

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC. WILL BE HELD AT ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, "WAL YOUNG HOUSE", ON THURSDAY, 19th JULY, 2007 COMMENCING AT 7.45 P.M.

BUSINESS

- a. The roll of attendance shall be recorded for all Annual General Meetings by the Secretary.**
- b. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held during the year.**
- c. Consideration of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report.**
- d. Receipt and consideration of the statement required to be submitted to members pursuant to Section 26(6) of the Act.**
- e. Declaration of ballot for Officers and Permanent Sub-Committees and election to fill any vacancies.**
- f. Appointment of Auditor who shall be a Registered Practicing Accountant.**
- g. Business of which due notice has been given.**

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC.

PATRONS

1898-1908	J. SCHOLEY
1908-1925	L. ARNOTT
1925-1927	A. SNEDDON
1927-1934	J. MACKIE
1934-1957	W.E. CLEGG
1958-1983	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1984-	<u>LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE</u>
	(1984 Ald.J. Cummings A.M.)
	(1985 Administrator)
	(1986-1995 Cr.J. McNaughton)
	(1995-1999 Cr.G. Heys)
	(1999- Cr.J. Tate)
	<u>MAYOR OF LAKE MACQUARIE</u>
	(1984-87 Ald.G. Pasterfield)
	(1987-91 Ald.I. Welsh)
	(1991-93 Ald.D. Carley)
	(1993-2004 Cr.J. Kilpatrick O.A.M.)
	(2004- Cr.G. Piper)

PRESIDENTS

1898-1926	F. GARDNER
1926-1927	J. CLAYTON
1927-1932	H.T. HARDYMAN
1932-1938	R.G. KILGOUR
1938-1940	J.A. GOW
1940-1942	M. CHARLTON
1942-1946	J.W. EDGAR
1946-1950	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1950-1951	S. FLOWERS
1951-1955	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1955-1957	F.K. McLEOD
1957-1958	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1958-1960	G.H. EBBOTT
1960-1964	F.R. BRENT
1964-1967	R.J. SIMMONS
1967-1971	H.W. GILLARD A.M.
1971-1975	R. GARSIDE
1975-1978	W.W.L. CARSON
1978-1981	G.A. FRASER
1981-1984	T. MURPHY O.A.M.
1984-1987	W.R. EATHER
1987-1990	R.P. PITMAN
1990-1993	F.J. NEAT
1993-1996	L.W. PARROTT
1996-1997	F.J. NEAT
1997-2007	L.W. PARROTT

HON. SECRETARIES

1898-1901	W.C. FOSKETT	1907-1912	R.G. KILGOUR
1901-1904	B. PHILLIPS	1912-1913	G. BLACKSTONE
1904-1905	A. TIMBURY	1913-1938	W. WALLACE
1905-1906	C.E.F. PACKER	1938-1957	R.W. COTTERILL
1906-1907	R.P. WELLS		

SECRETARIES

1957-1979	B.D. RICHARDSON O.A.M.	1983-1988	T.W. MAHER
1979-1983	L.C. BARRETT	1988-	D.J. BROAD O.A.M.

HON. TREASURERS

1898-1901	W.C. FOSKETT	1926-1930	J.E. MARSHALL
1901-1904	B. PHILLIPS	1930-1931	J.W. TICKELL
1904-1905	A. TIMBURY	1931-1949	G.H. WINSOR
1905-1906	C.E.F. PACKER	1949-1966	W.H. CHANNON
1906-1907	R.P. WELLS	1966-1974	A.J. SOMERVILLE
1907-1912	R.G. KILGOUR	1974-1976	N. GAMBLE
1912-1914	J. O'MARA	1976-1984	A.J. REES
1914-1926	G.W. MULVEY		

TREASURERS

1984-1986	G.W. SUTHERLAND	1989-2001	G.J. RODGERS
1986-1989	L.J. CORKE	2001-	A.C. WRIGHT

LIFE MEMBERS

1956	* W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.	1985	* G.A. FRASER	1995	* A.J. COULTON
1957	* W.E. CLEGG	1986	* J.S. CHAMBERLAIN	1995	B.R. OWEN
1957	* R.W. COTTERILL	1987	W.R. EATHER	1999	A. McLAGAN
1962	* C.L. FIRKIN	1987	T. MURPHY O.A.M.	1999	* L.W. PARROTT
1965	* F.K. McLEOD	1987	* G. HAMILTON	2000	W.B. O'TOOLE
1965	* W.H. CHANNON	1988	* L.J. CORKE	2001	B.J. WINN
1969	* J. LOW	1989	J.N. DAVIS	2002	B.G. SALTER
1973	* A.J. SOMERVILLE	1989	J.A. HITCHCOCK	2004	R.E. CAMPBELL
1980	* H.W. GILLARD A.M.	1990	N.D. WYBORN		
1980	* R. GARSIDE	1991	* N.I. BRAYE		
1985	* W.W.L. CARSON	1991	* A.J. REES		

* Deceased

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

(ZONE 2) INC.

