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Welcome

Welcome to the February edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

We're thrilled to have launched 'Sounds Like Your Local', an awareness campaign aimed at promoting our member bowling clubs and the services they provide their local community.

Entries into the revamped State Junior Championships have closed and we have over 99 participants ready to compete! This event will be a brilliant showcase of our next generation of bowling superstars.

With the State Championships just around the corner we're looking forward to bringing you 42 live streamed matches across the 16 days of play. The inclusion of the Multi-Disability Championships makes this year's State Championships our biggest ever for participation!

With further events on the horizon, read more to find out what's happening in the sport within New South Wales. [has context menu](#)

Bowls NSW Rolls Out Sounds Like Your Local Campaign



Bowls NSW has launched its 'Sounds Like Your Local' campaign, driving awareness of the 400-plus bowling clubs within the state and the benefits that they provide their local community.

The campaign promotes exactly what every bowling club offers — social connections through bowls and an intrinsic link to the local community. For years, the iconic bowlo has been a space for individuals to meet, connect and enjoy some quality time

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Sounds Like Your Local Campaign

on the greens. Few other sports can offer the same level of accessibility as lawn bowls, all while providing mental, physical and social health benefits.

The campaign forms part of a broader strategy that Bowls NSW is implementing which will target driving more people into the sport and to sign up to member clubs. The campaign has been rolled out across digital, social and out of home channels across the state, with a

direct link to the Bowls NSW 'Find a Club' online map. The first step for individuals finding a bowling club is to find out where their local bowl is located. With the 'Find a Club' online map, you can locate your local in a matter of seconds.

Bowls NSW is calling on clubs to share the campaign content both in-house and on social media, promoting your local and the services you provide to your community. Campaign content, including links to the 'Find a Club'

online map are free to download on the Bowls NSW website.

We are excited to raise awareness of all the incredible bowling clubs located around NSW, the services they provide to local communities, and to get more people out on the greens. If this sounds like your local, get involved today!



To download any of the media assets please go online to the Bowls NSW Website

bowlsnsw.com.au/sounds-like-your-local

For more information please call bowls NSW on 02 9283 4555

Bowls NSW Hosts Online Conference



Communications & Commercial Manager - Billy Johnson and Communications Coordinator Tricia Breuer

Bowls NSW hosted the 2024 Online Conference on February 28th, featuring an array of prominent speakers.

Attendees were treated to enriching discussions and valuable insights from industry leaders.

Speakers included:

- Dilys Kindleysides - President of Bowls NSW
- Tim Rowe- CEO, Bowls NSW
- Matthew Kennedy - CEO, Bowls Australia
- Mick Devine - NSW Combined High Schools Lawn Bowls Convener
- Terry Dillon- Clubmap Founder
- Brett Hughes - Bowls Australia CSM
- Every Bowls NSW Committee Chair

The conference covered a diverse range of topics crucial to the bowls

community. Each speaker brought unique perspectives and expertise, making it a truly enriching experience for all participants.

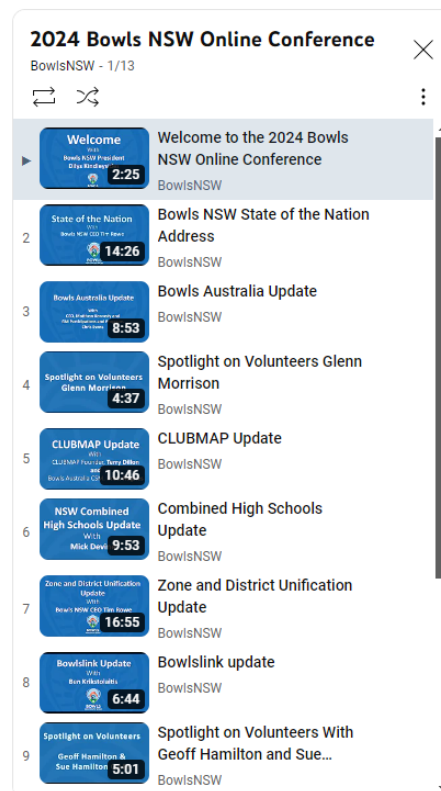
Exciting news! For those who missed out or wish to revisit the insightful presentations, all video recordings from the conference are now available on the Bowls NSW YouTube channel. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up on valuable insights and stay updated with the latest in the world of bowls.

Head over to the Bowls NSW YouTube channel and dive into the wealth of knowledge shared during the conference.



