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"IN THE ZONE"

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Due to the hard work of Tim Cunningham & Michael Schwarcz, Zone 10 now has a brand new, modern and up to date website that I am sure will be envy of many zones.

The new address is

www.zone10.bowls.com.au

The new site has the latest news, photos, upcoming tournaments, representative selections, championship draws & results, pennant draws & results - look basically it has EVERYTHING that you need to keep up with what is happening in Zone 10. Please take a minute or 2 to have a look through the different areas and drop me a line to let me know your thoughts on it – good or bad. We are here to listen to all your comments. If you are Club Secretary or Publicity Officer, please send us your Tournament information to put on the website – the more the better!!!

All previous editions of "In The Zone" can be also found on this website



Latest News

Club Tournaments

Are you wanting to know what tournments are on in Zone 10 - just go to "Events Calendar" on the above menu and you are instantly up to date!! If you are a Bowls Secretary or Organiser, please send us your tournament details and it will be added here and also advertised in our bowls newsletter "In The Zone"

Send details to publicity@zone10.org.au

Player Re-grade Applications

The State Match Committee has introduced an online updating system that allows Clubs and players to review the progress and outcome of their Player Re-Grade Applications which can be viewed here. If you have submitted a regrade application prior to the last 48hrs and it does not appear in this list, please notify Zone 10 Match immediately.





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2015 "Alan Buckley Shield"

Sunday 8th March @ Harbord BC - start 9.30am

ZONE 10 ALLEN BUCKLEY SHIELD @ HARBORD 8th March

Lead	Second	Third	Skip	
Michael DEBONO	Brendon CONWAY	Paul WEBB	Zeljko TRBARA	
Northmead	The Hills	Merrylands	Merrylands	
Sam HATCH-CACCAMO	Mark BARTON	Steve HARRY	e HARRY Michale HARRY	
Putney Tennyson	Wentworthville Leagues	Wentworthville Leagues	Wentworthville Leagues	
Mas on LEWIS	Danny PHILLIPS	Brett HUGHES	Matthew PHILLIPS	
Merrylands	Castle Hill	Northmead	Merrylands	
Julio POSADOS	David BANASIAK	Michael CLARKE Neil BURKEIT		
Merrylands	Northmead	Merrylands	Merrylands	

Lead	Second	Third	Skip	
Andrew SUTTON	Don STRICKLAND	Jerry HANN	Callum CRAWFORD	
Northmead	Northmead	Northmead Dundas Sports Carli		
David HOGAN	Eddie WILLIAMS	Gareth LEWIS	Simon WOOSTER	
Carlingford	Wentworthville Leagues	Merrylands	Dundas Sports	
Adrian CORNER	Tim CUNNINGHAM	Andrew CHAPMAN	Trevor IMER	
The Hills	The Hills	Northmead Merrylands		
Shane PARTRIDGE	Matt MCGAW	Peter ARMSTRONG Peter OÇONNELL		
Northmead	Wentworthville Leagues	Wentworthville Leagues	Carlingford	

Contact Brett Hughes re Availability 023 523 357 by 28th February



The protest regarding the gradings for 2015 was heard by Bowls NSW last week and it was resolved that the appeal by Zone 10 against the re-allocation of grades would be upheld and the Zone 10 has now released the draw based on the original grade allocations.

It should be noted that on relaying the news back to the club affected, whilst obviously disappointed with and remaining in disagreement to the decision, they accepted the ruling with a good grace and decorum for which they are to be congratulated and Zone 10 Match is most grateful.

Pennant Draws for all grades can now be found on the Zone 10 website

https://assets.imgstg.com/assets/console/document/documents/201502200220382015 Pennant Draw - Complete.pdf



2015 "State Fours"

The first of the semi-finals saw the relatively inexperienced team from The Hills up against Neil Burkett's seasoned Merrylands outfit. Some nervousness was likely apparent in The Hills players as they fell behind early to be 16 – 2 down after just 5 ends. The Hills side managed to compose themselves and tried to rally, but the experience of the Merrylands team was never likely to squander such a handy lead and they went on to record a 25 – 14 victory.

