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Jack Hi Editorial

with **Clive ADAMS**



Phew, what a season!

A bumper edition of Jack Hi celebrates some of our great champions of the sport, across all facets of the sport too. From State champions, to pennant champions, Country champions and Metro marvels – this edition has everything.

Records were set with a thrilling finish to the State Singles events – Kristina Krstic making it a record five wins, and Cody Packer going back-to-back for the first time since 1929! Krstic and Packer are certainly re-writing many long standing records and there's sure to be plenty more to come.

We celebrate our pennant champions including that powerful Manning combination that made it 10 on the trot, and a Doubleview crew that cast South Perth to yet another runner-up finish.

Men's and Women's Country Week is all covered here, as well as State Pairs, Over 60's championships, Under-18s, the Bowls Premier League and heaps more. So many events, and so many different champions...all here inside your latest edition of Jack Hi! Enjoy!

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Our hectic season had positive results

What a hectic schedule we have had over the last six months.

A season book ended by our impressive hosting of the Nationals and an early Easter.

Most of our State and Masters events have been completed, along with Men and Womens Country week. Live streaming continues to be watched in good numbers and we thank AFGRI for their continued sponsorship.

The Interzone, held at Manning this year was also livestreamed with the financial support from Regional Mens Health and thanks to Ross Ditchburn for his expert commentary.

Spare a thought for Pieter Harris as he prepares fixtures for Metro Pennants, does the draws for State events, co-ordinates Mens and Ladies country week, finds venues, heads up the High Performance Group and still squeezes in bowls on a Saturday, thanks Pieter.

Also to our Umpires and Officials at all these events that give timelessly to ensure the smooth running of those competitions. I would be lost without Leonie Potts keeping me organized at presentation time.

Highlights

I hear some really good stories in my travels, none better than that of Osborne Park stalwart Graham Dick. At a spritely 91 years of age, playing since 1978, Graham won his first pennant, a great achievement.

I recently played a pennant game with a 15 year old lead and an 18 year old skip, which gave us the youngest average age of a rink for our team. Then North Perth who had 17 players in their novice singles, a great effort. The winner of the novice singles then winning the Open Singles. Well done Todd Hampshire.

BA and BWA

As a Federated model we work closely with BA and the other States. As President I attend meetings and regular zoom meetings, which lowers travel costs.

After the last Melbourne meeting I travelled to Moama to watch rink side our Perth Suns compete to a very high standard. Bill Brandsma is outstanding in his role as manager and moulds the team together nicely.

The BPL will expand by another 2 teams next season, with the new franchises yet to be announced. The viewing numbers of the BPL out of WA is really encouraging as we head into another season of BPL. The Suns are 1 of only 2 state owned franchises.

Constitution and Elections

Our new constitution has been accepted and adopted, which makes the Board an interim board with all positions up for election.

I encourage bowlers to consider standing for a position and help shape the future of bowls in WA. Any questions please contact myself or Ken and we will be happy to help.

30 Years of Service



Talking of legends in our office of BWA, Liz Rolt chalked up 30 years of loyal and excellent service to your organization.

I am sure anyone whom has worked with Liz will speak glowingly of her, especially our FAIR committee chair, Lisa Featherby who has worked closely with Liz to keep our finances in order.

Liz started her journey with BWA in the Wellington Street office with President at that time being Fred Ayres.



It's a summer sport, but it can be brutal

We may well play in the hottest months of the year, but by any measure this has been a brutal summer. Six separate pennant days were lost due to Extreme Weather (heat), with the required forecast needing to be 41C or higher to be 'abandoned'. And on each occasion the abandonment was more than justified.

Perhaps unusually the new ruling where play would cease, and a small break taken when temperatures moved between 38-40C anecdotally seemed rare. And if required to be invoked seemed to be well received, with an understanding of the difficult need to find the balance between playing and taking a commonsense approach to the conditions.

I have said many times before that Bowls is a very difficult sport to manage in this space. Our great strength in welcoming all ages and health profiles to our sport is also detrimental to finding a one size fits all outcome.



A standout year

It is now more than six months ago that Bowls Australia entrusted the 2nd running of The Nationals to Bowls WA and in turn to host clubs Sorrento, Joondalup and Warwick.

We in the West don't often have the opportunity to watch the very best in the world battle it out for individual and/or state honors – state games remain the purest level of competition for our sport. You need only watch World Champions and Commonwealth Games Gold Medalists put it all on the line for the state colors.

Our host clubs did us proud with special mention to Warwick who took on the challenge of the Para athletes and for all reports, and there were many, ran the finest ever Para Carnival on record.

The highlights did not stop there and weather notwithstanding, the IZRRs, highly successful men's and women's country weeks and the culmination of the metro pennant competitions were wonderful events, played in great spirit, surrounded by plenty of color and noise.

It's almost hard to remember that only three short years ago, the sport was put on indefinite hold due to COVID !

Juniper to support our annual celebration for next three years

After a stellar year on and off the green comes the opportunity for our sport to recognize the very highest achievers for 2023/2024.

No doubt there is always much focus on those clubs who have been promoted or successfully won pennants at season's end and these will be justly acknowledged elsewhere in this magazine or previously in-person.

But the newly supported **Juniper Annual Dinner & Awards Night** is very much around the recognition of individuals who rarely receive their just accolades, it is the opportunity to nominate and thank those that make our sport run; our coaches, our volunteers, our officials all combine to make our sport simply happen.

Optus is a magnificent venue with the function this year in their number one presentation room. Ensure you get your club table booked (and paid for) in early – it really is a special occasion. Tickets available from the BWA office.

Open Gender Opportunity

Clubs in the metro area have for some weeks now been in possession of a detailed paper on the proposed Open Gender competitions and how they may look for season 2024/2025.

Many have considered their position and returned the response sheet back to BWA.

Clubs have had the opportunity to consider their own position, but Bowls WA will also take in the best interests of the sport, whilst noting club's requests.

This is a critical time in the future of our sport and all clubs must take a part in that if we are to move forward as a viable organization. *The times they are a changin'* as Bob Dylan once told us, and we must move with them to survive.

Please take your opportunity to be part of that change.





Inclusive Bowls: A Positive Impact on our Communities

Inclusion in Bowls builds relationships beyond ‘just a game of bowls’ – we have the potential to impact entire communities in a positive way and there are communities you may not know exist and I would like to show you some!

At the end of 2023 Bowls WA attended Vinnies Passage Way Expo and partnered with Synapse for players with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

And then a great start to 2024 collaborating with Blind Sports WA and 55 Central’s Activate and Engage programs and participating in Rebound WA’s 3rd Para Sport Festival!

The role of these programs and organisations is so important – and bowls can play a part in changing the course of a person’s life!



Vinnie’s Passages Program

A Youth Engagement Hub providing a non-judgemental safe space to our communities most marginalised and at risk young people in Perth and Peel. Young people aged 12 to 25 years have a safe, friendly, and positive place to access support and referrals to essential services.

Synapse’s

A peer support community offers people with a brain injury the opportunity to connect with others to socialise, share experiences and feel understood and supported.

Blind Sports WA

A not-for-profit organisation for children and adults living with blindness or vision impairment. They use the power of sport and recreation to help change the lives of people and support them to lead more active, healthy, and independent lives.

55 Central’s Activate and Engage Program

is a sports and active recreation inclusion program designed to get marginalized people in our communities out and about in a safe, fun, and supported environment.

Rebound WA

A disability services and support organisation enhancing lives through adaptive sports and recreation for those with physical disabilities and mobility limitations.

Event	Date	Venue	Entries Open	Entries Close
All Abilities State Championships Singles and Pairs for Deaf, Intellectual, Physical and Vision Impaired	April 13 – 14	Kardinya	5 February	Closed
Women’s Inter Region Round Robin Women Only Round Robin Fours	April 13 – 14	Mosman Park	22 January	Closed
Bowling Arm State Championships Singles	April 26 – 28	Warnbro	26 February	Closed
Bowls Australia’s Para Nationals Singles and Pairs Physical Disability	October 8 – 11	Broadbeach	WA Side Announced May 2024	
BowlAbility Program Social Bowls program for everyone. Pathways taught if desired. Wheelchair accessible and Companion Card honoured	9 Months of Year	Kardinya	11am – 1 pm School Term Fridays	

For information on Inclusive Practices please contact Denise McMillan on 0449 619 841 or denise@bowlswa.com.au

Hastings retires as Women's state coach

Therese Hastings has decided not to reapply for the WA Women's State Coaching position after 9 years in the position.

"I know the time is right for both me and the team. I will always be grateful for having had the opportunity to coach the Women's State Side and squads. I will watch and support the next era of State players and coaches with great interest" said Therese when informing Bowls WA of her decision.

Therese has been a vital part of Bowls in Western Australia as both a player and coach for over 25 years and will be sorely missed in the WA High-Performance area.

Starting her HP Coaching Career in 2009 as the WA Under 18's State Coach and then moving on to become Bowls Australia's WA National Training Centre Coach in 2013, Therese was first appointed as the WA Women's State Coach in July 2015. While the ultimate success of a Marg Morris Trophy alluded the WA team in Therese's time as coach, a number of top-three finishes showed the competitive qualities Therese brought as a player and instilled as a coach.

There is no doubt we will still see Therese wandering around with purpose both on and off the green for some time yet and we look forward to still hearing her words of wisdom every now and again.

On behalf of Bowls WA and all the players you have had a hand in making better. Thank you, Therese Hastings.



WA State team selectors and coaches named

The Selection Panel for the WA Open State Teams and the Over 60's State Teams have been named along with the Coaches of the Open Teams.

Kerry Andersen will continue in her role as the Chair of both the Open Team and Over 60's Selection Panels.

In the Over 60's, Kerry will again be joined by Gordon King and Margaret Anderson.

Gordon and Margaret have been involved in top-level bowls for many years and are anxious to help drive our WA Over 60's teams to the top of the Nationals.

With Therese Hastings not continuing as the Women's State Coach, Bowls WA knew that they had big shoes to fill. Thankfully, Alan Booth put up his hand to join the High-Performance team as the WA Women's State Coach.

Alan has already built strong relationships with many of our state squad ladies and will slip seamlessly into the position.

Having spent plenty of time coaching on the greens at the powerful Manning Club previously, this season Alan has gained further experience by becoming the coach of Mosman Park's Women's Premier League Team.

Pieter Harris will continue as the Men's State Coach and is looking forward to continuing the momentum from the National Series at Sorrento in October.

