



BOWLS NORTH (Inc.)

3rd REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For
2010 - 2011

President	Tony Benneworth
Deputy President	Veronica Fellows
Treasurer	Margaret Turner
Secretary	Gaylene McNab
Men's Section Chairman	Rob Panton
Women's Section Chairman	Isabel McLelland
Board	Brenda Jones, Joyce Shaw replaced Gillian Young (resigned), Lyn Mitchell, John Webb, Garry Beven replaced Max Minns (resigned), Ray Boucher.

Presented to the Annual General Meeting 22nd May 2011 held at the
Kings Meadows Bowls Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to present the second Annual Report of Bowls North (Inc.).

It was an outstanding year. Clearly the highlight was the seamless way in which the men adopted and warmed to the new format of eight clubs per division and 12 players per team.

Finals were outstanding; who will ever forget the magnificent Division 1 final between Cressy and Scottsdale? The match was decided by one solitary point, and that was only gained at the extra end. And then there is Longford. This team just knows how to win the big ones – five in a row and now the holder of the first ever Mitsubishi Challenger Shield.

We won three State finals in the men's division! Not a bad effort when you consider our clubs – Cressy, Kings Meadows and North Launceston all had to find four extra players!

The Kings Meadows Division 1 Ladies, even though not finishing on the top of the ladder, showed their domination of women's bowls winning their eighth Northern title.

Six of our men represented our State during the year and three women also achieved the highest accolade afforded to our players.

Rebecca Quail stamped her name firmly before the Australian administrators with her wonderful win in the Super 6 Series singles and her elevation into the Australian Squad.

We were able to financially help one of our clubs during the year, a difficult decision which I believe we should all be very proud of. Clubs had the final say on this matter – as they should – and to their credit, resolved to assist.

Our member and club forums continued, providing the Board of Management and Sections with invaluable input and feedback. Forums must continue into the future.

On the down side, there are still some issues which need addressing. Women & men play on the same greens, use the same bowls, and play under the same international rules. But strong links with the past are hard to break. Only time will bring the parties together and have us all playing under the same set of playing conditions. Your board will continue to bring the parties together in the hope of one day fully unifying the sections.

And there are other niggling issues; afternoon teas, entry fees, competition management all of which need further work by the incoming Board.

I thank the Men's and Women's Sections and their representatives for their work throughout the year. Bowls is not a simple game to administer and I know they face challenges which frustrate them. There is no lack of enthusiasm or commitment in this area.

Our Section Chairs, Rob Panton and Isabel McLelland, were both new to their positions but undertook their roles with absolute commitment to their respective members.

The match committee's and selectors are also to be thanked and congratulated on their work.

Again our Statisticians, Sue Ross and Adrian Coomber, are commended for their diligent statistical work throughout the season.

Our Publicity Officers, Lyn Mitchell and Gus Draper continue to keep everyone informed through their Examiner columns. Thank you.

I also want to acknowledge the work of Warren Groves, our Men's Section Deputy Chairman, whose experience gathered over many years of bowls administration, has been invaluable to many of us.

Our voluntary umpires appear to have received more respect this year than in the past. They may argue with that but generally, I have observed more tolerance from both sides of the green. Chairman Marie Cleaver is thanked for all her work and approachability.

The one area I specifically want to mention is that of youth development.

Men's Section Chairman Rob Panton was asked to take on the role of Chairman of Youth Development.

Along with Brenda Jones, they attacked this neglected area of our game in an effort to consolidate the many fractious bodies of the past, who were all working in the interests of our youth, but without genuine guidance. Issues such as coaching, management, coordination and development needed urgent attention. They have come a long way.

One genuine weakness of Bowls Tasmania is their lack of youth management throughout the State. We are trying to do our bit, but I suggest that until BT has a genuine vision of where it wants Youth Development to go, we may have to go it alone.

Financially, we again had a good year, keeping our expenses under control in another very tight economic climate. During the year, we invested in a marketing campaign to encourage more participation in bowls. I am not convinced that we all embraced the campaign with the vigilance and attention that may have been required.

Our finances require constant surveillance, making sure we keep a balance between diligent expenditure and sustainable income and financial stability. As an Association we are in a financially strong position. Our Treasurer Margaret Turner deserves our sincere thanks.

Our Association Secretary Gaylene McNab came into the job at the start of the season. She has been a terrific member of the team and has undertaken her very difficult job with thorough professionalism. Her support to me as President has been fabulous and I wish to thank her most sincerely.

Our investment in modern, up to date technology has paid dividends. The ability to communicate with the office is now instant, something never dreamed about in the past.

