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**All the action from State Champs Week at  
South Tamworth**



*Pictured: The Pairs finals at State Champs Week made for a great match up between Damien Miller and Wade Turner v Luke Wade and Adam Troth*

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## President's Report with Mick Woods



As I write this, bowling greenkeepers across this state continue to be under immense pressure, many facets of the industry are leading to the pressures dealt with on a daily/weekly/monthly basis, whether it be climactic, retention or sourcing staff, costs with

industry product pricing skyrocketing, bullying within the workplace. In this modern age, it has never been more important to understand and try and improve not only the mental welfare of our staff but also that of ourselves.

The east coast has continued to be impacted by consistent heavy rainfall, often the long-term effects are overlooked by clubs such as raised water tables, saturated soil profiles, low oxygen availability within soils for plants. Economic thresholds also restrict the treatment and recovery of plants after such prolonged extreme events, it is not viable to spray pesticides in high frequency not only due to costs but the likelihood of these products being effective is vastly decreased when not used as per label. These are all points that I hope we as turf mangers are relaying to club boards and management to help them understand the vastness of what has been faced and continues to challenge us as we move forward into the second half of 2022.

We have decided that the publication of the "Bowling Greenkeeper" will be reduced to only two hard copies a year. While this was a difficult decision to come to, we feel it is the best way to serve our members moving forward. It will provide the opportunity to promote our partners through both Facebook and the Team App which

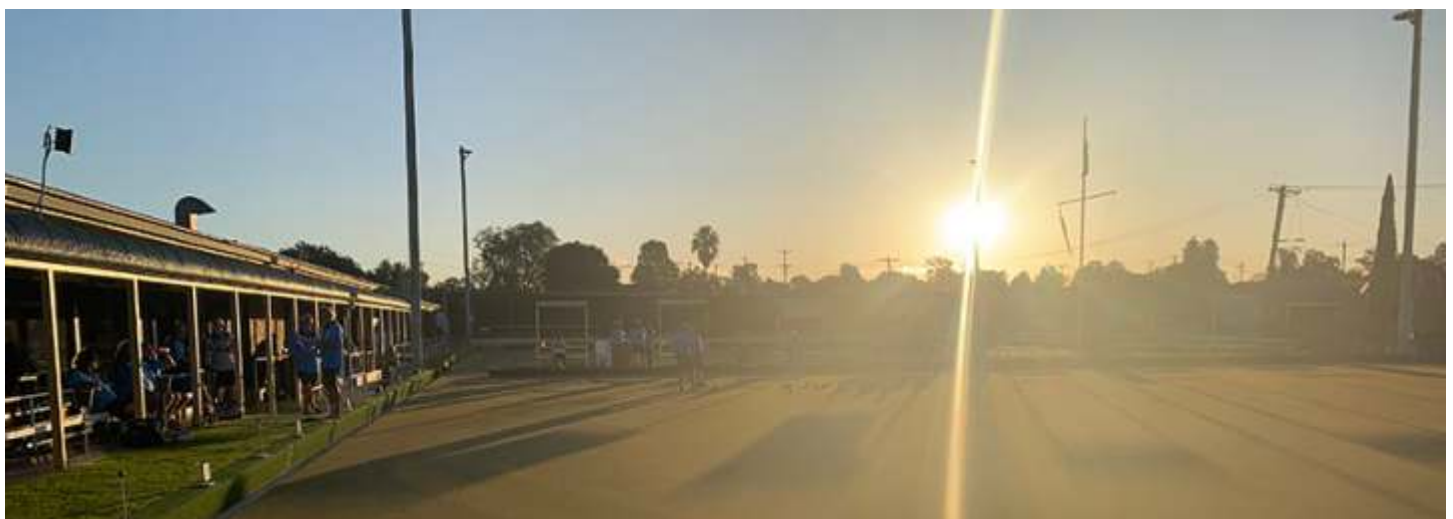
will become our main source of media. In this edition, there will be guides on how to join up to Team App for those not already registered. Many clubs are using this forum so I'm sure most will be familiar. This is providing a one stop shop with us able to provide details directly and more frequently along with members being able to renew memberships and purchase Association apparel and in the near future register for events.

We had another successful NSWBGA State Championships Week at my home of South Tamworth Bowling Club in May. I'm sure you will enjoy the write up in this edition and congrats to our winners Adam Troth (Singles) and Wade Turner and Damien Miller (Pairs).

