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**HATS OFF TO OUR CHAMPIONS Club**

**Avoca Beach BC**

**Mixed Fours:** - Penny McLeod, Peter Coombes, Margaret Smith, Richard Nowland.

**Bateau Bay**

**Bowler of the Year:-** Wayne Beard

**Breakers BC Wamberal**

**Mixed Pairs:** - Gai & Bryan Keating

Graham Vale



**Mixed Fours:** - Sue Staples, Linda McGrath, Bill Rempel, Glen Richmond  
**Most Improved:** - Steve English

**Ettalong Memorial**

**Bowler of the Year:** - Graham Vale

**Mixed Fours:** - Julie Paris, Gai Harris, Cliff Harris, Steve Guilmartin,

**Minor Pairs:** - Ian Tyerman & John Hannan

**Everglades**

**Bowler of the Year:** - Aron Sherriff

**Gwandalan**

**Bowler of the Year:-** Andrew McDonald

**Bowler of the Year:** - Bob Best

**Most Improved:** - Jarred Crane

**Halekulani**

**Bowler of the Year:** - Michael Stead

**Munmorah United**

**Mixed Fours:** - Cathy Campbell, Robbie Dummett, Rosemary Elliott & Paul Beckhouse

Paul Beckhouse



**Bowler of the Year:** - Paul Beckhouse.

**Terrigal**

**Bowler of the Year:-** Darren Morrison

**The Entrance**

**Triples Champions:** - Andrew Parsons, Brendan Poidevin, Nathan Terelink

**Mixed Pairs:** - Norma Wright & Dale Denniss

**Umina Beach**

**Mixed Fours:** -Pat Neal, Elaine Manning, Lindsay Adamson, Allan Rhodes

**Encouragement Award:-**Darren Fleming

**First Club Championship Title the Most Memorable**  
 For a bowler to win his/her first Club Championship title is a particularly memorable occasion as most go through their bowling careers without experiencing that honour. For 42 year old Todd McGregor from the Diggers @The Entrance it was a particularly special occasion when he won the Club's 2015 Major/ Minor Pairs with club Secretary Richard Magro. Todd has been a loyal and dedicated member of the mother club for more than 20 years having won snooker tournaments and is well known as a great seller of raffle tickets. Todd took up bowls some 10 years ago and has progressively improved year by year and is one of their valued Grade 7 pennant players. This year's Major/Minor Pairs was an open draw for the pairing of teams and Todd drew the Club Secretary Richard Magro as his skip who won the Central Coast section of the Rookie Pairs in 2014. They combined well together to win the Club's Major/Minor Pairs and many would say that first title is the hardest to win. All of Todd's fellow bowlers hope this is just the start of many "diggers" titles to come for a well liked and respected club mate.



(l/r) Todd McGregor proudly displays his very first Club Championship Certificate with his skip Richard Magro

**Ourimbah Lisarow RSL take out "Blue" Division**  
 In an outstanding team performance Ourimbah Lisarow RSL won all three sectional games against East Maitland, Lowlands and Nowra at Windang BC in the "Blue" division of the Bowls NSW Club Challenge and then defeated Cronulla three (3) games to nil in the final to record one of the greatest wins in the Club's history. The victorious Ourimbah Lisarow RSL side made up of Peter Massingham Singles, Tony Coates & Michael Braham Pairs and Jason Jordan, Mark Cummings, Steve Balsdon Triples, Craig Wilson Reserve, Louise Braham Manager were rightly over the moon with their victory. Well done the "Magpies."



A happy bunch of "MAGPIES" celebrate winning the "Blue" Division, for Pennant Grade 5 bowlers and below, in the Bowls BSW Club Challenge

**Zone Presentation Night an Outstanding Success**

Zone President Colin Bray welcomed over 160 guests to the inaugural Zone Presentation Night held at Ettalong Memorial BC on Sat 9th January 2016 to celebrate the success of the 2015 Zone Championship winners and to announce the major annual Player Awards. The night was hailed an outstanding success with former Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Wayne Turley sharing the MC duties with Kevin Dring

and popular entertainer Shane Edwards bringing the audience to their feet.. The inaugural Club of the Year award created a lot of interest with Gwandalan Bowling Club being announced as the outright winner just edging out Ettalong Memorial BC and Davistown RSL who both received Highly Commended plaques The following major player awards were well received : --

**BOWLERS OF THE YEAR 2015**

Ettalong's Aron Sherriff and Lee Trethowan created Zone history by being named joint winners of the Bowls Central Coast Bowler of the Year for 2015. They won all Zone team events i.e. Fours, Triples, Pairs and Champion of Champion Pairs and went on to reach the semi-final of the State Fours and won the State Pairs title. They are the first joint winners to have their names inscribed on the Wal Rainbow Perpetual Shield in the 24 year history of this prestige award.



