

Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen Men's Bowling Club Report – 4th February 2018

The cool weather rewarded us with strong turnouts both days. Wednesday saw 27 players enjoying the cool conditions and fast green. Two game of Social Triples and four games of Nominated Pairs were contested. The perfect weather on Saturday saw 35 players enjoying both Semi-final matches of the Club Four's Championship as well as one game of Mixed Social Triples and three of Mixed Social Pairs.

Wednesday 31st January the green was rolling at a fast pace.

Rink 8 held the first game of Triples. This was a hard fought game with Greg Morphett, Paul Takac and Harry Pearce playing wonderful bowls to decimate the opposition by 30 shots to 11.

Rink 9 In the other game of triples we used a swinging lead to make up the numbers. Bert Watson, Les Stuart and David Solomon had to fight hard to just hold onto the lead from a fast finishing opposition by 19 to 17 shots.

Rink 10 In the first game of Pairs, John and Mick Edwards combined superbly to bring home the bacon by 22 shots to 19.

Rink 11 In another close game, Ian Abberley and Roy Cartledge kept their concentration to cross the line first, winning by 18 to 16 shots.

Rink 12 Saw an excellent game of bowls with Dave Milne and Dave Longville playing brilliantly to win by 21 shots to 14.

Rink 13 Alan Rose and Alessandro Lattanzio used all their considerable skill to have a marvellous win by 23 to 17 shots.

Draw Results

1st Prize Rink 13 Alan Rose and Alessandro Lattanzio

2nd Prize Rink 11 Ian Abberley and Roy Cartledge

3rd Prize Rink 10 John and Mick Edwards

1st Spin Rink 8 Greg Morphett, Paul Takac and Harry Pearce **Not Won.**

2nd Spin Rink 10 John and Mick Edwards **Not Won.**

Saturday 3rd February was a cool and cloudy afternoon with a swirling zephyr. The Green was rolling at a fast pace.

Rink 8 held the Mixed Social Triples game with Alby Barker, Stella Tucker and Richard Grayson starting well and keeping that winning feeling going to the last end to win the game by 19 shots to 13.

Rink 9 This held the first Semi-final of our Club Four's Championship matches as well as being the match of the week. Gary Trautsch, Neil Miller, Alan Rose and John Edwards got away to a flyer to be up by 10 shots to 2 on the third end. Greg Morphett, Bert Watson, Michael Edwards and Ray Solway fought back with a fantastic three but Gary, Neil, Alan and John would not be denied. They continued their winning ways till on the 13th end (unlucky for some) they were streets ahead at 18 to 12 shots. A fabulous five kept Greg, Bert, Michael and Ray in the match but by the 17th end, Gary, Neil, Alan and John had extended their lead to 6 shots again. Greg, Bert, Michael and Ray dug deeply and came up with a 2 shot score on the next two ends to have them only 2 shots behind. On the penultimate end, Gary, Neil, Alan and John won by a shot to have a three shot lead going into the last end. Could Gary, Neil, Alan and John keep their winning streak going or would Greg, Bert, Michael and Ray steal the match with a great four? None of that happened, as Greg, Bert, Michael and Ray won the end by 3 shots to tie the match. The pressure was on, the steely gaze of the bowlers showed their concentration as Greg Morphett, Bert Watson, Michael Edwards and Ray Solway won the tie break by 2 shots to win the match by 26 to 24 shots. What a gut wrenching finish! Well done to all players.

Rink 11 held the second Semi-final match, with Les Stuart, Ian Abberley, Graham Mills and John Black playing superb bowls in a surprising win over Steve Hollington (subbing for Rob Ray), Paul Takac, Tim McCormack and Dave Milne by 20 shots to 16.

Rink 12 held the first of the Mixed Social Pairs. Kerrie Way and Bev Barker were in a world of their own as they trounced their opponents by 21 to 12 shots

Rink 13 Garry Way and Helen Stevens played miraculous bowls to demolish their opposition by 19 shots to 9.

On **Rink 14**, Mathew Rosina and Gary Thurston played devastating bowls to annihilate their opponents by 41 shots to 17.

Draw Results

1st Prize Rink 12 Kerrie Way and Bev Barker

2nd Prize Rink 14 Mathew Rosina and Gary Thurston

3rd Prize Rink 8 Alby Barker, Stella Tucker and Richard Grayson

Players Draw: Dion Thurston

What's On

Wednesday 7th February Men's Social Bowls will be played. Payment by 12.30pm

Saturday 10th February Grand Final of the Club 4's with Club uniform required and Mixed Social Bowls payment by 12.30pm.

Sunday 11th February SCDBA Triple Competition continues at Culburra. 10 for a 10.30 start

1st Semi-Final of the Ex-Servo's Club Fours 2018 Championship

(from left) Neil Miller, Alan Rose, John Edwards, Greg Morphett, Bert Watson, Ray Solway, Gary Trautsch and Michael Edwards

