

NEWS BOWL

The Newsletter of the Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club 151 Burns Bay Road Lane Cove West 2066
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MARKO AND GREG OVER 70S PAIRS CHAMPIONS FOR 2023



Marko Popovic and **Greg Scott** had a hard earned battle against **John Bowring** and **Rex Johnston** before claiming the Over 70s Pairs title for 2023 last Wednesday.

John, drawing well, and Rex, ever ready to capitalize, had the better of the early exchanges winning 8 of the first 13 ends to go to a sizable lead of 20 points to 14 points. Undaunted, Marko and Greg soldiered on with Marko adding some deft on shots to displace opposition bowls enabling Greg to exploit exposed opportunities and in 4 unanswered ends reached the lead 21 points to 20 points.

John and Rex hit back and appeared to be bowling in the ascendancy. They next squared the ledger then added 3 shots to lead 24 points to 21 points going into end 20.

MARKO AND GREG OVER 70S PAIRS CHAMPIONS FOR 2023 (cont.)

End 20 was the defining end. John held shot some 12 inches to the right of kitty and Rex added to their count. Marko displaced both shots with Greg adding another 2 shots to lead 25 points to 24 points after the penultimate end.

On the final end it looked like the match was going into an extra end with John and Rex holding shot before Marko’s last bowl – and what a bowl – removing the shot bowl for Greg to snare the final point for victory.

The statistics indicate the quality of the match. Marko, after being a little too ‘weighty’ in the early half of the game, had some wonderful touches in the second half of the game. Greg was in superb touch, especially when required to draw his way out of trouble. For the opposition John was in great touch with his draw shots and converted at times with well placed on shots. Rex was a power in the first half of the match and was in good touch when weighted shots were required.

Marko adds this title to skipping the Major Fours in 2017 for the title, after being second for the Major Fours winners of 2016 and winning the Minor Singles in 2016. Greg, in his first year at the Club, will no doubt further ascend the dais in years to come.

Statistics:

Team	Marko Popovic – Greg Scott		John Bowring – Rex Johnston	
Ends/Points	Ends	Points	Ends	Points
Game Totals		26		24
1-point end	5	5	3	3
2-point end	1	2	3	6
3-point end	3	9	3	9
4-point end	1	4	-	-
6-point end	1	5	1	6

LANE COVE BOWLING SECTION

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 9TH JUNE AT 6.00 PM

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

President, Vice President, Bowls Secretary, Chair of Match Committee, Selector and two (2) Committee Members.

(Nominations forms are on the notice board)

ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT BOWLING SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10TH JUNE AT 10.30 AM

STEVE AND PETER IN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY SEIZE HANDICAP PAIRS FINAL BERTH

In an impressive display of lawn bowls **Steve Brouggy** and **Peter Zucconi** nailed a finals spot in the Handicap Singles. Steve and Peter received a 3-point start on handicap from **John Bowring** and **Mal Knight**.

After 16 ends Steve and Peter had locked John and Mal down to 5 singles to establish a match winning lead of 21 points to 5 points. Each team shared the spoils over the next two ends before drinks were called with three ends remaining as Steve and Peter progressed to the final with a stunning 22 points to 7 points victory.

Statistics:

Team	Steve Brouggy – Peter Zucconi (3)		John Bowring – M Knight (0)	
Ends/Points	Ends	Points	Ends	Points
Game Totals	12	22	6	7
Handicap pts.		3		-
1-point end	7	7	5	5
2-point end	3	6	1	2
3-point end	2	6		

IRISH AND ENGLISH ROLL ANTIPODEANS FOR HANDICAP PAIRS FINAL SPOT

In a rip-roaring 2nd semi-final match of the Handicap Pairs **Simon Kinsman** and **Kay Mulhall** headed into end 14 down on the scoreboard 9 points to 11 points against seasoned opponents **Stuart Smith** and **Greg Scott**.

