

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC. WILL BE HELD AT ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, "WAL YOUNG HOUSE", ON THURSDAY, 16th JULY, 2009 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.**

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 2008-2009

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, C.F. BURNS,
B.O. CARLING, M. CONWAY, 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,
J. LIEB, E.J. MILTON, K.L. REARDEN

COACHING:

S.A. STARRETT, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, x L. SMITH,
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; S. GOULD, B.J. JENKINS,
J.W. STOKES, A.M. WEBSTER

MATCH:

D.A. GILDAY, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, C.F. BURNS, M. CONWAY,
D.A. SKINNER, J.T. SMITH, D.E. WRIGHT

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B. COOKE, Chairman

SELECTION:

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

UMPIRES:

L.S. COULTON, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, K.W. ASPERY, J.G. BREADNER,
*R.K. BREW, K.C. BUCKLEE, T.G. DEAN, M.F. RIGBY, 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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* CO-OPTED MEMBER

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Another year has been and gone and this is an opportunity to reflect upon the achievements and milestones for the year.

Perhaps the greatest highlight was the number of awards won by Zone 2 at the RNSWBA Presentation Night in 2008. Sam Laguzza (Swansea), Senior Bowler of the Year, Eddie Gollan (Raymond Terrace) the inaugural Disability Bowler of the Year, John Gilmour (Newcastle Herald) the Best Premier League Article and Simone De Peek (Newcastle Herald) Best Photographic Coverage, all deserved winners in their categories. Add to this the induction of two of Zone 2 greats ie. Darby Ross and David Downie into the RNSWBA Hall of Fame and you have all the ingredients for a most memorable occasion.

The loss of Life Member Barry Winn was a sad occasion for the Association. I thank the Warners Bay Bowling Club for the Memorial Service conducted in his honour.

We continue to be indebted to the Greater Building Society Ltd. for the sponsorship that has been so valuable to our operations. It was pleasing to welcome their representatives to our major events during the year. We are hopeful that the liaison between us can be continued, as the current sponsorship period concludes at the end of this year.

The Association enjoyed quite a successful financial year showing a profit of \$4,170.00 and many thanks to Treasurer Alec Wright for his diligent and prudent guidance.

Lambton's great effort in winning both the Zone 2 No.2 Grade and State No.2 Grade Pennants brought great credit to the Club and the Zone and ensured a number of memorable celebrations. The effort of the Wallsend No.7(1) Grade in reaching the Semi-Finals of the State No.7 Pennant reflected a fine season by that team.

The 2009 Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions were completed with the winners as follows:

Saturday Pennant Winners

No.1 Grade - Swansea
 No.2 Grade - Nelson Bay
 No.3 Grade - Raymond Terrace
 No.4 Grade - Dora Creek Workers
 No.5 Grade - Redhead
 No.6 Grade - Wangi
 No.7 Grade - Valentine 1

Mid-Week Pennant Winners

No.1 Grade - Raymond Terrace
 No.2 Grade - Swansea
 No.3 Grade - Teralba
 No.4 Grade - Lowlands
 No.5 Grade - Heaton-Birmingham Gardens

Our Newcastle Representative Side performed well and the winning of both the Steel City Challenge and Inter-Zone Challenge Shields in Wollongong was a real highlight.

Our Senior Representative Side was a very close runner-up to Zone 15 in the State Senior Inter-Zone Carnival.

Members of the Representative Sides further enhanced their reputation with selection to represent NSW. We congratulate Jason Stokes, Terry Antram and Jason Pietraszek at NSW level, Matthew Baus at U25 level, Sam Laguzza and Neville Downes at Senior level and Martin Ball and David Govan at NSW Reserve level. Additionally Terry Antram has been selected in the second tier of the Bowls Australia Squad.

The 2008 Bowler of the Year & Delegates Night again brought two new faces to this prestigious honour. Lambton topped off a stellar year with Andrew Smith being named as the Greater Bowler of the Year and Wayne Smith the Greater Most Improved Bowler of the Year. Both were deserved winners to cap off their individual achievements during the year.