The 2022 Conference will again be held at Bankstown Sports Club, August 22-23, considerable time and effort is going into making this an event that should not be missed. Industry groups are coming onboard and will have displays and information on their products and equipment for all those attending. The finalising of key note speakers is taking place as this is being put together, be sure to keep an eye on both the TEAM APP and FACEBOOK for registration and detailed speaker lists. Accommodation is available directly through Bankstown Sports with competitive rates and allows you to stay where the event is being held. Sadly, we have been unable to organise any special rates due to operational changes at the hotel.

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Yours truly,  
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# All the action from State Champs at South Tamworth

*With Ben Morthorpe*



*Pictured: South Tamworth Bowling Club in the New England region was the host for the NSW BGA State Championship Week 2022.*

WE were back at South Tamworth for the 2nd year of the NSW Bowling Greenkeepers Championships held from Monday May 2nd through until Thursday 5th May. Sunday afternoon again proved the meeting time for the majority of the Greenkeepers to catch up. Unfortunately, some familiar faces were missing, but we had a lot of new faces come for their first time and I'm sure not their last. With the sun shining and the greens running a kind 16 seconds, the round of 16 pairs had begun on the Monday. The standard of the greens was fantastic, and credit must go to State President Michael Woods and Craig Graham as the host greenkeepers.

## **NSWBGA STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Once the dust had settled after 2 games, we were now down to our Semi-final match ups these included:

- Damien Miller/Wade Turner v Blayne

Cook/Aaron Appleby

- Luke Wade/Adam Troth v Mitch McDonnell/Hemi Palmer

So, the scene was set for the semi-final stage Miller/Turner v Cook/Appleby & McDonnell/Palmer v Wade/Troth. With Mother Nature providing us with the beautiful sunshine, our President had the greens running true, level and timed at 17 seconds which made for some fantastic heads. The Turner v Appleby was a very tight battle with scores locking at 5 all, 12 all and 15 all, until Damo and Poppy picked up a 4 on the 17th end to sneak away with a 22-15 win.

In the other game of Troth v Palmer started off a little different with the pairing of Wade & Troth winning the first 9 ends to jump out to a 16-0 lead. McDonnell & Palmer tried to fight back but the consistency of Luke Wade up front was too much with a win of 21-7.

The Final was played on Thursday 5th, after receiving a light downfall of rain, the amazing surfaces at South Tamworth were still running 15 seconds, this game could of gone t either way with the lead changing several times over the first 7 ends until Wade & Troth scoring a 6,2,3 and 1 on consecutive to jump out to a 18-7 lead. After 13 ends and the score of 20-7 Troth, most people thought the game was over, except for the pairing of Miller/Turner who dug deep wining the next 6 ends to make it 20-19 with two ends to go.

With the crowd now on the edge of their seats and the heads tighter then Simon Cooper's shirts, the 2nd last end changed multiple times until Troth's last bowl changed the head from 3 down to 1 up. This gave the pair a 2-shot lead going into the last end.

The last end saw some great opening bowls from both Wade & Miller and the skippers both needing to change the head in their favour. After the leads played their 4th bowls, the jack had been moved out to the boundary peg where the pairing of Miller/Wade held two shots which gave them a draw and extra end. With the green taking plenty of grass, troth narrowly missed drawing the shot, this gave Turner the chance to draw another shot to hold the win and put the pressure on Troth to save the game. After much discussion, Troth decided to go for a draw shot to either cut the count back to 1 or get the shot, with the Troth bowl on its way and the crowd watching closely the bowl unfortunately slipped past just missing out on 3rd shot which meant the pairing of Miller & Turner had snuck home for the win and was the 2022 state pairs champions.

**Final Result-** Damien Miller & Wade Turner 22  
(pictured top right) Luke Wade & Adam Troth 21

### PLATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

After round 2 results all unsuccessful players go into the plate pairs with names drawn out of the hat for combinations and played under 2 sets of 7 ends plus 1 end tiebreaker if necessary.

After 2 rounds the final was between Barry Wilkinson & Steve Britt vs Adam Webb & Clayton Rogers and in another entertaining final the experienced pairing of Wilko & Britt proved too strong.