The second semi-final was fought out between sides they were both newly formed for the 2015 Championship. The Merrylands side was skipped by two time previous Zone Fours Champiom Tom Ellem and the Northmead team was captained by recently acquired club member Brett Hughes. In similarities to the other semi-final, Northmead got off to a comfortable start and managed to maintain its early margin completing the 19th end 5 shots clear. It was then disaster struck for the home side, dropping six shots on the penultimate end and, for the first time in the match, were trailing going into a nail biting last end. The fairy tale come from behind finish for the Merrylands team was not to be however, with Northmead steeling themselves in the falling rain, picking up two shots to win the game 23-22. Rain clearing on cue, the final began in pleasant conditions and all was set for a classic showdown between two teams with a wealth of finals experience. Unfortunately, a horror start to the final from Northmead saw them drop multiple shots on consecutive ends and they fell well behind, trailing 13 -1 after just four ends. Try as they might to regain a foothold into the game, the Merrylands side comprising Gareth Lewis, Mason Lewis, Michael Clark & Neil Burkett were unrelenting and continued to pile on the pressure and points and shot away to an unassailable lead. The game beyond reach, Northmeads Mick Kelly, Michael Debono, Andrew Chapman & Brett Hughes conceded the game at 30 – 6 down and Merrylands booked their place in the 2015 State Championship Finals in October.

The professionalism of Northmead's Bowling Club in organising and facilitating this year's Zone Fours Championships is to be commended. Their Greens were true and fair, their members were selfless in forgoing their regular Saturday game to make space for Sectional Play, the Club was welcoming and warm, the volunteers and umpires diligent and proficient. Zone 10 congratulate Northmead on their fantastic effort in ensuring the smooth running of the first Zone event of 2015.





2015 "Zone Fours"

Finals

Semi-Final one was a closely fought match between The Hill's Joe Barbaro and Zone stalwart Michael Schwarcz from West Pennant Hills, with the West Pennant Hills side scraping home 20 -18. In the other Semi-Final the Castle Hill side lead by Tim Brissett was a little outclassed by the Gladesville team skippered by John Restaino, going down 25 - 9.

The Final was a somewhat one sided affair, that saw Gladesville skip away to a comfortable 33 - 5 victory.

The members of the Pennant Hills Bowling Club at to be congratulated for their fine efforts in running the championships, the condition of their greens at this early stage of the season and the great facilities that were available to the competitors. All those who took part should also be commended, as their involvement resulted in making this a very worthwhile event and cherished championship to win.





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Important Dates - 2015

Some important dates have been announced by Bowls NSW & Zone 10 for 2015

State Senior Inter-Zone Championships – 19th to 21st May (Host Venue Zone 9 - Harbord)

State Pennants Finals – 1st to 3rd August (Various Venues)

State Inter-Zone Championships 12th to 14th September (Host Venue Zone 15 – The Entrance)

The full Zone 10 Programme for 2015 can be found on the Zone 10 website



And the Winners Were....



The 2014 Bowler of the Year Awards were held recently at the Kirribilli Club and I was lucky enough to attend the black tie gala event, along with a galaxy of stars from Australian bowls. Congratulations to all the winners and to Bowls NSW for having a night that was a credit to the game and was enjoyed by all that were there...

All of the winners from the Bowls NSW Players Awards are...

Volunteer award

Our sport is supported throughout the state by over 20,000 volunteers, for which we are eternally grateful. Tonight we honoured an amazing man with the Bowls NSW Volunteer of the Year Award, John Smith, he has provided inspiration in his leadership style and brought confidence and stability to the State Match Committee during his 16 years of service Thank you John.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the 14th and 15th inductees to the John Young Hall of fame Leif Selby and Charlie Frost. Leif has represented our State 129 times and is a Commonwealth Games silver medallist. Charlie is the first administrator admitted to the Hall of Fame, he was a State Selector for 16 years and a National Selector for 10.

Senior bowler of the year

Crawford Linton is the Bowls NSW Senior Bowler of the Year! The little old man with the big heart and the booming voice, Craw would leave most of our cricket sledges well in his wake! He continues to add to his imposing record, 2014 saw him win the Over 60's Pairs, come runner up in the number 1 State Pennants, win the Zone Triples and Fours and come runner up in the Zone Over 60 Singles.

Junior bowler of the year

At the age of 13, Jono Davis has become the youngest winner of the Junior Bowler of the Year award! this was well earned, amongst his long list of achievements are, becoming a Australian Junior Bronze Medallist and Pairs winner, selected for the Australian Junior Under 18 5 Man Squad and a Zone 4 no.1 Pennant winner.

Most Improved Bowler of the year

Lennon Scott, who is nicknamed 'punter' is this year's winner of the most Improved Bowler of the year award he is also the winner of the NSW State Singles and a Zone finalist for the Zone Champion of Champions.

Best performed Club

The Best Performed Club of the Year award has gone to Taren Point, Taren Point can boast amongst many others, the State Number 1 and 3 winning sides, number 2 runner up side and number 5 semi-finalists and the Club Challenge gold winning side.

