



BOWLS NORTH (Inc.)

7th ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For

2014 - 2015

President	Tony Benneworth
Deputy President	Margaret Pearce
Treasurer	Tony Butters
Secretary	Gaylene McNab
Men's Bowls Director	Charlie Thomas
Women's Bowls Director	Marleen van den Bosch
Board Directors	Brenda Jones, Natalie Hill, Sandra Krushka Les Harrison, Phil Cook (replaced Chris Bannon resigned) and David Sims.

Patrons: Olive Bennett and John McKenna

Presented to the Annual General Meeting 17th May 2015 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. After six years as Chairman, it's time for me to step down, allowing for new blood and new leadership of our Association.

I will take this opportunity to thank all members and in particular Board Members who have worked with me through the six years; at times we have pushed aside the ways of the past in an attempt to make our Association relevant to modern times and thinking. It has not been easy and indeed comfortable for many but I firmly believe we have achieved an enormous amount in that time.

In particular, I must mention the transition to open-gender bowls in our region.

Saturday pennant has consolidated.

But, at the time of writing this report, Thursday pennant, and its current playing conditions, is under review by the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. At the most recent Presidents and Secretaries forum, it was generally agreed to leave the COP as they are for another year.

Notwithstanding, should the Commissioner rule against us, the COP will have to be changed. That will be a challenge for the new Board.

Constitution

Your Board has recognised that minor amendments need to be made to the Constitution to keep it relevant to today's times.

Amendments recommended are to formally recognise Bowls Tasmania as the governing body of bowls in this State; to establish an independent tribunal and to do away with the role of Club Delegates. Presidents and Secretaries are clearly the representatives of their clubs and are in the best position to advise Bowls North on its current and future direction.

I would like to publicly recognise Rae & Partners, our honorary legal firm, for the invaluable assistance afforded us in revising the constitution. In particular, I want to thank our Honorary Legal Advisor Kate Walker for her help. Due to her maternity leave from the firm, her input was picked up by Casandra Blair. Jo Simms, our own Michael Sims' mum, is also recognised for her assistance in all matters legal.

Retirement

You will be aware that our Vice-President Margaret Pearce is joining me in 'retirement'. Margaret has been a fabulous deputy and confident of mine and I really appreciate her support and friendship over the years. Thank you Margaret for what you have put into this great game over the years, both administratively and of course, as an absolute champion on the green. Bowls North will miss you.

Pennant

On the greens, it was East Launceston which collected the prized Saturday Pennant Mitsubishi Premier League Trophy in a most emphatic manner. The club also collected the prized Division One trophy, emphasising the strength and depth of players at East.

The Thursday Division One pennant went to Invermay in what was another outstanding performance. The 'Swampies', led by our Australian representative Rebecca Van Asch, thoroughly deserved their history making victory over the very strong Kings Meadows combination.

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

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

Congratulations to Mark Strochnetter who has played his 300th game representing Bowls Tasmania a fantastic achievement. Well done Mark.

Congratulations also to our Bowls North champions – Michael Sims (men) and Kim Saunders (women). I had the pleasure of 'marking' both men's and women's finals this year, which I regard as an honour.

Match Committee

I publicly commend the 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. I make particular reference to Warren Groves, the Match Committee Chairman, for the work he does for the committee.

Selectors, Statistician, Publicity.

Our selectors are thanked and congratulated on their work. We had a combined meeting of all selectors, men, women and juniors, during the season to discuss issues affecting them. A report was prepared from that meeting and forwarded to Bowls Tasmania for comment.

Our Statistician, Sue Ross is to be commended for her statistical work throughout the season. Sue has indicated that she is stepping down from this important role. Her contribution has been exceptional and to find a replacement for her is going to be very difficult! Thank you Sue.

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!

Facebook administrator, Natalie Hill stepped up to take on this role and has done so with great enthusiasm.

Umpires

Led by retiring Director Les Harrison, 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. That we were able this year to compensate them in some small way was comforting. I trust this initiative will continue into the future.

Youth Development

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

David Simms and his team of Dennis Page and Mick Oliver have taken our Youth Development program to a new high. Our youth won everything put in front of them this year, which effectively means our future players are well coached, well-disciplined and well set for things to come.

Three players were part of the Bowls Tasmania side for 2014.

Financial

Financially, we are in a healthy position, keeping our expenses under control in tough economic times. Future fee increases will be tied to the CPI.

Treasurer Tony Butters has maintained a tight rein on the budget and has continued the tradition of making all members of the Board acutely aware of the need for frugal management of Association funds.

