

FALCON NEWS



MAY 2018

WILSON EYED OFF BY STATE SELECTORS

Our very own Bobby “Dazzler” Wilson is a real chance of making his NSW Representative debut after being selected in a 16-man squad to trial for the NSW Senior State Side at Cabramatta Bowls club on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July.

If Wilson can manage to squeeze in, he will represent NSW in the Australian Senior Sides Championship to be held in South Australia later in the year.

Wilson will rub shoulders with some true legends of the sport with Rex Johnston, Sam Laguzza, Crawford Linton, Peter Stockham, Ian “Rocky”

Stone and Peter Hughes all in the hunt for positions in the 12-man team.

Wilson has been in scintillating form of late, winning 9 of his last 10 Fours matches from Skip.

But it was his performance at last weeks’ NSW Senior Interzone Championships that peaked the attention of NSW selectors when he skipped his Illawarra Zone 16 rink to an unbeaten 3 wins, leading his side with vigour, enthusiasm and good attitude.

All the members of Figgy Bowlo wish you all the best at your upcoming trial Bobby. Go the Falcons!!!

YOUNG GUN KNOCKS OFF WORLD CHAMP



***Scottish Multiple World
Champ and
Commonwealth Games
Gold medallist Alex
“Tattie” Marshall***

18 Year–old Grade 1 Figgy Falcon Skip Jarrod

Beckford slept like a baby a couple of Saturday nights’ back, secure in the knowledge that he had just Skipped his team of Nathan Ryan, Steve Simeon and Mark Sunderland to victory over unarguably one of the greatest bowlers to have ever played the game - Scottish multiple World Champion and multiple Commonwealth Games Gold-Medalist Alex “Tattie” Marshall.

Beckford showed maturity beyond his years and the self – belief required to attain such a feat, but it was his last bowl that was simply extraordinary.

Down one on the head and looking like the game was going to end in a draw, Beckford could only see a fraction of the offending bowl that held him out of 4 shots and certain victory.

After a discussion with his third – Mark “Sundo” Sunderland – it was decided that despite the low percentage, he would try to remove the bowl.

And, so the rest is history, Jarrod strode to the mat, played his shot with confidence, removed the bowl and created for

himself and his team a memory that will last with them a lifetime.

WILSON AT IT AGAIN

Bob Wilson has Skipped his team of Ian Callaway (Phil Donaldson substitute in Semi – Final and Final), John Bennett and Mark Sunderland to victory in the 2018 Mens Club Fours Championship.

Wilson defeated Jarrod Beckford's side of Jeff Godfrey (Doug Sheridan substitute in Semi Final and Final), John Beattie and Mitch Walters 22 – 17 after being down 3 - 12 in the match. Beckford replaced new recruit John Hills to skip the rink, after Hills became unavailable to complete the pointy end of the competition.

Wilson's side accounted for the Peter Ford skipped outfit of John Chetcuti, David Strickland and Phil King 23 – 18 in their Semi – Final, whilst Beckford's side accounted for last year's Runner-ups Noel Green, David May, Lionel Billett and Harry Johnston 22 – 20 in the other Semi.



John Bennett Knocks one back after the final

BREASLEY LOOKS TO SHAKE BRIDESMAID TAG

Steve Breasley is looking to go one better in this year's Mens Minor Singles Championship after being nabbed by Graham Bennett in last year's final by a single shot, but he won't have it all his own way, with four quality players set to contest this Sunday morning's Semi – Final, followed by the Final in the afternoon.

Breasley survived tight 1st and 2nd round matches, keeping Tony Cheetham to 27 and Frank Gavrilovski to 29 in the 1st to 31 clashes, before easily accounting for newbie Tony Trad in the Quarter – Final.

Breasley will take on Grade 6 Pennant

teammate Barry Aldrick, who his playing with renewed vigour since applying the principles of "Wally and Rupert" to his game in recent weeks.

The other Semi-Final is set to be a cracker, with club CEO Paul Mack set to take on the ever-consistent Helmut Schuster.

Both players are renowned for their deadly draw shots and delicate conversions, so grab the popcorn, because this one is going down to the wire.