Best Performed country club of the year

Celebrating their 50 year Anniversary this year The Warilla Gorillas can also celebrate being the Best Performed Country Club of the Year!

Bowler of the year

The 2014 Bowls NSW Bowler of the Year is Craig Donaldson! A modest man who has had a huge year Being a member of both the winning State number 1 pennant and gold Club Challenge sides, a representative in the City team and the Taren Point Club Singles winner.



Crawford Linton



Jono Davis



Lennon Scott



Craig Donaldson



Leif Selby



Beecroff Notes from Steve Bruce

ANNOUNCING MENS WINNERS FOR 2014

Competition		Winner		Runner Up	
Major	Singles	Robin	Ratcliff	Phil	Martin
Minor	Singles	Craig	Davis	Peter	Brian
Tyro	Singles	Bob	Catherall	Joe	Leotta
Veteran	Singles	Richard	Morris	Wal	Saville
Major	Pairs	Peter	Seale	Craig	Davis
		Robin	Ratcliff	Richard	Morris
Minor	Pairs	Colin	Reid	Reg	Millett
		Richard	Dooley	Ken	McLennan
Mixed	Pairs	Scott	Byrnes	Noelene	Davis
		Jane	Dobrovits	Craig	Davis
Major/Minor Pair		Bill	Bastock	Bob	Catherall
		Peter	Brian	Steve	Maxwell
Triples		David	Hazell	John	Di Bella
		Bill	Bastock	Scott	Byrnes
		Arnold	Burling	Alan	Ryan
Fours		Ken	McLennan	Merv	Clear
		Steve	Maxwell	Peter	Seale
		Craig	Davis	Jon	King
		Peter	Neeson	Stephen	Bruce
Bert Pric	e Award	Bill	Bastock		
Presiden	ts Trophy	Lesley	Hines		

Minor Singles Final

Only minutes before the cards were called for the Minor Singles final, the heavens opened and it looked like play would not go ahead. But at the appointed time, play commenced on what turned out to be another warm, cloudy and humid afternoon in Sydney's north west. Both Ron Inch and Stephen Bruce started slowly, feeling each other out and checking on the pace of the green – the score was three all. Then Stephen found his length, winning most ends with his draw bowling and stayed ahead for some time, breaking away to lead 25-15. Then it looked like concentration was lost and Ron started to find his length and scored several multiples. The match tightened up – the score was 26 all – and the surrounding bowlers playing social were distracted by the quality of the heads. Ron then took the lead for

the first time and was holding shot but Stephen came back to draw within 5 cm of the jack and the score was 29 all. Tension was close to breaking point and on the next end, Stephen was holding 2 and game but Ron managed to knock a short bowl into the head and take the shot – 30 to 29. On the next end, Stephen was holding 2 again but Ron managed to get closer and Stephen couldn't outdraw this time. So, Ron ran out a deserved winner 31-29 and both bowlers are to be congratulated for an absorbing match played at a high standard and in the right spirit.



Steve Bruce & Ron Inch

Castle Hill Notes from Paul Bryan

Major/Minor Pairs

Rookie David Dodge has started 2015 as he left off in 2014, by winning the 2015 Major Minor Pairs with club stalwart David Organ, 17-16 over Peter Squire and the venerable Roy (Harry) Potter. David represented Zone 10 in the Rookies Pairs playoff in 2014. This game was a nail-biter with the David's coming from behind in a photo finish.



North Epping Notes from Ken Douglas

A new year and the Major Fours and associated Fours Plate competitions have been run and won. Photos show Major Fours champions Robert Matheson, Frank Neale, Neale Swancott and John Fry proudly showing off the Fours Trophy after overcoming Dennis Byron, Ken Avis, Ron Jenkins and Bill Daley 20 to 14 in the final.



The Fours Plate final was an arm rest all the way with the team of (from left) Ken Douglass, Paul Delves, Brian Hickinbottom and Ken Austin (last year's Major Fours champions) being pipped at the post 16 shots to 15 by the team of Peter Brown, Rob Phillips, Colin Maskill and Cees Thurmer.



Putney Tennyson Notes from Richard Rees

A note to all interested Zone 10 bowlers that there will be 2 bowl Triple Tournaments played at Putney Tennyson over the following dates – 27th March, 3rd July, 14th August & 16th October. Entry fee is \$90.00/team and further information can be found by contacting Dave Walker on 9808 2220 or suedavewalker@gmail.com

West Pennant Hills Notes from David Wilson

West Pennant Hills had our best result ever in the State and Reserve Fours competition in 2015. The father and son combination of Jim and Darrin Ede, together with Dallas Palm and Michael Schwarcz were runners up in the Reserve Fours. A fantastic achievement and one which the whole club is very proud of.

