



BOWLS NORTH (Inc.)

6th ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For
2013 - 2014

President	Tony Benneworth
Deputy President	Margaret Pearce
Treasurer	Tony Butters
Secretary	Gaylene McNab
Men's Bowls Director	Sam Springer, resigned, replaced by Rob Bilson (resigned)
Women's Bowls Director	Brenda Jones
Board Directors	Lyn Mitchell, Sandra Krushka (replaced Marilyn Widdowson resigned), Marleen van den Bosch, David Sims, Charles Thomas and Tony Long (resigned)

Patrons: Olive Bennett and Don Wing

Presented to the Annual General Meeting 18th May 2014 held at the
Kings Meadows Bowls Club

Vale

We have lost many members during the past year and condolences are expressed to family and friends.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to present the Bowls North (Inc.) Annual Report.

The introduction of Non-Gender Specific bowls throughout the North brought with it a year of change and adjustment. It took some members out of their comfort zone; others welcomed it with open arms.

We recognise that the season had its teething problems. Our belief that all clubs and members would welcome the changes by embracing a 'spirit of the game' philosophy was on reflection perhaps naïve and ill-conceived.

We should not lose sight of the intended outcome of non-gender specific bowls. Its introduction was intended to allow more people to participate in the game. Nothing more, nothing less.

At the conclusion of the season, BN initiated a thorough and comprehensive review into the season, in which more than 95 per cent of the clubs participated along with a group of individual members.

The result of the review, known as the Filgate Report, has been made public and will undergo its final assessment at a forum to be held in the near future. Your Board has accepted the Report and will recommend to members that we adopt the subsequent recommended Conditions of Play for the 2014-15 season.

It is of note that Bowls Tasmania South has now adopted a non-gender specific Saturday competition. I am of the opinion that the same will happen on the North West Coast, but maybe not this season. Time will tell.

Bowls North has never backed away from being a trailblazer in the advancement of Bowls in this State. We have adhered to the recommendations of our governing body, Bowls Tasmania. We will continue to do so into the future, believing strongly that a State-wide unification of playing conditions is desirable and indeed welcomed.

On the greens, it was North Launceston which again collected the prized Mitsubishi Premier League Trophy. Three in a row highlights the outstanding results this club is now reaping from its promotion of juniors over the years.

That the final saw two women participating was outstanding.

The Thursday pennant went – for the first time – to Invermay in what was an outstanding performance. The 'Swampies', led by our Australian representative Rebecca Van Asch, thoroughly deserved their history making victory over the very strong East Launceston combination.

We congratulate all other pennant winners, both Saturday and Thursday. Special congratulations to our two State Pennant winners, Cosgrove Park (Thursday) and Trevallyn (Saturday).

Five of our men represented our State during the year and five women also achieved the highest accolade afforded to our players.

Our member and club forums continued, providing the Board of Management with invaluable input and feedback. Forums are part of our Constitution and will continue into the future.

I commend the unified Match Committee on their work during the season, and am often amazed at how they fit such a full program of events into the calendar each year. It's a job that does not get any easier, with the coming season no exception with such an early Easter looming. I must make particular reference to Warren Groves, the Match Committee Chairman, for the work he does for the committee.

Our selectors are also to be thanked and congratulated on their work. Our State-wide women again won the State pennant, with the men finishing a very creditable second.

Our Statistician, Sue Ross is to be commended for her statistical work throughout the season. This year Sue took on both the Saturday and Thursday pennant competitions and has received nothing but outstanding comments from all concerned.

Our Publicity Officers, Lyn Mitchell and Greg Baker continue to keep everyone informed through their Examiner columns. I understand the frustration of the men's lower divisions in a lack of publicity but assure you that it is not Greg's fault!

Our umpires deserve more thanks than what they get, so I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank them on your behalf. Many of them sit through a full day's play with nothing more than their love of the game keeping them there.

I am delighted to announce that umpires will receive a small 'stipend' for their work at Championships and Finals this coming year.

One area I specifically want to mention is that of youth development.

David Simms has taken to the role of Youth Development Board Member with a clear passion for his work. The progress being made in this vital area is in no small part due to the invaluable work of Mick Oliver, who freely gives his time and experience to our juniors. Mick has a passion for our juniors and it can be seen in his work with them, and in the way they respond to him.

Financially, we are in a healthy position, keeping our expenses under control in tough economic times. The increase in subs last financial year enabled us to not only halt the envisaged 'bleeding' of our resources, but to stabilise our situation. We were able to 'kit' our representative players much more professionally, have established our head office at East Launceston, complete with efficient and modern equipment and still managed to 'stash' a little away for that 'rainy day'.

The two year appointment of new Treasurer Tony Butters is welcomed by Bowls North.

Our Association Secretary Gaylene McNab has been an incredibly valuable member of the team and has undertaken her very difficult job with thorough professionalism. Her roles have been expanded considerably, but nothing seems to faze her! Her support to me as President has been fabulous and I wish to thank her most sincerely.

