

June/July 2021



# Dolphin Tales



THE TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

*where opinions are always biased !*

## HERE WE ARE AGAIN !

C'MON, OWN UP. WHO THOUGHT THIS WAS ENDING IN 2 WEEKS AND BOWLS WOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL? RAISE YOUR HAND.



NOW SLAP YOURSELF WITH IT!



We may have been here before but it appears it is more important than ever, so please,

## ***Stay at Home - Stay Safe – Stay Connected!***

Bowls is more than just a game, so let's make the effort to maintain contact – whether this be texting, sharing the banter on Facebook, through emails or picking up the phone for an old-fashioned chat with the mates you would normally bowl with on Tuesday or Thursday. If you are really desperate, you'd give me a call.

For regular updates on bowls please use the Team Apps or [www.terrigan.bowls.com.au](http://www.terrigan.bowls.com.au)



## MEMBERSHIP

Members are important to us at Terrigal, which is why we always include membership information at the beginning of your *Dolphin Tales* newsletter. With the closure of bowling clubs across the state and dwindling numbers of bowlers, membership levels at bowling clubs is often the focus of parent clubs. As a bowling club we are acutely aware of the needs of bowlers and make every effort to provide the facilities and the game to keep our members happy.

Sadly, during the second half of 2020 we saw the departure of some of our top-grade bowlers which, unfortunately, happens from time to time. However, during this closing financial year we have enjoyed the company of 43 new bowling members – some new to the sport, some returning to the sport and others from various clubs from around the Central Coast. This is by far our best recruitment year in more than ten years, and we have also entertained many visitors on a regular basis.

Since the last edition of *Dolphin Tales*, the following four new members have joined.

**David McCulloch**

**Robert Seale**

**Ross Smith**

**Colin Ainscough**

If you get the opportunity, please say g'day to our newest members and welcome them to our club.

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

Or perhaps you have a friend at another local club, so when we get back to bowls, why not invite them to join you here for a game (or more permanently). Don't forget – it's **SIMPLES!**



If you introduce them, you get the rewards. That's right, you get 4 green fee vouchers and two drinks **when they become a bowling member.**

## Membership Renewals

**Because of the current COVID situation Membership renewals for 2021/22 have been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> July.**

### FAREWELL GEORGE

George Fox has been a fixture at Terrigal for than most members can remember. Since joining the club in September 1979 George has been a regular amongst the men's social bowlers and mixed bowlers. Over the years he has participated in club championships, pennants, tournaments and almost every club social event we can recall. In his 90's, George is still regularly bowling three or four times each week and participated in the recent (2021) pennant season.

George leaves us to move into accommodation more suitable for his current health condition and we wish him well at his new bowling club (yes, that's right, he's not giving it away) at either Valentine or Belmont. We will miss his sense of humour and we will look for someone else to blame for being late off the grass.



On his final social bowls day, George was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Chairman Frank Anderson for his more than 40 years loyalty.

Also leaving us is Gary Brinton who has relocated to Canberra, and Dallas and Robert Hughes who are in the process of relocating to the Albury area. We wish them well and thank them for their friendship and contributions at Terrigal.



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# QUAD CLUB TRIPLES

BE EARLY - LIMITED ENTRIES

Cash Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and a raffle

3 Games Of Triples **\$25** Per person includes Bowls and Lunch

**MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AT AVOCA**

The popular end of month Quad Club Triples events for Terrigal and Breakers in June and July have been cancelled. The organisers hope to resume at Avoca on the last Monday of August.

## State, Zone and District Club Championships

As usual, the progress of championships was interrupted by the Australian Open on the Gold Coast in June. However, this year the interruption has continued because of the COVID imposed Stay-at-Home order. Although some State events have been tentatively rescheduled all others will be advised when a return to bowls is possible and under what conditions and restrictions (if any) are known.