(Inaugurated 1898)

(Affiliated with the R.N.S.W.B.A.)

OFFICE BEARERS Season 2006-2007

PATRONS:

LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE -- CR. J. TATE
MAYOR OF LAKE MACQUARIE & STATE MEMBER FOR LAKE MACQUARIE -- CR.G. PIPER

PRESIDENT:

x* L.W. PARROTT

ACTING PRESIDENT:

B.O. CARLING (16/04 – 19/07/07)

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

B.J. ALCOCK, C.F. BURNS, B.O. CARLING,
L.S. COULTON, A.J. HEXTELL, C.J. PASSFIELD, J.T. SMITH

TREASURER: A. C. WRIGHT

STATE COUNCILLOR ZONE 2: C.F. BURNS

SUB-COMMITTEES:

ADVISORY:

B.O. CARLING, Chairman; B.J. ALCOCK, R.E. CAMPBELL, M.D. HARWOOD,
J. LIEB, E.J. MILTON, A. C. WRIGHT

GREENS:

A.J. HEXTELL, Chairman; K.W. ASPERY, R.E. CAMPBELL, D.G. CARROLL,
H.J. MULLEY, C.J. PASSFIELD, F.W. POTTER

JUNIOR:

W.J. BOYD, Chairman; P. BROCKBANK, S. GOULD, x B. G. SALTER, J.W. STOKES

MATCH:

J. T. SMITH, Chairman; C.F. BURNS, W. B. O'TOOLE,
x*L. W. PARROTT, C. J. PASSFIELD, D.A. SKINNER, D. WRIGHT

SELECTION:

M. K. CROSSINGHAM, Chairman; T.J. BLOW, B. HOOLE,
T. MURPHY O.A.M., x B.G. SALTER

UMPIRES:

L.S. COULTON, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, x B. BAMBACH, R.K. BREW, K. BUCKLEE,
x*W. CAMPBELL, T. DEAN, D. TAYLOR, W.J. TRACEY

DELEGATE TO R.N.S.W.B.A.:

* L.W. PARROTT

SECRETARY:

D.J. BROAD O.A.M.

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x NOT IN OFFICE FULL TERM

* DECEASED



Brian Carling, Acting President

ACTING PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

On Wednesday, 11th April, 2007 the Association lost one of its best workers in Les Parrott, Les died suddenly after suffering a suspected heart attack. He was the second longest serving Newcastle District Bowling Association President, with only Commander Frank Gardner the inaugural President from 1898 to 1926 holding the position longer. Full details of Les Parrott's service to the Association are included in the Obituary Section of this Annual Report. I can only summarise by saying that he is being greatly missed by his family and all members of this Association.

I accepted the position of Acting President at the Executive Committee Meeting held on the 16th April, 2007 and now realize the tremendous amount of time and work involved in being the NDBA President. It is pleasing to report that the Association had a good year both on and off the green. The Association recorded a profit of \$14,614 and our Representative Team retained the Pat Geary Memorial Shield (Interzone Competition between Zones 2,4,9 & 15), the Challenge Shield (3 Test Series against the A.C.T.) and regained the Challenge Shield (Interzone Competition between Zones 2,4,9 & 16). A special word of well done to Matthew Baus (Swansea) on winning the State Junior Singles Championship and being named the RNSWBA Junior Bowler of the Year.

Sponsorship is vital to the success of any organisation and we are extremely grateful for the sponsorship support of the Greater Building Society Ltd. The Greater led by Mrs. Leslea Milburn, Advertising Manager, is the Associations major sponsor and they are also this year printing the Mattara booklet. We would therefore request that all Association Clubs and their members where ever possible show their support to the Greater Building Society Ltd.

The continued support of the media, NBN Television (Mike Rabbitt & Jim Callinan), Newcastle Herald (John Gilmour & Kevin Cranson), Daily Telegraph/Sunday Telegraph (John Taylor & Milton Harvey), Sun Herald (James Gardner), On the Green Magazine (Dean Nicholson & Colleen Mannis) and both radio stations 2HD (Denis Broad every Saturday morning) and 2NC (Craig Hamilton) is greatly appreciated by the Association and all bowlers. Where else in the State would you receive this type of media coverage?

On the bowls front congratulations are extended to the members of the Soldiers Point No.1 Grade Pennant side on creating history by becoming only the third Club in the 109 year history of the Association to win five consecutive No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant titles. The only other Clubs to have achieved this rare feat being Hamilton and Kahibah. The Club capped off a tremendous year by winning its third successive No.1 Grade Mid-Week Pennant title and its second ever No.6 Grade title. Mayfield West earnt automatic elevation to No.1 Grade next season by winning its inaugural No.2 Grade Flag.

