

NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION FOR WESTS TIGERS BOWLERS



Don't forget:

BOWLS MEMBERSHIP FEES are payable before December 31 or risk failure to be eligible for club competition or representation.

Upcoming events:

WESTS TIGERS SPORTSMAN'S FOURS - Friday, November 7. 1.00pm. Nominate now.

PRESENTATION NIGHT - Friday, Dec 6. Drinks and Dinner. 6.00pm start. Tickets at front counter. \$25/head - partners welcome.

MEN'S AGM - Sunday, December 14 at 10.00am. Wests Tigers Function Room.

LADIES AGM - Sunday, November 30 at 10.00am. Wests Tigers Function Room.

Thursday bowls:

JOHN ROSE AFTERNOON December 18 - The winners and runner-up prizes on the day will be Xmas hams, donated by the Rose family. Come along and join in the fun. Also, Darryl reports that "the Jackpot will be active and will definitely go off."

Try to remember:

"REFRAIN and don't complain - nobody really listens anyway. A smile is contagious, while a frown gets everyone down."



Phil Blackburn shows spirit in State Singles Finals

PHIL Blackburn acquitted himself well in the Queensland State Singles Finals held at North Mackay Bowls Club this week.

A three-game round-robin format employing eight players in two sections was used to decide the State Champion.

Phil had one win and two losses (one narrowly) in his section to miss an opportunity to play in the Gold, Silver or Bronze games.

He was one of the final eight bowlers in the State with Phil's section including Josh Steffens (North Dalby), Keith Whalley (Burnett) and Shane Hinsch (Everton Park) - all highly accomplished and experienced lawn bowlers.

A large contingent of family and Wests Tigers members were there to give moral support.

For BowlsLink users, full results are published on the Bowls Australia BowlsLink App.

NOTICE A DIFFERENCE?

To make it easier for future editors, this Newsletter is now created with Microsoft Word, Apple Pages and Pixelmator Pro. A migration from Adobe's InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator.

*Men's*

PRESIDENT'S message

Hi to all West Tigers bowlers,

We are at that time of the year when almost all competitions have been played and I'd like to thank all players who participated. Also, huge congratulations to everyone who competed in Champion of Champions events - you have done our club proud.

We still have one event for 2025 - the Men's Sportsman's Fours which is to be held on Friday, November 7. Please be certain you are in a team and find a sponsor. This will be a fun afternoon/evening with over \$2,000 in prizes.

Looking forward, we have our presentation night on December 6 and tickets will be on sale soon. Looking forward to seeing members there on the night. The following week on Sunday, December 14 we have the Bowls Club AGM at 10am. Please consider putting your hand up to help around the club, because all positions are up for grabs.

As members of the bowls club, I encourage all of you to bring new players along to play our wonderful sport. The more we have - the stronger we will become. The name of the game is friendship and strong competition.

Also, with Christmas fast approaching, help for Christmas parties will be needed, your help would be greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT, Wests Tigers Bowls Club

Tea and coffee anyone?

BRENDAN of Internal Edge has almost finished the new tea and coffee cabinet and expects it to be installed very soon. He is only waiting on laminated exteriors, which are due to be delivered soon.

*Ladies*

PRESIDENT'S message

Our lady bowlers have been very busy the last couple of months and we are finally getting to the end of our calendar.

In August, we had our Tigers 4's Carnival - which was another huge success.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors for the day - Internal Edge Cabinet Making and Homebush Boarding Kennels - Without your support, we could not have had such a successful event.

Also, a huge thanks to Anne Butson, Diane Sleeman, Doris Vassallo, Gwen Liddell, Wests Leagues Club and Julie Leach.

In September we celebrated our 6th birthday and had a lovely day full of laughs and great friendship with support from our wonderful fellow bowlers.

Thank you to Doris Vella for your kind donation of our beautiful cake made by Steph Millward. This again, was absolutely amazing.

October is another busy month in finishing off the last of our club comp games and then running into November.

Thank you to all our members for your great work and achievement. I must admit and skite I am very lucky to have such an amazing bunch of wonderful women bowlers that support each other and myself in every way possible.

Remember, everybody old or new are more than welcome to join us on Fridays at 12.30pm for a very fun and social afternoon.

Thank you all once again
PRESIDENT Julie Leach.



LIKE TO HAVE A GO at LAWN BOWLS?

Everybody is welcome to have a go, simply Email bowls@weststigersmackay.com.au or see the girls at the front counter for details.



BA launches new BowlsLink app for iOS and Android

Bowls Australia has transitioned the name and brand identity of its flagship mobile application from "BowlsNow" to "BowlsLink".

The transition will be accompanied by some major feature upgrades based on user feedback, designed to improve mobile user experience and engagement.

