



# THE CHOOK PEN



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## "Presidents Message"



Hi everyone, just a few quick comments from me to report this time around.

**ANZAC Day** – Please read the flyer enclosed in this edition. We're hoping to raise much needed funds for RSL Lifecare and Homes for Heroes and to do this we need to fill 3 greens on the Monday morning. We're counting on you to show your support for this worthy cause so please nominate to play.

**Member's Forum** we're hosting our regular member's forum on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm so come along & hear from your management and directors on what's happening at your club. Local MP David Elliott has been invited to attend the night and will speak on the vital roles club director's assume and

the responsibilities they hold.

**Bowls NSW** – CEO Greg Helm and President Vince Beard attended the recent Zone10 Delegates meeting last Wednesday night to speak about the fixed fee model being introduced.

**Veterans and Super-Veterans Carnival** – I attended the Veterans carnival hosted by Zone 10 at Brush Park last Tuesday afternoon and I had the pleasure of presenting badges to the Veterans then watched Brett Hughes present the Super Veteran badges. There were over 90 players representing most clubs in Zone 10 but regrettably not one player from our club was on the green. Membership starts at 70 and the oldest player to lace up his boots owned up to being 93 years young and he looked in very good shape so bowls has kept him in great form. There was so much good revelry in the room following the games and it would be great if our veteran members made up a few teams in 2017. It's even a free day which I'm sure will entice a few of our boys to reconsider their priorities.

**End of an Era** - finally, with our own bowls Facebook bowls page, In-House TV, Team App, What's On and our Club website creating much duplicated effort in communicating information to members, we have decided to make this our last chook pen.

### **Bowls Management Committee**

The BMC have received enquiries from members about new NBC Sports hat-bands for the wide brim hats that some players still prefer to wear and we hope to have supplies available shortly. If you are interested, please see Rod Gordon and make him aware you would like one.

**Sponsorship** - A small group of hard working members are drumming up sponsorship ideas so if you know a small business person who might be prepared to put his/her advertising up on the greens please see Ron Gale or Peter Kindleysides. There is also an opportunity to take a bigger advertising space on the southern end of the car park which has a Northern and Southern exposure available.

**Umpires needed.** If you would be interested in joining our umpire ranks or just do the measuring course your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please see Ken Sinclair or Steve Rochester.

**Smoking Policy** – Smokers will see signage and appropriate cigarette butt receptacles located on the southern side of the Arthur Groves green and adjoining the David Swindail and Barbara Anderson greens so please make yourselves aware and abide by the club's smoking policies.

**Water Bubbler** – The BMC has commissioned an additional water bubbler adjacent to the greenkeeper shed facing the Barbara Anderson green.

## **ANZAC DAY**



**BE TRUE BLUE THIS ANZAC DAY**  
**JOIN US FOR**

**RSL LIFECARE BREAKFAST - 7.30AM - \$5 DONATION**

**LAWN BOWLS - 9AM**  
(MIXED TRIPLES - \$10 GREEN FEES - DRESS MUFTI)

**TARGET BOWLS - 2PM**  
\$5 - OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS (\$100 CASH PRIZE)

**PASS THE HAT - ALL DAY**

**ALL DONATIONS, BIG OR SMALL ACCEPTED.  
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 RSL LifeCare

**Homes for Heroes** is an RSL LifeCare program overseen by Afghanistan veteran Geoffrey Evans. The program helps veterans from conflicts, (Australian ex-servicemen and women) post 1991 and their families. It is the only dedicated homeless accommodation service for contemporary war veterans in Australia. NBC Sports Club has committed \$5,000 in support for this essential program and we will be running a number of fundraising events from ANZAC Day 2016 right through to Christmas. We ask you to be True Blue and lend a hand to help our **Heroes**. All funds raised on this ANZAC Day 2016 will be donated to RSL LifeCare.



The sport of bowls will return to free-to-air television after a four-year hiatus, with a new weekly program titled “The Bowls Show” to air on SBS and SBS on Demand from May 2016.