Zone 2 also featured prominently in hosting events for the RNSWBA with Soldiers Point hosting the State President's Singles and Pairs Championships and Raymond Terrace the State Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs Championships, as well as the final series of the Bowls NSW Club Challenge. This year we look forward to the State Championships to be hosted by the Soldiers Point Bowling Club in October, 2009.

The 48th Mattara Carnival once again drew a large entry and many thanks to our host clubs Hamilton North (Singles) and Wallsend (Traditional Carnival) for their fine work in staging the respective events. To all of the other clubs who hosted sectional and post-sectional play, may I thank you for maintaining the role of extending the Mattara Hand of Friendship.

Continuing the role of friendship was the NDBA Goodwill Visit at Easter to the Southern Tablelands DBA. A full coach load of bowlers were hosted in a great manner by Bowral, Goulburn Railway and Camden Bowling Clubs. In July we will be visiting the Nepean DBA and this will complete 51 years of visits between the Associations.

Special celebrations were the order of the day with Teralba celebrating their 60th Anniversary and both Soldiers Point and Kahibah Clubs their 50th Anniversaries. As well the opening of two magnificent new complexes at Charlestown and Belmont Clubs enhanced the facilities available to bowlers.

A disappointment during the year was the loss of radio coverage on 2HD for not only Lawn Bowls, but many other sports. We still have coverage provided by NBN Television (Mike Rabbit 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), 2NC (Craig Hamilton) and 2NUR-FM (Trevor Aitchison). The bowlers of Zone 2 continue to be well served by all of the above media outlets and we are grateful for their coverage.

The NDBA Website has continued to grow and is proving to be of great value to the clubs and bowlers in this Zone. Many thanks to Louise and Lee for their continued work in the development of this outlet.

A visit by Bowls Australia Chief Executive Officer Neil Dalrymple gave us the opportunity to listen to, question and share ideas and concerns about Lawn Bowls from a National, State and Local level. We thank Neil for his time and I feel that all present came away with a greater understanding of the difficulties and concerns that we face at any level of our game.

The past 12 months have again borne testament to the level of assistance that we at the NDBA receive from our clubs. My personal thanks to all Club Executives and members who have both welcomed and assisted us in so many ways.

To the Executive and Sub-Committees of the Association may I commend you for the time and effort spent on behalf of the bowlers of the NDBA. Where would we be without the great contribution of the Office Staff led by Secretary Denis and ably assisted by Lee and Louise ? They are in so many ways the face and the voice of the Association to all who contact the Office.

Last, but definitely not least, my continuing gratitude to my wife Gai for all the patience and support that she exhibits to enable me to lead this Association.

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, 2009***

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

There are 52 affiliated clubs within the Association. As at 31st March, 2009 (end of the NDBA financial year) there were 7,884 Full, Multiple and Junior Members as against 7,969 in 2007.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

2008/09 saw John Smith re-elected as the President of the Association. Vice-Presidents Barry Alcock, Kevin Aspery, Col Burns, Brian Carling, Lin Coulton and Alan Hextell retained their positions, while Mark Conway was the newly elected Vice-President replacing Ron Brew (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, Terry Murphy OAM 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, as previous, our major project has been the revision of the Advisory Committee Pamphlets first documented in 1990. These pamphlets assist clubs in applying best practices within their club and on the green.

We now have eleven pamphlets on our website www.ndba.com.au , that you can access for guidance. It is anticipated because of the nature of each pamphlet, our Committee will continue to produce more during the remainder of 2009 going into 2010.

Other activities have been in assisting a number of clubs updating their Constitution and By-Laws. This should be a consideration by club boards every five or more years, as governance procedures are continuing to change as each year goes by. We recommend you contact our Committee in particular in regards to a Constitution update. We can save you time and money.

