



22/4/2023

NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS.

Club delegates, Good Morning

Please see the Meeting Notice below advertising our AGM for 2023.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GEELONG BOWLS REGION

12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Will be held on Monday 22nd MAY, 2023

commencing at 7.30 pm sharp at the

BAREENA Bowls Club, Noble Street Newtown

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Presentation to Charity \$
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM 2022 as Circulated
4. Acceptance of Reports (including Financial Audit 2023) – as Circulated
5. Declaration of Office Bearers.
6. General Business. (Notices / Concerns - where applicable)

Motion 1

Ocean Grove / Drysdale – Asking to Introduce a rule where 80% of total ends played (21 x Number of Rinks) would constitute a game during a wash out heat out situation.

Motion 2

City of Geelong / Geelong RSL – Asking to change the rule to have only one team per division for: Saturday – Premier, Division 1-Section 1 and Division 1 – Section 2 Midweek – Div. 1- Section 1 and Division 1 – Section 2

Motion 3

Leopold / Torquay requesting GBR rescind Rule 4 Gender specific for Midweek Pennant and have no restrictions, with Midweek being an Open competition

7. Meeting Closure.

Jim Millar GBR SECRETARY
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GEELONG BOWLS REGION 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 30th MAY, 2022.

GEELONG BOWLS CLUB.

Commencing at 7-30 pm sharp

MINUTES

1 Welcome, Silent Tribute & Apologies: -

In welcoming all, President Michael advised that Director Colin Pavey unfortunately will not be able to continue on as GBR Director. Colin's family situation has changed dramatically and sufficient time to do justice to the role is no longer available. Michael publicly thanked Colin for his dedicated service over many years to GBR Board and Bowls in the Region and wished him well.

Apologies: Director Colin Pavey, Director Karen Harrington, Womens Selection Chair Kaye Robison, Nicole Shortis Leopold, Max Gladman Greens Committee, Pauline Almond Ocean Grove.

MOTION: Apologies be accepted.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM – 24th May 2021.
as Circulated.

MOTION: Minutes last AGM as circulated be approved.

3 Correspondence (since Feb Meeting)

1	Out	To Clubs & Delegates. Minutes & Reports of GM Feb 2022
2	In	From BV Proposed Constitution Changes & Intension of Special Meeting to adopt.
3	Out	To Clubs re Pennant Finals arrangements & allowance of Practice to schedule supplied.
4	In	From BV Special General meeting details for Regions & Clubs to attend On-Line BV Constitution.
5	Out	To all Clubs: - notice of AGM & Nominations / Dates Timelines, etc.
6	In	Notice Of Motion from Bareena BC, Seconded by City of Geelong BC. "GBR not followed process, Allow Clubs discussion and input before implementation."
6.1	Out	GBR Response. To Bareena & City of Geelong
6.2	In	From Bareena Further clarification required
6.3	Out	GBR Response provided
Listed for discussion under Special Business.		
7	Out	To all Clubs: - Move date of AGM out to the 30 th May to avoid Clash with Champions of State Midweek Pennant competition.

M: Lara
S: Drysdale
CARRIED

M: Pt. Lonsdale
S: Geelong RSL
CARRIED



- MOTION:** Inwards Correspondence accepted & actions pertaining to Outward Correspondence be approved.
(Including additions amendments)
- M: Leopold**
S: Lara
CARRIED
- 4 Reports & Acceptance: -**
- 4.1 Presidents – Michael Kelly**
- 4.2 Financial Audit 2021-22 - Maureen Reynolds**
- MOTION – Annual Financial Reports as tabled approved & Accepted Eastern Park questioned make up of General Expenses Out of pocket costs of \$17,500. Treasurer to provide breakdown of costs.**
- 4.3 Secretary’s - Jim Millar**
- 4.4 Championships – Jacqueline McLaren**
- 4.5 Pennant – Jandi Slattery**
- 4.6 Selection - Womens Kaye Robison & Men’s Alan Callow**
- 4.7 Umpires Margaret Reing**
- 4.8 Greens - Chair Richard Sinclair**
- 4.9 Coaches - Nil**
- 4.10 U 18 Dev / Juniors – Matt Flapper (Reports updated and attached)**
- M: City of Geelong**
S: Geelong RSL
CARRIED
- MOTION – Reports as circulated Accepted**
- M: City of Geelong**
S: Norlane
CARRIED
- 5 Nominations Board Directors & Expression of Interest Sub Committee’s**
- 5.1 Election of Board Directors. Clause 15.3 Elections – *Extract:***
The number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, then those nominated may be elected if approved by the majority of Members Present and entitled to Vote.
Michael Kelly, Jim Millar, Barb Lewis, Rosemary Sexton.
1 position available (Col Pavey not seeking re nomination)
- MOTION:** Nominations as presented be received and elected in accordance with clause 15.3 above
NB. Now we have vacancy for one Director.
- M: Anglesea**
S: Bannockburn
CARRIED
- 5.2 Director Vacancy Clause 17.1 Casual Vacancy *Extract:***
Any Casual Vacancy occurring in the position of Director may be filled by remaining Directors from among appropriately qualified persons.
Bareena Terry Hickey indicated his desire to explore more options relating to this position.
- 5.2 GBR Sub - Committee’s. Clause 20.1 Delegation by Instrument *Extract:***
The Board may create or establish or appoint special committees, etc. to carry out specific duties & functions. These were called for during the above period, resulting in Expressions of Interest in the form of
- Board to appoint Nominations**



