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Welcome

Welcome to the December Edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter

The Women's State Carnival will head back to the Barrington Coast in 2024, with Forster Bowling Club confirmed as the main host venue. Entries into the State Carnival are now open, be sure to secure your place in this five-day festival of bowls.

Raymond Terrace played host to the Rookie Singles and Pairs State Finals and we were treated to brilliant bowls from some of our newest players. Congratulations to Joel Field (Charlestown) and Brett Goodchild & Andrew Nichols (South Tamworth) on winning the Singles and Pairs disciplines respectively.

There is a special announcement from Bowls NSW with an important update on Zone & District Unification and the future governance structures of the sport.

We've enjoyed giving you the latest updates on all things bowls within New South Wales over this past year, and look forward to bringing you more than ever in 2024!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Bowls NSW team, top row left to right: Selam, Tricia, Billy, Andrew, Jess, Lee, Laura

Bottom row left to right: Courtney, Ben, Tim

As the festive season approaches, we would like to inform members that our office will be closed over the Christmas break from 22nd December 2023 through to 7th January 2024.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to all our members for being an integral part of the Bowls NSW family. We hope you have a joyful and safe holiday season, and look forward to another enjoyable and successful year in 2024.

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Joel Field Wins Rookie Singles

Charlestown's Joel Field has won the Rookie Singles State Finals, putting on a brilliant display of bowls on his way to solid quarter final, semi-final and final wins. Field may have saved his best performance for the final against Kayne Carmichael (Malua Bay), jumping out to a healthy lead then holding his nerve to win 17-3. Field was peppering the jack with his first two bowls, and when needed was able to produce precision weighted shots to turn over heads and place Carmichael under constant pressure. Carmichael showed a steely resolve well beyond his few years in the sport to stay in the match and try to keep pace with his opponent, but on this occasion Field was too good, powering to a 17-3 win.

Leading into the final, Carmichael was in red hot form winning all five of his matches with a combined margin of +54. To put this into perspective, only one of Carmichael's opponents managed to reach double figures, James Telfer who lost 17-10 in the second round. Field's run to the final was a different story, winning his section by a mere +4 margin before beating Raymond Terrace local Benjamin Rowsell 17-8 in the quarter finals and David Beaumont (Yamba) 17-13 in the semi-final.

Field was ecstatic after winning the final, having qualified last year in the Rookie Singles but failing to make it out of sectional play on that occasion. In the post-match presentation, he thanked his club, Charlestown,

for their continued support and his family and friends who have encouraged him constantly over the past few years.

Carmichael was also quick to acknowledge the support of his family and friends, as well as Malua Bay. The club will be exceptionally proud of Carmichael and all of their new bowlers, with Carmichael the second Malua Bay player to feature in a Rookie Singles final, after Peter Keatley won the same event last year.

Well done to Joel and Kayne on an exceptional final, and to all our competitors in the Rookie Singles.



**Rookie Singles Runner-up
Kayne Carmichael (Malua Bay)**



Rookie Singles Winner - Joel Field (Charlestown)

Rookie Singles



South Tamworth Schoolmates Secure Rookie Pairs Title

Andrew Nichols & Brett Goodchild (South Tamworth) are the 2023-24 Rookie Pairs State Champions after defeating Josh Eyles & Artie Stacey (Temora Ex-Services) in an amazing final. The win is a dream come true for the South Tamworth duo, who have been close mates since school and decided to take up the sport together. They've proven to be fast learners, accounting for the Temora Ex-Services team who finished as semi-finalists in this same event last year. At the halfway stage of the match barely a shot separated each side, with all four players finding their range. The crucial moment came in the tenth end when South Tamworth picked up a count of four with some incredible shots, and continued that run to finish off 17-8 winners.

Anyone who witnessed the match will be aware just how well all players performed, a sign that their bowling careers can only improve from this solid foundation.

South Tamworth were dominant in their sectional rounds, winning their three matches with a margin of +40. In the quarter-finals, they edged out Bruce Patchett & Steven Woods (Nelson Bay) 14-10 before holding off Toby Wallace & Gary Devlin (Alstonville/Ballina) in the semi-final 11-9. South Tamworth were 9-3 ahead after 7 ends, but the Alstonville/Ballina duo clawed their way back into the match to trail by two shots with two ends to play. The South Tamworth held their nerve at the death to earn their place in the final.