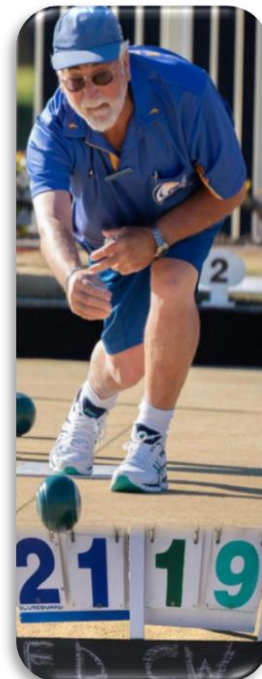
At Terrigal, the first available weekend will see the final of the men's Major Singles between Warren Parkes and Tony Sydenham, and the final of the men's Triples between Sean Sydenham, Brett Jacobson, Tony Sydenham Vs Warren Parkes, Peter Lavery, Doug Kirwan. This should make good spectating and a great way to return to the club from the lockdown. Dates and details will of course be available via the Team App and the website [www.terrigan.bowls.com.au](http://www.terrigan.bowls.com.au)

The first Zone Championship to return will see Kevin Cooper competing against John Roberts in the Semifinals of the O60's Singles at Ettalong.

**AND IN THE END MANKIND USED SO MUCH TOILET PAPER, THEY WIPED THEMSELVES OUT**



Several local bowlers headed north to participate in the Australian Open on the Gold Coast in June, including Doug Kirwan, Warren Parkes and Freddy Dowse from Terrigal. They competed in several disciplines either together or with friends from this area or the Gold Coast, and with varying degrees of success – but all enjoying the exceptional surfaces of the greens.



Having got through the sectional stage, Freddy Dowse had his five minutes of success downing Australian Jackaroo Corey Wedlock before losing to Aaron Sherriff in the next round.

A special mention goes to number 1 cheer leader, John Edwards, who turned up anywhere and everywhere to support our players, often still giving advice after the game was over. Well done John and we all thank you for that support.





## THANKYOU ROSE BENDALL

Like other clubs, here at Terrigal we rely upon the efforts and goodwill of a team of volunteers, without whom our game of bowls and social interaction would not be what it is and what we often take for granted.

In this issue of *Dolphin Tales*, we make special mention of Rose Bendall, that special person who has done something special for our members for many years.

Rose joined Terrigal in 1998 and has twice been the Ladies' President. She has served on the Management Committee for many years and also on the Match and Social Committees. Rose was also a National Umpire. She has always been willing to step in whenever needed and when asked to help she has never said "no".

However, Rose Bendall's generous ways go even further. Each year Rose has cooked the club's Christmas cake and baked birthday cakes and anniversary cakes for many members. On many occasions she has cooked tarts and or sweets for our club's bowling carnivals and special days like Mother's Day and Father's Day.

It is true to say that Rose Bendall's Pennant Day tarts and slices are known across the Central Coast.

Thankyou Rose Bendall – an outstanding member!

*Don't let them take the temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket, its a government plot to erase your memory. I went for a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread and came home with a case of beer and 12 bottles of wine!*



## WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

### SMILES ALL ROUND FOR 8 PINS



Congratulations to Lyn Day, Robynne Small, Pauline Archer and Meryl Ainscough (Terrigal Grade 3/1) on winning an 8 Pin against Everglades in Round 5 of the 2021 Pennant competition.

The team is pictured with President Lyndall Hegarty following the presentation of the 8 Pins.

Well done ladies, a well-earned reward that can be worn with pride !



## RSL BOWLS

The RSL Zone Fours Championships rescheduled to July are now re-set for 9.00 am start on 18, 19 and 20 August at Terrigal for the Q/final, S/final and Final.

The Terrigal Diggers Day was cancelled.

Revisions to the RSL Bowls Program will be communicated when known.

The RSL Group is always looking for new members to experience the camaraderie and sense of humour of life in uniform now displayed on the bowling green. – please contact Brian Parker, Secretary, or Rick Astill, Delegate.

RSL Social Bowls Days are open to both RSL Members AND friends and are played at a different venue each month – normally attracting more than 100 bowlers.

# JUNIOR BOWLERS

Our Junior Bowlers are the future of bowls. Most Junior bowlers are children or grandchildren of bowlers, or sometimes siblings of existing bowlers. They are the nexus between the past and the future – we will teach them the game and they will take the game forward, hopefully adapting the game we love to suit the times *they* live in.