nominations being received from, for positions, as listed:

Pennant – Jandi Slattery, Michael Kelly, Barb Lewis, Alan Callow, Jim Millar

Pennant Recorder – Jandi Slattery

Umpires – Margaret Reing, John Hulme, Mike McGovern, Ron Dye

Greens – Richard Sinclair, Max Gladman, Chris Ryan

Selection Womens – Kaye Robison, Barb Lewis, Tonia Doyle

Selection Mens – Alan Callow, Craig Elliott, Matt Flapper

Championships – Jacqueline McLaren, Bev Weir, Wendy Ballentine,
Margaret Reing, Karen Harrington

Rules & Regs – Jandi Slattery, Jim Millar, Margaret Reing & Rosemary
Sexton, and

U 18 Dev – Matt Flapper.

Coaches – No Interest

These EOI will be dealt with at the next GBR Board Meeting.
Board function.

Board function
Info only to
Delegates.

6 Special Business

6.1 Notices of Motion from Correspondence item 5

Notice Of Motion Bareena BC, Seconded by City of Geelong BC.

“GBR not followed process, Allow Clubs discussion and input before implementation.”

Discussion opened by Bareena delegate questioning what Checks & Balances are in place to ensure 3Y plan meets aims of the strategy.

Much discussion centred around aspects of the Pennant 3-year Plan but mainly the reduction in Premier Division sides from 16 to 12 players. Some club delegates verbally applauded the Board for the initiatives, “accepted and agree something needs to be done whether this is it or not is to be seen”. Some Clubs are aggrieved about aspects of the process in producing the 3 year plan and there are other Clubs have not commented one way or the other about the plan.

The Chairperson reiterated that the ideas included in the 3-year plan, came from Clubs after a request was made for change. GBR Board acknowledges comments over many years about the need to make changes to pennant competition and the recent attempts by clubs with motions put at AGM attempting to make change have all been lost, or status quo remains. It was acknowledged that there will be a levelling out period over the next few years across the competition and it will take time to settle down. The GBR Board thanked all Clubs for their input.

6.2 Other business – Open forum

6.2.1 – GBR Charity \$880

Prior to commencement of meeting President M Kelly gave a brief of our GBR Charity – Lazereth House and the work they do to support homeless children in Geelong and indicated only 8 Clubs had contributed to the GBR Charity which was very disappointing. A dismal Total of \$880 has been donated that will be matched by GBR. A cheque to value of \$1780.00 will be delivered by GBR President.

ACTION President



6.2.2 Championships. Grids have gone out to Clubs, please check and ensure your greens are available and confirm with Championships.

Highton questioned online entry and payment of fees. Still some issues with BowlsLink, will endeavour to sort out or come up with a procedure suitable to all?

ACTION Jim / Karen / Maureen

6.2.3 Club office bearers. Please provide list of office bearers including Treasurer to check our records and update web site

ACTION Club Secretary

6.2.4 Coaches Courses - Eastern Park. Questioned BV conducting courses and Timing. Jim advised, after discussions with BV Matt Ottobre who indicated approx. 16 names already in the system, Jim has suggested and provided contact details for City of Geelong BC could be a suitable venue for winter activity. Waiting on follow up

ACTION Jim

6.2.5 Regional Bowls Manager. Appointment of Mark Coleman to the position to replace Paul Holtschke. Mark was welcomed. Mark will commence with BA on Wednesday 1st June. GBR board wish him well in his new venture.

6.3 With no further discussion Meeting Closed.9.00pm

Jim Millar GBR SECRETARY

Presidents Report 2023 GBR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Before I begin can I ask that you all stand and show respect to all the members, family and friends who have passed in the last 12 months.

Thanks to Clifton Springs for hosting this year's executive day, attended by Pat Schram BV President, it was a huge success and went a long way to reaching this year's donation total.

I have pleasure in introducing Jade Hamilton from the Lazarus Community Centre here to accept a cheque from the Geelong Bowls Region to help them with their endeavours in the coming winter period, this is the second year we have nominated this organization and I would now ask Jade to come forward so I can present a cheque for \$..... and ask that she indicate what this donation may be used for.

