

## BEYOND THE GREEN



Breakers / Wamberal Bowler John Hickman  
nurturing his show pigeons in one of his breeding lofts

**T**his is a new segment providing an insight into unusual hobbies pursued by bowlers when not on the green.

This inaugural article features 65 year old John Hickman from Breakers BC Wamberal known to his close mates as the "Bill Lawry of Lawn Bowls." John is a keen breeder of show pigeons and the President of the NSW Pigeon Fanciers Society.

John's story can be found on the Bowls Central Web Site and also appears in the current edition of the Bowls NSW magazine the State of Bowls.

If you know of a fellow bowler that has a hobby with a difference please give Kevin Dring a call on 4365 1867, so as we can share their hobby with others.

## At the Head with Omar



**A**fter a great break over the Xmas/ New Year period my season kicked off with the Bi-Annual series between NSW and ACT on Australia Day at Canberra North BC.

It was the start of a new era for the NSW team with the retirements of Shane Garvey and Terry Antram with four players making their NSW debuts.

We kicked the series off with a win by eight in the 1st test and looking to wrap the series up in the afternoon we got off to a good start but to ACT's credit they came back at us playing extremely well as a team, to beat us by four shots and force the series to a decider.

The 3rd test was a very close encounter with the scores tied playing the 63rd and last end.

The NSW team skipped by David Ferguson got a two to win the test and the series for NSW!

Next stop on the Interstate trail was the NSW vs.

Qld series played at Chermerside BC in Brisbane on Feb 16 & 17.

The 1st test was a strange encounter with NSW leading by eight early on and then QLD fighting back to lead by eight, but NSW finished the stronger to win the test by four shots.

The 2nd test was probably the most one sided test I have

played in with NSW destroying QLD by an incredible 58 shots 88-30.

The 3rd test was essentially a 'dead rubber,' but I don't think that's ever the case in a NSW/QLD series! QLD got off to a flyer taking a fourteen shot lead early in the match but NSW fought hard to steam roll their way to victory 61-49 and clean sweep the series 3-0!

The Interstate series continues in early March in Wagga against Victoria and then we head to Western Australia to play a lead up test series against WA and then the Australian Sides championship (Alley Shield) at Yokine BC.

In some great news personally, I have been selected to represent Australia in the Trans-Tasman series in Christchurch NZ from 18 - 20th March.

The line-up for the Men's team is Singles- Brett Wilkie, Pairs- Brett & Myself, Triples - Wayne Ruediger, Mark Casey & Matt Flapper

Fours- Wayne, Mark, Matt & Myself.

I will have the results for the Vic series, the WA trip and the Trans-Tasman series in my next article.

In finishing I would like to wish everyone the best of luck in the 2015 Pennant season and hopefully Zone 15 can win a NSW flag or two!

Good Bowling  
Omar 127

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or phone Dringy on 4365 1867 with those interesting tidbits!

## Sherriff Steers Ettalong to Victory in Fours Championship



BCC-Zone 15 Fours Champions for 2015  
(l/r) Shane White (lead), Aron Sherriff (skip),  
Lee Trethowan (2nd), John Roberts (3rd)

**A**fter a poor start in the semi-final and forced to play a catch-up, Aron Sherriff was determined that his team got away to a good start in the final to put pressure on the experienced Halekulani combination of Stephen Edwards, Neil Dell and Bill Constantine led by the evergreen Lindsay Willding.

Sherriff's charges of Shane White, Lee Trethowan, and John Roberts came out firing to lead 18 to nil after eight ends, with Sherriff adding to each end with a magical display of draw bowling.

To Hali's credit, they won the next five ends to demonstrate they were not the easy beats the score suggested, but the match had already been decided over those opening ends.

Despite Halekulani's come back and perhaps a touch of complacency from the Ettalong players, the game was declared after 18 ends with the scores at 26-10.

This strong Ettalong combination will now contest the State Final series on home soil in October in search of a state title.

They have the skill, talent and leadership to go all the way.

## President's Fours Final an all Entrance Affair



The Entrance's Presidents Fours Champions (L/R) Bede Hughes (skip) Steve Croker (3rd) Glen Turnell (2nd) Garry Frost (lead)

**B**ede Hughes team of Garry Frost, Glen Turnell and Steve Croker from The Entrance BC put up a strong performance against fellow club bowlers Russell Maxwell, Tony Rogers and Tony Bridge skipped by John Krenich to take out the 2015 President's Fours championship.

The Hughes combination looked strong to lead 9 to nil after eight ends with Krenich's team

clawing back to only trail by 13-8 after 12 ends.

But their fight back was short-lived, failing to score on the next seven ends to trail 22-8 after 19 ends.

The title was declared 22-10 after 20 ends with Bede Hughes being named "Player of the Match" by his team mates.

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## LOCKER ROOM WHISPERS

**Big Hearts and Deep Pockets:** - Once again the bowlers of Sporties @ Woy Woy excelled in 2014 by raising an outstanding total of \$12,500 for the "Central Coast Kids in Need," which raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

The money is primarily used to help defray the costs of accommodation and associated travel and medical expenses for the families at Ronald McDonald House and Parent Hostel Rooms while the kids are receiving treatment.

**Umina Beach Presentation Day:** - Congratulations to Allan Rhodes on winning the 2014 Major Singles title for the sixth time equaling the outstanding achievement of club stalwart Barry Hicks.