The highlights of the Mid-Week Pennant competition were the success of Clarence Town in No.5 Grade, winning its first Newcastle Flag in only its second year in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition; Soldiers Point completing the No.1 Grade Saturday/Mid-Week Pennant double for the third successive year; Swansea Workers recording its initial victory in No.3 Grade, as did Hamilton North in No.4 Grade. It was pleasing from an Association viewpoint to see ten (10) different Clubs win Pennants.

ZONE 2 SATURDAY PENNANT WINNERS WERE: -

No.1 Grade, Soldiers Point; No.2 Grade, Mayfield West; No.3 Grade, Marks Point; No.4 Grade, Carrington; No.5 Grade, Lemon Tree Passage; No.6 Grade, Soldiers Point No.1; No.7 Grade, Mayfield No.1.

NDBA MID-WEEK PENNANT CHAMPIONS WERE: -

No.1 Grade, Soldiers Point; No.2 Grade, Redhead; No.3 Grade, Swansea Workers; No.4 Grade, Hamilton North; No.5 Grade, Clarence Town.

We wish the members of the winning Saturday Pennant sides the best of luck when they contest the State Pennant play-offs on the August Bank Holiday weekend – lets hope they bring home a State Flag.

We are privileged to be the hosts for the 2007 No.4 Grade State Pennant Final Series with sectional play & the semi-finals to be staged at Charlestown and Redhead, with the Final scheduled to be played at Kahibah on Monday, 7th August, 2007. We know that they will be promoted and hosted in true Novocastrian style so that the players in all the competing sides will take away fond memories of good sportsmanship and the companionship that our game has to offer.

The prestigious awards of the Newcastle District (Zone 2) Bowler of the Year and Most Improved Bowler of the Year were presented at the Association Executive, Delegates & Sub-Committee Members Christmas & Presentation Evening by Mrs. Leslea Milburn, Advertising Manager, Greater Building Society Ltd. It came as no surprise when for the second consecutive year Jason Stokes (Soldiers Point) was named as the Bowler of the Year and his Clubmate Jim Towers was acclaimed as Zone 2's Most Improved Bowler.

Our Mattara Carnival carries all before it in presentation, entry numbers & coverage of all facets of our game. Its popularity is enormous and the twelve day Carnival involves a large proportion of our Clubs. Again we are indebted to the Greater Building Society Ltd. for its ultimate presentation which is ably organised by our Mattara Committee.

It has been another busy year for the Association and full details of all activities are contained in this Annual Report. I would like to thank the Secretary and all permanent Sub-Committee Chairman for their concise and informative reports.

Our Delegates by their attendance at our monthly Management Committee Meetings, provide the policies upon which we continue with the promotion of our sport, and I thank them for their time. A special word of thanks to our seven Vice-Presidents and all the Sub-Committee members for the tremendous amount of work they do to ensure the Association operates smoothly & successfully. Finally may I express the gratitude of the Executive and all bowlers for the outstanding work performed by our office staff of Secretary Denis Broad OAM and clerical assistants Angie Arps and Lee Martin.



**Brian Carling
Acting President**

**HEREWITH A REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2007**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: There are 54 affiliated clubs within the Association. As at 31st March, 2007 (end of the NDBA financial year) there were 8,237 Full, Multiple and Junior Members as against 8,503 in 2006.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2006/07 saw Les Parrott re-elected as President of the Association. Vice-Presidents Barry Alcock, Col Burns, Brian Carling, Lin Coulton, John Passfield and John Smith retained their positions, while Alan Hextell was the newly elected Vice-President defeating Ralph Campbell in the ballot. Alec Wright was re-elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer.

To the shock of all Newcastle bowlers Les Parrott died suddenly on the 11th April, 2007 after suffering a suspected heart attack and became only the third President to pass away whilst in office (refer to obituaries for details of L.W. Parrott service to the NDBA). At an Executive Committee Meeting held on the 16th April, 2007 Brian Carling was elected Acting President. A position which he will hold until the election of a new President at the Annual General Meeting.

Col Burns was re-elected unopposed as the State Councillor for Zone 2. The Chairmen of the Permanent Sub-Committees were as follows, viz. Advisory, Brian Carling; Greens, Alan Hextell; Juniors, Warren Boyd; Match, John Smith; Selection, Kevan Crossingham and Umpires, Lin Coulton.

The members of the Executive have had another extremely busy schedule throughout the year attending functions at Clubs and other Associations. On some occasions they met nine commitments on the one day, whilst on others the President was only able to fulfil all requests by enlisting the services of members from the Sub-Committees.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Our major projects for the past twelve months have been the updating of the NDBA Constitution and producing an entirely new set of By-Laws to support the contents of the Constitution in a practical and economic way.