**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

For a relatively new bowler The Entrance's Steve Cutler showed consistent form in reaching the semi-final of the Rookie Singles and pairing with Russell Maxwell to win the Rookie Pairs.



**UNDER 18 BOWLER OF THE YEAR**

For the second consecutive year Terrigal's Jayden Moody was named U18 Bowler of Year winning both the U18 Zone Singles & Pairs. Having recently turned 18 Jayden will in future be forced to compete in Open events and we wish him well in his future endeavors



**SENIOR BOWLERS OF THE YEAR**

Halekulani's Lindsay Willding ensured his name would be on the perpetual Senior's trophy by winning the Zone Senior Singles, Senior Pairs and runner-up in the Open Fours whilst Ettalong's John Roberts staked his claim by winning the Zone Fours and Triples and reaching the semi-final of the State Fours. They were named the joint winners of the Senior Bowler of the Year for 2015.



**ZONE REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

This inaugural award was announced by the former Chairman of Selectors Richard Love and went to a very well respected team player and outstanding performer in Lee Trethowan

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### Long Service Recognised

Congratulations to Munmorah United BC Secretary Alf Davis on being awarded a BCC-Z15 20 year Merit Badge for his outstanding service to the Club and the sport of lawn bowls. Zone 15 President Col Bray also had the pleasure of presenting Robbie Dummett and Graham Galvin Zone 15 Merit Badges for their untiring effort and contribution to the Club.

### Happy Birthday Wal Rainbow

Wal Rainbow recently celebrated his "BIG 90" with Umina Beach club mates. For nearly 40 of those years, Wal has been an active bowler and proactive administrator in the game. He was a member of the Hunters Hill BC before moving to Umina Beach and was the Brisbane Waters DBA President from 1991-94. He was the initiator of the Central Coast Bowler of the Year Award in 1991, which is commemorated to this day by the perpetual Wal Rainbow Shield. He became Patron of the CCDBA with his great mate Edgar Wood in 1997, a position they both held until 2009. Wal was also the catalyst behind the development of the Pennant Grading system that we work to today. Happy birthday Wal, there's still more to come!

### Ettalong Memorial Awarded State Championship Titles

Hosting major State Championship events is something that is not awarded lightly and can be considered a privilege. For the past two years Ettalong Memorial BC has successfully hosted the prestigious Bowls NSW State Championship titles which was a first for the Central Coast. Bowls NSW were obviously extremely happy and impressed with the way the championships were conducted as they have reappointed Ettalong Memorial as the host club for 2016 and 2017. What is more, they have also been awarded the State Final Series of the Grade 2 Pennant competition to be played over the weekend of 30th & 31st July and Monday 1st August 2016. Stand tall Ettalong!

### Gwandalan Wrap Up 2015 with Hawaiian Day

Gwandalan wrapped up a successful 2015 with forty two bowlers taking to the greens in Hawaiian shirts and straw hats for a fun day on the green. Little did they know at that stage that they were going to be named Club of the Year for 2015. Congratulations!

The winners were Lee Deacon, David Lyons and Glenn Jordan.



### How did you score on the Aussie nicknames?

Wallabies / Rugby Union, Kangaroos / Rugby League, Diamonds / Netball, Cockatoos / Federation Cup Tennis, Dolphins /Swimming, Jackaroos / Men & Womens Bowls, Matildas / Women's Soccer, Sharks /Men's Water Polo, Opals / Women's Basketball  
Now 10 out of 10 has got to be worth a drink! Cheers

### Norah Head Opens New Green

Sunday 22nd November was another milestone for Norah Head BC with the official opening of their new synthetic green. For some it was long overdue, but the wait has been more than worthwhile. Bowlers can be proud of their Club's investment back into the sport and demonstrates a strong commitment to the future.



Norah Head BC looking at a picture and looking forward to the 2016 Pennant season

### Aussie Sport "Nickname" Challenge

Now here is a challenge that could earn you a drink or two in a round of drinks at the Club bar. Most Aussie blokes like to think they know a bit about most sports, so what are the sports represented by the following nicknames:-

Easy ones first.....Wallabies, Kangaroos, Kookaburras ?  
More Challenging..... Diamonds, Cockatoos, Dolphins ?  
A bit tricky.....Jackaroos & Matildas  
The deciders.....Sharks & Opals ?

