

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC. WILL BE HELD AT ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, "WAL YOUNG HOUSE", ON THURSDAY, 17th JULY, 2008 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM.

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.**
 - Notice of Motion to amend Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) Inc. Constitution Clause 33(c).**

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 O.A.M.
1996-1997	F.J. NEAT
1997-2007	L.W. PARROTT O.A.M.
2007-	J.T. SMITH

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 O.A.M.
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 2007-2008**

PATRONS:

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

PRESIDENT:

J.T. SMITH

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

B.J. ALCOCK, K.W. ASPERY, R.K. BREW, C.F. BURNS,
B.O. CARLING, L.S. COULTON, A.J. HEXTELL.

TREASURER: A. C. WRIGHT

STATE COUNCILLOR ZONE 2: C.F. BURNS

SUB-COMMITTEES:

ADVISORY:

B.O. CARLING, Chairman; B.J. ALCOCK, K.W. ASPERY, R.E. CAMPBELL,
M.D. HARWOOD, J. LIEB, E.J. MILTON

COACHING:

S.A. STARRETT, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, x G.P. JOHN,
B.J. STARRETT, A.M. WEBSTER

GREENS:

A.J. HEXTELL, Chairman; K.W. ASPERY, D.G. CARROLL, M. CONWAY,
D.A. GILDAY, H.J. MULLEY, F.W. POTTER

JUNIOR:

W.J. BOYD, Chairman; P. BROCKBANK, S. GOULD,
J.W. STOKES, A.M. WEBSTER

MATCH:

D.A. GILDAY, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, C.F. BURNS, W. B. O'TOOLE,
D.A. SKINNER, J.T. SMITH, D.E. WRIGHT

MEMBERSHIP

x B. COOKE, Chairman

SELECTION:

M. K. CROSSINGHAM, Chairman; I.T. BARRETT,
T.J. BLOW, B. HOOLE, T. MURPHY O.A.M.

UMPIRES:

L.S. COULTON, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, K.W. ASPERY, R.K. BREW,
K.C. BUCKLEE, T.G. DEAN, D.W. TAYLOR, W.J. TRACEY

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

J.T. SMITH

SECRETARY:

D.J. BROAD O.A.M.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

The Australia Day Honours List brought further credit to this Association with the awarding of an Order of Australia Medal upon our Past President the late Les Parrott for his service to bowls in the Newcastle District Bowling Association. The medal was presented to his wife Merle at a ceremony at Government House in May. Les now joins Wal Young, Harold Gillard, Terry Murphy, Bart Richardson and Denis Broad who have been honoured for their level of commitment and dedication to the administration of the game in Zone 2.

The loss of Life Member Barry Salter in August 2007 was another blow to the Association. It is difficult to summarise Barry's involvement and impact on the game at both personal and administrative level, but we all carry our own personal memories of his involvement at Local, State and National levels.

The recent death of Life Member Neale Davis was also deeply felt in the bowling community. Neale's great contributions as a Vice-President, Junior Committee Chairman and Selection Committee Chairman together with the many roles he accepted within the Association saw him awarded his Life Membership in 1989. He was truly a great servant of bowls in the NDBA.

The departure of Mrs. Leslea Milburn from the Greater Building Society Ltd. ended her involvement with the NDBA since the sponsorship began in 1991. Leslea has in many ways been the face of bowls in Newcastle with her regular attendance at Annual General Meetings, Presentation Nights, Pennant and Championship Finals, Mattara Carnivals and Veterans/Super Veterans Days. The Association held a special evening for Leslea at Windale/Gateshead Bowling Club in June to allow the NDBA to express its thanks for the role that she has played. We now welcome Mr. Robert Lavell as our liaison with the Greater and look forward to an enduring friendship in the years to come.

Financially the Association maintained a solid financial position under the guidance of Treasurer Alec Wright with a profit of \$19,965 for the twelve months. As a result our Capitation Fees for the coming year have been left unchanged.

