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BOWLER OF THE YEAR 2024

With a (alleged) knee replacement keeping him out of a large portion of the season, it was a huge effort for John Hawes to win both Pairs and Fours titles, thus sealing the Bowler of the Year title. Frank Bognar swept all before him to take out the Minor Singles and the Rookie of the Year title.



Bowler of the Year - John Hawes



*Rookie of the Year
Swanky Frank Bognar*

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Cow Dung Cup

Back to Back Win in the CDC



A weather forecast of morning showers failed to eventuate, and a clear day was on show for this year's ever popular Cow Dung Cup. With a reduced green capacity, entries had to be limited to 14 teams. Nevertheless, whilst the field was smaller, the enthusiasm was high. Teams from 10 clubs participated, with our good friends from Erskineville making the trip down for their fifth consecutive crack at the title.

Closer afield were bowlers from Bundanoon, Oak Flats, Berry, and Kiama with 3 composite teams and five Jamberoo teams rounding out the list. Play got underway right on schedule following a bacon and egg breakfast prepared by the Croation Count Frank and his able assistant Susi, we thank them for their early start.

The Jamberoo team of Harris, Moore and Hawes got their day off to a strong start with a 9 point win, close behind was the Berry team with an 8 point win and looking like the only side to trouble the leaders. However a heavy loss by that team and a second strong win by Jamberoo saw them go into the deciding game with what appeared to be a an unassailable lead. A loss to Oak Flats saw their lead cut by 3, but the Jamberoo team had done enough to take the cup two years in a row.

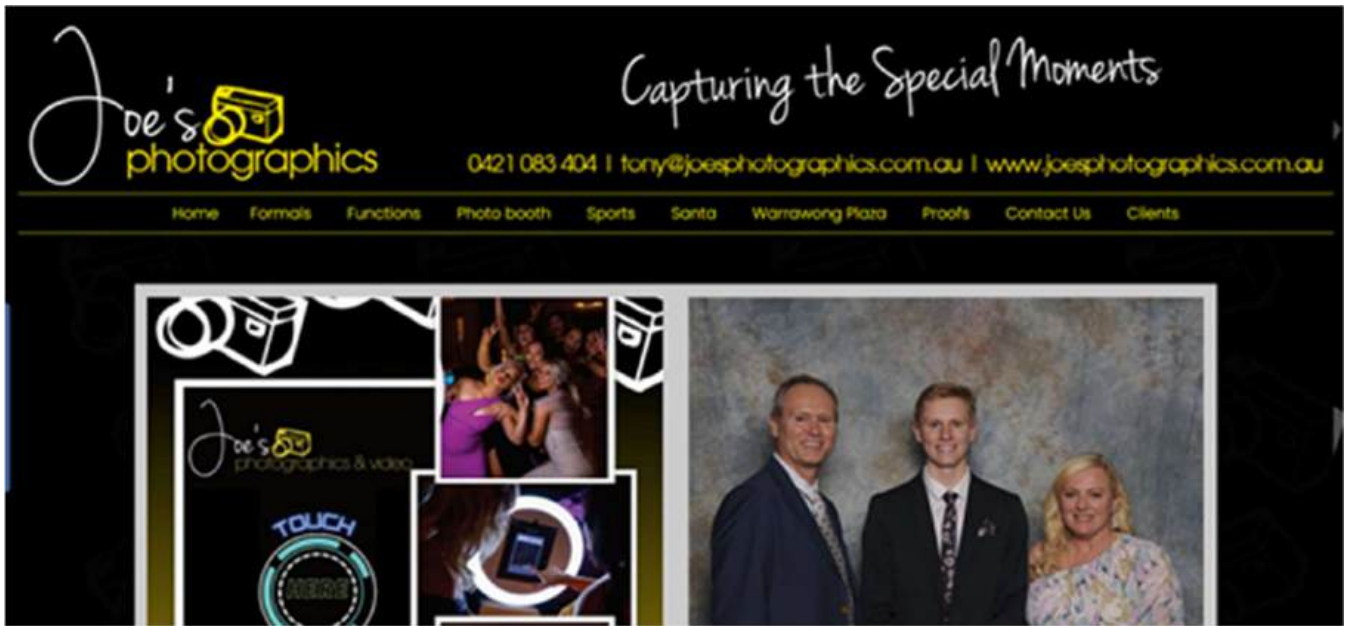
Kiama secured second place with Oak Flats completing the podium order. Margin prizes went to Erko 1, Berry and team Pirie.



