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# Dolphin Tales



THE TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

*where opinions are always biased!*



## *We're back .....*

... with the usual amounts of useful (and useless) information, diary dates, your contributions and, of course, some humour and sarcasm in the first edition of your *Dolphin Tales* in 2022.

Quite a bit has changed since the last edition, including the Bowling Year which is now aligned to the fiscal year and commences on 1<sup>st</sup> July each year instead of 1<sup>st</sup> January. It might get a bit confusing

at times because some events are permitted to start before 1<sup>st</sup> July – so pay attention to the heading of advertised events to note either 2021 or 2022. Another notable change is the running of separate women's and men's pennants in July and the Open Gender Pennants commencing in February 2023.

There is a wealth of information available on the BowlsNSW website <https://bowlsnsw.com.au/> so if you are a keen competitive bowler catch up on all the changes to our game including what's available and the changes to some championships and other events.

However, your *Dolphin Tales* has not changed – it is still your newsletter. Please forward contributions and pictures to [terriganewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:terriganewsletter@gmail.com)



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# MEMBERS MATTER and MEMBER MATTERS

Members – the most important element of every club. Sadly, during recent years we have seen the decline in bowling memberships generally, and we are no different here at Terrigal. Two extended COVID shutdowns in recent years has also seen some bowlers not renew their bowling memberships whilst retaining their social membership status. Also, the vast majority of our bowling members are also in that ‘vulnerable’ age bracket and many have underlying health conditions – so it is not surprising that some members have been cautious about returning to bowls and mixing socially beyond their immediate family and circle of friends.

As we come through these COVID times it is important to welcome back as many of our bowling friends as possible so we can create that vibrant social atmosphere which comes with playing bowls. It is also important to celebrate and welcome the arrival of new members

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January the following bowlers have joined us at Terrigal.

In ladies’ bowls we welcome Sandy Dowse and welcome back Angela White who has rejoined after a short break.

In men’s bowls we welcome Tony Irwin, Scott Perse and Craig Whittle. We also welcome our Club General Manager, Craig Fairweather, and barman extraordinaire, Glenn Moody, who have been elevated to the status of bowler.

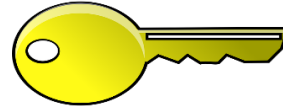
If you get the opportunity, please say g’day to our newest members, welcome them to our club and the best game on earth !



## MALE LOCKER ROOM

**REMINDER** – ALL gear not in lockers, such as items on the floor or on top of lockers will be disposed of on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

Enquiries about lockers or replacement keys should be directed to Raelene in the Admin Office.



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. Men’s shirts remain at \$45 and the price of shorts and pants is \$50.

All of the above items are available by contacting the men’s Bowls Secretary, Warren Parkes. Ladies can contact a member of their Management Committee to enquire about uniforms.

## THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ENJOYING A WORKING ON



## HAPPY 92<sup>nd</sup> BIRTHDAY VAL



Val Davis joined Terrigal from Avoca in 2011 and here she is celebrating her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with the many friends she has made since then. However, Val has an interesting story to tell about her age because although she celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 15<sup>th</sup> February this year, Val was actually born in late 1931 and not in February 1932 – which was the date her birthday was registered. For many years she was told that she was a year younger than she really was!

She is an outstanding bowler and an excellent role model for younger women.

## HAPPY RETIREMENT NEIL



Neil decided that 35 years on the grass at Terrigal was enough and has retired. Neil was thanked for his dedication and loyalty throughout his 35 years at Terrigal and is pictured with Club General Manager Craig Fairweather and Chairman Freddy Dowse after accepting a Certificate of Appreciation, an engraved watch and a card signed by club members and staff.

The good news – Neil intends to do a bit more bowling so we will continue to see him at the club.



## VALE GWEN HARDWICK

1929 – 2022

**Champion Bowler and Life Member**

Gwendoline Hardwick was a distinguished member and bowler of Terrigal Women's Bowling Club, who held many management positions in the club, but was particularly wonderful as Chair of Selection. She was an accomplished athlete and in particular a wonderful bowler winning many championships at club, District and State level. Gwen was a Life Member and retired from bowls about two years ago when her health deteriorated.

