

**2009 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE NO 8
REX JOHNSTON OAM**



An Australian lawn bowls legend – Rex “Paddles” Johnston OAM
Below is a snapshot – not a definitive list, by any means:

- Took up sport of bowls to recover from injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident
- Has played for his club at zone level since 1979
- One of the most decorated bowlers in NSW
- Has represented Australia 450 times and NSW 320
- Has represented Australia at four consecutive Commonwealth Games (winning a gold medal in 1994, silver in 1998, two World Bowls tournaments (Team Bronze in 1996 and Team Gold in 2000), five Asia Pacific Games, ten Trans-Tasmans, four Hong Kong Classics, three World Indoor Championships and 19 indoor Internationals
- Awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2006 for service to lawn bowls as a competitor and administrator
- Thought to be the best 2 bowl skipper both here and overseas
- Most recently Rex continues his devotion to the game through coaching and as an Australian representative player
- Thoughts for the future:
“The more professional we become in bowls, the better our prospects of service in the future”

Some background detail:

Australian Titles:

- Australian Pairs 1987
- Australian Fours 1990
- Australian Indoor Singles 1990
- Australian Super League Pairs 1996
- Australian Super League Fours 1996
- Australian Super League Pairs 1998
- Australian Indoor Singles 2000
- Member of NSW 5-A-Side at Moama 2000 – overall winner

State Titles:

- NSW U45 Fours 1984
- NSW Open Fours 1985
- NSW State Fours 1987
- NSW State Pairs 1999

Champion of Champions Titles:

- Australian Champion of Champions Fours 1984
- NSW Champion of Champions Singles 1990
- NSW Champion of Champions Pairs 1990
- NSW Champion of Champions Singles 1999

Pennant Titles:

- NSW State No 2 Pennant 1982
- NSW State No 1 Pennant 1988
- NSW Premier League 2000

International Appearances:

- Represented in four consecutive Commonwealth Games – a record for lawn bowls – and gaining Gold in Canada and Silver in Malaysia
- Represented in two World Bowls, gaining bronze in 1996 and silver and gold in 2000 in South Africa
- Represented in five Asia Pacific Games gaining gold in 1989, 1999 and 2001 and silver and bronze in 1995 and 1996

Other Medals won:

- Gold and bronze won at the Hong Kong Classic, gold and silver at the Bicentennial International and gold at the Malaysia 6 Nations a number of times

Other Games Played for Australia:

- 10 times in Trans Tasman Series
- 4 times in the Hong Kong Classics
- 19 times in the Indoor Internationals
- 5 times in the World Indoor

Other stats:

- Named RNSWBA Bowler of the Year in 1990, 1991 and 1997
- Number of games played for Australia - 450
- Number of games played for NSW – 320
- Played nine Internationals at Tweed without a single loss