Then! In an unanswered 3 ends Simon and Kay rolled in 11 points to scoot to a lead of 20 points to 11 points and it appeared to be ‘goodnight, Irene’ for the antipodean duo. Wait! Not so? Stuart and Greg clawed back 4 shots to be 5 points in arrears with 2 ends remaining. Hope? Perhaps! Kay then steadied the ship and Simon rolled some excellent draw bowls for Kay to capitalize on and the expats were home 24 points to Stuart’s and Greg’s 15 points.

Simon and Kay will play Steve Brouggy and Peter Zucconi in a much awaited final.

Statistics:

Team	Simon Kinsman – Kay Mulhall		Stuart Smith – Greg Scott	
Ends/Points	Ends	Points	Ends	Points
Game Totals	11	24	10	15
Handicap pts.		-		-
1-point end	7	7	6	6
2-point end	-	-	3	6
3-point end	1	3	1	3
4-point end	1	4	-	-
5-point end	2	10	-	-

BOWLING RESULTS

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Over 70s Handicap Pairs –Final

Marko Popovic & Greg Scott 26 defeated John Bowring & Rex Johnston 24

Social

David Erskine, Stuart Smith & Simon Creedy 38 defeated Maria Brouggy, Ole Hostrup & Greg Moon 8;

Maureen Cosby, Meredith Collum & Jenny Moran 23 defeated Monica Smith/Judy Carroll, Steve Brouggy & Vic Solway 12;

Simon Kinsman, Ray Moran & Bob Patterson 24 defeated Will Godfrey, Brian Paxton & Stuart Dixon 19; and

Pat Singleton & Maureen Terrey 22 defeated Deon Van Niekerk & Steve Shortis 16

Saturday 27 May 2023

Open Handicap Pairs –semi-finals

Steve Brouggy & Peter Zucconi (17) 22 defeated John Bowring & Mal Knight (14) 7

Simon Kinsman & Kay Mulhall (16) 24 defeated Stuart Smith & Greg Scott (16) 15

Social

Susan Walder, Jeanette Lloyd & Vic Solway 22 defeated Susan Walder, Brian Paxton & Marko Popovic 21;

David Erskine & John Lloyd 24 defeated Maria Brouggy & Kevin Mulhall 22;

Kathy Heezen, Ole Hostrup & Bob Patterson 31 defeated David Lloyd, Maureen Terrey & Greg Moon 13; and

Lena Manu, Deon Van Niekerk & David Hillerman 18 defeated Meredith Collum, Maureen Cosby & Simon Creedy 17.

BOWLING PROGRAMME (Critical Dates)

Date	Event
To be confirmed	Consistency Singles - Final
04 Jun	Open Handicap Pairs - Final
05 Jun	Champion of Champions – St. Johns Park BC (John Lloyd)
10 Jun	Bowling Section Annual General Meeting – 10.30 am
12 Jun	Cliff Wright Trophy
03 Oct	City Tattersalls Day
To be advised	Mixed Pairs - Final

JOHN LLOYD SET FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Club champion John Lloyd is off to St Johns Park BC on Monday 5th June to contest the State Champion of Champions.

John is in section 36 and will play the winner of the M Swan (Wenty Leagues) and R Thomas (Mudgee) match in the first round of matches.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRY FOX

Renowned raconteur **Harry Fox**, effervescent as ever, pictured enjoying a cleansing ale to celebrate his 94th birthday last Wednesday. Harry spent the afternoon watching the final of the Over 70s Pairs and says he has still not packed his bowls away, although he did donate a bowling raincoat to the Club.



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THE PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY FOR RAFFLE RAP

16 PRIZES MINIMUM - draw at 6.30pm
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Last week's major prize winners John, Annabelle and Michael

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Wednesdays & Saturdays
Drawn after the Raffle 4.30pm to 5pm. Jackpot rolls over to the next draw if winning member is not present at the club



BIRTHDAYS: “I don’t feel old. I don’t feel anything until noon. Then it’s time for my nap.” Bob Hope

David Lloyd celebrates his birthday on Monday 31st May and top song on the charts when he was born was (Ghost) Riders in the Sky: A Cowboy Legend sung by Vaughn Monroe

ON TELEVISION



Horse Racing – Winter Cup (Rosehill)

AFL – Western Sydney vs Richmond

Rugby League – Sharks vs Broncos



- 1 In Australia where is the Big Gold Pan found?
2. In Australia where are the Big Ugg Boots found?
- 3 In Australia where is the Big Bull found?
- 4.Where did the ABC’s Mr Squiggle live?
- 5 What is Australian slang for city?

