# Belrose Bowling Club
# Sixty Diamond Years
# 1953 – 2013

Congratulations Belrose
on 60 wonderful years.

Mike Gibb

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# Acknowledgements

This book is dedicated to all Members, both past and present who have made contributions in support of the continuing growth of the Belrose Bowling Club. Their support over those many years has resulted in making this wonderful Club what it is today.

Twelve months ago, Andy Little, President of the Men's Bowling Club asked me if I would be interested in putting together a publication which would document the sixty year history of the Club. A task at the time thought to be easy but proven to be not so. In my endeavour to make the reading more enjoyable, the book has included in its one hundred and ninety four pages some interesting occurrences and funny stories, as well as historical dates and the progressive development of the Club during those sixty years. Many members achievements have been recognised in both script and pictorially, but in attesting for the Club's sixty year history there would be some who have been inadvertently left out, for this I sincerely apologise. There will also be some gaps in the pictorial presentations as many photographs were unable to be located.

I wish to thank all those whom I have driven mad with requests for documentation and the identification of early photographs over the past ten months. Those requests, taxing as they were on ones memory, proved to be extremely important in the compilation of the Club's history. Apologies are in order to those who had problems in remembering some specific occurrences and dates, I can assure you it is not a sign of Alzheimer's as I explained, even though we are all members of a Bowling Club. Time does have that effect on ones memory.

My sincere gratitude goes to all those who helped me compile what I believe is the most comprehensive account of the Club's history that can be found in one document. It would also be remiss of me not to mention Andy & Angela Little, Pat & Neil Mills, Kevin Toovey, Joe Saragozza, Crawford Linton, Geoff Williams, Fred Leane, John Coster, Frank Tickle and his son David, and Bob Dudley for their assistance and contributions. I also wish to acknowledge The Manly Daily, Bowls NSW and Bowls Australia Inc. for information provided from their bowls articles and Web Sites.

Like all enjoyable times, I am disappointed my venture into our Club's history has come to finality. I hope those who in the future decide to make a similar contribution to our wonderful Club, receive as much satisfaction as I have.

Mike Gibb
2013

## *PROLOGUE*

*T**he 60th Anniversary of the Belrose Bowling Club LTD is celebrated in 2013. It is the researcher's intent to reproduce in more detail much of a previous editions account of the Club's historical beginnings using additional information and archive photos recently uncovered. The unprecedented success of the Men's and Women's Pennant bowling achievements, and the financial success of the Club Limited over the past 12 years have also been justifiably and unashamedly recognised in this publication.***

*The Belrose Bowling Club is truly fortunate to have had many members, both men and women who have acted in honorary capacities over those 60 years. This publication also attempts to give those administrators due recognition. The past 20 years has seen significant structural changes and renovations to the Clubhouse, adding to the ambience of our wonderful establishment. The Club's financial success over the past 12 years has both complimented and carried on the work of past committees starting in 1953. The support of the Men's and Women's Bowling Club's, the Snooker, Golf, Touring Bowlers and Country Music Club's, has been greatly appreciated by the Club Limited. The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge their contributions. They have made Belrose one of the most successful Bowling Club's within NSW.*

*It is important to remember, a Club can only be successful with the support of its core membership base. Belrose is very fortunate to have a strong and active social and bowling membership who between them continue to demonstrate their loyalty. Without this, the Club could not sustain the level of benefits provided through food and bar outlets and the many generous sporting subsidies.*

*Many local community and sporting organisations have also continued to receive strong support over the Club's 60 year history. The Belrose Bowling Club can be very proud of its community achievements. While many Bowling Club's continue to struggle in these difficult times, members should indeed be honoured to have ownership of this extremely successful Registered Club.*

# BOWLS - THE BEGINNING

Who has not heard of the 1588 game supposed to have been going on while the Spanish Armada was beating up the English Channel? When attending any bowls function, one is almost sure to hear a reference to Sir Francis Drake. It is claimed by some that Drake when he received the message that the Spaniards were coming, made a reply to the effect:-



**"Armada in Sight" - John Seymour Lucas**

"There is time enough to finish our game and to fight the Spaniards afterwards, the following game is the game and not the meeting one". It is argued Drake may well have realised that some time must elapse before the seamen could be rounded up and other preliminary preparations completed. He would have a good idea when the enemy might arrive. There is a lack of evidence to confirm Drake's game on that day, with the records of the City of Plymouth containing nothing to confirm the story. While there may be no formal record of the game and good reasons could be suggested why Drake would not delay, all lawn bowlers should be forever grateful bowls had such a player all those many years ago. This account or story, whatever you believe is now synonymous with our game.

When celebrating the Club's 60 year history, it is appropriate to put into context the beginning and progress of this wonderful game in Australia. The first recorded game of lawn bowls played within Australia was at the rear of the Beach Tavern in Sandy Bay Tasmania in 1845, and the first bowling Club established in 1846 was alongside the Bowling Green Hotel, Sandy Beach. It closed in 1853. In 1867 Victoria adopted the first set of Laws governing interclub matches.



The Woolpack Bowls Club (NSW), which subsequently became Parramatta Bowls Club was formed in 1870. It closed in 1886. The first match between Colonies, States, Dominions or Countries was in 1880 between NSW and Victoria, played at Kentville NSW. In 1954, one year after the formation of the Belrose Bowling Club, the NSW Bowling Association was granted title of "ROYAL".

Information researched for this article was in part obtained from the Bowls Australia Inc. web site and a brochure published by Bowling Club Advertising Newcastle.

# *FOREWORD*

On the 18th May 2013 the Belrose Bowling Club celebrated its 60th Birthday. This date is generally accepted as the date of the Club's formation as it is when the first formal meeting was held. The idea of establishing a Bowling Club was initially discussed at a meeting in the Dockers Hotel Chatswood some time before. On the 30th April 1953, a public meeting was held at St Stephens Church Hall Belrose to organise the first formal meeting which subsequently occurred on the 18th May 1953, the considered anniversary date. There were twenty seven (27) men in attendance and applying for membership. The meeting was Chaired by Bob Free and the Articles of the North Manly Bowling Club were essentially adopted. It was decided to elect joint Secretaries for the first year, these being Bob Free and Edgar McIntosh. Owing to a lack of nominations for the position of Treasurer it was decided to rescind the election of joint Secretaries and appoint a Secretary/Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Messrs Free and McIntosh were subsequently elected to those positions. There were no nominations for the positions of Vice-Presidents and it was decided that the first four names nominated for Committee would automatically become Vice-Presidents. The Committee held office for only 85 days as the first scheduled AGM was set for August that year. It was resolved that entrance fees for members would be Five Pounds and Five Shillings and that annual dues would also be Five Pounds and Five Shillings. Debentures were then discussed and it was decided that they would be to the value of Ten Pounds and bear interest at 5% p.a. Each Member would be required to take out debentures. The meeting noted that an option on land (5 1/2 acres) owned by Emily Kate Baker at No 1665 Pymble Road (now Forest Way) was held by Stan Robson in the name of the Belrose Bowling Club. The Committee decided to purchase the land at a cost of Nine Hundred and Ninety Pounds. There were two other sites on the short list, one being in Haigh Avenue next to the Church of Christ but this was rejected because of the potential risk involved in gaining a liquor licence. The current site was ultimately selected. Today, members of the Belrose Bowling Club enjoy the harvest sown by a group of dedicated men who had the foresight to purchase the land and build a club. Their understanding of the future potential growth of the area and what it would bring to the community of Belrose was a remarkable feat.

# FIRST COMMITTEE

The Club's first Committee elected on the 18th May 1953 were:

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| *President* | *Stan Robson* |
| *Honorary Secretary/Treasurer* | *Bob Free* |
| *Asst Honorary Secretary/* | |
| *Treasurer* | *Edgar McIntosh* |
| *Vice-Presidents* | *Messrs Pringle, Roberts, Naughton, Fuller* |
| *Committee* | *Messrs Sullivan, Tebbutt, Miller, Deane, Cushing, Conroy, Alexander* |



**Stan Robson
President
1953 - 1957**

The Club's first AGM was held on the 12th August 1953 and the Articles of Association were approved. The meeting then elected the following Committee:

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| *Patron* | *Mr Fisher (Warringah Shire President)* |
| *President* | *Stan Robson* |
| *Vice Presidents* | *Messrs Pringle, Naughton and Fuller* |
| *Secretary* | *Bob Free* |
| *Bowls Secretary* | *Trevor Scott-Young* |
| *Treasurer* | *Stan Ford* |
| *Works Supervisor* | *Edgar McIntosh (Council Engineer)* |
| *Committee* | *Messrs Roberts, Tebbutt, Miller, Cushing, Harding and Deane* |



**Bob Free
Secretary
1953 - 1964**



**Jack Prescott
President
1957 - 1960**

The Belrose Bowling Club LTD was incorporated under the Companies Act on the 18th December 1953 as a Company limited by guarantee. The cost to become a member amounted to $40.20 in todays currency, which equated to more than twice the average weekly wage at that time. It is an appropriate time sixty years later to remember those Founding Members, and the Committees of 1953. If it were not for their tremendous foresight, hard work and dedication we may not be able to enjoy what this wonderful Club provides us with today.



**"When you drink from the well, remember those who helped dig it"**

# FROM A HUMBLE BEGINNING

While the Belrose Bowling Club LTD is a Registered Company which has obligations under the Corporations and the NSW Registered Club's Act's, a Club is much more than a company required to be registered for the purposes of trading. It has obligations to all of its Members and is governed by the Rules of a Constitution, the most important of these being Rule 10c which says in part, "The objects for which the Club is established are to promote the game of Bowls and such other sports, games, amusements, entertainments, pastimes and recreations indoor and outdoor as the Club may deem expedient". Our forefathers had great vision, for without this objective we may not be in existence to this day. The Club's Constitution (Articles of Association) have undergone a number of changes over the past 60 years. Two of the most significant related to the admittance of women in 1986 and the other "Eligibility for Ordinary Membership". The 2006 change further defined the definition of a Bowling Member. This amendment essentially enshrines the control of the Board to those who are actively involved in the sport of Bowls.

A tin shed with a dirt floor (14ft x 8ft) built in 1953 provided members with their first Clubhouse, which was erected on the current site of the Number 3 Green. Refreshments comprised in part, two gallon kegs of beer purchased from the Dee Why Hotel. Drinks being sold on the honour system. The natural progression was to obtain a liquor licence which required a minimum membership listing. Many members from Harbord and Seaforth Bowling Club's joined as associates to help achieve the required number. In 1958 the second Clubhouse was built on the site of the present Clubhouse. Unfortunately at that time there was no official plaque struck to commemorate this historic event. On the 21st April 1958, the Belrose Bowling



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A CLUB.—LIQUOR ACT, 1912, SECTIONS 136, 136A.—I, ROBERT EDWARD FREE, Secretary of Belrose Bowling Club Limited, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to make application to the Metropolitan Licensing Court for the Metropolitan Licensing District to be holden at Fraser House, 42 Bridge Street, Sydney, on the 21st April 1958, for a certificate of registration of the said Club under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act for premises situate at Forest Way, Belrose, in the said Licensing District, which are suitable for the purposes of a registered Club. Dated the 5th March, 1958. ROBERT E. FREE, SECRETARY OF BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED.

Club Ltd was granted a liquor licence. The notification to apply for the licence seen adjacent, was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on Friday 28th March 1958. Twenty four days later the licence was approved.



**Second Clubhouse 1958, before the construction of the No 2 Green.**

Although a liquor licence and new premises were acquired, the period was not an easy one for the Club. The main difficulties seemed to be trading restrictions as well as the economic challenging times for members. The acquisition of three more poker machines, two 1/- (shilling) and one $6^d$ (pence) machine was thought to be sufficient. A change on the committee saw a further acquisition of three more machines, a 2/- (shilling) and two 1/- (shilling) machines. This resulted in an improvement in the Club's financial position. It is an interesting fact the first poker machine was purchased in December 1956 while the liquor licence was not obtained until April 1958. At this time the Club only opened on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. A steward was



**Old one arm Bandit**

employed and the committee assisted by doing a lot of work behind the bar. The ladies did the afternoon teas up until then. It was later decided to pay someone when it got too much for the faithful few who gave up their time to help the Club along. The first Steward was Jerry Holland and by all accounts was a wonderful barman. At that time there was an unwritten rule that if fourteen members were present in the clubhouse, Jerry had to stay. If one went home, Jerry would kick out the rest. One out all out at thirteen. Many an unsuspecting visitor was trapped into staying to keep up the numbers. On Wednesdays if there was one short for a game, Jerry had to pace





the Green as well. He soon learnt to play. The next change was the introduction of Friday nights. It was a huge success and gradually the numbers increased and Thursday night was suggested. It came to pass that Jerry left and was replaced by Merv Carruthers. Merv was also very popular with the members. He became a member and made up numbers when short. There were requests to open on Tuesdays which ultimately happened. That left Mondays, but it was argued the Bar Steward needed a day off. Members were having none of this and with some agitation and the threat of changing loyalties, Monday trading was introduced. The days of planting ones beer bottles in the bushes around the Greens were over.

# CLUB'S EARLY COMMITTEEMEN

**Eric Robinson**

**Reggy Williamson**

**Peter Allen**

**Fred Young**

**Harry Hancock**

**Fred Morrison**

**Alf Young**

**Jack Jones**

**David Ruthven**

**Alan Croxon**

# CLUB'S EARLY COMMITTEEMEN



**Lloyd Graydon**



**Lyle Pearce**



**Les Milton**



**Arch Johnson**



**Ernie Flint**
**Secretary Manager**



**Ted Watt**



**Official visit RNSWBA early 1960's**

**Bernie Haynes (L)**
**Bowls Secretary 1987/88**
**Roy Maher**
**Bowls Secretary 1983/84**
**Club Ltd. Secretary 1985/89**



**Ray Napier**
**Bowls Secretary 1985/86 & 1988/89**
**Men's Club Treasurer 1993/96**
**Club Ltd. Treasurer 1989/90**
**Club Ltd. Secretary 1990/93**



**Ron Larsson  (L.)**
**Club Ltd. Chairman/Secretary 1993/95**
**with**
**John O'Reilly**
**former Men's Club V.P. and**
**ABC sports commentator**



**Ray Turner**
**Bowls Secretary 1997/98**
**Club Ltd. Director 2003/04**



**Jim Shearer**
**Club Ltd. Treasurer**
**1974/76**
**and Club Ltd. Director**

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# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Club's 1958 Articles of Association and now called the Constitution, limited membership to 300 with the Committee having the right from time to time to register an increase. There were three major requirements for the acceptance of membership, one being over the age of twenty-one years, secondly they be males and thirdly, they be proposed and seconded by another member of the club to both of whom the candidate shall be personally known. How times have changed. The Belrose Women's Bowling Club was established on the 19th February 1959 with their first game held at Belrose on the 13th October 1959 that same year. Two of the longest serving members of the Women's Club, Life Member Norma Bate and Life Member Kath Blackford (Club Patron) have joining dates of 15th February 1959. There is some conjecture as to the
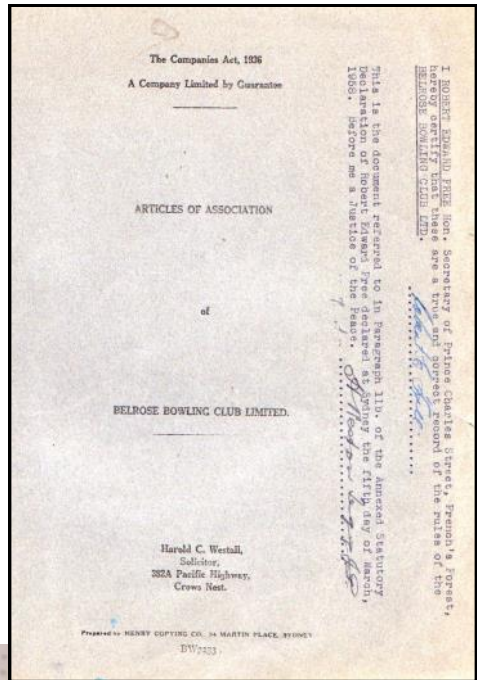


admittance of females to the category of bowling membership. Archival documents reveal the date to be 27th October 1986 which in part says "All persons at this date (27/10/1986) who were members of the unincorporated association known as the Belrose Women's Bowling Club shall be known as Bowling Members of the Club". For membership purposes February 1959 is considered to be their date of joining.



**Clubhouse pre - 1994**



**Clubhouse - post 1994**

# PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The original Club land which extended from Forest Way (previously known as Pymble Road) to Andove Street was purchased at a cost in todays decimal currency of $1,980. That section of land bordering Andove Street was sold in 1995 resulting in a cash injection to Club funds approximating $900,000 after costs. There was enormous controversy over the sale at a General Meeting with many Members opposed. It is interesting to note, the result of the vote taken at that meeting would not be sufficient for approval to sell the land under todays Registered Club's Act requirements.

Adjacent to the main entrance of the Club are six plaques dedicated to the ongoing development and upgrades to the Clubhouse since 1953. Little is known of the costs associated with the 1960 and 1971 renovations, but they were an important step in the Club's successful progress. The two most costly developments occurred in 1994 and 2005.

The 1994/5 work provided an increase to the Club's internal floor space and moved the auditorium and main bars to where they are today. The entire auditorium was changed by extending the Club's outer walls, moving the Men's and Women's Bowling administration offices and the safe to their present locations. Significant and noteworthy events occurred during the extension/renovations. As major work had to be carried out on the roof, a crane was employed. Unfortunately the crane being used for work on the roof toppled over and caused considerable damage to the old snooker room roof, ceiling and restaurant. Luckily the area was vacant at the time. The incident was worthy of a mention and a photo was published in the Manly Daily. The Club entrance in the early 1970's was via a path between the western side of the number 3 Green and the building. The 1995 extensions moved the outer eastern walls of the Club towards the Green and resulted in a large amount of Greens subsidence and damage. With a lot of hard work our Green Keeper Joe Saragozza was able to restore the Green to its original condition. The extension of the northern auditorium also resulted in some two metres being taken from the number 1 Green. The redeployment of the Safe from the original offices (eastern viewing area) to where it is today was no easy feat. If anyone has seen the Safe Door they will understand how difficult a task it would be. Crawford Linton the Club's maintenance man along with others were able to complete the move with a lot of difficulty. The new floor plan ensured there would be a more practical use of available space. New carpet and furniture throughout the Club and major air-conditioning upgrades were also a part of the project. The incorporation of external access ramps to the Club and a dedicated disabled toilet were also provided to complete the development. Variable controlled lighting systems were also installed. Costs for the 1994/5 extensions/refurbishments were approximately $1,712,000. A Bank loan of $750,00 was needed to assist in financing the project.

The 2004/5/6 extensions and internal renovations, including the smoking balcony were very significant and amounted to a cost of approximately $2,000,000 all up. Work involved the building of a new western auditorium, a new snooker room and the addition of a gaming room for smokers. Gaming machines were relocated to



**Royal NSW Bowling Association 1960 Official Visit**

the old snooker room from the main bar. Refurbishments included new carpet and furniture for the main bar and western auditorium along with major air-conditioning plant upgrades. The smokers gaming room and balcony required the back dock to be dramatically modified. As part of the Club's community contribution at that time, additional space under the western auditorium was provided to Northern Beaches Radio, a volunteer group transmitting to the northern beaches on the FM Band. The development application sat with Warringah Council for 18 months and after a community hearing costing the Club $10,000 and a neighbours objection, the project was approved. It was pleasing that expenditures for the entire project were paid for with Club funds and no borrowings necessary as was required in 1994. To complement this achievement the Club's available cash at the projects completion was $546,662. The old saying "to make a quid you have to spend a quid" was proven correct. The 2006 Annual Report revealed the following figures, bar trading activities up 13.8%, function room hire up 61%, and membership up 14.6% from the previous year. An operating profit of $202,048 was achieved that year. While many of the Club's Annual Reports from those early days are now not available, continuing membership growth and good operating profits more than suggest that each and every development project undertaken in the Club's history has provided beneficial outcomes.



**First Clubhouse (Tin Shed) 1953 Erected on the site of the current No 3 Green**

# Belrose Bowling Club Limited

**RULES**

APPROVED NOVEMBER 10, 1955

SUBURBAN HERALD PRINTERY.

*Club's First Rule Book*

The 1955 Rules were the equivalent of today's By-laws and contained many restrictive clauses. If those Rules applied today it would make the administration of the Club's operation very difficult, or almost impossible. Thankfully todays By-laws are much more manageable and practical. Amongst many of the early Rules was one pertaining to the position of Treasurer which was not an elected position, but rather one appointed by the Committee. Rule 58 was also interesting and stipulated;

**"No Member shall give any money or gratuity to any of the servants of the Club. No servant of the Club shall, directly or indirectly, receive any present, money or gratuity from any Member or from any tradesman or person employed by the Club, under pain of immediate dismissal".**

The following extract from the 1995 Rules "Election of Members" 14 thru 21 illustrates how difficult it was to become a member of the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

14. All Full and Social Members shall be elected by the Committee at a duly convened meeting. The Secrcetary shall keep a record of the names of the Committe present and voting at such meeting. All considerations by the Committee of applicants for membership and of final election to membership shall be by Secret Ballot.

15. An application for leave to nominate any candidate shall be submitted to the Committee in writing. Such application shall be signed by two members (both being Full Members of the Club), who shall certify as to the fitness of the candidate, and shall also be signed by the candidate. On approval being given by the Committee to the application, the candidate's name in full, his place of residence and his profession or occupation, and class of membership to which admission is sought, shall be entered in a Book of Candidates, which shall be open for inspection to Full and Social Members of the Club. A copy of such entry shall be placed on a notice

board expressly erected for the purpose in the Main Room of the Club Premises. No candidate shall be elected until such copy shall have been so posted for at least 14 days. In the event of any candidate having been a member of another Bowling Club, his clearance from that Club shall be produced before his ballot takes place.

16. All candidates shall be balloted for individually. One vote in four or part of four recorded against a candidate shall exclude the candidate.

17. At the close of the ballot, two of the Committee present shall, as scrutineers, examine the votes and report in writing to the Committee the names of the candidates elected.

18. On the election of any new Member a notice of his election shall be posted on the Main Notice Board of the Club, and the Secretary shall inform such new Member of his election, apply for the annual subscription and entrance fee (if any) payable by him, and furnish him with a copy of these rules.

19. No Member shall be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until he shall have paid his initial subscription and entrance fee (if any).

20. Where any person elected as a Member fails to pay his subscription and entrance fee (if any) within a period of one (1) month from the date of his election, such election may be declared void by the Committee.

21. Any member other than an Honorary Member desiring to become enrolled as a Member of another kind or class, shall address a written request to the Committee, who shall have power on such terms and conditions as it may determine to grant such application without the formality of an election as prescribed in rules 15 and 16, provided, however, that such Member is then eligible for election as a Member of the class in which he desires to be enrolled.

# TRIBUTE TO PATRON GEORGE COLVIN

Belrose Bowling Club has seen the appointment of only four Patrons. The first was J. L. Fisher who served from 1953 until 1955. He was the Warringah Shire President from 1952 to 1957, coinciding with his appointment as Club Patron. The others in order were George Colvin 1956 - 1975, Charles Blackford, 1976 - 2002 and Kath Blackford, 2003 - 2013. Little has been written about George Colvin in previous Club publications, so now is an appropriate time to give recognition to this remarkable man. Lt.– Col. George Colvin, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Bar, E.D. was an outstanding Gentleman, serving as the Club's Patron for nineteen consecutive years. He was also highly respected within the local community and held the position of Patron for Frenchs Forest Legacy and the Frenchs Forest High School. A distinguished citizen and soldier, well known for his colourful and dynamic personality in the A.I.F., A.R.A. and C.M.F., where he served with great distinction in the Australian Infantry. After service in the Citizen Military Forces, Lt - Col. Colvin reached the rank of Captain. On the outbreak of World War 2 he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces and was appointed a Captain and an original officer of the 2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion. His Unit moved to the Middle East where he was promoted to Major in 1941, and elevated to command the Unit with the rank of Lt.- Col. In 1942. Throughout his active service with the Eighth Army and in all operations in the South-West Pacific area until the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, Lt.- Col. Colvin retained command of this famous Infantry Battalion. After the battle of El Alamein he received the immediate award of the Distinguished Service Order. After returning from the Middle East he led the Unit into operations in Papua-New Guinea, with the Unit distinguishing itself at Lae and Finschaven. Lt.- Col. Colvin received a Bar to his Distinguished Service Order for the action at Finschaven. He was then selected as one of the three Australian Commanding Officers to form infantry Units for the nucleus of the post war Regular Army. He then formed and trained the 66 Aust. Inf. Bn. and embarked for service in the British Occupation Forces, Japan, where he saw service until 1948. In 1957-58, he was recalled to duty as Chief Instructor of the Staff and Command Group, Eastern Command (C.M.F.). In retirement, Lt.-Col. Colvin continued service in civil life, amongst which were the following organisations: President, Royal Commonwealth Society (9 years); Vice-President Royal N.S.W. Institute for Deaf and Dumb; Royal Australian Regimental Association. His services were recognised By Her Majesty who appointed him a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George in her New Year Honours list in 1968. The award is the 6th most senior order in the British Honours system. Such was the stature of this man, he was mentioned twice in Peter Fitzsimons book "Tobruk". He started his early career as a refrigerator salesman with General Electric during the depression, and retired as the N.S.W. Manager of Kelvinator Australia's operations.
Our Club was honoured to have had George Colvin as its Patron.

# BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT

Documenting the history of any organisation involves the identification of iconic dates, and often generates debate regarding those that are most significant. The Belrose Bowling Club Ltd has four such dates recorded in the introduction section of this book. While it is accepted that our anniversary date is 18 May 1953, one could debate that if the public meeting some months before had not taken place, the Club may never have been created. What generally is not known is the significance of 18 December 1953, the date when the Belrose Bowling Club had the word "Limited" added to its name. On this date the Club was incorporated under the Companies Act, limited by guarantee and began trading legally. In December 1956 the Club purchased its first poker machine (second hand) from the Balgowlah Bowling Club. It was a one shilling machine with the purchase agreement to be on a pay out of revenue basis. Poker Machine Entitlements in those days were not required. The Club has been most fortunate over the many years to have had a strong contingent of bowlers compliment by a very large social membership. Membership has grown from 27 to over 2,500 today. The Club's trading statements from the records available (33 years), show only one year 2000/01 when a profit was not recorded. The following year the incoming Board had major concerns for the Club's profitability. Revenue was decreasing while expenditure was increasing as shown in the Club's 2000/01 Statement of Financial Performance. Major changes to gaming and smoking regulations were also on the immediate horizon. Belrose was in a similar position to most other NSW medium to large sized Clubs - they relied heavily on revenues from gaming. It was not uncommon for a Club to derive over 80% of its income from poker machines. A Belrose Bowling Club Board decision to decrease the reliance on gaming through prudent financial investments has now reduced the dependence to less than 50%. The Club industry within NSW is one of the most heavily regulated industries that frequently experiences significant draconian changes to liquor and gaming laws. Despite the pressures that the Club Industry faces, Belrose finds itself well placed to
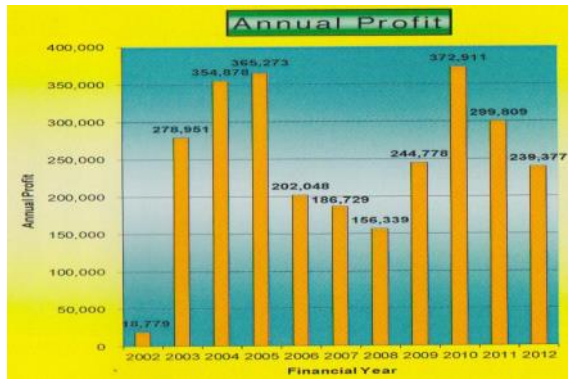


continue with the extraordinary progress which has been achieved specifically over the past decade. There is an old saying - success breeds success. Belrose has all the ingredients to insure this success continues over the next 60 years.
Allan Hanson, Chairman 2013

# BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2012/13



**L. to R.**
**Angela Little (Director)**
**Bill Kelly (Director)**
**John Cormio**
**(Secretary Manager)**
**Allan Hanson (Chairman)**
**Graham Hartmann**
**(Treasurer)**
**Chris Webber**
**(Deputy Chairman)**
**John Venteman (Director)**
**Herb Smith (Director)**



**Allan Hanson**



**Chris Webber**



**Graham Hartmann**



**John Cormio**



**Angela Little**



**Bill Kelly**



**Herb Smith**



**John Venteman**



**Zeena Sappideen Administration Manager**

# BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LTD
## HONOUR BOARD
### 1953 - 2013

| | President/ Chairman | Secretary | Treasurer | Bowls Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1953 | S. Robson | R. Free | S. Ford | H. Stockdale |
| 1954/55 | S. Robson | R. Free | S. Ford | H. Stockdale |
| 1955/56 | S. Robson | R. Free | S. Ford | A. Sturits |
| 1956/57 | S. Robson | R. Free | S. Ford | W. Ridges |
| 1957/58 | J. Prescott | R. Free | S. Ford | A. Johnston |
| 1958/59 | J. Prescott | R. Free | S. Ford | A. Johnston |
| 1959/60 | J. Prescott | R. Free | A. Coupe | A. Johnston |
| 1960/61 | T. Fuller | R. Free | A. Coupe | C. Warburton |
| 1961/62 | T. Fuller | R. Free | A. Johnston | J. Prescott |
| 1962/63 | T. Fuller | R. Free | P. Lumsden | C. Warburton |
| 1963/64 | H. Johnston | R. Free | W. Adam | A. Johnston |
| 1964/65 | H. Johnston | C. Bate | W. Stivano | A. Johnston |
| 1965/66 | F. Tickle | C. Bate | F. Morrison | C. Warburton |
| 1966/67 | F. Tickle | C. Bate | F. Morrison | E. Sharp |
| 1967/68 | F. Tickle | C. Bate | F. Morrison | E. Sharp |
| 1968/69 | C. Blackford | C. Bate | F. Morrison | A. Johnston} E. Sharp } |
| 1969/70 | C. Blackford | C. Bate | F. Morrison | E. Sharp |
| 1970/71 | N. Burgess | C. Bate | M. Whiting | A. Gray |
| 1971/72 | N. Burgess | C. Bate | M. Whiting | H. Hancock |
| 1972/73 | N. Burgess | C. Bate | D. Ruthven | A. Johnston |
| 1973/74 | G. Ellis | S. Alder | D. Ruthven | M. Whiting} F. Leane } |
| 1974/75 | G. Ellis | K. Conroy | J. Shearer | F. Leane |
| 1975/76 | F. Tickle | E. Flint | J. Shearer | L. Graydon |
| 1976/77 | W. Palmer | E. Flint | S. Cole | C. Bate |
| 1977/78 | W. Palmer | P. Joyce} E. Dawson} | A. Johnston } S. Cole } | C. Bate |
| 1978/79 | W. Palmer | N. Browne} E. Dawson} | S. Cole } A. Johnston} | A. Young |
| 1979/80 | H. McDonnell | A. Mayblom | A. Johnston | A. Young |
| 1980/81 | L. Melrose | P. Sheedy | A. Johnston | W. Burney |
| 1981/82 | L. Melrose | E. Kempton | C. Allison } N. Browne} | W. Burney |
| 1982/83 | L. Melrose | N. Browne | E. Kempton | W. Burney |

| | President/ Chairman | Secretary | Treasurer | Bowls Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1983/84 | L. Melrose | N. Browne | E. Kempton | W. Burney} R. Maher   } |
| 1984/85 | L. Melrose | N. Browne | C. Allison | R. Evans |
| 1985/86 | L. Melrose | R. Maher | R. Carson | R. Napier |
| 1986/87 | E. Kempton | N. Browne | R. Carson | R. Evans |
| 1987/88 | E. Kempton | N. Browne } R. Larsson } | C. Allison | B. Haynes |
| 1988/89 | E. Kempton | R. Larsson | G. Johnston | R. Napier |
| 1989/90 | L. Melrose | N. Browne | R. Napier | J. Tibbits |
| 1990/91 | C. Allison | R. Napier | G. Johnson | |
| 1991/92 | C. Allison | R. Napier | G. Johnson | Refer Men's |
| 1992/93 | C. Allison | R. Napier | G. Johnson | Club Honour |
| 1993/94 | R. Larsson | R. Larsson | G. Johnson | Board |
| 1994/95 | R. Larsson | R. Larsson | N. Davidson | 1990 to 2013 |
| 1995/96 | P. Sheedy | P. Sheedy | N. Davidson | |
| 1996/97 | P. Sheedy | P. Sheedy | R. Carson | |
| 1997/98 | P. Sheedy | P. Sheedy | N. Davidson | |
| 1998/99 | E. Kempton | E. Kempton | B. Donald | |
| 1999/2000 | E. Kempton | E. Kempton | B. Donald | |
| 2000/01 | I. Glover | I. Glover   } C. Provost } | B. Parker | |
| 2001/02 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb | P. Shearer | |
| 2002/03 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb | N. Flakelar   } G. Hartmann} | |
| 2003/04 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb | G. Hartmann | |
| 2004/05 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb | G. Hartmann | |
| 2005/06 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb | G. Hartmann | |
| 2006/07 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb | G. Hartmann | |
| 2007/08 | M. Gibb | M. Szalay } M. Gibb   } | G. Hartmann | |
| 2008/09 | M. Gibb | M. Gibb   } D. Johnson } | G. Hartmann | |
| 2009/10 | M. Gibb | D. Johnson } M. Gibb   } | G. Hartmann | |
| 2010/11 | M. Gibb   } A. Hanson } | M. Gibb   } A. C. Little } | G. Hartmann | |
| 2011/12 | A. Hanson | A. C. Little } J. Cormio  } | G. Hartmann | |
| 2012/13 | A. Hanson | J. Cormio | G. Hartmann | |

# FINANCIAL STABILITY

A look at the Club's financial records over the past eleven years show results that would be the envy of many a Bowling Club. Generally speaking one tends to look at the bottom line operating profit which takes into account area's of depreciation etc. An average operating profit of $247,261 has been achieved from 2001 to 2012, a very commendable outcome. A closer look at the Financial Statements indicate the true strength of the Club. The following graphs show the extraordinary growth in the Club's available net cash, total cash/ investments and total liabilities. These results are more significant when considering that during those eleven years, well over $2,000,000 has been expended on the replacement of plant and equipment and building renovations and extensions, all without one
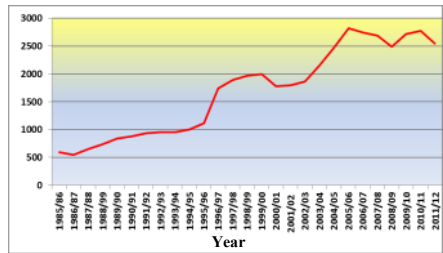


**Membership 1985 - 2012**
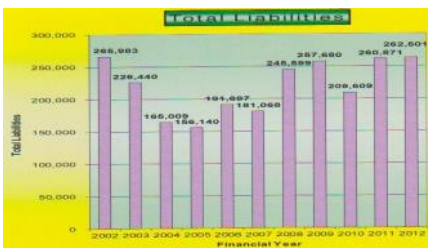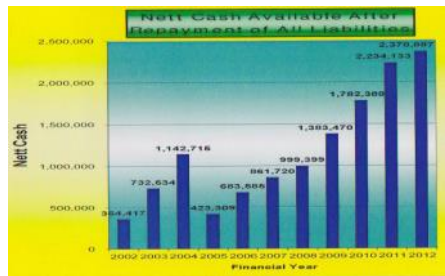


cent of borrowings. Results of this magnitude would not be possible for a Club if it were not for growth in membership. From the earliest records available (1985), membership stood at 596, and in 2012 it is 2,547. If there is to be a down side to the Club's membership base it is with declining bowling members, a trend experienced by most NSW Bowling Clubs. The current ratio of Full to Social Members is approximately 16%, with both Men's and Women's bowling numbers over the past 11 years in some decline.





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# BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED



**IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WHO MADE THIS CLUB POSSIBLE
18th May 1953**

**President Stan Robson
Honorary Secretary Treasurer Bob Free
Ass Honorary Secretary Treasurer Edgar McIntosh
Vice Presidents Messrs Pringle, Naughton, Roberts, Fuller
Committee Messrs Sullivan, Tebbutt, Miller,
Deane, Cushing, Conroy, Alexander**

**BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED**

THIS PLAQUE WAS UNVEILED BY

# W. S. KAY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

TO COMMEMORATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING
OF THESE CLUB HOUSE EXTENSIONS
ON THE 10th OF DECEMBER, 1960

| F. C. FULLER | R. E. FREE |
|---|---|
| President | Hon. Secretary |

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**BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED**

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# H. TAPNER

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

TO COMMEMORATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING
OF THESE CLUB HOUSE EXTENSIONS
ON THE 8th MAY, 1971

| M. S. WHITING | N. F. BURGESS | C. W. BATE |
|---|---|---|
| Hon. Treasurer | President | Hon. secretary |

## BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED
### THIS PLAQUE WAS UNVEILED BY
# D. K. BRADDOCK
**THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## TO COMMEMORATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXTENSIONS TO THIS CLUB HOUSE ON THE 26th OF NOVEMBER, 1972

**N. F. BURGESS**
**President**

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|---|---|
| **C. W. BATE** | **D. J. RUTHVEN** |
| **Hon. Secretary** | **Hon. Treasurer** |

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## BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED
### THIS PLAQUE WAS UNVEILED BY
# Councillor Paul Couvret

### WARRINGAH SHIRE COUNCIL

## TO COMMEMORATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THESE CLUB HOUSE EXTENSIONS ON THE 14th SEPTEMBER, 1995

| | |
|---|---|
| **R. A. LARSSON** | **J. R. NAPIER** |
| **Chairman** | **Treasurer** |

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **P. C. SHEEDY** | **E. W. KEMPTON** | **M. L. MILLS** |

## BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LTD

### THIS PLAQUE WAS UNVEILED BY

## MR. ANDREW HUMPHERSON

### MEMBER FOR DAVIDSON

### TO COMMEMORATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SOUTH WESTERN EXTENSION

### ON THE 13th AUGUST 2005

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
### (2004 - 2005)

| J. M. GIBB | R. WALLACE | G. B. HARTMANN |
|---|---|---|
| CHAIRMAN | DEPUTY CHAIRMAN | TREASURER |

| J. F. ROACH | J. P. HOLLAND | R. C. FERGUSON | A. T. HANSON |
|---|---|---|---|
| DIRECTOR | DIRECTOR | DIRECTOR | DIRECTOR |



Clubhouse South Western extension 2005

*M*any thanks go to John Coster, Manager of the Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery for his contribution with the production of all commemorative bronze plaques . His assistance with these and other projects have been greatly appreciated by the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd and its Members over many years.

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# FLAGPOLE HISTORY

**T**he history of our Flagpole has been the centre of some controversy for many years. There was a story suggesting it came from a ship thought to be the German Raider Emden. This was refuted by the German Embassy. The Embassy is also unaware of a project to erect our Flagpole from its Consulates in Sydney or Melbourne. The German Embassy believe we did not acquire it from that source. The closest bit of paraphernalia from the Emden is a 4.1 inch gun now situated in Hyde Park Sydney. While photographs show a beached Emden in the Cocos Islands with two masts, both had yardarms but our Flagpole did not receive its yardarm until many years later. The old story also went on to say a Club Member Roy Carberry, took possession of it as part payment for a job he did at Roseville. The Member, was told by the owner that it came from the German Embassy. Investigations through archival photos paints a different story. The researcher believes the following to be a more accurate account of its history, although there may be some who would dispute these facts. It would now appear it was developed in three or possibly four stages. On the reverse side of the above photo are the words;
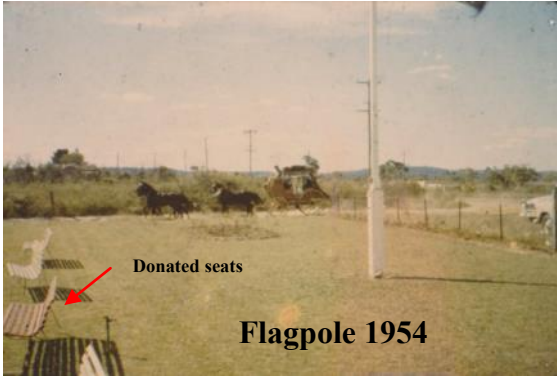


Donated seats

**Flagpole 1954**



**John Pringle**

*"The Flagpole was donated by Stan Robson President., Fashioned by hand John Pringle. The seats presented by Ladies Committee. The turf supplied by B.B.C. was laid by my daughter beginning at 6.a.m. as it was difficult to get voluntary labour. - Beryl R. Robson"*
Note the Flagpole does not have a gaff or a yardarm and does not have its mast fitted with an extension. The next available photo (bottom left), taken in 1983 shows the mast has had an extension added, bringing its height to approximately 17 metres. It also shows a gaff having been fitted. Frank Tickle indicates the gaff was most certainly an addition. The gaff is incorrectly flying the 1983 No 5 State Pennant Runners-up flag with the Australian flag at the top of the mast. The mast has also had a small decorative yardarm fitted.



**Flagpole 1983**

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The photo top right shows the Club with a wooden front fence and the Forest Way multi lane road upgrade in progress. Warringah Council records indicate the year was 1986/7


Flagpole 1986/7


Flagpole 1991

The flagpole remained unchanged for several more years as the photo on left shows. It was flying the 1991 No 1 State Pennant Runners-up Flag at its unfurling.


Flagpole 1992

Archival records indicate the photo at right was taken in 1992. The mast at this time was supporting a full yardarm.




Flagpole 2010

In 2010, dry-rot ended the life of the magnificent old pole. Rest in Peace.



In September 2010 a new 18 metre aluminium Flagpole was erected at a cost of $6,729. It carries both a Gaff and a Yardarm .

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# HISTORY OF THE GREENS

**L**ike the Club's Flag Pole, controversy has surrounded the development and upgrades of our three Greens. The original area of the purchased land was 5 1/2 acres but Council saw fit to take 1/4 of an acre of the frontage for the widening of what is now known today as Forest Way.

**The First Green** was built by voluntary labour under the expert guidance of Edgar McIntosh, who was a Shire Engineer and Vice President of the Club at that time. It was located on the north-eastern boundary of the Club. In 2009, it was discovered that no drainage system was ever installed. The Green continued to be known as No 1 until 1995, when the 1 and 2 Green numbers were reversed. Those credited with the original construction were: R. Free, F. Tebbitt, W. Roberts, E. McIntosh, S. Robson, C. Alexander, S. Ford, W. Gobbons, D. Moore, K. Harding, T. Scott-Young, and C. Blackford. The



Water Tank - used for watering Greens

1953/54 entrance from Pymble Road



Site of Hews Pde. Housing

Club's main concern in the early days, was finding water on the property for the purpose of watering the first Green. A couple of bores were sunk and a reservoir was built. When the bore water eased off, water was carted from a stand pipe at Allambie Heights. Town water was laid on by 1956. Although play commenced well before 1956, it was not until that year the first Championship (Major Pairs) was held. It was late 1954 or early 1955 that the Green was considered fit for play. The Green was officially opened by Tom Shakespeare, President RNSWBA on the 23rd



April 1960. Extracts from the Club's past Newsletters reflect, "*This green has stood the test of time well, and seldom was out of play. At one time it was called a combination green. A lot of couch, a lot of bent and at various times, every weed that grew in the district, according to the then Greenkeeper*". *It was a good green, equal to most in the district and used by many good Players*", reports said.