In the last year, our Terrigal Junior bowlers have stamped their mark on the game, playing alongside their parents and grandparents in social bowls and participating in championships and pennants.

They practice and train regularly with other Junior Bowlers from across the Central Coast and have enjoyed the opportunity of representing the Central Coast against other Zones.

With the return of two of our promising junior bowlers, Zach and Lachlan Stephens, the future of our Junior Bowls Group is indeed looking very good.

Bowls is also played at High School – Sam Griffiths, although the youngest member of the Terrigal High School team skipped his team to a victory against Gorokan at Terrigal. (pictured below). Sam and his team have since progressed to the finals.



Meanwhile, Luke Burton, who skips the team from Gosford High School, play North Sydney High School in the semifinal before a potential final's showdown with Sam's team.

Regular training at the club and Zone will recommence as soon as we return to bowls and when we will be looking to expand the Junior Bowler Group at Terrigal – so if you are a parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt or just a family friend and you know a young person looking to try a new sport, perhaps something without contact and less robust than most other sports, please call Freddy Dowse (0418 251 238) or leave a message at Reception.

**Junior Bowling is a free activity. Membership is FREE – Coaching is FREE – there is a FREE shirt - there are no green fees – we provide the bowls for coaching and play.**

All coaches are accredited by Bowls Australia and with current Working With Children Certificates (WWCC's)

## *Some amusing facts about bowls*

*The average age of the Australian Jackaroos Lawn Bowls team is younger than the Australian Cricket team.*

*Lawn Bowls is a game for the young which is played by the old.*

*Lawn Bowls is a simple all-inclusive sport, played by thousands and mastered by a few.*

*Your best bowls will be played from the sitting position behind the glass of the club house.*

## **A combined Mothers' and Fathers' Day**

**Is planned for**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Bowls and Lunch**

**Pencil in the date – details later**



Pennants is over but for those bowlers that seek to improve there is a personal drive, a desire to practice and train. After all, there are several championships to play, mid-week pennants, club challenges and tournaments.

Practice can and should be fun. If you want to be good at something you must enjoy what you are doing. Social bowls is fun because you play with mates and club members – so why not practice and train with a mate. Who knows, you might even keep each other honest by taking an objective point of view about your capabilities and which skills you need to improve.

While we are staying at home, we might take the time to clean out the bowls bag and polish our bowls ready for a return. There are also several drills to research on Youtube in preparation for the practical stage and there are many videos of champions in action to keep the mind focused on bowls.

When we return, ask one of our coaches for details of drills for specific skills or arrange a one-on-one or group session. Our team of coaches now includes coaches with qualifications or experience to assist junior, new and aspiring bowlers, wheelchair bowlers, bowlers with impaired vision and bowlers with limited mobility problems. Please contact the Bowls Office to be guided to the appropriate coach.

**Coaching for new bowlers is available every Friday from 11.00 am.**

**(When the club is open)**



The Mixed Visit from Stockton planned for 14<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled due to the heavy rain and storm activity. We still hope to reschedule the day for later in the year.

## Position of Players

Where should you stand or where are you allowed to stand? Are questions frequently debated by bowlers. This is what it states in the *Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls*.

### Section 1.3 POSSESSION OF THE RINK

#### 12 Position of Players

##### 12.1 In relation to the rink of play

**12.1.1 Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 metre behind the mat.**

**12.1.2 Players at the head-end of the rink and who are not controlling play must stand:**

**12.1.2.1 behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink;**

**12.1.2.2 behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team which is not in possession of the rink;**

**12.1.2.3 on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch; or**

**12.1.2.4 well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.**

**12.1.3 As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play from a position that is either level with or in front of the jack, must take their position as described in law 12.1.2.**

##### 12.2 In relation to a neighbouring rink

**12.2.1 A Player must not go into a neighbouring rink where play is in progress.**

**12.2.2 A Player must not go into or walk along a neighbouring rink, even if it is not being used, while an opponent is about to deliver or is actually delivering a bowl.**

**12.2.3 If the rink of play is an outside rink a Player must not go into or walk along the section of green that lies between the outside side boundary of the rink and the side ditch while an opponent is about to deliver or is actually delivering a bowl.**



Congratulations to George Hardie who has very recently qualified as an umpire.



