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## Welcome

Welcome to the April edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

In this edition, we wrap up all the action from the Men's and Women's Champion of Champions Pairs State Finals which were held across Cabra-Vale Diggers, Cabramatta, St Johns Park, Merrylands and Mt Lewis Bowling Club.

The NSW Junior Blues Gold and Silver Tier Squads have been announced, recognising the incredible young players looking to further develop their skills as they strive for state representation. The NSW Junior Blues Sides to compete in the annual Tri-Series against Victoria and Queensland have also been announced, congratulations to all players selected!

We also have updates on COP, Platinum Pennant and Umpires included in this edition. Read on to find out more!

## State Champion of Champions Pairs



The Champion of Club Champions Pairs reached its thrilling conclusion on Friday, May 3rd, with Jamie-Lee Worsnop and Ellen Fife of Cabramatta securing the women's title, while Ettalong's Hemi Palmer and Darren Morrison emerged victorious in the men's category.

Cabramatta's dynamic duo maintained their impressive performance in this year's championships, overpowering South Tamworth's Carol White and

Christine Myers with a commanding scoreline of 25-13 in the final.

Worsnop and Fife dominated from the outset, establishing a formidable lead and maintaining their momentum throughout the match. It's important to acknowledge the commendable efforts of White and Myers, who never gave up and despite their best efforts, the gap proved too difficult to overcome.

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# 2023-24 State Champion of Champions



**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

JAMIE-LEE WORSNOP  
ELLEN FIFE

**CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS**

CABRAMATTA

Meanwhile, in the men's competition, Taren Point's Kyle Hansen and Ray Pearce faced off against Ettalong's Hemi Palmer and Darren Morrison in a hard-fought final.

In the highly anticipated final, the online audience, spanning from local supporters to viewers afar, witnessed an exhilarating showdown that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

Taren Point surged ahead with a commanding start, taking a 7-1 lead early on. However, Ettalong swiftly rallied, showcasing their skill and determination to level the score after 11 ends. As the match progressed, Ettalong gained momentum, winning five of the next seven ends to establish a four-shot lead, putting pressure on Taren Point.

With the game hanging in the balance, Taren Point staged a remarkable comeback, securing an extraordinary six-shot end in the second last end to reclaim the lead. At this juncture, some may have thought victory was within Taren Point's grasp.

Yet, Ettalong remained unfazed by the mounting pressure, maintaining their cool and composure. In a stunning display of skill and resilience, they surged ahead once again, securing a four-shot advantage to clinch a hard-fought victory in the thrilling finale.

Earlier in the day, Taren Point faced off against Cabramatta's Aaron Wilson and Beau Prideaux. Taren Point got off to a strong start securing a seven-shot lead after nine ends. However, Cabramatta fought back fiercely, narrowing the margin to just two shots. Taren Point skipped by recently crowned World Indoor Mixed Pairs Champion Ray Pearce found their form again to extend their lead, ultimately closing the match with a score of 20-12.

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**MEN'S PAIRS**

HEMI PALMER  
DARREN MORRISON

**CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS**

ETTALONG



# State Champion of Champions Pairs



Meanwhile, in the other semi-final, Ettalong's Hemi Palmer and Darren Morrison faced off against the current Men's State Pairs Champions, Ben Winther and Brett Spurr from Mount Lewis. The teams remained evenly matched in the initial stages of the game, with no significant gap between them. However, the Ettalong duo surged ahead in the middle of the match, claiming an impressive 11 shots over four ends, securing their passage to the final with a convincing performance.

