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Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of the Bowls NSW newsletter!

As we wrap up another exciting month, we have plenty of highlights to share with you.

First, let's celebrate the fantastic performances at the Rookies Singles and Pairs State Finals held from November 21-24 at Raymond Terrace. Congratulations to all the participants and winners!

We are also thrilled to announce that Bowls NSW has been named the Sporting Organisation of the Year at the Sport NSW Champions of Sports Awards.

Looking ahead, we are excited to unveil the 2025 Junior Gold and Silver State Squads. These young athletes represent the future of see their continued growth and

Bowls NSW Wins Organisation of the Year!



Bowls NSW is the Sport NSW 2024 Organisation of the Year!

We are beyond proud to have received this award at the NSW Champions of Sport Awards Night.

This incredible recognition is thanks to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our team, volunteers, and members who make our sport and community so special.

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2024/25 Rookie Pairs State Finals



Rookie Pairs Winners | Ryan and Jack Barckay (Padstow)

The 2024/25 Rookie State Finals began with great excitement at Raymond Terrace, where Ryan and Jack Barclay from Padstow clinched the pairs discipline in fine style.

On Thursday, 21st November, the undercover greens at Raymond Terrace came alive as 32 teams gathered for the Rookie Pairs State Finals. With hopes of topping their sections and advancing to the Friday quarter-finals, the atmosphere was electric, filled with both excitement and nerves. For many, this marked their first-ever taste of State Finals bowls, an experience that they will not forget. From 13-year-old Deakin Brincat from Bateau Bay, the

youngest competitor, to 76-year-old David Oatley from Mosman, the eldest, the event highlighted the inclusivity of bowls, bringing together participants of all ages and backgrounds from across the state. Representing both men's and women's divisions, these teams had earned their spots through regional qualification, making it a proud achievement for many players and their clubs.

The father-son duo of Ryan and Jack Barclay showcased remarkable form throughout the competition. They topped their section on shot difference with two wins and a draw, advancing to the quarter-finals.

There, they delivered a commanding 17-7 victory over Adam Slater and Charles Burns from Mona Vale. Their momentum continued in the semi-final with another dominant performance against Daniel Kilroy and Lalor Prowse from Maclean, earning them a well-deserved spot in the final.

Soldiers Point also displayed consistent brilliance in the sectional rounds, securing three wins from three with a margin of +14. In the quarter-finals, they defeated Brad Teague and Duane Faro from Caragabal and Narromine, followed by another emphatic victory against Mark Pickett and Stuart Powell of Albion Park in the semi-final.









2024/25 Rookie Pairs State Finals



Rookie Pairs Runners up | Barry Williams and Peter Knowles (Soldiers Point)

Padstow's Ryan and Jack Barclay claimed the Rookie Pairs State title with a nail-biting one-shot victory over Soldiers Point's Barry Williams and Peter Knowles. The final was an absolute show of brilliance from both sides keeping spectators in person and online on the edge of their seats.

The final was a tightly contested affair, with both sides exchanging shots and remaining neck-and-neck for most of the game. The Padstow pair managed to pull ahead with a three-shot lead heading into the final end—the largest margin of the match. In a dramatic conclusion, Soldiers Point's Peter Knowles narrowly missed securing three shots with his final bowl, which would have drawn the game level. The match concluded with an 11-10 victory for the Barclays, sealing their well-deserved triumph in spectacular fashion.



Mick Bell Encouragement Award

Quarter-finalists Brad Teague (Caragabal) and Duane Faro (Narromine) were recognised with the Mick Bell Encouragement Award. This accolade celebrates their outstanding spirit and sportsmanship throughout the Rookie Pairs event. Well done Brad and Duane!









2024/25 Rookie Singles State Finals



Rookie Singles Winner | Josh Ingram (Austral)

The 2024/25 Rookie State Finals continued in thrilling fashion with the singles discipline, as Austral's Josh Ingram secured the title with an outstanding performance in the final against Albion Park's Stuart Powell.

On Saturday, 23rd November, attention shifted to the singles competition as sectional play commenced at the undercover greens of Raymond Terrace. The excitement and nerves remained palpable, with several familiar faces returning after competing in the pairs discipline the previous two days.