The Constitution was accepted in total by the Department of Fair Trading in November, 2006 and becomes a "Best Practice" Document for the Management of the Association into the future. The By-Laws become a working document for the Executive of the Association to review at varying intervals to change or add to the content as required. Notable items such as, The Duties and Responsibilities of Permanent Sub-Committees (previously in the Constitution), References to Child Protection, Gambling on Lawn Bowls, Sports Rage and Drugs in Sport. The latter perhaps haven't been thought of before, but need to be considered now.

Our Committee has noticed a reduction in questions from Clubs over the last twelve months. In my last report it was recommended that all Clubs consult the current edition of the Clubs current edition of the Clubs NSW Directors Guide when seeking procedural direction. From all reports this has been the case. However, Disciplinary Procedure still needs attention to ensure "Natural Justice" has been applied.

To the Committee, I thank you for your dedication and support you have given me throughout the year. I have enjoyed being your Chairman once again.

B. Carling, Chairman

GREENS COMMITTEE: During the past twelve months there have been 4 Greens inspections. These inspections were carried out in the months of September, February, April and July. The majority of Greens inspected had some very pleasing reports, there were also some Greens which due to lack of finances and unforeseen circumstances were not up to the standard required for Pennant and District play. The Clubs who themselves decided that their Greens were unfit for play are to be commended for their action.

Congratulations to Raymond Terrace on the completion of the new structure over their bowling greens.

To the Clubs, your Greenkeepers and outdoor staff, I would take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Greens Committee for the support and assistance you have shown us on our inspections.

I would also personally like to express my thanks to the Members of the Greens Committee for their support over the last twelve months.

A. Hextell, Chairman

JUNIOR COMMITTEE: The 2006/07 year was an exceptional period for junior bowls. A number of noteworthy achievements by individual bowlers were highlights.

Matthew Baus (Swansea) won the State Junior Singles, runner-up with Sam Twining (Wallsend) in the State Junior Pairs, U/18 representative for NSW, the youngest bowler to represent Zone 2 and to top all this – he was awarded the RNSWBA Junior Bowler of the Year. Other State representatives from our junior squad were Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) establishing herself as a regular U/18 NSW skipper and representing the State for the first time in January was Jay Armstrong (Toronto).

The Junior Committee was extremely busy planning for the 2007 season. A number of factors influenced the change made to incorporate our eighteen to twenty-five year old players and subsequently change our name to the NDBA Lawn Bowls Development Squad. We now have players from our fifty Clubs entering the programme at age 12 years.

A great nursery for the future of our game.

The Committee continues to provide outstanding support for every squad member through regular monthly training sessions and monthly fixtures organized for player development. We have recently fostered a wonderful association with the Central Coast (Zone 15) being able to plan regular matches against their U/18 and U/25 squads. This will certainly provide both Zones with an opportunity to benchmark the development of every player as well as providing a stage for regular competition for each squad.

To the Clubs who have supported our programme let me take this opportunity to personally thank your Club/Directors and Members. Waratah for the use of their Club for all practice sessions, Clubs hosting our Championships; Soldiers Point – Singles, Redhead – Pairs and Charlestown – Fours. And, to the Clubs who helped with direct financial contributions we express our sincere thanks for your generous donations: Marks Point and Soldiers Point.

The Junior Championship winners for 2007 were: Singles: Clinton Doust (Swansea); Pairs: Clinton Doust / Chris Taylor (Swansea Workers); Fours: Matthew Dow (Redhead), Tom Taylor (Belmont Sporties), Clinton Doust and Chris Taylor. Congratulations to all.

In looking at the above results we have great pleasure in announcing that for the second year in succession the grand-slam has been won by a junior from Swansea Bowling Club.

Congratulations to Clinton Doust on achieving this honour. Clinton is only the fourth junior in our history to achieve this – his Swansea team mate Matthew Baus achieved the grand-slam in 2006.

The contribution parents make is significant. I wish to express my thanks for supporting the ideals of the programme in particular the support for our Committee and of course giving their time to transport their children to training, tournaments and promotional events.

Finally, I wish to convey my appreciation to the Junior Committee members and extend to them our congratulations on their efforts throughout the year. I personally look forward to another great year in working with all involved in our Committee.

W. Boyd, Chairman

MATCH COMMITTEE: I would like to begin by paying tribute to the late Les Parrott for his outstanding service to the bowlers of the NDBA during his long term on the Match Committee. Even with all of his other commitments Les found time to be involved in all aspects of the Committee and we are indeed grateful for his contribution.

The level of assistance given to us by Secretary Denis and the office staff of Angie and Lee cannot be underestimated and the Committee expresses its thanks to them for their assistance and expertise. As is customary we have received great help from both Executive and Management Committees and the many Clubs and officials who have hosted events on behalf of the NDBA. To all we say thank you for a job well done.

The 46th Mattara Carnival was again a well supported event with our Host Clubs, Nelson Bay (Mattara Singles) and Stockton (Main Carnival) both upholding the fine Mattara tradition of friendship and hospitality. Full details of the event are in the Mattara Committee Report.

During the past twelve months the bowling performances of bowlers in the Zone has been of a consistently high standard with some of the notable efforts being:

- Tomago Bowling Club were runners-up in the State No.6 Grade Pennant
- Richard Hadley of Stockton Bowling Club claimed Stockton's 3rd Minor Singles Title.
- Bar Beach claimed their first ever State President's Pairs with the victory of Ed Warren and Darrell Lowe.
- Brian Gannon and Bill Wiltshire won the State Senior Pairs.
- Raymond Terrace annexed it's second Mayor Pairs Title with Shane Evans and Lennon Scott's success.
- Glen Soper of Charlestown Bowling Club scored his Clubs first victory in the Champion of Club Champions Singles since 1978.
- Jarrod Duncan and John Carmody scored Hamilton's third victory in five years in the Champion of Club Champions Pairs.
- Stockton achieved their first success since 1992 in the Champion of Club Champions Fours with Brian Hitchcock, Graham Nash, Paul Wilson and Tony Baker.
- Garry Smith and John Brollo gave Wallsend their initial success in the State Presidents Pairs.
- Three Threes winners were:
 - No.1 – Soldiers Point Bowling Club won it's first ever title.
 - No.2 – Redhead Bowling Club scored it's initial win.
 - No.3 – Fingal Bay Bowling Club No.2 made it two in a row in this grade.
- Zone Pennant Results

Some interesting aspects were:

- Soldiers Point scoring their 5th successive win in Saturday No.1 Grade; 3rd successive Mid-Week No.1 Grade and 2nd No.6 Grade Saturday Pennant.
- Mayfield West No.2 Grade Saturday was the Clubs first ever Pennant in this grade.
- Redhead won its first No.2 Grade Mid-Week since 1986.
- Marks Point scored their first success in Saturday No.3 Grade since 1974.
- The No.4 Grade Saturday Pennant saw Carrington successful for the 3rd time.
- Lemon Tree Passage gained its 4th Saturday No.5 Grade Pennant.
- Mayfield followed its success in 2004 by gaining a 2nd Saturday No.7 Grade Pennant.
- Swansea Workers scored its initial victory in Mid-Week No.3 Grade, as did Hamilton North in Mid-Week No.4 Grade.
- Clarence Town took the No.5 Grade Mid-Week Pennant back to the Hunter in its 2nd year in this competition.

The Charity Shields contested during the 2007 Pennant Season were won by:

- Ralph Cotterall Memorial Shield – Charlestown 2 No.7 Grade
- Albert Smith Memorial Shield – Windale/Gateshead No.5 Grade
- Pepper Memorial Shield – Lemon Tree Passage No.6 Grade

With the State wide Grading System for Pennants the RNSWBA has now opted to remove the player gradings from Membership Cards and this move will help greatly to overcome some of the anomalies that were occurring. Pennant Gradings are now being included in Club Memberships Reports and this should provide a much more accurate system.

The year to come will still be full of challenges for the Match Committee at both a Zone and State Level and we are confident that we can continue to provide a good service for the bowlers in Zone 2.

J.T. Smith
Chairman

SELECTION COMMITTEE: Once again the Selection Committee would like to thank all players who were selected to represent Zone 2/Newcastle over the past 12 months. They were great ambassadors for Newcastle/Zone 2. As Selection Committee Chairman I also thank my Co-Selectors for their attendance at meetings and for the time spent watching all District and Inter-Zone events during the past 12 months. Thanks also to Boolaroo Bowling Club for making their Club available for our Selection Committee Meetings.

A summary of the results of all representative matches is as follows:-

Inter-Zone Challenge – Zones 2, 6, 14, 15 played at Tuncurry Bowling Club on 12th & 13th August, 2006.

Zone 2	129	-	Defeated Zone 14	-	98
Zone 2	128	-	Defeated Zone 15	-	116
Zone 2	<u>128</u>	-	Defeated Zone 6	-	<u>116</u>
Total	<u>385</u>				<u>330</u>

Zone 2 won the Pat Geary Memorial Shield with 3 wins plus 55 shots.