Temora Ex-Services experienced a far tighter sectional round, relying on a superior shot margin to win their

way through to the quarter-finals. At the end of sectional play, three of the four teams finished on two wins, and it was a huge 20-3 win for Temora Ex-Services over Cowra that secured their place in the post-sectional rounds. To highlight just how close this section was, Jake Brown & Paul Kirwan (Parkes Railway) who finished in fourth lost all three of their matches by a solitary shot! Tough results but a great experience nonetheless. Temora Ex-Services enjoyed a 19-3 quarter final win over Engadine, which set them up against Scott Ellis & Joel Field (Charlestown), Joel fresh off his Rookie Singles State title. The match, which was live streamed, was an epic that went down to the final bowl. Shots were exchanged multiple times in the last few ends with every player showing experience well beyond their rookie status.

Congratulations to Andrew Nichols

& Brett Goodchild on winning the Rookie Pairs State Finals and to Josh Eyles & Artie Stacey on helping produce an exceptional final for the spectators today. The quality of bowls on display over this event was matched by the level of sportsmanship from every player and team, and Bowls NSW would like to congratulate everyone who took part.



Rookie Pairs Runners-up - Artie Stacey and Josh Eyles (Temora Ex-Services)



Rookie Pairs Winners - Brett Goodchild and Andrew Nichols (South Tamworth)

Rookie Pairs



Mick Bell Encouragement Award

Rookie Pairs - Congratulations to Sophie Payne (Merrylands) and Oscar Hide (Northmead) who were the recipients of the Mick Bell Encouragement Award. The award is presented to the players that best embody the spirit and sportsmanship of the Rookies event. Sophie and Oscar conducted themselves brilliantly on the green throughout the event, showing incredible skill matched by their sportsmanship and camaraderie, making them deserving award recipients.

Rookie Singles - Congratulations to Stuart Vaughan (Campbelltown) who was the recipient of the Mick Bell Encouragement Award. Stuart was a deserving recipient of the award showing great sportsmanship and character throughout all of his matches.



Bowls NSW President Dilys Kindleysides with Sophie Payne and Oscar Hide



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Raymond Terrace
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Bowls NSW Vice President John Ellison with Stuart Vaughan (Campbelltown)



Bowls NSW Sport Survey Now Open



Bowls NSW is sharing a Sport Survey to members, giving you the opportunity to provide feedback on the current formats of our game as well as the events that we conduct.

We want to hear from you as members, and we encourage you to be open and honest with your responses, as the feedback received will be discussed by the State Match Committee when determining the structure and Conditions of Play for events in future seasons.

The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, and covers a range of topics within the sport. Please share this survey with other bowling members within your community. Thank you for your participation, we look forward to receiving your responses.

To complete the survey please go online to

<https://bowlsnsw.jotform.com/233389112917864>

If you have any questions please contact Bowls NSW on
02 9283 4555



State Pennant Finals Hosting EOIs Open



Expressions of Interest (EOIs) have opened for clubs to host the 2023-24 Open State Pennant Finals (Grades 1-7) and the 2023-24 Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals (Divisions 1-4).

Hosting a State Pennant Finals event is an incredible experience, giving you the opportunity to welcome players and teams from across New South Wales and showcase your club's facilities, greens and hospitality. We strongly encourage clubs from all areas of New South Wales to submit an EOI, and note that clubs may collaborate on an EOI to satisfy the hosting requirements.

The event dates for the Bowls NSW State Pennant Finals are as follows:

Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals

Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May 2024 (Monday will be a practice day)

Open State Pennant Finals

Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 June 2024 (Thursday will be a practice day)

Clubs interested in hosting must read through the Hosting Documents linked below before submitting an EOI to lee.stinson@bowlsnsw.com.au. Clubs are welcome to submit separate EOIs for both Open and Men's/Women's State Pennant Finals.

Hosting Documents

- Open State Pennant Finals
https://bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/open_Host_pennant_EOI.pdf
- Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals
https://bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Men_and_women_Host_pennant_EOI.pdf

EOIs must be submitted by Monday 15 January 2024.

If you require further information, please contact the Bowls NSW Office on 9283 4555.

