



Dolphin Tales

THE TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

..... where opinions are always biased !

A Day to REMEMBER – ALAN GREGOR

A man of wisdom and integrity



Keral Gregor and family - 18th July 2020

The club was close to (covid) capacity for what was truly a day to remember on Saturday 18th July when more than a hundred members, family and friends came together to recognise our late Life Member Alan Gregor. Our Chairman, Frank Anderson, recalled Alan's dedicated contribution to the club over a period of twenty years and then Keral Gregor spoke warmly of her husband's connection to our club, before the (pictured) magnificent stone and plaque was unveiled for the naming of our 'Alan Gregor Green'.

Over the years Alan was a pivotal part of our club management team and participated in all variations and combinations of bowls. His connection with members and shared experiences was fondly remembered throughout the day while we enjoyed some light refreshments, a celebratory drink and a game of bowls, in which Alan's brother teamed up with Keral against Ian Griffith and Sandy Dowse (pictured right)

Alan Gregor, we thank you, "Your Contribution has been Selfless and Enduring"



New Members

In this edition of *Dolphin Tales*, we welcome the following new (and not so new) members.

Graeme Wilson, George Hardie, Andy Howells, Tony Howells (yes, they are father and son) have joined us as Full Bowling Members and Jack Fernance has re-joined. When you get the chance, please welcome all five to the greens and the club.

A special thankyou to Peter Kerr who introduced Graeme and is rewarded with 4 complimentary green fees and 2 complimentary drinks.

If you know of anyone thinking of taking up bowls bring them along to the introductory and coaching sessions which are held each Friday at 11.00 am.

If you have a friend at another local club – why not invite them to join you here for a game (or more permanently).

If you introduce them you get the same deal as Peter when they transfer or join.

Winners Are Grinners

Zone Championships



After a COVID induced break in March the competition finally resumed last weekend at Ettalong. It was worth the wait. Well done and congratulations to Paul Ryan – a good win (31/18) to the 2020 Zone 15 Presidents Reserve Singles Champion.

Club Championships

The Terrigal Men's championships resumed with the Major Pairs. Congratulations to the winners Chayne Edwards and Rod Rewko.



The runners-up, Tony Shoebridge and Wayne Hensley, pictured receiving 8 Pin awards which they accomplished in a previous round of the same championships.



....and not to be outdone, here's Rod and Chayne receiving 8 Pins which they earned in the Zone Pairs in 2018 but had not received.



Championships – cont'd

During the first weekend of August we were treated to an exhibition of singles bowling with the semi finals on the Saturday and the final on the Sunday morning. Those who turned out to watch the men's final in almost perfect weather conditions were not disappointed. Terry Hughes was well out in front but Chayne Edwards refocused and came out the eventual winner 31/29.

The treat continued on Tuesday 4th August with Anastasia Koutsellis and Dianne Whittaker putting on the show on another beautiful winter's day with Anastasia staying in front for the duration – final score 25/15.

**GOOD LUCK TO
EVERYONE
COMPETING IN ZONE
AND DISTRICT
EVENTS WHICH
RESUME IN AUGUST**



*2020 SINGLES CHAMPION
CHAYNE EDWARDS*



*2020 SINGLES CHAMPION
ANASTASIA KOUTSELLIS*



*RUNNER UP
TERRY HUGHES*



*RUNNER UP
DIANNE WHITTAKER*



Since we've been back to bowls it is pleasing to see so many out on the greens practicing – or perhaps it is just a desire for more fresh air. Whatever the reason there has been a visual concentration of members returning to the basics and practicing the draw bowl which is a good idea after a long break, and may well have helped the standard of bowls in the singles championships which include some exceptional heads and close finishes.

As usual, we are reminded to 'practice with a purpose'. Don't allow your practice to become boring or tedious and make sure you are fit to practice by doing some simple stretching and warm up exercises. Reset your game and then expand your abilities by using specific drills to increase your repertoire of shots. You will be able to introduce your newfound skills to your social game by playing the shot called by even the most demanding skip.

If you are looking for copies of drills or just need some ideas, ask at the bowls office, or speak to one of the coaches.

Regular coaching sessions for potential members and new bowlers is held every Friday morning at 11.00 am with six regular attendees during July. If you know of anyone wanting to give bowls a go, bring them along and introduce them to the group. The coaching is free, and we have recently purchased a range of new coaching bowls. New bowlers and those returning to the game are always welcome to join in.



Junior Bowlers



The Junior Bowling Group is also back, but to a new time and day. The Junior Bowlers are now practicing on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am and will also be able to practice on Tuesday evenings when daylight saving returns. The group has five regular bowlers but is always looking for more – are there anymore friends, siblings, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews out there ?

Congratulations to Luke Burton who has been selected in the Zone Junior Representative side to play in November. Although Luke did not come back with any trophies he is also to be commended for his standard of play during the recent Junior Championships.