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

B. Carling, Chairman

COACHING COMMITTEE:

The NDBA Coaching Committee has had a very busy year during 2008/2009. A variety of coaching seminars have been conducted providing opportunities for current coaches to update their skills. Two re-accreditation courses were held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club and this gave our Zone the first of the new Club Coach positions.

There was a well attended course for bowlers who wanted to refine their playing skills with a Bowlers Arm. Emanating from this occasion was the formulation of the Inaugural Bowlers Arm World Championship proudly hosted by Beresfield Bowling Club.

A further significant first was the challenge match between the Coaches and the Umpires held at the refurbished Belmont Bowling Club. It is hoped that this will become an annual event where the camaraderie developed will continue.

Coaching is going through a total re-development with the change to Introductory and Club Coaches. Existing *Level* designations will gradually disappear as new Presenters and Assessors strive to up-grade standards that are reflected across all sports.

The new coaching policies formulated through Bowls Australia and the RNSWBA will provide a positive direction that will assist not only clubs, but provide skill enhancement to all players.

A. Starrett, Chairman

GREENS COMMITTEE:

During the past twelve months four greens inspections have been carried out. Once again this year all clubs have been very successful in maintaining their greens and surrounds in exceptionally good condition. I would congratulate the clubs and their greens and gardening staff for a job well done.

Again this year we have had additional synthetic greens installed. I would expect with the hardships being experienced by clubs, more synthetics will be seen in future years.

Congratulations to Charlestown and Belmont on the opening of their respective new clubs. Both clubs have state of the art facilities and I would be positive that they are the envy of rival clubs.

To the Members of the Greens Committee, I would express my gratitude and thanks for your support during the past twelve months.

A. Hextell, Chairman

JUNIOR COMMITTEE:

My report this year focuses on the development and individual performances of our squad members. Firstly to all Clubs, coaches and staff involved with our squad members, let me congratulate you on the support you have given to our next generation of bowlers.

In highlighting some outstanding individual achievements, let me congratulate all players on their performances during the 2008/09 season. No matter at what level or standard in a player's development, all players can be congratulated on the progress they have made over the last twelve months.

In our 18 – 25 year group currently out of the seventeen players in this squad, fourteen are playing one grade pennants. Looking back to August last year a memorable time was had by Paul Joyce being a member of the all conquering Lambton No.2 Grade team in winning a State flag. Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) had another outstanding year in firstly gaining the prestigious award of NSW Junior Women's Bowler of the Year, was selected to play for Australia's U/18's in the Trans Tasman Series and after turning eighteen was selected as the youngest player ever to play in the Australian Silver Tier Series and most recently was selected in the NSW U/25 Women's squad. On the team front our over eighteens had success against Zone 15 in our annual Inter – District event and for the fourth time won the Charlestown sponsored U/25's State event - 'The Challenge' 2008 - defeating Zone 16 over the long weekend in October last year. Again, this team was successful against Zone 15 in our annual Inter – District event at Terrigal BC.

At the time of writing this report a highlight on the District calendar was the success the Swansea Club had in winning the No.1 Grade pennant for 2009. This is a tremendous achievement in that Club's history and to have a number of our squad members in their No.1 Grade team is a positive reflection in the way the club promotes their talented young players. Congratulations to our squad members of this team in: Matt Baus (skipper), Michael Abel (third) and Clinton Doust (second) on your individual / team and Club performances. We wish you every success at the State play-offs.

In our 12 – 18 year squad, again another outstanding group of young players showing their talent both on an individual level and in team performances. This season we had our first ever female junior singles champion in Sarah Vesenjok (Raymond Terrace) a wonderful achievement for this young lady. A superb junior pairs

team from Toronto Workers in Sam Morgan and Jarrod Gorsuch enjoyed success in the Pairs Championship. The powerful quartet of Joshua Terras (Belmont Sporties), Matt Dow (Redhead), Sarah Vesenjak (Raymond Terrace) and Chris Taylor (Swansea) claimed the Fours title. Our junior squad representative teams performed exceptionally well, with success over Zone 15 and the Hunter District Under 18's Representative squad.