Secretary

As this is my last report, it would be remiss of me not to thank most sincerely our Association Secretary Gaylene McNab. Gaylene has been my confidant, advisor, supporter and totally respected friend during my years on the Board. To be frank, I could not have done the job without her help.

She is an incredibly valued member of the team and has undertaken her very difficult job with thorough professionalism. Her roles have expanded considerably, but nothing seems to faze her! Her support to me as President has been fabulous and I wish to thank her, and husband John, most sincerely.

East Coast Association

We met with the East Coast Association during the year with a view to bringing them under our wing administratively. Ongoing discussions are progressing. We see the proposal as a means to assist them to run their pennant competition and championships and as a way to provide their youth with a developmental path into regional and ultimately, state representation which is not currently available. The East Coast Report is 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 our club's 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!

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 attend Regional Consultative Committee meetings (RCC) 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 President, Board and Match Committee representatives, I say congratulations. To those Board Members who have been with me through the years, I say a very big and sincere thank you for your support.

Tony Benneworth
President

Board Members/Board meeting attendances.

Name	Position	Meetings Attended	Total Meetings
Tony Benneworth	President	12	12
Margaret Pearce	Deputy President	10	12
Gaylene McNab	Secretary, Match Committee Secretary, Finance Committee	12	12
Tony Butters	Treasurer, Finance Committee Men's Over 60s Chair.	12	12
Marleen van den Bosch	Women's Bowls Director	11	12
Charlie Thomas	Men's Bowls Director, Bowlers with a Disability Portfolio	12	12
Brenda Jones	Women's Over 60s Chair	12	12
Natalie Hill	Publicity Portfolio	8	12
Sandra Krushka	Women's Bowls Director Assistant	11	12
Les Harrison	Umpire and Coach Portfolio	11	12
David Sims	Youth Development	4	12
Phillip Cook	Appointed 6/10/14	7	7
Chris Bannon	Resigned 4/8/14	0	3

Under 18's Committee:

Chairman David Sims
Coach/Selector Michael Oliver
Manager Dennis Page

Greens' Committee

Chairman Bob Withers
Wayne Foster

Umpires Panel:

Chairman Les Harrison

Events**Pennant Finals-Thursday**

Division 1 Invermay 53 defeated Kings Meadows 50

Division 2 Cosgrove Park 60 defeated Trevallyn 42

Division 3 Invermay 73 defeated Scottsdale 44

Division 4 Westbury 51 defeated Lilydale 49

Pennant Finals-Saturday

Premier League East Launceston 74 defeated Longford 59

Division 1 East Launceston 84 defeated Bridport 58

Division 2 St. Helens 68 defeated Longford 55

Division 3 Longford 75 defeated Ravenswood 58

Division 4 Westbury 68 defeated Invermay 44

Division 5 Lilydale 86 defeated George Town 40

Division 6 Launceston 60 defeated St. Helens 46

Division 7 Westbury 56 defeated Longford 54

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

Division 1 Invermay
Division 2 Cosgrove Park
Division 3 Invermay

Saturday

Division 4 Westbury

Northern Championship Winners-Women**Over 60s Fours:**

Winner Sue Ross, Fay Liddell, Renee Smith, Marion Derrick (Exeter)
Runner Up Sophie Fletcher, Sheril Watts, Carol Holloway, Esma French (Westbury)

Open Fours:

Winners Rebecca van Asch, Nicole Smith, Kim Saunders, Deb Bennett (Invermay)
Runners Up Sophie Fletcher, Sheril Watts (Westbury), Satya Springer, Chris Direen
(Invermay)

Open Triples:

Winners Rae Simpson Lyn Quarrell, (Trevallyn), Gail Linger (North Launceston)
Runners Up Maggie Campbell, Lorraine Donovan, Lyn Bacon (Kings Meadows)

Open Pairs:

Winners Maggie Campbell, Jill Bourke (Kings Meadows).
Runners Up Karin Wells, Sally Lees (Exeter)

Open Singles:

Winners Kim Saunders (Invermay)
Runner Up Dorothy Morrison (Kings Meadows)

D.L. Reid Open Singles:

Winner Margaret Pearce (East Launceston)
Runner Up Maxine Monson (Bridport)

Forty Winks Major/Minor Pairs:

Winners Maxine Viney, Lesley Hingston (Kings Meadows)
Runners Up Jean Claridge, Vilma Fogarty (Scottsdale)

Champion of Champions Singles

Winner Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay)
Runner Up Sally Lees (Exeter)

Champion of Champion Veterans

Winner Maureen Buckingham (Deloraine)
Runner Up Sally Archer (East Launceston)

