

Ladies Match Report

We were blessed with beautiful winter sunshine last Thursday. Hence 23 bowlers rocked up for mixed social bowls at our favourite "bowlo" We put together 7 teams of triples and 1 team of pairs. All the men played seconds, as we had 8 male bowlers, and the lady bowlers had 1 game playing as a lead, and 1 game playing as a skip. Great fun, great bowling, plenty of competitiveness, plenty of banter amongst the men, (music to my ears) and once again a lot of good companionship on and off the greens. More music to my ears was the comment from one of our male bowlers, that he's meeting and playing with bowlers he's never met before and enjoying the day. Great feedback!!

Winners: Jill Gumbleton, Eric Mulligan and Mariee Scanlan Runner ups: Pat Adlam, Bob Jackson and Sue Edwards.

Just a reminder, please have names in by 12.30pm to be on the greens by 1pm.

Tuesday's Ladies Winter Bowls, because of our wintery weather returning this week, was relocated from Waroona Bowling Club to the Mandurah Bowling Club. Only 14 teams could play indoors, of which Halls Head had 3 teams participating. Thanks to Mandurah Bowling Club for letting the ladies on a Tuesday use your facilities on a wintery day. Much appreciated.



Winners: Deb Rundell's team from Mandurah Runner ups: Joan Walker's team from Meadow Springs. 3rd Place: Jeni Stretton, Jacki Henry and Sue Edwards Halls Head. Well done girls. Top job!!

Happy and warm bowling Jill Gumbleton





Cancelled due to weather

Unfortunately another cold front coming through on Monday meant another bowling day had to be cancelled due to flooded greens but its no fun being out bowling on a wet and windy day so the right call by the match office.

Around The Greens

Wonthella Bowling Club

Congratulations to our Halls Head bowler Bob Plater having some success at the Wonthella Mixed Scroungers 30/6/23

Rink Winners:

Ken Rowell, Bob Plater, Kim Cross, Eddie Dodd, Dennis Marsden, Ian Parke, Gary Reed, Bill Andreassen, John Sims, Brian Thomas, Monty Smith, Sue Waldon.

Winner: Kim Cross. 2nd: Bob Plater. 3rd: Ken Rowell. 4th: Eddie Dodd.



74 players contributed to scroungers on Friday June 30. This was after three weeks enforced break due to weather conditions. The day was won by our President Wayne Langborne. Runner up was Marius Burglar for the second time this season and in third place was Con Funazzi. Consolation was won by Graeme Atkins.

Michael Bear

Footnote: Its always a big field for our Friday Scroungers and it's great to see so many spectators stay for the 6 end finals...and last week it was a very tight contest and final end appreciated by the vocal crowd.

Great atmosphere.







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Halls Head HEROES

This week we shine the spotlight on our very own **Patsy Smith**. Patsy is an absolute stalwart of our amazing club. She has achieved amazing success in her bowling career and yet you couldn't wish to meet a more humble and gracious lady. Patsy is always willing to help people out with her incredible knowledge of our beautiful game and she does it in her very own guiet and charming manner. Last year Patsy was recognized by Bowls WA for her incredible contribution to our club. (see article below)

Over the page you can read some of Patsy's story where she very kindly answered some of our questions...

If you would like to see the spotlight shone on one of our members for their contribution to our club please drop us a line to news.hallsheadbc@gmail.com and tell us who and why you would like to see them celebrated.

FIRST CLUB OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARDED

Bowls WA Awards Night – Club Official of the Year BY AARON DELAPORTE ON JUNE 21, 2022

A role that often requires long hours and certainly dedication to the sport Bowls WA was pleased for the first time to recognise the officials who contribute so much to our game with the inaugural Club Official of the Year Award.

The award is directed towards the Match Committee and Umpires of our clubs that enable the vast majority of bowlers to simply to turn up and play.

The winner has spent not only the previous season in both these roles but many years, that person being **Patsy** Smith from Halls Head Bowling Club.



Bowls WA Board Member Vince Del Prete presented Patsy with her trophy on the night.

Patsy said her journey as an umpire basically started out through educating herself around the rules of the game, adding that her husband pointed out when she took on the role of Vice Captain after just a few years playing that she should get a rule book and learn the rules if she wanted to do the job properly. "So I did that but I wasn't an umpire and I really did study that book, so much that I thought I knew my rules really well." Said Patsy. "We had very experienced bowlers who sometimes disagreed with me, so I thought I better do my umpires course." Which of course added the credence she needed when issues around the rules arose. As Master of Ceremonies Clive Adams noted Patsy has been an umpire for many, many, years with her knowledge no longer in question.

Patsy has also worked hard to help not only her club but many others in developing a software program called PAMI which assists in generating draws for round robin carnivals, she has worked on Match Committee at her club understanding the importance of how competitions are run successfully. She also noted that the club has a big project happening at the moment, specifically around mentoring, etiquette, and helping new bowlers. Something which she is helping with, and feels is very important for her club given how large it has grown.

A tremendous contributor to our sport and a well deserved winner as our first Club Official of the Year we say well done once again to Patsy Smith.

Patsy Smith Halls Head HEROES

O1 How long have you been playing Lawn Bowls?

Bill and I moved North Fremantle 1996. He joined North Fremantle. I didn't play bowls at

that time and was a bit lost so Bill suggested I go to bowls with him. North Fremantle had very few ladies so we both joined Mosman Park 1998 and I joined him there. Ray Dalziel was my first coach.

O2 Have you always bowled at HH or if not where did you bowl previously?

In January 2000 we moved to Mandurah as my elderly father was living here. I had just finished my novice years at Mosman Park. We intended to join Dudley Park, however I had been advised to check out Halls Head and this we did. We were met at the door by the very friendly Mary Chalmers, who offered Bill a red wine and at Halls Head we stayed.

Q3 What do you feel is your greatest achievement in Lawn Bowls?

Undoubtedly, it was winning the inaugural open singles Novice Championship at Osborne Park in April 2000. We were still members at Mosman Park and travelling back and forth until the end of the season.

The inaugural event was knockout and very well supported with 69 competitors, played over three days.

Bill came with me each day as did Maureen Harkin and Therese Hastings. Maureen and Therese had a roster so at all times one of them was there with me. When I made the finals I was incredibly nervous. When I made my acceptance speech I was so excited they couldn't shut me up.

Therese arranged for me to be given a copy of the draw and my score card which I still have. Playing in the same event was none other than Kaye Sewell, the Pingelly novice. Here we are 23 years on, both at Halls head and playing lots of bowls together.

I could mention here my worst event. It was my first ILRR pairs. Absolute disaster.

Q4 Who is your bowling hero and why?

I couldn't name just one.

Maureen Harkin and Therese Hastings are at the top of my list, not only for their achievements but for the support they gave me in my novice years. Eve Manton, was another player whom I held in high regard. She lived across from my dad, and shared her knowledge with me when I took on Vice Captain's role at the AGM 2001.

Q5 What is the best piece of advice you would offer a new bowler?

Don't spend hours practicing your faults. Get a good coach who will guide your practice. Learn to play the team game. Scroungers is a wonderful practice game but being a good team player is more rewarding so come to other social bowls and put your name down for pennants in your first year.

Bill gave me this advice when I started. "Don't dwell on your good bowls, be mindful of the number of bad bowls you are playing".

Q6 What is the best thing about being a member of HHBC?

There is no doubt that it is the friends I have made and the opportunities I have been given.









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