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Recruits from the Capital Ready to Rock in New Colours



NBC Sports Club would like to welcome two new members for the 2016 Pennant Season. Cooper Pike is a member of the ACT team and plays at Canberra Bowling Club. Mac McLean is also a member of the ACT team and plays at Weston Creek Labour Club. Both players are 23 years old but bring a wealth of experience & enthusiasm to NBC Sports Club. Please join us in welcoming the boys to our club.

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Legend Arthur Groves

“90 years young”

Club legend and icon life member, Arthur Groves celebrated his 90th birthday recently and where do you go to celebrate if you’re a 60 years plus club member? NBC Sports Club of course!

Arthur was joined by many of his family and friends to celebrate the day and to add to the spectacle, all bowlers competing in the Swindail 4’s were invited to join in for some retelling of Arthur’s glory days as our Hall of Fame inductee.

Club President, Norm Muir spoke about Arthur’s history of 47 club, district and open championship victories over a period spanning 27 years.

Add to that success on the Bowling Green, 32 years as club selector, 27 years as chair of match and 25 years as club coach.

We will all soon be able to read about Arthur’s wonderful bowling achievements as a chronicle is being edited for posting on our electronic honours board.

He hasn’t finished yet as he is coming out of retirement to assist Brett Hughes plan the training sessions for our top grade players.....beware if you see him taking notes!!



"Presidents Message"

Hi everyone and welcome to our 1st 2016 edition of Chook pen.

Following member's feedback we've decided to print an edition for those who aren't yet tech savvy and into the new Team App or in touch with their new Apple iPad or iPhone 6 or, who just like reading a news print so we trust you enjoy reading what's inside.



I'm really excited about the upcoming bowls program planned by Brett and his new Match and Selection Panel. They have already locked in a number of trials against some of the powerhouse sides in Sydney so this will give us an opportunity to test our playing strength.

The cover story about Cooper Pike and Mac Mclean is a result of a lot of behind the scenes work by Brett and I know you will join me in welcoming these new boys to our club. Locally, Shannon White has returned to lead one of our Gr1 teams and he will be a welcome addition to our top grade roster. Glen Bainbridge, a top grade player has also returned following a stint in Victoria so welcome home Glen and great to see you back with us.

We've recruited some new pennant bowlers with Chris Crago, Kevin Roustan, Scotty Townsend, Jeremy Beileiter, Bill Andrews, Paul Hooper, Lawrie Smith, Ron Hills and Martin Mitric all donning the Rooster logo this season so a special welcome to all our new pennant bowlers, we hope you find our newsletters informative and more importantly, we look forward to you enjoying the club's hospitality, facilities & mateship for years to come.

We've started on implementing a few new policies in terms of Heat, Smoking, Use of the Lights and we've also posted some recommendations for bowlers to consider in terms of etiquette when on the greens and full details of these can be found on our bowls website.

What more can I say about our number 1 Sponsor Peter Darroch from Globe Memorial? Peter has been a full bowling club member since 1973 that's 43 years and his sponsorship support for our club is immeasurable! Peter has locked in again for the 2016 season and he has substantially increased his financial commitment so can members to take a few seconds to say g'day to Peter when you next see him and say thank you.

Finally, I've agreed to nominate for a position on the Zone 10 Executive and at the AGM on 10th Feb I will be confirmed as the new Zone 10 Secretary, replacing Michael Schwarcz, who is running for President against our own Brett Hughes so stay tuned.

Sportsman's Lunch

Come on boys, this is our major club fundraiser and all monies raised go towards our pennant and club championship incentives. It's a great day out so get a few mates together and get on a table and help support your club.

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FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

12.30pm - 4:00pm

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

- MC - Gary "The Wiz" Freeman
- Greg McCallum (former NRL Referee)
- Current NRL players
- NSW Cricketer plus other special guests

TICKETS

\$85 each or \$800 for a table of 10
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MC: GARY FREEMAN

GIANT RAFFLE & AUCTION ITEMS ON THE DAY

New shade sails over the southern veranda

A small state parliamentary delegation will attend the club next Tuesday, 9th February to officially hand over funds for our new shade sails.

The sails have already been raised and have made a major impact with club members and visitors, substantially reducing the UV penetration on the Southern Veranda deck. It will also keep our outdoor pokie players happy when that western sun is at its peak.

We were successful in our submission to the Building & Community Partnership program and received a grant incentive which the club matched to erect the sails.

We plan to break play sometime around 11.30am on that Tuesday and get as many bowlers on the veranda as possible so we can photo shop you all to Sports Illustrated or some other **manly** (not the RL team) magazine that can promote our macho image as finely tuned bowls athlete's. Richard Freeman, Phil Daniels, John Cotter, Stan Morgan and any others fitting this mental physical picture are advised to please stay at home!

Mark Taylor, (not Tubby Taylor) MP for Seven Hills will be on hand to officially declare the sails open.





Globe Memorial Digs Deep for NBC Sports Club

Again, what more can we say about Peter Darroch and Globe Memorial?