The key improvements included in the rebranding of the application are:

Member Login and Sign-up via app to Profile

All new member sign-up functions and member login will be introduced to the app, giving people the ability access and update their own personal information, pay for memberships, view digital membership and certification cards, and directly enter and pay for competitions.

Enter a Competition via mobile

Replicating a simplified version of the desktop competition entry, the BowlsLink App will allow members to easily and effortlessly find, register and pay for competitions with their mobiles.

The find a competition feature also allows members to use filters to narrow down the list of the competitions to their state, region or club, as well as within specific dates and format.

Membership and Certification Digital Cards

Members will now receive a digital membership card, with coaches and officials also able to access their certification cards via their member profile in the app.

These digital cards will have customised styling based on the primary colours of clubs and defined colours of each certification.

The cards will display all key information, including expiry dates, certification types, STA affiliation and history of previous memberships and certifications.

If you are a registered member of a bowls club, you will already have a BowlsLink account and login, and won't be required to sign up to the app.

Bowls Australia BowlsLink staff, STA staff and your club manager or secretary can assist if people have trouble logging in.

To download the BowlsLink App, search for 'BowlsLink' in the App Store for iOS devices and Google Play Store for Android devices.

For anyone who already has the BowlsLink App, make sure you check for the latest version.

Remember: BowlsLink requires an email address for a BowlsLink account to enter competitions and represent your club. If you don't have a BowlsLink account, see Frank or Dave and they will do it for you.



Games Director

IT'S UNDER CONTROL

Hi guys, Christmas is coming up and we only have one game of three-bowl triples to finish 2025 club competition. Never thought we'd make it.

Congratulations to all winners and everybody who played in the competitions. Hope you enjoyed yourselves, because that's what it's all about.

A special mention to Phil Blackburn, our first representative to make a State Final. Great effort by a great player.

Also, don't forget Wests Tiger's Men's Sportsman's Fours are on Friday, November 7 at 1.00pm. We have a number of teams already nominated but more are needed. Get your mates together and have a go. The format is three games of 16 ends and nomination fee is \$200 per team. Dinner and smoko supplied. See you there.

All the best - Pinky



Can't find our bowls club's Facebook Page?



Google "wests tigers bowls club mackay facebook" and our Facebook link should be first in the queue.

Don't waste your time complaining about a green that you feel "isn't very good".

Everyone plays on the same surface and maybe it's your ability to adapt that's at fault.

NOMINATE FOR COMMITTEE

Give something back to the club and submit your name for committee. Forms will be available on the Noticeboard very shortly and well before the AGM on Sunday, December 14.

Got something to say?

EMAIL bowls@weststigersmackay.com.au and give us some feedback. We're happy to process all requests from our members.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025 11:30AM

BUFFET LUNCH	DESSERT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lasagne Roast Pork Potato Bake Garlic Prawns Steamed Rice Honey Chicken Roast Vegetables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chocolate Mud Cake Pavlova with Fresh Fruit and Cream

Bookings Essential
Phone **49592 480**

\$55 PER PERSON



Umpire's

BOWLED GAME ADVICE

Our regular Umpire (Rod Kleinschmidt) is holidaying overseas, so Wests Tiger's "second official" has some quick tips on marking singles games in 2026.

- ♦ **WHERE TO STAND:** A marker must stand approximately two metres behind and one metre to the side at all times. Choose left or right and maintain that side of the rink, both up and down.
- ♦ **ANSWER QUESTIONS:** When asked "What is the situation?" the marker is free to give a short description of the head - such as which player has the shot, where it is and even an indication of the second shot and position etc. If asked a question, answer promptly and succinctly and provide info on only what was asked.
- ♦ **STAY CLOSE:** When queried about the head, remember that if you need to take more than three steps to provide an answer, then you're standing too far away.
- ♦ **REMAIN ON THE GREEN:** A marker must NEVER leave the green. Stand off to one side but don't leave the rink or the playing surface.
- ♦ **PROTECT OTHER RINKS:** Be prepared to protect adjacent games when a drive is imminent. Stop or move bowls quickly if they look like disturbing a head on a nearby rink.
- ♦ **COMING TO THE HEAD:** Players may approach the head after their third or fourth bowls. At any other time they need to seek permission from their opponent and marker.
- ♦ **DON'T FORGET:** Write the score on the card whilst walking to place the jack and change the scoreboard between ends.
- ♦ **KEEP THINGS MOVING:** Don't be the one guilty of slowing down or interfering with the game. Don't be obvious and allow play to flow smoothly.

Marking is not boring and a good marker is an important asset for any club. Be a positive club member, lend a hand and be available when required. Thanks for reading - *If Needed*.