I once again sincerely thank all members of the board for their ongoing support over the last 12 months, members expertise in certain areas has been invaluable, I take this opportunity to thank Maureen Reynolds, outgoing treasurer for the way she performed her role and we the board wish her well in her return to civilian life. To Karen, Jim for their great work with bowlslink and our webpage, to Lorraine Myers with her work on our Facebook page, I speak for all in wishing Lorraine and Shaun all the best on their 6-month holiday and eventual move to Queensland.

To Jandi and Jim pennant committee for all the hard work during the season and especially when it came to the grand finals after losing the Saturday to total fire ban, to Alan for having the foresight to put the proposal forward that the GBR do their own livestreaming of bowls and host a bowls show for our members to tune into, thanks also to Barbara, Rosemary, Terry.

To all the subcommittees who without your time and effort events could not take place, to Matthew and the work he puts in with our juniors, I had the pleasure of attending this year's shield event in Daylesford and was impressed with how well the Giants performed and represented the region, congratulations to Maddie Jacobs Gold in the girls U18 state pairs, and Maya Rees Bronze in the triples.

To Jen Le Serf Novice State Champion and in the Open State event silver to Ocean Grove men's fours, also to Brad Pavey winning the Vic Open singles.

To Dan Priddle, Ray Butler, Cal Inderberg, Tyson Cromie, Brad Pavey & Matt Flapper selected in the City Vs Country trials for the men's state side, Matt, Tyson & Brad making that side.

Finally, to the Ocean Grove Bowling Club on winning the champion of State weekend pennant, lastly, I wish every success to our regional representatives in Echuca/Moama at the end of the month.

Thank you,

Michael Kelly

Thursday May 11th



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023 AGM

Thank you to all Club Secretary's and Club Administrators for your conscientious effort over the last 12 months, ensuring all tasks have been managed efficiently.

Also, to fellow GBR Board members your support is appreciated.

To say this year has been busy is an understatement. After the COVID issues our full season of Events & Competitions was very busy. Everyone done a fantastic job, in some cases over and above. Well done all.

Social Media. Our developments in this area would not be where they are if it was not for Karen Harrington & Lorraine Myers. GBR Website, definitely needed a Womens touch and now presents us with everything we need as a Region and also as an affiliated member club. The GBR Facebook Page never misses a beat, refreshing us with current and updated information, results, news articles and Club tournaments. Managed by Lorraine Myers this too is a credit. It is with sadness that we are losing Lorraine & Shaun, moving north to be closer with their family. Thank you, Lorraine, for all you done for GBR and we wish you well.

BV is changing and moving in new directions.

It was sad news to hear that our favourite Lady at BV position was made redundant. Amanda James after 30 plus years of Employment is no longer required? Amanda was always there for us, never skipped a beat, would answer any concern promptly and efficiently anytime. A benchmark that the remaining staff at BV will have to meet. They have a lot of work to do.

Regionals Competitions will change dramatically after the 2023 competition. The days of play will be reduced, date moved to the middle of January during our Pennant & Competitions period, accommodation will be at peak holiday rates added costs, availability of players, all astounds us as to why?

Over 60's Events & Novices State Events will now change to a weekend Carnival open to all entrants. GBR will still continue to run these events here to provide a Region Champion, but the Over 60's and Novice events entry is open to all.



BV Greens Committee is also disbanded and now will act as an advisory Committee & are not required to meet or travel to do inspections, they focus on providing the right advice to Clubs. GBR Board will continue to have greens subcommittee despite this and take management of GBR Greens Committee and set up how we want it to work to suit our Clubs.

BowlsLink. I keep reminding you all of BowlsLink and how it can be helpful and a useful tool for all. Our GBR & BV Events series fully on-line last season, Pennant, Regionals, Shields events and a few Clubs running Club events. I encourage all clubs to use this option. Over the winter months I can conduct Competition training with Clubs. We can conduct webinars or one on one with Clubs if necessary. Just ask.

BowlsLink Log In Users must have their own personnel log in password to enter competitions. It's a simple process and GBR recommend everyone has a log in password.

Bowls Victoria – Training & Education. Bowls Learn – Learning Management system that is integrated with BowlsLink now provides on line self-paced learning prior to the on Greens assessment for Markers, measurers, umpires & coaching.

On greens assessments were conducted in the Region again this year. Thanks to Margaret & her staff for Marker, Measurer and Umpires and BV for conducting the Coaches courses.

Temperature Device – Annual Test & Inspection. Lindsay Smail who has been the GBR Weather man for many years is retiring. You would have witnessed his age related issues increasing over recent years where now he cannot even climb a ladder to check instruments and required them to be removed for him. We are seeking a replacement technician. If anyone knows of a suitably qualified technician who can service and report please let us know.