Peter has remained a full bowling club member since 1973, that's 43 years and counting.

He was here voluntarily bouncing blokes out the door when we had the likes of Johnny O'Keefe jamming at the joint, how good would that have been to watch and I'm sure he's considered a few more he could have bounced more recently!

Seriously, Peter's sponsorship support for our club is immeasurable! Peter has locked in again for the 2016 season and increased his commitment so can members to take a few seconds to say g'day to Peter when you next see him and say thank you.

Club President Norm Muir, noted that Peter's support for the club over many years has been greatly appreciated. Norm said "Peter is our number 1 Sponsor and this increased support will allow us to review incentives, prize money and recruitment and retention of our premier players"

The Bowls Management Committee is currently reviewing all sponsorship arrangements and we are in discussions with some potential new sponsors which will be critical to our bowls program in future years.

All bowls members can make a real difference by making a conscious decision to purchase goods and services from our great sponsors and making sure they let them know how much we appreciate their sponsorship support provided to our club"

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27th FEBRUARY 2016
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Get onto the Team App



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.

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Guess Who, Don't Sue

Who is the bowler that travelled all the way to Orange for the State Playoff's with only 1 bowl in his bag?

Who is the bowler who fell off his seat on the club courtesy bus recently whilst returning from a big day out?

Which bowler is making a name for himself on the Bingo Circuit? Apparently he has made a few enemies among the older players, one even suggested he find a job and leave them to play bingo. He has become unpopular as he has an impressive strike rate, meaning less wins for other players. He is also the only player to play while drinking a schooner.



Northmead Prepares for 2016 Pennant season

Planning by the board of directors and bowls management committee to promote bowls at the highest level at Northmead has paid dividends with our number 1 side elevated to the NSW State Grade 1 Metropolitan Conference in 2016. Teams in our side of the draw include Mount Lewis, Glenbrook Panthers, Alexandria-Erskineville, Belrose and Carlingford.

We're endeavouring to get some of our home games transferred to Friday night matches so we can show off our new lights and give our boys plenty of support so stay tuned for announcements on this.

The return of Shannon White is an exciting move for the club and the recent recruitment of Cooper Pike and Mac McLean (see cover story) will ensure selection is hard won.

Zone 10 has confirmed we've been selected to compete in Grade 2, 4, 5, 6, 7(1) & 7(2) and we might also field a composite team in grade 7 with Wentworth Leagues. State Match Committee reserves the right to amend these grading's but we're fairly confident this won't be the case.

Training has been scheduled for each Thursday from 5pm to 7pm and some of our best coaches will be on hand to put players through a winning practice routine.

Selectors have already confirmed that we have more players registered to play than we have sides to place them so get yourself to training and practice with a plan that makes them consider you for selection.

Official trials have already been played against Merrylands and Warners Bay and additional trials are set down for 28th February and 5th March which is just prior to the commencement of the season and this will be a great warm up for the season

Selectors and Match Committee members are meeting regularly to update team lists and unavailability lists are posted so make sure you let one of the selectors know if you are suddenly taking a family holiday.

Finally, don't be a selfish **#####** play where selected for the good of your team.

Will Gordon defend Swindail 4's trophy?



The David Swindail Fours is always a popular event at NBC Sports Club and with some new recruits at the club this year we've attracted 18 teams which is a record number of entries.

The event is a graded Championship with each team needing 15 points or more to enter a team.

This year, teams were selected by the Selection Committee by them nominating all players as leads, 2nd's, 3rd's or skips then selecting each team by drawing 4 of those positions from the hat into a team until the field was complete.

Gordon, pictured here but not having the luxury of picking his own players like Dick Wallace and Allan Murrow last year, has still formed a formidable 4's team and would be cocky about his chances after a close 2nd round win over Steve Dorahy, 19-18.

Keith Smith was also pretty cocky. After losing in the final to Gordon in 2015 this was to be the start of something big in 2016 and after taking his old mate Graeme Callaghan out in round 1 he was a bit pumped. But he sure didn't like the way he was bundled out convincingly by Brett Hughes in round 2. Club President and teammate Norm Muir did all he could to console Keith after the match but to no avail, it appears losing to Brett is like losing an arm as far as Keith is concerned!

Bobby Holt's team were the dragon slayers in round 2 taking out a strong Mick Debono side 18-15. John Morehead put Kurt Mottek to the sword and Harvey Platt took out Glen Bainbridge in another thriller 21-20. Glenn is one of our top bowlers who is returning to NBC this year following a stint in Mexico, but William Harvey Platt is intent on making a big statement this year as he tries (ha ha) to emulate the success his partner Angie achieved in 2015.

Another exciting match went down to the final bowl on the last end saw Scotty Robinson win an enthralling match 21-18 against a well drilled Garry Smith team.

Shannon White, on his return to the club took aim at the current club fours champion skipper, John Spurway and Shannon left everyone in little doubt that he is back and playing for keeps, winning by a 21-16 margin.

