



CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEWS

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BOWLS GREATS INDUCTED INTO BOWLS AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME

Inductees

In Adelaide on Wednesday of this week a wonderful "Inaugural Bowls Australia Hall of Fame Dinner" saw some of the true greats of bowls across Australia inducted.

Of those greats nominated by Bowls Victoria, including a number inducted at state level into our own Hall of Fame in previous years, fifteen (15) individuals were recognized for their contributions and achievements in the "General" category or in the "Athlete" category.

Also inducted as the first "**Legend**" in the BA Hall of Fame was the late, great **Glyn BOSISTO**. His award was accepted by his son, John, who spoke of the dedication shown by his father in perfecting his hand/eye coordination (as modeled upon the sportsman he most admired, Don Bradman, by routinely bowling over chalk marks on the home carpet.

The full list of Bowls Australia Hall of Fame inductees from Victoria in their various periods of performance are:

Pre '49 General	1950-74 General	1975-99 Athlete	2000-10 General
Alfred ALLEY Vic. * John MONRO Vic. *	W Jack SPEAR Vic. * Keith WILSON Vic. *	Norma MASSEY OAM Vic. Mavis MEADOWCROFT Vic. * Robert MIDDLETON OAM Vic. John SNELL OAM Vic. Steve SRHOY W.A. Margaret SUMNER OAM Vic.	Betty COLLINS OAM Vic.
	Athlete Glyn BOSISTO Vic. * John DOBBIE Vic. * Dot JENKINSON Vic. *		Athlete

Bowls Australia LEGEND Glyn BOSISTO Vic.*

* Indicates that the inductee is deceased

17 BOWLS CLUBS RECEIVE \$1,000 STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR UNIFORMS

On November 30 2011, Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hugh Delahunty, announced the 275 clubs who would each be receiving **up to \$1000** towards new sport uniforms from the latest round of the Victorian Government's Sporting Uniform Grants Program.

Sport and Recreation Victoria in administering the grants program, advises that the following **BOWLS CLUBS & BOWLS DIVISION** from your Bowls Victoria were successful in their application to Round 1 of the Sporting Uniform Grants Program funding program:

TAKE NOTE – YOU CAN APPLY FOR ROUND 2

The next funding round for this program will open on 25 January 25, 2012 and close on 1 March 2012, and is open to all sporting/recreational clubs in Victoria who are affiliated with their State Sporting Association. For more information about the Sporting Uniform Grants Program visit www.dpzd.vic.gov.au/home/grants

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Winners of First Combined State Championship Finals

The Men's & Women's Over 60's State Finals were conducted at Mornington Civic BC on Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 December, and victory in the Men's Singles went to Queenscliff's Barrie Close and Sandra McColgan of Rosebud Country Club in the Women's Event.

McColgan shot out of the starting blocks and established an 11-0 lead over her highly fancied opponent in Robyn Thomassen (Grangeburn), and was never headed in an all the way victory to run out a 21-6 victor in a fine display of draw shot play mixed with a vast array of precise conversion shots. Sandra may not have started favourite in the final, but she was certainly 'crowd favourite' with the spectators from her own club who traveled up from Rosebud to witness her flawless exhibition.

In the Men's Final it was a different story for eventual winner Barrie Close as he looked very sluggish at the starter's gun and found himself with his hands full with Cohuna Golf's Ron Eckhardt, and after three ends Close trailed 0-7 as a result of dropping a full count of four on the very first end. Eckhardt's use of his magical bowler's arm looked like it was going to cause a boil over, but Close's grim determination saw him peg back his early deficit and go on to win eleven of the next thirteen ends and post a 21-10 victory over a courageous opponent.

The undoubted highlights of the event were the integration of the Men's & Women's events being played alongside one another for the entire championship final series, and the host venue's presentation of their facilities and the fantastic support provided by the volunteers at the Mornington Civic BC.

Final 16 Qualifiers for AER Mixed Pairs State Finals

Last Sunday 4 December Regional Finals were conducted at several venues around the State to determine who would advance to the State Finals of the AER Mixed Pairs Championships to be played at Geelong West BC on Sunday 18 & Monday 19 December 2011. All section winners have now advanced to the State Finals.

