

### Volunteers the Backbone of Bowls

Volunteer workers are the backbone of our sport so we are delighted when clubs take the opportunity to recognize the valued services of their volunteers at presidents, presentation or member's days. Diggers @theentrance did just that at their presentation day late last year with Bob Cormack and George Jolly receiving RNSWBA Merit awards from State Councillor Kevin Dring and Ray Edwards Les Douglass and Glen Rorie receiving Bowls Central Coast Merit awards from BCC President Max LeGuier.



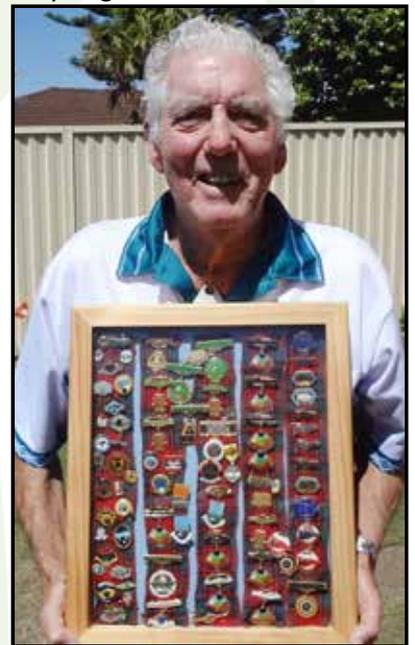
Merit award recipients at Diggers Presentation Day (L/R) Bob Cormack, George Jolly, BCC President Max LeGuier presenting 5 year Merit badge to Ray Edwards, Les Douglass, Glen Rorie

It was a great day of friendship, fun and recognition to celebrate the achievements of their club championship winners and above all, the state President's Single title won by their green keeper Matty Watts. A big vote of thanks is extended to President Terry Cogden and members of his committee for the hospitality they extended to everyone on the day.

### 25 Years Continuous Service as Zone Administrator

Albert Heath has just recorded 25 years continuous service as an administrator serving on the Bowls Central Coast Match Committee since 1989 and as Treasurer since 1998. Both positions he still holds today.

As a bowler, Club administrator and volunteer, Albert's story is not unique to the sport of lawn bowls but as an administrator at Zone level, 25 years continuous service is an outstanding achievement and a record still in the making.



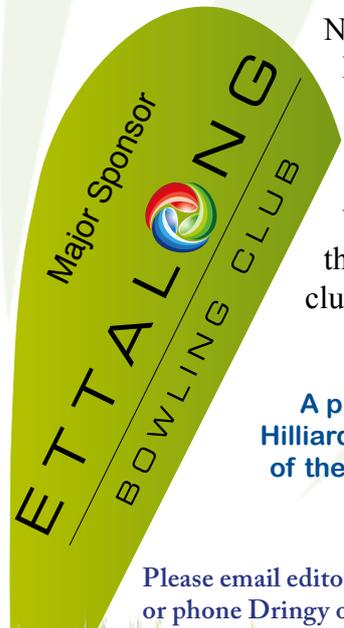
Albert Heath not only boasts an outstanding record as a bowls administrator but the countless number of pennant and championship badges represents an outstanding bowling career on the green spanning some 55 years.

### Breaker's Bowler of the Year

No matter how big or how small the club may be it is a great honour to be named Bowler of the Year. Trevor Hilliard at Breakers BC Wamberal had a big year playing in all club championship events and accumulated sufficient points in most events by winning or reaching the finals to gain the club's top award.



A proud and happy Trevor Hilliard shows off the Bowler of the Year perpetual shield at Breakers BC.



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## At the Head with Omar

Welcome to the 2nd edition of 'At the Head with Omar'. I hope you all had a great Xmas with family and friends and ready for a wonderfully successful 2014!



Before I move onto what I have coming up in the first couple of months of 2014 I just wanted to touch on the inaugural Australian Premier League (APL). I must say that it was a privilege to be apart of the first APL held at Pine Rivers. The format was short and sharp with 2 sets of 5 ends including new rules such as Power Plays and Substitutions which I feel made it an exciting spectacle for TV. Playing on LIVE television is something I never thought I would ever do and the APL has allowed me to do that! I must admit the first game was a little

daunting but after that I enjoyed every second of it and can't wait to do it again. It's an event that all involved hope is the first tournament placed on the BA calendar for years to come!