**Final Result - Barry Wilkinson & Steve Britt 2 sets Adam Webb & Clayton Rogers 0**



## NSWBGA STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

On Tuesday it was Singles time and again we witnessed two Rounds to kick off day 2 of the tournament with some mouth-watering early round match ups, we were down to our last 8 quarter finalists. Quarter final match ups featured the following:

Luke Wade vs Adam Troth  
Ben Morthorpe vs Lee Johnson  
Gavin Speers vs Aaron Appleby  
Adam Webb vs Peter Watts

Morthorpe vs Johnson was live streamed with Lee having the better of the early stages before Ben fought back but wasn't enough as Lee finished strong winning 25-21 ending the dominance Ben has held on this event over the last 3 years.

Wade vs Troth game saw a tight tussle early until Troth running away from his long-time pairs partner victorious 25-16.

Speers vs Appleby game saw Speers jumping out to a 9-1 lead which proved to strong for Appleby fight back eventually winning 25-15. Webb vs Watts saw a back-and-forth tussle with the lead changing multiple times until Webb got the better of Watts winning 25-20.

Semi-final 1 saw Troth v Johnson. Troth jumped out to an 8-1 lead and never looked back playing some fantastic bowls to win 25-2. Semi Final 2 saw Speers v Webb. With early pressure from Speers, he jumped out to an early lead and continued the pressure winning 25-12.

So, the stage was set for the Singles final with Adam Troth going for his second title and Gavin Speers going for his first title (*pictured top*).

As per many games during the week, the large spectator group were expecting nothing but a classic final and the boys didn't let them down. Troth jumped out to an early lead of 12-4 until Speers fought back to be 15-11 down, but the consistency of Adams first two bowls kept the pressure on and eventually ran away with the win which made Adam Troth the 2022 state singles championship, his second Singles championship .

**Final Result: Adam Troth 25 Gavin Speers 14.**

*Pictured right: Singles Champion Adam Troth.*







*Pictured: The NSWBGA Greenies vs the hosts, South Tamworth Bowling Club played the President's Challenge with the Greenies coming out on top.*

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**Live Stream**

Reminder both finals can be viewed on our FB page NSW Bowling Greenkeepers Association, special thanks to Rodney Crean that did a lot of work behind the scenes to get the livestream action up and running and our fantastic commentary duo of Gosper and Watts for giving their insight.



**President’s Challenge Greenies vs Hosts**  
 With the annual Presidents challenge v Host played on Wednesday afternoon, the challenge saw 6 rinks of fours (24 players). With the Greenies Selector (President Wood) saw the Greenies too strong for the local South Tamworth side.



The Greenies won 4 rinks to 2 with a masterboard score 96-59. A special mention to Kel Cartledge who picked up a 7 on her rink, but it was the birthday girl herself who missed out on making the 8.



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## Invitation to attend



### **Registration now open for NSWBGA State Conference 2022**

On behalf of the Committee for the NSW Bowling Greenkeepers' Association (NSWBGA), I invite you to attend our State Conference on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August 2022. After two years of disruption in our industry (and everything else) due to Covid-19 it will be great to get together face to face for this important industry event. We are delighted to return to Bankstown Sports Club and we are looking forward to another large attendance from greenkeepers and industry specialists from across NSW and interstate.

It's always important to continue professional development and keep up to date with the latest industry developments - and the Conference is a great opportunity for all greenkeepers and industry professionals at all stages of their career. This year we will learn about new products and enjoy presentations from all of our Gold Sponsors. We are also pleased to be talking ground pearl, the latest from TAFE and even turf podcasts. We will also have an important focus on well-being and health, with the program featuring presentations from Cancer Council NSW, Check Your Tackle and former NRL star, well-being coach Dave Shillington.

You can also learn about the latest products and services available through the sponsors' trade display. Of course, the conference is also a great opportunity to catch up with your fellow greenkeepers and industry peers from across NSW. Thank you to all of our sponsors, and especially our Gold Sponsors Living Turf, Turfcare Australia, PJC Sportsturf, Turf Culture, Syngenta Australia and Elite Sand & Soil. You can see all of our supportive 2022 sponsors online at [nswbga.com.au](http://nswbga.com.au).