### Barefoot Bowlers Keep the Tills Turning Over

At a time when most bowling clubs were winding down after another long year, "Barefoot Bowling" Christmas Parties were to the forefront and once again played an important role in club turnover leading up to Christmas. Whilst the lawn bowl purist shudders at watching barefoot bowlers treat his/her sport and bowling techniques with some disdain, all is forgiven if their contribution to the Club's trading is reflected in a stronger balance sheet. Perhaps just one day, these players will remember that great barefoot outing and seek to learn more about that game which was a bit more challenging and more difficult than it first looked?

### The Important Role of the Club Delegate

In many Clubs the role of the Delegate to the Zone is underestimated, especially in terms of its importance in representing the views of the Club on key issues and reporting back to the Bowling Club Committee the nature of discussion and decisions taken at the Zone Management meeting. To be abreast of key issues and the thinking process behind their Club philosophy and its decisions it is preferable that the delegate is a member of the Bowling Club Committee. Should he not be on committee, it takes up extra briefing and reporting time for all parties and runs the risk of not being aware of important background information.

Another important factor which is quite often overlooked is that the Delegate is representing the wishes of his Club, not necessarily his own personal point of view, so it is absolutely critical that he understands fully the information he is to represent to the Management Meeting. Prior to the Club receiving the Minutes of the meeting, he is the only person to have specific knowledge of what transpired at the Management Meeting and what content should be presented back to his Committee for their action. A delegate is a "critical cog" in the wheel of Zone administration so to those incumbents' "Thank You" for your contribution and do not underestimate your importance and value to the Zone.

### A Beginner One Year, Off to Hawaii as a Skip the Next

For Annette Thompson the "Aloha Barefoot Bowls Championship" conducted by Bowls NSW produced an amazing change of good fortune in her introduction to the sport of lawn bowls.

She participated in the 2014 event as a raw beginner with her bowling partner Henry Dagasso and reached the final to miss winning a trip to Hawaii by just one shot.

Annette joined the Avoca Beach WBC, so this year she backed up in the event as the registered bowler and skipped with non bowling friend Fernando Assiss. They immediately clicked as a bowling pair and won their section at Davistown RSL to gain a place in the Central Coast section final played at Woy Woy BC on 29th November. Many of the players were dressed in Hawaiian shirts, befitting of the occasion and some underlying nerves were evident as teams took to the green in search of a unique opportunity to play in the "Barefoot Bowls Championship" at the Honolulu BC in February next year. Annette and Fernando played outstanding bowls to gain a finals berth against Wayne Jones and Steve Elliss from Davistown RSL BC and held their nerve to win 6-5. For Annette justice was done, to lose the final by one shot one year and then win by a shot the next year, was a magical outcome.



ALOHA FINALISTS

(l/r) It was a happy group of bowlers that took the green in the sectional final of the Central Coast "Aloha Barefoot Bowls Championship." (l/r) Winners - Annette Thompson (Avoca Beach WBC), Fernando Assiss, Runners-Up - Steve Ellis (Davistown RSL) and Wayne Jones.

### BCC REPRESENTATIVE TEAM GAIN INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE

The Zone 15 Selectors picked five rinks to play in the annual match against NSW RSL side as a warm up for their RSL National Championships. The rinks consisted of players from 14 clubs who had not experienced competition at this level and had earned their place by consistent performances at Club and Zone level.

All rinks matched their opposition at various stages of the game but the experience of the NSW RSL side who are the current National Champions prevailed on the day. The final score was 103-77 with 4 rinks to 1 in favour of State RSL. The winning rink of Damien Gouw (Terrigal), Beau Humphries (Everglades), Andrew McDonald (Everglades), and skip Brian Walker (Halekulani) deserve special mention with an impressive 23-17 score line. The selectors thank all the players for making themselves available and their commitment shown on the green.



### Central Coast Team Excels in Mountain Air

A composite team of Garry Frost The Entrance, Henry DeGasso Avoca Beach under the leadership of veteran Dick Love Davistown RSL, won all five games at the 30th anniversary of the "Trout Triples" staged at Adaminaby Sports and Recreation Club only to be beaten by a Moruya team on margin. It was the third occasion Dick has skipped a Central Coast team in this tournament having finished third the last two years. As Dick says "City clubs could learn a lot from a small club such as Adaminaby where all work is done by volunteers from the Bar, the kitchen to the greens and garden surrounds and it is all done with a great deal of enthusiasm."

### The leads lament

Sometimes I play the perfect bowl  
And sit right on the Kate.  
My skipper claps and doffs his hat  
Then says "Good on yer mate"  
The others all say "Oh what a good shot  
You're bowling like a toff."  
But when our second takes the mat  
He knocks the bloody thing off!