Our performances on the green were quite impressive with the following successes:

- Runner-up in four State Pennants, namely*
 - Soldiers Point No.1 Grade*
 - Mayfield West No.2 Grade*
 - Carrington No.4 Grade*
 - Mayfield No.7 Grade*
- Runner-up in the State Interzone Sides Championship*
- Retention of the Pat Geary Memorial Shield played between
Zones 2, 6, 14 & 15*

The 2008 Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant competitions resulted in the following winners:

Saturday

No.1 Grade – Soldiers Point
 No.2 Grade – Lambton
 No.3 Grade – Redhead
 No.4 Grade – Tea Gardens
 No.5 Grade – Wangi
 No.6 Grade – Burwood Colliery 1
 No.7 Grade – Wallsend 1

Mid-Week

No.1 Grade – Kurri Kurri
 No.2 Grade – Wallsend
 No.3 Grade – Raymond Terrace
 No.4 Grade – Dora Creek Workers
 No.5 Grade – Belmont

Media coverage is so important to every Association and we in Newcastle are fortunate to have a wide range of people assisting our Association. We are grateful to NBN Television (Mike Rabbitt and Jim Callinan), Newcastle Herald (John Gilmour and Kevin Cranson), Daily/Sunday Telegraph (John Taylor and Milton Harvey), Sun Herald (James Gardiner), On The Green Magazine (Dean Nicholson and Colleen Mannis), 2HD Radio (Denis Broad) and 2NC Radio (Craig Hamilton) for providing the bowlers of Zone 2 with an up to date coverage of the game. Special congratulations to Glen McCurtayne from the Newcastle Herald for his Media Award for Photography at the 2007 RNSWBA Awards Night.

One of the major features of the past year has been the development of the NDBA website. While still in its early stage of development we are experiencing excellent and positive feedback and we feel that this can become a very valuable tool for both the clubs and bowlers in our Association. It is also pleasing to note that 37 clubs have agreed to have e-mail as their preferred method of communication between themselves and the Association. This has provided a quicker and cheaper method of communication for both clubs and the Association.

During the year the Association, through Toronto Workers Bowling Club, hosted the Finals Series of the 2008 Premier League. Congratulations to Toronto Workers for all of the efforts put in by the Club to stage the event successfully.

The Southern District Bowling Association visited Newcastle at Easter and this visit celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the annual visits between our two Associations. Similarly the Nepean District Bowling Association's visit in late July will be the 50th Anniversary of that annual visit. Surely this reflects the great relationship between our Associations.

Our 2007 Annual Bowler of the Year and Delegates Night brought two new faces to the forefront. Congratulations to Martin Ball, Alder Park Bowling Club (Greater Bowler of the Year) and David (Charlie) Collins, Toronto Workers Bowling Club (Greater Most Improved Bowler of the Year). Both bowlers were thoroughly deserving of their awards for their fine efforts on the green during the year.

The 47th Mattara Carnival again provided many bowlers with the opportunity to have the hand of friendship extended to them over the 12 day duration of the Carnival. Thank you to our main host clubs, Raymond Terrace and Kotara, and to all clubs who assisted during the event. Full details of results are in the Mattara Committee Report.

The year was also tinged with sadness by the loss of Waratah Bowling Club with all its traditions and involvement that stretched beyond 100 years. Also Club Macquarie Mens Bowling Club section and City Bowling Club were closed. Fortunately many members from these clubs have continued their bowling careers at surrounding clubs and as a result our loss

of membership was minimal. As a counterbalance we welcomed Bayway Village Bowling Club to our ranks and we look forward to their continued growth in our Association.

Wallsend Bowling Club celebrated its centenary this year and we congratulate the Club for the great day that was conducted in June. President John Archer of the RNSWBA was a special guest and many memories were shared on the day by both the newer and older members of the Club, a lot of which were sparked by the publication outlining the history and development of the Club. The naming of the green after Robert Sonter also featured in the day's celebrations.