We met with the East Coast Association during the year to discuss matters relevant to our two bodies. A commitment has been made to ensure that open and frank communications are maintained, and to this end we will have at least two meetings per year.

The East Coast Report is for the first time attached to our report.

Sponsorship

John McKenna and Launceston Mitsubishi must be recognised and sincerely thanked for their magnificent support of bowls in our region. The annual Mitsubishi Car Raffle continues to be our major fund raiser, benefitting not only BN but your club directly. We will continue with this initiative into the future.

Communication

The email communication with members has been of considerable benefit and we wish to further expand this service. The email service, plus the further development of our web site, is the way of the future and whether we like it or not, is upon us!

Please advise us of your email address and we will include you in all communications – including Board Minutes – into the future. Email Gaylene at ntbowls@bigpond.net.au and she will add you to our mailing list. Alternatively, let us know your email address today!

I am fully aware of confidentiality requirement and can assure you that your information will not be made available to any other organisation.

Webmaster

I wish to thank Pat Bennett on her continuing work as web master. She has done a fabulous job and is incredibly helpful. Our site is informative and up to date. Should you wish to place any bowls related matter on the web site, Pat is willing and able to assist.

The Board wants members to be more aware of this communication opportunity and I can foresee the day when our web site will be our main form of communication with members.

Bowls Tasmania

Members will be aware that Bowls Tasmania has been restructured. We now attend Regional Consultative Committee meeting with BT and the other two regions. I have experienced a definite trend amongst the Regions to cooperate more fully into the future. I also commend the BT Board on their work, and believe they are on the right track to take this sport into the future in this State.

To the incoming Board and Match Committee representatives, I say congratulations. Although there will be another busy year in front of the Board, I feel that the vision we had for Bowls North is coming together and that this year may well be one of consolidation in every respect.

Tony Benneworth
President

Board Members/Board meeting attendances.

Name	Position	Meetings Attended	Total Meetings
Tony Benneworth	President	13	15
Margaret Pearce	Deputy President,	13	15
Gaylene McNab	Secretary, Match Committee Secretary, Finance Committee	15	15
Tony Butters	Treasurer, Finance Committee	14	15
Brenda Jones	Women's Bowls Director	14	15
Sam Springer	Men's Bowls Director – Resigned August 2013	3	15
Rob Bilson	Men's Bowls Director, Finance Committee- appointed 2 nd September 2013 resigned 3 rd February 2014	3	15
Charlie Thomas	Disabled Bowlers, Committee	12	15
David Sims	Youth Development	14	15
Tony Long	Committee- appointed 24 th June 2013 resigned 11 th November 2013	1	15
Marilyn Widdowson	Country Representative, Committee Resigned 31st May 2013	2	15
Lyn Mitchell	Publicity	9	15
Marleen van den Bosch	Committee – Appointed 2 nd September 2013.	10	15
Sandra Krushka	Committee- Appointed 24 th June 2013	10	15

EAST TASMANIA BOWLS ASSOCIATION REPORT

It gives me pleasure to present the report of East Tasmania Bowls association for 2013 -2014. At the general meeting of the Association, a decision was made to play 5 rink pennant. This has worked well for most clubs and has enabled the clubs to put 20 players on the green each Saturday. As open gender play has been part of our game for several years it means men and women can enjoy Saturday together.

Again a forum was held in March where members have the opportunity to bring forward new ideas or their concerns about bowls on the East Coast. This gives the Secretary the chance to investigate the outcome and then bring to the general meeting when a decision will be made.

The E.T.B.A. held a cocktail party in February to honour Michael Polley, our patron and to thank him for all he has done for bowls in our association. Brian Harrison of St Helens was honoured by the E.T.B.A. for his contribution to bowls in Tasmania over 50 years. Brian has helped and advised many clubs but has also been a great mentor to our junior bowls.

We have been fortunate enough to get sponsorship for both the singles and pairs championships. We thank the sponsors and hope that this be an incentive for those entering the game. We congratulate Swansea on winning the East Coast grand final and then topping their year off by winning the State title in Division 3 Reserve.

The E.T.B.A. was disappointed when the game against Bowls North was cancelled at the last minute. However the Howard/Watson game was a real success and we congratulate Bowls North on the catering and the organising of the game.

We remembered the members who passed away during this season and the part they had played in the formation of their clubs.

A highlight of our season has been the growth of our junior bowlers. The Junior Championships was a great day – a great experience for the young players and a great day for the many spectators. We congratulate all who were involved in organising this day. Most clubs are encouraging their young bowlers and this looks good for the future of bowls in our association. We take this opportunity to thank Bowls North for their support and interest.

Dorothy Lord President

Life Members

Arthur Robins, Peggy Irving, Olive Bennett, Molly Howell, Margaret Diprose, Max Minns, Gus Draper and Marie Cleaver.