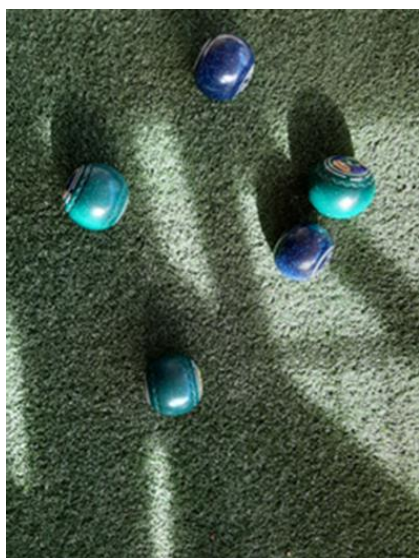


**WIN** A HAT, CAP OR TOWEL



## FIND THE KITTY COMPETITION<sup>TM</sup>

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THE WINNER WAS

***Congratulations***

**Tony Laham**

We'll organise the prize and photo when we return.

## MID – WEEK PENNANTS

The Central Coast Zone Mid-Week Pennant Competition is due to commence on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Due to the current COVID Stay-at-Home Order the closing date for club entries has been postponed.

However, it would help the men's selectors to prepare for the return to bowls if bowlers wishing to participate indicated their intention via the Team App or by phone to the Chairman of Selectors or Bowls Secretary –

Alan Bailey            0447 000 634

Warren Parkes        0447 581 981



As a service and benefit to bowling members, the Club carries a limited range and quantity of clothing items. The club makes best effort to maintain prices and contain costs, and in general the club will aim to order and maintain minimal quantities.

Blue hats and caps remain at \$15 and blue towels at \$10.

The new supply of men's shirts will be here in August and the sale price remains at \$45. The sale price of shorts and pants increases to \$50 from 1<sup>st</sup> August.



## VETERANS AND SUPER VETERANS DAY

Unfortunately, due to the covid lockdown the Zone 15 Veteran and Super Veteran Day to be hosted at Terrigal in July has been postponed to a date in the October/November timeframe.

The Zone organisers said this does mean that the day will be held together with Veteran's Days for Southern and Northern Clubs and at a time when most of our veteran bowlers will have completed their covid vaccinations.

## UNIFICATION UPDATE

The vote for unification of men's and women's State bowls organizations went ahead as outlined in our last edition of *Dolphin Tales* with an overwhelming YES vote to support the unification. We now receive information and circulars originating from the new joint organization.

Since unification they have clarified eligibility to compete in State (Association) events and determined that members may take up membership at multiple clubs but that only one club can be the declared club for the purposes of recognition at State level and for participating in Association events. This is not a change for male bowlers but it does mean that female bowlers can no longer be declared bowlers at two clubs (one to play women's championships and one to play men's).

During the lead-up to the vote it was explained that Zones/Districts and competitions would be reviewed. Once that is complete and communicated, the way ahead will become clearer.

The concern of many of our members was related to social bowls and whether our Tuesdays and Thursdays would continue as gender specific days. BowlsNSW advise that although open gender events are being introduced, gender specific bowls events will also continue. Hence, there is no intent to change from the current format for our

Tuesday and Thursday bowls and Sunday Morning bowls for the foreseeable future. Our mixed days and twilight bowls are run as open gender days, so there is also no change to their format.

Championships are run in accordance with the current State Conditions of Play and will only change when and if those Conditions of Play change.

There will no doubt be changes in the future to ensure the game of bowls survives but they will not be significant if we approach them objectively and with an open mind. Most of us have lived long enough to realize that change should be embraced and not feared.

Here at Terrigal we already have a close working relationship between the ladies' and men's bowls, and we also share facilities and resources. We are moving on – together!



Committee Meetings and all other face to face meetings are not permitted at the moment. New dates will be communicated when restrictions are eased.

*Well, that is all for this late June issue of *Dolphin Tales* and let us all hope that bowls are back to normal before the next issue.*

*Please, if you want to see something in your newsletter – just send your words and/or pictures to [terriganewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:terriganewsletter@gmail.com)*

*Stay safe,*

*Freddy Douse*

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