Annual General Meetings. Please ensure you send through a full list of your office bearers and delegates after your Club AGM. Even if no changes are made, send it in so I can verify my records.

Again, thank you - Jim Millar GBR SECRETARY

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GEELONG BOWLS REGION INCORPORATED

Scope

The Financial Report and Committee's Responsibility

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Geelong Bowls Region Incorporated, being the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the 12 months period ending 30th April 2023.

The Committee of the incorporated entity is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error.

Audit Approach

I have conducted an independent audit to express an opinion to the members of the entity on its preparation and presentation. My audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of the audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, and inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

I performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with my understanding of the entity's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the result of its operations.

I formed an audit opinion based on these procedures, which included examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

While I considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of my procedures, my audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. It should be noted that it is not practical for the Club to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to cash receipts was limited to amounts recorded. Therefore, I am unable to express an opinion on whether these cash receipts obtained by the organisation are complete.

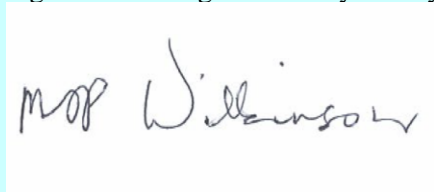
Independence

In conducting my audit, I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraphs not existed, the financial report is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Geelong Bowls Region Incorporated as at the 30th April 2023 and the results of its operation for the period then ended.

Signed at Geelong this 15th day of May 2023



Mark SP Wilkinson

Registered Company Auditor 4485

PO Box 235, Leopold, Victoria, 3224

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Balance Sheet

Geelong Bowls Region Incorporated As at 30 April 2023 Cash Basis

30 Apr 2023

30 Apr 2022

Assets

	30 Apr 2023	30 Apr 2022
Bank		
GBR Cheque A/c	34,387	38,953
Total Bank	34,387	38,953
Current Assets		
Term Deposit Bendigo Bk (143096634)	7,762	7,739
Term Deposit Bendigo Bk (143096816)	23,611	23,537
Term Deposit Bendigo Bk (146678347)	29,504	29,416
Total Current Assets	60,877	60,692
Fixed Assets		
Lap Top 1	1,223	1,223
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Lap Top 1	(1,223)	(1,223)
Lap Top 2	810	810
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Lap Top 2	(810)	(810)
Office Computer at Cost	1,634	1,634
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Computer	(1,634)	(1,634)
Office Furniture at Cost	1,611	1,611
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Furniture	(1,611)	(1,208)
Office Printer at Cost	446	446
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Printer	(446)	(446)
Total Fixed Assets	-	403
Total Assets	95,264	100,047
Net Assets	95,264	100,047

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(4,784)	9,393
Funds Contributed BDLBA	3,161	3,161
Funds Contributed GDBA	21,122	21,122
Funds Contributed GDLBA	10,133	10,133
Retained Earnings	65,632	56,238
Total Equity	95,264	100,047

Profit and Loss

Geelong Bowls Region Incorporated For the month ended 30 April 2023 Cash Basis

	Apr-23	Mar-23	YTD
Income			
Affiliation & Subscription Fees	-	-	34,776
Entry Fees for GBR Events			
Entry Fees - Bowls Vic Events	9,240	-	10,050
GBR Open Veteran Singles	96	-	112
Pennant Team Entry Fee	-	-	3,695
Total Entry Fees for GBR Events	9,336	-	13,857
Other Revenue			
Donations/Charities-GBR	325	2,380	3,705
Interest Income	-	41	185
Total Other Revenue	325	2,421	3,890
Total Income	9,661	2,421	52,523
Gross Profit	9,661	2,421	52,523
Less Operating Expenses			
GBR Opening Day, Executive Day & Catering	658	-	658
Administration			
Bank Charges	-	-	18
Catering Expenses	500	-	1,875
Charities/Donations	-	-	2,560
Computer Software	1,838	-	2,820
Depreciation	403	-	403
Equipment Replacements & Maint	-	-	7,211
General Exp. (Out of Pocket)	-	-	15,340
Incorporation & Other Fees	-	-	252
Insurance	-	-	825
Office Rent	70	70	840
Office Supplies	-	-	374
Post Office Box & Postage	153	-	153
Printing & Publishing	-	-	1,062
Total Administration	2,964	70	33,733
Affiliation Fees & Expenses			
Pennant - Shields, Medallions	-	460	4,797
Region Sides Entry Fees	-	-	200
Under 18 Bowls Expenses	-	109	395
Total Affiliation Fees & Expenses	-	569	5,392
Representative Sides - General Expenses			
BV State Events, GBR Events	207	925	9,037
Champ. of State Pennant Events	-	-	4,500
Intercity Tournaments	-	-	69

Profit and Loss

	Apr-23	Mar-23	YTD
Provincial Championships	221	-	2,422
Regional Championships	29	-	1,495
Total Representative Sides - General Expenses	457	925	17,523
Total Operating Expenses	4,080	1,564	57,306
Net Profit	5,581	857	(4,784)

GBR AGM Pennant Report 2022-23 Season

The 2022-23 Pennant Season was the first full season since the beginning of Covid.