JOB lets one fly

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The organisers acknowledge and thank our sponsors, Josluk, Jamberoo Bowling Club, Jamberoo Valley Lodge, Greg Burrell Building Services, Tony from Joe's Photography and Margaret Stephens for the trophy display. We also thank our volunteers, Terry, Frank, Kelly, Mick T, Susi and our Chef de Mission Kiwi Steve. Looks easy on the day but as we all know preparation is everything. Special thanks to Greg Clough for filling in for the Ding.



Roll on the Cup in 2025.

Club Championship - Pairs

We started off with 32 players, 16 teams entering the pairs championship.

In the quarter finals we saw team Hawes out playing team Tez/Willo, team B. Harris out class team Frank and Rob A. Team BAM was too good for team C. Harris/G. Clough and team G. Burrell beating team A. Pirie/Mick. T.

In the Semi finals, Team Hawes took on Skinny/Brian Harris with a 20 to 15 result putting Brendan Armstrong and John Hawes into the Grand Final, on the other side of the draw Brain Moore and Rob White had to forfeit to Brian Dooley and Greg Burrell placing team Burrell straight through to the final against team Hawes.

GAME DAY- the match was played on Friday 4th October, spectators admiring the newly painted flag poles (thanks Tez).

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The teams traded blows on the early ends, one shot at a time. By the 6th end, it was four shots each and then seven to Team Burrell after eight ends.

A minor turning point now arriving with Brendan raises four fingers, Johny claps “come on Brendan keep it up”. Soon after, it was 10 a piece at the 12th end.

The match continued the seesaw, 14 /14 at the eighteenth end now things are getting interesting, spectators up top and along the side of the green sitting on their edge of their seats.

Team Brendan/Hawes takes 2 shots each, next two ends then a three sealing the finish to a great last three ends to a 21 to 14 victory over Brian Dooley and Greg Burrell.

2024 TRIPLES



Neil and Marty - photo thanks to Linda Faiers

There were 10 entries in this year’s triples championship which required 4 teams to play ‘lead in games’. The first matchup involved Souter, Pirie and Stewart against Smithard, the Hungarian Count and Rob Ashton. Souter prevailed 25 to 12. The other game was won by Burrell, Dooley and Jones beating White, Moore and Murray to the tune of 28 to 16.

The subsequent rounds involved Ding, Kelly and Mick T beating Hawes, Willo and Margaret 28 to 16.

16. On the other side of the draw and in their first appearance, Loz, Fogarty and Lewis put a big score on Clough, Susi and JOB 37 to 8. This was followed by Souter beating Dennis Q, Tezza and Dave Wilson 32 to 11.

Also in their first outing Team Harris beat Burrell, 22 to 14. Team Harris were then ceded a spot in the final when Team Duncan forfeited to them. The other semi final was won by East and Co. over Souter, Pirie and Stewart in what could best be described as a colourful and niggly affair.



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So to the final where Team Harris were forced to use a sub, thus Ken Jones became an honorary Harris for the day, a fate not to be wished on anyone.

The change in the lineup did little to help their cause as Laurie East, Martin Fogarty and Neil Lewis took this years honours with the score of 28 to 11. Congratulations to that team for a strong showing throughout the competition.

OPEN PENNANTS - FEB/MAR/APRIL/MAY 2025

Players nominating for Open Pennants in 2025 will be encouraged to practise or play at least 2 sessions per week including a formal coaching/practice session.

It is proposed that prior to final selection all players be involved in selection trials that includes the recording of at least 2 supervised scores in the **24 BOWL CHALLENGE**. Note the **24 BOWL CHALLENGE** is widely recognised by leading coaches as an accurate measure of drawing ability.

It is imperative that all intending players mark their availability on the **Player Master Sheet** displayed on the club notice board. Players with only limited availability in the season should also record on the **Player Master Sheet**.

Men's Pennants

Nearly got there

Seventeen players represented Jamberoo in the 2024 Grade 3 eight round competition played in the latter part of the season with the last game played on December 7. Jamberoo won 3 games, lost 3, scored 311 shots for with 385 against and finished 6 on the ladder out of 8 teams. The bare statistics point to a laboured season. Jamberoo's form was inconsistent to say the least. The teams' best performances were against the two top sides. In round 4 Jamberoo defeated the strong Warilla side at Warilla by 1 shot 60 to 59 and in round 5 played competition leaders Figtree away. The undefeated Figtree escaped with a narrow win by just 6 shots.