As the curtain falls on the Champion of Club Champions Pairs, we extend our congratulations to the winners and runners up for their outstanding performances throughout the competition. Special thanks to the main host club Cabra-Vale Diggers and to Mount Lewis, Cabramatta Bowls, Merrylands, Guildford and St Johns Park for hosting sectional play throughout the week.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

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

[bowlsnsw.com.au](http://bowlsnsw.com.au)

Thank you to our Host Clubs





# State Champion of Champions Pairs





# NSW Junior Blues

## NSW Junior Blues Squads Announced

The NSW Junior Blues Gold and Silver tier squads have been selected, recognising the next generation of bowling talent within New South Wales. 15 girls and 15 boys have earned their place in the Gold Squad with an additional 9 girls and 14 boys picked in the Silver Squad.

Bowls NSW congratulates the players who have earned selection into the squads for the first time as well as those players who have progressed from the Silver Squad into the Gold Squad – incredible achievements given the depth of quality junior bowlers within New South Wales.

Bowls NSW would also like to acknowledge all the players who will be turning 18 between now and the next Junior Test Series to be held in August, your commitment to the junior program has been admirable and we wish you every success in the next stage of your bowling careers.

[Click here to read the full article](#)





**NSW JUNIOR BLUES**

**GOLD SQUAD**

<b>KATIE ASTLEY</b> - MERRYLANDS	<b>JACOB AITKEN</b> - ENGADINE
<b>CHARLI CAMERON</b> - GUNNEDAH SERVICES	<b>KYNE ALLEN</b> - WEE WAA
<b>ELLA CAMERON</b> - GUNNEDAH SERVICES	<b>JOSHUA ALLMAN</b> - MERIMBULA
<b>CHANEL CHAKOUC</b> - ST JOHNS PARK	<b>COOPER DART</b> - WEST DUBBO
<b>ZOE DAVIES</b> - WINDANG	<b>COOPER FLIEDNER</b> - MANILDRA
<b>REESE FINN-YOUNG</b> - MERIMBULA	<b>CHARLIE GREBERT</b> - MERIMBULA
<b>CHARLOTTE HAYMAN</b> - RAYMOND TERRACE	<b>SAM GRIFFITHS</b> - TERRIGAL
<b>MADISON HAZELL</b> - JUNE	<b>NOAH JEDRZEJCZYK</b> - PADSTOW
<b>TARNEE INGRAM</b> - MANILLA	<b>KOBY KATTAU</b> - EAST MAITLAND
<b>TAHLIA KENNEDY</b> - EAST MAITLAND	<b>TRAVIS MORAN</b> - WARILLA
<b>SHAKIYA MURRAY</b> - GRIFFITH EX-SERVICES	<b>TOM RICH</b> - MERRYLANDS
<b>SOPHIE PAYNE</b> - MERRYLANDS	<b>SAM RICH</b> - MERRYLANDS
<b>SHELBY POWELL</b> - RAYMOND TERRACE	<b>TIM THORNING</b> - GUNNEDAH SERVICES
<b>JASMINE SMITH</b> - ST JOHNS PARK	<b>XANDER WEBBER</b> - KURRI KURRI
<b>ANNABELLE TEAGUE</b> - CARAGABAL	<b>BILLY WAITE</b> - CABRAMATTA



**NSW JUNIOR BLUES**

**SILVER SQUAD**

<b>KYLE ANDERSON</b> - RAYMOND TERRACE	<b>AMI BROMHEAD</b> - RAYMOND TERRACE
<b>COOPER APPLEBY</b> - KURRI KURRI	<b>REAGHAN BUNN</b> - MERRYLANDS
<b>CURTIS BROWN</b> - WALLERAWANG	<b>SKYE COURTIN</b> - PADSTOW
<b>HARRISON CONROY</b> - WAGGA RULES	<b>LILY KIRK</b> - MERRYLANDS
<b>JAIDEN ELLIOTT</b> - TAMWORTH CITY	<b>CHELSEA RENOUF</b> - CAMDEN
<b>JASON ENGLISH</b> - MOUNT LEWIS	<b>SAMANTHA ROBINSON</b> - ARMIDALE CITY
<b>STEVEN HOUTING</b> - JUNE	<b>HANNAH SALATNAY</b> - BELROSE
<b>SEBASTIAN JEFFERY</b> - GLENBROOK	<b>MACKENZIE WICKS</b> - RAYMOND TERRACE
<b>JORDAN LEAN</b> - RAYMOND TERRACE	<b>ARIANNI WINTER</b> - CAMDEN
<b>JACOB MARTIN</b> - GUNNEDAH SERVICES	
<b>CHARLIE MCCUDDEN</b> - TATHRA	
<b>JOSH TOBY</b> - WAGGA RULES	
<b>HARLEY WILSON</b> - WEST WYALONG	
<b>COOPER WRIGHTSON</b> - ENGADINE	