We had a few challenges at the beginning of the season with our fickle weather we have in Victoria. Clubs did a great job at working with each other to make sure that most games were able to go ahead.

Now that we have 5 clubs with lights it was great to see them using their initiative and having games played on a Friday night and even one Premier game being played on a Thursday.

Once again there were a few issues with clubs being able to field teams in the lowest divisions particularly in Midweek. Pennant allowed clubs to field an extra man in their lowest division if they did not have enough women to field a team. This seemed to work very well and stopped there being even more forfeits than there was.

While there was and still is concern from Premier clubs re going from 16 to 12 players, we believe the competition was much more competitive between all teams.

The finals series was a great success. Thank you to all clubs that hosted finals. Most clubs were given the opportunity to host at least one final. We also tried to have clubs that had two or more teams in finals to play at the same host club so that spectators were able to see more of their teams playing.

The weather threw a spanner in the works for Saturday Pennant Grand Finals. After many phone calls it was decided to play them on the Sunday morning. Thankyou to all clubs for being so flexible with this decision.

As discussed, when we send out the Pennant entry forms for next season I will once again ask for your Midweek and Saturday Pennant contacts. Being able to go directly to these contacts certainly made my job a lot easier. We will also put these contacts into the club contacts on the website so that clubs can call their counterparts directly if needed.

Finally thank you to all clubs for their support over the past season.

Thank you to the GBR Pennant Committee and GBR Board. It is a great team to work with.

Jandi Slattery

GBR Pennant Chair

Women's Selection Report 2022-23 AGM 2023

Regionals are at the forefront being in Moama / Echuca in two weeks. Our Women's Regional side trained well and all players are ready to face quality bowling as was displayed at the State Championships Bendigo. It was as strong as we have seen, so looking forward to a tough competition.

We aim to win Silver to move to Gold.

Whykes Day our Women's side played Ballarat for the two Shields Elaine Webster Geelong, Val Page Ballarat. As usual strong competition and great rivalry brought the best out of both regions, each taking out their own shield.

We received an invitation by West Coast Region this season for our Men & Women Regional teams to have a practice match. This was held in Colac and it turned out to be very enjoyable & a great success. We are hoping it continues to become an annual event.

Unfortunately, the Women's Provincial didn't get off the ground this year but we hope this event will be on our calendar in the near future.

My thanks to my committee Barbara Lewis & Antonia Doyle. A huge amount of time & energy goes into all these events.

Congratulations & good luck to the Geelong Women chosen for the 2022 -23 sides.

My thanks

Kaye Robison

Chair/Women's Selection.

MENS SELECTION COMMITTEE

2022/2023

Whykes Shield

Played at Belmont B C against the Ballarat Highlands Region side our compliment of twenty four players acquitted themselves very well throughout the day. The weather conditions and high standard of the green were conducive to a high standard of bowls. The morning round saw Geelong take a distinct advantage leading 96/71 with Adam Martins rink winning 29/6. The afternoon continued in the same vain with Geelong being successful 104/79. Our best rink was again Adam Martins rink 19/8. Needless to say it was a fine performance by all involved. It also has to be said that the representative side (listed below)acquitted themselves well on and off the green. Again a few new faces to a representative side which all goes well for future events.

Robert Priddle	Highton	Jayden Plowman	Highton	Craig Rippon	Ocean Grove
Craig Polwarth	Highton	Ben Coyle	Anglesea	Glen Baudinette	Ocean Grove
Ray Emerson	St. Leonards	Ian Johnson	Highton	John Monahan	Drysdale
Tony Long	St. Leonards	Jackson Reilly	Leopold	Ashley Rees	Drysdale

Paul Lawrence	Queenscliff	Sebastian Monahan	Queenscliff	Harry Coleman	City Of Geelong
Wayne Frith	Ocean Grove	Joe Issell	Torquay	Nicholas Craven	City Of Geelong
Gary Warren	Queenscliff	Andrew Hay	Portarlington	Alan Drury	Ocean Grove
Adam Martin	Eastern Park	Brett Irvine	Torquay	Brad Prior	Norlane

Provincial Championship

The Provincial was conducted on the 5th of February this year at the Coughlin Park Bowling Club (Horsham)). A strong representative side was selected. The defence of the Provincial Shield started with a solid win over Wimmera 114/60 with Scott McLachlin's rink winning 28/9. The second game against Ballarat did not go to plan. Ballarat got off to a good start leading by 18 shots which proved very difficult to overcome. The result come down to the last few bowls and to Ballarat's credit they were able to hang on to their deserved victory 84/81. The Provincial decider against Bendigo was going to be a hard task. Geelong had to win by 11 shots plus to retain the title. Certainly a better game of you would not have seen. In the finish Geelong won by one shot on the last bowl of the day. It was congratulations to Bendigo on their Provincial Shield victory. Listed below is the Provincial Side that represented us so gallantly.