Please follow the below link for the Online Conference playlist

<https://bitly.ws/3eDLn>



State Junior Championships

Entries for the revamped NSW State Junior Championships are now officially closed.

With a diverse range of young talents set to grace the greens, this year's championship boasts an impressive turnout of ninety nine enthusiastic participants representing forty four clubs from across New South Wales.

These Juniors, with ages spanning from 10 to 17 years, represent the future of our sport, each bringing their unique blend of skill, determination, and passion to the green.

With the Junior Championships just around the corner, all eyes are set on Warilla Bowling Club for what will be an incredible event running from 15th to the 19th April.

For more information and to stay updated on all the latest developments, visit the Bowls NSW website-

bowlsnsw.com.au/state-junior-championships/

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

15TH-19TH APRIL 2024 | WARILLA BOWLING CLUB

99 PARTICIPANTS

69 BOYS 30 GIRLS

10-17 AGE RANGE



44 CLUBS REPRESENTED

Armidale City
Asquith
Bateau Bay
Belrose
Bomaderry
Cabramatta
Camden
Caragabal
Coonabarabran
Culburra
Dapto Citizens
East Maitland
Engadine
Ettalong
Glenbrook
Greta
Griffith Ex-Services
Gunnedah



June
Kurri Kurri
Manildra
Manilla
Merimbula
Merrylands
Mingara
Mount Lewis
NBC Sports

Ourimbah-Lisarow
Padstow
Raymond Terrace
Soldiers Point
South Tamworth
St Johns Park
Tamworth City
Taren Point
Tathra
Terrigal
Valentine
Wagga Rules
Wallerawang
Warilla
Wee Waa
West Dubbo
Windang



State Championships

The 2023-24 State Championships is a pinnacle event on the Bowls NSW calendar!

Players have qualified for the State Championships through their respective District, Zone and Regional Championships and have the chance to win a State title while representing their club.

The 2023-24 State Championships will be held from 12th – 27th March 2024.

Club Dubbo, Macquarie Club and North Dubbo RSL Sporties are the host venues for the Championships.

The event features play in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours disciplines.

Bowls NSW will be live streaming matches every day. For more information on the live streaming schedule, please see the schedule on the following page.

Matches will be live streamed via the Bowls NSW Facebook page and Bowls NSW Youtube channel.

For more information and to stay updated on all the latest developments, visit the Bowls NSW website-

bowlsnsw.com.au/state-championships/

Schedule of play

**Multi-Disability
State Championships**
12th – 16th March 2024

**State Mixed
Pairs**
16th – 18th March 2024

**State, Senior & Open Reserve
Triples**
18th – 20th March 2024

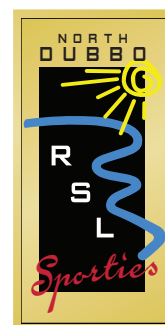
**State, Senior & Open Reserve
Pairs**
20th – 22nd March 2024

