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Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of the Bowls NSW newsletter!

Congratulations to all the winners from the Bowls NSW Awards Night held at Wenty Leagues on 31 October. It was a fantastic evening celebrating the achievements of our outstanding members.

We also wrapped up a successful Member Conference on 1 November at Wenty Leagues. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussions.

We are thrilled to welcome Nick Hind to Bowls NSW as our new Sports Coordinator. Nick brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role, and we are excited to have him join our team.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that entries are now open for the Women's State Carnival, which will be held from 5-9 May 2025.

2024 Bowls NSW Awards Night



The 2024 Bowls NSW Awards Night brought together players, coaches, administrators, and passionate members of the bowls community to celebrate the remarkable achievements and contributions of our members. Held at Wenty Leagues, this annual event highlights the hard work, dedication, and passion that drive the sport of bowls forward in New South Wales.

We extend our warmest congratulations to this year's winners and thank everyone who joined us on the night to celebrate these incredible individuals and clubs.

One of the highlights of the night was our very own Sharyn Renshaw

being inducted into the Bowls NSW Hall of Fame. Since starting her bowls journey in 1997, Sharyn has had an incredible career, including Australian representation and over 20 years representing the NSW Blues. A Commonwealth Games Silver medallist and eleven-time NSW State Champion, Sharyn has also led St Johns Park to eight Women's Grade 1 State Pennant titles. Beyond her playing success, Sharyn has dedicated 17 years to coaching and mentoring the NSW Junior Blues, contributing to the development of countless current State and National representatives. Her devotion and selflessness have made a lasting impact on our sport and juniors.

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2024 Awards Night Winners



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Bowls NSW Member Conference & Partner Expo

The Bowls NSW Member Conference and Partner Expo was a resounding success, held at Wentby Leagues on November 1st. The event saw an impressive turnout with over 170 attendees in person and hundreds more members tuning in via live streams.

The conference kicked off with an inspiring keynote address by Steve Glasson OAM where Steve took us on a journey covering the highlights of his career both on and off the greens. The day was structured into five streams, covering a wide range of topics with the overarching theme of the day focusing on Participation and Membership Growth.

Sessions focused on Juniors, Umpiring, Coaching, and Match and Competition. Additionally, industry professionals delivered insightful presentations on marketing for clubs, engaging volunteers, and innovative strategies to increase participation.

A highlight of the day was the coaching master class conducted by bowling legends Cam Curtis and James Reynolds, offering invaluable tips and techniques to attendees.

Please visit our YouTube channel to catch up on all of the member conference action and please feel free to share these learnings and insights with your Club and any stakeholders who may find this

engaging.

A huge thank you to our incredible speakers for sharing their knowledge and expertise, and to all our members who took part in the day.

To view the livestreams please go
online to
www.youtube.com/@BowlsNSW



Member Conference & Partner Expo



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Nick Hind Joins the Bowls NSW Team

Bowls NSW are pleased to welcome Nick Hind to the role of Coordinator, Sport, with a focus on BowlsLink. Many in the sport will know Nick from his time in the sport with Bowls Australia and Bowls ACT as well as on the green as a player with Jindabyne Bowling Club. Nick brings a wealth of knowledge to the sport in the digital space and will be hosting sessions for members, clubs and regions to better utilise the BowlsLink software suite.

Stay tuned for more BowlsLink updates with online education sessions planned for members of all experience levels.

DID YOU KNOW?? You can complete online BowlsLink education via the BowlsLearn website. From the basics to building competitions for your club its all online here <https://learn.bowls.com.au/course-catalog/>



Bowls Australia x CLUBMAP Webinars



Setting Up Competitions in BowlsLink

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30pm

Join us for an insightful webinar hosted by Aaron Delaporte, BowlsLink Manager at Bowls Australia. Aaron will guide you through setting up both Sectional and Knockout competitions in BowlsLink, sharing examples from

clubs and demonstrating how this feature can significantly ease the burden on club administrators.

