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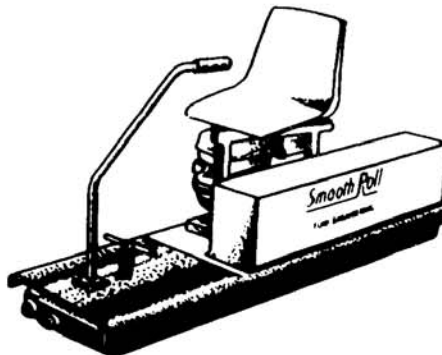


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President's Report by Wade Turner



It is with much sadness that I present my last President's report. I am resigning the President's position of the NSWBGA due to personal issues.

I would like to thank those who have assisted and guided me through my term as President. A special mention must be made to Tony Apthorpe and Simon Cooper. Thank you.

Moving on, our Association cannot prosper without a hard working executive. To this I thank all who have given of their time and effort to do this.

I would like to thank John Flaherty for his outstanding efforts in both the secretary and editors role. Well done John.

I would like to thank Mark McDonnell for his time and effort in the role of Treasurer and then Brent McCristal for taking this role on after Mark's resignation. Also I would like to thank Andy Rodger for his role in memberships and Michael Woods in offering his expertise in maintaining and updating our website. To all other executives thank you.

Once again the State Championship week was held at Port City Bowling Club in May 2013. My congratulations to the winners and runners up, and to the rest of us we will have to wait until 2015 for redemption. The Legends day was held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club in July 2012 and was well supported, and the result was the one we wanted. Victory to the Turf Craftsmen!!

Thank you to Shannon White our unflappable Bowls Co-ordinator for the organisation and running of these events.

The NSW Bowling Conference once again has been well supported. I am sure everyone will find the technical component and then networking with sponsors, fellow greenkeepers from the city, country and interstate very beneficial to themselves and their organisations.

To the sponsors who have supported our conference, thank you. Without your valued support these events would not occur. A big thank you must also go to the Conference organising committee for their efforts in organising the conference. I would like to thank Living Turf, Maxwell & Kemp and Turfcare (NSW) for their valued support of our industry awards. This is greatly appreciated and valued by all who have been successful in gaining recognition.

I would also like to thank all our magazine sponsors whose support is greatly appreciated by all our members. The last 12 months have been very busy behind the scenes. I would like to congratulate John Flaherty on receiving the Living Turf Greenkeeper of the Year 2012. Well done John.

There has been untiring efforts by our representatives on the National Education Committee in getting what industry wants in the National Turf Curriculum.

There has been the upheaval in the Turf Industry with the alleged use of unregistered turf products. It is in everyone's interest to get their own house in order. I am sure that after the conference everybody will be more aware of what their own and clubs responsibilities are.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer our thoughts to any member who may have lost a loved one during the year.

NSWBGA is hosting Federation Week in 2014. Canberra has been selected as the venue and early May as the time. I encourage everyone who hasn't been to our nation's capital come along and enjoy the wonderful hospitality, sights and of course bowling greens.

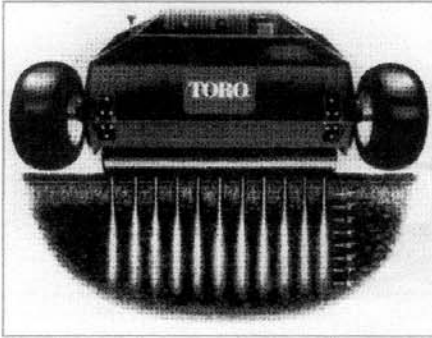
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Secretary's Report by John Flaherty

Well with a very successful State Championship week done and dusted for another year, our sights are now turned towards the State Conference to be held at the Newcastle Harness Racing Club on the 17th & 18th June.

We have managed to attract some high quality speakers for this year's conference and I am sure for those attending you will find it very informative.

I would like to thank all of the sponsors who continue to support our Association, whether it be advertising in our magazine, supporting the conference or industry awards it is very much appreciated.

After Adelaide turned on such a great Federation in 2011, the NSWBGA is very happy to announce the ACT as the venue for the 2014 Federation week, the dates are yet to be finalised but early May is the most likely. It's a great chance to catch up with the other states and we look forward to another great week in 2014.

I would like to thank all of the Executive and Committee for their support over the last 12 months, it isn't an easy job keeping up to date with everything going on within our industry so to have people willing to put in their time and effort and have a go makes life a lot easier.

As most of you are aware Wade Turner has unfortunately resigned as our President. Wade leaves his role with the Association in great order; his professional approach to everything he does encourages all of us to strive to achieve the best possible results for our Association. We thank Wade for his efforts and wish him well. We look forward to him helping with the organisation of Federation Week!! (We're not letting him off that easy).

Our magazine is in great shape, we have had some very informative articles of late and any contribution for ideas is very much appreciated.

I would finally like to thank my wife Lauren for all of her assistance in helping with getting the magazine to print every edition and on time!

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ON THE GRASS with Matt Keough

Here we are, right in the middle of winter now, paint brush in hand, looking at those wet greens getting flogged and waiting for the westerly's in August to dry them back.

Straight from the silly comments fill, Mad Mark had one of his lovely lady bowlers come up to him on a Sunday morning and ask which direction play would be today, to which he replied north south, her informed response was "Oh good, the greens are quicker that way, which why is north south again?" no wonder we drink. Seriously!

Has anyone else out there got a government grant lately? I have been on the lucky end of a few grants over the years; some of them have been fairly easy to obtain others we have had to jump through hoops to get. The most important factor in any of them has been engaging the Local state or Federal Member of Parliament. Get them on board and the wheels tend to be greased a bit easier.

The most recent grant I have been involved in was this year. We gained a grant from the Community Development Grants, this is a direct grant from the local member to community based organisations to get stuff built.

Things that come into it are resurfacing greens, erection of shades, lighting toilets and amenity blokes. This grant is on offer every year. We are using it to lay some pathways and erect shades around all greens.

The process for this grant is fairly simple, it's done all online and you need to engage the local state member, give them a brief outline of the benefits of the project for the greater community, more buttering of the state member, get together some well priced quotes and then finally offer the local state member a free meal and some well priced drinks or as we did the Patron of the club.

Unlike the Department of Sport and Rec grants, where you need to fund half the project yourself, you can use the money to fully fund your project.

It is worth the hassle of getting involved for these grants, they are going to give the money to someone. Why not get your club to check it out? They even have websites set up to make it easier to find them. The Federal Government site is grants.myregion.gov.au; you can go through this site to search available grants for NSW then there is the old Department of Sport and Rec grants that are open year from their website. Email me at feematt@primus.com.au or call me on 0411301570 for a chat.

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Bowls Report by Shannon White

With Federation spots on the line for 2014 we had much improved numbers at our annual Greenkeeper Championship week held at Port City Bowling Club from the 20th- 25th of May.

The singles was first up this year with 39 players in the field with some tough match ups early that saw last year's finalists Jason Aursich and Brent Norman both bow out. The quarter finals saw some cracking games with new comer Daniel Farrell def Luke Wade, Ray Cooper def Brian Anderson, Peter Watts def Garry Witte and Shannon White def Mark Bateman.



Semi finals saw Ray's experience rising to the top defeating Daniel with some quick draw draw shots. The other semi saw Wattsy up against Shannon with a tit for tat battle seeing Shannon come out on top. The final was played in dismal conditions on the Thursday with the players coming off for rain delays throughout the game. Shannon finally got the better of Ray winning the final 31-19.

The pairs event is always a sort after title and again saw last year's finalists bowing out in the first round. Quarter finals saw a tough late night battle with Kevin Bowcock/Brian Anderson def Nick Hancott/Dennis Boxcell in a close one. Luke Wade/Adam Troth won well over Jason Aurisch/Marty Gosper despite dropping an 8, John Baker/Ray Cooper snuck past Tony Morgan/Patrick Nichols and Daniel Ryan/Paul Webb def locals Nigel Perry/Jason Stout.

With dark clouds moving in on the Wednesday afternoon and Thursday looking very bleak we managed to get the Semi finals in with plenty of rain interruptions with both games coming down to the last end with Wade/Troth def Bowcock/Anderson and first timers Ryan/Webb def Baker/Cooper.

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The final of the pairs was also plagued by rain with the game taking some 6 hours to play. This was also a nail biter which saw Ryan/Webb needing three on the last end and just missing which saw Luke Wade and Adam Troth crowned this year's winners.

I would like thank Port City Bowling Club and their staff especially Nigel and Charlie who should be commended on the job they do for the club which helps make the week such a success.

To all the members who helped with the everyday running of the week organising lunches and umpires your support is very much appreciated.

Finally thank you to all the Greenies who supported the week, it's great to see such great support and I look forward to catching up with you all at Legends Day. If you are yet to notify me of your availability please do so ASAP.

