



Windang Bowling Club NEWSLETTER

December 2024

WELCOME

Welcome to the Christmas Edition edition of the Windang Bowling Club Newsletter for 2024!

In this edition we'll acknowledge the most recent achievements from our bowling members. We'll also keep you informed of what's coming up in the world of lawn bowls at Windang!



Our 2023-2024 Presentation Night was held recently. A night when we celebrate the achievements of our bowling members and a chance to let our hair down and have some fun. I'm sure a lot of you managed to do just that!

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our club championships in the previous season, to our winners, and our Players of the Year! Our gratitude also goes out to our members who managed to lift the profile of our club with their achievements outside of our Club Championships.

- Ken Forbes - Awarded OAM
- Dave Tyrrell - Bowls NSW Administrator of the Year,
- Zoe Davies - NSW Junior Blues Representative
- Our Division 2 Women's Pennant Winners
- Blake Perry - Lake Illawarra High School Team of the Year for Lawn Bowls



A big thank you to our entertainers, John(Elvis) Collins & friends Tina Turner, Cher, Tom Jones and ABBA for a great night!

Photos can be found on our website on the link below. Appreciation goes to Wendy Stevens for the pics. Thank you.

[2023 - 2024 Presentation Night Pics](#)



2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - WOMEN'S MAJOR PAIRS



Our Women's Major Pairs was finalised on Sat 14th December. Our Finalists included Margaret Irvine & Ann Murray up against Wendy Stevens and Janelle Jordan. Wendy and Janelle showing their dominance, claiming the title with a score of 28-13.

***2024-2025 Women's Major Pairs
Winners***

Wendy Stevens & Janelle Jordan



***2024-2025 Women's Major Pairs
Runners Up***

Ann Murray & Margaret Irvine



2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIOR PAIRS (OVER 65)



The Senior Pairs was finalised on Tuesday 10th December 2024.

The finalists included Paul Cable & Rick Malley up against Chris Bradley & Geoff Walker.

Paul & Rick claiming the title with a score of 23-12

**2024-2025 Senior Pairs
Winners**

Paul Cable & Rick Malley



**2024-2025 Senior Pairs
Runners Up**

Chris Bradley & Geoff Walker



2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - VETERANS PAIRS (OVER 75)



The Veterans Pairs was also finalised on Tuesday 10th December 2024.

The finalists included Mick Dihm & Braian Battersby up against Les Tyrrell & Alan Robb

Mick & Brian winning the championship with a score of 23-13

**2024-2025 Veterans Pairs
Winners**

Mick Dihm & Brian Battersby



**2024-2025 Veterans Pairs
Runners Up**

Les Tyrrell & Alan Robb



2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Our Men's Major Singles Semi Final was also completed on Saturday 14th December 2024.

Daniel Doyle against Gregg Stevens. Mid way through the game the scores were Doyle 16 - Stevens 17. Gregg showed his experience to close out the match 25-16. This sets up the final between Gregg Stevens & Dave Tyrrell.

A repeat from last year??

We'll soon see, as the final is scheduled for Saturday 21st December.

The Men's Major Pairs Final will be scheduled some time early in the New Year.

A reminder to all members that the following events are still open.

- Women's & Men's Fours - Closing 27th December
- Women's & Men's Triples - Closing 27th December
- Consistency Singles - Closing 18th January
- Open Singles - Closing - 14th February

Entries are now available online on the link below. If you require assistance navigating the webpage, please let me know.

Information regarding Event Entries, Closing Dates, Draws & Results can be found on the link below.

[2024-2025 Club Championships Entries, Draws & Results](#)



ILLAWARRA BOWLS - SOUTH PACIFIC CARNIVAL.

ILLAWARRA BOWLS INC

ON THE WOLLONGONG LEISURE COAST PROUDLY PRESENT THE 65TH



**OPEN GENDER SOUTH PACIFIC CARNIVAL
PRESENTED BY ILLAWARRA BOWLS AND
WOONONA BOWLING CLUB**

27TH DECEMBER 2024 to 6TH JANUARY 2025

NO SCHEDULED PLAY ON NEW YEARS DAY BUT SPARE DAY IF REQUIRED

SECTIONAL PLAY – ROUND ROBIN IN ALL EVENTS – SECTIONS OF FOUR 1ST DAY

FOURS – COMMENCE 27TH DECEMBER 2024

PAIRS – COMMENCE 28TH DECEMBER 2024

SINGLES – COMMENCE 29TH DECEMBER 2024

MIXED PAIRS – COMMENCE 30TH DECEMBER 2024

KNOCKOUT GAMES 31ST DECEMBER – 2ND – 3RD – 4TH – 5TH JANUARY

(SAME ROTATION AS ASECTIONAL PLAY)

(Length of Q/fs – S/fs depends on entries and players in multiple events)

FINALS DAY 6TH JANUARY

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY = \$2,1450

**INCLUDES \$1000 FOR PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL – MUST PLAY IN 3 EVENTS
SINGLES, FOURS AND ONE OF THE PAIRS EVENTS
SEE C.O.P FOR PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL POINTS**

A reminder to all members that the South Pacific Carnival commences on Friday 27th December 2024 with the Fours up first. Please ensure you pay your entry fees (\$20 per player per event) over the bar.