**State, Senior & Open Reserve
Singles**
23rd – 25th March 2024

**State, Senior & Open Reserve
Fours**
25th – 27th March 2024



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Live Streaming



NSW State Championships
12 March - 27 March 2024



| Day | Time (approx) | Event | Streamed Matches |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|---|
| 12/3/24 | 9:30am | Para MD Pairs | Aaron Kelly (West Tamworth) & Brad Gilbert (Casino RSM) v Ray Douglas (Hazelbrook) & Carolyn Nelson (Engadine) |
| 12/3/24 | 12:15pm | Para MD Pairs | Ryan Wood (Bateau Bay) & Geoffrey Seton (Leichhardt) v Gail Schulz (WPWC) & Richard Rombouts (Bangalow) |
| 12/3/24 | 2:30pm | Para MD Pairs | Michael Vassallo (Cabramatta) & Anthony Brown (West Dubbo) v Ian Midgley (Nyngan) & David Parkinson (Lemon Tree Passage) |
| 13/3/24 | 9:00am | Para MD Open Singles | Brad Gilbert (Casino RSM) v Carolyn Nelson (Engadine) |
| 13/3/24 | 11:30am | Para MD Reserve Singles | Paul Redden (Raymond Terrace) v Vicki Parkinson (Lemon Tree Passage) |
| 13/3/24 | 2:30pm | Para MD Pairs | Quarter Final - TBA |
| 14/3/24 | 9:00am | Para MD Open Singles | Michael Vassallo (Cabramatta) v Geoffrey Seton (Leichhardt) |
| 14/3/24 | 11:30am | Para MD Open Singles | Michael Kedwell (Kurri Kurri) v Anthony Brown (West Dubbo) |
| 14/3/24 | 2:30pm | Para MD Pairs | Semi-final - TBA |
| 15/3/24 | 9:00am | Para MD Open Singles | Aaron Kelly (West Tamworth) v James Reynolds (Cabramatta) |
| 15/3/24 | 12:00pm | Para MD Open Singles | Semi-final - TBA |
| 15/3/24 | 2:45pm | Para MD Open Pairs | Final - TBA |
| 16/03/24 | 8:45am | Para MD Open Singles | Final - TBA |
| 16/03/24 | 3:30pm | Mixed Pairs | Shendelle Smith & Nathan Dawson (Club Maitland City) v Shelby Powell & Haydon Bajkowski (Raymond Terrace/ East Maitland) |
| 17/3/24 | 8:30am | Mixed Pairs | Karen Croker & Darren Morrison (Ettalong) v Vikki Wilson & Gary Mills (Merrylands/Springwood) |
| 17/3/24 | 11:00am | Mixed Pairs | Karen King & Jack Forbes (Woonona) v Roberta Henry & Trent Whittingam (Penrith) |
| 17/3/24 | 2:00pm | Mixed Pairs | Quarter Final - TBA |
| 18/3/24 | 8:30am | Mixed Pairs | Semi-final - TBA |
| 18/3/24 | 11:00am | Mixed Pairs | Final - TBA |
| 18/3/24 | 3:30pm | Women's Triples | Colleen Minehan, Leanne Chinery & Kate Walker (Taren Point) v Melissa Allen, Dorothy Dewson & Kay Dewson (Wee Waa) |
| 19/3/24 | 9:30am | Men's Triples | Michael Phillips, Beau Prideaux & Carl Healey (Cabramatta) v Thomas Rich, Heath Lewis & Jack McShane (Merrylands) |
| 19/3/24 | 1:00pm | Women's Triples | Brianna Smith, Samantha Ferguson & Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park) v Colleen Starr, Joan Thomas & Sarah Boddington (Forster) |

For more information go online to



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Live Streaming



NSW State Championships
12 March - 27 March 2024



| Day | Time (approx) | Event | Streamed Matches |
|---------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| 20/3/24 | 8:30am | Men's Triples | Semi-final - TBA |
| 20/3/24 | 12:00pm | Women's Triples | Final - TBA |
| 20/3/24 | 3:30pm | Men's Pairs | Dean Perkins & Peter Taylor (Alstonville) v Heath McGuire & Clinton Doust (Forster) |
| 21/3/24 | 8:30am | Women's Pairs | Rebekah Lord & Natalie Noronha (Engadine) v Deidre Stubbs & Cheryl Schram (Lithgow Valley) |
| 21/3/24 | 1:00pm | Men's Pairs | Simon Mitchell & Michael Cronin (Club Maitland City) v Ben Winther & Brett Spurr (Mt Lewis) |
| 22/3/24 | 8:30am | Women's Pairs | Semi-final - TBA |
| 22/3/24 | 1:00pm | Men's Pairs | Final - TBA |
| 23/3/24 | 8:30am | Men's Singles | Jack McShane (Merrylands) v Jay Bruest (Malua Bay) |
| 23/3/24 | 11:00am | Women's Singles | Leba Yatevatu (St Georges Basin) v Jean Gooden (Wagga RSL) |
| 23/3/24 | 2:30pm | Men's Singles | Corey Wedlock (Warilla) v Ray Pearse (Taren Point) |
| 24/3/24 | 8:30am | Women's Singles | Semi-final - TBA |
| 24/3/24 | 11:00am | Men's Singles | Semi-final - TBA |
| 24/3/24 | 1:00pm | Women's Singles | Final - TBA |
| 24/3/24 | 4:00pm | Men's Singles | Final - TBA |
| 25/3/24 | 9:30am | Senior Men's Singles | Final - TBA |
| 25/3/24 | 1:00pm | Women's Fours | R Flanagan, S Ball, L Burton & M Witts (Soldiers Point) v V Hummel, L Lawson, C McDonnell & M Harkin (Dubbo City) |
| 26/3/24 | 8:30am | Men's Fours | J Preston, D Riley, M Gosper & S White (Forster) v T Twining, J Minter, M Baus & L Schraner (Raymond Terrace) |
| 26/3/24 | 1:00pm | Women's Fours | J-L Worsnop, J Cottell, E Fife & K Murphy (Cabramatta) v C Minehan, L Chinery, K Wright & K Walker (Taren Point) |
| 27/3/24 | 8.30am | Men's Fours | Semi-final - TBA |
| 27/3/24 | 1:00pm | Women's Fours | Final - TBA |

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Congratulations to Greg Wilkins on Receiving Life Membership



Greg receiving his Life Membership from Vice President Allan Rummery

We extend our congratulations to Greg Wilkins, President of Zone 3, for being awarded Life Membership of the Zone 3 Bowling Association. The prestigious honour was bestowed upon Greg during the Zone meeting.

