who, in this year's King's Birthday Honours list has been awarded an Order of Australia medal. As an elder of the Darug and Gundungurra Nations, she quietly and compassionately works towards

bridging the gap between Aboriginal and non-indigenous people in the Blue Mountains. Despite being highly respected across the political spectrum and communities, she still has to fight racism for herself and others. She has so many attributes one

does not hear about because of her modesty.

It is a delight to us all that this honour has been bestowed upon such a deserving and wonderful person.

Story and Images by Mary Kennedy

State Umpires Committee

Keeping things Crystal Clear



With the deletion of Law 37.1.3 and Law 37.1.5.3, which took effect on the 25th May 2023, two other laws have resulted in questions being emailed to the State Umpires Committee, those laws being, Law 29.1.4 (new law) and Law 29.4.2. Both these laws are very similar in their wording.

1. Law 29.1.4

If a bowl has been played by each team or player in Singles before the players discover that one of them has played out of turn, play in that end must continue in that order. Law 29.1.4 comes under Law 29.1 Playing out of turn. If a bowl has been played by each team or player in Singles before it is discovered that one of them has played out of turn, then play in that end must continue in that order.

In the past Law 29.1.2. & 29.1.3 were an option depending on the circumstances.

Laws 29.1.2 & 29.1.3 can only be used if the mistake is found once the bowl played out of turn has come to rest and the next bowl has not been

delivered.

If the circumstances have occurred as per Law 29.1.4 then Laws 29.1.2 & 29.1.3 must not be used.

2. Law 29.4.2

If a bowl has been played by each team before the players discover that one of them has failed to play a bowl in the proper order, that player will lose the right to play the bowl. Law 29.4.2 comes under Law 29.4.2 Failing to play. If a bowl has been played by each team before they discover that one of the team has failed to play a bowl, then that player forfeits the right to play that bowl. This law refers to team games, Pairs, Triples & Fours. And it is not a new law.

An occurrence that has become noticeable over the past 12 to 24 months is the reluctance of umpires to make themselves aware of the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play. Umpires must make themselves aware of the contents of the current Bowls NSW Conditions of Play, as you may be required act on or make a ruling on a section of the COPs during a game. For example:

General Conditions for all Events:

- Section 24. Bowls Stickers/ Adhesive Markings.
- Section 27. Inclement Weather.
- Section 29. Personal Electronic Devices.
- Section 31. Coaching.
- Section 32. Delaying Play.
- Section 33. Restricting Movement of Players.
- Section 35. Instantaneous Penalties.

Apart from the General Conditions for All Events, there are a number of COPs specific to State controlled events, if you have been appointed to officiate at one of those events ensure you read the COPs for that event.

Enjoy your umpiring, next month there will be a return to the Q&A segment.

Should you have a question of law, please do not hesitate to forward you question/s to:
umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au