



BOWLS
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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of the President and Board of Bowls Tasmania, I would like to wish everyone in the Tasmanian bowls community a very happy and safe New Year.

Welcome to the first edition of what is hoped to become a quarterly Newsletter to keep as many members as possible informed about what is happening within Bowls Tasmania. The Newsletter will be emailed to all members whose email address is in BowsLink, it will be emailed to Clubs to send out to their members and will be put on the Bowls Tasmania website and Facebook pages.

I have been in the position of Chief Executive Officer for just over fifteen months and have tried in that time to attend as many Bowls Tasmania events as possible and to meet as many of our bowls community as possible. We have an amazing network of clubs, volunteers, coaches and officials in Tasmania all of whom are working to deliver the sport of lawn bowls that we all know and love. Thank you one and all – without your efforts we would not be able to achieve all the things that we do.

The past fifteen months have seen some highs and lows – with the two highs that immediately spring to mind particularly are the launch and success of the Tasmania Tridents in the Bowls Premier League and the success of our Under 18 Boys in winning the Bowls Australia Under 18 Sides Championship for the first time ever – congratulations to Bailey Bellchambers, Jonty Hayes, Codi Marshall, Oliver Morrison and Lachlan Thurley on an outstanding achievement. The impacts of COVID-19 have been very challenging and is certainly the big low but together we have come through that and are virtually back to where we were before COVID-19.

I look forward to working with you all in 2023 in what promises to be a great year for our sport in Tasmania.

Rob McGuire
Chief Executive Officer

YOUR BOARD 2022-23

There have been several changes to the BTAS Board since the Annual General Meeting in May 2022. The current Board consists of:

President Bernard Knight

Treasurer: David Back

Board:

Anne Mullavey (Portfolio – Diversity and Change, Strategic Planning), Jane Pickett (Portfolio – Junior Development), Leonie Price (Portfolios – Officiating and Coaching, Bowling Arm), Phil Prouse (Portfolios – Bowls Premier League and Match Committee) Gena Short (Portfolio – Disability Bowls), Mark Strochnetter (Portfolio – High Performance)

HANDBOOK 2022-23

The Bowls Tasmania 2022-23 Handbook has been released and can be downloaded on the Bowls Tasmania website “About Us” and “Handbook”. You can download the entire document or just the parts specific to your region. The Handbook will be updated twice a month with any changes advised by the regions so that it is up to date most of the time. The Handbook is also available in an App version by downloading Team App. and signing up to Bowls Tasmania.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022-23 TO 2024-25

Bowls Tasmania has prepared a calendar of events for the next three years up to and including the 2024-25 season. You can find the calendar on the Bowls Tasmania website under “Events” and “Events Calendar”.

JANUARY 2023 GALA WEEK

The first of the Bowls Tasmania State Championships will be held in the Launceston area from Saturday 7 January - Wednesday 11 January 2023. Trevallyn will be the host club - supported by Longford, Kings Meadows and North Launceston. These Championships will include the Open Mixed Pairs, Open Men's and Women's Triples, Bowling Arm Singles and Pairs and the Boys and Girls Junior Singles and Pairs Championships. Round 2 of Juniors State Wide Challenge will also be held at Longford on Sunday 8 January 2023.

CHANGE OF DATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIORS STATE WIDE CHALLENGE 2022-23

Bowls Australia has announced that Perth WA will host The Nationals in 2023 and 2026. The event in 2023 will be held later that this year – with the dates being 6 – 20 October 2022.

The Australian Senior Sides Championships will be held from 8 – 11 October 2023. To be eligible to be selected in Tasmania's Senior Side, players must be 60 years of age or above as of the first day of the event (8 October 2023). Our current SWC Conditions of Play mentions 1 October 2023 as the date of eligibility to play in Seniors SWC, however, this will be amended before the second round of SWC on 17 January 2022 to read 8 October 2023 to coincide with eligibility for The Seniors Nationals.

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Entries close on 27 January 2023 for the Bowls Tasmania State Seniors Championships will be held in the South from Sunday 12 February 2023 until Wednesday 15 February 2023 with host and other clubs yet to be advised. The Championships will include the Men's and Women's Senior Pairs and Fours. For the first time ever, they will also include the Bowling Arm Pairs and Fours State Championships. You can enter online or using a paper entry form via the Bowls Tasmania website under "Events" and "Senior Championships 2023 – Hobart".

MARCH 2023 GALA WEEK

Entries will open next week for the final Gala Week of the Bowls Tasmania State Championships will be held on the North- West Coast from Saturday 11 March - Friday 17 March 2023 with the Burnie Bowls Club being the Host Club with other games being played at other clubs to be advised. The Championships will include the Open and B Grade Men's and Women's Singles, Open and B Grade Men and Women's Pairs, the Open and B Grade Men's and Women's Fours. They will also the Disability Singles and Pairs Championships and the Bowling Arm Triples and Fours Championships. You can enter online or using a paper entry form via the Bowls Tasmania website under "Events" and "Gala Week March 2023 – North West Coast".

BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Bowls Tasmania has announced a changed line up for the Tasmanian Tridents when they compete in Bowls Australia's Bowls Premier League (BPL#17) at the Moama Bowling Club on the New South Wales / Victoria border from 20 -24 February 2022.

It is Bowls Tasmania policy that Tasmania Tridents players must be resident and playing pennant in Tasmania. As part of its rotation policy to expose the top Tasmanian players to one of the highest profile competitions in Australia, Trevallyn's Michael Sims will join dual Commonwealth Games gold medallist and world champion Rebecca Van Asch, alongside current Tasmanian Fours Championship winner Taelyn Male, with one-time Australian Jackaroo Mark Strochnetter assuming the coaching duties for BPL#17.

Sims will make Tridents history as the first player to be brought in to the team following the team's inception into the BPL at the commencement of BPL14 earlier this year. The 26-year-old brings a wealth of state experience to the tournament having been a state representative since 2013 and representing the state on 97 occasions. In addition, he is a multiple winner of Bowls Tasmania's Male Bowler of the Year award and was the 2014 Bowls Australia Under-18 Male Bowler of the Year. Sims was part of the winning Tasmanian BPL Cup team in 2022.

A big thank you and congratulations to Burnie's Mark Nitz on the amazing contribution he made as a foundation member of the Tasmania Tridents.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BPL CUP 2023

After one of its biggest years yet in 2022, even more clubs will have the chance to get involved in the BPL Cup in 2023. Clubs interested in hosting preliminary qualifying rounds in 2023 can submit an expression of interest via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K78LXBG>

NEXT ISSUE – APRIL 2023

A question that is regularly asked is what are the benefits of being affiliated with your region, Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia and what do members get for their annual subscription? A full explanation and break-down of how your affiliation fee is spent will be provided in the next Newsletter.