Zone 2 played Zone 13 at Kahibah Bowling Club on 27th August, 2006

Zone 2	63	-	Lost to Zone 13	-	80
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Zone 2 Emerging Players played Zone 13 Emerging Players at Kahibah Bowling Club on 27th August, 2006

Zone 2	95	-	Defeated Zone 13	-	76
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State Inter-Zone Round Robin played at Dalmeny Bowling Club on 8th, 9th & 10th August, 2006

Zone 2	83	-	Defeated Zone 7	-	71
Zone 2	77	-	Lost to Zone 4	-	85
Zone 2	<u>68</u>	-	Lost to Zone 1	-	<u>93</u>
Total	<u>228</u>				<u>249</u>

Zone 2 Emerging Players V Zone 6 and Zone 15 at The Entrance Bowling Club on 15th October, 2006

Zone 2	71	-	Lost to Zone 15(No.1)	-	93
Zone 2	55	-	Lost to Zone 15(No.2)	-	76

Zone 2 Representative Side V RNSWBA State Representative Side played at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on 22nd October, 2006

Zone 2	71	-	Lost to State Side	-	97
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Zone 2 played Hunter District at Newbold Diggers Bowling Club on 29th October, 2006

Zone 2	109	-	Lost to Hunter District	-	119
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Inter-Zone Series Zones 2, 4, 9, 16 at Beresfield Bowling Club on 11th-12th November, 2006

Zone 2	129	-	Defeated Zone 9	-	111
Zone 2	118	-	Lost to Zone 16	-	132
Zone 2	<u>144</u>	-	Defeated Zone 4	-	<u>98</u>
Total	<u>391</u>				<u>341</u>

Zone 2 won the Challenge Shield with 2 wins plus 50 shots

Inter-Zone Series Zone 2 V ACT at Belconnen Bowling Club on 20th-21st January, 2007

Zone 2	125	-	Defeated ACT	-	111
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Zone 2	112	-	Lost to ACT	-	117
Zone 2	<u>119</u>	-	Defeated ACT	-	<u>106</u>
Total	<u>356</u>				<u>334</u>

Zone 2 won the Challenge Shield 2 Tests to 1 Test

A Zone 2 President Possibles V Secretary's Probables was played at Waratah Bowling Club on 20th February, 2007, as a trial game for representative selection within Zone 2. A further trial game was played at Cardiff Bowling Club on 20th May, 2007.

Newcastle Zone 2 Senior (over 60's) Representative Side V Zone 6 Senior (over 60's) Representative Side on 5th March, 2007 at Maitland City Bowling Club – Game washed out.

M.K. Crossingham, Chairman

UMPIRES COMMITTEE: This has been probably the most difficult year in the history of bowls and certainly the most frustrating. Not only for all conscientious umpires, but, judging by the continual barrage of questions from all areas, for all serious bowlers. The Laws and Regulations governing our simple, popular sport have been so changed and bastardised as to make them a complete nightmare to administer. These Laws of the Game, Crystal Mark Edition, were foisted upon us without so much as a modicum of consultation, and I ask the question, "Why?" There is no obvious benefit to the Administrator, or the player, and certainly no assistance at all to the umpire. In fact, the work load of an umpire has dramatically increased. This Committee has conducted many seminars throughout the District, which were all well attended by bowlers anxious to become familiar with the new Laws of the Game, and we are now placed in the invidious position of having to consider re-presenting these seminars so as to address the multitude of changes and amendments and also recommendations that are being presented on a regular basis. It is my fervent hope that common sense will eventually prevail, and a set of common-sense, practical rules will finally be agreed on by the "Law Makers", and all will be able to enjoy our great game.

Unfortunately, during the year, William Campbell passed away, and I mention his passing with sorrow. As a result of a ballot, Brian Bambach, of Soldiers Point Bowling Club, has been elected to the Umpires Committee, and we welcome his inclusion as a Level 2 umpire with many years of experience.

The Committee is conducting classes throughout the District, and is inviting all interested bowlers to attend these classes, even if for the only reason of adding to his or her understanding of the Laws of the Game.

To all members of the Umpires Committee, may I say a heartfelt "thank you" for a job well done under, at times, most difficult conditions.

In conclusion, my most sincere thanks to a man who was always there to assist and guide us, that little man with a huge heart, Leslie Parrott, an inspiration to all.

L. Coulton, Chairman

MATTARA COMMITTEE: Nelson Bay (Open and Restricted Singles) and Stockton (Traditional Carnival) both continued the fine work done by Host Clubs when they took on the task of staging the 46th Mattara Carnival. Together with the Clubs who hosted various sections they insured another highly successful Mattara Carnival.

Entries in each of the events were: -

Open Singles – 60

Restricted Singles – 96

Frank Neat Memorial Classic K.O. Club Nominated Mens Triples – 37 Teams

Men's Open Fours – 56 Teams

Men's Open Pairs – 104 Teams

Mixed Open Pairs – 128 Teams`

Winners in each event were: -

Mattara Open Singles – Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point)

Mattara Restricted Singles – Paul West (Boolaroo)

Frank Neat Memorial Classic K.O. Club Nominated Men's Triples – Don Miller, Geoff Horton and Tony Scott (Raymond Terrace)

Men's Open Fours – Col Linton (Windale /Gateshead), Craig Bush (Kotara), Brad Unsted (Kotara) and Jason Stokes (Soldiers Point)

Men's Open Pairs – Terry Blow and Ian Lean (Valentine)

Mixed Open Pairs – Julie Linton and Les Pyke (Windale/Gateshead)

Congratulations to all winners and those who took part in each event and we look forward to your continued support of this Carnival.

