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**ZONE 5 REPORT**

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The start to the 2012 Pennant season has certainly been affected by our States inclement weather. Most Districts have now started and caught up the backlog. By the time you read this column all of the District winners will be known and preparing for the Zone 5 playoffs in Lachlan Valley Clubs of Grenfell, Canowindra and Cowra over two weekends. The full draw is on our website but if you are visiting Lachlan Valley during June the following grades will be played as follows.

Saturday & Sunday 16-17 June No 1 Cowra Bowling Club, No. 2 Cowra Bowling Club  
No. 3 Grenfell Bowling Club, No. 4 Canowindra Bowling Club

Saturday & Sunday 23-24 June No. 5 Cowra Bowling Club No. 6 Grenfell Bowling Club  
No. 7 Canowindra Bowling Club.

Zone 5 members can also access the draw for State Championship Zone finals also to be held at Lachlan Valley Clubs during July.

News from around our Zone contributed by local correspondents. I would ask for all our Club and District publicity officers to let me know what is happening in their areas.

It was Al Simons' 2<sup>nd</sup> President's Day on Sunday 26 February 2012.

Al was unable to play because of a hernia operation; however he attended the lunch and presentation. The LVDBA team of Les Tysoe, Alan Baker and Noel Porter represented the Royal and the Lachlan Valley for the day. Overall we had a great day filling all rinks with visitors from Cowra, Gooloogong, Eugowra, Caragabal, Canowindra and Millthorpe.

At the end of the day the local team from Wyangala, Joe Thompson, Russell Simpson and David Ivelli won the day with another local team, Rod Lonsdale, Les Brien and Garrie Moss runners-up.

In the Woodstock championships Bill Birrell has the chance to become the second bowler in the club's history, after Darryl Dean last year, to complete the club grand slam – he needs to win the final of the fours to achieve this.

Penrith played host to 90 bowlers as part of the NSW Government's celebrations for Senior's Week. The Veterans event (from 70 to 75 years) was won by Don McMahon, Bede Thornton and Tony Parry from Glenbrook Panthers. The Super Veterans event (75 years and over) was won by Jim Austin, Bruce Adams and Ray Wearne from Penrith. The ages of all bowlers present totalled 6995 years with an average age of 77.7 years. All those present commented on the friendship and camaraderie generated by this event. Bowlers from the following clubs took part in the event: Glenbrook Panthers, Kingswood, Penrith, Pitt Town, Richmond, Riverstone, St Marys RSL, Wallacia and Windsor. Penrith by virtue of winning the Super Veterans event will host the day in 2013.

Bowral Bowling Club conducted another successful over 60 three bowls pairs on the 19th March with 13 Bowral teams and 29 visiting teams. This is the fourth year the tournament has been conducted by the club and continues to grow in popularity every year. Mr Garry Estreich made the presentation of the \$1900.00 prize money on behalf of the sponsors who have been sponsors since the inception of the event. The winners were Kevin Press and Graham Simpson Dapto Citizens B.C 2nd John James and Dick Malley Windang while Terry Rodgers and Burt Arnold from Silverdale finished third, then came the leading Bowral team of Brian Cox and Paul Harris fourth. During the day the club raised \$1000.00 from the spider donations from some winners, Club Bowral and the men's and women's clubs which will go to a trust fund set up for a young family whose father Geoff Clark was tragically killed recently.

For clubs across the state rain has affected all scheduled bowling championships and pennants. It has been no different on the Blue Mountains. Here at Springwood after a number of reschedules we have finally completed our Minor Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Fours Championships. In the Minor Pairs Jim Peoples and Harry Patfield outlasted a very determined challenge from Peter Browne and Ted Matheson to win 18-15. Harry has only been playing for the last twelve months and this win certainly was a great 18<sup>th</sup> birthday present for him. It was a game of high quality and all four players should be justly proud of the skill they displayed.

In the Mixed Pairs Elisabeth Jensen and Bob Birch easily accounted for Vince Morgan and Margaret Lalor, 32-16. Prior to the final it would have been very difficult to pick the team to win but like all bowlers know some days you execute your skills well and on other days they seem to desert you. It was just this case for the Bob and Elisabeth who played extremely well while Vince and Margaret had an 'off' day.

In the FOURS the cream of our bowlers met in the semi-finals with the sides led by Henry Bielderman and John Bowman going on to challenge for the championship. Henry's side of Rod Fairman, Peter Pascoe and Adam Bielderman played the superior bowls to take the 2012 title, 29-11. John Bowman's side of Peter Gowie, Larry Lovric and Harry Proctor played some fine bowls but were outplayed on the day. Spectators who watch their semi-final will not forget Harry Proctor's two outstanding bowls on the final end to enable them to reach the final.

In Pennants our 6A side is the only side in all levels of district pennants to be undefeated after four rounds of the competition. The 7A side is currently second, one point behind leader St

Mary's RSL. It is early days in all competitions and we expect the next six rounds will be challenging, enjoyable and played in great spirit.

An early reminder of our Springwood in Springtime Tournament. This \$5000 event of two bowl triples will be played on September 8 & 9 this year. More information can be obtained by ringing Bob Hahn on 4751-9946. Brochures will be sent to district and nearby clubs in the near future. The \$1500 tournament will be played on Monday September 10.

Penrith Club has the \$5000 John Hewett Memorial Shield on June Queens Birthday long weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is always booked out so get in early by contacting Gary Adnum 0419972288 for information and entry form.