

# Weekly Bulletin

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEWS



## THANK YOU

As I did at this time last year, I want to sincerely wish all Bowls Victorians a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please travel safely and come back with a renewed energy for our great game.

In particular, I again thank the **thousands of volunteers** who contribute countless hours to the administration of our sport – you are the lifeblood of bowls and we hope you manage to relax and share time with those around you during this festive season.

To all **Bowls Victoria Board Directors** and **Committee** Members, thank you for your contributions. In early 2012, we will be convening a meeting of all **Committee Chairmen/Deputy Chairmen** to enhance our working relationships. For many Committees, this initial establishment period has been tough; but 2012 will see greater integration into our Bowls Victoria department structures.

Farewell to **David Allen** and thank you for the *Bowls in Focus* magazine since 2004. We wish you well with your pursuits in retirement from BV. My sentiments have been quoted roundly in the December magazine under "End of an Era".

To **Kate Benton** a big thank you for the great work you did at BV prior to moving to Lifesaving Victoria.

Thanks also to retired **Board Directors**, Betty Collins, Pat Calabresi and Barrie Close, for your excellent contribution as inaugural Board Directors of BV.

To our **staff**, take a well-earned rest and recovery time prior to resuming work on Tuesday 3 January. We can look forward to 2012 with a complete management structure in place for the very first time. Exciting times.



**BOWLS VICTORIA – SMALL STEPS – HISTORIC JOURNEY**

## **BOWLS OPERATIONS NEWS**

### **Over 60's Men's Pairs State Finals**

Victory in the 2011/2012 Over 60's Men's Pairs State Final has gone to the Bendigo BC duo of Torie Babitsch & Ian Ross who withstood a determined challenge to rip the title from their grasp by the formidable pairing of Dennis Arthur & Barrie Close from the Queenscliff BC when the final of the event was staged last week at the Keilor BC.

From the outset, this match was all about trying to negate the dominance of both skips and their ability to turn ends of despair into last gasp moments of sheer brilliance. Both Arthur and Babitsch played cameo roles to their respective skip's arm wrestle as both teams were trying to establish a winning break.

Arthur & Close set the early pace to establish a 7-2 lead after 5 ends of the 15 end final, but not to be denied the Bendigonians clawed their way back to make it all square at 9-9 all on the 11 end.

The last four ends were top shelf as neither duo wanted to let their grip on the magnificent Legacy Sir Dallas Brooks Trophy slip, and Ian Ross was sensational over the last three ends to help steer his team over the line and record a 13-10 win.

Melbourne Legacy Past President Graeme Standish was delighted at the caliber of the play displayed by all players in the State Final and conveyed that in his presentation speech to the players.

In the morning semi-finals Close & Arthur dominated their win over Kyneton Golf's John Smith & Alan Firth 21-3, whilst Babitsch & Ross had to withstand some nervous moments from the Lakes Entrance duo of John Kool & John Lewis who after a slow start kept the Bendigo boys honest in getting over the line 12-7.

Many thanks to the Keilor BC for their assistance with staging the event and the support of their volunteers, your club was presented in first class condition.

A complete run down of all the scores from the last 16 of the event is available on the BV website.

### **AER Mixed Pairs State Finals**

Last Sunday 18 & Monday 19 December the State Finals of the AER Mixed Pairs were conducted at Geelong West BC and after previously finishing runners-up in the past couple of these events, Cohuna's Jan Morton and Frank Tonn emerged as the winners and have now claimed their place in the national finals to be staged as part of the proceedings at this year's Australian Open in February.

The final staged between Morton & Tonn from Cohuna and Lynda & Peter Inglis of City Colac BC was dominated by the Cohuna duo and the final scoreline of 12-5, 10-3 highlighted the dominance of the winners.

In getting to the final both teams had strong wins over their semi-final opponents with the Inglis' winning through by defeating the Mentone team of Lauren Mills & Christian Thornhill in straight sets 9-2, 9-5 and the Heathmont team of Debbie & John Strybosch going down to the eventual winners 12-3, 11-1.

Details of other matches conducted in the AER Mixed Pairs State Finals are available online on the BV website.

### **Pennant Season 2011/2012**

With the Metropolitan Pennant season going into a short recess it provides an opportunity for a timely reminder from Metropolitan Pennant Committee Chairman Bob Middleton to all clubs that Pennant Check Forms for Saturday & Midweek Pennant must be thoroughly checked before submitting them.

Recently, a number of forms have been returned with incorrect scores on them and in some cases without the team sheet not being completed listing all participants of both the home and the away team.

As these are the official result sheets for the match, accuracy is very important as once the team sheet is signed by both managers the result is final.

Checking the scorecards by the Skips prior to signing is well advised also as there is an ever increasing number of errors showing up when clubs are doing their own reviews of results of matches and then clubs are requesting for results to be amended.

Coupled with the checking of the scorecards prior to signing, it would be well worth the two skips conferring with each other during play to make sure that the scores they are entering on the scorecards are accurate and match up to avoid discrepancies.

### **Upcoming Events**

Region Sides Championship at Corowa 7 & 8 January 2012

Women's Novice Singles State Finals at Queenscliff BC on Sunday 15 & Sunday 22 January 2012.

Many thanks to all the Regions & Divisions for the manner in which they have supplied information regarding their winners of state events at local level to Bowls Victoria over the past weeks, it has provided us with the opportunity to collate all the necessary information that is vital in the conduct of State Finals.

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