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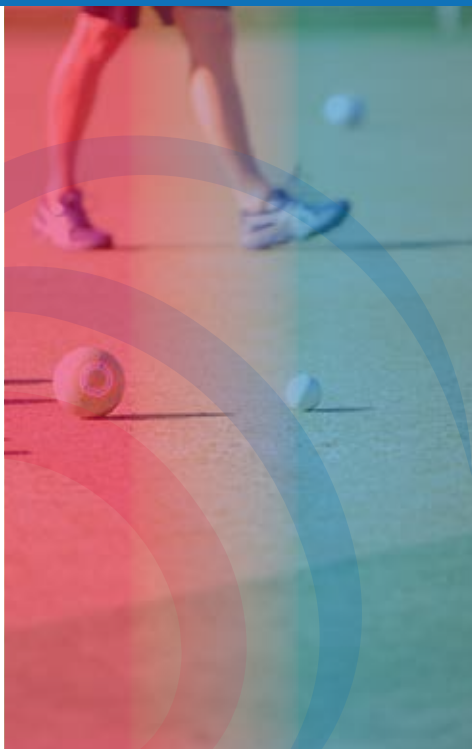
Australian Indoor Singles

Entries form now online



BPL09

Clinched by Gorillas



Welcome

Welcome to your March newsletter. In this issue we wrap up the action from the World Cup held at Warilla from March 4 to 16. The Men's title was won by Irishman Greg Kelly. If you want to catch up on the action, matches can be viewed via the Bowls Australia Facebook page. The NSW Pennant draws are now available on our website as are the Australian Indoor Singles entry forms. See the stories on page six for more details. Congratulations go to the Warilla Gorillas who took home top prize for the first time at the BPL 09. If you have a story from your club, please send it to marketing@bowlsnsw.com.au

2019 World Cup Champions Crowned

Irish international **Gary Kelly** and New Zealand superstar **Jo Edwards** were crowned as World Cup Indoor Singles champions in Australia at the Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club.

In his first tournament start at the mega club's indoor stadium Kelly triumphed in his World Cup debut, while Edwards claimed an unprecedented sixth championship.

Kelly, who is currently calling Warilla home, defeated clubmate Brendan Aquilina, who represented Malta with distinction over the nine days of competition. Both were undefeated coming into the main event, having dropped just one set apiece from their 11 qualifying rounds.

It was Aquilina who ended local hopes of a seventh victory from resident pro Jeremy Henry with a straight sets semi final win.

Of the 15 World Cups competed since 2005, no fewer than eight have been won by players of Irish descent, with James Talbot in 2011, Henry's six in 2012, '13, '14, '16, '17, '18 and now Gary Kelly with his 11-4 9-3 scoreline.

Edwards, the reigning Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist reaffirmed her mantle as the most successful female competitor in bowls history when she claimed the women's title. She joined Jeremy Henry as a six-times



winner of this event, having previously won in 2009, '10, '11, '13 and 2017, plus, in the process Edwards won her 13th 'major', two clear of Northern Ireland's legendary Margaret Johnston's eleven.

The rangy Kiwi defeated Guernsey pocket rocket Lucy Beere, the defending champion 8-5 10-5 in the main event. In a repeat of the 2017 final – in which she defeated Beere 8-5 2-9 4-1 – Edwards remained calm under fire as last year's winner made a last ditch charge at a repeat crown. But when the scores sat tied at 5-5 after six ends, Edwards raised the tempo

scoring a single and a pair of twos to capture an unprecedented sixth title.

Story and image via - World Bowls

Live streams from the World Cup can be watched at bowlsaustralia.com.au

Illawarra Gorillas Clinch First BPL Trophy



The Illawarra Gorillas have secured the Bowls Premier League trophy for the very first time, after defeating the Brisbane Pirates in a tense tie-break finish.

In what was only the second ever final to go a decider (previous was BPL03), the Kay Moran, Jeremy Henry and Aaron Teys-lead Gorillas pipped the Pirates at the death.

It was the Pirate's third successive after taking out BPL08 on their home turf in Club Pine Rivers last time around, and despite some MVP Alex Marshall magic, they couldn't repeat their heroics.

The Pirates began their night with victory over local rivals the Gold Coast Hawks in the elimination final, while the Gorillas pipped the Roys in the semi final in what was their first of two tie-break victories for the night.