The upcoming Open Pennant Season commencing in early February presents a real challenge. Players will need to reassess their approach with where necessary, a refinement of technique, more dedication to preparation, and more regular and meaningful practice sessions.

The following players represented in all 6 games: N Lewis, G Wilson, T Stamp, M Souter, B Moore, R Ashton, R White. 5 games: F Bognar, M Twyford. 4 games: D

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Harris, K Harris B Dooley. 3 games: J Hawes, R Rodwell. 1 Game: A Pirie, G Murray, B Wray.

The players thanks go to the Team Manager, Lyn Harris who was very efficient as is usual. Thanks also to our hard working Bowls Secretary Mick Twyford.

Mick

2024 In Retrospect



*Major Singles Champion
Ben Stewart*



*Minor Singles Champion
Frank Bognar*



*Major Singles Runner Up
Mick Souter*



*Minor Singles Runner Up
Willo*

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*Fours players left Runners Up (Back Row) are Kev Harris, Ken Jones-Harris, Craig Harris & Des Harris
Champions (Front Row) Dave Wilson, Marg Stephens, Geoff Wilson & John Hawes.*



November Diggers Day at Figtree sponsored by Wollongong RSL.

Mick and Tez with John take out the chocolates

The annual Anniversary Pairs competition was held this year on Sunday 28th July to commemorate a meeting of local citizens held in 1950 that made the decision to establish a Bowling Club in Jamberoo.

The eventual winners were the modest Cam Baker from Kiama & Kelly "Rowdy" Greeves edging out Bob "the Oracle" Rodwell and Mick "the Bridesmaid" Souter.



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*November Green Maintenance
Ken Jones, Greg Clough,
Skinny, BAM, Willo and
Mick T in action.*



*Ken Jones, Frank Bognar
and Greg Clough
checking the height
(plenty of supervisors).*

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*Cow Dung Cup
2024*



*'Hey Ben, is
that a Central
American
Golden Scarab
Beetle?'*

*At the Cow Dung Cup,
Pirie times three, Alan,
Ria and Callum.*



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Upcoming Events

75th Anniversary Pairs

Sat 12 July 2025

2025 marks 75 years since the inaugural meeting to for the Jamberoo Bowling Club. If you want to be on the organising committee for this event, please contact Tez.



The first Clubhouse, a NSW Railways tent.

Right - Early seventies, Secretary Manager, Reg Duncan, Club President Ron Tate, and Treasurer John Greaves



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VOLUNTEERING

Across Australia, it is estimated that over 5 million people volunteer their time to organisations or groups. Volunteers substantially benefit their communities through providing important services to others. They may also bring new insights to the organisations or groups for which they volunteer, increase efficiencies and improve effectiveness.

Volunteering broadens people's networks and professional skills, and serves as an indicator of wellbeing and social cohesion. It also has links to the economic and health status of a nation. By volunteering, people can become more outwardly focused, which may strengthen social interactions or even reduce anxiety (Department of Health 2019).

In Jamberoo, our volunteers have sustained and enriched our Bowling Club for over seventy years. And, we are looking for helpers.

- Takes minutes of meetings.
- Produce the club newsletter.
- Social media coordinator.
- Bowlslink Admin
- Pitch & Grounds Maintenance.
- Uniform Coordinator.
- Social / Twilight Bowls coordinator.
- Game Day BBQ
- Lean on a shovel.
- Letterbox Drops.

If you are keen to contribute, please give Tez a call and discuss your favoured contribution.

WHAT THE #\$\$@# WAS THAT?



Caption this photo for us. Entries to: msouter2@bigpond.net.au

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WHY DO WE PLAY!

Lawn bowls, often underestimated in its simplicity, proves to be an activity that encompasses physical, mental, and social benefits. From the gentle exercise it provides to the stress-reducing effects of spending time outdoors, lawn bowls offers a holistic approach to well-being. Its inclusive and social nature makes it an ideal choice for people of all ages, fostering a sense of community and connection. As individuals seek activities that enrich their lives in various ways, lawn bowls stands out as a timeless pursuit that promotes health, happiness, and enjoyment.

Previous Features



Of course, our intrepid actor / boxing champ / rugby league player is none other than Mick Twyford.



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