A disappointing aspect of this year has been a decline in attendance by clubs at our monthly Management Committee Meetings. It may be timely to remind clubs that our new Constitution firmly places the voting power in your hands and every club should be availing themselves of this opportunity to have their input.

Many thanks to all who have assisted during the past 12 months, but particularly to the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees who have worked diligently in their roles. To Secretary Denis and Office Staff of Lee and Angie we are indebted to you for all the various tasks you perform on our behalf.

Finally may I express my thanks to my wife Gai for all her support and to all the members and clubs of the NDBA who have welcomed myself and Gai in such a friendly and hospitable manner during this year.

John T. Smith
President

**HEREWITH A REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2008**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: There are 52 affiliated clubs within the Association. As at 31st March, 2008 (end of the NDBA financial year) there were 7,969 Full, Multiple and Junior Members as against 8,237 in 2007.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2007/08 saw John Smith elected as the new President of the Association. John became the 28th NDBA President replacing Les Parrott OAM, who died suddenly on the 11th April, 2007 after suffering a massive heart attack. Vice-Presidents Barry Alcock, Col Burns, Brian Carling, Lin Coulton and Alan Hextell retained their positions, while Kevin Aspery and Ron Brew were the newly elected Vice-Presidents replacing John Smith and John Passfield (who did not seek re-election). Alec Wright was re-elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer.

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; Coaching, Alan Starrett; Greens, Alan Hextell; Juniors, Warren Boyd; Match, David Gilday; Membership, Brian Cooke; 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: Over the past twelve months our major project has been the revision of the Advisory Committee Pamphlets first introduced in 1990. As you are aware, our Committee indicated at various Management Committee Meetings that this would take time and continues to be ongoing throughout this year. Our objective is to produce the pamphlets which will assist new Presidents/Chairman, Directors and Returning Officers in highlighting their roles and responsibilities in conjunction with the Clubs NSW Director Guidelines. A number of these pamphlets can now be accessed on the Website www.ndba.com.au under Documents.

Our other activities have been assisting Clubs with their Constitution updates and various problems experienced within their Club.

It is pleasing to see that the handling of Disciplinary Procedures to satisfy "Natural Justice" has been improved over this period.

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

B. Carling, Chairman

COACHING COMMITTEE: The Coaching Committee has been successfully involved in the following activities during 2007-2008:

- 3 Half Day Coaching Seminars
- 1 Full Day Re-Accreditation Seminar
- Updated the Database information for Coaches now held by the NDBA
- Regularly submitted "Coaching Showcase" columns in "On the Green"
- Compiled information that is available on the NDBA Website
- Assisted coaches with information and support as concerns arose

The Committee would like to thank Mayfield Bowling Club and New Lambton Bowling Club for their hospitality in hosting the Seminars and allowing the use of their facilities and greens.

A. Starrett, Chairman

GREENS COMMITTEE:

Four Greens inspections have been carried out in the last 12 months. They being in September, February, April and June. The results of these inspections have been very pleasing, although as we all know the exceptional weather of the last two months have had severe consequences for a lot of clubs with damaged greens.

Congratulations to Bayway Village on the opening of their four rink synthetic green and their acceptance into the NDBA Pennant Competition. On a more disturbing note was the closing of the Club Macquarie Mens Bowling Club.

Two members of the Greens Committee did not seek re-election last year, they being Ralph Campbell and John Passfield. To both of you I sincerely thank you for your past efforts.

Welcome to our two new members namely Mark Conway and David Gilday.

To the clubs, greenkeepers and outdoor staff, I would like to thank you on behalf of the Greens Committee for your support and assistance throughout the year.

I would also like to express my thanks to all Members of the Greens Committee for their support during the past 12 months.

