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Faces on the Green at Morisset

The BCC Executive Super Team of Kevin Dring (lead), Tony Hegyi (2nd) and Peter Coombes (skip) enjoyed the company and hospitality of the Morisset bowlers on Friday 15th April and unearthed these friendly faces.



Morisset President Cecil Baldock pours a cuppa for Frank Simpson under the watchful eye of Noel Courtney



Three musketeers - Bob Baker, Jim Scobie and David Rolf



A crowded head Neville McGuire, Norm Roberts, Bob Wright, Kevin Nebauer, Wal Quike and Brian Arnold



Owen Smythe and Mal Mastello



Swans No1 Morisset supporter 89 years old - Bill Collins - Up the Swans!



Peter Holder and Noel Courtney



Three Scallywags Trevor Gardiner, Frank Simpson and Ian Burland



Paul Chapman and Geoff Green declare the head



BBQ time at Morisset

From the Bowling Green to Beehives

There is nothing better than a good dollop of honey on your toast or perhaps a teaspoon in your herbal tea, so when retired policeman Howie Fortis from the Breakers BC Wamberal takes to the green, he does so knowing that his two hives of honey bees in an orange grove at Matcham are feverishly collecting pollen and nectar to look after his future breakfast needs.

Howie has pursued this ancient art for over 40 years and at one stage had up to 12 hives and supplied some local health food shops with "Howie's Honey." His fellow bowlers have always been good customers and many a deal has been done in the club's locker room.

In more recent years he enticed fellow club bowler Dale Kalms to learn the art and they now share the workload of



(l/r) Howie Fortis and Dale Kalms the beekeeper warriors show-off their armour, the protective head-gear and the smoke gun

extracting and jarring the honey for family and friends.

For the full story and some interesting facts about these busy little critters, check

out the Bowls Central coast web Site www.bowlscentralcoast.org.au or Page 34 in the latest Bowls NSW Magazine the State of Bowls.

Under 18 Talent on Display in Central Coast Championships

The talent of our young bowlers was on display at the BCC-Z 15 Under 18 Championships recently contested at Ettalong Memorial BC on excellent greens.

These up and coming players excelled with a fine display of bowling played over three disciplines of Fours, Pairs and Singles..

In the Fours final, the Ettalong team of Lachlan McCarthy, Michael Brassington and Baily Meti skipped by Jacob Casswell jumped out of the blocks for a well deserved all the way win over Jacob Burns, Caileb Peck (Bateau Bay BC) and James Burton skipped by Jayden Moody (Terrigal).

In the Pairs, the experience of last year's winners Mitch McDonnell (Halekulani) and Jayden Moody (Terrigal) held them in good stead to defeat the much improved Ettalong



Deputy President of Bowls Central Coast Doug Rose hails Jayden Moody and Mitch McDonnell the 2015 Under 18 Pairs Champions for the second consecutive year.

Pair of Bailey Meti and Jacob Casswell 19-16.

In a repeat of the 2014 Singles final, Jayden Moody hung on to defeat a strong finishing Mitch McDonnell 31-25 in a most entertaining game.

It was Jayden's second Central

Coast Single's title in two years.

All the title winners now have an opportunity to show their class at the Bowls NSW State Under 18 championship to be played at Warilla BC from 6th -11th July 2015.



Central Coast Senior Squad (not in order): - Greg Pigram, Brendon Myers (sub for David Bultery), Peter Whitfield John Roberts, Tony Swaine, Garry Murphy, Miro Perovic, Phil Westcott, Allan Lewin, Peter Coombes, Bill Constantine, Lindsay Willding, Peter Redman, Glen Dawson, David Limbrick, Neil Dell. This squad of 16 players (4 teams x 4) put in a strong performance against the reigning State champions of the past two years Zone 10 from the northern suburbs of metropolitan Sydney. As we go to print this squad has been reduced to 12 players (3 teams x 4) to contest the Seniors Inter-Zone Sides Championship to be played at Harbord BC from 19th -21st May. We wish the Central Coast lads every success.

Hats off to our Champions

Bateau Bay BC

Major Fours Champions: - Tony Jones, Keith Campbell, Denis Bartlett and Jock Anderson

Major Pairs: - Kevin Russell and Wayne Beard

Minor Pairs: - Peter Ward and Preston Reynolds

Gwandalen BC

Pairs Champions: - Billy Maskell and Chris Willingham

Munmorah United BC

Pairs champions: - Michael Heaton and Glenn Dawson

Norah Head BC

Mixed Fours Champions: - Dorothy Hanslow, Pam Moulang, Ron Smith and Billy Turnell

Pairs Champions: - John Metcalfe and Phil Warner

Terrigal BC

Fours Champions: - Barry Brown, Michael Papeix, Chris Hancock and Alex Cameron

Toukley District

Major Pairs: - David Spiers and Peter Hamill

Minor Pairs: - N Peterson and J Silvester

Umina Beach BC

Fours Champions: - Jeff Dixon, Tony Wood, Lindsay Hicks and Gary Jones

LOCKER ROOM WHISPERS

New Green Blessed: - Around 80 players recently attended the blessing of the new Tiff Dwarf green at Umina Beach BC by Father Max Sainsbury, Padre of the NSW Police.

There was no mention that Umina Beach members also had their bowls blessed, but we are sure the Zone Match Committee would be keen to learn of any divine intervention in any pennant games played on this new green.

Rare as Hen's Teeth: - Scoring the ultimate 8 is a rare feat but the Breakers BC Wamberal Grade 5 team of Trevor Hilliard Jeff Thompson and Paul Charge skipped by Tony Battistella did just that on their last end in round 2 against a shell shocked Gosford City.