Women's State Carnival Heads To The Barrington Coast



The Women's State Carnival will return to the Barrington Coast region in 2024, with Forster Bowling Club to take centre stage as the main host venue. The five-day festival of bowls is one of the most popular and eagerly awaited events on the calendar, and 2024 promises to be no exception.

The event, which is played in the fours format, is open to all female bowlers and players do not have to be from the same club. All players are guaranteed three days of play across different venues, with the last two days dedicated to finals matches.

The Women's State Carnival will be held from 6th – 10th May 2024 with

sectional play to take place at Forster, Hallidays Sports, Pacific Palms, Taree Leagues, Tuncurry Forster Sports and Tuncurry Beach Bowling Clubs. Additional clubs may be added to the list of host venues between now and the start of the event. Bowls NSW is excited to be bringing the event to these clubs, in particular Forster Bowling Club who will host the post-sectional rounds on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May.

Entries are now open via BowlsLink, with a registration fee of \$160 per team. Get your entry in to secure your spot in this brilliant event. From seasoned professionals to enthusiastic newcomers, the

Women's State Carnival welcomes bowlers of all skill levels, creating an inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy the thrill of competition while making new friends along the way.

For more information or to enter please go online to <https://bowlsnsw.com.au/state-carnival/> or call Bowls NSW on **02 9283 4555**

Zone and District Unification Update

Bowls NSW has released a special announcement with an important update on the future Governance structures of the sport of bowls across NSW. The announcement addresses:

- Announcing 'Regions'
- Region Names
- Future Structures
- Establishing new Region Associations
- Dissolving Current Zone and District Associations

- Transfer of Assets – Overview for Zones and Districts
- Legal / Operational Checklist
- Support from Bowls NSW
- Next Steps for Current Zone and District Associations, Bowls NSW and Clubs

To view this information, visit the Bowls NSW website and view Circular C24/2023 Zone and District Unification Update at this link-

https://bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/C24_Zone-and-District-Unification-Update.pdf

Bowls NSW looks forward to continuing to shape the future of our sport in partnership with you.



To view updated Region maps go online to-
<https://www.zonedistrictunification.com.au/>

Junior Development Camp



Cabra Bowls, home of the NSW Junior Blues, hosted a Training Camp for our NSW Junior Blues Squad. Players were put through their paces on the greens under the guidance of our State Junior Committee.

It was fantastic for the players to get together, have a hit out and develop their skills.

For more information on Junior Bowls please go online to bowlsnsw.com.au



Junior Gold and Silver Squads for 2024

Following the Junior Development Camp held at Cabra Bowls, the State Junior Selection Committee have selected the Junior Gold and Silver Squads for 2024. These players will be considered for selection in the NSW Junior Blues Sides throughout the year. Congratulations to all players selected!

Gold Squad

Girls		Boys	
Name	Club	Name	Club
Katie Astley	Merrylands	Jacob Aitken	Engadine
Charlie Cameron	Gunnedah Services	Kyne Allen	Wee Waa
Ella Cameron	Gunnedah Services	Joshua Allman	Merimbula
Chanel Chakouch	St Johns Park	Sam Bowman	Coonabarabran
Zoe Davies	Windang	Flynn Cooper	Engadine
Taylor de Greenlaw	Cabramatta	Cooper Dart	West Dubbo
Reese Finn-Young	Merimbula	Bradley Farlow	St Johns Park
Charlotte Hayman	Raymond Terrace	Cooper Fliedner	Manildra
Madison Hazell	Junee	Charlie Grebert	Merimbula
Tahlia Kennedy	Pittwater Memorial	Sam Griffiths	Terrigal
Shakiya Murray	Griffith Ex-Services	Noah Jedrzejczyk	Padstow
Sophie Payne	Merrylands	Koby Kattau	East Maitland
Shelby Powell	Raymond Terrace	Zac Miller	West Dubbo
Jasmine Smith	St Johns Park	Travis Moran	Warilla
		Sam Rich	Merrylands
		Tom Rich	Merrylands
		Tim Thorning	Gunnedah Services
		Billy Waite	Cabramatta

Silver Squad

Girls		Boys	
Name	Club	Name	Club
Ami Bromhead	Raymond Terrace	Kyle Anderson	Raymond Terrace
Mia Bromhead	Raymond Terrace	Jaiden Elliott	Tamworth City
Tarnee Ingram	Manilla	Sebastian Jeffrey	Glenbrook
Lily Kirk	Merrylands	Jordan Lean	Raymond Terrace
Jordyn Osland	Telarah	Charlie McCudden	Tathra
Samantha Robinson	Armidale City	Josh Toby	Wagga Rules
Mackenzie Wicks	Raymond Terrace	Jeremy Wood	Gulgong
Arianni Winter	Camden	Cooper Wrightson	Engadine

Reminder to Clubs About Running Club Championships

The current Bowls NSW playing season is from July 1 to June 30 each year.