How Your Club Can Thrive in 2025

Monday, November 11 at 7pm

Prepare your club for success in the new year with our free CLUBMAP webinar. Discover

strategies to share the workload and set up your club for a thriving 2025.

Don't miss these opportunities to enhance your club's operations and success!

Register online today at <https://hub.clubmap.com.au/course/bowls-resources-hub>



Women's State Carnival Entries Now Open



Entries are now open, so gather your team and register today for an unforgettable experience at the Women's State Carnival!

Women's State Carnival will be returning to the Manning Great Lakes Region from 5-9 May 2025! This annual event, a highlight in the bowls calendar, is open to all female

bowlers from across Australia.

The carnival promises three days of guaranteed play, making it a festival of bowls like no other. Teams of four will compete in a friendly yet competitive environment.

Dates & Venues

The event will take place from 5 – 9 May 2025, with sectional play hosted at the following venues:

- Forster
- Hallidays Sports
- Pacific Palms
- Club West Taree
- Taree Leagues
- Tuncurry Forster Sports
- Tuncurry Beach
- Old Bar
- Taree Railway

All post-sectional rounds will be held at Forster Bowling Club on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th May.

To enter go online to www.bowlsnsw.com.au

Bowls NSW Annual General Meeting

The Bowls NSW annual General Meeting will be held online on Friday 8 November 2024 at 10:00am

We have taken the AGM fully online this year to better connect with, and reach more clubs right across our State.

The link to join the AGM has been circulated to all Club Delegates to Bowls NSW.

The AGM will also be streamed via the Bowls NSW YouTube channel for Clubs and individual members wishing to join.

Club Delegates attending the AGM will go in the draw to win a Rookie Rollers Kit for their club valued at \$550 so please encourage your Club Delegate to State to attend the Bowls NSW AGM for their chance to win something great for your club.



2024 Nationals in Numbers

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89
COMPETITORS



17 DAYS OF
COMPETITION



39
CLUBS REPRESENTED



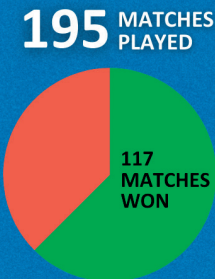
8 GOLD MEDALS



7 SILVER MEDALS



8 BRONZE MEDALS



It was a brilliant campaign for our NSW representatives at Bowls Australia Nationals this year! With 89 competitors representing 39

clubs, NSW secured: 8 gold medals, 7 silver medals, 8 bronze medals
Congratulations to all our competitors on representing their

club, community and state with pride.
Go online to www.bowlsnsw.com.au for the full results.

Bowls NSW is Seeking Medical Classifiers



Are you passionate about disability sport and bowls? Bowls NSW is seeking Medical Classifiers to help grow the inclusive sport of disability bowls.

Medical Classifier Role:
We are looking for Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, or Occupational Therapists with an interest in

disability sport. As a Medical Classifier, you will be responsible for assessing athletes with disabilities, making decisions on eligible conditions, and evaluating aspects such as movement, strength, coordination, and stature. You will play a vital role in ensuring fair competition for all bowlers.
Classification events take place 1-2 times a year across NSW. You'll work closely with a Technical Classifier who assesses the bowler's function on the green.

For more information please email
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Rookie Singles State Finals Live Streaming

Watch live via the Bowls NSW Facebook page www.facebook.com/bowlsnsw or
YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@BowlsNSW

ROOKIE SINGLES STATE FINALS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

23 - 24 NOVEMBER 2024



SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

Bronwyn Brown (Harrington)	ROUND 1 8:45AM	Jay Flood (Huskisson)
Philip Fielden (Lowlands)	ROUND 2 10:00AM	Sean Critchley (Port City)
David Maiorana (Campsie)	ROUND 3 12:15PM	Aaron Bailey (Wallerawang)
Jamie Currie (Terrigal BC)	ROUND 1 2:15PM	Jordan Mullaney (Austral)
Fiona Doyle (Miller Park)	ROUND 2 4:00PM	Neil Wilson (Gymea)
Elias Chidiac (Dapto Citizens)	ROUND 3 5:45PM	Rodney Mercier (North Epping)

SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

Winner Section 3	QTR FINAL 8:45AM	Winner Section 4
Winner QF 3 (Sec 5/6)	SEMI-FINAL 10:30AM	Winner QF 4 (Sec 7/8)
Winner SF 1	FINAL 12:15PM	Winner SF 2



Rookie Pairs State Finals Live Streaming

Watch live via the Bowls NSW Facebook page www.facebook.com/bowlsnsw or
YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@BowlsNSW

ROOKIE PAIRS STATE FINALS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

21 - 22 NOVEMBER 2024



THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

Shane Thomas & Russell Northey (Bega)	ROUND 1	Melinda Renouf & Jarrod Renouf (Picton)
	8:45AM	
Adam Slater & Charles Burns (Mona Vale)	ROUND 2	Michael Bevitt & Neill Bonnett (Manilla)
	10:00AM	
Daniel Kilroy & Lalor Prowse (Maclean)	ROUND 3	Shayne Johnson & Mark Landrigan (Junee)
	12:15PM	
Chloe English & Lisa McGann (Mount Lewis)	ROUND 1	Brad Teague (Caragabal) & Duane Faro (Narromine)
	2:15PM	
Harrison Jones & Beau Fraser (Kiama)	ROUND 2	Ronnie Grech & Jodie Avati (Moorefield)
	4:00PM	
Ethan Murphy & David Little (Greenlees Park)	ROUND 3	Robert Marks & Martin Compton (Davistown RSL)
	5:45PM	

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

Winner Section 3	QTR FINAL	Winner Section 4
	8:45AM	
Winner QF 3 (Sec 5/6)	SEMI-FINAL	Winner QF 4 (Sec 7/8)
	10:30AM	
Winner SF 1	FINAL	Winner SF 2
	12:15PM	



Bowls NSW State Mixed Pairs

MIXED PAIRS STATE QUALIFIERS	
BALLINA 29 - 31 MARCH 2025	
CENTRAL COAST	GREATER NEWCASTLE
Karen Croker & Darren Morrison (Ettalong Memorial) Lisa Caswell & Joel Nouws (Bateau Bay) Susan Owens & Luke Rash (Davistown RSL)	Charlotte Hayman (Raymond Terrace) & Corey Hayman (East Maitland) Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace) & Daniel Hill (Charlestown) Pamela Stephanis & David Govan (Beresfield)
HUNTER VALLEY	ILLAWARRA
Jessica Fisher & Andrew Rees (Maitland City) Sharon Sumner & Craig Barbour (Kurri Kurri)	Dianna Knowles (Warilla) & Trevor Gillis (Warilla) Kay Moran & Jesse Noronha (Figtree Sports) Ricci-Rose Hampton & Ricky McClelland (Dapto Citizens)
MANNING GREAT LAKES	METRO NORTH-EAST
Claire Kelly (Forster) & Craig Donaldson (Tuncurry Beach)	Midori Matsuoka & Mikel Smith (Belrose) Virginia Longfellow & Mark Alexander (Harbord)
METRO NORTH-WEST	METRO SOUTH-EAST
Katie Astley & Cody Packer (Merrylands) Samuel Dukes & Jenny Clark (Merrylands) Vikki Wilson & Michael Clarke (Merrylands)	Anne Johns & Gregory Helm (Engadine) Taryn Keir & Adam Charlton (Taren Point)
METRO SOUTH-WEST	MID-NORTH COAST
Brianna Smith & Ben Twist (St Johns Park) Kate Morgan (St Johns Park) & Joshua Berry (Mount Lewis)	Maxine Allard & Greg Brims (Kempsey Macleay RSL)
MID WEST	NEPEAN HIGHLANDERS
Michelle Harkin (Dubbo City) & Liam Morrow (West Dubbo) Phillip Barnard (Parkes Railway) & Danielle Thompson (Condobolin) Susie Simmons & David Robert Bunting (Wallerawang)	Heidi Finnerty & Stephen Finnerty (Camden) Michelle Mullaney & Jordan Mullaney (Austral)
NORTH WEST	NORTHERN RIVERS
Christine Myers & Jeffrey Allan Myers (South Tamworth) Eva Sadler (Narrabri) & David Dewar (Narrabri)	Maree Grant & John Harley (Ballina)
RIVERINA MURRAY	SOUTH EAST
Cindy McDonald (Leeton & District) & Lincoln Gooley (Narrandera)	Diana Skipworth & Heemi Nukutarawhiti (Merimbula)