Stuart Powell delivered an impressive run through the competition,

winning all three of his sectional matches. In the final round of his section, he edged past Ethan Murphy from Greenlees Park 17-15 to secure his spot in the quarter-finals. Powell's momentum carried into the knockouts, where he defeated Junee's Mark Landrigan 17-8 in the quarter-final before dominating Bondi's James Doust 17-5 in the semi-final.

Austral's Josh Ingram emerged as a standout performer during sectional play, overcoming a tough opening round against Gymea's Neil Wilson with a narrow one-shot victory. He then found his rhythm with decisive wins in his next two matches to

top his section. In the quarter-finals, Ingram faced his clubmate, Jordan Mullaney, who had been in sensational form during sectional play, conceding just nine shots across three matches. Despite the challenge, Ingram started strong and secured a 17-10 victory to progress to the semi-final. There, he delivered another commanding 17-6 win over Elias Chidiac from Dapto Citizens to secure his spot in the final.

The final was a closely fought contest, with both players delivering outstanding performances, leaving everything on the green. Powell, who had reached the Rookie Pairs State semi-final just two days earlier, looked to carry his momentum as he began









2024/25 Rookie Singles State Finals



Rookie Singles Runner up | Stuart Powell (Albion Park)

to open up a lead. However, Ingram responded brilliantly, producing a standout end to score four shots and take a one-shot advantage.

Powell regained control, moving ahead 12-9, but Ingram kept his composure in the face of mounting pressure. The match reached a tense climax as the score levelled at 13-all. Ingram took control, delivering crucial shots at key moments to edge ahead, clinching a 17-13 victory and the Rookie Singles State Finals title.







Mick Bell Encouragement Award

Philip Fielden from Lowlands, a quarter-finalist in the singles competition, was honoured with the Mick Bell Encouragement Award.

This accolade celebrates his outstanding spirit and sportsmanship throughout the Rookie Singles event.









Rookie Singles and Pairs State Finals



















Merimbula to Host State Junior Championships!



We are thrilled to announce that the 2024-25 Bowls NSW State Junior Championships will be held at the picturesque Club Sapphire Merimbula from 14-17 April! The Junior Championships is an entry-based event open to all junior bowlers across New South Wales.

The Junior Championships will feature seven separate events. providing a platform for developing and experienced players to showcase their skills

- **Boys U18 Singles**
- **Girls U18 Singles**
- **Boys U15 Singles**
- **Girls U15 Singles**
- **Boys Pairs**
- **Girls Pairs**
- **Open Fours**

Members of pairs and fours teams are not required to be from the same club, but are required to be from clubs within the same Region boundaries.

Entries for team events may be submitted as single entries. Entries



submitted in this way will be formed into teams (as possible) by Bowls NSW. Players in teams formed in this way may be from any club and are not required to be from within the same Region.

This is a fantastic opportunity for junior bowlers to compete, learn, and grow in a supportive and competitive environment. Many of Australia's top

bowlers began their careers in the State Junior Championships, with the event their stepping stone for future success.

To enter go online tohttps://bowlsnsw.com.au/statejunior-championships/









NSW Junior Blues Gold & Silver Squads

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce the updated NSW Junior Blues Gold and Silver Squads, proudly sponsored by Cabra Bowls. The depth of talent within these squads highlights the exceptional abilities and dedication of our young athletes across the State. We extend our congratulations to all the returning players for their continued commitment to the squad and the NSW junior program. We are also delighted to welcome new additions to our Silver Squads:

Girls Silver Squad

Dakoda Jane Meatheringham (East Cessnock)

Peytan Bunn (Merrylands) Sienna Wiblen (Ettalong) Tiffanee Wicks (Raymond Terrace)

Boys Silver Squad

Flynn Thompson (Gulgong)

Congratulations once again to all the players, and best of luck for the upcoming season!











Australian Indoor Singles NSW Qualifying

Entries are Closing soon for the New South Wales qualifying rounds of the Australian Indoor Singles. This prestigious event will see players competing across eight venues: Cabramatta, Charlestown, East Cessnock, East Maitland, Merimbula, North Haven, Warilla, and Wenty Leagues.

The goal? To secure one of the coveted spots in the Australian Indoor Singles in August 2025.

Bowlers are encouraged to register early to secure their preferred qualifying venue, as entries may be capped due to rink space. This is your chance to take part in one of the most prestigious events in bowls and compete against the best!

When completing your entry, you will need to select both a preferred and a secondary venue.

