

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 22<sup>nd</sup> once again Halls Head Bowling Club and Port Bouvard hosted the Inter Primary School Lawn Bowls Carnival.

Halls Head Bowling Club had 7 Primary Schools – Greenfields, Frederick Irwin, Halls head, Riverside, North Mandurah, Mother Teresa (from Baldivis) and St Josephs from Pinjarra.

I must make a special mention of Glenys Brandis who not only was the main ‘recruiter’ of the Volunteers but was my biggest supporter (read here Jacki don’t you dare give up doing this).

So this year we had plenty of volunteers – over 30 in fact – so that made the day run very smoothly. There were 112 excited students – 16 from each school who were organized into 4 groups – 28 teams in all.

The buses all arrived around about 9am. Helen Perkins put on her Teachers hat and talked the students through the basics of bowls and just a few ‘Dos’ and ‘Don’t’.

The students then went with their Volunteer, got their allocated bowls, had a short practice and then a Spider on all 3 Greens.

The first game started at 10am and went for 35 minutes. This was followed by two more games with another break and then lunch at the end.

With so many outstanding volunteers there were no cards lost, all scores matched and everyone got to their right Green and rink.

This year the scoring was done on the Computer. Thanks again to Patsy who did the Draw, Kevin Lobb for tweaking it for me, and Chris Starbuck who punched it into the Computer.

Steve Unsworth, Regional Manager of Bowls Australia, popped in and introduced the students and teachers to the Junior Jack Attack programme whilst they were having their lunch.

At our Club St Josephs from Pinjarra won the day with 18 points – winning 9 out of the 12 games they played.

I also have to thank Yunderup and Mandurah for their bowls and Vicki and John Bowden for picking those up for me. Pinjarra also provided bowls as well. I also had the use of the Peel Bowls and quite a few of their volunteers volunteered as well.

Steve Unsworth took Yunderup and Pinjarra bowls back and Greg Crisp took back the Mandurah Bowls.

So I am very grateful for all the help I did receive from everyone involved in introducing the future lawn bowl champions to the game we are all so passionate about.

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