

Bowls WA
2018 State All-Abilities Lawn Bowls Championships
Kardinya Bowling Club
Saturday 7th April & Sunday 8th April—Singles & Pairs



Department of
**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**



2018 All Abilities State Championship Wrap Up

The 2018 State All Ability State Championships were played last weekend, April 7th and 8th, at Kardinya Bowling Club with 49 participants in four categories of Bowling Arm, Deaf, Intellectual and Physical. Entries were up from last year where there were 29 participants – a 41% growth in one year! Bowls WA looks forward to further participation increase in the coming years.

Two of the categories played for selection in state sides for the National Bowling Arm Challenge and the Physical Multibowl Nationals. 2018 will be the second year that WA has had a representative side attending the National Bowling Arm Challenge – the side will be announced this coming Monday 16th May at 9 am. The Challenge requires a side of 15 (three teams of 5) plus 2 reserves playing Singles and Fours along with Pairs and Triples over the four day tournament. The state representative physical disability side playing the Multibowl Nationals run under Disability Sport Australia, being hosted in WA for the first time from May 20th to 25th, will be the fifth time WA has attended. The side will be announced at 4 pm on Monday 16th May. Each state is allowed a side of 10 players – 6 men and 4 women – WA was able to select 6 men and 2 women. These games are the classification pathway to international bowling opportunities such as the Commonwealth Games where Australia para-triples have only yesterday accomplished Gold. The only way to potentially be involved in such opportunities is to get on the green, and apply yourself to the game!

Our Deaf and Intellectual participants were not seeding for a state or national side – they played for the joy of the game and being able to compete amongst their peers in a rare opportunity for state recognition. And what fun was had!!! Lots of laughter and plenty of competitive bowls marked the weekend with players participating in Singles and Pairs in the Deaf, Intellectual and Physical categories while the Bowling Arm players took part in Singles and Triples.

It was a fight to the end; however, the winners of each category for Gold and Silver are as follows:

2018 ALL ABILITY STATE CHAMPIONSHPS RESULTS		
CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER
Bowling Arm Singles	Kim Ward (Binningup)	Mitch Brown (Wanneroo)
Bowling Arm Triples	Mitch Brown (Sk - Wanneroo) Phyllis Hicks (Rossmoyne) Ashley Armstrong (Capel)	Mil Boric (Sk - Binningup) Grace Mawhinney (Bunbury) Kieran Valente (Manning)
Deaf Singles	Gregory Strachan (Gosnells)	David Ravlich (Cockburn)
Deaf Pairs	Harry Wong (Belmont) Andrew McLean (Belmont)	Harry Hughes (Nollamara) Robert Scott (Nollamara)
Intellectual Singles	Joseph Lehane (Gosnells)	Robert Hughes (East Fremantle)
Intellectual Pairs	Joseph Lehane (Gosnells) Joseph Maiolo (Gosnells)	Robert Hughes (East Fremantle) Julie Srhoy (Spearwood)
Physical Singles	Wayne Allsopp (Dowerin)	Frank Fletcher (Osborne Park)
Physical Pairs	Wayne Allsopp (Dowerin) Frank Fletcher (Osborne Park)	Steve Murray (Scarborough) Eddie Gollan (Rossmoyne)

A Facebook album can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/asportforlife/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1932177716853364

Bowls WA thanks everyone for their participation, the volunteers who made this happen, and Kardinya Bowling Club for hosting this fantastic event!