Matt Lawrence	Queenscliff	Robyn Chambers	Highton	Adam Lee	Highton
Mick Sloper	Ocean Grove	Zane Lugg	City of Geelong	Ben Russell	Queenscliff
Jeremy Fitzgerald	Highton	David Priddle	Highton	Tyson Comerie	Ocean Grove
Matt Flapper	Ocean Grove	Scot McLachlin	Highton	Brad Pavey	Ocean Grove

Luke Lawrence	Queenscliff	Chris Price	Ocean Grove	Glenn Slattery	Eastern Park
John Fry	Drysdale	Cal Hanna	Ocean Grove	Stew Shuttleworth	Eastern Park
Raymond Butler	Queenscliff	Steve Sullivan	Queenscliff	Cal Inderberg	Drysdale
Ben Wilding	Bareena	Peter Loe	Ocean Grove	Dan Priddle	Highton

West Coast Region

A new initiative this year was the organisation of a practice game against the West Coast Region conducted under cover at the Colac Bowling Club against their prospective Regional players

Two games of twelve ends were conducted. The morning game went to West Coast by one shot overall. The afternoon session saw Geelong win by 12 shots. Given the history of the two regions and that Colac and surrounding area were once affiliated with Geelong as a Region I think it is important to maintain a relationship between the two and I would hope that this challenge becomes an annual event. The team for this challenge was as follows

Robin Chambers	Highton	Seb Monahan	Q Cliff	Matt Lawrence	Q'Cliff	Alan Callow	O Grove
Mick Kelly	Lara	Glen Baudinette	O Grove	Ray Emerson	St.Leon	Luke Lawrence	Q'Cliff
Andrew Hay	P Arlington	Adam Lee	Highton	John Monahan	Drysdale	Jeremy Fitzgerald	Highton
Brett Irvine	Torquay	Zane Lugg	COG	Adam Martin	EP	Glen Slattery	EP

Regional Championship

The Regional Championship is being conducted at Moama on May 26-28. All results will be available on Bowls Link soon after completion of each game

Lead	Matt Lawrence	Queenscliff	Ray Butler	Queenscliff	Adam Lee	Highton
2nd	Stewart Shuttleworth	Highton	Glen Slattery	Eastern Park	Cal Indeberg	Drysdale
3rd	Scot McLachlan	Highton	Tyson Comerie	Ocean Grove	Dan Priddle	Highton
Skip	Matt Flapper	Ocean Grove	Brad Pavey	Ocean Grove	Peter Loe	Ocean Grove
Emergency	Ben Russell	Queenscliff				

Selection Committee

I would personally like to thank both Matthew Flapper and Craig Elliot for their time and effort throughout the year. Their knowledge and network of resources makes them invaluable in the selection process. I would also like to thank all those players who participated in the above events, the Clubs who allowed the use of their facilities, and the GBR Board for their full support.

Alan Callow
Chairman
Men Selection Committee



CHAMPIONSHIP ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2023

Thank you to all clubs who have hosted events. A special thanks to clubs that have hosted Singles events, where they have also had to provide markers therefore contributing to the smooth running of these events. Our volunteers, at our clubs are so important and we thank them for their dedication, diligent work and continued support.

With the help of all clubs, who gave their facilities at such short notice, we finished all events on time. We received 554 entries for season 2023/24. A total of 987 players, 409 women and 578 men. The largest number of entries received were for the Men's Singles 57 Men's Pairs 56 & Mixed Pairs 54. Our entries were slightly down on last season.

Congratulations to the winners of all events we hope you enjoyed your experience at Championship week in Bendigo.

We look forward to another successful 2024/24 season, and remind all, that next season entries will be through Bowls Link only. Also please check the entry forms for the Over Sixty, Novice and Under 18 Events as these events are only GBR events for season 2023-24 they are not BV events.

Thank you to Margaret Reing and her Umpires, who are always ready to reach out and help Clubs in need of umpires. The umpires committee also supplies umpires for all the finals.

A special thank you to the GBR Board for their support during this season.

The Committee wishes everyone a happy and safe winter.