We will be assisting with providing rinks space for the Pairs, Singles & Mixed Pairs. *There will be no social bowls run on Saturday 28th December.*

We require 8 markers for the singles. Please place your name on the board if you are willing to help that day. Members should have some experience at marking. A link to all draws and results can be found below.

[South Pacific Carnival](#)

ILLAWARRA BOWLS - JUNIOR SOUTH PACIFIC CARNIVAL.

Illawarra Region Bowls Association inc

And Warilla Bowling Club present the

37TH Annual

Open Junior South Pacific Bowls Carnival

Monday 13th January 2025 to Thursday 15th January 2025

All Games Played at Warilla Bowling Club

Singles Commence 9.30 Monday 13th January

Open Pairs Commence 9.30 Tuesday 14th

Post Section Singles Commence 9.30 Wednesday 15th

Post Section Pairs Commence 9.30 Thursday 16th

Trophy for Player of the Carnival

A reminder that the Junior South Pacific Carnival closes Monday December 16th 2024 and commences Monday 13th January.



BOWLS COORDINATORS MESSAGE



Well, we've still got just over 6 months of this season to go, The Men's Pennants have just been decided, and congratulations to the winning Clubs. Just around the corner though, commencing February 1st is the Open Pennant Competition. You may have noticed a selector or two watching some of the games, and that's something our aspiring pennant players all want to see.

The Club Fours commences mid January in the lead up to the pennants, and I strongly encourage everyone to put their teams in both the Triples and Fours Competitions as this is a great way to get that "two bowl" competition experience. Also leading up to the Open Pennants is the South Pacific Carnival, kicking off just after Christmas. Good luck to all of our players who have entered. We are providing some rink space for some of the events. This will mean there will be no social bowls on Saturday 28th December. Also leading up to the Open Pennants is the Australian Indoor Qualifying Event. We have several bowlers entered so good luck to them as well!

We've already had several sessions of barefoot bowls and we're going to have many more leading up to Christmas. At this stage it's well over 400 people enjoying our greens and hospitality for their Work and Family Christmas parties. It's fantastic to see our Barefoot Bowlers also getting dressed up in theme, to add a bit of variety and spice to this game that we love.



Our friends from Ocean Fitness Shellharbour came dressed up in their "whites". Not only did this make it enjoyable for them, I'm told we had more spectators watching barefoot bowls, than we've had watching one of our finals!

I'd like to pass on my gratitude to our barefoot bowls helpers, as they give up a great deal of their time to ensure that our barefooters have a pleasurable experience at Windang.

Thank you so much for what you do for our club.



Congratulations to Zoe Davies!

Zoe has recently been nominated for Young Athlete of the Year at the [Shellharbour Community and Australia Day Awards](#) scheduled for Wednesday 15th January at the Shellharbour Civic Centre.

The awards acknowledge and celebrate the valuable contribution that individuals, communities and businesses make in the Shellharbour City.

I'm sure we all agree that Zoe has definitely made her contribution, and is a great ambassador for our Club.

All the best Zoe!

The [Community Building Partnership Program 2025](#) is now open. This program awards grants for community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes while also promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion.



You may recall, we were successful in 2021-2022 and received \$25,000 to assist with the replacement of our shade cloths. Our last application for scoreboards was unsuccessful. I'll be speaking with the Board soon, regarding an application for future projects.

How good did the proposal look for the new club that President Greg showed us on the Presentation Night?



This would certainly make a statement as the Gateway to Wollongong!



To our Match Committee members, Thank you for everything that you do to help not only us, but our barefoot bowlers, get on the greens and enjoy this great game. It was certainly a congested and chaotic season but we managed to get through the first 6 months, reasonably unscathed. Now we've got another 6 months to deal with just around the corner.

Already, there may be a change to the Calendar with a Regional Development Squad fixture against the Hong Kong Development Squad on Sunday 9th February. We've been asked to assist with some rinks.

It's not confirmed yet but I'm sure we'll get the details when available.

To our CEO, Management, Board Of Directors, Staff and Green Keepers.

Thank you for everything that you do, and your continued support.

It's always a pleasure to be part of a great team.

On behalf of all our Bowls Committees and Members I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Cheers Dave