After winning five out of seven games and finishing third, the men's team is looking to take the next step and break into the top two at the next Nationals.

Joining Kerry, Alan, and Pieter to complete the five-person open team selection panel will be Mick Sweeney and the returning Lindsay Thorn.

Lindsay has been the mainstay of state teams as a player and selector for many years and is excited by the players coming through to represent both the Men's and Women's teams. Mick has a wealth of selecting experience back in his native Tasmania, selecting several representative teams. Mick has been following both men's and women's bowls since coming to WA a number of years ago and is looking forward to taking on the huge responsibility of picking winning sides.

WA Open Team Selection Panel

- **Kerry Andersen** (Open Teams Chair of Selection)
- **Alan Booth** (Women's Coach and Open Teams Selector)
- **Pieter Harris** (Men's Coach and Open Teams Selector)
- **Lindsay Thorn** (Open Teams Selector)
- **Michael Sweeney** (Open Teams Selector)

WA Over 60's State Team Selection Panel

- **Kerry Andersen** (Over 60's Chair of Selection)
- **Gordon King** (Over 60's Selector)
- **Margaret Anderson** (Over 60's Selector)





Umpires and officials are kept busy

Umpires in all parts of the state have been very busy recently with zone and league finals, and with the many state events which are held at this time of the year, including Men's and Women's Country Week.

Some of our umpires will be officiating at the Australian Open in June and we wish them all the best.

Officiating Manual

The Officiating Manual has been updated and became available in December.

This now allows Presenters and Assessors to continue conducting courses for New National Umpires through 'Face to Face' learning and online 'Self-Paced' learning.

Umpires who wish to purchase an updated version should contact Bowls WA.

Courses and Forums

The Umpire's Committee have conducted a number of Forums in recent months. Two forums were held in the Metro area and five forums in country regions via ZOOM.

There have been 'Face to Face' courses, Reaccreditation courses and Self-Paced learning courses held throughout the state on a regular basis. We are grateful to all Presenters and Assessors for their time and effort in facilitating these courses.

Altering Bowls and challenges to Bowls

Law 52

All bowls manufactured by Licensed Manufacturers have a World Bowls stamp and a bias not less than a Working Reference bowl. World Bowls ensures that only Licensed Manufacturers and Licensed Testers have a Working Reference bowl

It is up to the user of the set of bowls, or the owner of the set of bowls to ensure that the bias of bowls, are not altered in any way unless by a Licensed Tester. It is their responsibility.

If the user or the owner of a set of bowls, has the set of bowls altered by an unlicensed tester and they are challenged by a player, a coach, an umpire or the Controlling Body, the user or owner could be suspended for a lengthy period of time as decided by the Member National Authority.

Altering the bias of bowls is just not allowed and the consequences are quite serious.

A list of current Licensed Manufacturers and Licensed Testers is available on the World Bowls Website.



Discussions on Laws

COACHING Law 44

Only one coach is allowed for a singles player, a team, or a side. The coach must always remain outside the boundaries of the green and should only give advice when the coach's team is in possession of the rink.

The coach should also be conscious of not disturbing players on adjacent rinks when advising players. Calling players to the bank when they have possession of the rink is acceptable but shouting instructions to the opposite end of the green is not.

Often players will go and sit next to a coach and discuss an issue very quietly when they don't have possession of the rink. This would be considered acceptable as their opponents are not being disrupted. Common sense prevails.

Retiring Umpires, Presenters and Assessors

Arthur Baker (Dudley Park Bowling Club), Anita Cowan (Narembeen Bowling Club), Linda Humphries (formerly Denmark Bowling Club) and Wayne Coyle (Dunsborough Bowling Club) have recently retired as Presenters and Assessors.

We value the work they have done and are very grateful for the commitment and time they have given to training umpires in their areas in the past. We wish them all the best in the future.

We have many experienced umpires throughout the state who for physical reasons are now, no longer able to officiate at their clubs or in their areas. We thank you for your commitment and the support given officiating over the years and wish you all the best. We are aware, and appreciate, that many of these umpires are still providing valuable assistance to new umpires in a mentoring role.

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A competitive season with great camaraderie

Well, where did the season go as already we move past our various pennant competitions, country week's and of course our various ILRR and IZRR's – all great events fiercely competed for – but with great camaraderie.

I've almost completed my first 2-year term and as I've mentioned in the past this experience has been as much an eye opener as a learning curve. Let me assure you that this organisation is very well run

From the top with CEO Ken Pride all through the office, including the boys that coordinate the significant number of events we enjoy, in addition to the behind the scenes staff that keep the Association ticking along – at pace!

They are a dynamic team that do a lot more than the average bowler appreciates.

I also feel the board is well balanced and has served our game well. Doug Kelly as President is of course a country boy, with in fact a majority of board directors currently or previously based in the country – the bush is certainly well represented.

We as a board try to look at the broader picture rather than individual club matters preferring clubs deal with league. At the same time the board along with staff are willing to help with any situation if needed.

We now have a new Constitution and Strategic Plan which was hard work on my first tenure.

With that Constitution all the board members become interim will resign at the July AGM and put themselves forward for re-election.

From a country point of view, I'm often asked, "what do Country Bowlers get for their affiliation?" Without stating the obvious we've just finished both men's and women's country week. What a fantastic event this is and enjoyed by many.

I think that I play bowls to come to country week and not only compete but also to catch up with many like minded people who I only see once a year.

Thank God for the term 'mate' as I know the face but can't remember the name – getting old!

Just ask Pieter Harris what's involved in organising country week, it is a huge undertaking and runs so incredibly well given the issues that always arise each year – thank goodness for fine weather.

The Association is a business and must be run accordingly not only for us, but for those that will come after us. Please understand that means there a very broad range of expenses that don't generate income, which of course is raised elsewhere, ie: affiliation fees.

Bowlslink for example, we use Bowlslink for everything, entry, results, all competition management and club databases etc. This costs us about \$30,000 per annum add in power, water and all the things that you and I pay at home.

Bowls WA is no different, the list goes on. Country/Metro Bowlers we're all equal in this case.



Extreme Weather requirements

One area that we will be seeking progress is that of extreme weather policies.

Too many Leagues have poor or outdated, some none at all, policies that deal with extreme weather – particularly heat.

This will be a compulsory requirement before next season. Leagues are exposing themselves to legal issues if the worst was to happen – the office can assist you, BUT your League will require a very specific policy this coming year – for your own protection!

To finish on a brighter note congratulations to all country week winners. I won't name them individually as you will read about it in this Jack Hi.

We are so lucky to have these finals live streamed so that everyone at home can keep up with the conclusion of a great event. Thanks to Lomax Productions, Dean and Sharon, for what is a first-class production of our premier events – country and metro.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm getting a lot more calls now and have been trying to help where I can.

Enjoy the post season and hope to see you at the wonderful awards night at Optus Stadium.

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WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Relationships – Personal and Other!

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
May 2024

We are all challenged, in both our personal and other relationships in life, whether we have a partner, are single, or involved in the many community groups and workplaces that make our life tick.

Personal relationships go through many stages that challenge the ever-changing dynamic of our relationships. These stages can be the catalyst for relationships ending, through people growing apart and being challenged by their own emotional insecurity and identity. Some of these stages may include:

- having children and/or 'empty nesting' when the kids leave home;
- a death or sickness in the family or community group we belong to;
- the stages of a man's life when our identity is challenged, usually around late adolescence, mid-life, and retirement. Finding that sense of purpose along with passions/interests is the key for balance in our life;
- menopause has many phases which often challenge ladies, as blokes we quite often do not observe changes in those women around us even though it is happening under our eyes. It is necessary to adapt our habits to suit;
- diminished testosterone levels due to ageing (male menopause);
- the people we choose to associate with.

We must remember - It is not your responsibility to make your spouse happy. It is up to each person to make that happen for themselves. We do, however, play a significant role in whether or not our spouses feel appreciated, which is a good start for a healthy relationship.

"If your home environment is good, peaceful and easy, your life is better and easier." (Lori Greiner)

As blokes our relationships are also quite often challenged in the community setting/workplace and the 'my way or the highway' approach. If we have been single all our life or have lost a partner recently, being connected to community through groups of interest is important.

Accepting diversity and being prepared to try new interests will lead us down the path of many new and enduring relationships.

Being able to agree to disagree respectfully is a skill that seems lost on society, and an important one to maintain good relationships. We do not have to believe in the many things that people may say, but with compassion, compromise and empathy (the ability to understand and share the thoughts of another person) we can still be involved in that community group. Many blokes butt heads and walk away, missing the many benefits of being connected.




All relationships are ongoing and a work in progress. It is imperative that we communicate, communicate, and communicate more to have healthy relationships and reap the health benefits that go with it. It is also important that if the relationship (in any setting) is not working and/or unrecoverable, it is alright to walk away.

I read an article recently on relationships which included the following summation: "Honesty is the most valuable attribute you can bring to a relationship, along with a willingness to communicate and compromise," remembering compromise is about give and take, not one-sided sacrifice."

As always, remember ... before it all gets too much...Talk to a Mate®!!

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Men's State Singles

Records broken as our stars shine

It was a record breaking day at Joondalup Bowling Club as the Dyanamic Sublimation Bowls WA State Singles came to a familiar, but outstanding conclusion.

Kristina Krstic was the first to enter the record books becoming the first Female WA player to win five State Singles titles. Krstic was previously tied with **Therese Hastings** on four titles, but it would seem the sky is the limit for the Commonwealth Games champion as she continues to create records that may never be broken.

The only other WA player to have recorded five State Singles victories in the modern era is Hall of Famer **Geoff Oakley** who won his titles between the years of 1975 and 1993. Oakley is widely regarded as one of the best ever, and one must simply assume that Krstic's name will be etched alongside Oakley in the Bowls WA Hall of Fame once her career is complete and her amazing records are compiled.

Krstic's Jackaroo and Manning teammate **Cody Packer** then had people searching through the record books as he burst out of the blocks to lead 18-7 in the Men's final. Whilst Warren Holt mounted a fightback, in the end it was Packer becoming the first player since Kings Park's **EJ Ford** in **1929** to win back-to-back Men's State Singles titles.



Men's Semi Finals

Cody Packer (Manning) def Blake Nairn (Cambridge) 25-20

Warren Holt (Wagin) def Daniel Trehwella (Mount Lawley) 25-22

Two incredible matches that followed very similar formulae. **Cody Packer** started quickly against **Blake Nairn**, grabbing 5 shots in the first two ends, before Nairn was able to run off a string of ends to move 5 clear himself. After trading a few ends, Nairn led 20-13, but would not score again as Packer reeled off 7 ends in a row to record a 25-20 come from behind victory. The second semi-final was a similar tale with **Daniel Trehwella** the one to move out first.