Championship Committee

Karen Harrington, Wendy Ballentine, Margaret Reing, Bev Weir & Jacqueline McLaren.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS - BOWLS VICTORIA and GEELONG BOWLS REGION 2022-23

Event	Winners	Runners Up
Mens Over 60 Singles	Tony Long---St Leonards	John Baker ---Leopold
Womens Over 60 Singles	Corry Hooiveld---Torquay	Robyn Michael---St Leonards
Mens Over 60 Pairs	Karl Weil--Wayne Macleod---Comp	Paul Standaert--Dieter Gercke---Bell Post Hill
Womens Over 60 Pairs	Karen Wiener & Karen Harrington (S)--Torquay	Robyn Matheson--Judith Trevaskia---Leopold
Mens Triples	Ray Butler--Ben Russell--Steve Sullivan Queenscliff	Nick Oakes--Chris Richardson--Shane Jones Bareena
Womens Triples	Tonia Doyle--Robyn Michael--Dianne Roberts Comp team	Fran Quinn--Colleen Loe--Su Khruapanich Bell Post Hill
Mens Novice Singles	Laurie Formasa---Geelong	Greg Heaver---Drysdale
Womens Novice Singles	Jen Le Cerf---Ocean Grove	Yvonne Conn---Barwon Heads
Mens State Fours	Zak Abro--Owen Clark--Michael Sloper Tyson Cromie---Ocean Grove	M Hommelfoff--A Rees--Glen Slattery Cal Inderberg---Comp Team
Womens State Fours	Tonia Doyle--Kaye Robison--Robyn Michael Di Roberts--- Comp Team	C Savage--Barbara Lewis--Jandi Slattery--Di Monk Comp Team
Mens State Pairs	Matthew & Luke Lawrence---Queenscliff	Adam Martin--Stuart Shuttleworth---Comp Team
Womens State Pairs	Kerri Rees--Belinda Jeffs---Drysdale	Adel Ryan--Sue Collins---Ocean Grove
Mixed Pairs	Eileen Williams--Adam Martin---Comp Team	Maddison Jacobs--Brad Pavey---Ocean Grove
Mens State Singles	Tyson Cromie---Ocean Grove	Zane Lugg---City of Geelong
Womens State Singles	Su Khruapanich---Bell Post Hill	Belinda Jeffs---Drysdale
Mens C of Champion	Tyson Cromie---Ocean Grove	Stuart Shuttleworth---Highton
Womens C of Champion	Jane Menaman---Leopold	Andy Barraclough---Barwon Heads
GBR Womens Veteran Singles	Adel Ryan---Ocean Grove	Bev Kingsbury---Clifton Springs
GBR Mens Veterans Singles	Vin O'Flaherty---Torquay	Barry Hirth---Portarlinton
GBR Under 18 Singles	Harry Coleman---City of Geelong	Taiia Devlin---Drysdale

GBR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 22nd 2023.

GREENS REPORT

Quite a lot of work has been undertaken by Clubs through out our Region during the 2022/2023 season.

7 Clubs have undergone major developments, these include Conversions form Bent to Tiff and one Club from Synthetic to Tiff. Apart form conversions Clubs had also had full Reconstruction and also Replacement of Banks and Ditches material.

Bannockburn received final approval for their new second green relating to Rule 49.3 / 49.4.

Most Clubs were granted provisional / temporary approval due to COVID restrictions enforced by BV Greens Committee.

Grass Greens do not have inspections carried out during the Winter / Off season due to Dormant Conditions.

Bowls Victoria has disbanded the BV Greens Committee and instructed BV Greens Inspectors they are not required to travel or Inspect Greens. BV Inspectors / Greens Committee will now act as an Advisory Group, providing information and guidance to Clubs only and will rely on the locally accredited Greens Inspectors to perform inspection tasks for their Region..

Geelong Bowls Region will continue to manage a "Greens Committee" with our previous three re nominating.

Consequently, there has to be a change with in the Region regarding how Greens are inspected and ongoing activities.

GBR has around 8 people who have been accredited as Inspectors and it is recommended that these persons form an Advisory Group under the management of the existing GBR Greens Committee who reports to GBR Board.

We are seeking approval from Bowls Victoria to continue to us ethe standard Inspection Report that includes Bowls Vic logo rather than produce our own GBR documents?

Thanks, to Clubs for their assistance and my fellow committee (Max Gladman & Chris Ryan)

RICHARD SINCLAIR AGM 2023.

Chair GBR Greens

U18 GIANTS 2022-23

Another successful season for our combined Giants. We joined forces with U18 representatives once again from the Corangamite and West Coast Region to form our squad which increased opportunities for all players.

The first event on our calendar was the Doug Kneebone Shield day which was held at Club Sunbury on Friday 23rd September.

We fielded 16 players for this event which is played as a four person medley.

Sharni Caruana/Riley Johnstone/Tyler Newcombe/Manix Van Steeg

Harry Coleman/Koby Cromie/Maddie Jacobs/Maya Rees

Olivia Cox/Taaia Devlin/Jedd Ladgrove/Dalton Tones

Zach Ballis/Jack Quinlan/Harmony Rasmussen/Prue Staines

Coach - Matt Flapper / Managers Dave Meeny, Mark Coleman, Steven Cox

Our GIANTS performed remarkably well in this event and were serious contenders with two of the four teams in with a chance to finish in the top three going into the last game.