Last but not least of the quarter finalists was the wily and rapidly improving James Brown who won **UNBELIEVABLY** against current selector and form guide mentor to.....well anyone who cares to listen actually, Ken Brown...22-10.

So the quarter finals are set down for this Saturday which leaves Rod Gordon up against the wily and rapidly improving (is that an echo?) James Brown who Kenny Brown says will have plenty of punters money riding him home too!

So let's give them a big crowd to play for on Saturday, come down from 12.30pm to watch some great bowls as players strive to reach the final which will be played on Sunday in front of our travelling Balmain boys.

Gordon was a stand out in last year's final.....can he go back to back Kenny?

Record number of entries in Zone Championships

NBC Sports Club is taking the 2016 season very seriously with 5 teams nominating in the Reserve and 4 teams in the State 4's and we wish them all every success and trust as many of our club supporters will be out to cheer them on.

The draw has already been done and play gets underway from 8.40am on Saturday, 13th February with games played at Northmead (State 4's) and Wentworth Leagues (Reserve 4's).

Please Note" Zone Match has confirmed the deadline for making amendments to, identifying errors in, and rectifying omissions of teams nominated to play in the 2016 State and Zone Reserve Fours Championships has now expired. As per previous advice, **the team's listed as entered are now final** and no further change will be permitted to teams outside of that allowed in State COP. Clubs are reminded that as entries have now closed, all players and their teams are now considered to be "Intended" (DR & State COP 2.28.1.4 & 2.28.1.5) and **are not permitted to be replaced in the 1st round of the competition** (State COP 2.28.1.6) or until such time as they have become constituted (State COP 2.28.2) and then only with the written consent of the Zone 10 Match Committee.

In the Reserve 4's in round 1, Rick Gordon goes up against a Hills team and all other teams were drawn a bye. In round 2, NBC Sports Club teams (Lawrie Smith and Len Davis) face off against each other whilst Scotty Townsend will go up against a Pennant Hills team and Len Joyner will play against the winner of Castle Hill vs Toongabbie.

Reserve 4's teams

Lead	Second	Third	Skip
Stephen Blackburn	Alan Murrow	Steve Thompson	Lawrence Smith
Bobby Eager	Richard Freeman	Robert McIntosh	Ricky Gordon
Johnny Pope	Terence Clarke	Norm Muir	Len Davis
Vince Jones	Billy Allen	Dick Wallace	Scott Townsend
Robert Cochrane	Mal Keys	Ken Murray	Len Joyner

In the State 4's Andrew Bush will play West Pennant Hills, whilst all other teams drew a bye. In round 2, Shannon White will take on Zeljko Trbara from Club Merrylands, Brett Hughes will play R Potter from Castle Hill and Ken Brown will play E Truesdale from Greenlees Park.

State 4's teams

Lead	Second	Third	Skip
Mick Kelly	Andrew Chapman	Mick Debono	Brett Hughes
Mal Campbell	Brian dengate	John Moorehead	Ken Brown
Vic Ciscato	John Farr	Keith Smith	Shannon White
Billy Harkins	Glenn bainbridge	Rod Gordon	Andrew Bush

Friday Morning Social Bowls

If you are looking for another game of social bowls to get prepared for Saturday pennants, look no further than Friday Social bowls which kicks off at 10am.

The competition has been running for 12 months now and is getting near on 20 players each week. Some of the biggest names in bowls have been regulars, with Kenny Brown, Bruce Holden, Billy Allen and Rick Gordon on deck most Fridays. Although Brown hasn't been able to get a win over Gordon in that time. Any Gordon for that matter!

Green Fees are \$7, with \$2 going towards the weekly jackpot. It's a single name entry, with the sheet on the notice board and names must be in by COB Thursday.

Upcoming events

DAVID SWINDAIL GRADED FOURS

Quarter Final	Saturday PM	06.02.16
Semi Final	Sunday AM	07.02.16
Final	Sunday PM	07.02.16

MAJOR FOOURS

Round 1	Sunday AM	21.2.16
Round 2	Sunday PM	21.2.16
Quarter Final	Saturday PM	27.2.16

RESERVE FOOURS

Round 1	Sunday AM	21.2.16
Round 2	Sunday PM	21.2.16
Qtr Final	Saturday PM	27.2.16

STATE PENNANTS

Trial Game	Saturday PM	9.1.16
Trial Game	Saturday PM	16.1.16
Trial Game	Saturday PM	28.2.16
Trial Game	Sunday AM	5.3.16

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Saturday 26 th March Men's Graded Triples (10 Points)*	Sunday 27 th March Mixed Pairs	Monday 28th March Men's Pairs
Lead:	Lead:	Lead:
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All entries will be confirmed by phone 1 week prior to event. Entries may be emailed to:

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Entry Fee \$25 per Player includes Lunch

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ENTRY FORM

Entries close on Friday 18th March, 2016 or when full

Lead	Second	Skip

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