Collecting 5 counts of 3 shots in the first 19 ends of the match, it seemed victory was within reach at 21-11 before Warren Holt started to charge. Five ends in row trimmed the margin to 2 shots and while Trehwella managed to grab an end to creep closer to the win, it was Holt who collected the last three ends to win 25-22.



• Cody Packer and Blake Nairn.

Men's Final

Cody Packer (Manning) def Warren Holt (Wagin) 25-20

Windy, blustery conditions, which had been the order of the day, greeted the players for the Men's Singles Final and with both players opting for longer ends, it was certainly a day where grouping bowls was going to be difficult.

Soon after the start, Packer went on a run of 8 ends in a row, however 5 of those collects were just ones. Remarkably through this time, Holt went 56 minutes without scoring, but still found himself just seven shots behind when he grabbed a single shot on the 15th end.

Packer immediately grabbed another 3, and when another 2 meant the scoreline was 18-7 it seemed like Packer's back-to-back dream was about to come true. Holt dug in though, scoring four multiples in the next eleven ends to get back to 20-21. As often happens though, the opponent is due, and Packer was able to grab one, and then a three on the final end as Holt came up short with his final bowl. A fantastic match in trying conditions, and a deserved champion in Cody Packer.

Another state title for Kristina



• Kristina Krstic.

Women's Semi Finals

Pam Chalmers (Osborne Park) def Amanda Masters (Osborne Park) 25-18
Kristina Krstic (Manning) def Lisa Featherby (Mosman Park) 25-8

It was just four players who entered the final day as champion contenders, and just one, **Kristina Krstic** who had tasted State Singles glory before.

Pam Chalmers jumped out to an early lead against **Amanda Masters**, leading 10-1 and 14-4 before a sequence of multiples saw Masters close the gap within just four ends. At 14-14, it was a trade-off of ends before Chalmers regained the ascendancy, and with four twos scored over five ends got to the finish 25-18.

Kristina Krstic was simply in sublime form against **Lisa Featherby**. Flying out to an 8-1 lead Krstic frequently smothered the jack, and while the Featherby fight is ever-present and hard to hold out, Featherby just couldn't find a way to close the gap.

It was Krstic home in a very impressive display against one of the stars of the sport in WA.



• Pam Chalmers.



• Cody Packer and Kristina Krstic, state singles champions.

Women's Final

Kristina Krstic (Manning) def Pam Chalmers (Osborne Park) 25-8

Quite simply, **Kristina Krstic** looked like she was playing on a different green to everyone else – her consistency that was so evident in the semi-final carried through to the final in another high quality display.

Four multiple scores in the first five ends established a Krstic lead 11-2, before **Pam Chalmers** could grab a couple of ends back and close the gap.

A four to Krstic on the 8th end was countered immediately by a brilliant trail of the jack by Chalmers to grab four right back. From there however it was Krstic's orange bowls that frequently accompanied the jack.

Chalmers toiled hard, with plenty of close, and perhaps unfortunate results, however it was Krstic's quality that was forcing Chalmers' hand in terms of needing to attempt the more difficult conversion shots.

In the end, a 25-8 scoreline, and an emotional Krstic was once again crowned champion.

Five titles now to Krstic and a remarkable record that will stand for many years.

Bates and Ball show brilliance in Pairs

When **Russell Bates** and **Brad Ball** entered the Bowls WA State Pairs people could've been forgiven for thinking they had entered their team in the wrong order.

Bates, a recent State lead, known for this precise draw game named as skipper, and Ball, known for his big drive and known to employ it often, named as lead. But it worked.

The semi-final stages of the State Pairs presented some interesting combinations, with three Cambridge players still in the field, none of them playing with a clubmate, two Pinjarra players also in opposing teams, and a good mix of players that had won titles before and those that had not.

Bates and Ball faced Cambridge's Brad Gillingham and Pinjarra's Peter Retallack in the first semi-final, and it was a case of the eventual champions drawing away throughout the match.

In the end it was a comfortable display with the Bates/Ball combination claiming its third double figure victory in a row, and careering into the Grand Final.

Alongside, it was a similar tale for Manning's Cody Packer and Cambridge's Clive Adams who faced a team that has been to the semi-finals before in Osborne Park's Connor Biddle and Cambridge's Cameron Harris.

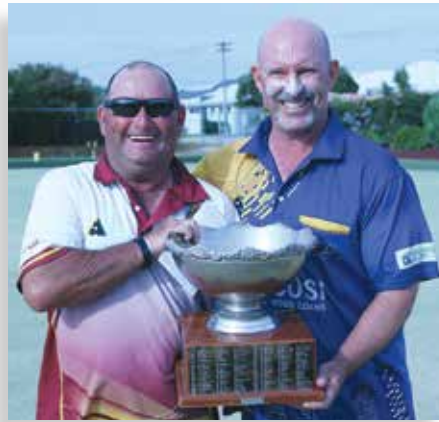
The match was tight early however a big maximum collect for Packer and Adams established a lead their opponents simply could never bridge – a double figure margin the way of Packer and Adams.

The final was an entertaining affair, with Ball particularly impressive early on the quick surface at Osborne Park.

Perhaps the big moment in the match came with Packer attempting to squeeze the jack to an awaiting pack of his own teams bowls – contact made, however the jack bounced the opposite way

landing amongst a sea of Ball and Bates bowls for a big turnaround.

Bates and Ball were outstanding throughout the match, with Bates frequently thwarting any signs of a Packer/Adams fightback. In the end, a well deserved 22-14 victory and a first State title for Bates.



• **Brad Ball and Russell Bates.**

Three Springs Red wow crowd with win

The North Midland Bowling League Pennant final resulted in entry into the record books for the Three Springs Club with Red and Black reaching the Grand Final on home soil following what can only be described as outstanding seasons. A Three Springs Bowling Club was formed in 1958 and play commenced on the green at the start of the 1959/60 season. CE Maley was the President and W Williams the Secretary.

Three Springs Red finished the home and away season atop the table with 56.5 points with sister side Black third placed on 55, Morawa finished second on 55.5 with Latham fourth on 44.5 to setup a mouth watering finals series.

Never before have the top three finishers been so close at seasons end with the trio so evenly matched. It is Three springs first win since 2007 was a great spectacle and with a boisterous crowd in attendance.

The historic weekend resulted in the Red's claiming the coveted second semi final victory and direct entry to the Grand Final with the Black's reaching the big dance with solid results in both the first and preliminary finals.

Match Results

First semi: Three Springs Black 67 – Latham 54.
Paul Bone 23 Brad Hirsch 20; Jim Heal 24 Mark Counsel 16; Chad Eva 20 Wes Benton 18.

Second semi: Three Springs Red – 66 Morawa 57.
Bill McGree 36 Steve Hill 16; Jack Antonio 9 Brad Barbuto 24; Kristian Kenworthy 21 Lindsay Chappel 17.

Prelim: Morawa 50 – Three Springs Black 54.
Steve Hill 19 Paul Bone 18; Brad Barbuto 7 Chad Eva 28; Lindsay Chappel 24 Jim Heal 8.

Final: Three Springs Red 52 – Three Springs Black 48.
Bill McGree 20 Chad Eva 17; Jack Antonio 20 Paul Bone 10; Kristian Kenworthy 12 Jim Heal 21

Season's Best Performers

Three Springs Red lead player **Neil Reed** claimed the North Midlands player of the season recording 10 wins from 12 matches played ahead of Mingenew and top Skipper of the year **Geoffrey Cosgrove** on 10 wins from his thirteen played.

Latham duo **Gavin Bourn** and **Wes Benton** along with **Lindsey Chappel** from Morawa recorded 9 wins and a draw ahead of Three Springs Red's **Jack Antonio** on 9 wins who completed the top six.

Best Lead: Neil Reed (3 Springs Red); **Second:** Greg Wolf (3 Springs Red); **Third:** Malcom Ogden (3 Springs Red); **Skipper:** Geoffrey Cosgrove (Morawa).

Great friends, great players, rich reward

Lisa Featherby (Mosman Park) and **Linda Warburton** (Brunswick) played an outstanding game of bowls in the final to run away with the 2023-24 Dyanamic Women's State Pairs title.

The win is the second State Pairs title for the pairing having won recently in 2020-21 and is rich reward for a duo that is ever-present at the semi-finals and finals stages of many major events. Featherby and Warburton are also a pair that give plenty back to the sport in roles on and off the green and both are great ambassadors for the sport of bowls.

In the first Semi-Final, Featherby and Warburton overcame a slow start to overrun the highly credentialed pairing of **Kristina Krstic** (Manning) and **Helen Morss** (South Perth). Krstic grabbed a five on the first end and led 8-0 after only three ends. A string of nine winning ends to Featherby and Warburton, saw a complete turnaround in the game, with Featherby building a match winning 16-8 lead.

The last six ends of the game, saw both teams trading shots to eventually see the Featherby pairing make their way into the final with a 20-14 win.

The second Semi-Final saw all of the 2022-23 State Triples team involved with **Chris Ace-Watson** (Mosman Park) teaming up with **Irene Leahy** (Kalgoorlie).

The opposition featured triples winning teammate **Jill Adam** (Geraldton) with her partner **Fiona Panting** (Geraldton). Adam and Panting started solidly, winning the first two ends to lead 4-0 and then grabbing a big six, to stretch the lead to 10-3 after only five ends.

It was a game of big numbers, as Ace-Watson worked her way back into the game by getting a four and a two to draw level, only to drop a four to Adam to again fall behind.

A five to Ace-Watson and Leahy gave them the lead for the first time in the match and from there they were never headed, winning seven of the last eight ends to draw away 29-15. The final had all the makings of a close fought contest, but it was Featherby and Warburton that took control early over Ace-Watson and Leahy.

After five ends Featherby led 10-0 when Ace-Watson finally got on the board with a two. Another couple of winning ends to Featherby again saw the lead stretch, before Ace-Watson showed some life by getting a three to be behind 5-13. Ace-Watson was still fighting hard but the Featherby pair were having none of it with some precise bowling.

A three and two singles stretched the lead to thirteen and despite Ace-Watson continuing to take it up to Featherby on the green, the scoreboard showed the result was never in doubt from there.

The game ended up finishing two ends short with Featherby and Warburton not able to be caught, winning the title 25-6.