To all squad members, we congratulate you on your achievements at club level in winning numerous Club Championship titles over the past twelve months. At Club level, we congratulate clubs for their foresight in providing employment opportunities for our squad members in Joel Roche, Wallsend, trainee greenkeeper and Mayfield West with Daniel Hill trainee bowls manager.

The future of our young members in our Association is assured, with Club support in nurturing the development of our future bowling members.

To the Junior Committee and coaching staff - your support has again been a feature and it is through your dedication to our squad that ensures our young members have the opportunity and direction to become a most valued member in our sport of lawn bowls – thank you to all for your time and commitment on the Committee.

W. Boyd, Chairman

MATCH COMMITTEE:

It is with great pleasure I submit to you my report as the 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 Lee and Louise whose 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, Mark Conway, Des Skinner, Dave Wright and not to mention John Smith. 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 Matthew, Louise and Gai who give up their time on Saturday afternoons to answer the phones to accept all the pennant results and place them in the newspapers and our internet website for your viewing.

The Saturday Pennant winners for 2009 are listed as follows:

- Grade 1: Swansea
- Grade 2: Nelson Bay
- Grade 3: Raymond Terrace
- Grade 4: Dora Creek Workers
- Grade 5: Redhead
- Grade 6: Wangi
- Grade 7: Valentine 1

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

The Midweek Pennant winners for 2009 are listed as follows:

- Grade 1: Raymond Terrace
- Grade 2: Swansea
- Grade 3: Teralba
- Grade 4: Lowlands
- Grade 5: Heaton-Birmingham Gardens

The first of our District Championships event was concluded on Sunday, 8th February 2009 with the District Fours Final being played at Stockton Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Clay Parker, Jason Stokes, Bruce Jewell & Ian Lean (Raymond Terrace) on defeating Dick Hadley, Jason Sutton, Lee Madden & Paul Wilson (Stockton) 24/8 in the final. This win was special for Raymond Terrace as it was their first District Fours Championship win.

Sunday, 1st March 2009 saw the District Pairs Championship Final being played at Kahibah Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Clay Parker & Bruce Jewell (Raymond Terrace) on defeating John Collins & Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) 23/9 in the final. This being Clay & Bruce's second District title for the year.

Saturday, 28th February 2009 saw the District Senior Pairs Championship Final being played at Mayfield West Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Vic Papworth & Barry Cartwright (Hamilton) on defeating Barry Hewat & Bob Fishlock (Lambton) 29/12 in the final. Saturday, 28th February 2009 also saw the State Presidents Pairs Championship Final being played at Mayfield West Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Erroll Daly & Vince Onslow (Mayfield West) on defeating Andrew Yeomans & Stuart Clarke (Bar Beach) 22/17 in the decider.

2008 Three Three winners were:

- No.1 Grade Raymond Terrace
- No.2 Grade Raymond Terrace 1
- No.3 Grade Redhead No.1

Some interesting aspects were:

- Other notable sides winning their first Saturday pennant in their respective grades in 2009:
 - No. 1 Grade Swansea
 - No. 4 Grade Dora Creek Workers
 - No 7 Grade Valentine
- No. 2 Grade Nelson Bay first win since 1964
- No. 5 Grade Redhead first win since 1960
- Other notable sides winning their first Mid-Week pennant in their respective grades in 2009.
 - No. 1 Grade Raymond Terrace
 - No. 2 Grade Swansea
 - No. 3 Grade Teralba
 - No. 5 Grade Heaton-Birmingham Gardens
- Erroll Daly & Vince Onslow first win in the State Presidents Pairs Championship for Mayfield West.
- Clay Parker & Bruce Jewell (Raymond Terrace) second District title for the year.
- Soldiers Point and Kahibah still equal on six successive No.1 Grade pennant wins.