A. Hextell, Chairman

JUNIOR COMMITTEE: The Under 25 Development Squad, incorporating our junior members, had a very successful 2007/08 season. The highlight was the achievement in winning 'The 2007 Challenge' last October. This was the third victory in four years since the inception of the event in 2004. Competing against some of the best Under 25 bowlers, from across six zones over the long weekend in October hosted by Charlestown Bowling Club, reflects the outstanding junior talent we possess in our district.

The results of our Junior Championships for 2008 were as follows: **Singles Champion:** Daniel Hill (Mayfield West). **Pairs Champions:** Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) / Chris Taylor (Swansea Workers). **Fours Champions:** Sarah Vesenjok (Cardiff), Richard Avery (Heaton-Birmingham Gardens), Chris Taylor, Natasha Van Eldik. We wish these representative players every success in the Junior State Championships in July at Warilla Bowling Club.

To the Clubs hosting our Championships, let me take this opportunity to personally thank your Club/Directors and Members. Warners Bay – Singles, Raymond Terrace – Pairs and Swansea – Fours.

New initiatives that proved successful during the year:

- Extending our programme to incorporate our over eighteen year old players, subsequently re-naming our squad the NDBA U/25 Development Squad. This initiative has enabled all players between the ages of eighteen to twenty-five continuing to develop their skills within the framework of our programme.
- The scheduling of Friday evening for our 'Pairs' and 'Fours' Junior Championships. The benefits here were numerous. This eased the scheduling of games in a very comprehensive NDBA yearly programme. Host Clubs enjoyed the added attraction of Friday night games and all players and parents involved were supportive.
- Programming for Inter-Zone events against the Central Coast (Zone 15) in both junior and Under 25 divisions and the Hunter v's NDBA Under 18 annual fixture. The new relationship we have developed with the Central Coast has been well received by both Districts. These regular events are key indicators in player development and are valuable in reviewing our training strategies.
- Hosting our first Under 25's v NDBA Reserves fixture.

This single event gives our NDBA selectors a chance to see our future representative players.

- Attracting sponsorship and support via the hosting of our training sessions.

By providing all Clubs with the opportunity to host all 2007 + training sessions we have in turn been supported to continue the development of junior players across our district. We congratulate Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on being the host Club for our Development Squad 2008–10.

We continue to see Clubs support our programme through the progression of junior players into our ranks and it is encouraging to see the retention of players in our squad. Currently we have forty juniors Under 18's and seventeen 18-25 years players registered.

In recognizing achievements we acknowledge the successes of some of our individual players:

Natasha Van Eldik – Australian Junior, State and Country representative.

Matthew Baus – State Under 25's and NDBA representative.

Sarah Vasenjak, Chris Taylor – Country Junior representatives.

Clinton Doust, Daniel Hill – NDBA Reserves representatives.

To conclude, we must recognize the contribution parents make to the success of our programme. I wish to express my thanks for their support and at the same time thank the Junior Committee on their efforts throughout the year.

I personally look forward to another great year in working with all involved in our programme.

W. Boyd, Chairman

MATCH COMMITTEE: It is with great pleasure I submit to you my first report as NDBA Match Committee Chairman.

Not many people would be aware of the mechanics of such a committee, which runs 12 months of the year, dealing with all aspects of bowling and programming of events to keep our great game bowling along. I would therefore like to start to thank the many people who keep these wheels in motion whether they be in the firing line day in day out or the many that work behind the scenes.

Firstly, a special thank you to Secretary Denis and the office staff of Angie and Lee. Their work is second to none in fielding questions and performing all the day to day tasks from the front firing line.

Secondly to my committee of Mick Abrook, Col Burns, Danny O'Toole, Des Skinner, Dave Wright and not to mention John Smith who has guided me through my initial year as Chairman.

Thirdly to all the members of the Executive and Management Committees and the many Club Officials who have hosted events on behalf of the NDBA. To all of you we say thank you. Along with our pennant result recorders Di and Gai who give up their time on Saturday afternoons to answer the phones to accept all the pennant results.