• Linda Warburton and Lisa Featherby – State Pairs winners.



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Ryan Havercroft earns national recognition



• **Ryan Havercroft – Bowls Australia Official of the Year.**

A huge congratulations to South Perth's **Ryan Havercroft** who was presented with the award for the Bowls Australia Official of the Year, adding to his Bowls WA gong presented at the 2023 Bowls WA Awards Night.

Ryan's award is richly deserved as one of the up-and-coming officials in WA, with his season highlight no doubt being selected to mark the Men's World Championship Singles match, eventually being taken out by Canada's Ryan Bester.

Ryan did an outstanding job marking the final, needing to be nimble on his feet and extra attentive as Bester's accurate drives frequently sent bowls all over the rink and beyond.

The award reflects the high regard in which the officials from WA are held. In recent years we have had representation at the world's greatest events, including at the recent World Championships mentioned here, but also at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

WA's officials are regulars at the Australian Open each year, working hard to ensure the event is the huge success that it is. Bowls WA congratulates Ryan on a stellar season, joining Sue Hogg, who won the BA award in 2018, on the winners list.

WA BOWLS RANKINGS

Based on prestigious events over 3 years

MEN			
Rank	Name	Club	Total
1	Packer, Cody	Manning	385
2	Holt, Warren	Wagin	238
3	Trehwella, Daniel	Mount Lawley	202
4	Opie, Justin	South Perth	170
5	Nairn, Blake	Cambridge	156
6	Bates, Russell	Doubleview	152
7	Butler, Blake	Manning	124
8	Mitchell, Matthew	Emu Point	123
9	Such, Lee	Vic Pk Carlisle	102
10	Leggett, Ben	Joondalup	101
11	Adams, Clive	Cambridge	97
12	East, Jack	Osborne Park	92
13	Walker, Scott	South Perth	88
14	Ball, Brad	Pinjarra	87
=15	Gillingham, Brad	Cambridge	86
=15	Giudice-Nairn, Shane	Geraldton	86
17	Leeson, Joel	Denison	79
18	Faulkner, Gavin	Doubleview	70
19	Trotter, Jon	Geraldton	68
20	Manton, Beau	Bassendean	64

WOMEN			
Rank	Name	Club	Total
1	Featherby, Lisa	Mosman Park	318
2	Butler, Laura	Manning	259
3	Ace-Watson, Chris	Mosman Park	257
4	Krstic, Kristina	Manning	254
5	Packer, Hailey	Manning	215
6	Leahy, Irene	Boulder	196
7	Warburton, Linda	Brunswick	160
8	Smith, Lisa	Perth & Tatts	130
9	Andersen, Kerry	Mosman Park	129
10	Morss, Helen	South Perth	122
11	Heal, Helen	Manning	117
12	Hastings, Therese	Manning	116
13	O'Brien, Robyn	Manning	100
=14	Arndt, Irene	Safety Bay	81
=14	Blackwell, Kaye	Mt Pleasant	81
=16	Chalmers, Pam	Osborne Park	80
=16	Adam, Jill	Geraldton	80
18	Gobbart, Kathy	Gingin	72
19	Smith, Cathie	Mosman Park	70
=20	Butcher, Rinske	North Beach	64
=20	Tyrrell, Kaitlin	Manning	64

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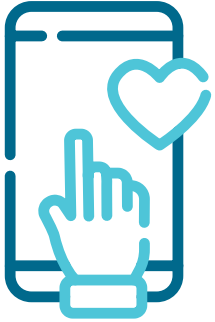
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Bowls Premier League 19

Suns succumb to superstar shot in BPL19

As Moreton Bay Pirates' star Alex Marshall played the final bowl of the BPL19 qualifying rounds, the Perth Suns held shot and a place in the finals – when the bowl came to rest, arguably the greatest player ever to play the sport had removed the Suns' shot bowl, leaving them agonisingly short of a finals berth.

The Suns team from BPL18 welcomed in a newcomer to the BPL in Carl Healey, from New South Wales, looking to bolster the playing stocks with Perth Suns' regular Cody Packer unavailable for BPL19.

Healey joined our crew of Australian Jackaroo and Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist Kristina Krstic, and 2021 Australian Singles Champion and two time WA Bowler of the Year, Blake Nairn in an impressive line-up. Bill Brandsma remained as coach of the Suns having experienced his first event at BPL18.

The tournament started slowly for the Suns with day one's three matches all going the way of the opponents.

Day one however is just the beginning and it was a brighter start to day two that saw the Suns claim wins against the

Tweed Heads Ospreys and the Tasmania Tridents to commence a climb up the ladder.

Again however losses in their remaining two matches saw the Suns back to the bottom of the ladder after 7 rounds had been played.

Perhaps the spark for the Suns was in Round 12 where a close TV rink victory over the Adelaide Pioneers saw the Suns off the bottom of the table and real chance to challenge for finals in one of the closest BPL tournaments in recent history.

On the back of that victory, and showing the closeness of the competition the Suns then went from last place after 11 rounds, to a remarkable second place after 15 rounds.

The roller coaster continued however, with the Suns losing in next two rounds, albeit to some unlucky results, leaving the final match against the Pirates as a must win.

Healey converted with his final bowl to hold shot before that Marshall magic kicked in and left Perth just one win from the finals, and back in eighth place.

An eighth place that really didn't reflect the fantastic performance of our Suns in BPL19.

A remarkable night of finals that can still be watched on Kayo Sports saw the Melbourne Pulse team of Gary Kelly, Barrie Lester and Ellen Ryan take the title in a wonderful final against the Pirates.



• Bill Brandsma, Blake Nairn, Kristina Krstic and Carl Healey.



• Coach Bill Brandsma



• Kristina and Carl.

Team	Wins	Net Sets
Sydney Lions	11	6
Melbourne Pulse	11	5
Moreton Bay Pirates	10	6
Tasmania Tridents	10	3
Adelaide Pioneers	9	4
Moama Steamers	9	-1
Tweed Ospreys	9	-6
Perth Suns	8	4
Gold Coast Hawks	7	-8
Melbourne Extreme	6	-13

Quality provides close games in Singles

The True North Ladies Masters Singles 23/24 was held at Mosman Park over the 23rd to 25th February.

A quality field was again attracted and the close games across the three days did not disappoint.

After Day 1 the first 32 players were down to 4 with 3 straight wins. Lisa Featherby (Mosman Park) had 3 close games against Jane Lewis (Mt Lawley) and then 2 state players in Lexie Webster (Safety Bay) and Lisa Smith (Perth Tatts).

Mandy Heiner (Willetton) progressed to the final day after surviving a very close tussle (21/20) against Shelley Worth (Forrestfield), then in a serious battle with Renate Coote before she withdrew because of the heat. Kerry West (Mandurah), new to the event, also fought valiantly in the conditions but with Heiner prevailing 21/16.

Laura Butler also progressed to the final day, also a result of a withdrawal due to heat but showed excellent form in the first 2 games and great sportsmanship to her opponents that were feeling the heat.

Gail Ecclestone (Bunbury), also new to the competition, proved a fierce competitor against strong opposition defeating Kathy Gobbart (Gingin), Annalyn Powell (Mt Lawley) and winning a tight one against Jenny Parker (Mosman Park) 21/18.

Day 2 also saw some great match ups and some close outcomes. The final four were Chris Ace-Watson (Mosman Park) who had to a close call against both Kaitlain Tyrell (Manning) 21/17, Dot Glass (Northam) 21/14 and Linda Warburton (Brunswick) 21/18. All quality and hard fought matches.

Therese Hastings had the benefit of a walk over in the second game but had a good game against Christine Thomason (Cockburn) 21/17 and Carol Chilcott (Mt Barker Golf) 21/9. Thomason has been a good supporter of this event and had a cracking first game against Debbie Smith (Safety Bay) getting over the line 21/16.

Helen Heal (Manning) showed she was in good form playing tough opponents in Carol Ashworth (York), Lee Poletti (Mosman Park) and Amanda Masters (Osborne Park) progressing with relative ease.

The last player into the top 8 was also new to the event, Sharon Whana (Katanning) showed resilience and grit to get over Pam Chalmers (Osborne Pk) in the final game of the day 21/16 after a close call against Brooke Chaney (Bassendean) 21/18.

The last 8 into Sunday's games was a mix of previous and new competitors, country and metro players, some previous winners and those less experienced.

The battle between Featherby and Heiner was an epic battle of 2 halves. Well down at 6/19 Lisa fought hard to get over the line 21/20.

Butler maintained great form to beat Ecclestone 21/9, Ace-Watson defeated Hastings 21/8 and with Heal and Whana having a lengthy battle, Heal eventually prevailed 21/18, playing the end of the game in light rain.

The semi-finals were both high quality, entertaining matches, with Butler securing the win 25/16 over Featherby, and Ace-Watson moving one step closer to the title defeating Heal 25/15.



• Chris Ace-Watson and Laura Butler.

Moving into the final, Ace-Watson was certainly keen for her first win in the event, while Butler is a previous 2 time winner. The game was always a contest with both players using the draw and conversion shot to great effect.

Although Butler maintained a small lead most of the game Ace-Watson fought hard to ensure the result was always in doubt until the last couple of ends, with Butler home 25/20. Her third and a well-deserved victory. Both players showing class and resilience during the tournament.

The Mosman Park Bowling club and its many volunteer members, with Lisa Featherby as the main driver of this tournament is a fantastic venue to host this prestigious event.

The weather made conditions and the greens difficult but all the players dealt with this respectfully.

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• Helen, Chris, Laura and Lisa.

Women's 060s Triples

Extra end decides Women's 060s triples

An incredibly close finish to the Over 60s Women's Triples final saw Brunswick's Linda Warburton combine with Mosman Park's Jenny Parker and Safety Bay's Lexie Webster to win the title on an extra end after the allotted 18 ends couldn't split the two finalists.

The Leeming trio of Maggie Newton, Karyn Mears and Jan Gleeson simply wouldn't go away in the final despite trailing by 7 shots after 8 ends, and 6 shots after 15.

Each time the Leeming combination was able to grab a multiple to narrow the deficit and challenge – in particular, the six collected on the 16th end, after a brilliant shot from Newton, eliminated the margin completely and presented a chance for the win.

The extra end saw the Warburton crew claim the shot, which couldn't be overturned and saw them safely home for the title, in a match where they never scored more than a 2 on any particular end.

The semi-finals saw Warburton defeat Irene Leahy, Carol Ashworth and Rinske Butcher 16-11, while Newton's crew eliminated Debra Kalinowsky, Kerry Rush and Sandra Simpson 15-12.