Entries Close Wednesday, December 4 at 11:59pm

To enter go online to bowlsnsw.com.au





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Lightning Ridge's Black Opal Classic

Lightning Ridge, an isolated town 8 hours from Sydney and Brisbane, is famous for its Black opal gems and the iconic Lightning Ridge Bowling Club. The club hosts various bowls tournaments, awarding over \$100,000 annually. The highlight is the prestigious 'Peter Williams Black Opal Classic,' held every October for the past 28 years. This \$50,000 tournament attracts 120 players, with a first prize of \$20,000. Participants enjoy first-class service, including catering, entertainment, and daily laundry for their personalized playing shirts

Major sponsor XXXX, along with 30 team sponsors, supports the event. Each team receives a player's pack with promotional items and a shirt featuring artwork by local artist John Murray. This year, teams also received a XXXX Gold Yeti Eski.

The tournament's success is enhanced by an internal



broadcasting system that livestreams events, allowing remote operation of cameras. This year's tournament was a huge success, with 16-year-old Tim Thorning becoming the youngest player to skip a winning team. Next year's top 20 teams have already been invited, with more invitations to follow.

Lightning Ridge hosts 13 yearly events, including the Night Pairs in February, Bert Cooper Singles in March, and various other tournaments, each with its own historic significance.















With Warilla's long-term Bowls Coordinator of 15 years, Jeremy Henry, having decided upon a sea change and heading North, an exciting opportunity has arisen at Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club for a suitably qualified Bowls Coordinator.

World Bowls former CEO, Gary Smith, labelled Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club "the best bowling Club in the World", a high benchmark for the new Bowls Coordinator who will have the responsibility for developing and maintaining the Club's bowls program for its 300 bowling members; developing and maintaining the Club's pathways program; developing and maintaining and the Club's junior program; and will be the driving force behind the Club's continued aspirations to be the best it can be, at all levels and in all aspects of our great game.

Please only apply if:

- You understand sporting cultures and you know how to develop and maintain a culture of unity, inclusion and team excellence;
- You have superior verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to empathetically deal with many, varied (and at times challenging) stakeholders;
- Your interpersonal and conflict resolution skills are two of your most potent weapons in dealing with the wants, needs and egos of bowlers of all levels and abilities;
- You are able to inspire all bowlers, regardless of ability, to reach beyond their potential;
- You have the charisma and sales nous to garner new sponsorships, in liaison with the Club's marketing Manager, and to foster excellent relationships with all the Club's sponsors;
- You have the flexibility to work on weekends and evenings as required to meet the demands of a very busy bowls environment;
- You are an innovator with an

- entrepreneurial flair, willing to look outside the box in the quest to fill the greens and to drive success;
- You can work to enhance the Club's profile using social media, including live streaming and 'Gorilla TV'.

A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

A full position description can be provided upon request.

Please forward any enquiries regarding the position to the Club's CEO, Phillip Kipp — phillip@ warillabowls.com.au or call the Club on 42959595 during office hours.

To apply, please email your resume and a brief cover letter to **phillip@warillabowls.com.au**Applications close on 11 December.









BowlsLink Update



BowlsLink Region Delegates Meetings

BowlsLink Delegates from across NSW met online this week to discuss each regions needs in BowlsLink education and training. The sessions, which will be hosted monthly by Nick Hind will include training for region administrators to get the best out of BowlsLink and better support their clubs and members. Nick was joined by BA BowlsLink Manager Aaron Delaporte as well as NSW CSM's Brett Hughes and Jayson Pinnock to outline the work that was going on to assist all users to enjoy a better experience with the software including showcasing some of the new Step-by-Step guides for members, now available on the Bowls NSW website.

New BowlsLink Member Education Resources

New education material designed to help guide members through the most common elements of the BowlsLink database are now available to view on the BowlsLink administration page.