The Saturday Pennant winners for 2008 are listed as follows:

Grade 1:	Soldiers Point
Grade 2:	Lambton
Grade 3:	Redhead
Grade 4:	Tea Gardens
Grade 5:	Wangi
Grade 6:	Burwood Colliery 1
Grade 7:	Wallsend 1

To all these sides we wish you good fortunes at the upcoming State Pennant playoffs.

This year has also seen the introduction of Friday night Number One Grade pennant matches, with a number of Clubs taking the opportunity to play on Friday nights. There were a total of 8 matches played on a Friday evening.

The Midweek Pennant winners for 2008 are listed as follows:

Grade 1:	Kurri Kurri
Grade 2:	Wallsend
Grade 3:	Raymond Terrace
Grade 4:	Dora Creek Workers
Grade 5:	Belmont

The first of our 2008 District Championships was concluded on Sunday, 4th May 2008 with the District Fours Final being played at Lambton Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Wayne Smith, Craig Thompson, Jay Walls & Andrew Smith from Lambton Bowling Club on defeating Nicholas Hughes, Scott Kohler, Bruce Jewell & Ian Lean (Raymond Terrace) 18/14 in a closely contested final. This win was special for the Lambton Club as it was the first district fours win in the Clubs 97 year history.

Some Interesting Aspects of the 2007/08 Year were:

- Soldiers Point Number One Grade Side winning their sixth successive Saturday No.1 Grade title.
- Other noticeable sides winning first time pennants in their respective grades in 2008 were:
 - No.2 Grade Lambton Bowling Club
 - No.3 Grade Redhead Bowling Club
 - No.4 Grade Tea Gardens Bowling Club
 - No.5 Grade Wangi Bowling Club
 - No.7 Grade Wallsend Bowling Club. Wallsend in their Centenary Year also took out the Number 2 Grade Mid-Week pennant title.
- Belmont Bowling Club first Number 5 Grade Mid-Week flag.
- Soldiers Point, Mayfield West, Carrington & Mayfield Runners-Up in their respective Nos.1, 2, 4 & 7 Grades 2007 Grade State Pennant play-offs.
- Martin Ball (Alder Park) winner of the Champion of Champion Singles for the first time.
- Bob & David King (Kahibah) winning the Champion of Champion Pairs & becoming the first father and son combination to achieve this feat.
- Martin Ball & his father Ross second win in the Champion of Champion Fours combining with Henry Novak & Peter Burgess.
- Murray Pearson (Hamilton North) winner of Zone 2 and RNSWBA Rookie of the Year Singles hosted by Bondi Bowling Club.
- David Govan becoming the first District Major Singles Championship winner from Raymond Terrace Bowling Club.
- 2007 Three Threes winners were:
 - No.1 Grade Charlestown repeating its success of 1999
 - No.2 Grade Marks Point its first No.2 Grade title since 1973
 - No.3 Grade Water Board No.1 won its inaugural No.3 Grade title.

The Charity Shields contested during the 2008 pennant season were won by:

- Ralph Cotterill Memorial Shield – Marks Point No.6 Grade
- Albert Smith Memorial Shield – Mayfield West 1 No.7 Grade
- Pepper Memorial Shield – Wallsend No.1 Grade

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

D. Gilday, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: I was recently elected as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. My duties are to assist Clubs in the recruitment of new players to their Club to increase their membership. Available from RNSWBA is a booklet on how to recruit successfully which I made available to all Clubs, also from my own Club, Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club was a promotional pamphlet on recruitment, of which I provided to the Clubs who requested a copy.

If any Clubs have any enquiries don't hesitate to contact me and I will try to assist you in any and every way possible.