• Jenny Parker, Linda Warburton and Lexie Webster – winners of the Over 60s Women's State Triples.

Men's 060s Triples

Entertaining final in Men's 060s triples



• Chris Margin, Neville Stevens and Garry Booker – winners of the Over 60s Men's State Triples.

John Goddard made a clean sweep of last year's Over 60s titles however it was runner-up for him and his team of Gary Caffell and Grant Nicol, as we crowned Neville Stevens, Chris Margin and Garry Booker Over 60's Men's Triples champions for 2023/24.

The final saw Stevens' crew out of the blocks fast, scoring eight shots before Goddard's crew could find the scoreboard.

Some big scores either way in the middle part of the match saw the gap close to just 2 shots, before Stevens grabbed a 3 to re-establish the lead.

Again Goddard challenged, grabbing the next two ends and it was back to 2 the difference, however the last three ends would go the way of the eventual champions, completing an entertaining 21-15 victory.

The semi-finals also proved quite close affairs in the final scheme of things, with the Stevens trio home by just one shot over Chris Lander, Ross Cunningham and Gary Bayne, while a slightly more comfortable margin of 5 shots saw Goddard's crew defeat Daryl Radford, Stein Davies and John Terrell, 19-14.

Men's 060s State Singles

Brandsma triumphant!

Bill Brandsma is still quite new to the Over 60s competitions, but having finished runner-up to John Goddard in last year's Over 60s (his first), he went one better this time around, grabbing the title 21-15 against Collie's Rob Bowron. Both players are known for their singles prowess, so an enthralling final was on the cards, and that's exactly what ensued.

Conditions were kind, albeit with the usual Quinns Rocks breeze, but remarkably throughout the final there was five scores of the full count of 4 shots – 3 for Bill and 2 for Rob. Perhaps that was the difference, especially given it was a full count of 4 that saw Bill arrive at 21 shots first and the title.



• Bill Brandsma.

Brandsma overcame Alan Anderson (Leeming) 21-15 in his semi-final, while Bowron defeated Chris Margin 21-14, rounding out a solid year for Margin in Over 60's competition.

Women's 060s Singles

Lisa Featherby again!

Scorching temperatures forecast in the lead-up to the originally scheduled Women's Over 60s Singles saw the competition postponed for two months, as another position in the calendar was sought.

The end result was a bigger field than originally planned, and some great matches throughout. Lisa Featherby, continuing her remarkable year was crowned champion however that was not without a fight from Quinns Rocks' Karen Clarke.

Clarke could've been excused for feeling some nerves, but the New Zealand native found the jack early to put pressure on her more fancied opponent. A 5-1 advantage soon turned into a 13-7 lead, and in the 21 up match, an upset was on the cards.



• Lisa Featherby.

Featherby however is an experienced campaigner, and trailing by 6, grabbed a 4 and 2 to draw back on equal terms. Again Clarke moved out to a 4 shot lead, however 17 proved a roadblock as it would be Featherby grabbing the final four ends of the match to close out a 21-17 win.

Clarke overcame Osborne Park's Pam Chalmers, also a finalist in the Women's State Singles this year, 21-10 in the semi-final, while it was the same scoreline with Featherby home over Kukerin's Bev Davidson.

100-Up

Three in a row for Featherby



• Kathy Gobbart with 100-up winner Lisa Featherby.

A field of 68 ladies started the 2024 BWA Women's 100up Singles at Manning BC and Quinns Rocks BC, culminating in a superb final at the Manning Bowling Club.

The first Semi-Final saw the back-to-back champion of the last two years, Lisa Featherby, defeat last year's Over 60s Singles winner, Kathy Gobbart.

Featherby fell behind early but slowly ground her way back into the contest by taking a majority of the points in seven of the last nine ends to win 100-96.

The second Semi-Final included five times winner, Therese Hastings, up against State Leader Jenny Parker. Hastings started at a hot pace and led 51-29 before Parker started to gain some traction back on the scorecard.

An eight and a nine to Parker in the later stages of the game put a lot of scoreboard pressure on Hastings but as she usually does, Hastings settled to find the line with a 100-90 win.

In perfect conditions, on a superb green at the Manning Bowling Club, Featherby and Hastings went all out in the final.

No shot was safe as the two ladies went bowl for bowl every end. In eight of the first nine ends, the end result was either 5-5 or 6-4 one way or the other showing the evenness of the contest. Hastings broke the mold with a nine on the tenth end only for Featherby to answer with her own nine two ends later.

At 75 all the match could have gone either way but Featherby found a way to take a couple of 7-3's and 6-4's to win her third straight Women's 100up Championship 100-90.

Doubleview crowned champs in Premier League

A thrilling finish to a fantastic season has seen the premiers crowned for the 2023-24 season. Plenty of stories of success as well as those inevitable so close, but so far moments that keep us coming back for more. Let's take a look at what happened across the competition.

Premier League

Doubleview 80 def South Perth 70

Doubleview's path to the premiership was perhaps paved when it grabbed a solitary point in Round 18 of the qualifying rounds.

While it was just the single point, it secured hosting rights for day one of the Premier League finals, and a significant home green advantage, given the different surfaces played on throughout the competition.

The next step to the title then involved staving off a huge challenge from South Perth, desperate for another crack at the Premier League title having been runner-up four times on the trot.

The Millers' led the double chance final early on, however Doubleview then took charge, largely courtesy of just one rink, skippered by Charlie Slavich. The Slavich rink would do enough, despite being the only victorious rink, to get the View home and into the Grand Final. South Perth then went into the second chance final facing a Cambridge outfit that had just eliminated back-to-back premier Manning in the elimination semi-final.

The Knights moved out to an early lead, however again it was the Millers charging home late. With key moments going the way of the Millers it was Paul Davies' trail of the jack that sealed the win for the Millers, advancing through to a next day re-match against Doubleview.

Bassendean's greens for Grand Final day were simply outstanding. A perfect surface to see the top two teams in the competition battle it out for the title.

The Millers entered the final fighting their own grand final demons as well as a classy Doubleview outfit.

As the match progressed, it became clear that one rink was going to be crucial in the outcome.



• Doubleview – Premier League winners.

At the halfway point, Ryan Moyle's top rink in the competition of Brad White, Brad Pearce and Blair Griffiths had extended out to a solid lead over Glenn Pauling and was looking the goods.

With other rinks all quite close, the expected challenge from the Millers then came.

Pauling's crew worked hard to trim the margin against Moyle, and the surrounding Millers' rinks were building momentum. Incredibly, the Millers closed what was a double figure margin back to just 3 shots before the finals experience of Doubleview kicked in and some crucial multiple collects steadied the ship.

A well earned victory for Doubleview, with around 100 people in the middle of the green belting out the club song, against the backdrop of a Millers outfit wondering what it needs to do to get its hands on the shield.

1st Division White

Kardinya 95 def Safety Bay 62

The 1st Division White Grand Final can often be a celebration of sorts, given the rules around promotion to Premier League.

This season was no different with both finalists assured of promotion to the top grade for next season.

Top team Kardinya has been there all year, and Safety Bay earned its promotion on day one of the finals by winning a grand final of sorts, against Cockburn, the previous day.

The Grand Final was essentially over quickly as Kardinya asserted its authority on the match racing to a 40 shot advantage before Safety Bay had a chance to settle. From there it was simply a case of maintaining the lead as the Kats celebrated a premiership victory.



• Kardinya – First Division White winners.

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1st Division Blue

Osborne Park 82 def Vic Park/Carlisle 81

If there was a 'Grand Final of the Day' this was perhaps it, certainly looking at the scoreline and how it all ended. The two champions from North and South come together each year to play for the 1 Blue flag and it never disappoints.

Osborne Park and Victoria Park Carlisle battled it out at Bassendean for nearly four hours – there was barely anything in the aggregate, and there was big finish looming.

As it turned out it was big scores on the final two ends of the match, with numbers like 5s and 6s on the cards, and when it all balanced up it was the Saints home by the barest margins and celebrating the premiership.

2nd Division

Willetton 93 def Mount Lawley 64

The four colour winners for 2nd Division were Willetton, Mount Lawley, Cambridge and Cockburn, all celebrating promotion to 1st Division Blue next season, but looking for the icing on the cake in the shape of the pennant flag.

The two semi-finals saw Willetton advance over Cambridge, with Glenn Sewell's big win the catalyst, and Mount Lawley home over Cockburn with John Cottier the Mounters biggest winner. The final saw a solid victory to Willetton, albeit dominated by the one 27-8 rink victory.

In terms of other promotions, Warwick was the only successful challenger to the 1st Blue defenders and will claim a place in 1 Blue next season as a result.

3rd Division

Armadale 97 def Leeming 53

The 3rd Division playoffs saw teams from Armadale, Scarborough, Bassendean and Leeming do battle with Armadale earning hosting rights following a year where it lost just one match.

The semi-finals saw Armadale advance quite comfortably with a clean sweep victory over a strong Scarborough outfit, and Leeming advance over Bassendean courtesy of a double figure victory to John Timperley's quartet.

So, Armadale versus Leeming in the final, and with a big win to Kevin McKay 31-8 the aggregate was never really in any doubt. The move up to 2nd Division for Armadale feels like it could be just for the one year as they press for higher honours in the 1st Division grades.

Forrestfield, Warnbro, Glen Forrest and Yanchep claimed the remaining promotion places into 2nd Division.



• Osborne Park – 1st Division Blue winners.

4th Division

North Perth 82 def Bayswater 71

North Perth, Bayswater, Spearwood and Kalamunda did battle for the 4th divvy flag, and it was the two more Northern teams that got the chocolates in the semi-finals. North Perth overcame Spearwood, and Bayswater had a strong win over Kalamunda – Malcolm Hughes the biggest winner.

That left two of our more progressive clubs to fight it out for the flag and it was Brett Havercroft and Angelo Demarte that ensured the result was never in doubt with double figure wins for North Perth.

Rossmoyne, Leeming, Warwick and Bassendean will enjoy the rise in grade next year, alongside these colour winners.

5th Division

Forrestfield 62 def North Perth 48

Five colours always means complicated finals for 5th Division, and this year Osborne Park and Wanneroo were set the task in the alignment round. Osborne Park's Harry Golding steered the Saints to victory there, however that's where the Saints good news ended as it fell to North Perth in the semi-final.

Forrestfield advanced to the division final with a tight win over Perth Tatts, with very little in each and every rink, and it was Forrestfield able to take that momentum into the Grand Final to take the premiership flag over North Perth.

