

2023-2024 Championships Update

Two more Championships have now been completed. The Mixed Fours and the Senior Pairs. Our Mixed Fours is normally played on Friday nights and consists of teams of two men and two women. This year's comp had 13 teams entered. Our Final consisted of Robyn Burke, Nicolle Grogan, Peter Grogan & Garry Burke up against Judith Voltz, Kim Hart, Wolfy Thiele & Paul Cable. During the final, Team Cable got off to a flying start leading 13-4 on 9 ends. Team Burke won the next 4 ends to get back to 13 all on 13 ends.....Is anyone superstitious? The next four ends saw both teams pick up 4 shots each. The scores now 17 all on 17 ends! Team Cable picked up a 4 on the 18th end to kick out to 21-17 with 3 ends to go. Team Burke held their nerve and picked up a 1 and a 4 to go into the last end leading 22-21. It all came down to the skips last bowls. Gary Burke used his last bowl to convert to pick up 1 shot for the title with a score of 23-21. Thank you to our finalists for one of the best finals ever. It was great to feel the appreciation of our spectators for a great display of bowls. Well done to our finalists and congratulations to our new Mixed Fours Champions - Robyn Burke, Nicolle Grogan, Peter Grogan & Garry Burke.



2023-2024 Mixed Fours Finalists - Garry Burke, Peter Grogan, Nicolle Grogan, Robyn Burke, Judith Voltz, Kim Hart, Wolfy Thiele, Paul Cable.



2023-2024 Mixed Fours Champions - Gary Burke, Peter Grogan, Nicolle Grogan, Robyn Burke



2023-2024 Mixed Fours Runners Up - Paul Cable, Wolfy Thiele, Kim Hart, Judith Voltz



The Senior Pairs is an open event for players 65 years and over, and normally scheduled on Wednesdays. This year's competition started with 21 teams all vying for the coveted Senior Pairs title. Last year's defending champions Chris Jed & Gary Griffiths almost managed a repeat, only to be bundled out in the semi final stage by the eventual winners. The final consisted of the teams Bill Sharp & Mick Dihm, up against Wayne Harman & Bobby Head.

The road to the final for Bill Sharp & Mick Dihm wasn't an easy one! Two of their games went down to the wire with a score of 19-18 in both the Q/F's and S/F's. Wayne Harman & Bob Head had three convincing wins to make it to the final, getting the better of Bill & Mick with a score of 23 -18. Congratulations to our finalists and well done Wayne & Bob!



2023-2024 Senior Pairs Finalists - Wayne Harman, Bob Head, Mick Dihm, Bill Sharp





2023-2024 Senior Pairs Champions
Wayne Harman & Bob Head



2023-2024 Senior Pairs Runners Up
Mick Dihm & Bill Sharp



Our Men's Major Singles, Men's Minor Singles, Open Senior Singles and Mixed Pairs have all started and this year we've had an unprecedented number of entries in all events. This has created some minor issues, especially with scheduling the competitions when we're down to two greens. We've had to split some of the rounds due to the limited rinks available, and schedule the games so they have a minimal impact on our social bowls. Just to give you an idea of the entries so far.....

- Men's Major Singles - 35 entries
- Minor Minor Singles - 36 entries
- Open Senior Singles - 33 entries
- Mixed Pairs - 35 entries

It's Ok to reschedule your match before the play date, however, due to the number of games that have been rescheduled, there may be a chance that you will not have a controlling body and umpire available for your game. Only recently we had 4 events played at different time slots during the one day. This puts a great deal of pressure on our volunteers to be there at your convenience. We trust that you utilise common sense and good sportsman personship when playing these games.

Just to help us out with the singles games and markers, losers are required to mark the next round. Please check the draws if you are required to mark. If you are not available, please organise your own replacement and let the match committee know.

All club championship results can be found on our bowls website on the link below.

[2023-2024 Club Championships](#)

Championship Entry Fees

Just to streamline the way we collect the entry fees for club championships. If you intend to play your game on the scheduled day, we'll take the entry fees on the day prior to play.

If you play your game prior to the scheduled date, please pay over the bar and retain your receipt. I'm sure we'll catch up with you at some stage during the competition. To give you an idea of the number of entry fees we've had to process, take a look at the figures above. The total number of players is 174. The entry fees collected are utilised to offset some of the costs involved in running Club Championships.

E.g; Prize Money, Trophy Shirts, Greens Set Up, Controlling Body & Umpires Fees, Incentives for C of C events, Presentation, etc, etc.





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.

