

Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen Men's Bowling Club Report – 11th February 2018

Great bowls weather had a good rollup both days. On Tuesday we entertained the Directors of the Towradgi Bowling Club with an evening of Mixed Triples. Wednesday saw 26 players enjoying the warm, cloudy conditions and fast green. One game of Social Triples and five games of Social Pairs were contested. The perfect weather on Saturday saw 27 players enjoying the Final's match of the Club Four's Championship as well as two games, one with a swinger, of Mixed Social Triples and two of Mixed Social Pairs. On Sunday we had two teams, skippered by John Edwards and Peter Smith, representing our Club in The South Coast District Bowling Association's Triples Competition.

Wednesday 7th February a SE breeze cooled the players while a fast green was appreciated.

Rink 9 In the game of Triples, Paul Takac, Bert Watson and Roy Cartledge played outstanding bowls to demolish their opposition by 29 to 15 shots.

Rink 10 In the first game of Pairs, Alan Furniss and Trevor Wright combined superbly to bring home the sags by 26 shots to 12.

Rink 11 The game of the week witnessed Bert Madge and Peter Smith get away to a flier by winning the first 6 ends by 10 shots to zip. Ken Taket and Ray Solway dug deeply and fought back with a 2 and then a fantastic four only to see Bert and Peter extend the lead with a fabulous three. Ken and Ray just wouldn't lay down and die and responded in the best way possible with a brace of 3's to be only 2 shots behind at 12 to 14 on the 14th end. Another flurry and Ken and Ray are only 1 shot behind on the 18th end. Not to be denied, Bert and Peter pulled off a fabulous three to be leading by 19 to 15 on the 19th end. On the penultimate end, Ken and Ray kept themselves in the game with a terrific two to be only 2 shot behind. Could they keep up this pressure or would Bert and Peter reassert their dominance? Ken Taket and Ray Solway did keep their concentration and won the end by a whopping 3 shots to win the game by 20 to 19. What a comeback!

Rink 12 Saw an excellent game of bowls with Norm Schulz and Michael Edwards playing brilliantly to win by 28 shots to 23.

Rink 13 Just back from the cruise ship, John O'Dell with John Edwards played immaculate bowls to trounce their opponents by 24 to 9 shots.

Rink 14 This was a harder fought game than the scores imply with Terry Wright and Dooley Gould playing wonderful bowls to overcome the opposition by 20 shots to 13.

Draw Results

1st Prize Rink 10 Alan Furniss and Trevor Wright

2nd Prize Rink 9 Paul Takac, Bert Watson and Roy Cartledge

3rd Prize Rink 14 Terry Wright and Dooley Gould

1st Spin Rink 13 John O'Dell with John Edwards **Not Won.**

2nd Spin Rink 10 Alan Furniss and Trevor Wright **Not Won.**

Saturday 10th February was a cool and cloudy afternoon with a swirling southerly breeze. The Green was rolling at a medium pace.

Rink 8 held the Final of the Club Four's Championship for 2018. Les Stuart, Ian Abberley, Gary Thurston (subbing for Graham Mills) and John Black got away to a great start by winning the first 3 ends. In tough conditions with a swirling breeze, Greg Morphett, Bert Watson, Michael Edwards and Ray Solway kept their concentration and came back to be crowned the Club Four's Champions for 2018 by 19 shot to 12. Congratulations mates.

Rink 10 This saw a great game of Mixed Triples with Helen Hart, Pat Black and Peter Smith getting up in the last two ends to scrape home by 25 to 23 shots.

Rink 11 witnessed the first game of Mixed Pairs with John O'Dell and Tim McCormack playing superb bowls in a fantastic win over their opponents by 20 shots to 17.

Rink 12 In the routing of the day, Mathew Rosina (swinger), Alan Furniss and John Edwards slaughtered their opposition by 35 to 9 shots.

Rink 13 Rob Ray and Helen Stevens played miraculous bowls to demolish their opposition by 31 shots to 18.

Draw Results

1st Prize Rink 12 Mathew Rosina, Alan Furniss and John Edwards

2nd Prize Rink 10 Helen Hart, Pat Black and Peter Smith

3rd Prize Rink 11 John O'Dell and Tim McCormack

Players Draw: Ray Solway

Sunday 11th February. In the South Coast District's Triples Competition both our teams went down. Peter Smith's team was very close to a win against a far superior team while John Edward's team was outclassed.

What's On

Wednesday 14th February Men's Social Bowls payment by 12.30pm

Thursday 15th February Ladies V's Men's Pennant Trails. 0900 for 9.30 start. Club uniform.

Saturday 17th February Mixed Social Bowls payment by 12.30pm.

Final of the Ex-Servo's Club Fours 2018 Championship

(from left) Greg Morphett, Ian Abberley, Bert Watson, Michael Edwards, Ray Solway, Gary Thurston, Les Stuart and John Black