Thanks again

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1000.00	Greenkeeper of the Year	1000.00
1556.00	Interest	1053.23
30.00	Donation	-
432.00	Cash	-
-	Sponsorship	850.00
-	Uniform Sales Profit	83.00
Total Income		6526.23
2012	Expenditure	2013
(4333.73)	(Profit) Loss Magazine	(5736.02)
607.34	Printing Stationery & Advertising	322.92
1623.12	Telephone	936.19
3327.90	Travel Expenses	2238.44
309.75	Postage	330.00
215.20	Bank Charges	367.97
600.00	Award Apprentice	0
500.00	Presidents Expenses	0
625.00	Room Hire	750.00
810.00	Storage	810.00
100.00	Floral Tribute	-
4900.00	Administration Costs	5400.00
1000.00	Greenkeeper of the Year	-
75.00	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	-
366.00	Championship Trophies Etc	1730.9
(408.507)	Members Benefit – Uniforms	(867.00)
183.50	Presentations	100.00
800.00	4 Way Entry Fee	0
-	Championship Week	560.90
-	Depreciation	1105.00
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Total Income		6523.33
Total Expenditure		9783.30
Loss for the year		3257.07

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Assets	
Cash on hand	114.00
ANZ Bank	9056.32
Investments	37519.91
Welfare Fund	1000.00
Stock	8475.80
Magazine Debtor	2172.50
Total Assets	58368.53
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Printing	5600.00
Federation Week	3300
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Total Assets over Liabilities	27947.95
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2013 Singles Winner Shannon White



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by Mark Dagwell

Four ACT Greenkeepers attended the State week at Port Macquarie with results favouring the opposition more than our guys. Our only success was Mark Dagwell and Anthony Maher making the final in the Plate Pairs, a very UNLUCKY 8 was the difference between the two sides. A great week was had by those who attended. The ACT squad would like to thank the NSWBGA committee for a job well done.

Locally, a Greenkeepers bowls day was held on the 3rd May at Queanbeyan Bowling Club with 60 plus bowlers in attendance. The day was proudly sponsored by Living Turf. The winners for the day were Sean Kiddey, Mark Dagwell and Peter Daley. Well done to Wade, Danny, and Tommy for hosting the event and producing great greens.

ACT Greenkeepers have been experiencing a very dry Autumn with around 20mm of rain for the 3 months and above average temperatures. As we head into the winter months the roller doors stay down with the heaters cranked to max until September. All Bowling greens have now gone into dormancy.

At our last ACTBGA meeting it was proposed that the 2014 Federation Week be held in ACT in early May pending approval from NSWBGA.

Northern Rivers Greenkeepers by Joshua Ryan

It is great to see the sun back out after what has felt like an eternity of wet weather. With the cooler weather starting to creep in, things appear to be slowing down.

We had a Greenkeepers Day on the 19th March at the Nimbin Bowling Club. A great day was had by all with the Ballina Cherry Street boys taking out 1st and 2nd place. Congratulations to Ray Nugent and his volunteers for a wonderful day.

All the best to the guys heading down to Championship Week in Port Macquarie. I'm sure it will be a fantastic week. Travel safe.

I would again like to wish a speedy recovery to those of us not doing so well. We hope you make a full recovery and can't wait to see you back on the greens.

With most clubs having wrapped up there renovations I hope all went well. Good luck in the coming months as we prepare for winter. All the best.

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Mid North Coast Report By Danny Knight

I should be reporting this month on what a great time I had at the bowls week in Port Macquarie.

I should, but I can't because Doofus here (my fault) told my wife last year that late May would be a good time to book a week family holiday up at the Whitsundays. It was a beautiful, much-needed holiday but was unfortunately on the exact week of Port Macquarie.

Just to rub a bit more salt in, our 2's pennant side that I play in, had our zone playoff date changed and I missed that as well and received the news they got beaten. Oh well. At least we had three representatives at Port who enjoyed the week, although being so close by, those numbers were a little disappointing.

With the conference at Newcastle coming up and next year's Federation Week in Canberra, we need to get as many numbers as possible to make these events attractive to our much needed sponsors.

Urunga will be hosting this years Mid North Coast Greenkeepers Bowls Carnival on Monday 12th August. These are always good days and we invite any greenkeepers who would like to come along for a catch up. You can ring Dave Waters 0422 855 541 or myself on 0408 240 682 as early as possible to give us a chance to fit you in a team. We really encourage past greenkeepers to come along and those who have been through unfortunate dealings such as being replaced by plastic greens. We can lend a sympathetic ear or a few laughs.

Cooler weather should be a sign of clear skies so let's pray that is the case this winter.

Cheers
Danny Knight



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This report is a bit different to the usual as a lot of it is about me, and to say thank you to everyone.

On the 8th May, I had a cardiac arrest and a heart attack, while playing touch football. My heart stopped and so did I, no warning or pain or recollection.

The ambulance arrived in 12-13 minutes and I was shocked back into rhythm and life, with the help of adrenalin. Before the ambulance arrived four fellow players, gave me continuous CPR and mouth to mouth. I cannot thank them enough.

I had an angiogram and a stent put into my blocked artery that night, and have been told by many I am very lucky to still be here today. I have another blockage to be cleared and that will be happening late June. I expect to be back to my normal self, annoying everyone once again in July.