AER Mixed Pairs – Section Winners

Section 1 @ Mooroolbark

Gary Senn
Annette Scutt Boronia BC

Section 2 @ Mooroolbark

John Strybosch
Debbie Strybosch Heathmont BC

Section 3 @ Mooroolbark

Peter Gerty
Noelene Gerty Richmond Union BC

Section 4 @ Mooroolbark

Brian Garrett
Irene Garrett Doncaster BC

Section 5 @ Mooroolbark

John McPherson
Wilma Quirke Hurstbridge BC

Section 6 @ Mooroolbark

Jim Ferguson
Kaye Pam Burwood District BC

Section 7 @ Elsternwick Club

Christian Thornhill
Lauren Mills Mentone BC

Section 8 @ Elsternwick Club

Rudolph Knopers
Joan Bretherton Mornington Civic BC

Section 9 @ Elmore Club

Brian Deller
Mary Frank Bendigo East BC

Section 10 @ Glenroy

Andrew Ross
Leanne Quinton Whittlesea BC

Section 11 @ Ocean Grove

Henry Dahler
Glen Byers Queenscliff BC

Section 12 @ Ocean Grove

Peter Inglis
Lynda Inglis City Colac BC

Section 13 @ Dookie

John Brown
Lynne Brown Kyabram BC

Section 14 @ Dookie

Frank Tonn
Janette Morton Cohuna BC

Section 15 @ Stawell

James Robertson
Jing Robertson Warracknabeal BC

Section 16 @ Stawell

Fred Zolh
Carmen Isbel Rupanyup BC

Over 60's State Pairs Finals for Men

On Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 December the action moves to Keilor BC for the State Finals of the Men's Over 60's Pairs for season 2011/2012. Players will be vying for the coveted Legacy Sir Dallas Brooks Trophy, and competition is sure to be keen.

Keilor BC is in picture perfect condition and primed ready for the Region Winners to display their skills on what are sure to be excellent greens at next week's event.

The field assembled for this event has a mixture of previous State Event winners spread through the ranks, so for anyone expecting to turn up for a walk in the park, they'll be given a pretty quick reality check if they expect that to be the case.

It's very difficult to make a choice between a number of the teams, but there would be those that would think that you couldn't look too far past the Dennis Arthur and Barrie Close combination from Queenscliff (Barrie looking to secure the double with the pairs to go with his singles victory this week), and Terry Gilmore & Frank Tonn from Cohuna who are never very far from the winner's circle at these events.

Torie Babitsch & Ian Ross from Bendigo will also be making their presence felt and don't be surprised if a couple of likely lads 'the Two Ronnies' from Essendon in Ron Noonan and Ron Tatti aren't knocking on the door come next Thursday for the semis and final.

**BOWLS VICTORIA VICTORIAN MEN'S
OVER 60's PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011/12
for the Legacy Sir Dallas Brooks Trophy**

FINALS

KEILOR BOWLS CLUB

1 Barcelona Avenue, Keilor - ☎ 9336 7313

Wednesday 14 December, 2011 – 10.00am & 1.00pm

Thursday 15 December, 2011 – 10.00am & 1.00pm

**ALL VISITORS WELCOME
DRAW**

Peninsula/Casey (Karingal)	John Taborsky Lyle Taberner (s)	v	Gippsland (Lakes Entrance)	John Kool John Lewis (s)
Murray Mallee (Cohuna)	Terry Gilmore Frank Tonn (s)	v	West Coast (Terang)	Leo Meade Harold Elford (s)
Yarra (Ivanhoe)	Joe Bounader Frank Whillans (s)	v	Bendigo Campaspe (Bendigo)	Torie Babitsch Ian Ross (s)
Wimmera (Horsham City)	Govan Bellinger Derek Ballinger (s)	v	Ovens & Murray (Corowa Services)	Ted Hovard Bill Davison (s)
Sandbelt (Clayton)	Gordon Phillipotts Bill Phelan (s)	v	Strzelecki (Toora)	Allan Spooner Ian Griffiths (s)
Metro West (Laverton)	Richard Evans Alfred Williams (s)	v	Central Victoria (Kyneton Golf)	John Smith Alan Firth (s)
Eastern Ranges (Mitcham)	George Dolan Ken Pruden (s)	v	Northern Gateway (Essendon)	Ron Noonan Ron Tatti (s)
Geelong (Queenscliff)	Barrie Close Dennis Arthur (s)	v	Central, Goulburn Murray (Shepparton Park)	Bruce Tully Vince Page (s)

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