Steve Breasley in training for this weekend's big game

"H" AIMS FOR BACK TO BACK

Harry Johnston has given himself every chance to make it two on the trot when he meets Grade 1 team-mate Steve Simeon in this Sunday's Semi-Final

of the 2018 Mens Major Singles Championship.

But there is no doubt that Simeon will be determined to stand in his way. Defeated by Johnston in last years final 28 - 31 and involved in some epic battles in recent years, Simeon will be looking to put his foot on the throat his rival and chalk one up for himself.

Simon Garrity and Gordon Young contest Semi-Final 2 and both are genuine chances of taking out the title.

Garrity steam rolled in-form youngster Jarrod Beckford in their Quarter-Final clash and has a reputation as arguably the best draw shot in the club.

Young has been a solid performer over a number of years and can mix it with the best of them.

GRADE 3 MAKE A STUNNING TURN AROUND

With so many fine performances so far this pennant season, it is difficult to highlight one effort over another, but Kudos must go to our Figgy Falcon Grade 3 Pennant side who went

from 9th to 3rd on the ladder over last weekend.

A team that going into Round 3 cleared the air and the team went on to win 9.5 to 0.5 against a strong Towradgi outfit and the boys backed it up with the same result away to Kiama the next day.

The team has overcome some adversity since its inception with the pull out of a couple of players and defeats in the first two rounds, but they are now on their way to earning themselves a semi-finals berth if they can hold their form going into round 5. They have a tough away game against Warilla this weekend and the lads are gunning for the challenge.

VOLUNTEERS GET TOGETHER THIS SUNDAY 12:00PM

What a fantastic effort our volunteers put in to make our guests feel welcome when we were stormed by 196 Male bowlers and 144 Female bowlers from across NSW at the recent Bowls NSW Seniors Interzone Sides Championships and NSW Ladies Bowls Carnival, both held at Figgy Bowlo.

As a Thank You, we would like to see all of the volunteers down the club this Sunday from 12:00pm to partake in beverages and pizza.

The Club Major Singles and finals will be on from 1:00pm so we should have an entertaining afternoon 😊

BOWLS & FOODFEST

MONDAY 11TH JUNE

Get your names in for the Champagne Breakfast, Bowls and BBQ lunch to end your Queens Birthday long weekend.

Beginners are encouraged to enter and cost is a bargain at \$30 per person, which includes 2 great meals and 2 games of bowls.

See Entry form on noticeboard, dress is Mufti.

CLUB TRIPLES CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY

Get your team set for the 2018 Club Triples Championship. Entries close on Friday 01st June and 1st round begins Saturday 16th June from 1pm.

SNAKE bites WITH DAVID PHILLIPS

A LEGEND RETIRES



At the ripe age of 93, Club legend Ernie Readman has finally cleared his bowls locker and announced his retirement from the game he loved for six decades. Ernie, who first joined our Bowling Club in the 1950's was a prolific winner not only in our Club but throughout the district. As recently as 2013 he skippered a rink in our Pennant 6's team which won the Zone 16 championship and represented in the state playoffs at Dubbo. Apart from the many other titles he won his most recent Major Singles victory at the Club was in 1991 at the age of 66. Thankfully, he can still be seen having a beer

at the Club and he still has an eye for the ladies !

WE GOOGLE YOU TOO!

More Google you madness - people with similar names to some of our popular members. For example:-



Larry Matthews



Nathan Ryan, athlete



Mark Sunderland, Engin



William Thompson ex footy player

FALCON FAUX PAS'

- Spotted – a Pennants Grade 1 player vigorously polishing his lawns bowls then dropping one of the bowls off the seat straight onto the concrete below ! Still bowling well though, skippered the winning 4's team and had a victory over Shane Garvey in the Pennants. He's a real Dazzler! 😊
- Age shall not weary! Who were the young would-be hotshots and a selector thrashed by Harry Earp, Ross Joliffe and John Rankin – average age 85 years!
- One of our Directors (“if you can't beat 'em...”) told us he always wanted to be a Barber. Alas, he never made the cut 😊

ROD (BEAR) THOMAS AWARD



This month's winner is the guy (you know who he is) that keeps insisting that his new bowls are “fire” coloured when everybody knows they're pink!