Scamander Bowls Club hosted the Howard-Watson Shield, between the East Coast & Bowls North. The men enjoyed friendship, good bowling, and fabulous food with the East Coast winning on the day and retaining the Howard-Watson Shield for the next twelve months.

The East Coast clubs have been busy recruiting juniors and with this growth of young dedicated bowlers, and the clubs' commitment to their juniors, their future looks good in the long term.

Swansea Bowls Club Ladies celebrated their first ever Grand final win in 30 years this season defeating St Helens by three shots in a wonderful final.

The East Coast Men's grand final was between St. Helens Blue and Swansea, with St. Helens winning back to back titles.

St. Helens Blue then went on to defeat Bruny Island in the Division 3 Reserve State Final by 34 shots.

Sponsorship

John McKenna and the Mitsubishi dealers in Tasmania must be thanked and admired for their magnificent support of bowls. When we went to John seeking support for the new men's Challenger concept, it was instantly forthcoming. I urge all members to talk to John and his staff before buying your next motor vehicle.

Members will have noticed the beautiful Mitsubishi Challenger SUV on display at Kings Meadows during the finals series.

Country Club Tasmania continued to support our Northern Teams with their provision of the distinctive, Bowls North Shirts. We thank them for this continued support which has made us the envy of the North West and South.

Our Victorian friends, Pat and Rosa Visconte, continue to support us with the free use of our city office. This saves us about \$2000 per year and is greatly appreciated.

Communication

We currently forward all information to clubs – including Board Minutes – by email. We expect the clubs to print and put the information on club notice boards.

We also have a member's information service. Simply put, if you give us your email address, you will receive all information emanating from the Association's office. Just let us know, by emailing Gaylene at ntbowls@bigpond.net.au and she will add you to our mailing list.

I am fully aware of confidentiality requirement and can assure you that your information will not be made available to any other organisation.

Website

Our Webmaster, Pat Bennett, has kept us all well informed regarding the various competitions, the winners of same and also reminding us of the different functions occurring within bowls. Pat is always very receptive of Club news and would appreciate input from northern members. All that is required is an email or phone call to Pat regarding anything of interest within your Club.

Conclusion

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks for the support afforded me by our Deputy President, Veronica Fellows. Veronica is an excellent ambassador for our sport, be it in a

leadership role, her brilliant work with the Member Protection Policy, or her willingness to take on any job with both enthusiasm and gusto.

To all the Board members I say thank you. During the year, two vacancies occurred on the Board and, as per the Constitution, the Board appointed members to fill the vacancies. Garry Beven replaced Max Minns and Joyce Shaw stepped in for Gillian Young. As usual, debate has been informed, rigorous and unbiased. I have asked members to represent bowls – not vested interests – and am delighted to report that they have done so with considerable strength.

I want to place on record my thanks to John Webb who has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election to the Board this year.

To the incoming Board and Section representatives, I say congratulations on your election. But be advised that the work is now in front of us and we are expected to do it in the interests of all bowlers in the North.

Tony Benneworth

Vale

We have lost many members during the past year and condolences are expressed to family and friends.

Life Members

Arthur Robins, Peggy Irving, Olive Bennett, Molly Howell, Margaret Diprose, Max Minns & Gus Draper.

Auditors

Garrott and Garrott Chartered Accounts

Sponsors

Mitsubishi, Country Club Casino, Launceston Motor Group, RACT, Bowls North Past Presidents' Association, Forty Winks

Operational Committees:

Women's Section Committee:

Chairman	Isabel McLelland
Deputy Chairman	Gail Linger
Secretary	Cheryl Jarvis
	Fay Liddell
	Karin Wells

Match Committee:

Coordinator	Gail Linger
Secretary	Cheryl Jarvis
	Marie Cleaver
	Lyn Vodak
	Shirley Claxton

Bev Smith
Kathy Hawes
Helen Moir

Selection Committee:

Chairman Greg Smith
 Betty Grubb
 Judy Heyne

Men's Section Committee:

Chairman Rob Panton
Deputy Chairman Warren Groves
Secretary Adrian Coomber
 Garry Beven
 Andrew Baird

Match Committee:

Coordinator Warren Groves
Secretary Adrian Coomber
 Noel Dargan
 Garry Beven
 Kent Mitchell
 Andrew Baird

Selection Committee:

Chairman Colin Ward
 Peter Zoon
 Michael Saltmarsh

Under 25's and 18's Committee:

Chairman Rob Panton
Secretary Brenda Jones
 Dennis Page
 Michael Jackson
 Kaye Comber
 David Sims
Coach Greg Smith
Selectors Brenda Jones, Dennis Page, Greg Smith,