Regardless of the results it was great to see our Geelong squad well represented in this event.

Maya Rees (Drysdale) earned the opportunity to be selected into a combined representative team that took part in the U18 Nationals in October in QLD.

Narrowly missing out on selection for the Victorian U18 Team Maya grabbed this opportunity with both hands. She was selected as Skip in the girls fours (with three U18 Qld players) and Skip in the girls Pairs (with fellow Victorian Emilee Davies).

Maya Rees returned as a Bronze medallist in the girls pairs – WHAT A GREAT EFFORT.

We took 11 players to Daylesford for the U18 “Flapper Family” Provincial Shield on Wednesday 18th January.

This event is a team of 9 players playing in three teams of two bowl triples played in two sections of four teams with the two section winners playing off.

Harmony Rasmussen, Tyler Newcombe, Jack Quinlan (S)

Riley Cameron, Max Heaton Harris, Maya Rees (S)

Dalton Tones, Maddison Jacobs, Harry Coleman (S)

Lachlan Humpries and Taaia Devlin represented the Murray Mallee Squad

Coach – Matt Flapper / Managers Mark Coleman and Kerri Rees

Our Giants started brilliantly, winning game one 41-24 against Murray Mallee Bushrangers.

The second game was going to be the section decider and a great test for us against pre-event favourites the Northern Flyers. Only four shots separated the two teams coming down to the final bowl unfortunately the Giants going down 30-34.

We finished off the day in fine style winning game three 46-16 against the Campaspe Cannons.

Second in the section and proud of the efforts of all players.

Our Giants then took on State Champions Week with several of our squad players entering. The highlight for our Region was Maddie Jacobs (Ocean Grove) walking away from her final state championships as an U18 player with a Gold Medal in the Girls Pairs. A FANTASTIC EFFORT.

Maya Rees claimed a silver medal in the Open Triples and Taaia Devlin (Drysdale) had a great run in the girls single making the Semi Final.

From State Championship week there was a squad of 12 boys and 12 girls selected to trial for Victoria in the hope of being picked to play a tri series against Queensland and New South Wales in July.

Congratulations to Maddie Jacobs, Maya Rees, Taaia Devlin and Harry Coleman who were invited to Trial.

Best of luck to you all.

We are starting to see some great work from our GBR Clubs in relation to U18 Participation. Congrats to Leopold, Drysdale and Point Lonsdale who have set up U18 squads and others that are in the planning stages of introducing this in your club. WELL DONE.

Thank you to the GBR Board for offsetting some of the expenses occurred with travel, bus hire and entry fees and to all parents and supporters that assist with the logistics around getting our U18 stars to and from events / training.

To David Meeny, Kerrie Rees, Mark Coleman and Tyson Cromie for your support in helping with our U18's I certainly say thank you.

We have a great squad of players, some will age out this year and we them all the best in future years as they progress into open level.

Kind Regards

Matt Flapper
GBR U18 GIANTS
Coach / Manager

GEELONG BOWLS REGION

UMPIRE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-3

As in previous reports a huge thank you to the Umpire Committee for their excellent work throughout the year. Thank you for all your work in training and assessment for new officials and assistance in reaccreditation of existing officials. As usual all requests for umpires, with 1 exception, have been carried out competently and efficiently. Congratulations on a job well done Ron Dye, Mike McGovern, John Hulme and also Carlene Gregory who has joined us in various activities.

Most of the officials in the region have completed their duties competently. There have been pleasing reports of competent and helpful umpires, however, there have been several reports of umpires refusing to attend a situation when called, or coming over, looking at the situation and making a decision without using any equipment, 'it's too far and will take too long'. This is not acceptable. They were called because a more accurate decision was required.

A reminder to clubs, it doesn't matter how many umpires there are at a club if you need an umpire, particularly for GBR events, please ask. We understand that on any particular occasion all the club umpires may be otherwise occupied and not available.

The introduction of online training modules has been handled badly by Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria as the Presenters and Assessors in the regions were not given any information or assistance with the implementation. This resulted in misinformation and incompatible expectations from some participants and stress and distress for the presenters and assessors.

The release of the newest Law Book has led to misunderstanding and confusion about expectations and implementation. Some umpires have expressed concern about continuing in the role, particularly the implementation of Law 37.1.1 and 37.1.5.3. It is hoped that there will be a strong information campaign from Bowls Victoria and Bowls Australia to allay the fears and negate the misinformation.

Again, thank you to the committee and all the officials who worked quietly and effectively throughout the year and the board members we have worked with, it's great to be appreciated. THANK YOU

Margaret Reing
For GBR Umpire Committee