The first State series for 2014 is the NSW vs QLD series at Port Macquarie the 29th and 30th January. It's always an incredible battle between these 2 states with NSW the current title holders having won the last series 2-1 held at Toowoomba last June. We will play our first night game in this series with the first test starting at 5pm on the 29th and the next 2 tests played on the 30th.

The Australian Open will be held at Darebin again this year from the 16th to the 22nd of February. There will be a few changes to the AO this year with the triples no longer being contested but instead will be replaced with fours. I will competing in the fours with fellow Jackaroo team mates Matt Baus, Nathan 'Lurch' Rice and Matt Flapper who I will also combine with in the pairs and as I am currently ranked inside the top 16 of Australia I have received an automatic entry into the singles event. Another change to the AO this year is that sets play will make way for the more preferred traditional play. Singles will be 21 up, Pairs and Fours will be played over 15 ends.

Heading into the pennant season I think it is vital for all players to practice more with 2 bowls. It's easy in practice to use 4 bowls and spray your first 2 knowing that you have 2 left to correct, this is not the case in pennant! Getting into the mindset that you have to make your 2 bowls count in practice will see an improvement in your game. Also I think it is very important for all those leads out there to always roll the jack in practice. Being able to roll the jack and 'nail' it with your first bowl will put your team on the front foot!

.....Good Bowling Omar

## The Good News and the Bad News

Fred a keen bowler was in hospital waiting for delicate heart surgery when the local priest came around visiting the patients. He stopped at Fred's bedside and after a pleasant conversation, he asked whether he could pray for him did he have any special requests of the lord.

Fred replied, I do have just one question, "Are there any bowling green's in heaven?"

Three days later the priest returned and Fred was eagerly waiting to hear the answer to his question. "Well did you speak to the Almighty?" Fred asked. "I did my son and I have some good news and bad news, what would you like first?"

"Give me the good news," asked Fred with bravado. "Well my boy the good news is that they do have bowling clubs in heaven, the greens are like silk, there is a free beer fountain on every green and a spa with the most beautiful maidens to cater for your every need after the game." "That sounds wonderful" says Fred with a nervous quiver in his voice "But what is the bad news?" Your name is on the list of new bowlers rolling-up at 1.15pm tomorrow."

## COAST TEAM PERFORM WELL IN SNOWY MOUNTAINS

On the 7th & 8th December Dick Love of Davistown RSL teamed with Josh Farnsworth (Terrigal) and Henry Dagasso (Davistown RSL) to play in The TROUT TRIPLES at Aaminaby in the Lake Eucumbene area of the Snowy Mountains. The team won their first three games on the Saturday and the first of 2 games on the Sunday only to lose the final game by two shots. In this game Josh twice hit bare jacks to take the game to an extra end. There were no five game winners and the Coast team finished 3rd out of 28 teams who came from all over the South Coast of NSW, the Mountains and the Riverina. The hospitality in this small club was exceptional and all work in the club, the Greens, the Bar and the Catering is voluntary and of a very high standard. Both Josh and Henry are members of the 2013 Zone Emerging squad and really enjoyed the experience of this visit to a small country club.

## What's your Verdict?

With pennants coming up it's time to brush up on the rule book. This is a likely scenario.

Q. All the bowls in a fours game have been played and the thirds agree that a measure will be necessary to determine shot. One of the thirds wants to delay measuring because their team's bowls is leaning and could fall towards the jack. Is this allowed?

A. Yes. The process of deciding the number of shots scored should not start until the last bowl required to be played in an end has come to rest, or 30 seconds after that if either skip or opponent in Singles asks for this 30 second period (eg. to see whether or not a bowl lying at an angle will fall of its own accord within that time). see Law 40 .1

With thanks to Tony Hegyi Secretary / Treasurer BCC-Zone 15 Umpires

*When your club has a fund raiser let us know as the generosity of your members deserves to be acknowledged.*



## Locker Room Whispers

**City Gain Upper-Hand Over Country . . . .** City out muscled Country two tests to one in the annual challenge hosted by Cabramatta B C. Our Central Coast representatives in Lee Trethowan leading for Aron Sherriff were undefeated, winning two and playing out a tie in the third game. This event was keenly contested by all players as it is an important selection trial for the NSW State team leading into 2014.