In the State Fours it was great to have two teams make the sectional playoff against some very stiff competition. Congratulations to Peter Eagle, John Leonard and their respective teams on their great effort.

Two of the quarter finals of the Ken Wighton Singles were completed last weekend with Jeremy Thiedeman defeating Andy Nice (a new bowler this year) 31 to 17 and Max Walters against Jeff Campion, with Max winning 31 to 24.

Our best wishes to the two winners who now face Les Watkins and last year's runner-up Con Ganis in the semi-finals.

The WPH 22nd Annual Koala Carnival is coming up soon on Monday 4th May. Independent Gaming is our new sponsor this year and we welcome them on board. Prize money in excess of \$2000 is on offer. Details and entry forms will be available shortly on our website at www.blog.demaj.com.au

No News from

Brush Park, Carlingford, Denistone, Dundas Sports, Dural Country Club, Gladesville, Hunters Hill, Merrylands, Northmead, North Ryde RSL, Pennant Hills, Rosehill, Rydalmere Central, Ryde X Phoenix, Toongabbie, The Hills & Wenty Leagues



February 2015

Saturday 28th February – Zone 10 Pennants Commence

March 2015

Sunday 8th March – Alan Buckley Shield Friday 20th March – Junior Championship Entries Close

April 2015

Friday 3rd to Monday 6th April – Easter Saturday 25th April – ANZAC Day

May 2015

Sunday 10th May – Mother's Day

Tuesday 19th May to Thursday 21st May – State Seniors Inter Zone Championships (Harbord)

Friday 29th May – State/Senior/President Singles Entries Close

June 2015

Friday 12th June – State/Senior/President Pairs Entries Close Saturday 27th June - State/Senior/President Singles Commence

July 2015

Friday 10th July – State/Zone Triples Entries Close Saturday 18th July - State/Senior/President pairs Commence

August 2015

Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd August – State Pennant Finals Saturday 8th August – State/Zone Triples Commence Saturday 22nd August – Champion of Club Champions

September 2015

Saturday 12th to Monday 14th September – State Inter Zone Championships (The Entrance)

IMPORTANT

Please note dates are subject to confirmation by the Zone 10 Committee. Please check on www.zone10.org.au for updates



March 2015





10th, 11th, 17th, 18th & 25th March TOOHEYS Twilight Singles - \$6000 Prizemoney

Contact - Bowls Office 9639 2499 or bowls@thehillsclub.com.au

The Hills BC - Tooheys Twilight Singles (10th March - 28th March 2015)

April 2015



Northmead



4th, 5th & 6th April – 38th Easter Carnival Prizemoney - \$4480.00 4th – Men's 2 Bowl Graded Triples 5th – Mixed Pairs 6th – Mens Pairs

Contact - <u>brett@northmeadbowlingclub.com.au</u>

Northmead BC - Easter Saturday Womens (4th April 2015)

Northmead BC - 38th Easter Bowls Tournament (4th, 5th & 6th April 2015)





3rd April - Good Friday Mens Triples 4th April - Easter Saturday Mixed Pairs 5th April - Easter Sunday Mixed Triples

Contact - bowls@clubmerrylands.com.au Phone 02 9682 8018

Merrylands BC - Good Friday Men's Triples (3rd April 2015) Merrylands BC - Easter Saturdau Mixed Pairs (4th April 2015) Merrylands BC - Easter Sunday Mixed Triples (5th April 2015)

May 2015





4th May to 8th May Carnival Week of Bowls

Contact - <u>bowls@clubmerrylands.com.au</u> Phone 02 9682 8018

Merrylands BC - Carnival Week of Bowls (4th May - 8th May 2015)

Get "In The Zone"!!!!

Have you won a Championship or Tournament lately – were the details shown "In The Zone"?? No – well please have a chat to your Clubs' Publicity Officer or Bowls Secretary and ask them to please submit to

publicity@zone10.org.au

Not only do you want to see your name "up in lights" but achievements should be acknowledged not only by your club but by all of Zone 10. All information sent to me is published so please diarise Tuesday each week to send information (and photos if possible) to me for inclusion.

You can't be in the zone if you are not "In The Zone"!!!!

Deadline for information – Tuesday 10th March
The next issue of "In The Zone" will be distributed – Wednesday 11th March