[Bowls Australia](#) & SBS have announced a partnership to bring the sport of bowls back to the masses with an hour-long magazine-style program that will also feature highlights of the sport’s marquee events, every Sunday afternoon, 1pm on SBS. Commencing on May 15 and running for 20 consecutive weeks until September 25, The Bowls Show will bring the sport back to free-to-air television for the first time since 2011, when it concluded a 30 year relationship with the ABC .

## 2016 Easter Carnival



We had great weather, good food, exceptional service and record team entries for all our Schweppes Carnival events over the Easter long week-end and all agreed it was a buzz! Congratulations to all bowlers who competed, we hope you all enjoyed the week-end. Winners can be seen somewhere in these pics.

**Ladies Triples** - G. Harper, S Mansul & J Blytsh – 3 wins plus 67

**Mens Triples** - K. Ashton, F Nagle & M Harry – 3 wins plus 28

**Mixed Pairs** - J. McKennell & J Hann – 3 Wins plus 37

**Men’s Pairs** – A. Fawcett & D. Phillips – 3 wins plus 28

Finally, a big well done to Brett, Mal, Garry, Shannon & his team and all the staff at the club and Maze Group who went that extra bit to make the week-end all the more enjoyable.



## 2016 Easter Carnival



## Ladies News

Pennant season is coming to an end with final game played at our club this Friday for Grade 3. Although there is not a flag coming to Northmead this year the girls have had some great games and I hope all have enjoyed their bowls.

With Pennants over we are straight into club championships with Major Singles starting 21st April.

Our night under lights is on again this year, Tuesday 19th April. This year the theme is rainbow colours so the green will be awash with colour and I imagine lots of laughter.

## Men's Major Singles

After a sensational weekend of bowls, the giant killer Stephen Rochester was out to show that his comeback wins against Mick Debono & Mick Kelly was not a fluke. Rochester has shown some great form also in the Pennant this year but was always going to face a tough task up against Champion bowler Shannon White. White got off to a flying start leading 21 – 4 after 13 ends. Rochester tried hard but could not match the efforts of the previous week going down 31-6. Rochester should be proud of his efforts beating two grade one players on his journey to the semi-final.

In the other semi-final it was the inform Graeme Callaghan taking on NBC Sports favourite son Rod Gordon. This was always going to be a good game with Gordon the slight favourite going into the match. Gordon dropped the first two ends before winning 7 of the next 9 ends to take a lead of 13-7 after 11. Gordon was hitting his straps and the only thing more impressive than his bowls was the outfit worn by marker Bruce Coggins, who must have been attending a cocktail party after the semi-final. Gordon continued his good form to take out the final 31-20.

The balcony filled up as the members starting packing into NBC Sports Club to witness what we all new would be a great final. White got off to a good start leading 10-3 after 8 ends. Gordon pulled the score back 12-9 behind before White again played the superior bowls to take a 17-9 lead and was looking to run away with the event. Gordon was looking to the sky for answers and the found something, scoring the next 5 shots to go 17-14 behind. White picked up a 3 the next end to take him to 20 then Gordon picked up the next 6 shots to even up the score 20-20 and the game was anyone's to win. White, with all his experience held his composure to score the next 11 shots straight and win the game 31-20.

Both players need to be congratulated on a great performance which kept the club entertained all afternoon.



## Pennants Wrap – Round 4

Some are winning, some are losing, some are whinging whilst others are just going about their business, regardless of results.

Well done to our Grade 1 side who tasted victory over Glenbrook recently. This was a home game for us and for our Grade 2 side played at night under our new lights and from all reports it was a great night out and played in front of a good crowd who assembled on the viewing balcony.

Players will need to be at their best for Round 5 as a number of grades take on local rivals The Hills. Grade 1 are playing fellow Zone 10 side Carlingford at home and will looking for a win to give them a chance of progressing to the play-offs. Grade 2 play The Hills away with bragging rights up for grabs. Grade 4 play Dundas at home and a win keep them well placed to take out the section. Grade 5 and Grade 6 play The Hills at home and a win will keep them in touch with the leaders. Both Grade 7 sides are playing away with 7(1)'s playing Toongabbie and the 7(2)'s playing Carlingford.