Unfortunately for the Roys, they would go out in straight sets to the Pirates, the same team who knocked them out at the preliminary final stage last time out.

Story & image courtesy of Bowls Australia

Elimination Final –

Brisbane Pirates def. Gold Coast Hawks
6-3, 2-8, 1-0

Semi Final –

Illawarra Gorillas def. Melbourne Roys
5-4, 7-9, 0-1

Preliminary Final –

Brisbane Pirates def. Melbourne Roys
10-5, 6-5

Final –

Illawarra Gorillas def. Brisbane Pirates
6-9, 7-1, 1-0

MVP – Alex Marshall (Brisbane Pirates)



Wheelchair Sports NSW and Bowls NSW Do it Together

In line with our ongoing support of disability bowls in NSW, Bowls NSW will team with Wheelchair Sports NSW by providing financial assistance to the ten bowlers attending the 2019 Multibowl National Championships.

The Multibowl National Championships will be held in Mackay Queensland, at the South Suburban Bowling Club from 19-24 May. This event provides the only National level competition within classification amongst athletes with a disability whilst also representing their State.

Pat Curtin, Sports Development Officer of Wheelchair Sports NSW says, "It means a lot to the players to know that Bowls NSW has contributed their support and makes them feel less marginalised as a playing group. Bowls NSW's support of the representative team will free up Wheelchair Sports NSW's resources to be used to continue to develop multi-disability bowls throughout NSW through local competitions and development bowls."

Gunnedah's Tim Thorning wins 2019 Zone 3 Junior Championship



The region's best junior lawn bowlers have battled it out at the Zone 3 junior play offs in Manilla.

Competitors from as far as Wee Waa and Walcha hit the greens with Gunnedah's Tim Thorning walking away with the top prize.

After defeating West Tamworth's Kasey Cone in the semi finals Thorning progressed to face off with West Tamworth's Zoe Stewart in the final. Stewart, fresh off the back of her semi-final victory over Armidale's Brittany Camp trailed 12-4 after 11 ends before mounting a comeback to have the scores tied at 21 after 26 ends.

From there, Thorning held his nerve to claim the championship with a 25 to 21 after 27 ends.

Zone 3 junior co-ordinator Ian Bannister said the tournament's games were of top quality.

The competitors will now turn their attention to pennant bowls, which begins this weekend.

Clubs will play both home and away games over the next six weeks

Story & image courtesy of Namoi Valley Independent.

Full competition results:

Brittany Camp (Armidale) defeated

Caleb Cameron (Gunnedah) 25-24

Jack Skenes (West Tamworth) defeated

Shania Bell (Inverell East) 25-23

Lucy Hooker (West Tamworth) defeated

Riley Flynn (West Tamworth) 25-18

Kasey Cone (West Tamworth) defeated Tori Bell (Inverell East) 25-6

Zoe Stewart (West Tamworth) defeated

Dustyn Allen (Wee Waa) 25-23

Tara Stewart (West Tamworth) defeated

Tom O'Neill (West Tamworth) 25-3

Tim Thorning (Gunnedah) defeated Sariann Andrew (Walcha) 25-0

Quarter final: Tim Thorning defeated Tara Stewart 25-19

Quarter final: Zoe Stewart defeated Jack Skewnes 25-9

Quarter final: Kasey Cone defeated

Samantha Robinson (Armidale Ex-Services) 25-12

Quarter final: Brittany Camp defeated Lucy Hooker 25-11

Semi final: Tim Thorning defeated Kasey Cone 25-16

Semi final: Zoe Stewart defeated Brittany Camp 25-17

Grand final: Tim Thorning defeated Zoe Stewart 25-21

NSW Multibowl Singles Classic at Raymond Terrace



The 2019 Wheelchair Sports NSW Multibowl Singles Classic held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club has concluded with some of the highest quality bowls the Singles Classic has seen in recent years. Special thanks to the first class facility of Raymond Terrace Bowling Club for hosting an exciting event with 30+ multi-disability bowlers throughout NSW. To Lennon Scott, the staff, volunteers and the very professional markers from the club and other supporting clubs a big thank you for making the event as smooth as it was.