Bowls NSW wants to hear from its members, and they encourage you to be open and honest with your responses, as the feedback received will be discussed by the State Match Committee when determining the structure and Conditions of Play for events in future seasons.

The below survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, and covers a range of topics within the sport. Please share this survey with other bowling members within your community. Bowls NSW thanks you for your participation, and look forward to receiving your responses.

Check the link below for info regarding the survey

[Bowls NSW Sport Survey](#)

I encourage all of our members to take part in the survey.



Zone & District Events

2023-24 South Pacific Carnival

Congratulations to everyone who represented Windang in the Illawarra Zone 16 South Pacific Carnival.

Well done to the following members.

- Singles - Dave Tyrrell - Round of 16
- Pairs - Jordan & Glenn Taylor - Round of 16
- Pairs - Ari Jarvin & Grant McGarry - Section Winners
- Pairs - Paul Rooke & Gregg Stevens (Comp) - Section Winners
- Mixed Pairs - Wendy & Gregg Stevens - Round of 16

2023-24 Junior South Pacific

All the very best to our Juniors Zoe Davies & Blake Perry, playing over at Warilla this week in the Junior South Pacific. Details and results can be found on the [Zone 16 Junior Page](#)

2023-24 IDWBA Minor Singles

Jenny Greaves & Julie Fitzsimmons will be representing Windang in the upcoming IDWBA Minor Singles on Tuesday 16th Jan held at Windang. Play commences at 9:25 so get on down to Windang and show your support for our bowlers. Good luck ladies.

More info can be found on the IDWBA website on the following link. [IDWBA Minor Singles](#)



2023-2024 Pennants

Our Bowls Committee have been extremely busy finalising all aspects of the 2023-2024 Pennant Competitions. This includes both the Women's Pennant and the Open Pennant, which for some reason will be run concurrently. The Women's Pennant will be run Tuesdays and Thursdays and commences on Tuesday 23rd Jan. The Open Pennant will be run on Saturdays and commence Sat 3rd February.

Teams for Rounds 1 & 2 of the Women's Pennant Comp have been selected.

Bowlslink will not be utilised for the IDWBA Women's Pennant.

All information regarding the Women's Pennant Competition can be found on our Bowls Website on the link below:

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

The Open Pennant Competition will be managed via Bowlslink for all grades. Grade 1 is managed by Bowls NSW. Grades 2-7 are managed by Zone 16.

Our Selectors for the Open Pennants will be meeting Monday 15th Jan to finalise the teams. Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.1 & 7.2. All info can be found on our website on the following link:

[2023-2024 Open Pennant Competition](#)

The Bowlslink Results Portal for the 2023-2024 Zone 16 Pennant Competition is now active and all results can be found by accessing the portal.

Important! Disregard some of the teams for the Grades currently on Bowlslink as they were for test purposes only. Selected teams will be published closer to the competition date.

[Bowlslink Results Portal 2023-2024 Zone 16 Pennants](#)



We do have fun at Windang, Don't we!



Bowls Coordinators Message.

Our Men's Bowls Organiser, Jim Wolter has stood down from the position recently due to his ongoing health issues. I thank Jim for his contribution to bowls at Club Windang and wish him all the best with his recovery.

It's full steam ahead leading into 2024 with the commencement of our Championships in January with the Major & Minor Singles, Senior Singles and Mixed Pairs, closely followed by both the Women's Pennant and Open Pennant Competitions.

Please be mindful when rescheduling your championship game as we have several barefoot bowls bookings scheduled outside of our normal bowling times and we may have to share the greens. We organise Controlling Bodies and Umpires as best we can but when we have 4 games scheduled in different time slots on the same day, there's a big chance that there will be no control or umpire available. Our volunteers do have lives outside of bowls and it's unfair to have them here for 10-12 hours at your beck and call.

The IDWBA and Zone 16 are expected to unify over the coming months, so we can expect things to change at the next level. I encourage you to take part in the BowlsNSW Survey mentioned earlier as the results will assist with the development of competitions in the future.

Green 2 has come back in with Green 3 out for a much needed reno. Green 3 should be back possibly Feb/Mar. It definitely has to be back by April as we have 5 grades at home during the pennants!

2024 also marks 75 years since Windang Bowling Club was established so it's going to be a big year for Windang. Our total Membership is getting close to 9000, with our Bowling Members currently at 230. Our social bowls days are getting popular with high participation numbers on Wednesdays and Fridays and it's great to see visitors to our club joining us on those days.

On a sadder note, we've lost two of our esteemed members recently. Our condolences go out to the families of members Vera Malley and Life Member Les Robinson. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

Dave Tyrrell - Bowls Manager - Windang Bowling Club