All the existing BowlsLink video resources have been retained and will be refreshed to align with the latest system processes. In addition to these resources, a collection of step-by-step guides outlining common processes have been added to assist clubs, regions and members use the system. These BowlsLink Member Basics tutorials cover areas including:

- Resetting Password
- Login & Logoff
- Edit Personal Details

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- How to Enter Bowls NSW Competitions via a website shortcut (which can be setup for clubs and regions too!)
- How to search for a competition

Expect to see more tutorials in the coming weeks covering the following:

- Linking teammates (following December BowlsLink update)
- Find entry in competition
- Result entry (both app and online)
- Pennant
- Team entry
- Result entry
- Applying manager permissions
- Transfer Process

Members, Clubs and Regions can all contact Nick with their BowlsLink queries via

bowlslink@bowlsnsw.com.au









NSW Triumphs at Bowls Australia Awards Night

New South Wales celebrated a remarkable night at the Bowls Australia Awards, taking home several prestigious awards. Congratulations to the following award winners

Audika Community Service Award: *Club Old Bar*

Right at Home Volunteer of the Year: *Allan Starrett*

Tourism and Events Queensland Male Bowler of the Year:

Josh Walker-Davis

Experience Gold Coast Female Bowler of the Year:

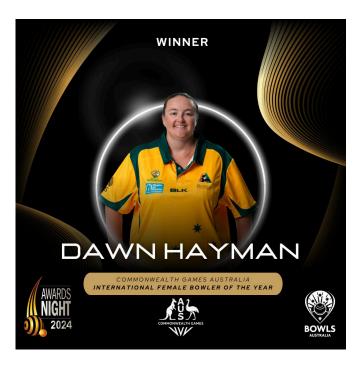
Dawn Hayman

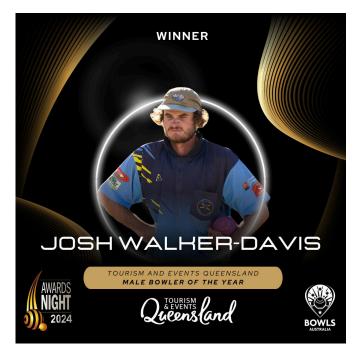
Australian Institute of Sport International Male Para Bowler of the Year:

James Reynolds

Commonwealth Games Australia International Female Bowler of the Year:

Dawn Hayman

















Bowls NSW Member Conference Recordings Now Available on YouTube



We are thrilled to share that the recordings from the Bowls NSW Member Conference are now available to watch on the Bowls NSW YouTube Channel! Whether you missed the live sessions or want to revisit the insightful discussions, you can now access multiple session recordings at your convenience.

Juniors in Focus

Unlock the potential of the next generation of bowlers in this dynamic session, led by three passionate advocates for junior development. Hosted by Bowls NSW Executive Manager – Bowls, Lee Stinson, along with Bowls NSW Junior Committee member Gavin Holburn and Brett Hughes, Bowls Australia's Head of Club Support & NSW Club Support Manager, this session delves into Junior Pathways and is packed with insights and strategies to enhance junior engagement at your club.

Umpiring and Laws of the Sport Update

Chair of the Umpires Alan Clarke and Bowls NSW Sports Coordinator

Andrew Lynn lead an insightful session on the essential rules that shape the game of bowls. This indepth presentation is a must-watch for players, umpires, and club officials eager to sharpen their knowledge. Engage in lively discussions, ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of umpiring in NSW.

Marketing 101 for Clubs

Get ready to hear from the innovative team at The Media Precinct and discover how your club can embark on a powerful marketing journey! Hosted by Glenda Wynyard and Jack Geraghty, this session provides hands-on tips and practical guidance to help your club boost its visibility and engagement. Explore the latest trends in marketing and learn how to apply these insights to your club's promotion. Plus, get a behind-thescenes look at recent Bowls NSW marketing campaigns and discover how these successful strategies can inspire your club's growth.

Small Club Success Stories

Bowling clubs across New South Wales are discovering innovative ways to engage members and strengthen community ties. In this session, hear from Parkes Railway, Lowlands, and Nambucca Heads Bowling Clubs as they share their success stories on boosting membership and participation through creative initiatives. Gain practical insights on how your club can foster growth and engagement by learning from their real-world experiences.

Don't miss out on these valuable sessions! Head over to the Bowls NSW YouTube Channel now to watch the recordings. The videos are available to view in a playlist that includes the livestreamed sessions from the Member Conference, featuring the Board Panel and Discussion, Match and Competition Session, and Innovation for Increasing Participation. Happy viewing!

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











Scammers are becoming more sophisticated, targeting you in ways that seem very convincing. Help protect yourself by knowing what to look out for in keeping your super safe.

Scams continue to increase in Australia, with Australians losing at least \$2.74 billon to scams in 2023. And it's investment scams making up the largest part of this amount at \$1.3 billion1, with super one of the targets.