**Dedication of No 1 Green in 1995**
**Eric Kempton (L) and Charles Blackford**

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It was believed to have run at 23 seconds during a Seaboard Carnival (helped of course, by a North-Westerly wind). The strength of the wind on that day is not known. When the Green was opened and the difficulty created by a Belrose breeze ! became apparent, it was decided to erect a barrier to protect the green and players alike. A full size fence seven feet high, built of posts and wire netting, like a tennis court, was erected. The fence was lined with hessian. It didn't look the best, but served its purpose for a while until that little Belrose breeze put paid to the innovation. This Green now known as green 2 was dedicated to Charles Blackford in 1995.



**The Second Green** now known as Green 1, adjacent to the Club's main entrance was opened for play in 1958. Ninety per cent of its construction was carried out by members volunteering their labour. It has a colourful history in that it was transformed from grass to synthetic (twice), and back to grass. It was not until eight years after being constructed that a dedication ceremony was held. On the 17 December 1966, D. A. Pratt, Vice-President RNSWBA unveiled the plaque to

**Tournament day early 1990's, played on Artificial Green**

commemorate the official opening of the green. In 1997 the Green was named after Patron and Life Member Kath Blackford. Despite major opposition from many members the Green was converted to sand based synthetic in 1991 and remained that way until 1995. Synthetic surfaces were in their infancy and the first attempt was a disaster. Bowls tram tracked and it was a lottery how the delivered bowl would react. Another attempt was made to make the Green acceptable with the relaying of the surface. Drainage was also a problem. While the second attempt was an improvement, many members were still opposed to the concept. On high temperature days, the surface became extremely hot, with the fibre content generating extreme reflective qualities. In 1995 the Board decided to return the surface to couch grass. It has been estimated the total expenditures of moving from grass to synthetic and back to grass involved costs amounting to around $250,000. Some of these costs were attributable to shortening the North – South dimensions and improving the drainage when the second synthetic was taken out. Two metres were removed from the southern end to accommodate the recently completed Clubhouse extensions in 1995. Drainage was improved by excavating one metre and the addition of new sub soil. Drainage pipes were replaced. In 1986/87, floodlighting was added to the No 1 and No 2 Greens.



**No 1 Tifdwarf Green 2013**

**The Third Green** opened for play in 1966. Again this Green was essentially constructed by members volunteering their labour. The official opening took place on the 17th December 1966 by D. A. Pratt Vice-President RNSWBA in conjunction with committee members F. C. Tickle (President) and C. W. Bate (Hon Secretary) officiating for Belrose. This ceremony was conducted in concert with the official dedication of the now No 1 Green by Vice-President Pratt on the same day. In 2000 the green was named after Bruce Carson a former Club Treasurer, Director and Life Member. While the three Greens carry the names of Kath Blackford, Charles Blackford and Bruce Carson, they were in earlier times known as the Stan Robson Green, the Jack Prescott Green and the Tom Fuller Green.

Improvements to the Club's excellent Greens continued, and in 2009 the now No 1 Green surface was converted from Couch to Tifdwarf. The other two Greens, No's 2 and 3, were also converted to Tifdwarf in 2011 and 2012 respectively. It must be said, Belrose has been privileged to have had some of the finest Greens within Zone 9 and for that matter NSW. Much of the praise is directly attributable to Joe Saragozza, who has pains-takingly nurtured "his" greens since he became our Greenkeeper in 1987 after taking over from Don McManus. Members often refer to the Greens as Joe's babies.



**Official opening 1st Green 1960**
**Tom Shakespeare delivering first bowl**



**Plaque Unveiling**
**Tom Shakespeare  - President RNSWBA**
**Jack Prescott  - Belrose President**
**Bob Free  - Belrose Hon Secretary**



**No 2 Green Synthetic surface early 1990's.**
**Now known as**
**Green No 1**

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# RNSWBA FIRST OFFICIAL VISITS



**Presidents Day 1950's**
**L. to R.**
**Edgar McIntosh, RNSWBA Representative, Stan Robson (Belrose President)**
**Tom Shakespeare (RNSWBA President), Tom Fuller (Belrose VP),**
**Bob Free (Belrose Hon Secretary), Phil Alder (Belrose VP),**
**Frank Soars (NSW Selector), RNSWBA Representative.**





**John Pringle (fore-ground)**
**Stan Robson (back-ground)**

**Stan Robson (L.) and Jack Prescott**

# GREENS NEED WATER

*(Taken from Belrose Bowling Club News September 1971)*

*O*ne of the most amazing things about our land area is the possibility of obtaining water almost anywhere you want to dig a well or a bore. Although we are virtually situated on the crest of a hill, water can be found at varying depths of about 32" when it bottoms onto sandstone. In the early days of the Club before water was laid on by the Water Board, we had to rely on some very precarious methods of obtaining water to keep it up to the Greens. When the first Green was constructed it was decided to build a reservoir and fill it with a bore, pumped by a windmill. The reservoir is still to be seen at the back of the Clubhouse surrounded by a wire screen (to keep out the children as a safety measure). Prendergast says that if the Clubhouse is ever extended out that way we can always make use of it as an indoor swimming pool. Unfortunately, a cyclone or sustained westerly wind wrecked the windmill and in no time at all it blew out the fans, buckled the tail and finally the structure itself was way beyond repair. We fell back on the use of a motor to do the pumping from the bore. It was continually breaking down or clogging up. After several efforts by volunteers to free the foot valves and renew them, (here we must mention Arthur Sturitts who, at the time was one of our first bowls Secretaries), other methods of obtaining water had to be found, and also our second Green was in the process of becoming a reality. While this was going on, every time the bore gave up, it was left to a few grand members to augment the water supply by the good old method of carting water by truck. One of our well known chicken farmers had a water tank and truck which somehow was always available for this purpose. He and some other members made regular trips to the water outlet at Allambie Heights each Monday and Thursday nights.

(Again we have to mention Jack Ward and Bill Roberts, who were always available for trips of this nature).

We certainly owe these members a vote of thanks for the survival of the Greens during those hot summers.

Meanwhile back at the Club, "Smokey", I mean Jack Prescott and his crew were in dire straits or at wits' end as to what to do. A temporary relief came when some water was offered from our then neighbour who was in the process of abandoning his flower farm. A small amount of water was obtained from his well and bore. Although the quantity was not sufficient for our entire needs, it certainly helped and came to the aid of our water carters. A new bore was then sunk at the South Eastern corner of the block and pumped by an automatic cut-out pump. We were at last through our most difficult time as far as water was concerned. It turned out a



bonanza as far as we were concerned in the coming summer when severe water restrictions were introduced.

The importance of the Club's water supply for the Greens continued with the south eastern bore becoming unreliable, but fortunately town water was again in abundance. An automatic sprinkler system was installed on all three Greens in 1986/87 and for many years water was not a problem. In the mid 1990's at the insistence of the then Board Chairman Peter Sheedy, another bore was sunk on the south western side of the property (vacant land), as a precaution against future water restrictions. The bore was sunk to a depth of around 150 to 200 feet, reasonably shallow for a water bore in the area. This bore was not connected to the Greens watering system at that time. In the early 2000's those dreaded restrictions were re-introduced, imposing major difficulties which included only hand watering on specific days. The bore was uncapped and flow testing and water quality were carried out. At the first uncapping, water gushed out to a height of three feet, giving every indication we may be able to overcome Sydney's water restrictions. A water quality test revealed it was "A" class irrigation with little iron content, the element responsible for staining walls an ochre colour. While it was not recommended for drinking, it tasted alright as some of us discovered. It was perfect for the Greens. An automatic pumping system was installed along with another tank in support of the existing reservoir. Total storage capacity at this time is 40,000 litres. Water is pumped automatically on demand from the south western bore to the two holding tanks where it is delivered to the Greens by the automated sprinkler system. Belrose is self reliant on water to this day, although the system can be switched over to the mains system if ever needed. It is fortunate we have an ample supply of water at our disposal, given the location of the Club. It is believed there is a natural water course that runs from Wakehurst Parkway (remember the water pipe in the rock) across the escarpment to the Club. There may well be some validity in this as the underfloor south eastern section of the Clubhouse always displays signs of water, even in prolonged periods of dry weather.

# ORIGINAL NAMING OF GREENS

Whit the Belrose Bowling Club now carries the names of Charles Blackford, Kath Blackford and Bruce Carson on its Greens, they were originally named after the first three Club Ltd Presidents. It is not known when the actual date of the original naming occurred, but it can be reasonably assumed they happened in the early to mid 1960's, well before the renaming dates of 1995, 1997 and 2000 respectively. Early photographs of all Greens suggests there was never any official signage erected. Plaques identifying the earlier Green names were located within the Club's archives in 2002. It is believed the now No 1 Green was the "Jack Prescott Green", the No 2 Green, "Stan Robson Green" and No 3 the "Tom Fuller Green".



**Stan Robson**
**1st President**
**1953 - 1957**

**Jack Prescott**
**2nd President**
**1957 - 1960**

**Tom Fuller**
**3rd President**
**1960 - 1963**



THE STAN ROBSON GREEN

THE JACK PRESCOTT GREEN

THE TOM FULLER GREEN

# HISTORY OF THE CLUB BADGE

T he suburb we now know as Belrose was not an original suburb of the Northern Beaches. It came into existence in 1918, having being annexed from Frenchs Forest.
After the Club's foundation meetings in 1952, one of the first tasks was to design a club badge. The Committee believed they could come up with an appropriate design but their first efforts were not suitable. Four designs were submitted including one with a bell and an English or Four-petal Tudor Rose. Although it was considered a fair design, it did not meet with the Committees approval. It had to be an emblem which all members could be proud, be ever lasting, while incorporating a meaningful design appropriate to the area. The final selection was left to W. Naughton, an inaugural Club Vice President, who at the time was employed by the "Sydney Morning Herald". Whether it was his own individual design or the combined effort of several people we will never know. The Belrose area at this time had an abundance of Christmas Bells and Native Roses which were ultimately included as they met the meaningful design requirement. The Committee having accepted the design approached the firm of Denham Neal and Treloar to make the dies for the badge. The Belrose Bowling Club held a patent on the design at that time. The Headmaster of the local school was so impressed with the design he approached the Club with the idea of incorporating the badge for the local school. The Belrose Public School was established in 1952. The Committee of the day rejected the request. It was decided to keep the badge for the exclusive use of the Belrose Bowling Club.