The remaining three promotions went the way of Kalamunda, Nollamara and Bull Creek AFA.

6th Division

Osborne Park 47 def Innaloo 24

The final flag went the way of the ladder and Osborne Park. The Saints were the top team at the end of qualifying rounds, and proved too strong for Innaloo in the final, securing solid wins on both rinks of play.

Congratulations to all our winners, and to those not so successful, there's always next year!

Manning win both Premier and White Divisions

Tuesday Pennant

Cambridge Bowling Club once again turned it on for the finale of The Professionals Tuesday Pennant Competition during March.

Manning once again proved superior in the Premier League competition, and backed it up with the 1 White title too, however some new faces, and clubs, gracing the winner's list this season will keep everyone coming back for more.

Premier Division

Manning 52 def Mosman Park 48

Manning makes it an incredible ten in a row in winning this season's premiership. The final was a tight encounter throughout, but one in which Mosman Park simply couldn't find the lead. Lisa Featherby was in front for Mosman Park, however that was being countered by the other two rinks in favour of Manning. In the end, a four shot margin and a record that may never be broken.

Manning has shown over the years, it is a team capable of doing things the hard way, and with Mosman Park's semi-final win against Manning sending the Eagles the long way to the Grand Final, that trademark fight was once again needed.

A preliminary final clean sweep win over North Beach showed the Eagles were up for the fight.

Who can break the incredible Manning run? Perhaps nobody? Find out next year.



• Manning – Premier League winners.

1st Green North

Wanneroo 64 def Scarborough 48

Wanneroo, Scarborough, Mount Lawley and Osborne Park made finals in this grade, and with just one point separating all four sides on the final ladder, it was anyone's guess as to how the finals might play out.

Things didn't change much in the first round of finals with Wanneroo home by just 3 shots over Scarborough, although Mount Lawley's win over Osborne Park was more comprehensive. Scarborough then bounced back, defeating Mount Lawley in the preliminary final.

Finally, it was Wanneroo too good in the Grand Final, taking a clean sweep victory with Ronnie Anderson the biggest winner for the Roos.

1st Green South

Cockburn 56 def Mt Pleasant 55

A nailbiter of a finish in this Grand Final with Cockburn home on the last bowl of the day. Evelyn Wilson was the biggest winner for the match with her six shot margin being enough to carry the aggregate despite the other two rinks suffering narrow losses.

In similar circumstances to last season, Cockburn had been sent the long way to the big dance, with Mt Pleasant to strong on day one of the finals. Wilson was the only winner for Cockburn in that match showing a very solid week for the Cockburn rink.

2nd Division

Merriwa AFA 55 def Warwick 52

Close finishes were the order of the day for Merriwa AFA as it took a narrow four shot win over Manning to advance to the Grand Final, before playing out a thriller in the big one. Maggie Edgar, with Gail Kempton, Pauline Wright and Veronica Thyse will be the toast of the club winning by double figures in both finals matches, and the sole winner in the Grand Final.

The win capped off a very solid year for the second division champions.



• Manning – Premier and White Division winners.

1st White Division

Manning 62 def Thornlie 58

Depth certainly isn't lacking at our Premier winner, with the 1 White flag also heading to Manning.

A remarkably similar final to the Premier grade final with four shots again the winning margin. Two rinks to Manning, and just the one to Thornlie was the difference with Debra Kalinowsky the biggest winner for the Eagles, as the club has plenty to celebrate during the off-season.

Thornlie still with plenty to celebrate as it books itself a place in the top grade next year, as will Warwick, promoted courtesy of Manning and North Beach, the other final four qualifiers, already having a Premier League team.



- Merriwa – 2nd Division winners.

Open Gender 3rd Division

Yanchep 72 def Perth & Tattersalls 40

A dominant finals week from our northernmost club has seen the 3rd Division title head to Yanchep.

Some amazing performances throughout the season were also reflected in finals as Yanchep stormed past a Mount Pleasant side that had lost just two matches for the season. Claire Ferguson and Dave Hitchman both recording big wins in both the semi-final and Grand Final, both against quality opposition.



- Yanchep – Open Gender 3rd Division winners.

Open Gender 4th Division

Pickering Brook 43 def Inglewood 27

An impressive performance throughout the season for these two teams to make the Grand Final, with Inglewood surviving a last round challenge just to make the final.

The final came down to the rink of Slyvia Van Groningen, who with Wendy Kerr, Jane Norrie and Marilyn Rollings had a big win to secure the 4th Division flag.

Friday Night Pennant

Manning 33 def Bedford 18

A great evening under the quality lights at Bedford saw the two division winners in the Friday night competition battle it out for the flag.

With just two rinks, these matches are often low scoring affairs, however with one rink drawn, the title came down to Pamela McIntosh, who with Kerry Rush, Sharon Williams and Lynne Hamilton took the crucial second rink and secured more celebrations for Manning.

Saturday Pennants

1st Red: Manning 35 def Mosman Park 30

With a rematch of the Tuesday Pennant Grand Final and some of WA's best players on show this was a brilliant finish to the season. Both finalists advanced to the Grand Final in relatively comfortable fashion over Osborne Park and North Beach, but that is where the comfort ended. Just nothing in this one, with two close rinks producing just a 5 shot aggregate victory. Laura Butler the 'big' winner, by just four shots, and Kaitlin Tyrrell home by just one on the other rink.

The quality of competitors in this one certainly underlining the growth of the Women's Saturday competition as a whole.

1st Blue North

Bassendean 45 def Bayswater 27

Bassendean finished atop the 1 Blue North grade, but both Mundaring and Bayswater were not far behind. That showed out in the semi-finals with one and two shot margins squeezing our two grand finalists through.

Bassendean proving too strong in the finish, but pleasing to see Bayswater, a club on the rise, doing well here.

1st Blue South

Thornlie 44 def Mount Pleasant 30

Thornlie through to the Grand Final in a thriller against Victoria Park Carlisle before having too much for Mount Pleasant in the final. Julie Fielder, with Tae Fenwick, Pat Triner and Lesley York the heroes with a big win to secure the flag.

2nd Division

Safety Bay 41 def Dalkeith-Nedlands 39

A remarkably close finish to the season saw Safety Bay secure a grand final position by just the one point, and Dalkeith-Nedlands close but a little more comfortably through. A battle to the finish in the Grand Final with one rink each way, but Jodie McBriar home by eight to get the Bay narrowly over the line.

Open Gender 3rd Division

Safety Bay 42 def Osborne Park 24

Plenty to celebrate here for Safety Bay grabbing another pennant to add to the 2nd Division victory. Susan Burch, with Janice Mulligan, Dianne Parlour and Rowena McInnes with a big finals day winning both their matches by game-breaking margins.

Another massive season comes to an end, with plenty of exciting finishes. Looking forward to next season already!

Close contests and upsets in finals

Another big season of Men's Midweek Pennants with close contests and some upsets come finals time. Let's take a look at how everything played out across the finals.

Premier League - North

Bassendean 74 def Cambridge 48

A remarkable end to the Premier League North season with the final turning everything on its head. It was Osborne Park and Sorrento that finished in the top two positions on the table, with the Saints just one point clear, earning home ground advantage for the finals.

The semi-finals however saw the finishing positions go straight out the window, with fourth placed Cambridge defeating Osborne Park – the win courtesy of Brad Gillingham's 22-8 victory. Alongside, it was third placed Bassendean getting home against Sorrento with Ruairi Kenyon's crew home by 20 shots to 8 to setup victory.

That setup an unlikely final battle between Bassendean and Cambridge, with Kenyon's crew of Matt Whitely, Phil Hutchinson and Norm Kirkup continuing its great form with a huge 38-10 victory to ensure the Lions would take the premiership.

Premier League - South

Cockburn 61 def South Perth 46

Cockburn finished atop the premiership table, two wins clear of Safety Bay, with South Perth and Kardinya completing the finals positions.

Cockburn then confirmed its Grand Final place with a good win over Kardinya, Michael Simunovic the biggest winner there, and South Perth overcame Safety Bay courtesy of Scott Walker's high scoring 30-20 win.

That left Cockburn hosting the Grand Final against South Perth and this time it was the veteran Tony Krajancic whose rink turned the tables on Walker to provide the big win needed for Cockburn to clinch the title.

1st Division Blue

Wanneroo 61 def Rossmoyne 50

With the 1st Division Blue competition split into North and South, and the more traditional approach of the two playing off for the flag, it was Wanneroo taking on Rossmoyne for the title. With two rinks very close, it was Mike Golding's rink of Kyle Rayner, Glen Jack and Stuart Binnie getting home by 12 shots to steer the Roos to the premiership flag.

2nd Division

North Perth 64 def Osborne Park 61

Don Dixon's big win in the semi-final saw North Perth through over Perth & Tattersalls, while Osborne Park scraped through in a thriller against Rockingham – a tight battle on all three rinks. North Perth then got home by just 3 shots in the final, with Anthony Kay home by 9 shots to provide the biggest margin for the flag winners.



• Kardinya – 1st Division White winners.

3rd Division

Nollamara 63 def Leeming 45

An incredibly tight finish for three of the four colours in 3rd Division saw Nollamara (by 4 points), Manning (by ½ a point) and Leeming (by 2 points) join Yanchep in the playoffs for the third division flag.

Highest qualifier, and host, Yanchep were eliminated by Nollamara in the semi-finals, while Leeming defeated Manning. In the final, Nollamara's Ross Shervill, Paul Sheedy, Harry Hughes and Barry Moore were unstoppable, winning 30-5 to see the flag head to Nollamara.

Open Gender 4th Division

Armadale 61 def Bassendean 51

Another division where there was some tight finishes to see who would play for the flag.

A strong Armadale side put paid to Osborne Park in the first semi-final, while Bassendean advanced with a solid win against Leeming. In the Grand Final, the decisive win went to Chadd Hunt, with Belinda Lehman, Dale Hunt and Glenn Luton whose 27-5 win secured the flag for Armadale.

Open Gender 5th Division

Leeming 76 def Kalamunda 54

The teams that advanced to the playoffs all did so by under 2 points in the closest division of the competition.

Leeming booked its place in the Grand Final defeating Mount Lawley, while Kalamunda defeated Bullsbrook in a close one. The final saw Leeming home over Kalamunda on all three rinks.

