

Our 2023-2024 Men's Major Pairs Championship has been decided!



Our [2023-2024 Men's Major Pairs Final](#) was played on Sunday 3rd December in near perfect conditions, apart from that tricky wind, which is always evident at windy Windang! Terry McKay and Adam Blades up against Dave Tyrrell and Daniel Doyle. Adam and Terry were attempting to make up for the loss in the previous Men's Triples Final. The scores were fairly even throughout the match, locked at 5 all on 6 ends, 7 all on 9 ends, 9 all on 12 ends and 14 all on 17 ends. Dave and Daniel picked up 4 shots in 2 ends to hang on for the title. Team Doyle won 11 ends, Team Blades won 10 ends. A great game to watch with the spectators appreciating the high standard of bowls played all round. Well done to everyone for making the final, and congratulations to our 2023-2024 Men's Major Pairs winners Dave Tyrrell & Daniel Doyle.



2023-2024 Men's Major Pairs Runners Up
Terry McKay & Adam Blades



2023-2024 Men's Major Pairs Winners
Dave Tyrrell & Daniel Doyle



2023-2024 Men's Major Pairs Finalists.
Terry McKay, Adam Blades, Daniel Doyle, Dave Tyrrell.



Congratulations Zoe Davies!

Following the Junior Development Camp held at Cabra Bowls, the State Junior Selection Committee has selected the [Junior Gold and Silver Squads for 2024](#). These players will be considered for selection in the NSW Junior Blues Sides throughout the year. Congratulations to all players selected!

Our own Junior Girl - Zoe Davies has been on the cusp of State Selection for some time and her hard work and dedication has finally paid off.

It's probably one of the best birthday presents Zoe has received!

Well done Zoe, we are so very proud of you!



23-24 Club Championships

23-24 Yearly Program

Our Men's and Women's Program for the remainder of the 2023-2024 season has now been combined. It includes all Club Championships, District, Zone, State and National events leading up to 30th June 2024. The Club Championships have also been itemised on a separate program, just to make it simpler for our Club Championship Bowlers.

The Program and Championship Schedule can be found on our website on the links below.

[2023-2024 Season Program.](#)

[2023-2024 Club Championships Schedule.](#)

Club Championships.

The following draws were conducted last week. All draws have split rounds as we'll still be down to two greens well into February. Bowlslink was not used for the draws due to the split rounds.

Men's Major Singles.

Men's Minor Singles.

Open Senior Singles.

Mixed Pairs.

All draws can be found on our website on the following link:

[2023-2024 Club Championships](#)

Our Open Senior Pairs, Women's Fours & Mixed Fours Finals have yet to be completed. Please complete them as soon as you can, as next year is fairly congested, especially around pennant season. When rescheduling your Championship Event, please be aware that we are still down to 2 greens, and we have a lot of barefoot bowls booked outside of our normal bowls times during December and January. Please take this into consideration when rescheduling matches.

Club Championship Shirts.

We hope you liked the Club Championship shirts that were recently distributed to all of our winners. Congratulations everyone!



Our 2023-2024 Shirts will more than likely be themed to match our 75 years anniversary next year!

Bowls NSW Sport Survey

Bowls NSW is sharing a Sport Survey to members, giving them the opportunity to provide feedback on the current formats of the game as well as the events that they conduct.

Check the link below for info regarding the survey

[Bowls NSW Sport Survey](#)

2023-2024 Men's Pennant Finals.

Club Windang were proud hosts of the 2023-2024 Men's Pennant Finals, in Divisions 2,3 & 4 on Sat 9th & Sun 10th Dec. Well done to our Semi Finalists and Congratulations to our winners:

Division 2 - Towradgi

Division 3 - Bomaderry

Division 4 - Fairy Meadow

Good luck at the Men's State Pennant Finals!

A big thankyou to our Volunteers & Umpires who helped out over the weekend as well.

All results can be found on the [Zone 16 website](#).



Men's Division 2 Pennant Winners - Towradgi



Men's Division 3 Pennant Winners - Bomaderry



Men's Division 4 Pennant Winners - Fairy Meadow



2023-2024 Pennants

Both the Open Pennant and the Women's Pennant Competitions will commence early in the new year. Our Bowls website has been updated with links to all the relevant info so far.

[2023-2024 Open Pennant](#)

[2023-2024 Women's Pennant](#)

We've been working through our Bowlslink database to make sure all of the gradings are correct. This has been a mammoth task as both the open pennant and the women's pennant grades require checking. We've found some errors and have been communicating with Bowls NSW to get them amended. I'm happy to say that they're almost complete.

Our selectors for our Women's Pennant have almost finalised the teams for next year. We've nominated for D2, D3, D4, and they must ensure that they are following the conditions of play, especially with the grading and regrading of players. More reason to ensure the Bowlslink grades are correct!