Most of our Junior Bowlers are new to the sport but are developing well and we can expect a larger contingent from Terrigal competing next year.

Schools

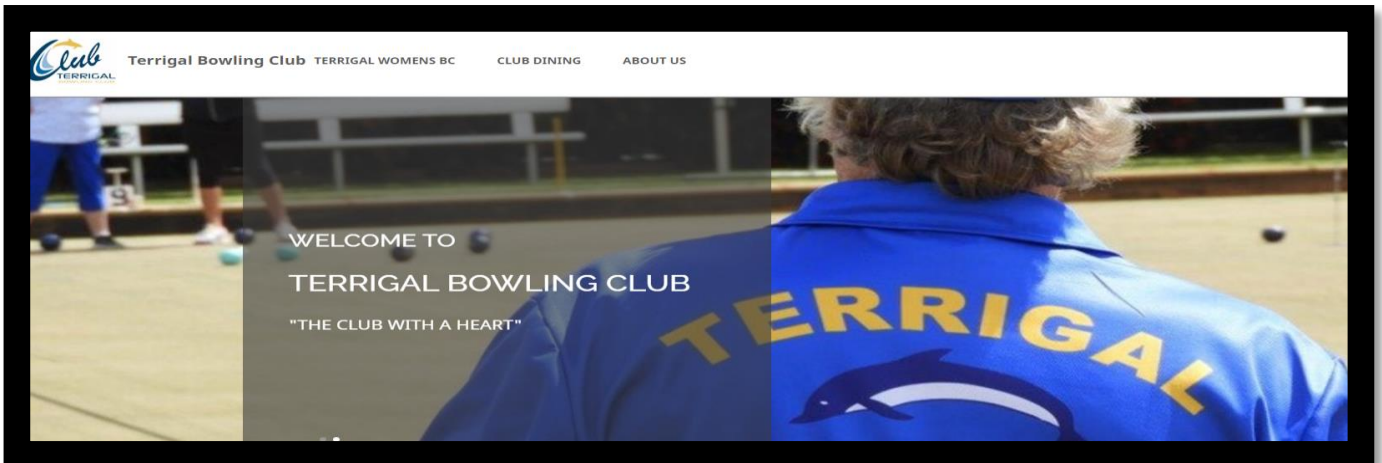
Because of the Coronavirus interruption and restrictions, the primary schools 'Let's Play Bowls' program has been cancelled for this year.

However, we have 30 students from Terrigal High School at the club each Tuesday afternoon being introduced to the sport of lawn bowls. Who knows, they might join our Junior Bowlers or one day in the distant future remember the friendly atmosphere at a bowling club and return. Please see Freddy Dowse if you would like to be involved with the schools or Junior Bowlers.

New Website for the Men

www.terrigan.bowls.com.au

Check us out



Team App



The use of Team App by the men continues to grow – updates, news, latest scores, finals results, photo gallery and links to useful websites. If you have trouble getting onto Team App give Warren a call on **0447 581 981**

Keep on communicating!

Throughout their relationship a married couple enjoyed a healthy sex-life and as they reached their twilight years they made a deal; whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is an after-life, and if there is, if you could still have sex after death.

After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact: " Marion Marion ... "

"Is that you, Bob?"

"Yes, I've come back like we agreed."

"That's wonderful! What's it like?"

"Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (you'd be proud - lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to the golf course again. Then it's more sex until late at night. I catch some much-needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again".

"Oh, Bob! Are you in Heaven?"

"No - I'm a rabbit somewhere near Mildura."



Roll Ups

Following an unprecedented number of visiting bowlers rolling up on our greens in these unprecedented times your club introduced roll up fees for everyone except Terrigal Full Bowling Members, and guests of members who were rolling up with Terrigal Full Bowling Members. Visitors rolling up are also directed to a specific green for rolling up to ensure our members have access for rolling up and practicing on their green of choice.

The club understands that this may have upset one or two friends of members but introduced the measures for the benefit of the club membership as a whole. Visitors are always welcome to join us on our greens for a game and members are encouraged to introduce visitors and new bowlers to the social interaction of a friendly game at Terrigal Bowling Club. Of course, don't forget to mention the raffles and jackpots.

Who knows – you might even get a friend to join you permanently here as a fellow member and get rewarded through the club incentive scheme.

This is probably the right time and place to remind members that they are not permitted to roll up during times of organised bowls games and that Monday is normally the day when the greenkeeper chooses to apply chemicals, so rolling up on Mondays is limited to the synthetic green.

RSL Bowls



The COVID restrictions and limited numbers at clubs across the Central Coast has led to cancellations or reduced entries to the monthly social game and lunch. Be quick to get your name down for the RSL and Friends Day at Ourimbah on Monday 24th August.

THE RSL ZONE 5 PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HOSTED AT TERRIGAL – FROM MONDAY 31 AUGUST.