The information in this article was taken from a "1971 Belrose Bowling Club News Letter".

# OUTSTANDING BOWLING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Kath Blackford - State Representative
- Margaret Crichton - State Representative
- Halina Wuro - State Representative, State Pairs Winner,
  - State Singles Winner
- Edith Musgrove - State Pairs Winner
- Elaine Taylor - Longest serving Women's Club Coach (20 years)
- Charles Blackford - State Representative
- Rex Johnston - State, Australian and Commonwealth Games Representative
  - State Pairs Winner
  - Commonwealth Games medallist
- Joe Saragozza - Commonwealth Games Representative
- Crawford Linton - State Representative
  - State Pairs Winner
  - Zone 9 Bowler of the Year (three consecutive years)
  - NSW Senior Bowler of the Year
- Cy Threlfall - State Representative
- Billy Johnson - Zone, State and Australian Junior Representative
- Brian Flakelar - Longest serving Men's Club Coach (16 years)
- Ray Venteman - Longest continuous playing Bowls Member (48 years)
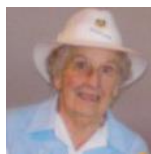
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| **Kath Blackford** | **Halina Wuro** | **Edith Musgrove** | **Elaine Taylor** |
| **Charles Blackford** | **Rex Johnston** | **Joe Saragozza** | **Crawford Linton** |
| **Cy Threlfall** | **Billy Johnson** | **Brian Flakelar** | **Ray Venteman** |

# OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Kath Blackford  - Longest serving Women's Club Secretary (21 years)
- Phil Mobbs  - Longest continuous serving Women's Club Treasurer (19 years)
- Pat Colvin  -  Longest serving Women's Club Patron (39 years)
- Eric Kempton & Perry Arundell - Equal longest continuous serving Men's Club Presidents (6 year)
- Herb Smith  - Longest continuous serving Men's Club Treasurer (5 years)
- Bob Free  - Longest continuous serving Club Ltd Secretary (11 years)
- Bill Glenn  - Longest serving Board Director (22 years)
- Graham Hartmann  - Longest continuous serving Club Ltd Treasurer (11 years)
- Mike Gibb  - Longest continuous serving Board Chairman (10 years)
- Margaret Johnson  - First Women Board Member (1987)
- Pat Shearer  - First Women Club Ltd Treasurer (2001)
- Frank Tickle  - Longest serving Member (57 years)
- Perry Holland  - Longest continuous serving Men's Club Bowls Secretary (7 years)
- Charles Blackford  - Longest serving Club Ltd Patron (26 years)



**Kath Blackford**   **Pat Colvin**   **Eric Kempton**   **Perry Arundell**   **Herb Smith**



**Bob Free**   **Bill Glenn**   **Graham Hartmann**   **Mike Gibb**   **Pat Shearer**



**Phil Mobbs**   **Frank Tickle**   **Perry Holland**   **Charles Blackford**   **Margaret Johnson**

**Men's and Women's Bowling Club Achievements Wall 2013**



**Club Foyer 2013**

# TRIBUTE TO FRANK TICKLE

The longest living Member of the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd., Frank Tickle, now lives in the idyllic town of Forster. Frank joined Belrose on the 17th November 1956 at age 38 and went on to become the Club Ltd President from 1965 to 1968 and again in 1975/76. Theoretically not a foundation Member, having joined 3 years after the Club came into existence, his hard work and commitment to the Club's early development resulted in him being elected a Life Member. He currently holds badge number 2. Badge number 1 was held by foundation Member Bob Free who passed away some two years ago. At age 94, Frank still enjoys telling a good story with none better than what occurred the day women were admitted as members in 1959. There was at the time some controversy about changes to the gender rule, with strong opposition from a minority group. The story goes that on the "dreaded" day a member who shall remain nameless had a coffin delivered to the Club. With the help of another Member, the coffin was paraded around the Green with those involved chanting, "this will be the death of the Club", "this will be the death of the Club". Fifty four years later most of us would agree they have been proven wrong. Frank wished that some of his knowledge of those early days be part of this tribute which has been reproduced in his own words.

*"Around 1956 Tom Fuller, who later became President was aware of my involvement at the school in Ralston Avenue, asked me to help with social activities at the Belrose Bowling Club. At this stage the new building, to replace the old tin shed, was under construction and the first green had been installed by Edgar Mackintosh and Alf Robson. After facilities were set up in the new clubhouse, the women became involved in social activities. Many great occasions occurred during that period, including back-to-childhood, Hawaiian, and beef and burgundy nights. Many of the local poultry farmers, including the Hardings, Blackfords, and the Morrisons, were involved in the early committees. The second green was installed and various bowling events took place including chicken triples on a Wednesday. The chicken triples later became the Norm Allen triples. Norm Allan was Assistant Commissioner of Police. With the development of the club, larger events started to take place. One of these was Anzac Day, which became very popular with visiting local clubs. A goal was erected near the bowling green and a mine field setup between the greens.*

*Anyone walking on the mine field was placed in goal, and others had to bail him out with a coin, with proceeds going to Legacy. At night the usual two-up game would be played, with plenty of singing and camaraderie.*

*During the year, many visitations to other clubs took place, such as Presidents Day, Treasurer's Day, and Committee Day's. How we ever found our way home late at night is beyond me.*

*Women became members, albeit with no voting rights, and they did wonders in catering and hosting various functions such as Pennant days. One memorial annual visit was that of Bexley Bowling Club. They would leave their bus near Prince Charles Road at the boundary of Belrose and Frenchs Forest, and march up Forest Way singing "When the Saints Go Marching In". These were the St George Rugby League dominant years. Many a wonderful day was held, both home and away at Bexley, with lots of pranks, and great friendships being made. The club progressed in every way through the sixties and I did my first term as President in 1965. At one stage the club had two chefs and the restaurant was kept very busy. Top class entertainment was also arranged, including Saturday night dances, when friendship pins were handed out.*

*In the late seventies I left the family business and joined Cadbury's Chocolates, and many members enjoyed a chocolate or two when I brought some samples to the club. I was given the nickname of Mr Cherry Ripe. I retired from Cadbury's in 1984 and soon after went to live in Foster. I joined the Foster Bowling Club and served for a time as their President. I will never forget the farewell given to me by the Belrose Bowling Club. I am ninety-four and can say that many of my happiest memories go back to my times at the Belrose Bowling Club. Best wishes to all at Belrose".- Frank Tickle.*

Frank, Members of the Belrose Bowling Club will be forever grateful for your commitment to the development of the Belrose Bowling Club during those early days.



**Official Visit 1950's**
**L. to R.**
**Tom Fuller (Belrose V.P.)**
**Tom Shakespeare (President RNSWBA)**
**Stan Robson (Belrose President)**



**Secretary/Treasurers Day 1971**
**Merv Whiting (L.) Treasurer,**
**Wal Bate (R.) Secretary**
**Frank Tickle Vice-President**
**(background)**

# Belrose Men's Bowling Club

To be successful, a sporting club requires a strong playing roster, financial strength, resilience and an environment of contentment. The Belrose Men's Bowling Club has achieved all of these attributes over its 60 year history. The corner stone of the Men's Club success has been its volunteers who unselfishly donate there time, week in and week out to ensure the smooth running of the Club. In addition to their commitment with the day to day bowling administration duties, they along with many other volunteers involve themselves in such area's as gardening, Friday night raffles and general maintenance work around the greens. Their volunteer work undoubtedly removes significant cost burdens from the Club Ltd books. These activities have been inherited from many of the committees that have gone before us, and it is hoped will continue into the future. While I am not able here to personally thank many of those past committee members who made our Club possible, the Men's Committee of 2013 expresses its sincere gratitude to them on our 60th anniversary. You have provided the foundation which has allowed the Belrose Bowling Club to be amongst the best run and financially viable bowling club's within NSW. Our ongoing success is also dependant on interclub relations, and I am proud to say we have a wonderful working relationship with our counterparts, the Belrose Women's Bowling Club. Many of our large tournaments such as State Pennant Play-off's would not have been the success they were without the help provided by the ladies. May our relationship with them continue well into the future. With the ongoing support and patronage from our bowlers, the next 60 years look very good indeed.

Andy Little
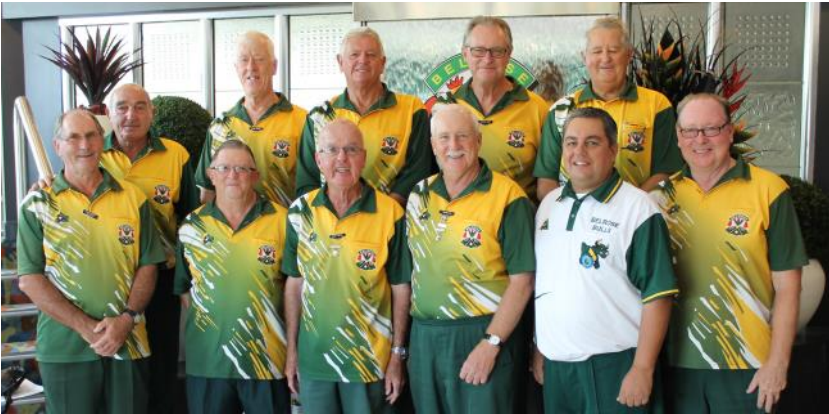


**BELROSE MEN'S BOWLING CLUB COMMITTEE 2012/13**
**L. to R. Rear - Bill Pretti, David Peart, Doug Murphy, Warren Bee, Joe Williams**
**Front - Alec Keech, Phil Sheedy, Andy Little (President), Peter Muir,**
**Michael Harvey (Bowls Manager), Graham Bee**