A Championship Event shall not commence before 1 July in a Bowling Season unless prior written permission is obtained from the State Match Committee.

Any event commenced before 1 July must be completed in the nominated Bowling Season for the event.

Clubs must complete their Club Singles & Pairs by the date shown in the Bowls NSW Calendar for the Club Champions to enter Champion of Club Championships.



Spotlight on Coaches and Officials

Do you know a local official or club coach who has selflessly volunteered their time to promoting bowls? We want to hear from you!

Bowls NSW is calling out for members to fill out the below form putting a spotlight on local coaches and officials, and recognising all that they do for their community and the sport.

<https://bowlsnsw.jotform.com/233437192408861>

We're looking to showcase select coaches and officials across New South Wales within the Bowls NSW newsletter. Submit a form today for a club member who you think deserves recognition for all that they do.



State Umpires Committee

Questions of Law

Question: A toucher is sitting on the green and a player drives and hits the toucher into the ditch, and it bounces back onto the green. Does it stay where it finishes on the green?

Laws: Law 17.1

A bowl is a dead bowl if:

- **17.1.3**
After completing its original course or after being moved as a result of play, it comes to rest at a distance of less than 14 metres, as measured in a straight line, from the centre of the mat line to the nearest point of the bowl.
- **Law 17.2**
A bowl is not a dead bowl if
- **17.2.3** It is a toucher which rebounds from the face of the bank onto the rink of play.

Answer: Yes, a re-bouncing toucher is not dead, law 17.2.3, and must stay where it comes to rest, providing the toucher is not less than 14 metres from the mat line. If the re-bouncing toucher comes to rest less than 14 metres from the mat line than the bowl is declared dead and removed from the rink of play.

Question: In a Club Pairs Championship (knockout competition), the Controlling Body observes on one rink that with the number of ends to play, the losing team would not be able to defeat or draw the game with their opponents. What action should, if any, the Controlling Body take?

Laws: Law 26

Games played on one occasion



- **26.3** There must be no further play in a knockout competition if at any point it becomes impossible for a player, team, or side to win the game, given the number of ends left.

Answer: The Controlling Body or the umpire must stop the game, law 26.3.

It is highly recommended that the abovementioned Policies should be included in the Umpire's kit and the Controlling Body's folder.

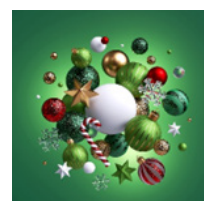
The new edition of the "Officiating Manual" is now available from Bowls Australia.

Information

With the advent of Summer and the prediction on a hot & dry summer, Clubs, Districts and Zones should make themselves familiar with the Bowls NSW Extreme Weather Policy. Another policy to be aware of is the Bowls NSW Sun Smart Policy. Both policies can be found by visiting the Bowls NSW Website:

- Click on Resources,
- Click on Bowls NSW Ltd Policies.

Happy Christmas from the SUC



State Umpires Committee would like to wish all bowlers and their families a Safe and Happy Christmas. If you are travelling for Christmas, travel safely.



Congratulations to the State Umpires Committee Chair, Alan Clarke who has been nominated in the volunteer services award category for the Mid-Western Regional Council 2024 Australia Day Awards.

Australia's Best Honoured At 2023 Awards Night

Australia's best have been honoured at Bowls Australia's virtual 2023 Awards Night, recognising the achievements of people from all corners of the sport across the country.

Audika Community Service Award: Avalon Bowling Club & The Northern Beaches Vision-Impaired Group (NSW)

New South Wales' Avalon Bowling Club and the Northern Beaches Vision-Impaired Group earns this prestigious award for their continued drive in engaging the community, particularly in relation to the coaching of bowlers with a visual impairment.