# NSW Junior Blues

## NSW Junior Blues Side Announced for Tri-Series

**NSW JUNIOR BLUES**  
**GIRLS STATE SIDE**  
**TRI-SERIES v VIC & QLD**  
CLUB TWEED | 2-4 AUGUST  
  
ELLA CAMERON (GUNNEDAH SERVICES)  
CHANEL CHAKOUC (ST JOHNS PARK)  
ZOE DAVIS (WINDANG)  
REESE FINN-YOUNG (MERIMBULA)  
CHARLOTTE HAYMAN (RAYMOND TERRACE)  
TARNEE INGRAM (MANILLA)  
TAHLIA KENNEDY (EAST MAITLAND)  
JASMINE SMITH (ST JOHNS PARK)  
  
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**BOWLS**  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
  
  
REESE FINN-YOUNG

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce the NSW Junior Blues Boys and Girls sides selected to compete at the 2024 Tri-Series against Victoria and Queensland. The NSW Junior Blues, proudly sponsored by Cabramatta Bowls Club will compete at Club Tweed from 2-4 August.

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected.



**NSW JUNIOR BLUES**  
**BOYS STATE SIDE**  
**TRI-SERIES v VIC & QLD**  
CLUB TWEED | 2-4 AUGUST  
  
JACOB AITKEN (ENGADINE)  
COOPER DART (WEST DUBBO)  
COOPER FLIEDNER (MANILDRA)  
CHARLIE GREBERT (MERIMBULA)  
KOBY KATTAU (EAST MAITLAND)  
TRAVIS MORAN (WARILLA)  
TIM THORNING (GUNNEDAH SERVICES)  
XANDER WEBBER (KURRI KURRI)  
  
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NEW SOUTH WALES  
  
  
TIM THORNING





# State Champion of Champions Singles

All below matches streamed via the Bowls NSW Facebook page- [facebook.com/bowlsnsw](https://facebook.com/bowlsnsw)  
and Youtube channel- [@BowlsNSW](https://@BowlsNSW).



## Live Streaming



Champion of Champions Singles  
13 - 16 May 2024



Day	Time (approx)	Round	Streamed Matches
Monday May 13	8:30am	Men's Singles Section 1 Round 1	<b>Phil Baker</b> (Port City) v <b>Steve Rawlings</b> (Belrose)
Monday May 13	11:00am	Men's Singles Section 3 Round 2	<b>Brett Jacobson</b> (Terrigal) v <b>Adam Favell</b> (Wallerawang) or <b>Chris Grebert</b> (Merimubla)
Monday May 13	2:30pm	Womans' Singles Section 5 Round 3	<b>Gail Howe</b> (Narooma) v <b>Natasha van Eldik</b> (Raymond Terrace) or <b>Kristina Hotson</b> (Camden)
Tuesday May 14	9:15am	Women's Singles Round of 32	Winner Section 17 v Winner Section 18
Tuesday May 14	12:45pm	Men's Singles Round of 32	TBD v TBD
Wednesday 15 May	9:15am	Women's Singles Quarter Final	TBD v TBD
Wednesday 15 May	12:45am	Men's Singles Quarter Final	TBD v TBD
Thursday 16 May	9:15am	Women's Singles Final	TBD v TBD
Thursday 16 May	12.45pm	Men's Singles Final	TBD v TBD