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**Michael Woods**  
President, NSWBGA

## Conference Details

### Dates

The Conference is being held on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

### Venue

The Conference Venue is Bankstown Sports, located at 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown NSW 2200

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# NSWBGA State Conference Program 2022

## August 22-23, Bankstown Sports Club



Day One: Monday 22nd August		Day Two: Tuesday 23rd August	
9.00am	<b>Conference Opening - Michael Woods</b> , President, NSWBGA	9.00am	Welcome to Day Two  <b>Turfcare Australia</b> Sponsor Presentation
9.15am	Annual General Meeting of the NSWBGA	9.30am	<b>Wayne Earl, Check Your Tackle</b> <i>Health and well-being session</i>
9.40am	<b>PJC Sportsturf</b> , Gold Sponsor Presentation	10.00am	<b>Graeme Brown</b> , Greenkeeper of the Year 2019, Yamba Bowling Club
10.15am	<i>Morning Tea &amp; Trade Display</i>	10.30am	<i>Morning Tea &amp; Trade Display</i>
10.45am	<b>Gary W. Beehag</b> , Patch disease	11.00am	<b>Anthony Young</b> , University of Queensland, <i>Ground pearl</i>
11.15am	<b>Turf Culture</b> Gold Sponsor Presentation	12.00pm	<b>Elite Sand &amp; Soil</b> , Gold Sponsor Presentation
11.45am	<b>Ally Hamer</b> , Cancer Council NSW, <i>Skin cancer prevention</i>	12.30pm	Open Foun, Lucky Door Prize and Close of Conference
12.20pm	<i>Lunch &amp; Trade Display</i>		
1.15pm	<b>Dave Shillington</b> , Well-being code, <i>Health and well-being session</i>		
2.15am	<b>Nadeem Zreikat</b> , <i>Industry Podcasts and Turf Links</i>		
2.45pm	<b>Living Turf</b> , Gold Sponsor Presentation and <i>Living Turf Greenkeeper of the Year 2022</i>		
3.15pm	<b>Dave Little</b> , TAFE NSW		
3.45pm	<b>Syngenta Australia</b> , Gold Sponsor Presentation		
4.15pm	Close of Day One		

*\*Program is correct at time of printing, but may be subject to change.*

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Monday 22nd August 2022 at Bankstown Sports at 9.15am

1. All notices of motion must be in the hands of the Hon Secretary prior to the meeting.
2. Nominees for any position on the State Executive must complete the nomination form fully, and these must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the annual meeting.
3. The executive recommend that membership fees remain the same.
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## Mid North Coast with Anthony Minihan

After what was arguably one of the more difficult Summer/Autumn periods we have experienced, we have been blessed with relatively clear skies and cool temperatures. The greens have accordingly gone quite dormant and after months of slow greens nice to get a bit of pace back. Thankfully we didn't get belted quite as much as the Northern Rivers clubs and our thoughts are with our brother greenkeepers.

We recently held our AGM at Stuarts Point where Dave Croad was returned as President, Gary Witte and Dave Waters Vice Presidents, Nigel Perry Treasurer and Anthony Minihan Secretary and Publicity Officer.

At the meeting it was determined Dave Waters would host our annual Greenkeepers bowls day this year, date to be clarified. Hopefully this will be well supported as it is our primary fundraiser. Stuarts Point greens presented beautifully on the day of our meeting and Dave reports no problems at the moment despite the wear and tear from playing on wet greens.

As expected, after more than a metre of rain so far this year and dramatically reduced sunlight hours moss and algae are prevalent in a lot of greens. Certainly if the wet pattern continued past the end of May things would have got ugly pretty quickly. Unfortunately as I write this up a wet spell is developing again!

Both Hat Head and Taree Leagues greens (amongst others) have persistent ERI problems and Dave and Anthony have decided to regrass one of their greens each respectively. They are going to fumigate with Basamid or similar and continue to investigate most effective use of this product.

Craig Hayfield has finished up at Kempsey RSL and the position is yet to be filled. Craig has left the club and greens in prime condition and is a big loss to the Greenkeeping industry.

Gary Witte continues to recover from hip surgery and leg injury but is keen to get back on the greens. He is being covered by Beau Lavender in his absence. Gary has acquired a topdressing machine generously from Shannon White of Forster BC and reports it is being restored at the moment.