To the bowlers who participated, what a great three days of competitive bowls. From all accounts every game was played hard and with great sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the supporters who came to witness some great action on the greens!

Story and image via Wheelchair Sports

Results from the final day of play:

- 1st Place - Doug Lambert
- 2nd Place - Michael Vassallo
- 3rd Place - Phil Plackett

4th Place - Ryan Wood

Best performed women:

- 1. Joanne Hunter
- 2. Michelle Campbell
- 3. Cheryl Benbow

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Impending Changes to Artificial Devices Policy



Bowls Australia's Board has signalled an impending change to the national Artificial Devices Policy, pertaining specifically to the use of bowlers arms.

The revised Artificial Devices Policy, which will come into effect from May 1, 2019, has removed the existing stipulation that players need to have received approval from the State/Territory Association to use a bowlers arm, and also removes the need for a medical certificate to use a bowlers arm.

The changes to the policy come after extensive consultation and feedback from key stakeholders.

It is envisaged that the leniency will result in greater opportunity for persons with physical restrictions and impairments to continue playing the sport, and is in line with the policies of other national bodies.

Further to the changes, Bowls Australia wishes to clarify the procedure to request replacement National Merchandising Program (NMP) logo stickers for approved bowlers' arms

In the event that an approved bowlers' arm's existing National Merchandising Program (NMP) logo sticker has come off due to

wear and tear over time, Bowls Australia may be contacted to request a replacement sticker be posted out, to then affix to the arm.

Players will need to provide details of their arm (ideally a photo) so that BA can confirm that the device is indeed an approved bowlers arm, which can be done by post or email to admin@bowls.com.au.

Story courtesy of Bowls Australia www.bowls.com.au

Any queries relating to these changes to the policy can be raised with Bowls Australia's Tony Sherwill or Bronwyn White on 03 9480 7100 or admin@bowls.com.au.

Nominations open Selection Committee

Nominations are now open for selectors for the 2019-2020 season. If you have an interest in joining the State Selectors Committee but are unsure of your eligibility, check Reg 16.4 of the Bowls NSW Regulations. If you would like more information of the duties and powers of the Selection Committee, refer to Reg 18.2.

Nominations must reach Bowls NSW no later than 1.00pm on Friday 19 April 2019. Go to bowlsnsw.com.au for more details



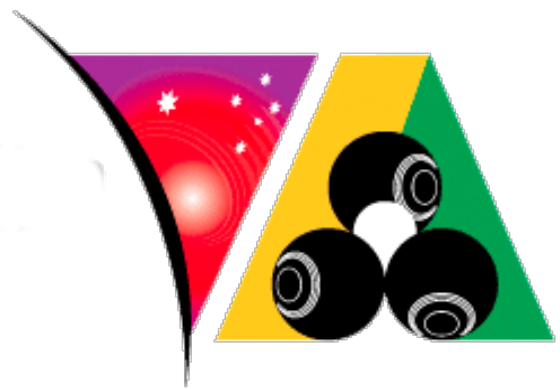
2019 Pennant Draws now online

Pennants is now in full swing right around NSW. The draws and results for Grade 1 conference play are available on the Bowls NSW website. The State Pennant finals this year will be played from 26-28 July and for the first time will see the top two sides from each section progress to quarter finals. Full details of venues, section draws for Grades 2 to 7 and the schedule of play are available on the Bowls NSW website. www.bowlsnsw.com.au



2019 Indoor Singles Entry form now online

Entry to the NSW Qualifying for the Australian Indoor Singles is now open. Players can choose to play at Warilla or East Cessnock on 3, 5 or 6 May (Note no play on Saturday 4 May due to Pennants). Nine NSW bowlers will qualify for the national finals at Tweed Heads in August. The qualifiers from NSW will receive some financial assistance towards their costs of attending the national finals. The winner of the Australian Indoor Singles will go on to represent Australia at the 2020 World Cup! Enter at bowlsnsw.com.au



Upcoming Events

Australian Sides Championships

Ettalong Memorial 10 - 14 April

Dave Leggatt Memorial Graded Fours

St Johns Park 20 - 21 April

Easter Saturday Men's Pairs

Moruya Men's BC 20 April

Easter Mixed Pairs 3 Bowl Pairs

Oak Flats BC 20 - 21 April

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