B. Cooke, 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:-

Zone 2 played Zone 13 at Taren Point Bowling Club on 8th July, 2007

Zone 2	45	Zone 13	44
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Game washed out after 45 ends

Zone 2 Emerging Players played Zone 13 at Taren Point Bowling Club 8th July, 2007

Zone 2	46	Zone 13	35
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Game washed out after 41 ends

Inter-Zone Challenge – Zones 2, 6, 14 & 15 played at Lake Cathie Bowling Club on 11th & 12th August, 2007

Zone 2	151	-	Defeated Zone 14	-	106
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Zone 2	134	-	Defeated Zone 15	-	114
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Zone 2	<u>117</u>	-	Defeated Zone 6	-	<u>105</u>
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Total	<u>402</u>				<u>325</u>
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Zone 2 won the Pat Geary Memorial Shield with 3 wins plus 77 shots

State Inter-Zone Round Robin played at Harbord Bowling Club on 7th, 8th & 9th September, 2007

Zone 2	101	-	Defeated Zone 4	-	56	
Zone 2	72	-	Lost to Zone 7	-	82	
Zone 2	90	-	Defeated Zone 15	-	54	
Zone 2	74	-	Defeated Zone 9	-	73	Semi-Final
Zone 2	79	-	Lost to Zone 12	-	81	Final

State Senior Inter-Zone Series played at Asquith Bowling Club on 19th & 20th September, 2007

Zone 2	63	-	Defeated Zone 9	-	58
Zone 2	82	-	Defeated Zone 6	-	44
Zone 2	<u>53</u>	-	Lost to Zone 15	-	<u>64</u>
Total	<u>198</u>				<u>166</u>

Zone 2 Emerging Players v Zone 6 and Zone 15 at East Maitland Bowling Club on 14th October, 2007. Both games played against Zone 6

Zone 2	72	-	Lost to Zone 6	-	79
Zone 2	71	-	Lost to Zone 6	-	88

Zone 2 played Hunter District at Maitland City Bowling Club on 28th October, 2007

Zone 2	126	-	Defeated Hunter District	-	106
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Inter-Zone Series Zones 2, 4, 9, 16 at Harbord Bowling Club on 10th & 11th October 2007

Zone 2	134	-	Defeated Zone 4	-	81
Zone 2	109	-	Lost to Zone 16	-	125
Zone 2	<u>130</u>	-	Defeated Zone 9	-	<u>101</u>
Total	<u>373</u>				<u>307</u>

Zone 2 Emerging Players v Zone 2 Under 25 Development Squad at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on 2nd December, 2007

Zone 2 Emerging Players	78		Zone 2 Under 25 Development Squad	75
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Inter-Zone Series Zone 2 v ACT at Stockton Bowling Club on 19th-20th January, 2008

Zone 2	131	-	Defeated ACT	-	98
Zone 2	126	-	Defeated ACT	-	107
Zone 2	<u>137</u>	-	Defeated ACT	-	<u>98</u>
Total	<u>394</u>				<u>303</u>

Zone 2 won the Challenge Shield 3 Tests to nil

A Zone 2 President Possibles V Secretary's Probables was played at Water Board Bowling Club on 17th February, 2008. As a trial game for representative selection within Zone 2.

A Newcastle Zone 2 Senior (over 60's) Representative Side v Zone 15 and Hunter District Senior (over 60's) Representative Side was played on 3rd March, 2008 at Charlestown Bowling Club

Zone 2	122	-	Defeated Zone 15	-	105
Zone 2	117	-	Defeated Hunter District		95

M.K. Crossingham, Chairman

UMPIRES COMMITTEE: The passing of another full and successful year, even though some difficulties were experienced before the Laws of the Game were finalised. It is to be hoped that the next two years will be easier, and then in 2010 we can begin to possibly make the essential changes required for Australian Domestic Regulations.

The Umpires Committee has been fully engaged in re-accrediting bowlers due in 2008, and conducting new courses for aspiring umpires. In many instances, Clubs have found it convenient to combine with other close

Clubs so that accreditation and re-accreditation can be readily facilitated. This system works, and it is to be hoped it will continue to be used.