| YEAR | PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | TREASURER | BOWLS SECRETARY/CO-ORDINATOR |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1953/54 | ROBSON S. | FREE R. | FORD S. | STOCKDALE H. |
| 1954/55 | ROBSON S. | FREE R. | FORD S. | STOCKDALE H. |
| 1955/56 | ROBSON S. | FREE R. | FORD S. | STURITS A. |
| 1956/57 | ROBSON S. | FREE R. | FORD S. | RIDGES W. |
| 1957/58 | PRESCOTT J. | FREE R. | FORD S. | JOHNSTON A. |
| 1958/59 | PRESCOTT J. | FREE R. | FORD S. | JOHNSTON A. |
| 1959/60 | PRESCOTT J. | FREE R. | COUPE A. | JOHNSTON A. |
| 1960/61 | FULLER T. | FREE R. | COUPE A. | WARBURTON C. |
| 1961/62 | FULLER T. | FREE R. | JOHNSTON A. | PRESCOTT J. |
| 1962/63 | FULLER T. | FREE R. | LUMSDEN P. | WARBURTON C. |
| 1963/64 | JOHNSON H. | BATE C. | ADAM W. | JOHNSTON A. |
| 1964/65 | JOHNSON H. | BATE C. | STIVANO W. | JOHNSTON A. |
| 1965/66 | TICKLE F. | BATE C. | MORRISON F. | WARBURTON C. |
| 1966/67 | TICKLE F. | BATE C. | MORRISON F. | SHARP E. |
| 1967/68 | TICKLE F. | BATE C. | MORRISON F. | SHARP E. |
| 1968/69 | BLACKFORD C. | BATE C. | MORRISON F. | JOHNSTON A. / SHARP E. |
| 1969/70 | BLACKFORD C. | BATE C. | MORRISON F. | SHARP E. |
| 1970/71 | BURGESS N. | BATE C. | WHITING M. | GRAY A. |
| 1971/72 | BURGESS N. | ALDER S. | WHITING M. | HANCOCK H. |
| 1972/73 | BURGESS N. | CONROY K | RUTHVEN D. | JOHNSTON A. |
| 1973/74 | ELLIS G. | FLINT E. | RUTHVEN D. | WHITING M. / LEANE F. |
| 1974/75 | ELLIS G. | FLINT E. | SHEARER J. | LEANE F. |
| 1975/76 | TICKLE F. | JOYCE P. / DAWSON E. | SHEARER J. | GRAYDON L. |
| 1976/77 | PALMER W. | DAWSON E. / BROWNE N. | COLE S. | BATE C.W. |
| 1977/78 | PALMER W. | MAYBLOM A. | JOHNSTON A. / COLE S. | BATE C.W. |
| 1978/79 | PALMER W. | SHEEDY P. | COLE S. / JOHNSTON A. | YOUNG A. |
| 1979/80 | McDONNELL H. | KEMPTON E. | JOHNSTON A. | YOUNG A. |
| 1980/81 | MELROSE L. | BROWNE N. | ALLISON C. / BROWNE N. | BURNEY W. |
| 1981/82 | MELROSE L. | BROWNE N. | KEMPTON E. | BURNEY W. |
| 1982/83 | MELROSE L. | BROWNE N. | KEMPTON E. | BURNEY W. / MAHER R. |
| 1983/84 | MELROSE L. | MAHER R. | ALLISON C. | EVANS R. |
| 1984/85 | MELROSE L. | BROWNE N. / LARSSON R. | CARSON B. | NAPIER R. |
| 1985/86 | MELROSE L. | BROWNE N. / LARSSON R. | CARSON B. | EVANS R. |
| 1986/87 | KEMPTON E. | LARSSON R. | ALLISON C. | HAYNES B. |
| 1987/88 | KEMPTON E. | BROWNE N. | JOHNSON G. | NAPIER R. |
| 1988/89 | KEMPTON E. | | NAPIER R. | TIBBITS J. |
| 1989/90 | MELROSE L. | | JOHNSON G. | TIBBITS J. |
| 1990/91 | KEMPTON E. | Registered | JOHNSON G. | TIBBITS J. |
| 1991/92 | KEMPTON E. | Club | JOHNSON G. | KAHN M. |
| 1992/93 | KEMPTON E. | Formed | NAPIER R. | TIBBITS J. |
| 1993/94 | KEMPTON E. | Position | NAPIER R. | GALE C. |
| 1994/95 | KEMPTON E. | Of | NAPIER R. | WARREN P. / TURNER R. |
| 1995/96 | KEMPTON E. | Secretary | HARTMANN G. | WARREN P. |
| 1996/97 | BRORSON P. | Now listed Registered Club | HARTMANN G. | TURNER R. |
| 1997/98 | BRORSON P. | NOTICE BOARD | DAVIDSON N. | WARREN P. |
| 1998/99 | GRAYDON L. | | NORTH J. | GLENN W. |
| 1999/00 | WARREN P. | | NORTH J. | GLENN W. |
| 2000/01 | WARREN P. | | NORTH J. | GLENN W. |
| 2001/02 | ARUNDELL P. | | COLTMAN N. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2002/03 | ARUNDELL P. | | CRIPPS W. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2003/04 | ARUNDELL P. | | CRIPPS W. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2004/05 | ARUNDELL P. | | SMITH H. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2005/06 | ARUNDELL P. | | SMITH H. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2006/07 | MITCHELL P. | | SMITH H. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2007/08 | GLENN W. | | SMITH H. | HOLLAND P. |
| 2008/09 | GORDON A. | WATSON C.  KEECH A. | SMITH H. | MUIR P. |
| 2009/10 | GORDON A. | KEECH A. | MURPHY D. | MUIR P. |
| 2010/11 | LITTLE A. | KEECH A. | MURPHY D. | MUIR P. |
| 2011/12 | LITTLE A. | KEECH A. | MURPHY D. | |
| 2012/13 | | | | |

**BELROSE NATIONAL COACHES 2012/13**
**L. to R. Rear  -   Ron Piper, Rob Henderson, Alan Gordon, Bill Kelly**
**Front  -  Bill Pretti, Wilson Tan, John Elphick, Len Jenkins, Don Fry**



**BELROSE NATIONAL UMPIRES 2012/13**
**L. to R. from back-row  -**
**Andy McKellar, Arthur Hay,Winston Watts, Rody Manning, Alan Gordon,**
**Robert Bruce,  Dean Daniel,  Colin Horne, Alec Keech, Mike Gibb (absent)**

# BELROSE BOWLING CLUB
## THE BEGINNING OF PENNANTS

On the 1st January 1956, the Belrose Bowling Club became affiliated with the Royal NSW Bowling Association which entitled the Club to compete in the State Pennant competition.

The earliest records available, show on Saturday 9th January, 1960 Belrose played three Pennant games, one home and two away. It is believed the first Pennant games would have occurred in 1958, but unfortunately no records are available from that year. In 1960, Belrose entered three sides, one in Grade 4, one in Grade 6 and the other in Grade 7. The No 4 side consisted of 16 players in 4 teams. Points allocation were, 1 for a rink win and 4 for an overall Master Board win. The maximum available points on offer were 8. The No 4's game was scheduled at Belrose against Chatswood. The Belrose side acquitted themselves well winning all 4 rinks and gaining the maximum 8 points. The side was;

|         | A             | B              | C              | D           |
|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Lead    | C. Flello     | C. Blackford   | S. Fuller      | J. Ward     |
| Second  | S. Robson     | K. Ward        | B. Hendy       | K. Harding  |
| Third   | J. McKechnie  | W. Roberts     | C. Warburton   | J. Flello   |
| Skip    | A. Gilchrist  | J. Prescott    | B. Atwell      | D. Thomas   |
| Manager | A. Gilchrist  |                |                |             |

A cursory look at the makeup of the teams showed Charlie Blackford playing lead in a team that won their game 31-22 . His next appearance was in the 7's in round 3 as a Third. He did not return to the higher grade until round 8 as a Third. That year Charlie played a total of six Pennant games recording five wins and one loss, with the loss being by two shots. Total shots for on his rinks were 174 and against 118. The average winning margins for each game was almost ten shots. It is history now that Charles Blackford went on to become the first Belrose player to be selected in a NSW State side. A feat only achieved by two other Belrose Men's players, Crawford Linton and Rex Johnston. His bowling abilities enabled him to become one of the most accomplished Skips in the Club's history. His name appears numerous times on the Club's Championship Honour Board. He never won the Club's Minor Singles Championship, maybe this went against him. Heaven forbid, it would appear the Selectors may have got it wrong in those days as well.

Records show the No 6 side consisted of only three rinks of four players. The side was not so fortunate, winning only one rink and going down to Chatswood West 76-68 in an away game. The side was;

|         | A          | B            | C              | D               |
|---------|------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Lead    |            | R. Ford      | S. Kennelly    | A.Spence        |
| Second  |            | L. Jones     | P. Ockerby     | S. Reynolds     |
| Third   |            | R. Morris    | A. Johnson     | S. Leane        |
| Skip    |            | F. Tebbutt   | D. Jackman     | W. Christenson  |
| Manager |            | A. Johnson   |                |                 |

Like the No 6 side, the No 7's also consisted of three rinks of four. Their first game that year was against Mona Vale, away. They had a little more success winning two of their rinks but going down 69-64 overall. The losing rink recorded a loss of 25-18.

The side was:

|        | A             | B               | C           |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Lead   | R. Deveridge  | E. Coster       | G. Duncan   |
| Second | M. Thorpe     | T. Scott-Young  | K. Jones    |
| Third  | F. Morrison   | J. Kerr         | L. Flaherty |
| Skip   | P. Alder      | D. Curran       | K. Harvey   |
| Manager| P. Alder      |                 |             |

From an inconspicuous beginning, the Belrose Men's Bowling Club has gone on to attain 47 Pennant Flags comprising 29 winning Flags and 18 Runner-up Flags which included a No 1 State Flag, supported by 4 No 1 State Runners-Up and a No 5 State Runner-up Flag.



**Arch Johnson
No 6
Pennant Player &
Side Manager**



**Belrose Bowling Club Members
early 1960's**



**Fred Morrison
No 6
Pennant Player
1960**

# SIXTY YEARS -
## BRIEF HISTORY OF BOWLING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Belrose Men's Club bowling success story begun in 1967 when the Club was Runner-up to the NSW Leagues Club in the Grade 3 Metropolitan competition. Its first winning Pennant achievement occurred in 1983 when our No 5 side brought home the Winning flag. This same side went onto become Runners-up at State level. The Club's impressive record from 1953 to 2013 comprises 47 Pennant Winning and Runner-up flags, 23 Mid Week Triples Winning and Runner-up flags, a Premier League Runner-up flag and a NSW Club Challenge Runner-up flag.

The most successful Pennant Grade with16 has been the No 1's, the No 2's have 9, the No 3's with 6, the No 4's, 5's and 6's with 5 each, and the 7's with 1. While luck sometimes plays a part with any success, it most certainly was not with Belrose in 2011 at Ballina where again the outcome was another Runner-up flag. The following year again saw Belrose compete in the State No 1 Final with yet another Runner-up flag. In 1999 and 2000, Belrose entered a side in the Premier League competition and achieved, you guessed it, the Runner-up flag in their second year. While the No 1 Pennant competition is generally considered the pinnacle of club bowls, Premier League brought together the States top club's having in their playing rosters many past and present International and State players. Belrose, using only local players and in only their second year at Premier League level almost captured the most prestigious prize in NSW bowls at that time. In 2012 Belrose finished Runner-up in the NSW Club Challenge.