Congratulation lads and contrary to popular belief, "Eight Pins" are still available through the Zone Secretary Doug Rose upon application.

Challenging the Odds: - With eight Pennant sides, Halekulani President Robin Chant thought he was pretty safe from the tradition of putting on a keg for all Pennant teams winning in the same round.

The odds were certainly in Robin's favour, but that didn't stop the players recording an "eight" out of "eight" wins in Rnd 3.

They are so confident they can repeat the clean sweep; they are saving the keg/s for a big end of year bash.

Terrigal bowlers weren't so cocky and accepted "Beer Tickets" for their "Five" out of "Five" Grade wins in Rnd 5.

Terrigal to See the Light: - Word is that Terrigal BC has received approval for the installation of lights on Green 2 in front of the clubhouse.

It will be a great acquisition for the club which has been under constant rumour about Woolworths taking over the site, which we are assured is certainly NOT true.

A Man of Many Hats: - Congratulations to Avoca Beach's David Cameron on being appointed Coach of the United State Lawn Bowls team.

David is also Chairman of the NSW State Coaches, Zone 15 Performance Manager and a member of the Zone 15 Selection Panel.

He spent most of April in the States establishing the ground rules of his new position.

We wish him well!
Bowls Caught in Cost Spiral: - In a world of ever increasing prices, be it electricity, gas, medical benefits or the humble postage stamp, it may come as no surprise that our sport of lawn bowls is also feeling the pinch of cost pressures.

Bowls NSW recently announced it would be increasing its Full membership as from the 1st June 2015, to \$60 (+\$14) per player, Junior membership to \$30 and BCC - Zone 15 will increase its capitation to \$17.00 (\$+3.00)pp.

It is expected that most Clubs will be forced to pass on these increases through increasing their annual Membership fees.

Check out the Bowls Central Coast Web Site for a detailed article about "What it means to be a member of Bowls NSW."

Club of the Year Award: - It is hoped that Clubs have taken seriously the Bowls Central Coast announcement about the new Club of the Year Award along with the \$1,000 prize money on offer.

This award is only open to the Bowling Section of Clubs affiliated to the Central Coast District Bowling Association and excludes the financial performance of Parent Boards and the Licensed section.

So do not think this award favours the big clubs, to the contrary, if you check out the criteria and start ticking the stars, you will see it rewards those clubs that are well administered and encourage their members to participate in our great sport.

Make sure your Club stakes a claim for the thousand big ones!

A Big Effort Rewarded: - The Wyong men's and ladies Clubs put in a big effort to host a Charity Day for the Wyong Hospital's Cancer Unit and were rewarded by some very generous bowlers with big hearts and deep pockets.

The day raised a staggering \$8,134 which purchased two custom made Chemotherapy Trolleys including the computers for patient records.

Well done Wyong!

Space Beats the Champ: - Our apologies to "Omar," as his regular column had to be put on hold this edition due to lack of space.

But it would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge another great win by Aron Sherriff in the Trans Tasman Series against the Kiwis.

It was his seventh representative appearance in the "Green and Gold" against NZ for his seventh win.

He was also part of the NSW side that recently won the Ally Shield in Perth.

That was his tenth appearance in this prestige National Inter-Sides Championship for five wins and the best performed rink on 4 occasions.

By the way his rink in the No1 Grade Pennants hasn't been beaten since 2012.

Well done Omar!

STAY ABREAST OF THE PENNANT FINALS SCORES

For those that cannot make it to the Pennant Finals at TheGreensTheEntrance on Saturday 30th May starting at 12noon, stay abreast of the scores on the Bowls Central Coast Web Site with a progressive update of results across all seven (7) grades every 20 minutes.

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The annual Veterans and Super Vets Day was hosted by Munmorah United BC for the northern based clubs and Woy Woy BC kindly looked after the southern based clubs.

Once again it was a great social outing for those mature age bowlers, over 70 and 75 years of age respectively, who enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that goes hand in hand with a good game of bowls.

At Munmorah some 72 bowlers (40 Vets and 32 Super Vets) took to the green for a convivial afternoon of bowls with old mates.

Jim Kearsey at 97 years of age was the oldest player on the green and he was invited by Bowls CC President Col Bray to assist with the presentation of Bowls NSW Veteran Badges.

Bill Hammond at 90 was on standby in the wings, as first reserve, if help was needed.

At Woy Woy BC 54 players, (22 Veterans and 32 Super Vets) hoed into a sausage sizzle luncheon and a social game of bowls followed by the presentation of badges by Bowls CC Deputy President Doug Rose.

Woy Woy's Sam Andrews, who started

bowls at Pennant Hills BC some 30 years ago and was also a member at Umina Beach BC for a few years, topped the age scale at 90 years of age.

It was a great afternoon for those Veterans of the sport doing what they do best, enjoying a friendly game of bowls with good mates.

Creighton Funeral Services were the overall sponsors of the day and their Community Liaison Manager Lyn Parks of the Palmdale Group participated in the presentations at both clubs and was duly impressed with the camaraderie and friendship of the day.



It was a happy bunch of Super Vets at Munmorah United BC



90 year old Sam Andrews gets a congratulatory peck on the cheek from sponsor representative before taking to the green



The Super Vet of Super Vets, 97 year old Jim Kearsey with the sponsor representative Lyn Parkes Community Development Manager of the Palmdale Group



A fun group of Super Vets at Woy Woy BC