Club Achievements: 2000 Minor Singles; 2008 and 2014 Major Singles; 2009 Major Pairs; 2006 Open Pairs; 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015 Triples; 2000, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 Fours; 2014 Senior Fours; 2008 and 2011 Grade 1 Pennants; 2014 Bowler of the Year

Zone Achievements: 2001, 2006 James Wall Shield; 2003 District Triples; 2004 District Wolinski Shield – Runners up; 2004 Central Coast District Carnival Winners; 2005 Central Coast District Carnival Runners Up; 2006 District Open Pairs; 2011 Gosford Waters Saturday Morning Triples; 2013 Gosford Waters Saturday Morning Triples

## Chairman's Chat – Looking Ahead

In January, the Board of Directors adopted a Strategic Plan which committed us to taking a formal and business-like approach to future plans for the club. It reiterates our purpose for existence; a vision to secure a future, with amenities and facilities which are pertinent to the times and the expectations of members and guests. A club which attracts new members because we support and promote all levels of the sport of lawn bowls in a welcoming and inclusive club environment.

Our stated mission is -

*To secure a future for a profitable club which is a valuable and responsible member of the community.*

*To facilitate, support, promote and encourage the sport of lawn bowls.*

However, a Strategic Plan is nothing more than a road map to help us through the processes to improve the way we do business and improve the facilities and services we provide to members, their guests and visitors.

In February, your Board of Directors met to discuss the considerations for inclusion in a list categorized as 'Renovations, Alterations and Upgrades' which had been compiled from suggestions of members and the personal observations from club management and directors. That list was subsequently reduced with some items grouped into convenient packages and included at the February Board Meeting for endorsement.

As a result, the club has commissioned an architect to provide drawings and we have commenced the task of obtaining costs and estimates, much of which cannot be completed until the drawings are available. Once that is done, we will complete a cost benefit analysis and assess the availability of funds before developing a business plan and sharing it with the members.

Many of you probably think that some items are so long overdue that they should not be subjected to a cost benefit analysis – and your Board of Directors does not disagree. However, we do need to take an holistic long-term view and be very aware of the cost impact on the club. When reviewing the list your Board of Directors is mindful of the need for the club to increase patronage and cash flow if we are to continue the support to our members that we have become accustomed to.

The following projects are included.

- **Outside Covered Smokers Area.**
- **Gaming Machine Area.**
- **Male Locker Room.**
- **Board Room** - create shared facility – training room, staff room, room for hire etc.
- **Expansion of Barefoot Bowls and Alfresco Dining Areas** to transform existing to create a clean, green, and enticing outdoor dining and entertainment area.
- **Conversion of Championship Green to Tiffdwarf Grass** for season 2023.
- **Outside Bar** - area suitable for corporate groups, alfresco cocktails, pennant bar
- **Children's Play Area** - project estimates to follow completion of project 5.

I'm in the club on most days and happy to answer questions anytime. We will also ensure updates and drawings are placed on the noticeboard and organise an information evening when we have all the information to hand.

See you in the club,

*Freddy Douse*

## WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Very little activity since the beginning of the year and now in a rain affected delay pattern until we can get back on the grass. However, there are always some noteworthy achievements to report.



**Jack and Di Fernance**  
**2021 Mixed Pairs Champions**



**Kevin Cooper**  
**Runner Up Zone 15 2021 Senior Singles**

Kevin Cooper had been waiting months for the 2021 Senior Singles competition to resume – at the semi-final stage. Kevin played well against John Roberts at Ettalong last Saturday to win his semi-final match but went down to Tony Shoebridge in the final. Kevin said he wasn't match fit but we think it would have been easier without that eagle on his back!



**Rob Clark and Jeff Hayhurst**  
**2021 Minor Pairs Champions**



Rick Astill, Joe Griffin and Freddy Dowse were selected to represent Zone 5 RSL in the annual inter-zone RSL Country Carnival held in Taree on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February. Rick and Joe are pictured receiving the trophy for being part of the best performing rink from Zone 5. This was the second year that these two have been part of the successful team.