Answers:1 Bathurst (NSW). 2 Thornton (NSW). 3 Rockhampton (QLD). 4 The Moon. 5 Big Smoke.

Riddle: I have keys, but no locks. I have space, but no room. You can enter, but you can’t go outside. What am I? (Answer page 16)



POSTCARD FROM FRANCE

Bonjour à tous

The French have to finish their games of pétanque by 11.00 pm. Is nothing sacred?

Au Revoir



David



HEAVY ROADMAKING MACHINERY MOVE IN

Last week the Lane Cove Council milled and laid a new asphalt pavement, including reinstating line marking, to the roadway bounding the Club and greens through Charlish Lane. This is a great improvement for the Club enhancing member and public safety and convenience.



AUSSIE DESTINATIONS – Thargomindah, QLD

Small outback town in western Queensland



Thargomindah is located on the Bulloo River and, although tiny and quiet, it offers most services - a motel, caravan and hotel accommodation and a range of eating options. When it came into existence in the 1870s and 1880s the town's main activities were servicing the stations at Bulloo Downs and Durham Downs. Later it became an important stopover for carriers taking wool from Queensland to the steamers which travelled down the Darling River from Bourke to South Australia.

Location

Thargomindah is located 1057 km west of Brisbane via Toowoomba and Cunnamulla, and 126 m above sea level.

Origin of Name

No one knows what the word 'Thargomindah' means but the popular versions are that it comes from a First Nations word meaning either 'echidna' or 'cloud of dust'. It was originally the name of a pastoral run in the district.

Temperatures for Thargomindah

The summer high temperature for Thargomindah is approximately 36 °c. The summer low temperature is approximately 23 °c. The winter high temperature for Thargomindah is approximately 20 °c. The winter low temperature is approximately 7 °c.

Thargomindah Artesian Hydro Power Plant

The Thargomindah Artesian Hydro Power Plant is believed to be the oldest, working unit in Australia, and possibly the world!



Thargomindah was the first town in Australia, and third in the world, to produce hydro-electric power for street lighting by using the water pressure from the Artesian Basin. In 1891 drilling commenced on a bore to supply the town with water, and in 1893 a good supply was struck at a depth of 2650ft (808mtrs) with the water coming from the bore at a temperature of 84°C (182°F). The old bore was the source of energy for Australia's first hydro-electric scheme when in 1898 Thargomindah's street lights were powered by means of generators coupled to a water turbine driven by the bore's natural water pressure. This method was in operation until 1951, when diesel generators were installed. The town was connected to the Grid system in 1988. This Artesian Hydro Power Plant is believed to be the oldest working unit in Australia, and possibly the world! You can see close up a windmill and a decommissioned oil "donkey". You can take a self-guided tour of Australia's first hydro-electricity system.

Great Artesian Basin

The Great Artesian Basin is one of the largest underground freshwater resources in the world. It is Australia's largest groundwater basin. It lies beneath parts of the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, and New South Wales. It includes the Eromanga, Surat, and Carpentaria geological basins.

The Basin spans almost 1.7 million square kilometres which is over one-fifth of the Australian continent. There is around 65 million GL of groundwater in the Basin which is enough water to fill the Sydney Harbour 130,000 times.

Leahy House

The historic house was built in 1885 by John Leahy from locally made mud bricks. In 1912 well-known pastoralist Sidney Kidman bought the house for his travelling manager Jack Watts. The purchase entitled Kidman to become a member of the Bulloo Divisional Board.



Thargomindah Post Office

The Thargomindah Post Office, which opened in 1870 and still standing, was originally built out of mud bricks. A storm in 1877 destroyed it and it was decided to build a solid construction which, subsequently, acquired a telegraph office (1881), locked boxes (1889) and was seriously damaged in 1952. It has been repaired and currently operates as a post office with a range of gifts and other services.



Old Thargomindah Hospital



The Hospital was built in 1888 of locally produced unfired Mud Bricks. The bricks were made from black soil on the banks of the Bulloo River just south of the town, at the site of what was the Chinese Market Gardens. After the bricks were moulded (in the machine now situated at the front door of the Meathouse), they were laid out to dry and covered with Yapunyah leaves. During this process, roaming animals often left their imprints. In the hospital itself, there are footprints of dogs, cats and emus preserved on the walls. Once the leaves were sufficiently dry, they were ignited and the bricks were "FIRED", changing colour from mud grey to red. Many of the town's buildings were built from this local brick, however, only four of these buildings remain.

The Old Jail



The Old Jail cells and kitchen were originally located at Kulki Station, however they were relocated to their current site on Dowling Street in 2018. The cells were constructed in 1930 using cypress pine with a galvanised iron roof and were lined with hardwood.

Noccundra Hotel

Located 142 km west of Thargomindah, on a sealed road, is the Noccundra Hotel. It is one of the oldest buildings standing in south west Queensland and it has interesting stylistic similarities to buildings in South Australia.

Located to the west of the hotel are the stone ruins of the Noccundra Store which was established in 1891 to supply the surrounding properties. Supplies were brought to the town by camel train. Also, on the western side of the Hotel stands a plaque erected in memory of the Andrew Hume Expedition, which passed Noccundra Waterhole in November 1874. Andrew Hume, also known as the “Black Prince”, was released from prison in Sydney to lead the expedition in search of a survivor of the lost Leichhardt Expedition. Hume, along with Timothy O’Hea VC, a famous Victoria Cross winner, perished on Nockatunga Station. The only survivor of Hume’s party was Lewis Thompson, and ex-India Army Cavalryman, and piano tuner. Those who perished, rest in unknown graves.

The Grave of a small boy, John Hogan, lies under a lone tree 300 yards to the west of the Hotel. The Crouch children were given the chore of keeping the grave maintained. It used to have a Picket Fence and a timber Headstone.

The Dig Tree



Beyond Noccundra Hotel is one of Australia's national icons and an enduring reminder of our pioneering spirit, the famous 'Dig Tree' where William Brahe, left in command of Camp LXV by Burke and Wills, buried supplies and carved 'Dig' on 21 April, 1861. The cruel irony was that Brahe, after waiting for months for Burke and Wills to return from their expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria, left the camp only seven hours before the starving and exhausted explorers returned. The three blazes on the dig tree have now been covered to help preserve the tree. Burke's face was carved into another tree (the 'Face Tree') about 30m downstream of the 'Dig Tree' by John Dick in 1898 and is still clearly visible.

The 'Dig Tree' is a Coolibah (*Eucalyptus microtho*). It is believed that the tree is 200-250 years old.



History

- * Burke and Wills reached the 'Dig' tree on 21 April, 1861.
- * Bulloo Downs pastoral run was taken up in 1864.
- * A post office was established in the town in 1870.
- * Thargomindah was gazetted as a town on 31 December 1874.
- * By 1881 the town was connected by telegraph to Cunnamulla.
- * In 1886 Noccandra Hotel got its first license.
- * The Thargomindah Hospital was opened in 1888.
- * By 1891 the town had a population of 338.
- * In 1893 bore water became the town's source of water and electricity.
- * By 1898 the bore was helping to generate electricity for the town. Street lights were powered by the water from the bore.
- * The current bridge across the Bulloo River was opened in 1929.
- * The hydro-electricity from the bore stopped in 1951.
- * In the summer of 2012/2013, dubbed The Angry Summer by the Climate Commission, the temperature in Thargomindah reached a new recorded high of 48.8°C.
- * In 2016 the town had a population of 270.



JOKE OF THE WEEK. A delegation of foreign communists came to see a Moscow kindergarten. Before they came, the kids were instructed to answer every question by the visitors with just one sentence, "In Russia everything is the best in the world."

The visitors came and asked their questions:

"Children, do you like your kindergarten?"

"In Russia everything is the best in the world!" the kids shouted.

"And what about the food you get?"

"In Russia everything is the best in the world!"

"Do you like your toys?"

"In Russia everything is the best in the world!"

At that, the smallest boy in the group started crying.

"Misha, why are you crying? What happened?"

"I want to go to Russia!"

Riddle: A computer keyboard.



Mabel. Being asked if I want another glass of wine is like being asked if I want more money.

Yes Doris. And then wouldn't we be in great shape if glass lifting was an actual sport?

TICKLES CORNER



Spike, I am like a cloud.

You are Jangles, when you disappear it's a beautiful day!

Billy



“Do you know humans, in my day we didn’t have facebook, we had a phone book but we didn’t waste an afternoon on it!”

WORD OF THE WEEK: **Pusillanimous** (adjective) Timid, cowardly

IDIOM OF THE WEEK: “Stall the ball” - It is basically used to ask someone to wait for you or to stop what you’re saying (similar to ‘hold the phone’).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Success is never final; failure is never fatal.” — Conrad Hilton

WICKED WORDS: “You will be replaced someday or the other. People want the best, it doesn’t bother what you have been doing for them... someday it will all go in vain.”
– Kalpana Agarwal

ANOTHER VIEW: ‘Winners focus on winning. Losers focus on winners.’

A NOVEL NOTE: “I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will, which I now exert to leave you.” Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

DID YOU KNOW: Sardine burial in Tenerife: A custom tradition among Spaniards is actually burying a sardine, with a funeral procession of mourners in black. It mostly occurs at the highly spirited moments in the Christian calendar such as lent and the advent period.

FUN FACT: The Danes Hang Out in Cemeteries. Cemeteries are spooky sites in many countries, but this is not the case in Denmark. Instead of gathering in parks, the Danes have converted their cemeteries into social areas. Danish cemeteries are well manicured and thronged with locals when the weather begins to warm up after winter. In Copenhagen, the country’s capital, you’ll be hanging out in great company. Many famous Danes are buried in city cemeteries, including Hans Christian Andersen.

SHE SAID IT: “My best birth control now is just to leave the lights on.” — Joan Rivers

HE SAID IT: “Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.” — John F. Kennedy

SHE ALSO SAID IT: “At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don’t. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.” — Ann Landers

HE ALSO SAID IT: “I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me — they’re cramming for their final exam.” — George Carlin

OLDER AUSTRALIANS ENCOURAGED TO ROLL BACK THE CLOCK

Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club is taking a step towards curbing low physical activity rates among older Australians by encouraging them to "roll back the clock" through lawn bowls.

Roll Back the Clock is a Bowls Australia initiative, in partnership with Sport Australia, that aims to boost physical activity rates among Australians aged 65 and over through bowls, light exercise and education.



Presently, as little as 25-percent of Australians over-65 meet the Department of Health's physical activity guidelines of 30 minutes of activity per day.

Health-related reasons, including physical and mental health, are the main barriers for older Australians participating in sport or physical activities and bowls is seen as a low-impact, socially-inclusive activity that can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages.

Roll Back The Clock programs incorporate a two-part activity lasting 30 minutes each, targeting both the body and mind through bowls, functional training, fitness and wellness education, and socialisation.

Sessions are adapted for individuals, with benefits ranging from enabling participants to perform activities of daily life more easily, to withstanding injuries and providing a sense of accomplishment and achievement.

In addition to the physical health benefits, engaging in physical activity and group sports for older Australians provides increasingly important opportunities for socialisation, peer-support, and conversation that reduces the possibility for loneliness related physical and mental **illnesses**.

Roll Back The Clock will be staged regularly at **Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club**, over 8 weeks, commencing Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

🕒 The program will run from 2:00pm – 3:00pm on Tuesdays and combines exercise, wellness education, socialisation and little bit of bowls.

Registration Option 1, 2 x session (\$13 per session) = \$26

Registration Option 2, 4 x sessions (\$12 per session) = \$48

Registration Option 3, 6 x sessions (\$11 per session) = \$66

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