Umpires Committee:

Chairman Marie Cleaver
Secretary Darrel Smith

Coaching Committee:

Chairman Marie Cleaver
Secretary Greg Smith

Events:

Pennant Finals-Women

Division 1	Kings Meadows 60 d Launceston 44
Division 2	Trevallyn 65 d Scottsdale 55
Division 3	Westbury 72 d Midlands 51
Division 4	Invermay 68 d George Town Red 60

Pennant Finals-Men

Challenger League	Longford 76 d Kings Meadows 67
Division 1	Cressy 78 d Scottsdale 77
Division 2	Kings Meadows 86 d Deloraine 62
Division 3	North Launceston 78 d Beauty Point 65
Division 4	Bridport 66 d Deloraine 56
Division 5	George Town 71 d Ravenswood 54

Bowls Tasmania State Pennant Finals - Northern Winners

Men

Division 2	Cressy
Division 2 Reserve	Kings Meadows
Division 3	North Launceston
Division 3R	St.Helens Blue

Northern Championship Winners-Women

Open Fours:

Winners (KM)	Margaret Woodiwiss, Ruby Jamieson, Kaye Comber, Margaret Turner
Runners Up	Karin Wells, Dilys Dolphin, Sally Lees, Cheryl Jarvis (Exeter)

Open Triples:

Winners	Chris Oliver (LBC), Carol Holloway (EL), Margaret Campbell (EL)
Runners Up	Nicole Smith, Vicki Winley, Rebecca Quail (Invermay)

Open Pairs:

Winners	Margaret Woodiwiss, Ruby Jamieson (Kings Meadows)
Runners Up	Nicole Smith, Rebecca Quail (Invermay)

Minor Pairs:

Winners Kathy McLean, Pam Strutt (Launceston)
Runners up Lyn Barber, Robyn Bishop (Ravenswood)

Open Singles:

Winner Kim Saunders (Kings Meadows)
Runner Up Molly Howell (Kings Meadows)

D.L. Reid:

Winner Kim Saunders (Kings Meadows)
Runner up Margaret Pearce (East Launceston)

Major/Minor Pairs:

Winners Carol Guy, Betty Appleby (Kings Meadows)
Runners up Molly Howell (Kings Meadows), Pat Bower (Westbury)

Mitsubishi Fours:

Winners Bev Smith, Joy Heywood, Molly Hanson, Rhonda Peck (West Launceston)
Runners up Kaye Conway, Ruth Lyons, Sharon Reece, Maureen Duggan (George Town)

Association Day:

Winners Lyn Bacon, Lorraine Donovan, Marlene Richardson, Doreen Papas
(Longford)
Runners Up Gwen Watchorn, Hazel Tyne, Teresa Turmine, Sally Lees (Exeter)

Northern Championship Winners - Men**Open Fours:**

Winners Ray Boutcher, Roger Baker, Brodie Baker, Andrew Whitmore (North)
Runners Up Graeme Hemmingway, Sean Alderson, Nathan Chugg, Gary Bradshaw (KM)

Open Triples:

Winners David Minns (North), Jarrod Howard (North), Mike Oliver (Launceston)
Runners Up Ray Boutcher, Brodie Baker, Andrew Whitmore (North)

Open Pairs:

Winners Aaron Page, Graeme Hemmingway (Kings Meadows)
Runners Up Stuart Groom, Stephen Pearsall (Invermay)

Open Singles :

Winner Simon Zaporozec (Longford)
Runner Up Mark Strochnetter (Longford)

Northern Championship Winners - Men continued**Minor Singles:**

Winner Bryon Slater (Ravenswood)
Runner Up Grant Williamson (Launceston)

Veterans:

Winner Alan Hodgman (West)
Runner Up Geoff Cherry (Trevallyn)

Novice:

Winner Daniel Hill (Scottsdale)
Runner Up Peter Hillier (Beauty Point)

Under 25s:**Singles**

Winner Jeff Miller (Trevallyn)
Runner Up Chris Roach (Longford)

Pairs:

Winner Kane Stewart, Trace Stewart (Launceston)
Runner Up Tom Mitchell (Deloraine), Chris Roach (Longford)

Juniors:**Fours**

Winners Michael Frain (North), Kyle Howard (Beauty Point),
Chris Cartlidge (St. Helens), Nick Harding (Trevallyn)
Runners Up Andrew Whitmore (North), Matthew Jackson (Longford),
Brodie Baker (North), Michael Sims (Trevallyn),

Pairs

Winners Andrew Whitmore (North) Matthew Jackson (Longford)
Runners Up Kyle Howard (Beauty Point), Michael Sims (Trevallyn)

Boys Singles

Winner Andrew Whitmore (North)
Runner Up Chris Cartlidge (St. Helens)

Girls Singles

Winner Aquis Jones (North)
Runner Up Tia Cane (North)

BOWLS NORTH (INC)
Minutes Annual General Meeting
Sunday 23rd May 2010
Kings Meadows Bowls Club

President Tony opened the meeting at 11 am saying how pleasing it was to see the number of people in attendance and acknowledged Life Members Peggy Irving and Patron/Life Member Olive Bennett. President Tony thanked everyone for their support during the year.