# Platinum Pennant

## Top 5 Locked In For Finals



AFTER ROUND 11		P	W	D	L	RW	+/-	PTS
	CABRAMATTA BULLANTS	11	10	0	1	25.5	+152	95.5
	RAYMOND TERRACE JETS	11	9	0	2	24.5	+200	87.5
	WARILLA GORILLAS	11	9	0	2	23	+61	86
	ST JOHNS PARK SAINTS	11	8	0	3	22.5	+103	78.5
	MOUNT LEWIS LIONS	11	6	0	5	18	+27	60
	ENGADINE COUGARS	11	6	0	5	13	-8	55
	EAST MAITLAND GRIFFINS	11	4	0	7	15	-112	43
	MERRYLANDS MAGIC	11	4	0	7	14.5	-24	42.5
	TAREN POINT	11	4	0	7	12	-46	40
	WENTY LEAGUES MAGPIES	11	2	0	9	11	-120	25
	CARLINGFORD KOALAS	11	2	0	9	10	-89	24
	BELROSE BULLS	11	2	0	9	9	-144	23

The dust has settled on the Platinum Pennant regular season with the Top 5 sides confirmed for the Finals Series. With all the discussion heading into the final weekend about the possibilities of who could overtake who into the Top 5, it came as a surprise to this Platinum Pennant fan (but possibly no one else) that each team from first to fifth won their Round 10 matches, all but securing the Top 5 with one round to spare.

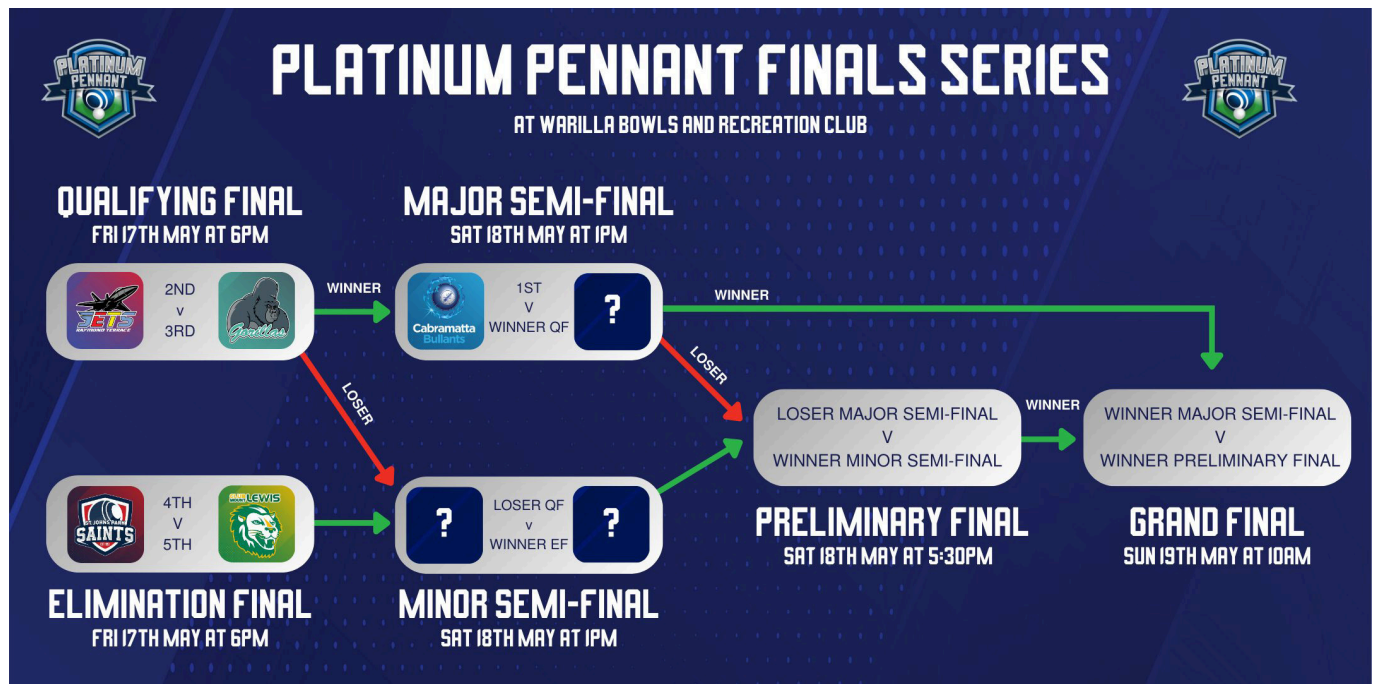
Heavy hitters Raymond Terrace recorded a monster 41-shot win over Belrose 79 – 38 (10pts – 0pts), as did Mt Lewis defeating Wenty Leagues 66 – 37 (9.5pts – 0.5pts). Cabramatta also secured a maximum 10 points from their clash with Engadine, although with a far tighter scoreline of 56 – 46. The 56 shots secured by the Bullants was the equal-second lowest winning score this Platinum Pennant, just above the 55 shots Raymond Terrace accrued in their Round 4 win over Carlingford.

