

## Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen Men's Bowling Club Report – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Ah, how fickle can the weather be? Wednesday saw 30 players enjoying a perfect winter afternoon. Six games of Social Pairs were contested with one game of Social Triples. Saturday witnessed our 2018 Club Pairs Championship Semi-Final and 3, Mixed Social games of Pairs blown off the green after only 8 ends.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** a cool, sunny afternoon with hardly a breath of wind. The medium paced greens ran smoothly.

**Rink 1** saw our Triples game where Ronny Baker (sub Steve Hollington), Joe Wright and Neil Miller used all their considerable skill to overwhelm their opposition by 24 shots to 15.

**Rink 2** the first game of Pairs witnessed David Solomon and Ray Solway slaughtered their opponents by 31 to 10 shots.

**Rink 3** was another tough game, Graham Price and Trevor Wright had a great win as they annihilated their opponents by 26 shots to 11.

**Rink 4** in the game of the week, both teams got away to an even start as the score was 3 to 2 on the 4<sup>th</sup> end in favour of Ian Abberley and Dave Milne. Allan Furniss and John Mac soon made a mockery of this start by zoning in and taking the next 3 ends by 8 shots to be comfortably in the lead. Maybe too comfortable as Ian and Dave played superlative bowls to score a fantastic three followed by a fabulous five to retake the lead 11 to 10 on the 9<sup>th</sup> end. So it went all afternoon with both teams playing marvellous bowls. 15<sup>th</sup> end all even at 16 shots. 17<sup>th</sup> end all even at 17 shots when Ian and Dave started to enforce their superiority by winning the next 2 ends by a shot to be leading 19 to 17 on the 19<sup>th</sup> end. Not to be outdone, Allan and John replied with another fantastic 3 to go into the last end with 1 shot up their sleeve. Who would win this monumental battle? Allan Furniss and John Mac kept their concentration and bowled a perfect 1 shot end to win the game by 21 to 19 shots. What a win!!!

**Rink 5** witnessed a close game with some brilliant bowling by John Newbold and Alessandro Lattanzio to overcome their opposition by 20 to 16 shots.

**Rink 6** in an evenly matched game, Tommy Smith and John Edwards played magnificent bowls to win by just 16 shots to 14.

**Rink 9** Roy Cartledge and Graham Mills showed their skills and experience when they overpowered their opponents by 21 to 13 shots.

### Draw Results

**1<sup>st</sup> Draw Rink 5** John Newbold and Alessandro Lattanzio

**2<sup>nd</sup> Draw Rink 2** David Solomon and Ray Solway

**3<sup>rd</sup> Draw Rink 1** Steve Hollington, Joe Wright and Neil Miller

**1<sup>st</sup> Spin Rink 5** John Newbold and Alessandro Lattanzio **Not won.**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** The gale force winds stopped our Pairs Semi-Final match after 10 ends. This match will be completed on Wednesday, weather willing with the Final to be played on Saturday.

### What's On

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July** Mixed Pennants

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** Social bowls payment by 12.30pm. Club Major Pairs Championship Semi-Final.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Mixed Social Bowls payment by 12.30pm. Club Major Pairs Championship Final.