Auditors

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Sponsors

Launceston Mitsubishi, Launceston Motor Group, Bowls North Past Presidents' Association, Forty Winks

Operational Committees:

Match Committee:

Chairman	Warren Groves
Secretary	Gaylene McNab
	Lyn Vodak, Veronica Fellows, Karin Wells, Stuart Comer, Andrew Vodak and Mike Blair

Women's Coach: Charlie Thomas

Selection Committee:

Chairman Brenda Jones
Cheryl Jarvis, Margaret Went (resigned),

Men's Selection Committee:

Chairman John Bowerman
Peter Zoon, Andrew Baird

Under 18's Committee:

Chairman David Sims
Coach/Selector Michael Oliver

Greens' Committee

Chairman Bob Withers
Wayne Foster

Umpires Panel:

Chairman Les Harrison
Alona Rogers, Greg Smith, Kent Mitchell and Graham Pryor.

Events**Pennant Finals-Thursday**

Division 1 Invermay 59 defeated East Launceston 56

Division 2 Bridport 60 defeated Westbury 54

Division 3 Cosgrove Park 67 defeated Invermay 52

Division 4 Ravenswood 67 defeated Invermay 58

Pennant Finals-Saturday

Premier League North Launceston 77 defeated Trevallyn 60

Division 1 East Launceston 98 defeated Cosgrove Park 57

Division 2 Westbury 80 defeated St. Helens 68

Division 2R Cosgrove Park 79 defeated Beauty Point 43

Division 3 East Launceston 74 defeated Bridport 48

Division 4 Trevallyn 67 defeated Westbury 64

Division 4R Lilydale 66 defeated Cosgrove Park 51

Division 5 St. Helens 88 defeated Cosgrove Park 44

Bowls Tasmania State Pennant Finals-Northern Winners**Thursday**

Division 3 Cosgrove Park

Saturday

Division 4 Trevallyn

Northern Championship Winners-Women**Open Fours:**

Winners Ruby Jamieson, Margaret Woodiwiss, Molly Howell, Margaret Went
(Cosgrove Park).

Runners Up Rebecca van Asch, Nicole Smith, Kim Saunders, Deb Bennett (Invermay)

Open Triples:

Winners Rae Simpson (Trevallyn) Lyn Quarrell, (East Launceston), Isabel McLelland (Trevallyn).
Runners Up Sophie Fletcher, Gaylene McNab, Esma French (Westbury).

Open Pairs:

Winners Rebecca van Asch, Michelle Groves (Invermay).
Runners Up Marleen van den Bosch, Gail Linger (North Launceston)

D.L. Reid Open Singles:

Winner Rae Simpson (Trevallyn)
Runner Up Maureen Zoon (East Launceston)

Major/Minor Pairs:

Winners Pat Spencer (Kings Meadows), Molly Howell (Cosgrove Park)
Runners Up Gail Linger (North Launceston), Judy Burgess (Launceston)

Champion of Champions Singles

Winner Maureen Buckingham (Deloraine)
Runner Up Sophie Fletcher (Westbury)

Champion of Champions Open Pairs

Winners Pat, Spencer, Maxine Viney (Kings Meadows)
Runner Up Madge Strochnetter, Edna O'Malley (North Launceston)

Northern Championship Winners-Men**Open Fours:**

Winners Chris Dudman, Peter Zoon, Andrew Appleyard, Graeme Burnie (East Launceston)
Runners Up Kevin Rowlings, Stuart Comer, Geoff Davis, Josh Walker-Davis (North Launceston)

Open Triples:

Winners Alan Gamble, Ray Boutcher, David Minns (North Launceston)
Runner up Nathan Rutherford, Warren Groves, Luke Patterson(Trevallyn)

Open Pairs:

Winners Alan Gamble, David Minns (North Launceston)
Runners Up Don Campbell, David Heron (East Launceston)

Open Singles :

Winner David Minns (North Launceston)
Runner Up Ray Boutcher (North Launceston)

Minor Singles:

Winner Grant Williamson (Launceston)
Runner Up Don Atkinson (Launceston)

Veterans:

Winner John Ogden (Longford))
Runner Up Allan O'Bryne (North Launceston)

Novice:

Winner Anthony Frost (Deloraine)
Runner Up Kelvin Watts (Westbury))

Champion of Champions Pairs

Winners Andrew Whitmore, David Minns (North Launceston)
Runner Up Mitch Billing, Ian Barnett (Launceston)

Champion of Champions Singles

Winner Michael Sims (Trevallyn)
Runner Up Andrew Whitmore (North Launceston)

Juniors:**Pairs**

Winners Josh Walker-Davis (North Launceston), Hayden Cannon (East Launceston)
Runners Up Lachlan Sims (Trevallyn) Michael Sims (Trevallyn)

Boys Singles

Winner Josh Walker-Davis (North Launceston)
Runner Up Mitch Walker (Bridport)