Joining these teams in the winner's circle were St Johns Park, Taren Point and Warilla, who scraped past Merrylands 60 – 59 (9pts – 1pt), putting an end to the Magic's push for the finals in the process.

While the Top 5 was confirmed at the start of Round 11, the all-important final placings were still up for grabs. Cabramatta needed a win to ensure top spot and the Platinum Pennant minor premiership, and that's exactly what they did beating the Merrylands



# Platinum Pennant



The inaugural Platinum Pennant Finals Series structure

Magic 64 – 44 (9pts – 1pt). Hot on their heels were Raymond Terrace who defeated Mt Lewis 67 – 52 (9pts – 1pt), and despite not claiming top spot managed to finish the regular season in second place with an impressive nine wins from eleven rounds.

Warilla secured third place and a crucial second chance at winning the Platinum Pennant with their win over Taren Point, denying St Johns Park the opportunity to jump them into the Top 3 despite their 69 – 45 (9pts – 1pt) victory over East Maitland.

On the other side of the ladder Carlingford snapped their 10-match losing streak by the narrowest of margins, getting the better of the Belrose Bulls 56 – 55 (8pts – 2pts). A 20 – 12 rink win for Darren Burnett enough to hold the masterboard for the Koalas and lift them off the

bottom of the ladder, overtaking Belrose by a single point.

Players will now enjoy a well-earned weekend off before preparing for the inaugural Finals Series at Warilla Bowling & Recreation Club from 17 – 19 May. Minor Premiers Cabramatta will enjoy a direct route to the Major-Semi Final where they await the winner of Raymond Terrace and Warilla in the Qualifying Final. The loser of that match will play the winner of the Elimination Final between St Johns Park and Mt Lewis, with this match live streamed on Friday 17th May from 6pm.

With five teams left, it's anyone's guess as to who takes out the Platinum Pennant. What can be guaranteed is six world class matches taking place at Warilla for the Finals Series – see you there!

For more information and to stay updated on the Platinum Pennant, visit the Bowls NSW website- [bowlsnsw.com.au](https://bowlsnsw.com.au)





# 2024-25 Conditions of Play

## 2024-25 Conditions Of Play Document Released



Bowls NSW is pleased to present the Conditions of Play document for the 2024-25 season. The State Match Committee have worked tirelessly with our Sport Department to fine tune the contents of this document, and have them ready for publication.

Feedback received from our membership in the 2023 Sport Survey have helped shape the Conditions of Play for the upcoming season.

We are pleased to introduce an Inter-Region competition for Women in the new season, to go along with the already successful Men's Open and Senior representative events.