J.T. Smith, Chairman

R.N.S.W.B.A. REPRESENTATION: Col Burns was re-elected unopposed as the State Councillor for Zone 2 and represented the Association at R.N.S.W.B.A. Board Meetings. Les Parrott was the Association Delegate to R.N.S.W.B.A. General Committee Meetings, until the time of his passing. N.D.B.A. Match Committee Chairman John Smith was re-elected to the State Match Committee and was subsequently elected Chairman of that Committee.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND FUNCTIONS: The year was highlighted by a number of Goodwill Visits. A party of forty-eight mixed bowlers from the Nepean District Bowling Association visited our region on the 22nd and 23rd July, 2006. Bowls were played at Marks Point and Warners Bay Bowling Clubs, with both Clubs extending outstanding Novocastrian hospitality to our guests.

On the Easter week-end, 7th to 9th April, 2007 (inclusive), thirty-nine mixed bowlers led by President, Les Parrott, made an official Goodwill Visit to the Southern Tablelands District Bowling Association. Bowls were played at Bowral, Bundanoon and Campbelltown City, all Clubs were excellent hosts.

An enjoyable Presidents versus Secretaries Match was held at Mayfield Bowling Club on Saturday, 2nd September, 2006. Adamstown Bowling Club hosted a very successful Delegates' Day on Saturday, 16th September, 2006.

On Sunday, 26th November, 2006 Wangi Bowling Club hosted their inaugural Royal NSW Bowling Association and Newcastle District Bowling Association Executive & Sub-Committees Fixture. Wangi Bowling Club were excellent hosts and appreciation was expressed by both Presidents, viz. John Archer and Les Parrott.

The annual match between the Executive and Sub-Committees from the Hunter and Newcastle Districts was played on the synthetic green at Edgeworth Bowling Club on Wednesday Evening, 7th February, 2007. Everyone enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

The Delegates, Executive and Sub-Committees Christmas Function was held on Thursday Evening, 14th December, 2006 at Kahibah Bowling Club. A highlight was the presentation of the Greater Building Society/N.D.B.A. Bowler of the Year Award to Jason Stokes (Soldiers Point) and the Most Improved Bowler of the Year Award to Jim Towers (Soldiers Point) by Mrs. Leslea Milburn, Greater Building Society Ltd., Advertising Manager. It was a great evening and attendees spoke highly of the meal and outstanding guest artists provided by the Association at a nominal charge. The Association would like to express its thanks to Kahibah Bowling Club for its assistance in organizing the evening, especially to President Norm Brooks, Secretary/Manager Matt Harris and the Club's catering staff.

STATE REPRESENTATION/EVENTS: Jason Stokes (Soldiers Point) and Nathan Dawson (Raymond Terrace) were the only Newcastle players selected in the State side during the year. Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) played in the State Reserve Team and David Govan (Raymond Terrace) and Matthew Baus (Swansea) played in the State Under 25 Team. Neville Downes (Soldiers Point) and Sam Laguzza (Swansea)

played in the NSW Senior State Side (Over 60's). Three Newcastle players played for Country in the annual Three Test Series against City they being Jason Pietraszek, Jason Stokes and Nathan Dawson. Newcastle was well represented in the Legends side with Bob Dunn and Neville Downes (Soldiers Point); Bob Fishlock and Doug Howard (Hamilton); Terry McCabe (Windale/Gateshead) and Bob King, Darby Ross and John Smith (Kahibah) all being members of the side.

VETERANS' AND SUPER VETERANS' DAY: Wallsend Bowling Club hosted a combined Veterans and Super Veterans day on Thursday, 15th March, 2007. In excess of ninety Veterans and Super Veterans enjoyed playing bowls, whilst others unable to play bowls attended for an enjoyable social day. Trophies were sponsored by the Greater Building Society Ltd.

CHARITY SHIELDS AND BOB-IN DAYS: A total of \$2600 was collected for Charities on these days. Newcastle Legacy and the Helicopter Rescue Service each received \$400; Cystic Fibrosis, the Weeroona Association (Newcastle Crippled Children) and the Hunter Melanoma Foundation each received \$300; Newcastle Mater Palliative Care Unit and Autistic Association of N.S.W. each received \$250; the Salvation Army and Newcastle City Mission each received \$200. Clubs winning the Charity Shields have been named in the Match Committee Report.