Open Gender 6th Division

Armadale 41 def Kwinana 40

The closest finish of any of the finals with second placed Armadale home over Kwinana by just one shot. Remarkably, one rink was drawn so it all came down to the second rink, with Armadale's Graham Sampson squeezing home by one shot and securing the flag. Remember, if it wasn't your year this year, it is on again next year!

Metro vs Country - Men's and Women's Results



Metro home over Allstars

The annual Metro versus Country Allstars did not disappoint at the Osborne Park Bowling Club with close rink scores all around and a large crowd in attendance for the traditional Men's Country Week curtain raiser.

The Metropolitan team jumped out of the blocks early on the aggregate board leading by 9 after 30 ends, courtesy of Sean Mawdsley's (Metro) rink leading 10-1.

That lead stretched to 19 shots by the halfway mark of the 126-end contest, with Metros Jack East and Clive Adams both leading the way with 9-shot leads. For the Country, Matthew Mitchell's rink was enjoying a 6-shot lead and Shane Giudice-Nairn held sway by a single shot.



• **Cody Packer.**



• **Warren Holt.**

As the games developed, the Country Allstars kept pushing and got the aggregate deficit down to 11 shots at one stage, with Scott Pennington fighting back against Sean Mawdsley. Pennington was down 1-13 at one stage but by the 18th end had closed to 14-17.

However, 11 was as close as the Country were able to get, with Cody Packer (Metro) winning 6 of the last 7 ends to overhaul Mitchell 19-16, John Goddard (Metro) defeating Stephen Fewster (Country) 22-17 and Mawdsley hanging on for a 19-15 win.

Warren Holt (Country) stormed back against East but couldn't quite finish it off with the Metro crew home 23-20, and while Joel Leeson (Country) fought back against Adams, to get within 3 shots, Adams slowly extended the lead back out for a 21-13 win.

Giudice-Nairn had a great battle with Blake Nairn (Metro) with scores were level going into the last end. Giudice-Nairn crossed over down but stepped up to draw shot next to the jack. Nairn, looking to sit the opposition bowl, got half the bowl and half the jack but his bowl trickled out of the head to leave the Country still holding shot. Giudice-Nairn did not play his last bowl and claimed an 18-17 win.

Overall, the Metropolitan team led from start to finish to take a 22-shot aggregate win 121 to 99.

Congratulations to all the players for a great display and to Osborne Park and the crowd for making the night such a great success again.

Metro too strong over Women's Allstars

A thrilling curtain raiser to Women's Country Week was played at Bassendean as the annual Metro versus Country battle took place.

12 rinks represented each team, making for a mammoth eventual aggregate score of 233-224 in favour of the Metro team. With 5 rinks wins each, and two draws, the only difference between the two teams was the margin.

For the Metro team, Vicki Spragg's crew of Vicki Warne, Gail Hjorth and Maree Lumsden were most impressive winning by 20 shots, whilst three rinks away it was another double figure scoreline in favour of Metro with Denise Kelly, Lexie Webster, Debra Kalinowsky and Peita Alberti home by 17.

Irene Grout's Country team of Linda Young, Pat Huckson and Jill Gumbleton fought back with a 16 shot margin, while Jennie Bruce and Pat Belcher also recorded healthy wins.

In the end, bragging rights go the way of the Metro side for the next twelve months.

Here's a look at the scores on all 12 rinks, with metro mentioned first:

Irene Arndt 22 – Sian Smith 22; Lisa Featherby 14 – Jill Adam 22; Denise Kelly 27 – Linda Warburton 10; Donna Blackwell 12 – Pat Belcher 21; Renate Coote 13 – Jennie Bruce 23; Vicki Spragg 28 – Julie Watson 8; Pauline Bourne – 22 Vicki Miguel 19; Helen Stevens 12 – Irene Grout 18; Shenayde Carley 18 – Sharon Whana 23; Liz Matthews 16 – Beryl Cooper 16; Pam Chalmers 21 – Mary Wellstead 20; Jenni McLaughlin 28 – Carol Ashworth 14.



• **Jennie Bruce.**



• **Pam Chalmers.**

Cockburn and Kelli's encouragement in Junior Academy reveals real talent

The Cockburn Bowling hosted the Under 18 State Championships from Tuesday 2nd April through to Friday 5th April. Cockburn have stepped up in the last couple of years by having Kelli Wray join the club and beginning their Junior Academy.

A number of players in these championships would not have played without the encouragement of Kelli and the Cockburn Club as a whole.

The first Event was the Any Gender Triples with sectional play followed by finals to find the Champion as well as a playoff for third. Both finalists went in undefeated, but it was the team of Harper Wass (Coorow), Dante Burnham (Harvey) and Jarrod Steele (Doubleview), who started slowly but came home strong to defeat Cam Wellington (Harvey), Brayden Rhodes (Mundaring) and Sophie Hays (Joondalup) 13-5 to claim the 2024 Triples title.

The playoff for third saw Callum Alberti (Osborne Park), Edan Manifis (Osborne Park) and Zac Parker (Merredin) defeat Jack Headland (Cockburn), Will Percival (South Perth) and Eleana Manifis (Osborne Park) 16-7.

Next up we saw the Any Gender Pairs with again two sections lining up to find our finalists. Coming through section one was the Osborne Park combo of Alberti and Edan to take on section 2 winners Wellington and Parker.

The final was a cliffhanger coming down to the last bowl. Alberti jumped out to a 7-1 lead, but Wellington stormed back to take the lead 8-7. Going into the last end tied at 9-9, it was Alberti and Manifis who prevailed 10-9 to take the title.

Playing for third place, it was Steele and Wass getting a five on the last end to prevail 12-10 over Matthew Larkman (Waroona) and Kobyn Sawade (Cockburn).

Finally, we came to the Boy's and Girls State Singles. The Girls Championship saw five girls entered which meant a round robin tournament was played.

After a slow start in the first round, it was Eleana Manifis who improved throughout every game to take everyone before her and take the 2024 Girls Singles title. Runner up went to Drew Gunson (Maylands) who won three of her games including a defining 17-16 win over third placed Hays.

The Boys Championship had four sections with the winner of each section going through to the Semi-Finals.

• Below: Edan Manifis and Callum Alberti.



• Callum Alberti and Eleana Manifis triumphant in the Junior Singles titles.

Section two winner Alberti was too strong in the Semi-Final up against Dante Burnham 21-8 to keep his title defence alive.

Parker came through section three and proved to be too good for Brayden Rhodes in a close fought Semi-Final contest 21-17. In the final Alberti started quickly with a four on the second end.

Parker threatened to get back into the game a number of times, but he was never able to bridge the four or five shot lead that Alberti held for much of the game.

With a strong finish, by taking four of the last five ends, Alberti became the 2024 Boys Singles Champion with a 21-11 win in the final making it three wins on the trot for the up and coming star of the sport.

• Below: Harper Wass, Dante Burnham and Jarrod Steele.



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Pinjarra in charge at Country Week

Pinjarra once again dominated Men's Country Week, with an all-Pinjarra pairs final and a fours title highlights of their Country Week campaign – all that with just 8 players in the field. Remarkable.

Let's take a look back at Men's Country Week 2024...

Mitchell takes the crown once more

When making a list of tournament favourites for Men's Country Week, Matt Mitchell is always high on the list – the 2020 Country Week Singles and Pairs champion, and also the skipper of the champion fours team in 2022.

A rich history that underlines the quality of the player that is Matt Mitchell.

Perhaps etched alongside the Mitchell name on that favourites list would be the Smith family name – a family that boasts many titles, including State titles, Justin Smith in particular has the honour of back to back Country Week Singles titles from 2018 and 2019, meaning a forward showing is never a surprise.

This year's singles title therefore pitted two stars of the Country scene against each other, and what we got was a very entertaining affair.

Mitchell pushed out to an early lead, up 9-2, before Smith challenged strongly, taking the lead at the midway point of the match.

From there however, Mitchell steadied to take his second Country Week Singles title, 21-16.



• Matthew Mitchell and Justin Smith.



• Peter Cole and Tom Ellison.

Pinjarra v Pinjarra in the Pairs

It is a rare thing that clubmates meet each other in a final, but the pairs final was exactly that, with two Pinjarra combinations clashing in the final.

Leon Birch and John McCooke, who also featured in the fours final, took on Peter Cole and Tom Ellison.

It was a shot each way on the first two ends, before a big 5 went the way of Cole and Ellison and essentially established a lead that McCooke and Birch could never bridge.

A number of the times the trailing pair would hold shots only to see Cole able to come up with the goods and prevent any sort of comeback.

An 18-4 win in the end saw back-to-back pairs titles for Pinjarra. Cole and Ellison defeated Northam's Shane Manual and Ian (Fred) Hill in the semi-final 13-9, while McCooke and Birch eliminated the Composite duo of Graeme Jose and Charles Russell.



• Peter Retallack, Brad Ball, John McCooke and Leon Birch.

Pinjarra on the Ball again

Country Week Fours finals have a way of delivering the very best. Plenty of passion with two teams of great mates battling it out to do their respective towns proud.

This year, we had Pinjarra taking on Quairading – Pinjarra a club on the rise and last year's Bowls WA Country Club of the Year, taking on a Quairading crew looking for the club's first Country Week title.

What ensued was a fantastic final with an especially remarkable display from both skippers – Brad Ball and Bill Fraser. Ball, with his Pinjarra crew of Peter Retallack, Leon Birch and John McCooke taking on Fraser and the Quairading team of Colin Hayes, Vincent Hadlow and Rob Wilson.

Pinjarra had the lead only to see that lead gobbled up in one end with a big six scored by the Quairading crew. With Quairading then leading by two shots with two to play, and holding a good two, it was Ball that stepped up, removing the two opposition bowls to claim four for Pinjarra and the lead with one end to play.

On that final end, Fraser had one final chance with his last bowl but was a bowl wide on the draw and it was Pinjarra crowned champions.

Country Week another huge success

AFGRI Women's Country Week was once again a huge success this year with a wonderful blend of experienced players and newcomers to Country Week titles saluting in the final scheme of things.

As is often the way in Country Week, the penultimate day was a big one, with some late finishes required to move into a thrilling final day at Cockburn.

The Fours

It was two teams from the southern end of the State that progressed to the Grand Final, with somewhat similar wins in the semi-finals.

Bunbury's Anne Blechynden, Ann Dunn, Lyn Rodda and Luella Jenkins proved too strong in the first semi, piling on shots throughout the middle part of the match to defeat Susan Armstrong's composite crew 23-8.

Alongside a similar scoreline with Mandurah's Kerry West, Adrienne Belairs, Trish Wren and Jeanette Hislop getting home 23-7 over Sharon Whana.