Right at Home Volunteers of the Year: Terry Ledger (Club Mount Lewis, WA) & Dennis Heath (Avalon Bowling Club, NSW)

Dennis' work at Avalon Bowling Club is equally as magnificent with his drive to connect more people to bowls. Through his goal, he gives an abundance of lessons to newcomers, assists with the visually impaired and has weekly clinics with bowlers with Cerebral Palsy.

This is the first time since 2016 that two volunteers have been made recipients of the award.

Apia Coach of the Year: James Reynolds (Cabramatta, NSW)

James is one of the finest coaching exponents in Australia and dedicates his time to helping others realise their dream within the sport.

The New South Wales Pathways coach is a constant innovator and thrives on forging strong relationships with his pupils.

Reynolds holds ongoing training, planning and preparation sessions for his chargers that see them thrive on the national and international stage, with his in depth knowledge of the sport unparalleled.

James, a Right at Home Para Jackaroo himself, is one to often sacrifice his own time on the green in order to help those around him improve and is always on hand to support any one of his pupils from the bank.

Australian Institute of Sport International Male Para Bowler of the Year: James Reynolds (Cabramatta, NSW)

The inaugural winner of this category, Reynolds was an influential member of the Para Jackaroos lineup in 2023, representing Australia with distinction at the Multi Nations and World Bowls Championships.

James would clinch a silver at the Multi Nations before going on to make history at the world championships, teaming up with Damien Delgado to win a gold medal after an epic final against South Africa at Helensvale.

Recognised by his peers, the man affectionately known as 'Jimmy' not only exhibits outstanding behaviours on the green, but is a physical embodiment of the Jackaroos 24/7 mentality.

BCiB Under-18 Female Bowler of the Year: Reese Finn-Young (Merimbula, NSW)

Reese's season has been exemplary, with another standout Australian Open performance in June that saw her finish with a second successive title in the under-18 girls' singles discipline, as well as the singles title at the Under 18 Championships at the 2022 Nationals.

16-year old Reese made more waves on the national stage this year, progressing to the final of the prestigious Australian Indoor Championships.

The future is bright for this rising star of the sport.

Story by Bowls Australia



Safety in Extreme Weather Conditions



In our ongoing commitment to the well-being of participants, Bowls NSW Ltd has developed 'Extreme Weather Guidelines,' aligning with Sports Medicine Australia's recommendations.

These guidelines are essential for everyone involved in lawn bowls, including players, officials, umpires, coaches, parents, volunteers, staff, and spectators. Notably, these guidelines are a foundation, and Associations and Clubs are strongly encouraged to adapt them to local geographical conditions and any specific sport laws or competition conditions.

Bowls NSW Ltd acknowledges that environmental factors can impact lawn bowls, necessitating careful consideration of extreme weather conditions. While typical conditions may not affect matches, exceptionally adverse weather may pose risks to participants and spectators. The guidelines outline

the approach for Controlling Bodies to assess extreme weather conditions, utilising common measurement methods such as Ambient Temperature/Relevant Humidity and Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT). The guidelines also provide alternative options for venues without measuring devices, recommending the use of the closest weather station on the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website. Extreme weather is defined as conditions that immediately or potentially compromise safety due to factors like rain, hail, lightning, wind chill, or heat. Risk assessments align with guidelines from Sports Medicine Australia and BOM forecasts.

Players play a crucial role in ensuring their safety during extreme conditions. General guidelines advise players to maintain adequate fluid intake, monitor hydration, notify staff or the controlling body

if affected by heat, utilize water and electrolyte drinks, employ pre-game, game, and post-game cooling strategies, abstain from playing in extreme heat with illness, and apply sunscreen in sunny conditions. Additionally, players are advised to wear appropriate warm clothing in cold, windy conditions.

Bowls NSW Ltd emphasizes the importance of collective responsibility and encourages all participants to prioritize safety during extreme weather conditions. By adhering to these guidelines, the bowls community can continue to enjoy the sport while safeguarding the well-being of everyone involved.

to view the Bowls NSW Extreme Weather guidelines please go online to - https://bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/BNSW_ExtremeWeatherGuidelines_2020.pdf.



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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and we'll see you for another big year of Bowls in 2024!

From the team at Bowls NSW.