**Well done the  
Terrigal team !**

## YOUNG BOWLERS

### Bowls Central Coast Under 18 Side

Report and picture from BCC 'Staying In Touch'



The BCC Under 18 Side competed today (22/01/2022) in the Under 18 Metropolitan Shield at Dapto and did well to come 2nd.

Our trio of Under 18's - Sam Griffiths, Luke Burton and Lachlan Stephens - were included in the Central Coast Zone side which competed in the interzone Metropolitan Shield event at Dapto on 22nd January. The Central Coast were the 2021 winners but went into the competition this year with a much-depleted side. However, we are very proud of the Terrigal trio contribution and congratulate them on a good performance and coming second in the Metropolitan Shield.

Sam and Luke were also included for play amongst the Under 25's on the following day (due to covid protocols, Sam was unable to compete).

Junior Bowls has been severely hampered by the covid shutdowns and the lack of both training and playing opportunities. We hope we are through the worst and can offer more time on the grass. There has never been a better time for young people of all abilities to take up the sport of lawn bowls. Almost anyone can play and enjoy the game and for those that put in just a little bit more there are so many pathways to success. It is a young person's sport – played by older people.

Bowls is also about socializing and this is a fantastic opportunity for young people to meet other young people in a safe environment. It can also be a great bonding moment for different generations. If you have any sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc., etc., that are interested in being introduced to lawn bowls please call Freddy Dowse on 0418 251 238. School and Church groups and those from other sporting codes that want to give it a go are always welcome.

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)

*If you are interested in getting involved with Junior Bowls training please speak with Freddy and find out about becoming an accredited coach and obtaining a Working With Children Certificate (WWCC).*



## RSL BOWLS

**The Terrigal RSL Bowling Group are always looking for new members to join the group. If you have served in uniform please contact Brian Parker, Secretary, or Rick Astill, Delegate, for more details.**

**RSL Bowls Social Days are open to RSL Bowlers and Friends and are held each month at a different venue and attract more than 100 bowlers. The next event is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Bateau Bay and the nomination list is on the notice board.**

## VISITATIONS

**The men's visit from CHARLESTOWN was a resounding success on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February. We didn't win the trophy, but we did enjoy the day, and we get another chance at the trophy when we visit Charlestown next year.**



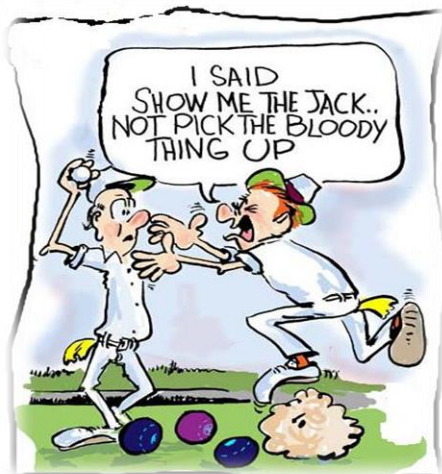
**The next mixed visit from STOCKTON is planned for May so keep an eye on the notice board to get your name down.**



## Did you know ?

A bowl comes to rest and then falls over and touches the jack whilst the next bowl is still in motion. The skip moves forward to mark the fallen bowl as a toucher. The opposing skip objects. Is the bowl a toucher ?

No – for the bowl to be a toucher it must touch the jack before the next bowl has been delivered. (Law 14.2)



Coaching is available for new bowlers and bowlers wishing to improve their game. Contact Alan McLeod or Glennie McCaffrey to arrange a convenient time or leave your contact details at the Bowls Office.



GET THE POWER OF AUSTRALIA'S **BIGGEST INDEPENDENT**

The popular **QUAD CLUB SERIES** for bowlers from Avoca, Davistown, Terrigal and Breakers is back. It is the same format and once again held on the last Monday of the month *BUT* it has a fresh look. It now has sponsorship from Tyrepower which was arranged by Davistown and makes the competition viable for all participating clubs.

Of course, it can't happen without bowlers so we are all encouraged to get our teams together to keep this day going. It is an Open Gender Triples competition, that is, teams of men, ladies or any combination. You get three short games of bowls, lunch and a chance to win some money. There is also a raffle to finish the day.

There are limited entries so it is a matter of getting your name down for a game or getting it on the reserve list.