The Charity Shields contested during the 2009 pennant season were won by:

Ralph Cotterall Memorial Shield	-	Bayway Village 1 No.7 Grade
Albert Smith Memorial Shield	-	Redhead No.5 Grade
Pepper Memorial Shield	-	Swansea Workers No.3 Grade

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

D. Gilday, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

It is pleasing to report only a 0.01% drop in Zone 2 Membership in the past 12 months. I am always available to assist Clubs in the recruitment of new players, to enable them to increase their membership.

Also available from the Royal NSW Bowling Association is a booklet on how to recruit successfully, which I have found to be very beneficial when discussing recruitment with Club Recruitment Committees.

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:

I would like to thank all players that represented our great Zone during the past season for their dedication, sportsmanship and particularly their friendship. Also to my co-selectors for responding to many requests to attend certain fixtures and special meetings.

As selectors, we certainly get a great deal of enjoyment in watching our players perform in our Zone championships and particularly in our pennants (a real 2 bowl test). Unfortunately with few week-ends allocated to representative fixtures we are limited in our selection process.

I know the season program is always tight, though with no Premier League I would like to see the occasional Sunday representative game reintroduced.

Our Senior Side and our Reserve sides had a very good year. Our Zone side although not up to their usual high standard had some very good wins and we are looking forward to this coming year with high expectations.

To Kevan Crossingham who is not seeking re-election, a special thank you for your services and dedication over many years as a selector for Zone 2. Well done Kevan.

Our gratitude is also extended to Chairman of State Selectors, Sam Clough, who regardless of his heavy work load, finds time to attend most of our representative fixtures. His knowledge of the game and advice is also appreciated by our panel.

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

State Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship at Lorn Park & Maitland City Bowling Clubs on 22nd, 23rd & 24th July, 2008:

Zone 2	71	Defeated	Zone 5	48
Zone 2	67	Defeated	Zone 12	39
Zone 2	53	Defeated	Zone 4	48
<u>Semi-Final:</u>				
Zone 2	67	Defeated	Zone 1	50
<u>Final:</u>				
Zone 2	56	Lost	Zone 15	57

Pat Geary Memorial Shield at Kahibah Bowling Club on 9th & 10th August, 2008:

Zone 2	103	Lost	Zone 14	134
Zone 2	117	Lost	Zone 15	144
Zone 2	137	Defeated	Zone 6	121

Inter-Zones Side Championship at Mount Lewis Bowling Club on 12th & 13th September, 2008:

Zone 2	66	Lost	Zone 14	90
Zone 2	56	Lost	Zone 16	85
Zone 2	91	Defeated	Zone 3	63

Inter-Zones Reserve Sides Zone 2 V Zone 15 A & B Sides at Halekulani Bowling Club on 19th October, 2008:

Zone 2	145	Defeated	Zone 15 A	93
Zone 2	103	Defeated	Zone 15 B	98

Zone 2 V Hunter District at Newbold Diggers Bowling Club on 26th October, 2008:

Zone 2	142	Defeated	Hunter	95
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Inter-Zone Series Zones 2, 9 & 16 at Towradgi Park Bowling Club on 1st & 2nd November, 2008:

Zone 2	133	Defeated	Zone 16 (A)	98
Zone 2	127	Defeated	Zone 9	111
Zone 2	150	Defeated	Zone 16 (B)	130

Inter-Zone Series Zone 2 V ACT at Southern Cross Woden Bowling Club on 17th & 18th January, 2009:

Zone 2	110	Lost	ACT	118
Zone 2	115	Lost	ACT	128
Zone 2	113	Defeated	ACT	101

Senior Side Challenge Zone 2 V Zone 15 at Halekulani Bowling Club on 23rd March, 2009:

Zone 2	133	Defeated	Zone 15	103
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Inter-Zone Reserve Side Series Zones 2, 6 & 15 at Wallsend Bowling Club on 3rd May, 2009:

Zone 2 Red	83	Defeated	Zone 6	62
Zone 2 Red	72	Drew	Zone 15	72
Zone 2 Blue	76	Drew	Zone 15	76
Zone 2 Blue	59	Lost	Zone 6	105

T Murphy OAM, Chairman

UMPIRES COMMITTEE:

This has been a most eventful year. The Committee lost two of its stalwarts in the persons of Don Taylor and Ron Brew, both of whom did not seek re-election for personal reasons. We were fortunate to have had Don and Ron's Positions on the committee filled by Milton Rigby, from Charlestown, and John Breadner, Dora Creek Workers. On behalf of the District, I thank John for his expertise and assistance in completing our Umpires Date Base and bringing it up to date.