A common investment scam is a self-managed super fund (SMSF) phishing scam2. Scammers will call or email, posing as a financial adviser or representative of a SMSF. They promise high returns if you move super into their 'fund', requesting personal information which they can then use to access your account.

Spotting a scam

Scams can come in many forms and may target people by traditional mail, email, text messages or phone calls. Often scam messages look and sound legitimate, so it's important to beware of attempts to gain your personal information and access to your financial accounts.

In addition to pretending to be from your super fund, bank, or a government agency, scammers will want you take an action like:

- Clicking a link
- Sharing access to your computer
- Providing personal or financial information
- Downloading a file

How AustralianSuper communicates with members

AustralianSuper uses email, mail and text messages to communicate with members. We also speak with members by phone to confirm the legitimacy of a request to withdraw or transfer funds.

Some of our most common member communications include:

- · Providing your annual statement
- Informing you that a benefit has been paid
- Confirming a recent investment option or account detail change
- Sharing relevant Fund performance news and tips on managing your super
- Inviting you to our Annual Member Meeting.

Don't click on any links if you're unsure about a message that you've received from us. Instead, open your web browser and go to the AustralianSuper website.

You can also check through our mobile chat, social media or by calling us directly.

To get more tips to protect yourself from scams visit AustralianSuper's online security tips



1 Targeting Scams - Report of the ACCC on scams activity 2023, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, April 2024. 2 ACCC Scamwatch website - Investment scams, October 2023

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State Umpires Committee

Keeping things Crystal Clear



Law Question.

1. Rebounding Bowl.

In a game of Fours, the mat is well up the green at a legal length, the third from Team A has been instructed by their Skip to drive at the head. The third from team A drives at the head, hits the jack and forces the jack into the ditch, the Third's bowl, after hitting the jack, then rebounds off the face of the bank onto the rink of play and comes to rest some distance up the green. The Skip of Team B believes that the bowl is short and calls the umpire to measure the distance between the bowl (toucher) at rest and the mat. The bowl (toucher) at rest is measured at 13.5 metres from the mat line, the umpire declares the bowl dead and has it removed from the rink of play. Was the umpire's decision and action correct.

Laws: Law 17 Dead Bowl

17.1 A bowl is dead 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;

Summary: Yes, the Umpire's decision and action was correct. As law **17.1.3** states, a bowl is dead if "after completing its original course or after being moved as a result of, it comes to rest at a distance less than 14 metres".

Although the bowl was legally a toucher, the bowl was still in course when the bowl rebounded off the face of the bank, the bowl came to rest on the rink of play at a measured distance of 13.5 metres from the mat line

Note: A toucher that rebounds off the face of the bank and comes to rest on the rink of play is still a live bowl, law **17.2.3,** providing that the bowl's place of rest is 14 metres or more from the mat line.

If you wish to submit a question of Law to be included in "Keeping It Crystal Clear", please send your question(s) to umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au

Accreditation Courses Process:

Applicants for Accreditation Courses must purchase copy of the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls (edition 4 May 2023) and copy of the current Officiating Manual (November 2023) prior to attending the course. Both of the above mentioned books are essential for your course.

1. Face to Face course:

Step 1. Complete the online application form.

Online application will not be processed unless payment is made as shown in the payment section of the application.

Step 2. Bowls NSW will process the application and forward a list of applications to the State Umpires Committee (SUC).

Step 3. The SUC Mentor for your Region appoint a Presenter & Assessor (P&A) from your region to conduct the course.

Step 4. The P&A will be in contact to facilitate your access to the next course.









State Umpires Committee

Keeping things Crystal Clear

2. Bowlslearn & Face to Face

Step 1. Successfully complete the Online modules.

Step 2. Complete the online application form.

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Step 5. The P&A will be in contact to facilitate your access to the next course.

Reaccreditation Courses Process

Applicants for Accreditation Courses must purchase copy of the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls (edition 4 May 2023) and copy of the current Officiating Manual (November 2023) prior to attending the course. Both of the above mentioned books are essential for your course.

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Assessor (P&A) from your region to conduct the course.

Step 4. The P&A will be in contact to facilitate your access to the next course.

National Officials should maintain a current Work With Children (WWCC) certification as per the Bowls Australia Safe Guarding Children and Young People Policy.

WWCC for all National Officials will be compulsory as from 1st July 2025.

All course applications and Accreditation and Reaccreditation information can be found on the Officiating Webpage on the Bowls NSW Website.

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