Shannon continues to produce great greens at Forster under pressure of a very busy program. Nigel Perry also has had a full bowls program at Port City BC and reports his new green has flattened out nicely after total reconstruction in the summer just past. Shade issues on his middle green continue to test him.

Mid North Coast members are looking forward to conference in August and to catch up with mates.



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## Report from Rod Crean, Assistant Secretary

After the worst season I can remember and with so many of our members struggling through floods etc how good was it to get away for championship week in Tamworth. MOST were even lucky enough to enjoy a full week without any more flooding. For those that couldn't attend you were greatly missed, and we look forward to seeing everyone at conference and next year's Federation on the Gold Coast.

South Tamworth Bowling Club and our President Mick Woods were fantastic hosts and again congratulations Woodsy on some brilliant surfaces. Also, a big thank you to everyone who supported the bowls raffle and final 8 draw, with the bowls going to a deserving winner in Webby, legend.

Live streaming of the championships was a bit of fun and I'd just like to thank Nick Hancott for his help with setting up and Peter Watts and Martin Gosper for their entertaining commentary.

This year we also saw some amazing support from some of our member's clubs, this was fantastic and acts as a reminder to you all to get involved and don't be scared to ask your clubs for support when it comes to Association events.



Our year runs from 1st of May 2022 to 30th April 2023, so memberships are due. Easiest way to renew is on Stack Team app, download the app through App Store or google play store and search NSW Bowling Greenkeepers. You will find memberships in the store along with info on upcoming events through the app.

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# Financial Statements 2021/22

## New South Wales Bowling Greenkeepers' Association Statement of Income and Expenditure For 12 months to the 30th April 2022

	2021	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	1,117.19	2,243.27
Greenkeeper of the Year		
Donations/Sponsorship	1,500.00	31.87
Interest Earned	65.05	2,650.00
Uniform Sales		1,217.10
Championship Week	4,675.10	
Federation Week		
Conference		
Unidentified Income	669.85	269.37
Profit (Loss) Magazine	-	-
<b>6,687.49</b>		<b>5,872.87</b>

	2021	2022
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing Stationery & Advertising	485.33	470.21
Telephone/Internet	700.00	1,175.99
Travel Expense		
Postage	5.50	277.00
Bank Charges	164.00	194.71
Room Hire		
Floral Tribute	195.00	409.80
Administration Costs	6,701.00	6,188.00
Membership Cards		
Greenkeeper of the Year		
Championship, Trophies/Prize Money		55.00
Conference Expenses		
Federation Uniforms		
Uniforms	20.00	1,577.00
Apprentice Award		
Depreciation		
<b>8,270.83</b>		<b>10,347.71</b>
<b>6,687.49</b>		<b>5,872.87</b>
<b>1,583.34</b>		<b>-4,474.84</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 1st May 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Current Assets</b>		
ANZ Bank	683.58	7,446.54
Welfare Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stock	3,015.00	1,688.00
Magazine Debtor	1,622.50	717.50
Investments	16,602.91	16,602.91
Cash on Hand	341.29	285.17
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>23,265.28</b>	<b>27,740.12</b>

## Non-Current Assets

Computer		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>23,265.28</b>	<b>27,740.12</b>

## Less Liabilities

Welfare Fund	2,123.24	2,123.24
Reimburse Petty Cash		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,123.24</b>	<b>2,123.24</b>

## **Total Assets over Liabilities**

<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Balance 1st May 2021	25,616.88	27,200.22
Less/Plus 2022 Gain/Loss	-4,474.84	-1,583.34
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>21,142.04</b>	<b>25,616.88</b>

# Memberships

## **NSWBGA memberships are now due for the year 2022/23**

You can now pay your membership by downloading the 'Team' app, searching for NSW Bowling Greenkeepers Association and creating an account.



If you do not wish to use this option, please **fill out the form online at [nswbga.com.au](http://nswbga.com.au)** or email contact Rod Crean for assistance with the App on 0408 670 372.

You can also email this form to [nswbga@gmail.com](mailto:nswbga@gmail.com) or post to:  
NSWBGA PO Box 791 ASHFIELD NSW 1800

### **NSWBGA MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name:

Club:

Postal address (if new):

Email address:

Phone:

#### **Membership Type**

- Full Member (\$50)
- Apprentice 1st-2nd year (\$15)
- Apprentice - 3rd-4th year (\$20)
- Associate Member (\$20)



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