After a tempestuous three years, all bowlers have been given the opportunity to voice, officially, his/her comments on the Laws of the Game, and to put forward solutions to improve (a) the Book and (b) its contents in an effort towards clarity and practicality. It is hoped that ALL bowlers accept and utilise this opportunity.

Because of increased workload, Ron Brew was co-opted back onto the committee to assist in the many re-accreditations that have become due, and all committee members are to be commended on their combined efforts in this field.

At this particular time I must apologise for any delay experienced in the presentation of certificates to newly accredited umpires. Since Bowls Australia took over the issuing of plastic accreditation certificates the time factor has certainly lengthened, and I ask for your patience and understanding. They WILL arrive.

The umpires article in the "On The Green" magazine, very aptly titled "VIEWPOINT" is compiled and presented for publication for, and on behalf of, this committee by hard working Level 2 umpire Kevin Bucklee. The contents are informative and topical, and this article is much read and appreciated.

There are currently 400 plus umpires in this District, but at times clubs are struggling to find officials able and willing to act at certain tournaments, club championships and even Pennant games. An invitation is extended to any bowler to seek information on the simple procedures to be followed to gain an umpires certificate.

Our thanks once again to NDBA Secretary Denis and his most obliging and cheerful staff for their unstinting support and cooperation given at all times.

L. Coulton, Chairman

MATTARA COMMITTEE:

The 48th Mattara Carnival again provided over 1,000 local and visiting bowlers with plenty of opportunities for both friendship and competition. Our two host clubs Hamilton North for the Les Parrott Memorial Open and Restricted Singles and Wallsend for the Traditional Carnival were fine hosts and complemented the work done by so many clubs in looking after sectional and post-sectional play.

Our gratitude is extended to the Greater Building Society Ltd for their overall sponsorship of the Carnival and the publication of the Mattara Book at no cost to the Association.

Entries in each of the events were:

Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles	-	68
Restricted Singles	-	124
Frank Neat Memorial Classic KO Club Nominated Men's Triples-		40
Men's Open Fours	-	60
Men's Open Pairs	-	128
Mixed Open Pairs	-	136

Winners of each of the events were:

- Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles – Sam Laguzza (Swansea)
- Restricted Singles – Stuart Clarke (Bar Beach)
- Frank Neat Memorial Classic KO Club Nominated Men's Triples – Brendon Plunkett, Greg Solomons and Trevor Aitchison (Cardiff)
- Men's Open Fours – Wayne Smith (Lambton), John Parkinson (Tea Gardens), Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) and Andrew Smith (Lambton)
- Men's Open Pairs – Owen Jefferson and Gary Young (Kahibah)
- Mixed Open Pairs – Jennifer Fleming and Mick Brown (Mayfield West)

Thank you to all who participated or assisted in the Carnival and we anticipate your support in the years to come.

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 is a member of the State Umpires Committee and NDBA Coaching Committee Chairman Allan Starrett is a member of the State Coaching 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 19th & 20th July, 2008. Bowls were played at Lambton and Rathmines Memorial Bowling Clubs, with both Clubs extending outstanding Novocastrian hospitality to our guests.

On the Easter weekend, 11th to 13th April, 2009 (inclusive), fifty mixed bowlers led by President, John Smith, made an official Goodwill Visit to the Southern Tablelands District Bowling Association. Bowls were played at Bowral, Goulburn Railway and Camden, all Clubs were excellent hosts.