[The Women's Pennant draws can be found on the IDWBA website.](#)

Our Open Pennant Selectors will meet early in the New Year to discuss the teams. We've gone with the same grades as last season - G1,G3,G4,G5,G6,G7A,G7B. Thank you to our players who have indicated they intend to play pennants. This helps with our submission. I'll have a player unavailability sheet posted at the club soon. It will include all dates for the respective rounds. We'll also have a managers list available as well. With both pennants run at the same time, the wisest option was to have the selectors focus on the respective pennant competition. Having them do both at the same time would more than likely cause a great deal of confusion as the Conditions of Play for both events differ, especially with gradings and player eligibility. One thing we do not want is a penalty because of an oversight!

We currently have 231 bowling members (62 women & 169 men), with 24 required for the Women's Pennant and 84 for the Open Pennant. Not all of you who intend to play will get selected. That's just the way it is.

*The Selectors goal is to pick the side which has the best opportunity to win a pennant flag for the Club. With the Pennant Season about to start, please support our selectors, do your absolute best on the greens, and let's see if we can win a State Flag this year! The Pennant Season is called the "Silly Season" for a reason, so if you don't get picked in the grade or team that you think you should have, **SO WHAT**, the sun will still rise tomorrow!*

The last time Windang won a State Pennant Winners Flag.



2008 - Grade 7 State Pennant Winners - Windang



2017 - No 4 State Pennant Winners - Windang



2023-24 South Pacific Carnival

We have several players entered in the South Pacific Carnival. Please ensure you pay those entry fees soon. The draws are located on the [Zone 16 Website Events Page](#). Windang will be assisting with providing rinks for some of the sectional rounds, so there may be limited rink space available on certain social bowls days.

Thursday 28th Dec - Pairs - 6 rinks required.

Friday 29th Dec - Singles - 12 rinks & 12 markers required - *No Social Bowls that day.*

Saturday 30th Dec - Mixed Pairs - 6 Rinks required.

All Post Sectional rounds will be played at the host club Kiama.

Good Luck to everyone!

Bowls Coordinators Message.

Thank you to all of our bowling members and visitors who have supported us over the last 6 months. It certainly has been hectic, that's for sure! In December alone, the number of social bowlers we've had on the greens is 500 so far. The amount of barefoot bowls we've booked during December totals approx 470 participants. Wednesday's and Fridays continue to be popular, even when we're down to only 2 greens. Our membership numbers are slowly increasing, and this may increase even further with player migrations at the start of the new year, usually in time for pennants.

On behalf of all of our members I'd like to thank Kaye Taylor for her contribution to bowls at Windang. Our Women's Bowls Organiser Kaye, resigned from the position recently. The Board appointed Suzanne Tyrrell to manage the role in the interim. Suz's immediate goal is to manage the competitions for the remainder 2023-2024 season. With the unification of the Districts & Zones to be finalised prior to July 2024, our committee structures are also likely to change, along with the competitions available for next season. Even more reason for members to have their say in the [Bowls NSW Sport Survey!](#)

Good luck to our IDWBA & Illawarra Zone 16 as they set out to form the Illawarra Bowls Region. It won't be easy and I'm sure there will be much to sort out during the process.



Since our club has unified, we've attempted to run all of our normal social bowls days, consistently. This included Thursday Social Bowls which was predominantly made up of female bowlers. Thursday Social Bowls participation averaged about 26 players with about 5 rinks in use. Our goal was to increase the numbers. Due to the high level of complaints we've received, especially towards our Match Committee, The Match Committee has decided to take no further part in the management of social bowls on a Thursday.

This does not mean, there will be no bowls available on a Thursday. The regular bowlers who participate on Thursday can run the social bowls themselves, the same way they have run it for years. Nearly everyone who participated on a Thursday knew how to run Social Bowls..... apart from our Match Committee, so this provides the perfect opportunity for those that know how to run it, to step up and run Thursday Bowls.....like it's always been done.

Thursday Social Bowls will quite possibly commence again, sometime in January. Our Board will discuss what happens next with whoever is willing to take over the running of Thursday Bowls.

Due to an influx of bowling members (which is always a good thing), I've put in an order for more club shirts and shorts from ACEIt. Hopefully these will arrive prior to the Pennant season commencing. I still have a limited number of shirts in stock though.

When I first took on the role of Bowls Coordinator, I had no experience in the role. I'm grateful for the Board and the decision they made, and I'm sure most of our members appreciate that decision. I picked up everything as I went, making mistakes along the way. Trying not to make the same mistake twice, because then it's no longer a mistake, it's a choice.

I appreciate all the work our volunteers do for the club. From our Directors, Our Match Committee, Our Selectors, Our Umpires and Controlling Bodies, Our Barefoot Bowls Hosts, Our Hotdog and BBQ cooks, and anyone else willing to offer a helping hand. It goes a long way to ensuring our club is the best in the Illawarra. Thank you for everything you do.

To our hardworking Management, Staff, Green keepers, Wok & Grill and Bar2-six staff, thank you for your commitment and dedication to Windang! I'm so privileged to be part of a great team.

I'd like to wish everyone and their family a very safe and happy Christmas, and hope that 2024 is better than last year.



Dave Tyrrell - Bowls Manager - Windang Bowling Club