Something like this certainly makes one realise how dear, family and friends are, and makes one look at life a little differently. The Greenkeeping family is one of a kind, and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has sent me get well messages, phone calls, cards and visited. I really appreciate it.

If anyone has the opportunity to undergo CPR training, please do it, as it can save someone, as I have proved. I would like to thank Rob and all the staff at Living Turf for their support and well wishes.

A Sales Representative job must have a dangerous aspect as Simon Cooper has also been in ill health. I wish Simon a speedy recovery and my best wishes to all his girls.

Congratulations to the finalists in the recent Championships at Port Macquarie and I have been told it was a very successful week. I hope the upcoming Seminar at Newcastle is as informative, enjoyable and a big success as in previous years. Once again thank you to everyone who supported me, I will be talking to you all very soon.

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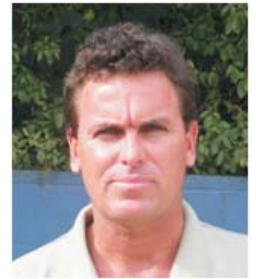
At the time of writing this report, June 3, couch has well and truly gone into dormancy. Most greens have had quite a difficult time with some very wet weather over the past week. Greens are wet, plenty of wear and under terrible disease pressure. Along with these problems and Poa has started to germinate.

Monument is the obvious answer for Poa control. Always remember to add a non-ionic surfactant. This will give a 20% better efficacy of the chemical.

There are a number of other strategies to help in the management of greens during this difficult period. One strategy which may not have been used in the past is the application of a soil penetrant such as Dispatch, to help reduce pooling of surface water etc. in times of wet weather. Dispatch is a patented technology which maximises irrigation and water efficiency.

The other point worth mentioning is the closure of Turftec. Turftec was once a substantial supplier to the bowling green industry. This will create a substantial hole in the industry. The alternative to Turftec Rollers will be the Smooth Roll. All parts will be available from your local Globe representative.

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Good to see Ballina Bowls Club ripping their synthetic green up and replacing it with Tiff Dwarf grass. Ballina Green Keeper Michael Anderson replanted late May with outstanding results so far.

Gold Coast Greenkeepers held a successful bowls day at Mudgeeraba in May, with the association organising a tour of Metricon Stadium before bowls that all enjoyed. The next bowls day in June will be held at Brian Marshall's Beaudesert Bowls Club.

Brisbane and Sunshine Coast clubs are hoping for drier weather into June, July and August as the lead up into winter has been relatively wet and overcast so far.

Noosa Heads Greenkeeper Ross Ward mentioned that the club will be gone in May 2015, with Coles who own the land, subdividing the property and building shops. Where Noosa Heads BC goes to from here is still up in the air.

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Awards and Wages Update

The new award name is: **Registered and Licensed Club Award 2012.**

The following wages apply from 1st July 2012:

Turfcraftsman	Wage	Hourly rate
Level 1	\$648.00	\$17.05
Level 2	\$670.20	\$17.64
Level 3	\$706.10	\$18.58
Level 4	\$750.40	\$23.59
Management/Level 1	\$823.30	\$21.67
Management/Level 2	\$896.40	\$23.59
Apprentice		
1st year	\$356.40	
2nd year	\$421.20	
3rd year	\$518.40	
4th year	\$615.60	

More information, including a list of Modern Awards, is available on the Fair Work Australia website at www.fwa.gov.au or the Fair Work Australia Ombudsman at www.fairwork.gov.au.

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Frequently Asked Questions: Awards & Pay Rates

What can I do if my take-home pay is lower than the modern award?

You can't have your take-home pay reduced as a result of the commencement of the new Fair Work System. Modern awards commenced on 1 January 2010, along with the new National Employment Standards. The commencement of these new entitlements is not intended to result in employees receiving a pay cut. If you believe your take-home pay has been cut, you can apply to Fair Work Australia to make a 'take home pay order'.

What is a take-home pay order?

A take-home pay order can preserve your existing rates of pay while you remain in the same job. It can apply to wages and allowances, as well as incentive based payments and overtime. An order can apply to an individual or a class of employees or outworkers who are in a similar position.

A take-home pay order can be made if:

- A modern award applies to the employee or employees, and
- The employee or employees are in the same job as they were before the modern award commenced, and
- The amount of the employees' take-home pay for working the same sort of hours or the same sort of work has been reduced, and
- This reduction in take-home pay has occurred because of the commencement of the modern award.

Who can apply for a take-home pay order?

You or your union can apply to Fair Work Australia for a take-home pay order. In addition, a person acting on your behalf or on behalf of a class of employees may apply. An application for a take-home pay order can also be made by an organisation representing outworkers on behalf of those outworkers.



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