Unfortunately, the first round was cancelled due to the recent heavy rain but there are plans afoot to reschedule that day for later in the year.

If you use Tyrepower please mention you were part of their sponsored event.

Special events for **MIXED BOWLS** on **AUSTRALIA DAY**  and **VALENTINES DAY**  have provided some enjoyable social bowls days and with your support they will continue. The next day will be **MOTHERS' DAY BOWLS** 

Without giving too much away we believe there are plans to try some special Open Gender Bowls Competitions with a Jackpot prize. Let us just say – *COMING SOON to a green near you !!!*

## Another donation to Elsie's Retreat Project

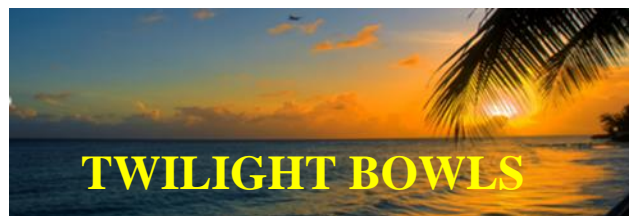
You will no doubt recall this picture along with an article in Dolphin Tales last April about a donation from the Terrigal



Women's Bowling Club to the Elsie's Retreat Project. We are very proud to include another notice to confirm that they have donated a further \$500 to this very worthy cause at the palliative care unit at Gosford. Well done ladies and a special well done to Anna James who volunteers with this cause.

**Want to know more or donate?**

[www.facebook.com/ElsiesRetreat](http://www.facebook.com/ElsiesRetreat)



Wednesday evening Jackpot Twilight Triples continues to be popular with a regular turnout of 6 or 7 rinks. Maximum entries is 42 players (7 rinks) so if you want a game you need to check the notice board.

There are winners and losers prizes and an accumulative jackpot. You gotta be in it to win it!

You may also need to check the Team App or notice board for starting times which will be put to the players to confirm on the next evening's play.

## FIND THE KITTY COMPETITION

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**WIN** A HAT, CAP OR TOWEL



Guess the position of the jack – which has been removed from the picture. To enter, take a copy of this page, mark the picture with a X where you believe the jack should be, include your name and membership number and then put it in the box at the notice board. Entries close Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022



Name

Membership Number

Date

Conditions of entry: Open only to members of Club Terrigal and limited to one entry for each occasion the member plays social bowls or club championships. The decision of the judges is final and the winner's name will be included in the next *Dolphin Tales* newsletter.





# EASTER CARNIVAL

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**MEN'S GRADED 11 Plus TRIPLES**

**LADIES' GRADED 7 Plus TRIPLES**

(separate tournaments on the same day)



Presented by CLUB TERRIGAL and Sponsored by TOOHEYS

**TOTAL PRIZEMONEY \$1500**

3 GAMES 13 ENDS - DEAD ENDS REPLAYED

9.00 AM START

WINNERS DECIDED ON WINS PLUS MARGINS

\$25 PER PLAYER ENTRY INCLUDES LUNCH

ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> April at 5.00 PM

Entry sheets are on the notice board

Get your team together



# EASTER CARNIVAL

**THE KEN HAWKINS MEN'S PAIRS**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022



A BOWLS AUSTRALIA TIER 4 NATIONAL RANKING EVENT  
Presented by CLUB TERRIGAL and Sponsored by TOOHEYS

**TOTAL PRIZEMONEY \$3500**

3 GAMES 13 ENDS - DEAD ENDS REPLAYED

9.00 AM START

WINNERS DECIDED ON WINS PLUS MARGIN

\$25 PER PLAYER ENTRY INCLUDES LUNCH

ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> April at 5.00 PM



# EASTER CARNIVAL

**THE RON AND MAY COURT**

**MIXED PAIRS**

**Easter Monday 18th APRIL 2022**



Presented by CLUB TERRIGAL and Sponsored by CREIGHTONS

**TOTAL PRIZEMONEY \$1500**

3 GAMES 13 ENDS DEAD ENDS REPLAYED

9.00 AM START

WINNERS DECIDED ON WINS PLUS MARGIN

\$25 PER PLAYER ENTRY INCLUDES LUNCH

ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> April at 5.00 PM

Make a weekend of it !

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