Congratulations to all Qualifying Teams for the 2024/25 Mixed Pairs State Finals!

We are thrilled to announce the teams that have successfully qualified for the 2024/25 Mixed Pairs State Finals.

With a strong 32-team field, the State Finals promises to be a high quality affair.

Mark your calendars and get ready for an exciting competition at Ballina, from March 29th to 31st, 2025.

Best of luck to all participants, and see you in Ballina next year!

For more information please go online to bowlsnsw.com.au or call the office on 02 9283 4555



State Umpires Committee

Keeping things Crystal Clear

In the game of bowls situations arise which for some bowlers, they are silly and yet for other bowlers it concerns them. Below are two actual incidents that did occur.

1. Before the start of a Club Championship the participants had a two end roll up. On the first end the lead placed the mat on the centre line and delivered the jack, which rolled into the ditch. The umpire instructed the skip to roll the jack back. The umpire was told by the players that it is a trial end. The umpire stated that it does not matter, you need to roll the jack back. Was the umpire correct?

Laws:

Law 5.1 Trial ends:

5.1.7 The team which starts the trial end must place the mat, deliver the jack and place the jack on the centre line of the rink at a distance they choose from the mat line (the distance must not be changed during the course of the trial end).

Law 10 Improper delivery of the jack

10.2 If a player improperly delivers the jack, the opposing player must place the mat as described in **law 6.1.1** and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centred, but the opposing player must not play first.

Summary:

Improper delivery of a jack is only relevant in any end during a game. The trial end is not included as part of the game. The umpire was incorrect in their decision as it was only a Trial End.

For the situation described above, **law 5.1.7** would be the relevant law:



The team which starts the trial end must place the mat, deliver the jack and place the jack on the centre line of the rink at a distance they choose from the mat line (the distance must not be changed during the course of the trial end).

Therefore, the skip of the lead that delivered the jack would need to retrieve the jack from the ditch and place the jack on the centre line at a distance they choose from the mat line, as per law 5.1.7, and the trial end would continue.

2. During a District triples game both leads were asked to do the measuring as the seconds could not. The two skips were told, and they were required to measure a few times with no problems. However, there was a very close measure and one of the leads called the umpire, the opposing skip came down and said she had no right to call the umpire as only the second can. The umpire became involved and also said they couldn't call the umpire only the second.

Summary:

As there is nothing in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls nor the 2024-25 Bowls NSW Conditions of Play, that states the members of a team who

are assigned to measure for shot, must inform the Seconds or indeed the Skips before they summon the Umpire to decide which bowl is shot. So technically both Leads were not in breach of any law.

As the Seconds are the members of a team in Triples who are assigned to decide the head, ethically the Leads should have informed the Seconds of the situation with the measure, and that an Umpire is required to measure and decide the result.

The situation could have been avoided if the Leads were informed of their responsibilities when they were assigned the task of measuring and what they must do if an Umpire is required. I also recommend that the duties of a member in a team (a Lead in Triples and a Lead or Second in Fours) who is assigned to measure, in place of the second in Triples and the thirds in Fours, in a game are publicised and given to the members and/or placed on your Club noticeboard. This may help to avoid this situation in the future.

If you have any further questions, please contact the State Umpires Committee at -
umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au