Greg's volunteering history includes roles as a longstanding Committee member of the Gwydir District Bowling Association, where he served as the Fixtures Committee and Selector, in addition to his tenure as President for an impressive 8 years until its dissolution.

Within the Zone 3 Bowling Association, Greg's leadership shines through as he has held pivotal positions such as President, State Councillor, and Selector. Currently serving as the Zone 3 President, Greg's passion for the sport continues to drive positive change and foster growth within the community.

Greg's remarkable achievements have not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by his recognition with the Australian Sports Medal on October 24th, 2000, for his outstanding service to the administration of Lawn Bowls.

In the accompanying image, we see Greg graciously receiving his well-deserved Life Membership from Vice President Allan Rummery, a momentous occasion captured to commemorate Greg's remarkable contributions to Zone 3 Bowling Association.

Once again, congratulations, Greg, on this well-deserved honour! Your legacy will continue to inspire generations of bowlers to come.

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Phil O'Reilly**

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There's a lot to love about working in hospitality: fun, flexibility, and the chance to meet new people.

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Spotlight on Coaches and Officials



Geoff Hamilton Turramurra

Geoff Hamilton stands as an invaluable asset to the Turramurra Bowling Club, embodying dedication, selflessness, and a profound passion for the sport that resonates throughout the club's community.

In his multifaceted roles as Club Secretary, Coaching Chairman, Selector, Match Committee member, and Emergency Control Warden, Geoff's commitment shines through in every aspect of club operations. His adeptness at matching individuals with teams based on their skills and personalities not only ensures a smooth gameplay experience but also fosters camaraderie and enjoyment among members.

Geoff's inclusive approach and eagerness to assist newcomers in learning the game underscore his welcoming nature and genuine desire to see others succeed. His coaching and mentorship have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in nurturing the skills and passion of numerous members, thereby cultivating a strong sense of belonging and camaraderie within the club.

Geoff's tireless efforts, coupled with his unwavering positivity and sincere concern for the well-being of others, make him an exemplary member of the club community. His contributions have left an indelible mark on the club and its members, warranting recognition and appreciation for his invaluable service.

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

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

State Umpires Committee

Keeping Things Crystal Clear



State Umpires Committee

Bowls NSW

Email: umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au

Umpires Segment February Bowls NSW Mid-Month Newsletter

Thank you to a Zone Chair of Umpires response to the question in the Umpires segment of the February edition of the Bowls NSW Mid-Month Newsletter, and I have noted your concerns.

Below is the Question of Law submitted in the Umpire's segment of the Bowls NSW February 2024 Mid-Month Newsletter:

"If you saw your opponent was about to drive and of course knew he always drove at a fast pace, could you be tempted to call for the Umpire to observe for a Foot Fault, knowing full well this player is lining up with his front foot already half off the front of the mat?"

Forward motion as he delivers and at pace it is a physical impossibility to have one foot on or even over the mat at the point the bowl is released.

Players are coached and encouraged to take up this stance on the mat because flat soles, especially on certain types of mats, tend to slip, a slip when the foot plants firmly on the mat often results in inaccuracy, so a simple "cheat" can resolve this as the half of the foot on the playing surface gets a firmer, although illegal grip as once forward motion is imparted the player would need to be a contortionist to stay on or over. Can you call the umpire on the pretext that your opponent will/may Foot Fault?"

When submitting a question(s) in the Newsletter and to my weekly mail out to a group of Umpires and players in my area, I have adopted the practice of submitting questions submitted by bowlers and not set questions.

Please be advised that the Question of Law, shown above, concerned was written and is quoted verbatim by a bowler. It outlines the situation as the player sees it and expresses in their own words.

We as Umpires must be aware of every player's concerns and accept their question as asked. Such thoughts may not be written clearly in a form to match exactly with the written rules. We as Umpires do not have the powers to alter this human situation.

We as Umpires must endeavour to ascertain the facts of each situation and rule accordingly, and always be aware of any accusations which may have been written "in the heat of the moment"

Regards;

Alan Clarke

Chair State Umpires Committee

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