### OBE Awards



We may be a mature age sport on the Central Coast but we certainly haven't lost our sense of fun with Everglade's President Ray Benton presenting OBE Awards (Over Bloody Eighty) at their Members Day. Any clubs that wish to repeat such a gesture give Peter Jones a call at Speedykeys Woy Woy on 4342 0030 for details of their impressive "OBE" gold badge at an affordable price.

**Proud recipients of Everglades OBE Badges (l/r) Ted Carpenter, Stan Johnson, Noel Leonard.**

**Sherriff Named Side Captain . . . .** With John Roberts stepping down from the Central Coast open side, the Side Captain's role which he had performed most admirably since its inception became vacant. It will come as no surprise that our International, National, State and Zone representative player in Aron Sherriff has been appointed to takeover this important leadership role in 2014.

**Open for business . . . .** Scurrilous and misleading rumours circulating within bowling circles before Christmas had Woy Woy B C shutdown and out of business. They may have been experiencing tough times like many other clubs but rest assured their welcoming doors are wide open and it is business as usual. Clubs have been put on notice that they have entered three pennant teams in the 2014 competition and that they are keen to win another pennant flag.

**Grandstand Ceases Publication . . . .** Sport on the Central Coast suffered a big blow with the free sports newspaper Grandstand ceasing publication just before Christmas after three years in circulation. Cec Bucello of Ducks Crossing Publication regretted the decision and invites sporting bodies to continue to submit editorial material which will now be confined to their community newspapers of Peninsula News, Wyong Regional Chronicle, Coast Community News

**Zone Administrators duped . . . .** You know that the spirit of this column is alive and well when you get an anonymous tip-off from a club whistleblower that Zone President Max LeGuier and State Councilor Kevin Dring were recently duped at a club's unfurling of last year's pennants flags. When the ropes where tugged and the flags unfolded in the breeze they were the 2012 flags instead of 2013. The offending flags were surreptitiously replaced whilst players and officials were enjoying a friendly game of bowls. For legal reasons the club cannot be named but the photo featuring the incorrect flags will provide some clues to its identity.

**This photo under magnification is Exhibit 1 in the Agatha Christie mystery of who stuffed up the unfurling of the pennant flags?**



**Santa's Elves Roll-up at Wyong . . . .** The annual Christmas Twilight Triples at Wyong was a fun mixed night with most bowlers dressed for the occasion. Alan Webber, Allan Morris and Adrian Last were amongst the best dressed whilst Dorothy Jenkins, Leslie Woodrow and Faye Smith were the winners on the green just in front of runners-up Jeff McPherson, Kevin Ogilvie and Jim Perry. Now you know what Santa's little helpers do for recreation.

**Xmas Elf on the green at Wyong**



**Only one of eighteen NSW qualifiers . . . .** Congratulations to Terrigal's Bowls Coordinator Peter Freestone who is just one of eighteen NSW bowlers to qualify for the Australian Open Singles to be played at Darebin Victoria from 16th - 22nd February 2014. Aron Sherriff gains automatic entry so we extend our best wishes to both Peter and Aaron in this prestige "Ozzie" event.



## Browsing the Web

An important part of staying abreast of what is happening in the world of bowls is to regularly check out the web sites of Bowls Australia, Bowls NSW, Bowls Central Coast and that of your own Club. There is a wealth of information available and if you haven't already found the following topics they are very worth a look-

**Major Research Study:** - Bowls Australia commissioned the La Trobe University to undertake a major research study into the key areas of the sport of lawn bowls, specifically looking at what motivates participation. A comprehensive report detailing the findings titled '*Building an evidence base to increase participation in Lawn Bowls*' can be found on the Bowls Australia web site, ([bowlsaustralia.com.au](http://bowlsaustralia.com.au) click on News & scroll down to Oct 23). It is a must read for all bowls administrators and provides an interesting insight as to the reasons why people play, why people stop playing, changes in the bowls experience, club survival challenges and much more.