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

Winners Brodie Baker, David Minns Andrew Whitmore, Jarrod Howard (North Launceston)
Runners Up Simon Morris (East Launceston), Lachlan Sims, Daniel Hollingsworth, Michael Sims (Trevallyn)

Open Triples:

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

Open Pairs:

Winners John Seaton, Luke Patterson (Trevallyn)
Runners Up Victor Goss (Scottsdale) Justin Morris (Cressy)

Open Singles :

Winner Michael Sims (Trevallyn)
Runner Up Will Springer (East Launceston)

Minor Singles:

Winner David Atkinson (Launceston)
Runner Up Andrew Oakham (Invermay)

Champion of Champions Veterans:

Winner Brian Smith (West Launceston)
Runner Up Roy Redman (East Launceston)

Novice:

Winner Damien Lewis (East Launceston)
Runner Up Shaun Avent (North Launceston)

Champion of Champions Singles

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

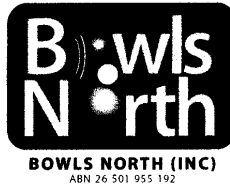
Under 18:**Pairs**

Winners Lachlan Sims (Trevallyn) Josh Appleyard (East Launceston)
Runners Up Shaun Avent (North Launceston), Liam Hollingsworth (Trevallyn)

Boys Singles

Winner Lachlan Sims (Trevallyn)
Runner Up Josh Walker-Davis (North Launceston)

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**Annual General Meeting Minutes
18th May 2014
Held at the Kings Meadows Bowls Club**

President Tony Benneworth opened the meeting at 11am, welcomed all in attendance, including Patron/Life Member Olive Bennett, Life Member Max Minns, BT President Garry Beven and Simon Morrison (Community Development Officer)

Apologies: Ross Munro, Molly Howell (Life Member), David Sims, Veronica Fellows.

The Examiner newspaper notice was read by the Secretary.

Members signed in: 177 members.

Vale: President Tony spoke of the recent passing of Margaret Diprose (NTWBA Statistician) and Christine Oliver and asked all to be upstanding for a minute silence in remembrance of those who passed away during the year.

Secretary read the AGM Minutes 19th May 2013.

Moved by Margaret Powick

"That the Annual General Meeting Minutes dated 19th May 2013 read be accepted as a true and accurate report." -Seconded Kent Mitchell CARRIED

Moved by Max Minns

"That the Special General Meeting minutes 24th April 2014 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate report". -Seconded Charlie Thomas CARRIED

President Tony presented the Life Members present their Life Members' badge.

President Tony read his report and thanked Dorothy Lord (East Tasmania President) for her report.

Moved by President Tony

"That the President's report be accepted" - Seconded Eunice Saurine CARRIED

Treasurer Tony Butters presented the Audited Financial Statement



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Tony Butters moved

"That the Financial Statements as presented be accepted." – Seconded Les Harrison

CARRIED

Election held for President and Women's Bowls Director positions.

Scrutineers were Olive Bennett, John McNab and Tony Butters.

o **Result:**

President: Tony Benneworth

Women's Bowls Director: Marleen van den Bosch

o **Board Positions filled with no election required:**

Vice President: no nominations received, nominations taken from the floor.

- o President Tony nominated Margaret Pearce seconded Max Minns, no more nominations received. Carried.

Men's Bowls Director:

- o Charlie Thomas

Female Board Directors (3 required):

- o Brenda Jones, Sandra Krushka and Natalie Hill

Male Board Directors (2 required):

- o Les Harrison
- o Nominations taken from the floor for the other Male Director.
 - * President Tony nominated Chris Bannon seconded Charlie Thomas, no more nominations received. Carried

Match Committee no election required

Match Committee: Lyn Vodak, Karin Wells, Andrew Vodak and Stuart Comer.

Two vacancies (one female and one male), no nominations received from the floor.

Match Committee to recruit others.

Moved by Tony Butters

"That Daniel Harris of Core Accounting be approved as auditor for the next financial year

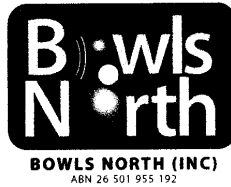
-Seconded Tim Widdowson CARRIED



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Moved by Derek Fellows

"That the Ballot Papers be destroyed at the close of meeting by Tony Butters."

- Seconded David Bell CARRIED

President Tony advised that the Riverside Bowls Club has dissolved as of last night. Most of the members will be joining Trevallyn.

President Tony advised that following the close of the meeting, the presentation of Pennant Plaques, Bowler of the Year Female and Male and the Mitsubishi Car Raffle Draw will take place.

Meeting closed at 11.40am.

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President

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Date



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