Committee member Michael Abrook studied for, and passed the required examination for elevation to Level 2, and is proving to be a valued and competent team member, and is to be congratulated on his achievement and dedication.

Don Taylor continues his interesting and informative segment, “Viewpoint”, in the On the Green magazine and it is a must read for all bowlers. Bill Tracey, Mike Abrook and Denis Broad are all doing outstanding work in the continued compilation and updating of a huge Umpires Register. This task would be so much simpler if the District Office was kept informed of the many transfers of players, particularly towards the pennant season.

In conclusion, my most sincere thanks to each member of the Committee for his friendship and dedication; to our amazing office staff of Angie and Lee, superbly led by Secretary Denis, and to President John Smith for his support and advice over the years.

L. Coulton, Chairman

MATTARA COMMITTEE: The 47th Mattara Carnival was successfully completed with Kotara hosting the Open and Restricted Singles and Raymond Terrace the Traditional Carnival. Together with the many clubs who looked after the sectional and post-sectional play the “hand of friendship” was well and truly extended once again.

We are very grateful to the Greater Building Society Ltd for the publication of our Mattara Booklet at no cost to the Association. It was indeed a fine memento of the Carnival.

Entries in each of the events were as follows:

Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles	-	64
Restricted Singles	-	116
Frank Neat Memorial Classic K.O. Nominated Men’s Triples	-	40
Men’s Open Fours	-	52
Men’s Open Pairs	-	108
Mixed Open Pairs	-	136

Winners of each of the events were:

Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles – Chris Ramage (Raymond Terrace)

Restricted Singles – Gerald Gairns (Kotara)

Frank Neat Memorial Classic K.O. Nominated Men’s Triples – Vic Papworth, Col Friend & Barry Cartwright (Hamilton)

Men’s Open Fours – Wayne Smith (Waratah), John Parkinson (Waratah), Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point), Andrew Smith (Waratah)

Men’s Open Pairs – Gerald Markey & Lennon Scott (Raymond Terrace)

Mixed Open Pairs – Jenny Fraser & Ed Collaros (Warners Bay)

Many thanks to all who supported the Carnival and we look forward to your continued support in future years.

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. John Smith is the Association Delegate to the RNSWBA General Committee Meetings & is also the State Match Committee Chairman. NDBA Umpires Committee Chairman Lin Coulton was elected to the State Umpires Committee.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND FUNCTIONS: The year was highlighted by a number of Goodwill Visits. A party of thirty-six mixed bowlers led by District President, John Smith made an official Goodwill Visit to the

Nepean District Bowling Association on the weekend of the 21st & 22nd July, 2007. Bowls were played at St. Mary's RSL and Kingswood Bowling Clubs, with both Clubs being the perfect hosts.

On the Easter weekend, 22nd to 24th March, 2008 (inclusive), forty-eight mixed bowlers from the Southern Tablelands District Bowling Association visited Newcastle and continued the annual visits between our Associations. Bowls were played at Raymond Terrace (under the covered greens due to the greens being too wet at Swansea Workers), Cardiff and Kahibah. Swansea Workers did supply an excellent luncheon. All four clubs extending outstanding Novocastrian hospitality to our guests.

An enjoyable Presidents versus Secretaries Match was held at Water Board Bowling Club on Saturday, 1st September, 2007. Boolaroo Bowling Club hosted a very successful Delegates' Day on Saturday, 15th September, 2007.

On Sunday, 25th November, 2007 the Gladesville Bowling Club hosted the Royal NSW Bowling Association and Newcastle District Bowling Association Executive & Sub-Committees Fixture. Gladesville Bowling Club were excellent hosts and appreciation was expressed by both Presidents, viz. John Archer and John Smith.

The annual match between the Executive and Sub-Committees from the Hunter and Newcastle Districts was scheduled to be played at Maitland City Bowling Club on Wednesday Evening, 6th February, 2008. It was most unfortunate that torrential rain caused the match to be abandoned and rescheduled for next year.