Below is a table of our Pennant Results after four rounds completed.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Place
Grade 1	4	1	3	0	10	4th
Grade 2	4	2	2	0	19	3rd
Grade 4	4	3	1	0	29	1st
Grade 5	4	3	1	0	30	2nd
Grade 6	3	3	1	0	28	2nd
Grade 7'1	4	2	2	0	23.5	3rd
Grade 7'2	4	1	3	0	12	5th



Team App is the new way to communicate on all things men's bowls at NBC Sports Club. We've also added available email addresses so members can receive notifications even if they don't have access to Team App

We currently have over 90 members using Team App and feedback is so positive. Team App will send you an email as it is updated for club events, championships, tournaments and from next year pennant teams.

If you wish to be subscribed, please see Brett Hughes. If you know anyone else that would like to be subscribed just forward their email address to Brett at [brett@nbcsportsclub.com.au](mailto:brett@nbcsportsclub.com.au)

## Guess Who, Don't Sue

Which top grade bowler, recently back from a cruise, went to his locker on the way out of the club to travel to Alexandria for Pennants only to discover his bowls weren't there. Shows how much he rolls up, they were sitting in the laundry at home, where they had been for 3 weeks gathering dust. Might be time for a roll up champ!

Which "Roll Up" legend and 80's 'grooner' is under investigation for persuading a fellow bowler to sell him his bowls for the paltry sum of \$50? At least he had the respect to take them while wearing a balaclava. His collection of bowls is fast approaching that of John Farr.

A promotional graphic for Tuesday Bingo. The background is red with a subtle pattern of small white dots. In the center, the word "TUESDAY" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Bingo" is written in a large, bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Surrounding the text are several colorful bingo balls in various colors (blue, yellow, green, purple, red) with white numbers on them. The numbers visible are 47, 21, 52, 73, and 65. Below the bingo balls, there is a white text box with a thin black border containing the following information:

**10am Start. Tickets on Sale from 9am**

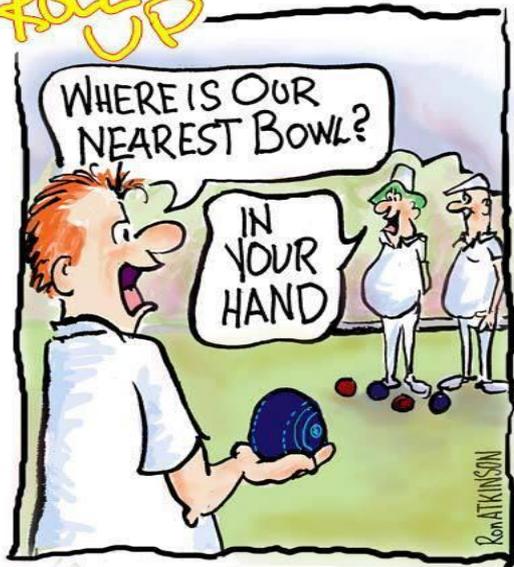
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Ray P



### If You Know This Bowler, Tag Him or Her.

I'm a Number One Bowler, and a Prima Donna too,

And I won't be told, where to play, by blokes without a clue,

I'm simply just the greatest one to ever roll a bowl,

And when the pennant teams are picked, I want the starring role

Now, the Chairman of Selectors, he said to ME one day,

We're gonna play you in the lead; like bloody hell I say,

Then later on he winked at me and very slyly beckoned,

There's been a change of plans he said, we're gonna play you second.

I let him know he's got a nerve, and said, "Now look here Bud,

If you can't appreciate my skill, I'll find another club".

So they hold a special meeting and pick me number three,

But I make it pretty plain to them, that's no bloody good to ME.

Another conference then takes place and after all the fun,

They put me where I should have been, a Skipper Number One.

I'm slightly mollified by now and though Skippers get the plums,

It's still beneath my dignity.....to play with all you BUMS.....

Who am I?

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## The Bunny that is a Rooster



On behalf of all members, we'd like to wish Noelene Walsh a very Happy Birthday. Noelene recently celebrated a milestone, which the editor does not wish to disclose. While many invitations for the lavish event must have been lost in the post, one member was there to help Noelene celebrate. From the photo (left), he certainly got into the swing of things and downed a few Crownies (No Tooheys New for this bloke on such an occasion).

## 2016 Northmead Pennants Draw

Round 1			3/12/2016	Round 2			3/19/2016	Round 3		4/2/2016
Grade	vs	Venue	Grade	vs	Venue	Grade	vs	Venue		
1	Mt Lewis	Northmead	1	Alexandria	Alex	1	Glenbrook	Northmead		
2	Merrylands	Northmead	2	Castle Hill	Castle Hill	2	Gladesville	Northmead		
4	North Epping	N Epping	4	Gladesville	Northmead	4	Castle Hill	Castle Hill		
5	Concord RSL	Northmead	5	Carlingford	Carlingford	5	Gladesville	Northmead		
6	WPH Sports	Northmead	6	Wenty Leagues	Wenty	6	Beecroft	Beecroft		
7(1)	Dundas	Dundas	7(1)	Rosehill	Northmead	7(1)	WHP Sports	WPH		
7(2)	Wenty Leagues	Northmead	7(2)	Brush Park	Brush Park	7(2)	North Epping	Northmead		
Round 4			4/9/2016	Round 5			4/16/2016	Round 6		4/30/2016
Grade	vs	Venue	Grade	vs	Venue	Grade	vs	Venue		
1	Belrose	Belrose	1	Carlingford	Northmead	1	Mt Lewis	Mt Lewis		
2	Concord BC	Northmead	2	The Hills	The Hills	2	Merrylands	Merrylands		
4	Brush Park	Brush Park	4	Dundas	Northmead	4	North Epping	Northmead		
5	Burwood Diggers	Brurwood	5	The Hills	Northmead	5	Concord RSL	Concord		
6	Brush Park	Northmead	6	The Hills (2)	Northmead	6	WHP Sports	WPH		
7(1)	The Hills	Northmead	7(1)	Toongabbie	Toony	7(1)	Dundas	Northmead		
7(2)	Merrylands	Northmead	7(2)	Carlingford	Carlingford	7(2)	Wenty Leagues	Wenty		
Round 7			5/7/2016	Round 8			5/14/2016	Round 9		5/21/2016
Grade	vs	Venue	Grade	vs	Venue	Grade	vs	Venue		
1	Alexandria	Northmead	1	Glenbrook	Glenbrook	1	Belrose	Northmead		
2	Castle Hill	Northmead	2	Gladesville	Gladesville	2	Concord BC	Concord		
4	Gladesville	Gladesville	4	Castle Hill	Northmead	4	Brush Park	Northmead		
5	Carlingford	Northmead	5	Gladesville	Gladesville	5	Burwood Diggers	Northmead		
6	Wenty Leagues	Northmead	6	Beecroft	Northmead	6	Brush Park	Brush Park		
7(1)	Rosehill	Rosehill	7(1)	WPH Sports	Northmead	7(1)	The Hills	The Hills		
7(2)	Brush Park	Northmead	7(2)	North Epping	N Epping	7(2)	Merrylands	Merrylands		
Round 10			5/28/2015	Lay Days			State Pennant Finals Venues			
Grade	vs	Venue	Sun	26th April		Grade	Venue			
1	Carlingford	Carlingford	Zone Finals			1	Nelson Bay			
2	The Hills	Northmead	Sat	4th June		2	Ettalong			
4	Dundas	Dundas	Sun	5th June		3	Yamba & Maclean			
5	The Hills	The Hills	State Pennant Finals			4	Bomaderry & Berry			
6	The Hills (2)	The Hills	Sat	30th July		5	Harboard			
7(1)	Toongabbie	Northmead	Sun	31st July		6	Leeton Soldiers & Narrandera			
7(2)	Carlingford	Northmead	Mon	1st August		7	Kings Cliff & Cabarita Beach			

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