There has also been some changes in player gradings in the Pennant

competitions to make the process for Club and Region administrators easier to understand, as well as reducing the number of player regrades and post-sectional eligibility waivers required.

The Restriction of Movement of players has been amended in response to overwhelming feedback from our players and officials.

The Platinum Pennant Conditions of Play will be advertised following a review of Season 1.

The 2024-25 Conditions of Play document can be found on the Bowls NSW website under the Member Resources tab. Please note

that the 2023-24 Conditions of Play documents are still current until the end of this season on 30 June, 2024.

**Click here to view the  
2024-25 Conditions of Play**



**BOWLS**  
NEW SOUTH WALES





# Spotlight on Coaches and Officials

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## Russell Johnston Mingara

Russell fulfills his duties at the Club with exemplary efficiency, ensuring a seamless operation.

In addition to collaborating with other committee members on social selections, he oversees the barefoot bowls, generously volunteering his time beyond regular hours and even on Sundays.

Serving as a Club Coach, Russell, along with his fellow coaches, dedicates time to provide lessons for new members.

He serves as the club's primary liaison to Mingara Leisure Group, readily volunteering for any tasks that arise. As the Master of Ceremonies for the presentation dinner, Russell ensures its smooth execution.

A committed family man, Russell adeptly balances his family responsibilities with his bowling duties. His previous role overseeing the Zone Juniors has left him with valuable connections in the field, often sought after for assistance in securing green space for the club.

His comprehensive grasp of the club's constitution positions him as a reliable resource for the committee members. It is for these reasons that Russell truly merits recognition for his unwavering dedication to the club.

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

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# State Umpires Committee

## Keeping Things Crystal Clear

### QUESTION OF LAW:

Playing a Major Singles Championship, one of the Competitors bowls splits apart.

Another bowler on a Neighboring rink playing a social game offers the competitor to use one of his spare bowls. The Championship continues with the Competitor using 3 bowls from 1 set of Bowls and 1 Bowl from another set. Should this have been allowed to happen?

### **Definition:**

D3 - Set of 4 Bowls all of which are D3.1 of a Matched set

### **Laws:**

#### ***Law 31 - Damaged Bowls***

31.1 - If a bowl is damaged during the course of play, the umpire must decide if a replacement bowl is needed

31.2 - If a bowl that has been struck by another bowl during the course of play splits into pieces, the end must be declared dead

31.3 - In the circumstances described in laws 31.1 & 31.2, the damaged bowl must be replaced

by another bowl from the same set before the start of the next or replayed end as appropriate.

31.4 - If a bowl at rest in the rink of play splits into pieces without having been struck by another bowl, the bowl must be replaced by another bowl from the same set and the end continued.

31.5 - If a damaged bowl cannot be replaced by a bowl from the same set, all bowls in the damaged set must be replaced with bowls from a different set.

#### ***Law: 33 - Game Stoppages***

33.1 - If a game is stopped because of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason

by:

33.1.1 - The Controlling Body (or authorised person in the absence of the controlling body)

33.1.2 The Umpire after an appeal has been made by the players: or

33.1.3 agreement between the players when an umpire or a representative of the controlling body is not present.

### **Answer:**

No,

Law 31 should be applied and if unable to immediately replace the set of Bowls then Law 33 allows for the game to be stopped and continued either later that day or on a different day.

### **UMPIRE MOBILITY**

Please be aware that it is imperative for an Umpire to be able to kneel down to be able to make sure that they are confident that they are making an accurate measurement. You cannot make an accurate measure particularly when using Calipers or feeler gauges just by leaning over.

Anyone who is applying to be accredited or re-accredited must be able to get down on their knees. It is allowed to use the aid of a walking stick with flange to assist to get up and down. but they must be able to move around to do more than 1 measure jack to Bowl. If they are unable to do this then unfortunately they cannot be accredited as an Umpire.