The Delegates, Executive and Sub-Committees Christmas Function was held on Thursday Evening, 13th December, 2007 at Kahibah Bowling Club. A highlight was the presentation of the Greater Building Society / NDBA Bowler of the Year Award to Martin Ball (Alder Park) and the Most Improved Bowler of the Year Award to David Collins (Toronto Workers) 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 the President Norm Brooks, Secretary/Manager Matt Harris and the Club's catering staff.

STATE REPRESENTATION/EVENTS: Jason Stokes (Raymond Terrace) and Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) were the only Newcastle players selected in the State side during the year. Jason Pietraszek, Matthew Baus and Martin Ball (Alder Park) played in the State Reserve Team and Matthew Baus (Swansea) and David Govan (Toronto Workers) played in the State Under 25 team. Neville Downes (Soldiers Point) and Sam Laguzza (Toronto Workers) played in the NSW Senior State Side (Over 60's). Five Newcastle players played for Country in the Annual Three Test Series against City they being Jason Pietraszek, Martin Ball, Jason Stokes, Matthew Baus and David Govan. Newcastle was well represented in the Legends side with Bob King and Charlie Eason (Kahibah); Bob Fishlock and Doug Howard (Hamilton); Kim Jaques (Toronto Workers) and Bob Dunn (Soldiers Point) all being members of the side.

VETERANS' AND SUPER VETERANS' DAY: Hamilton North Bowling Club hosted a combined Veterans and Super Veterans day on Thursday, 10th April, 2008. In excess of forty (slightly down on normal numbers) 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 RNSWBA 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 Life Members Barry Salter and Neale Davis, plus long term delegate Wayne Stamford (Water Board) 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.

Barry Salter was an Australian, New South Wales and Newcastle lawn bowls legend having represented Australia in England, South Africa and Rhodesia (now known as Zimbabwe) winning a Silver Medal in the Fours in the World Bowls Championships in South Africa. He played 228 games for NSW and represented Newcastle/Zone 2 on more than 300 occasions. Barry won numerous Championships at all levels of the game and off the green put a tremendous amount back onto the game serving terms as a National, State and Newcastle/Zone 2 Selector and NSW State Coach. He was rewarded with Life Membership of the Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) in 2002 and was inducted into the Hunter Region Sporting Hall of Fame in 1993.

Neale Davis gave great service to the Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) in many roles. He was a member of the Selection Committee 1973-84, being Chairman 1977-81 and again Chairman 1982-84; a member of the Advisory Committee 1977-81; a member of the Mattara Committee 1981-85; Vice-President 1981-98; inaugural Chairman of the Junior Bowls Committee 1985-98; attending Delegate to RNSWBA 1981-98. His fine work in the grounds of Association Headquarters, Wal Young House, was also a valuable contribution. Neale was rewarded with Life Membership of the Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) in 1989.

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 are extended to Mrs. Leslea Milburn, the recently retired Advertising Manager, for the Greater Building Society Ltd. We look forward to working with the newly appointed Advertising & Marketing Manager Mr. Rob Lavell.

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

- The Wallsend Bowling Club 100th Anniversary Celebrations.
- The Alder Park Bowling Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations.
- The Beresfield Bowling Club Official Opening of Renovations.
- The Raymond Terrace Bowling Club Official Opening of the 'Shade Cover' over their Numbers 1 & 2 Greens.

We congratulate the Officials and Members of these clubs on these milestones.

On a disappointing note two Foundation Clubs Waratah and City closed their doors due to financial problems and Club Macquarie (a club within a club) ceased to operate due to a lack of office-bearers. The majority of these club's members have joined other clubs in close proximity. On a positive note, it is pleasing to report that Bayway Village Bowling Club affiliated with the Royal NSW Bowling and the Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) in November, 2007. The club fielded one team in the Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions.