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Minutes of the BTS Board Meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 4.30pm via Zoom

Welcome

1. President Peter Kirby opened the meeting at 4.30pm.

Attendance

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Deb Jeffrey (Treasurer), Paul Matthews (Secretary), Ross Bannister (Chair Match Committee), Michael Andersch (Chair Officiating Committee), Paul Hoddy (Exec. Assistant)

Apologies: Barbara Rankin (Board Member), Crystal Brooks (Board Member)

Guests: Bernard Knight (BTAS President), Anne Mullavey (BTAS Director)

Confirm minutes of previous meeting

2. The Secretary noted that we did not hold a meeting in April and moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 be confirmed. Seconded Michael Andersch. **CARRIED**

Business arising from previous minutes

3. The Secretary advised the Board that the following matters had been actioned:
 - Notice of the Annual General Meeting
 - Return of trophies
 - Live streaming invite to sponsors
 - BowlsLink census on 28 February
 - 2023 Honorarium payments
 - Procedures for BTS events
4. **Travel payments for SWC sides.** The Secretary advised that a new Travel Claim Form had been created for the 2023-24 SWC season that requires Team Managers to handout/collect forms from participants so that claims can be handled in batches.
5. **Appeals Panel recommendation.** The Secretary advised the Board that he will retrospectively publish a synopsis of details and decisions by the Match/Complaints Committee, Tribunal Panel or Appeals Panel. **ACTION: Secretary**
6. **Trophy for BTS Men's and Women's Over 60's championship.** Peter has ordered these trophies and will follow-up with the engraver. **ACTION: President**

7. **Representative uniforms.** The President advised of stocks and is awaiting SWC developments before making further decisions regarding uniforms.
8. **BowlsLink issues.** The Statistician advised the following matters regarding BowlsLink are still to be discussed with the developers:
 - BowlsLink washout game not counted as draw
 - BowlsLink allowing entries after closing date

ACTION: Statistician

Correspondence

9. The Secretary reported that 508 emails were received and 344 emails sent between 25 March and 14 May 2023. Moved Ross Bannister, seconded Deb Jeffrey., that outwards correspondence be endorsed and inwards correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

10. The Board noted the following:
 - BNW requested copy of BTS Conditions of Play
 - BowlsLink certification information cannot be deleted by BTS
 - Doug Cole's sponsorship money for juniors received
 - BTS Membership Numbers as at 31 March 2023
 - Winter coaching sessions at Howrah Indoor Centre
 - Invitations to members without emails in BowlsLink sent to clubs
 - Saturday Grand Final venue issues
 - Names checked for pennant plaques
 - New (strengthened) laws re stopping/lifting bowls
 - Bulk Purchase of CM4 Law Books
 - Delegates Meeting held at Cremorne
 - Governance Workshop held at Beltana
 - Presentation Night held at Rosny Park
 - Extra pennant medallions provided to Howrah, Cremorne, North Hobart, Glenorchy Rodman and Royal Hobart
 - First Notice of BTS 2023 AGM issued
 - Geeveston – BowlsLink generic access enquiry
 - Beltana – Name change to "Club Beltana Lindisfarne Community Bowls"
 - Buckingham – Dual membership enquiry
 - Howrah – Saturday Winter Program
 - Howrah – Offer to host future Barefoot Champion of Champions
 - Howrah – Hosting BPL Cup round on 9 July 2023
 - Claremont – Affiliation fees enquiry
 - St John's Park – NOT closing (rumour quashed)
 - Government Grant – Supporting young Tasmanian athletes
 - Clubs Tasmania – RSA Course dates
11. **New (strengthened) laws re stopping/lifting bowls.** Michael Andersch advised there was a NOAG meeting planned to discuss the implications.
12. **Governance Workshop held at Beltana.** The President thanked Deb and Paul M for conducting the workshop.

13. **Delegates Meeting held at Cremorne.** The President advised that the meeting had agreed to establishing a pennant working party to consider future pennant.
14. **Presentation Night held at Rosny Park.** The President thanked Rosny Park for hosting an excellent night, and made particular mention of the food provided.
15. The Board noted the following correspondence from **Bowls Australia**:
 - The Bowls Coaching Newsletter - Edition 12
 - Rob Soward – Connection with Schools
 - Call for markers at the Australian Open
16. The Board noted the following correspondence from **Bowls Tasmania**:
 - Bowls Tasmania – Bowler of the Year calculations
 - Bowls Tasmania – 2023-24 Affiliation Fees – request BTS data
 - Bowls Tasmania – Audited Financial Statements 2022-23
 - Bowls Tasmania – Officiating Offerings – May 2023
 - Bowls Tasmania – Vacant Junior Coach Position
 - Notice and draft agenda for RCC Meeting – 22 May 2023
 - Second Notice of Bowls Tasmania's 2023 Annual General Meeting
 - Second Notice and Agenda for RCC Meeting - 22 May 2023
 - Advice RE Veteran and Super Veteran badges
 - Bowling Arm Tasmania Minutes – March meeting
 - SWC Prizemoney changes resulting from budget deliberations
 - Australian Government – Growing Regions Grants Program
17. **Protests, Reports and Breaches.** The Secretary noted the following events since the last meeting:
 - Report of Dangerous Behaviour (ACTIONED)
 - Tribunal to review Franklin/Glenorchy City finals anomalies (DISMISSED)
18. **Presentation Night.** Ross Bannister asked if we had time to prepare all plaques and trophies or if the night should be later next year. Peter thought we did have enough time, although the engraver presented issues this year with shouldn't happen next year.
19. **Shade Protection and Heat Policy - Sorell.** The Board considered a submission from Sorell. Bernard noted that Bowls Tasmania did not have an extreme weather policy but this will be addressed. Peter advised that our policy (COP 1.16) was created due to this gap in BTAS policies. Paul M suggested a tiered approach and circulated it to the Board. Barbara and Michael also circulated feedback to the Board. After considerable discussion, the Board resolved to consider the Sports Medicine Australia paper called "Beat the Heat" into a draft policy for later consideration before the next season. Paul Matthews moved that we drop the words "in the shade" in favour of "as reported by the WeatherZone app/website", start taking breaks at 30°C, suspend play at 32°C, and abandon play at 35°C, and that we move Side Captain duty of care (1.16e) clause to be first to emphasise its importance. Ross Bannister seconded the motion.

CARRIED

ACTION:

Extreme Weather Policy: Paul and Peter

COP update: COP Committee

20. **Funding for shade shelters - Oatlands.** The Board considered an enquiry from Oatlands. There is no BTS grant money available at this time, but there are grants from State bodies that could help. The Secretary was asked to advise Oatlands accordingly.

ACTION: Secretary

21. **2023-24 Saturday Pennant start times - Bruny Island games.** Bruny requested start times for any Bruny match (COP 4.5b), whether home or away, be set to 10.45am roll up for an 11.00am start. The Board resolved to support Bruny's request.

22. **Feedback – Sectional Divisions in Pennant.** Sandy Bay provided feedback on the Thursday Division 4 Pennant and Saturday Division 6 Pennant for Board consideration. The Board resolved to refer this feedback to the BTS Match Committee and BTS COP Committee. Ross Bannister noted that the Southern League (formerly Div 7) would still be an offer for the coming season.

ACTION: Match/COP Committees

23. **Review non-promotion from Division 6.** Franklin sought reconsideration of their non-promotion to Division 5, however, COP rules dictated that Glenorchy Rodman should be promoted. The BTS Match Committee will give Franklin priority if a vacancy in Division 5 arises for the 2023-24 season.

24. **Proposed amendment to COP 3.29(g).** New Norfolk proposed allowing their club to be considered for finals. Ross Bannister moved that we remove this provision from COP and leave location and collocation of finals to the BTS Match Committee. Referred to the COP Committee for action. **ACTION: COP Committees**

25. **Invoices for BTS championships.** Dover/Cygnet/Buckingham questioned the method for invoicing entry fees and was advised that invoices were sent to the club of the primary contact for the team, but better arrangements were being investigated for next season.

Reports

26. **Finance.** The Treasurer advised/recommended the following:

The Treasurer moved, and Paul Matthews seconded, that the financial reports for March 2023 and April 2023 be accepted as presented to the Board (see summary at **Appendix 1 and 2**).

CARRIED

Presentation Night. Use of the EFTPOS worked well. We took \$1,518 via EFTPOS and \$667 in cash. This represents 95 paying attendees (but we catered for 132 based on RSVPs).

Prizemoney. The Treasurer proposed weaning players off prizemoney rather than cut them out all at once as was discussed at the recent Delegates Meeting. The first "phase" will be to drop runner-up prizemoney and reduce prizemoney for winners. This would mean next season's outlay will be \$3,730 (plus \$1,000 for Juniors from Doug Cole). Paul Hody noted that this move was mainly due to a lack of sponsorship and prizemoney could be altered into the future if sponsorship becomes available. Deb moved that we set prizemoney per **Appendix 3**. Ross seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Entry Fees. Ross advised that BTAS are putting their entry fees up to \$20 and we should do the same to help mitigate the loss we've been carrying. We can then also use the BowlsLink payment system to pay fees at time of entry. Deb moved that we set entry fees at \$20 and use BowlsLink to accept all entry payments. Seconded Ross Bannister.

CARRIED

Honoraria. The total honoraria to be paid next year will be \$25,900. Deb moved that we accept the Honoraria proposed at **Appendix 4** for presentation at the AGM. Seconded Paul Hoddy.

CARRIED

Affiliation Fees. BTAS will charge us \$92,815 (ex GST) in November 2023. Our budget (including this fee) will require affiliation fees to be set at \$146,000 (ex GST). Based on the 28 February census, with 1,672 bowlers averaged over 26 clubs, fees have been calculated per **Appendix 5**. Advice will be distributed to clubs.

ACTION: Secretary

Draft Budget. Based on the above, the Treasurer moved we accept the draft budget at tabled at **Appendix 6**. Seconded Paul Matthews.

CARRIED

27. **Match Committee.** Ross Bannister reported on the following:

- Linking championship entries via BowlsLink number. Michael advised that to do this, players would also need to initiate their BowlsLink account and ensure their email address and mobile number entered. Paul H advised that there are many things that can be enabled/disabled and we will set up championships with whatever constraints we like.
- Ross explained to the Board the situation regarding Franklin and Glenorchy Rodman Saturday Division 6 play-off for promotion purposes.
- Bowls Tasmania has provided their calendar for the 2023-24 season which included BA Nationals, SWC, and State events - see **Appendix 7**. Ross warned that fitting BTS pennant and championships into this packed calendar will be problematic. We might have to play night games at indoor centres (if they are available) to get all championships played.

28. **Officiating Committee.** Michael Andersch re-iterated the information contained in his report for the Annual Report – see **Appendix 8**. He advised there will be a WB/BA meeting in the next week or so to discuss the implications and application of the new laws on lifting and/or stopping bowls.

29. **Coaches Committee.** Ross and Rob McGuire (BA) are looking into who can run coaching accreditation. He also advised that the first Coaching Clinic will be held at Howrah this Sunday (21 May). He asked the Secretary to send a reminder to clubs.

ACTION: Secretary

30. **SWC Selectors.** Peter Kirby advised that we are in hiatus but need to start looking at the team selection panels for next season. He suggested asking the State Selectors to work on identifying/appointing SWC selector positions in the first instance.

Ongoing Matters

31. **BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23.** Nothing to report.

32. **Policy and Governance review.** Nothing to report.

33. **Knowledge Gaps.** Nothing to report.

34. **Conditions of Play.** The following issues (dealt with above) will be considered by the Conditions of Play Committee during their off-season deliberations:
- COP 1.2 and COP 3.3 – Proposed amendments by Peter Kirby
 - COP 1.16 – Extreme Heat Policy and Shade Protection – Sorell
 - COP 3.29(g) – Proposed amendment by New Norfolk
 - COP 4.5(b) – Pennant start times for 2023-24 – Bruny Island
 - Feedback re Thursday Division 4 Pennant – Sandy Bay
 - Feedback re Saturday Division 6 Pennant – Sandy Bay
35. **RCC Meetings.** Peter Kirby advised that the next meeting will be held in May. He has asked that “BTAS Weather Policy” be added to the agenda.

General Business

36. **Pennant Review Working Group.** The Secretary asked what action had been taken, or should be taken, to get this working group up and running. Michael Andersch advised he would be sending thru his recommendations shortly.
37. **Annual Report.** The Secretary advised the Board he still needed the following reports for the Annual Report, and he needed them no later than 25 May:
- Membership stats
 - Membership trends
 - Pennant Stats – All pennants
 - President’s Report
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Auditor’s Report
 - SWC Open Men’s Report
 - SWC Senior Men’s Report
 - Balance Sheet
 - Income Statement
38. **AGM Nominations.** The Secretary advised the Board that he had received the following nominations for Board positions (to be put to the AGM):
- Peter Kirby – President
 - Kerrie Lane – Vice-President
 - Paul Matthews – Secretary
 - Deb Jeffrey – Treasurer
 - Barb Rankin – Board Member
 - Crystal Brooks – Board Member
 - Paul Hoddy – Executive Officer
39. **Registry Australia – Expired Business Name.** The “Bowls Tasmania South” business name has expired. The Secretary (as Public Officer) will arrange for its renewal.
ACTION: Secretary
40. **Department of Justice – Association Annual Return.** The Annual Return will be submitted following the AGM.
ACTION: Secretary

Next Meeting

41. The next meeting will be a mini-meeting after the AGM on 28 May 2023.

Closure

42. The President declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Paul Matthews
BTS Secretary

Appendices

1. Financial Report – March 2023
2. Financial Report – April 2023
3. Prizemoney proposal for 2023-24
4. Honoraria 2023-24
5. Affiliation Fees 2023-24
6. Draft Budget 2023-24
7. Bowls Tasmania calendar
8. BSOP Annual Report

Appendix 1 – Financial Report

SUMMARY as of 31 March 2023

Current Assets

1-1100 Bank Accounts			
1-1110 Bendigo Chq Account x2032	18,199.10	20,895.27	(2,696.17) ↓
1-1120 Sandhurst Invest Acc x8517	104,024.15	132,504.76	(28,480.61) ↓
1-1160 Petty Cash - Debit Card x6637	1,700.89	1,591.31	109.58 ↑
Total Bank Accounts	\$123,924.14	\$154,991.34	(\$31,067.20) ↓
1-1200 Accounts Receivable	186.20	708.10	(521.90) ↓
Total Current Assets	\$124,110.34	\$155,699.44	(\$31,589.10) ↓

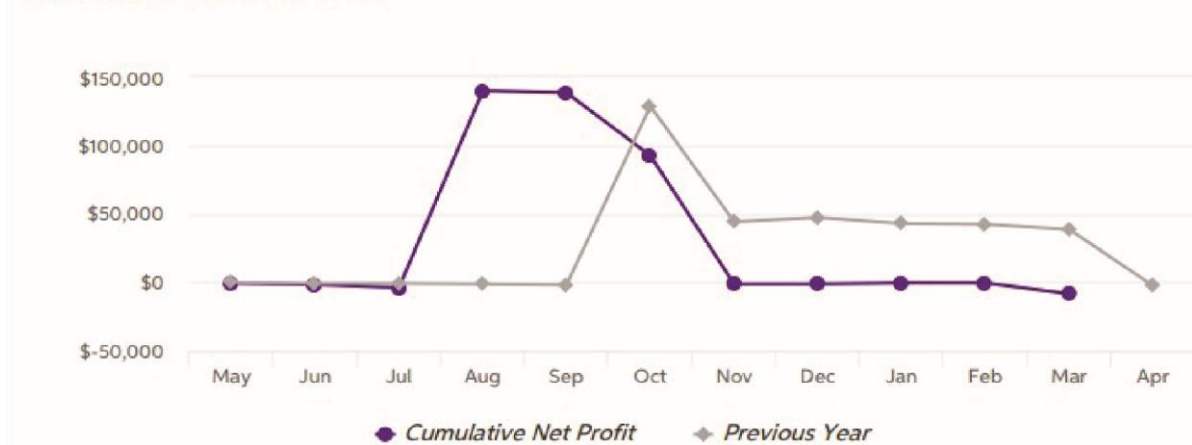
Current Liabilities

2-1140 Accounts Payable	583.00	2,507.06	(1,924.06) ↓
2-1300 GST Liabilities	(\$392.57)	\$389.59	(\$782.16) ↓
2-1500 Provisions & Accrued Expenses	\$20,350.00	(\$30.00)	\$20,380.00 ↑
Total Current Liabilities	\$20,540.43	\$2,866.65	\$17,673.78 ↑

Net Assets

Net Assets	\$109,957.40	\$159,574.88	(\$49,617.48) ↓
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Cumulative Net Profit YTD



YTD Net Loss as of March 23 was \$-577.15. YTD Budget Net Profit as of January 2023 was \$-1,144.

BTS is currently tracking \$-1721.15 under budget.

Deb Jeffrey

Treasurer 19 April 2023

Appendix 2 – Financial Report

SUMMARY as of 30 April 2023

Current Assets

1-1100 Bank Accounts			
1-1110 Bendigo Chq Account x2032	1,856.65	17,754.66	(15,898.01) ↓
1-1120 Sandhurst Invest Acc x8517	94,921.89	112,609.31	(17,687.42) ↓
1-1160 Petty Cash - Debit Card x6637	1,700.89	1,555.01	145.88 ↑
Total Bank Accounts	\$98,479.43	\$131,918.98	(\$33,439.55) ↓
1-1200 Accounts Receivable	1,798.55	1,636.70	161.85 ↑
1-1270 Prepaid & Accrued Income	1,986.36	980.00	1,006.36 ↑
Total Current Assets	\$102,264.34	\$134,535.68	(\$32,271.34) ↓

Current Liabilities

2-1140 Accounts Payable	949.00	1,270.00	(321.00) ↓
2-1300 GST Liabilities	\$103.00	\$740.73	(\$637.73) ↓
2-1500 Provisions & Accrued Expenses	\$13,642.44	\$19,585.00	(\$5,942.56) ↓
Total Current Liabilities	\$14,694.44	\$21,595.73	(\$6,901.29) ↓
Total Liabilities	\$14,694.44	\$21,595.73	(\$6,901.29) ↓

Net Assets	\$92,498.14	\$118,366.08	(\$25,867.94) ↓
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Cumulative Net Profit YTD



Net Assets

YTD Operating Profit \$607.06 v **YTD Budget Operating Loss** \$-5095 - **BTS ended up \$5702.06 under budget.**

YTD Net Loss \$-25,867.94 v **YTD Budget Net Loss** \$-45,595 - **BTS ended up \$22,727.06 under budget**

Deb Jeffrey

Treasurer 16 May 2023

Appendix 3 - Prizemoney proposal for 2023-24

Entry fees for BTS Championships \$20 per player

BTS Bowlers of the Year

BTS Male Bowler of the Year (Open)	\$300
BTS Female Bowler of the Year (Open)	\$300
BTS Male Bowler of the Year (B Grade)	\$100
BTS Female Bowler of the Year (B Grade)	\$100

BTS Championships

Men's Open Singles (Winner)	\$200
Women's Open Singles (Winner)	\$200
Men's B Grade Singles (Winner)	\$100
Women's B Grade Singles (Winner)	\$100
Men's Open (Winners)	\$50 each
Women's Open (Winners)	\$50 each
Men's B Grade (Winners)	\$40 each
Women's B Grade (Winners)	\$40 each
Men's Over 60's Fours (Winners)	\$50 each
Women's Over 60's Fours (Winners)	\$50 each
Men's Champ. of Champs Open (Winner)	\$50
Men's Champ. of Champs B Grade (Winner)	\$50
Mixed Open Pairs (Winners)	\$50 each

Junior Championships (\$1,000 donated by Doug Cole)

Junior Singles (Winner)	\$150
Junior Singles (Runner-up)	\$100
Junior Pairs (Winner)	\$75 each
Junior Pairs (Runner-up)	\$50each
Junior Fours (Winner)	\$75 each
Junior Fours (Runner-up)	\$50 each

Appendix 4 - Honoraria and Allowances 2023-24

Honoraria

Secretary	\$10,000
Statistician	\$5,000
Treasurer	\$5,000
Executive Assistant	\$800

Expense Allowances

President Expense Allowance	\$2000
Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$200
Match Committee Expenses (Chair)	\$400
Match Committee Expenses (4 members)	\$800 (\$200 each)
Umpires Panel (Chair)	\$400
Officiating Panel Expenses (4 members)	\$800 (\$200 each)
Coaching Panel Expenses (Chair)	\$200
Social Media Administrator	\$300

Travel and Meal Allowances

Travel to the North for SWC	\$30 each
Travel to the North-West for SWC	\$80 each

Greens Inspection Committee travel allowance

- 0.80c per kilometre
- up to 80km in a single trip
- one car to be used for the trip
- multiple greens inspected per trip (if possible)

Appendix 5 - Affiliation Fees 2023-24

CLUB	Total	5 Game	Junior	Nett	Percent	2023 Fees
BRIGHTON	83	3	0	80	4.78%	\$ 7,684.21
BRUNY ISLAND	24	1	0	23	1.38%	\$ 2,209.21
BUCKINGHAM	95	5	0	90	5.38%	\$ 8,644.74
CLAREMONT	117	1	4	112	6.70%	\$ 10,757.89
CLUB BELTANA	64	2	0	62	3.71%	\$ 5,955.26
CREMORNE	72	6	2	64	3.83%	\$ 6,147.37
CYGNET	28	1	1	26	1.56%	\$ 2,497.37
DOVER	52	3	0	49	2.93%	\$ 4,706.58
FRANKLIN	35	4	0	31	1.85%	\$ 2,977.63
GEEVESTON	37	2	0	35	2.09%	\$ 3,361.84
GLEN. CITY	76	4	0	72	4.31%	\$ 6,915.79
GLEN. RODMAN	93	6	3	84	5.02%	\$ 8,068.42
HOWRAH	156	7	0	149	8.91%	\$ 14,311.84
HUONVILLE	47	4	0	43	2.57%	\$ 4,130.26
KINGBOROUGH	151	6	0	145	8.67%	\$ 13,927.63
NEW NORFOLK	61	0	0	61	3.65%	\$ 5,859.21
NTH HOBART	34	1	0	33	1.97%	\$ 3,169.74
OATLANDS	32	0	0	32	1.91%	\$ 3,073.68
ORFORD	62	0	0	62	3.71%	\$ 5,955.26
OUSE	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROSNY PARK	97	3	0	94	5.62%	\$ 9,028.95
ROYAL HOBART	58	0	0	58	3.47%	\$ 5,571.05
SANDY BAY	126	15	0	111	6.64%	\$ 10,661.84
SORELL	64	4	0	60	3.59%	\$ 5,763.16
ST JOHNS PARK	33	2	0	31	1.85%	\$ 2,977.63
TAROONA	43	2	0	41	2.45%	\$ 3,938.16
TASMAN	25	1	0	24	1.44%	\$ 2,305.26
TOTAL	1765	83	10	1672	100%	\$160,599.98

Appendix 6 – DRAFT Budget 2023-24 01 May 2023 - 30 Apr 2024

Income

Badges & Accessories	\$430
Championship Entry Fees	\$6,295
Registrations & Fees	\$159,500
Sponsorships	\$1,000
BTS Annual Presentation Function	\$2,400
Interest Received	\$1,700
Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Postage Recovered	\$87
Total Income	\$171,412

Expenses

Accounting/Audit Fees	\$680
Annual Presentation Event Exp	\$3,600
BTS Annual Awards	\$3,700
BTS Badges, Trophies, Plaques, Medallions & Awards	\$5,400
Bank Fees	\$42
BT Affiliations Fees	\$92,815
Computer & IT Expenses	\$360
Filing Fees	\$76
Statewide Competitions Expenses	\$16,740
Greens Hire STBA Events	\$6,300
General Expenditure	\$1,080
HONORARIA & ALLOWANCES	\$25,900
Insurance	\$1,550
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$1,200
Rent	\$350
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$936
Telephone & Internet	\$660
Travel & Entertainment	\$50
Total Expenses	\$161,439

Nett Profit	\$9,973
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Appendix 7 - Bowls Tasmania calendar

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED		
2023-24 BOWLS TASMANIA CALENDAR																										
JUNE																										
JULY																										
AUGUST																										
SEPTEMBER																										
OCTOBER																										
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DECEMBER																										
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MARCH																										
APRIL																										
MAY																										

State Wide Challenge Rotations:

Bowls Australia Events

- BTAS Australia Events (Red)
- BTAS Junior Events (Green)
- BTAS Senior Events (Yellow)
- BTAS Open Events (Light Green)
- BTAS Test Series (Light Purple)
- Public Holidays (Dark Purple)

Bowling Arm Tasmania Events

- RD 1 = North
- RD 2 = North West
- RD 3 = South
- Longford

Other Events:

- Bowling Arm Tasmania Events (Orange)
- State Pennant Finals (Light Blue)
- Women's Day (Light Blue)
- Australian Indoor Championships NSW - Tweed Heads (DATES TBC) (Red)
- Australian Indoor Championships TASMANIA (DATES TBC) (Blue)
- VIC v TAS TEST SERIES (DATES TBC) TASMANIA (Blue)
- VIC v TAS JNR TEST SERIES (DATES TBC) TASMANIA (Blue)
- Australian Open Gold Coast QLD (DATES TBC) (Red)
- SRHS DATES TBC (Blue)
- SNR SWC 1 (NTH) (Blue)
- SNR SWC 2 (NTH) (Blue)
- SNR SWC 1 (NTH) (Blue)
- SNR SWC 2 (NTH) (Blue)
- STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (NTH) (Blue)
- JNR SWC 2 & STATE CHAMPS (STH) (Blue)
- OPEN TRIPLES MIXED Pairs BOWLING (Blue)
- OPEN TRIPLES MIXED Pairs (Blue)
- STATE OF ORIGIN (Blue)
- STATE OF ORIGIN (Blue)
- OPEN AND 8 GRADE SINGLES Pairs AND FOURS (Blue)
- PROBABILITY SINGLES AND Pairs (Blue)
- AUSTRALIAN INDOOR SINGLES QUALIFYING (Blue)
- STATE PENNANT FINALS (NTH) (Blue)
- STATE PENNANT FINALS (Blue)
- BLIS DATES TBC (Blue)
- JNR SWC 1 (NTH) (Blue)
- JNR SWC 2 (NTH) (Blue)
- JNR SWC 1 (NTH) (Blue)
- JNR SWC 2 (NTH) (Blue)
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Blue)
- OPEN BOWLING (Blue)
- AUST DAY (Blue)
- OPEN BOWLING (Blue)
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Blue)
- EASTER HOLIDAYS (Blue)

Appendix 8 - Bowls South Officiating Panel Annual Report, May 2023

This report reiterates the highlights of the Annual report and commentary for AGM.

This year we have successfully rotated through available officials to share the workload and we've taken time to match personalities and home clubs of our officials to the events they look after. Champion of Champions particularly, with 8-9 officials across three nights of bowls in the same week clubs and players are preparing and practising for pennant finals, was the greater of our challenges, but one that was overcome.

The Panel continues to advocate and encourage all officials to hold Working with Vulnerable People Certification. Particularly with the requirements for juniors and disability bowls events, we can only allocate accredited officials with a WWVP card to these events.

Next January, Gala Week comes back to the South and the usual rallying of the troops will see us reach out to more officials to assist cover events.

It is pleasing that our International Technical Officials and National Umpires have become more involved in events held outside the South. With the Panel's former Chair, Leonie Price, joining the Bowls Tasmania board and taking the umpiring portfolio, the pathway to share officiating learnings and personnel has been made easier. In both northern Gala Weeks, up to 7 of our BTS officials assisted the locals in both umpiring and marking across a range of events.

Similarly, in Burnie during March, we hosted an Officials Forum and this was attended by over 15 NW officials. A strong relationship has developed with BowlsNW which has appointed a Director of Umpiring in David Gewin from Burnie BC Leonie and I will attempt to assist present and assess through course conducted with Noelene Purton.

This season wrapped up with Officials supporting Bowls South Pennant Finals across the three playing days and five different venues.

Heading into the off season the Officiating Panel will discuss the feedback it has received over the season to frame its input to the review of the next edition of the Conditions of Play. This, alongside the new CM-version 4 Law Book gives us ample items for discussion at the Officials Forum in October and November this year. I've personally raised the new law 37.1.3 with the key BA and World Bowls personnel and have been advised World Bowls is to meet in the near future.

We'll be monitoring expiry dates for Officials accreditation and advocate for re-accreditations by foreshadowing the upcoming 2023-24 course dates to assist ensure our Panel and Clubs achieve some continuation of service from our current Officials, even if it's just for the purpose of club events and pennant.

Michael Andersch
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel
16 May 2023