The Encouragement Award for 2014 went to Gary Edmonds.

**Club of the Year Award:** - Bowls Central Coast has announced a CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD worth \$1,000.

For details on how to qualify and nominate, check the BCC Web Site.

It's a great initiative by the Executive and Club's are encouraged to participate.

**NSW RSL Side Win the Jack Hamilton Trophy:** - Congratulations to the NSW RSL Side on winning the annual Interstate Test Series for the prestigious Jack Hamilton Trophy played at the Yokine BC in Perth from the 29th-31st December 2014.

It was a great result and the Central Coast players of Phil Davies Munmorah United, Dick Thornton, Malcolm Campbell The Entrance, Ron Gurr, Darren Walker, Brian Williams Terrigal, Len Richardson Everglades and Side Manager John Mathers Terrigal are to be congratulated on a well earned and overdue victory.

**Putting Fun Back into Bowls:** - Bowls Central Coast extends a warm welcome to the Canton Mixed Bowlers on becoming affiliated with the Bowls Central Coast Association.

Canton Mixed Bowlers are a sub club of Wyong Rugby League Club, made up of some 120 registered bowlers, whose primary objective is to create a friendly and welcoming environment for the enjoyment of its membership.

If you would like to learn more about this active bunch of fun-lovers, that play at 12.30pm of a Thursday, contact President Dave Gooch on 0450 531 212 or Secretary Betty Roffey on 4392 0124 or by Email [cantonbowlers@hotmail.com](mailto:cantonbowlers@hotmail.com)

**What's the Origin of Your Name?** On a recent Probus cruise around the waterways of the Central Coast on the M.V.

Lady Kendall, the Captain's commentary included the origin of various place names.

Did you know that Ettalong means "A Place of Good Drinking?" That seemed most appropriate and the Ettalong members have a great responsibility to uphold its indigenous heritage.

**Sad News:** - It is with regret that we report that "Whitey" (C P Liggett) from Ourimbah Lisarow RSL passed away on Monday 2nd February.

Whitey was one our oldest registered bowlers on the Central Coast and he would have turned 100 years old in April. He was one of the great characters of our sport and will be sadly missed by his many bowling mates.

**Quadrangular Series:** - After being rolled by the Illawarra (Zone 16) in the first game of the Quadrangular Series played at Canberra North from 17th-18th January the Central Coast side bounced back to win their next two games against the A.C.T and Newcastle (Zone 2), but it wasn't quite good enough with Illawarra going through the series undefeated.

## Hats off to our Champions

### Bateau Bay BC Hibiscus Carnival

**Mixed 4's:** - Margaret Oliver, Brett Williams, Alma Schofield & Peter Whitfield (The Entrance)

**Men's Triples:** - Lee Thompson, Peter Coombes & Dick Nowland, Avoca Beach

**Ladies Triples:** - June Shipley, Rita Wynn & Jill Streher Bateau Bay

**Men's Pairs:** - Tony Jones & Bob Leonard Composite

**Ladies Pairs:** - Tess Koutsellis & Irene Croker Composite

**Breakers BC Wamberal Fours Champions:** - Kevin Dring, Fred Dowse, Graham Vale, Adam Davidson

**Ettalong Memorial BC Fours Champions:** - Shane White, Peter Freestone, Zach Robertson Lee Trethowan

**Ettalong Memorial BC Major/ Minor Night Pairs:** - David Hook & Aron Sherriff Ettalong Memorial

**Gwandalon BC Triples Champions:** - Robert Best, Ron Sheen & Ron Maskell

**Morisset BC Fours Champions:** - David Burgess, David Fynn, Brian Sutton and Gary Flack

**Munmorah United BC Four's Champions:** - Robbie Dummett, Michael Heaton, Alf Davis, Glenn Dawson

**The Entrance BC Fours Champions:** - Garry Frost, Chris Brydon, Mark Jennings, Peter Whitfield

**Singles Championship:** - Benny Bourne d B Hughes

**14+ Triples:** - Tom Nailard, David Hook, Peter Coombes Composite

**Toukley RSL Fours Champions:** - Danny Williams, Col Bray, Ian Campbell, Troy Williams

## CLUB CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Terrigal, diggers and Avoca Beach on their outstanding performances in the prestigious 2014 Bowls NSW Club Challenge played at Warilla BC on 7th December 2014.



Diggers True Blue Champions

In the "BLUE" Division, the diggers@the entrance continued on its winning way to win all three disciplines in the final against Campbelltown City.

The winning combinations were Les Morrison Singles, Stephen Edwards & Neil Dell Pairs and Brendon Poidevin's Four's team of Brian Emms, Richard Magro and Andrew Parsons.

For a small club it was a great result and all the players can be most in claiming a state title.



Tenacious runners-up in the Open Gold Division

Avoca Beach in the Mixed "GOLD" Division got their combinations right with Tony Shoebridge leading the way in Singles, Peter Coombes & Margaret Smith proving a formidable Pair's duo and Richard Nowland skipping Judy King, Leanne Chenoweth and the experienced Alan Rogers in the Fours.

The final against Valentine proved a thriller with Tony Shoebridge winning the Singles by just one shot and the Pairs sealing the State title with a solid win.



Avoca Beach Worthy Mixed Gold State Champions