Social Bowls

The return to social bowls is promising with good numbers for the ladies on Tuesdays and the men on Thursdays. The resumption of championships has also provided some activity either amongst the social bowlers or alone on the weekends. However, the ladies second day (Fridays) has only seen a few ladies rolling up and the numbers for men's and mixed social bowls at the weekends remain low, with some of our more senior members understandably remaining reluctant to return to bowls during these worrying times.

For those that are thinking of turning out for a second day of bowls the reward for effort might be better than you think with both the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning jackpots at more than \$500 – and green fees set at \$5. C'MON ! we've never had it so good.

Looking for mixed company? Then why not give Sunday afternoon a try and stop for tea – give the cook a night off.

If you are by yourself just put your name down as a single entry and we will arrange a game.

Sunday 30th August is a combined day to celebrate both Mothers and Fathers.

Combined
MOTHERS' & FATHERS' DAY
Sunday 30th August 2020
\$25 **Bowls, afternoon tea,**
and Two Course Dinner
Plus lucky winners and door prizes
Please see full details on Notice Board

Coronavirus and Bowls

The return to bowls from COVID restrictions is proving more difficult and frustrating than first thought. The truth is, it is not over but we are doing our best to operate within the limitations imposed by the Public Health Orders.

We initially returned to controlled and supervised roll ups, moved on to social bowls and then the resumption of championships for both men's and ladies' sections.

The programs for the remainder of the year have been agreed and have been posted to the notice board for your convenience. However, you will see several days and events listed as yet to be advised and some require consultation with other clubs.

The ongoing coronavirus restrictions have meant that decisions on some events have been deferred. Although the restrictions are no longer affecting our allowed numbers on the greens, the entry restrictions, the limited numbers and the bookings/seating arrangements permitted in the club do prevent some events from taking place.

Looking further ahead, the decision to run the men's pennants in July 2021 may be reviewed. It is possible they don't like playing in the snow at Monaro or Parkes – more info when we know.

COVID CASUALTIES

MEN - AUGUST QUAD CLUB

TRIPLES AT AVOCA CANCELLED

MIXED - SEPTEMBER MIXED VISIT

TO STOCKTON CANCELLED

LADIES - SEPTEMBER VERSATILITY

AT TERRIGAL CANCELLED

MEN AND MIXED - OCTOBER

SKILLION CARNIVAL AT TERRIGAL

CANCELLED

LADIES - OCTOBER PRE CUP

TRIPLES AT TERRIGAL CANCELLED

LADIES - NOVEMBER TURKEY

NECKS MIXED TRIPLES AT

TERRIGAL CANCELLED

MEN - NOVEMBER TERRIGAL CUP

AT TERRIGAL TO BE ADVISED IN

SEPTEMBER

WANT TO BOWL FREE FOR A MONTH ?



SIMPLES — *ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS INTRODUCE A NEW OR TRANSFERRING BOWLER TO THE CLUB.*

..... AND THAT'S NOT ALL. THE NEW MEMBER ALSO GETS FOUR GREEN FEES VOUCHERS AND A CLUB SHIRT !

..... BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE. THERE'S ALSO A FREE DRINK FOR BOTH OF YOU.

C'MON, HOW HARD IS THAT ?

THE TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB 2020 MEMBER SURVEY

A copy of the 2020 Survey is on the back of this edition of *Dolphin Tales* newsletter and also available at the Bowls Office.

It is just 10 questions – please take the time to complete and return it to the Bowls Office or the Championships entry box at the Notice Board. If you need more space or have any suggestions, please use the reverse of the form – or take your ideas direct to one of your committee members.

Please, if you want to see something in your newsletter – just send your words and /or pictures to

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TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

2020 MEMBER SURVEY

Name: (optional)

Age Group (please circle) < 18 18 to 39 40 to 59 60 to 74 75 +

Male Female

Please continue on reverse if there is insufficient space and/or you have any suggestions for the future of your club.

1. How long have you been associated with the club?
2. (a) Do you play (please circle)? Social Bowls weekdays Social Bowls weekends Mixed Bowls
Pennants Grade Tournaments
(b) Would you play on an additional social day if offered? YES NO
3. (a) What has been your level of involvement with the club? player, volunteer, committee, other
(b) Would you consider contributing to your club through voluntary work? YES NO
4. What do we do well on organised bowls days?
5. What improvements or changes would you like to see on organised bowls days?
6. (a) Do you roll-up with friends on days when organised bowls is not available? YES NO
(b) Do you train/practice to improve your bowls? YES NO
(c) Do you participate in group pennant training? YES NO
7. (a) Do you attend the end of year club presentation dinner? YES NO
(b) Would you prefer the end of year club presentation to be held during the DAY or EVENING ?
8. Would you recommend your club to others? YES NO
If NO, would you please assist us by indicating why not?
9. What do you think sets this club apart from other bowling clubs?
10. How would you describe the culture of your club?

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY FORM

Please return it to the Bowls Office OR place it anonymously in the Championships Entry Box near the Notice Board by 16th September 2020.