PUBLICITY: Denis Broad, Association Publicity Officer, submits information received from Clubs and Association news to the R.N.S.W.BA. journal "Bowls NSW". He also broadcasts live a bowls session on Radio 2HD on Saturday mornings at 7.05 am and has a column in the local magazine, "On The Green", published by Colleen Mannis and Dean Nicholson. The Association receives valued support and publicity from John Gilmour (Bowls Reporter) and Kevin Cranson (Sporting Editor) at the Newcastle Herald, James Gardner Sun Herald, Milton Harvey Sunday Telegraph and Mike Rabbitt NBN Television. They provide coverage, not only of Association events, but of tournaments conducted by Clubs and to them our sincere thanks.

OBITUARIES: The Association has again been saddened by the loss of many bowlers, who, throughout the years, had made outstanding and valuable contributions to bowls. Their names have been recorded and respects paid at the monthly Management Committee Meetings.

The sudden deaths of Les Parrott (Mayfield & Mayfield West), NDBA President (refer obituary below) and William (Bill) Campbell, Umpires Committee Member, came as a great shock to bowlers. These gentlemen devoted a great deal of time and effort to the furtherance of bowls in this District.

OBITUARY – LESLIE WILLIAM PARROTT by Denis Broad OAM

Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) President Les Parrott died suddenly on Wednesday, 11th April, 2007 after suffering a suspected heart attack.

Les, 82, was the second longest serving President of the NDBA. He served his first term as President from 1993 to 1996 before returning to the position after the death of Frank Neat in 1997. He was still holding this position at the time of his passing. Only Commander Frank Gardner, who was the inaugural President from 1898 to 1926, held the position longer.



Les turned to bowls after a rugby league career with Newcastle's Northern Suburbs. He soon became involved in club administration at Mayfield West Bowling Club. He was elected to the position of Honorary Secretary from 1974 to 1979, was a club committee member from 1979 to 1983 and then returned to the position of Honorary Secretary from 1983 to 1988.

He joined the NDBA in 1985 as a member of the Match Committee and was immediately elected Chairman of that Committee. The following year he was elected as a Vice-President, before being elected as President in 1993 and was the Immediate Past President at the time of his election to the Chair for a second term.

He was also a Board Member of the Royal NSW Bowling Association from 1992 to 1995 and served two terms on the State Match Committee – from 1989 to 1993 and 1995 to 1997. He was also a member of the Royal Junior Committee from 1996 to 1997 and the Newcastle Delegate to the Royal from 1988 to 1992 and 1997 to current. These positions have required hundreds of return trips between Newcastle and Sydney. He was also a member of the organizing Committee for the Royal NSW Bowling Association 125th Anniversary Celebrations in 2005.

He was awarded life membership of the NDBA in 1999 and his efforts have been recognised by other organisations. In 2005 he won the prestigious Newcastle City Council Sports Award for a Volunteers Service to Sport Award, plus in 2000 he received the Australian Sports Medal and the Federal Member for Newcastle has presented him with the Commonwealth of Australia Sport Achievement Award Certificate.

My summary of Les's service:

Les has contributed more than 30 years of outstanding voluntary service to the sport of lawn bowls. He was a tireless worker and an outstanding President with his hands-on approach right from the grassroots level up. His efforts would often go beyond the call of duty, as he would regularly attend in excess of 100 official functions each year as well as contributing countless hours in meetings and assisting with office duties.

Les is survived by his wife Merle, daughters Dianne and Beverley and their respective families. A large number of the Lawn Bowls fraternity paid their last respects to Les at a funeral service held at Mayfield Bowling Club on Wednesday, 18th April, 2007.

GENERAL: The Association gratefully acknowledges the support of the Greater Building Society Ltd, N.D.B.A. Sponsors. We enjoy an excellent working relationship with the Society and special thanks is extended to Mrs. Leslea Milburn, Advertising Manager, for the Greater Building Society Ltd.

The “ad-hoc” Coaching Committee under the Chairmanship of Barry Salter and co-ordinated by Bob Oliver conducted a very successful coaching course in November at Waratah Bowling Club. This can only benefit bowls and the members of the various District Clubs. The Coaching Committee, under the new NDBA Constitution, is now a permanent Sub-Committee of five (5) members. Its Chairman will now be a member of the NDBA Executive Committee.

The Association was represented at a number of major celebrations during the past twelve months. The highlights being:

- The Newcastle District Womens Bowling Association 70th Birthday Celebrations held at Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club.
- The Bulahdelah Bowling Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations held at Bulahdelah Bowling Club.
- The NSW RSL Bowls Zone 6 25th Anniversary Celebrations held at Beresfield Bowling Club.

We congratulate the officials and members of these organisations on reaching these milestones.

On a disappointing note the small Wickham Bowling Club decided not to reaffiliate with the Royal NSW Bowling Association and the Newcastle District Bowling Association. The Club members still maintain one green for social bowls only.