President Tony: advised the meeting that 96 Men and 102 Women had voted for positions vacant.

Apologies: Carol Shea, John Lunnon, Keith Viney, Peter Turmine, June Hall, Tony White Noel Dargan, Andrew Oakham, Helen Moir, Eddy Lawson, Peter Foley

President Tony asked that it be resolved that the apologies be accepted – agreedby meeting.

Vale: President Tony asked the meeting to be upstanding for a minutes silenced to remember bowlers, family and friends who had passed away due the year noting that Life Member David Moir a stalwart and great administrator of bowls was one of these people

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been circulated and are in the Annual Report

MOVED Gus Draper “that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting as circulated be accepted
SECONDED Ted Bramich
CARRIED

Life Members President Tony said that it was his pleasant duty to award Life Memberships As approved by the Board. President Tony spoke of the achievements of Max Minns and Gus Draper and presented them with badges and certificates. Max and Gus responded.

Retiring Member President Tony called on Ted Bramich and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his years of dedication to bowls. Ted responded

Reports President Tony spoke to the Annual Report thanking all board members, section committees and match committees for their tireless work during the year and congratulating all Championships winners noting in particular the achievements of Bridport Ladies Division 3 and North Launceston Men Division 2 reserve on winning State Pennant Championships. President Tony asked that it be noted that there was an error in the Women’s Open Singles Championships runner up Margaret Woodiwiss was the runner up not Karin Wells. This to be noted and changed. President Tony spoke about membership noting that at this time it is stable but suggested that if every bowler could introduce a new person to bowls this would be a step forward.

President Tony also spoke about the coming year with the changes to Men’s Pennant and said that Junior Bowls and Mixed Bowls would be a priority for the coming year

President Tony **MOVED** “that the Annual Report be received”
SECONDED Derek Fellows
CARRIED

Treasurer Margaret presented the Audited Financial Statement and read the Treasurer's Declaration and the Auditors Independence Declaration Treasurer Margaret asked if there were any queries and as there were none

MOVED "that the Financial Statements as presented be received"

SECONDED Max Minns

CARRIED

Election of Officers

presented Brenda Jones-Board Member who oversaw the counting of votes

List of elected board members:

President	Tony Benneworth
Vice President	Veronica Fellows
Men's Section Chairman	Rob Panton
Women's Section Chairman	Isabel McLelland
Male Board Member	Ray Boutcher (2 years)
Female Board Member	Lyn Mitchell (2 years)

As Rob Panton had been elected to the Board 2 Men's Executive Committee were required. President Tony called for nominations

Garry Beven nominated by Robin Cocker seconded Max Minns
Trevor Cowen nominated by John Wright seconded Norm Griffiths
Ross Munro nominated by George Shaw seconded Stuart Hogarth
Andrew Baird nominated by Ted Bramich seconded Don Trott

Voting papers were handed out and President Tony asked that two names only be written on papers

Garry Beven and Andrew Baird were elected

Women's Section Executive Committee are Fay Liddell and Karin Wells

President Tony congratulated all persons newly elected and thanked outgoing members of the Board and Committees

Brenda Jones **MOVED** "that all ballot papers be destroyed"

SECONDED Derek Fellows

CARRIED

President Tony thanked Brenda and the Poll Clerks for the work.

Gus Draper spoke about Jennifer's work and dedication to the Association Secretary's position and

MOVED "a vote of appreciation for work, dedication and input over the past years:

SECONDED Ted Bramich
ACCLAMATION

CARRIED BY

President Tony again thanked everyone for their attendance and advised that Trophies, Plaques and Medallions for Triangular players would be presented immediately after the close of the meeting. President Tony invited new Life Members Max Minns and Gus Draper together with Patron Olive Bennett to assist with presentations. President Tony reminded members that a sausage sizzle was available and hoped that people would stay for a social time.

President Tony closed the meeting at 11.35 am

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Tony Benneworth-President

Date