**Review of Zone Boundaries:-** By now you are probably well aware that the existing Zone boundaries are under review. The independent consultant's full report can be found on the Bowls NSW Web Site ([rnsdba.org.au](http://rnsdba.org.au)) in the form of a **DISCUSSION PAPER** and sets out sixteen (16) areas which are based on measurable criteria including local government boundaries and an even distribution of Clubs and members. All members, officials and administrators are now invited to submit objective and relevant feedback in writing on the official "Feedback Form" provided on the Bowls NSW Web Site. Your objective and considered comments are invited by January 31 2014. It's your game so make sure you have a say!

**Subscribe to Jack:-** While you're on the Bowls NSW Web Site sign up for Michael Beaumont's electronic newsletter **Jack**. It's a good read and covers a range of interesting topics outside the scope of our modest newsletter.

**2014 Zone 15 Programme:-** The detailed Zone 15 Programme of Events for 2014 can be found on the Bowls Central Coast web site ([bowlscentralcoast.org.au](http://bowlscentralcoast.org.au)) and includes Zone Championship dates, Club tournaments and Pennant playing days in chronological order. The actual pennant draw will ultimately be included in the Programme and Pennant Book issued mid February.

**Tournament and Championship Draws:** - Doing tournament and championship draws and preparing progressive tournament result sheets is made easy with free downloads available on the Bowls Central Coast Web site. Open [bowlscentralcoast.org.au](http://bowlscentralcoast.org.au) - go to Club Pages on home page tool bar - scroll down to Tournament Software downloads and Championship Software Downloads. If you have any queries give Geoff Graham the BCC IT Advisor a ring on 4389 1062 who is only too willing to provide assistance.

## Winners are Grinners

In the first edition of this newsletter we exposed those bush rangers that had raided the coffers of club tournaments. Here is another gang of bushrangers who took no prisoners in their quest for notoriety on the green. Congratulations on your success!

**Avoca Beach Bellbird Men's Pairs** - J Cardy & L Clark Avoca Beach 3 Wins

**Bellbird Triples** - L Thompson, P Coombes, D Newland Avoca 3W+39

**Bowls NSW Club Challenge:- Men's Silver Finalist – Terrigal** Josh Farnsworth (Singles), Roy Rogers & Peter Andrews (Pairs), Jayden Moody, Neil Massey, Damien Gouw, Doug Kirwan (Fours)

**Women's Gold Finalist- Terrigal WBC** Andree Simpson (Singles), Julia Silvia & Pam Colbran (Pairs), Yvonne McHugh, Dallasw Hughes, Valerie Davis, Gwen Hardwick (Fours)

**Ettalong Memorial:- Mixed Fours** - L Williams, R Holden D Holden T Smith

**Everglades: - Major/Minor Pairs** - D Potts & A McDonald

**Novice Singles** - D Ward

**Consistency Singles** – P Ellis

**Gosford City: - Major/Minor Pairs** - R Fraser & Selva Panchadcharam

**Mixed Pairs** - S Anderson & A Lamont

**Terrigal: - Mixed Fours** – J Silvia, J Watson, P Colbran, A Joss

**The Entrance: - Triples** – J Edwards, K Jefferey, B Millington

**Major/Minor Pairs** - C Brydon & P Flippence

**Mixed Fours** - P Thornton, D Ellison, J Ellison, R Thornton

**Creighton's Super 14+ Triples;** - J Horton, P Utley, W McCarthy The Ent

**Men's Piggy Triples** : -Pat Leeson, Jeff Watson, Phil Flippence Composite

**Umina Kings & Queen Mixed Pairs:** - J Ahearn & D Nowland Avoca Beach 5W+46

## The Second's Lament

I try real hard with my first bowl  
to get the length and line.  
So when I play my second the result  
will be just fine.  
But when with second bowl in hand  
I go to make my stand,  
The bloody skip always calls me  
on the other hand !

## Whirlwind Tours

Someone once described their whirlwind tour across  
Europe of 16 countries in 15 days, like reading  
Penthouse with your wife turning the pages



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