The inaugural combined NDBA Delegates' Day & President/Secretaries Day was held at Carrington Bowling Club on Saturday, 20th September, 2008. It was a very successful day with in excess of 80 attendees.

On Sunday, 30th November, 2008 Valentine Bowling Club hosted their inaugural Royal NSW Bowling Association and Newcastle District Bowling Association Executive & Sub-Committees Fixture. Valentine Bowling Club were excellent hosts and appreciation was expressed by both Presidents, viz. John Archer OAM and John Smith. The Newcastle District Bowling Association players were the proud

inaugural winners of the Les Parrott Memorial Shield to be competed for annually between the two Associations.

The annual match between the Executive and Sub-Committees from the Hunter and Newcastle Districts was played at Maitland City Bowling Club on Wednesday Evening, 25th February, 2009. Everyone enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

The Delegates, Executive and Sub-Committees Christmas Function was held on Thursday Evening, 11th December, 2008 at Kahibah Bowling Club. A highlight was the presentation of the Greater Building Society / N.D.B.A. Bowler of the Year Award to Andrew Smith (Lambton) and the Most Improved Bowler of the Year Award to Wayne Smith (Lambton) by Mrs. Lynn Mangovski Greater Building Society Ltd. 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 John Jordan, Secretary/Manager Matt Harris and the Club's catering staff.

STATE REPRESENTATION/EVENTS: Jason Stokes (Raymond Terrace), Terry Antram (Nelson Bay) and Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) were the only Newcastle players selected in the State side during the year. David Govan (Toronto Workers) and Martin Ball (Alder Park) played in the State Reserve Team 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). Four Newcastle players played for Country in the Annual Three Test Series against City they being Jason Pietraszek, Martin Ball, Jason Stokes and Terry Antram. Newcastle was well represented in the Legends side with John Smith and Charlie Eason (Kahibah); Bob Fishlock (Lambton); Ian Barrett (Warners Bay); Joe Wilmott (Toronto Workers); Russell Hill (Windale/Gateshead) and Neville Downes and Bob Dunn (Soldiers Point) all being selected to play, unfortunately after the players travelled to Dapto Citizens the match was washed-out.

VETERANS' AND SUPER VETERANS' DAY: Lowlands Bowling Club hosted a combined Veterans and Super Veterans day on Thursday, 19th March, 2009. In excess of sixty 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. Cystic Fibrosis received \$400, RNSWBA Victorian Bushfire Appeal, Newcastle Legacy, The Weeroona Association (Newcastle Crippled Children) & Helicopter Rescue Service each received \$300; Hunter Melanoma Foundation, Newcastle Mater Palliative Care Unit, Autistic Association of N.S.W., 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 until February, 2009 (when the Saturday morning sports programme hosted by Mike Rabbit was terminated) 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 Gardiner 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 Barry Winn (Warners Bay), NDBA Life Member & Bob Gray (Charlestown), past NDBA Umpires Committee Member, came as a great shock to bowlers. Barry Winn was an NDBA Vice-President from 1986 to 2005; was a member of the NDBA Greens Committee from 1980 to 2005, including

serving two terms as Chairman from 1986 to 1992 and 1996 to 2004 and was a member of the NDBA Junior Committee from 1988 to 1998. Barry was rewarded with Life Membership of the Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) in 2001. These gentlemen devoted a great deal of time and effort to the furtherance of bowls in this District.

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 Mr. Robert Lavell, Advertising Manager, for the Greater Building Society Ltd.

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

- The Kahibah Bowling Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations.
- The Soldiers Point Bowling Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations.
- The Teralba Bowling Club 60th Anniversary Celebrations.
- The Belmont Bowling Club Official Opening of New Club and Synthetic Greens.
- The Charlestown Bowling Club Official Opening of New Club & Greens.
- The Nelson Bay Bowling Club Official Opening of Renovations.
- The Warners Bay Bowling Club Official Opening of Renovations.
- The Newcastle Disabled Bowling Academy 10th Anniversary Celebrations at New Lambton Bowling Club.

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