The final saw the Bunbury crew out of the blocks in very smart fashion, grabbing 5 shots across the first three ends, before stringing ends 5, 6 and 7 together, including a score of 4 to break the game apart.

West's crew attempted to rally but couldn't find any consecutive ends to garner any sort of momentum. On the 12th end, when the Bunbury side picked up another 4, that spelled the end, and it was a well-earned 17-6 victory to the Blechynden quartet.

The Pairs

The most thrilling finish for the week was certainly the pairs event, eventually going into overtime to determine a winner. The semi-finals saw Corrigin's Noelene Abe and June Pietrzak

home by 8 shots over the composite combo of Kaye Burton and Angela Bracknell, while next door, the comeback was on with Dandaragan's Judy Allen and Jan McGinlay storming home against Denison's Patricia Belcher and Gloria Nelson. It was the Denison pair holding on for a 17-14 win and a place in the final.

The final saw multiples go the way of Corrigin early, pushing the score out to 10-4 lead after 6 ends.

Five of the next six ends however would go the way of Denison, and on the 11th end, a big four would close the gap in the run to the line.

That run to the line ended locked together, meaning an extra end was required to find a winner.

Both teams got a little slide each off the front bowls as they tried to get shot, but it was the Denison bowl that remained at the end for the tightest of wins.



• Lyn Rodda, Anne Blechynden, Ann Dunn and Luella Jenkins.

The Singles

Clubs from various corners of the state were represented in the quarter finals, with every direction covered.

The semi-finals saw the experienced Linda Warburton of Brunswick, playing her first Country Week in over a decade, home 17-9 over Pamela Smith from Busselton, while Carol Ashworth of York proved too strong for Harvey's Lyn Egerton-Green 17-13.

That meant Warburton versus Ashcroft in the final. Despite Warburton's high profile in bowls over many years, the Country Week Singles title was not one already on her belt, and for Ashcroft a huge opportunity that she had not seen before.

Perhaps Warburton was expected to jump out early, and that she did, quickly leading 10-1.

A couple of ends the way of Ashcroft and the margin narrowed to just five, but the class and experience of Warburton simply wouldn't fade, piling on 9 shots on the trot to establish a match winning lead, eventually closing things out 21-12.



• Linda Warburton.



• Pat Belcher and Gloria Nelson.

Congratulations to all Country Winners

Avon Valley • Women's League Pennant – York



Lower Great Southern – (W) League Pennant Div 1 – Emu Point (R)



Batavia • Women's League Pennant Div 1 – Denison



Lower Great Southern – (M) League Pennant Div 1 – Emu Point (R)



Batavia • Men's League Pennant Div 1 – Geraldton



Moore Districts • Women's League Pennant – Bindoon



Central Midlands – Men's League Pennant – Wongan Hills Red



Murray Districts • Men's League Pennant Sat Div 1 – Pinjarra



Central Wheatbelt – Open Gender – Wyalkatchem



North Midlands • Men's League Pennant – Three Springs Red



Congratulations to all Country Winners

South Eastern • Men's League Pennant Div 1 - Merredin

South West • Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 1 - Busselton

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Country Pennant Results 2024

Avon Valley Bowling League

YORK	Women's League Pennant
NORTHAM	Men's League Pennant Div 1
YORK	Men's League Pennant Div 2

Batavia Bowling League

DENISON WHITE	Women's League Pennant Div 1
GERALDTON GOLD	Women's League Pennant Div 2
GERALDTON GOLD	Men's League Pennant Div 1
WONTHELLA MAROON	Men's League Pennant Div 2

Blackwood Bowling League

PEMBERTON	Men's League Pennant Sat
PEMBERTON	Men's League Pennant Midweek
BRIDGETOWN	Women's League Pennant

Central Midlands Bowling League

WONGAN HILLS RED	Men's League Pennant
MOORA BLACK	Women's League Pennant

Central Stirling Bowling League

GNOWANGERUP	Women's League Pennant
JERRAMUNGUP	Men's League Pennant

Central West Coastal Bowling League

DANDARAGAN	Women's League Pennant
BADGINGARRA	Men's League Pennant

Central Wheatbelt Bowling League

WYALKATCHEM	Women's League Pennant
BEACON	Men's League Pennant

East Avon Bowling League

QUAIRADING RED	Men's League Pennant Div 1
KELLERBERRIN BLUE	Men's League Pennant Div 2

Goldfields Unified Bowling League

KALGOORLIE GOLD	Women's League Pennant
KALGOORLIE WHITE	Men's League Pennant

Great Southern Bowling League

KOJONUP	Women's League Pennant
MOODIARRUP	Men's League Pennant

Leeuwin Bowling League

MARGARET RIVER	Saturday Pennant Div 1
MARGARET RIVER GOLD	Saturday Pennant Div 2
DUNSBOROUGH WHITE	Midweek Pennant

Lower Great Southern Bowling League

EMU POINT RED	Men's League Pennant Div 1
MOUNT BARKER GOLF RED	Men's League Pennant Div 2
DENMARK	Men's League Pennant Div 3
EMU POINT RED	Women's League Pennant Div 1
CRANBROOK	Women's League Pennant Div 2

Moore Districts Bowling League

BINDOON	Women's League Pennant
GINGIN GOLD	Men's League Pennant

Murray Districts Bowling League

PINJARRA	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 1
HALLS HEAD 1	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 2
MANDURAH	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 3
MANDURAH	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 4
HALLS HEAD 1	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 1
HALLS HEAD 2	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 2
WAROONA	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 3
MANDURAH RED	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 4
DUDLEY PARK GOLD	Women's League Pennant Div 1
YUNDERUP BLUE	Women's League Pennant Div 2
MEADOW SPRINGS GOLD	Women's League Pennant Div 3
HALLS HEAD PINK	Women's League Pennant Div 4

North Midlands Bowling League

THREE SPRINGS RED	Men's League Pennant
CARNAMAH	Women's League Pennant

South Central Arunga Bowling League

KULIN	Men's League Pennant
NEWDEGATE	Women's League Pennant

South East Coastal Bowling League

SCADDAN 1	Men's League Pennant
ESPERANCE	Women's League Pennant

South Eastern Bowling League

MERREDIN CIVIC	Women's League Pennant
MERREDIN	Men's League Pennant Div 1
YILGARN	Men's League Pennant Div 2

South West Bowling League

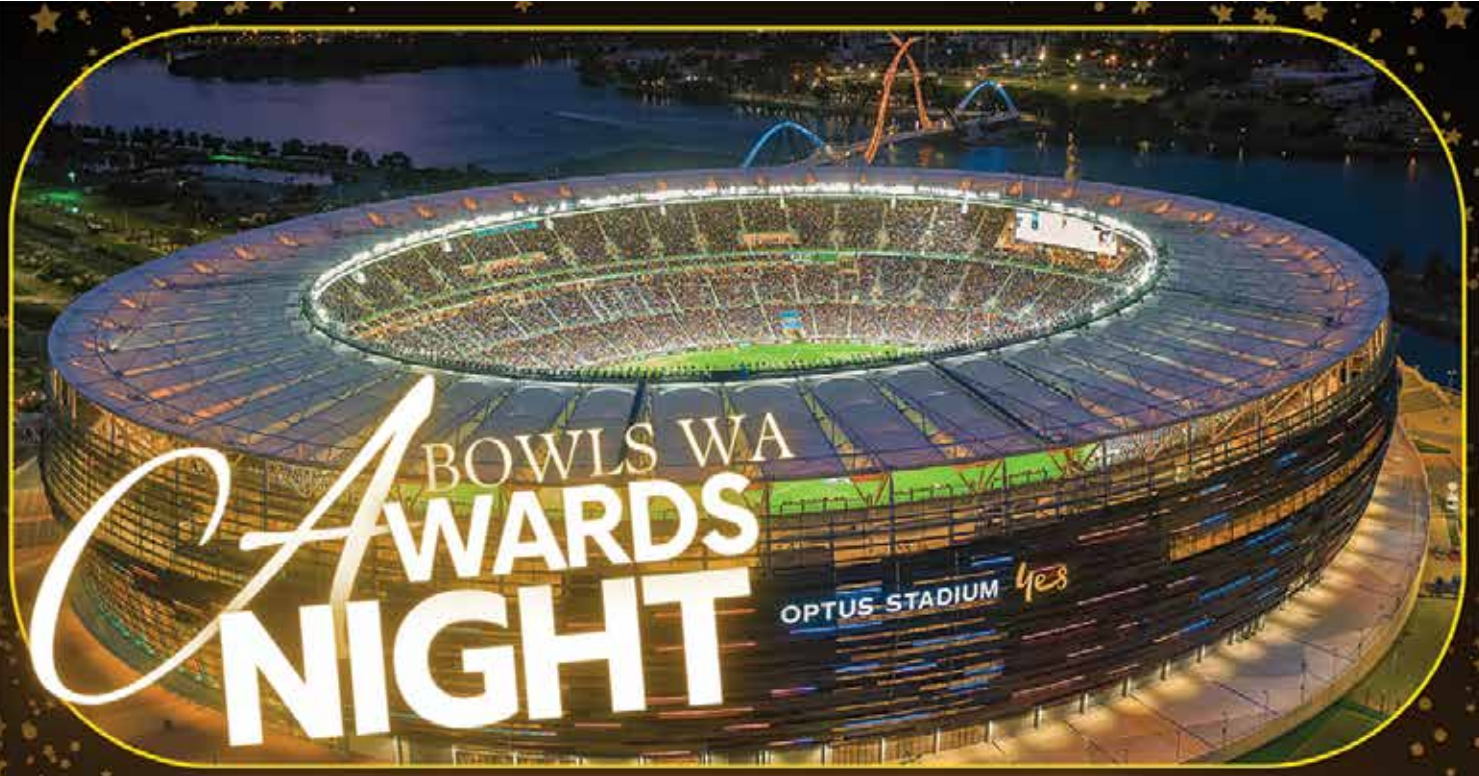
BUSSELTON	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 1
BINNINGUP	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 2
DONNYBROOK	Men's League Pennant Sat Div 3
BUSSELTON	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 1
BINNINGUP	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 2
DONNYBROOK	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 3
BINNINGUP	Men's League Pennant Midweek Div 4
BRUNSWICK	Women's League Pennant Div 1
BINNINGUP	Women's League Pennant Div 2

Upper Great Southern Bowling League

WICKEPIN	Women's League Pennant
BROOKTON GREEN	Men's League Pennant Div 1

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