No 1 State Pennant Final 2011 Belrose Vs St Johns Park
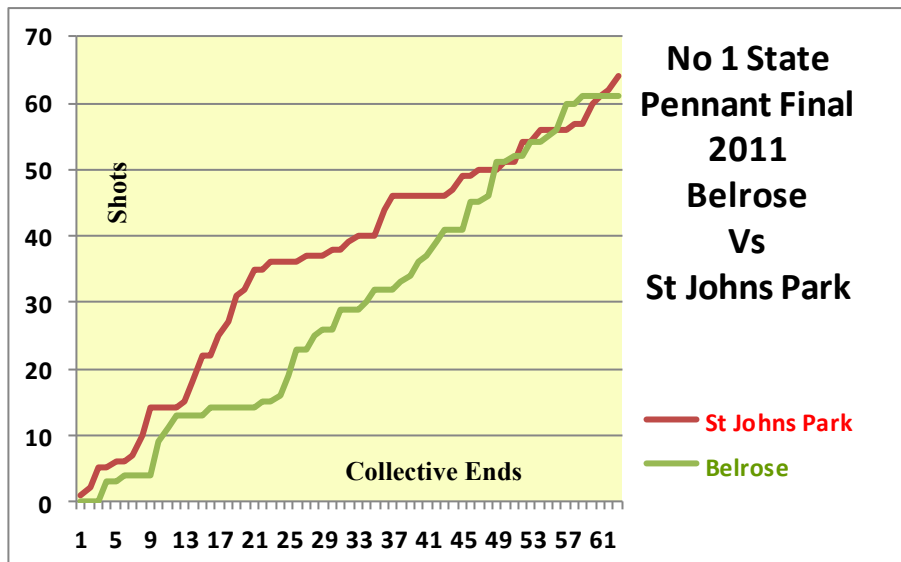
# Blue ribbon BCiB final was an all-metropolitan affair

All was in readiness for an expectant great final between St. Johns Park and Belrose, which, incidently, would be the first occasion since 2001 that 2 metropolitan sides had met in a Grade 1 final.

On that occasion, Mt Lewis and Harbord met in a great encounter.

A good spectator crowd had gathered to watch the 2 sides that were both making their first appearance in a Grade 1 final for some time, with St Johns Park last appearing in 1996 when it took out the flag.

This was its only appearance in the Grade since 1980.

Since that date, Belrose had appeared in 3 Grade 1 finals, and tasted success in 1988.

In fact, a check of records from 1980 back to 1895 revealed that apparently the only previous win in this grade by either side was experienced by St. Johns Park, which won the 1962-63 No.1 Metropolitan Pennant (Division 2).

St Johns Park took up the early running to open up a 14-6 lead after 10 ends, but then Belrose immediately hit back to reduce the deficit to 13-14.

However, St Johns Park weathered the challenge and regained the advantage to lead 27-13 and remained in control of proceedings by extending its lead to 36-16 after 25 ends.

Belrose again began to make inroads into the deficit to reduce it to 14, but Brent Norman's rink held firm for the Saints and led 18-4.

At the half way mark, Belrose battled hard to stay within reach and was being greatly assisted by Cy Threlfall's rink, which led 19-7 as it made further inroads into the leeway to trail 41-47 after 44 ends.

The Saints looked somewhat nervous as Belrose applied the pressure,



**Runner-Up side 2011**

and the difference was just 4 shots as Threlfall's rink dominated to lead 27-9.

But Norman's team led 25-8, while Paul Girdler and John Campton's rink were locked in battle on the remaining rink.

At the completion of 50 ends, the scores were tied 50 apiece as Threlfall's rink grabbed a vital 5 shots.

Belrose hit the front for the first time to lead 54-51 as the pressure mounted for both sides, and it was St Johns' turn to fight back to level the scores at 54-all, and again at 56-all after 56 ends.

The spectators and officials were on the edge of their seats as Belrose again came with a rush to lead 61-56, but the Saints came back yet again to tie the scores at 61-all on 61 ends, and then gained 1 shot on the penultimate end.

However, Belrose would not give in and on the final end held 2 shots for the match, as Norman missed with his first drive, but then killed the end with his last bowl.

In the replay, St Johns held several shots as Wise desperately tried to draw the shot, but was unsuccessful and St Johns Park took a memorable match 64-61 amid much celebration

**Story by IAN McKNIGHT**
**Photos by JOHN BORTOLIN**

**No 5
STATE PENNANT RUNNER-UP
1983**

**L. to R. Fred Milford, Bert Barnes, Sid Williams,
Harry Waghorn, John Snodgrass, Dave Rowley,
Alan Croxon, Ken Connors, Jim Martin, Jack Licciardo,
Neil Davidson, Robbie Parsons, Allen Edwards,
Mort Morgan, Ray Napier, Sam Organ (Manager)**



**No 5
Runners-up Flag Unfurling
September 1983 Jim Strang -
Vice President
RNSWBA in attendance**



**Sid Williams Delivering
the Flag**

# No 1 STATE RUNNER-UP 1985

**L. to R. rear  - John Venteman, Brian Cook, Ted Sharp, Bill Horton, Col Gale, Brian Flakelar, Arthur Townsend, Len Melrose (President), Ralph Johnson, Ray Venteman, Burt Holden, L. to R. front  - Joe Saragozza, Maurie Kahn, Struan Robertson (Manager) Crawford Linton, Doug Anderson, Charles Blackford, Don Lunn, Burt Butler, Barry Brown**

No. 1 STATE PENNANT

WINNER

**BELROSE** BACK: B. Hamer, J. Venteman, B. Kurtz, R. Hofmeier, A. Harding, B. Hardie, J. Saragozza. CENTRE: L. Riddle, B. Cook, E. Sharp, B. Brown, B. Flaklar, B. Marden (Manager). FRONT: L. Adamson, R. Johnston, B. Linton, E. Kempton, C. Blackford, R. Venteman, M. Kahn.

**1988 No 1 STATE PENNANT WINNERS**
**Belrose defeats Park Beach 73 - 69 at Cabramatta**

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## No 1 STATE PENNANT RUNNER - UP 1991
**L. to R. rear - Col Gale, Brian Cook, Brian Flakelar, Crawford Linton,
Steve Robin, Lindsay Adamson, Harold Moy, Bruce Hardie
L. to R. front - Ted Neeves, Barry Brown, Charles Blackford, Ray Venteman,
Joe Saragozza, Maurie Kahn, Rex Johnston, Eric Kempton (President)
John Venteman (L. insert), Alan Harding (centre insert), Ray Pymble (R. insert)**



Joe Saragozza
with RNSWBA
V. P. Andrew Fraser

Bowlers enjoying the day

Official Flag Raising

Our wonderful
lady volunteers

## FLAG UNFURLING DAY

**No 2 PENNANT WINNERS 1992**
L. to R. rear -  John Reid, Bruce Hardie, Phil Westcott, Brian Cook,
Barry Hamer, Pel Brorson, Doug Shell, Ron Larsson (Club Ltd. Chairman)
L. to R. front -  John Venteman, Ted Neeves, Peter Sheedy (Manager)
Eric Kempton (President)
Darcy Jones, John Elphick, Bert Butler

**No 3 PENNANT WINNERS 1993**
L. to R.  -  P. Spray, I. Linton, R. Turner, I. Glover, P. Warren, J. Elphick,
P. Stracey,  D. Shell, E. Kempton (Manager)
absent  -  N. Davidson, A. Payten, R. Venteman, V. Curley,
J. Snodgrass, J. Reid, L. Firman, J. Mann



Ray Turner



Ian Linton



Jack Mann



Doug Shell



John Elphick



John Reid

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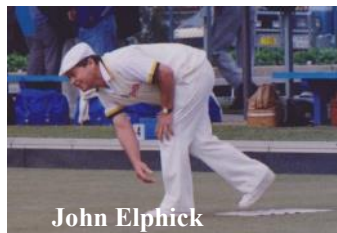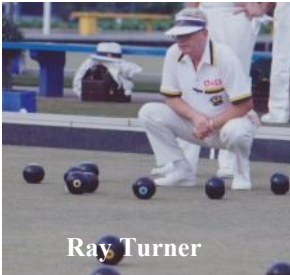
# BELROSE BOWLING CLUB

## PRESIDENT'S
## AND
## FLAG UNFURLING DAY

## SUNDAY
## 21ST JULY 1996

### OFFICE BEARERS (1995 - 96)

**PATRON**
Charles Blackford

**PRESIDENT**
Eric Kempton

**SNR VICE PRESIDENT**
Bill Glenn

**VICE PRESIDENT**
Ray Napier

**BOWLS SECRETARY**
Ray Turner

**ASSISTANT BOWLS SECRETARY**
Philip Warren

### COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bernie Haynes | Pell Brorson | Reg Towell |
| Ian Brabant | Rex Dawson | Jim Clarke |

### LIFE MEMBERS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Allison | Charles Blackford | Nicholas Browne | Bruce Carson |
| Robert Free | Kenneth Harding | Eric Kempton | Frank Tickle |
| Leonard Melrose | Ray Napier | Harold McDonnell | |

**No 2 PENNANT WINNERS 1996**
L. to R. rear -  E. Kempton (President), R. Venteman, P. Spray, I. Linton,
C. Gale, B. Cook, P. Brorson, B. Hardie,
L. to R. front - M. Kahn, G. Jones, J. Mclean, B. Kurtz,
D. Jones, J. Musgrove (Manager)



**No 3 PENNANT WINNERS 1996**
L. to R. rear.  E. Kempton (President), G. Foster, P. Alder, J. Mann,
J. Elphick, V. Curley, P. Stracey, J. Roach
L. to R. front R. Dawson, R. Turner, B. Deller, D. Shell,
K. Ferguson, J. Johnson

**No 7 PENNANT WINNERS 1996**
**L. to R. rear - E. Kempton (Manager) R. Gill, B. Donald, G. Stewart,**
**F. Westphal, E. Hopkins, M. Smart**
**L. to R. front - P. Geard, T. Orlic, B. McClean, J. Montgomery,**
**R. Eckhold, M. Garlick, M. Hickey**



**No 2 PENNANT WINNERS 1997**
**L. to R. rear - B. Hardie, D. Shell, B. Cook, D. Jones,**
**R. Hummelstad, I. Linton,**
**L. to R. front - P. Spray, J. Elphick, R. Venteman, M. Kahn,**
**C. Blackford, B. Kurtz, P. Brorson**

**No 4 PENNANT WINNERS 1997**

**L. to R.  Roy Maher, Jim Johnson, Graham Page, John Roach,
Greg Hughes, Peter Geard, Ray Turner,
Graham Hartmann, Bill Allbon
Absent  - David Page, Lloyd Graydon, Greg Alder**

# 1998 ZONE PENNANT WINNERS

The most successful Zone 9 Pennant season for Belrose was in 1998, winning four flags that year. Success came in Grades 1, 2, 4 and 6. The next most successful year was 1996 when three flags were won in Grades 2, 3, and 7.



**No 2 Pennant Players**
**L. to R. B. Kurtz, H. Moy, B. Flakelar,**
**R. Venteman, C. Blackford, G. Hartmann,**
**P. Stracey, C. Gale**



**Management Committee - 1998/99**

| | |
|---|---|
| PATRON | Charles Blackford |
| PRESIDENT | Lloyd Graydon |
| VICE PRESIDENTS | Ian Glover<br>John O'Reilly |
| BOWLS SECRETARY | Philip Warren |
| ASSISTANT<br>BOWLS SECRETARIES | Jim North<br>Roy Whitehouse |
| TREASURER | Neil Davidson |
| GENERAL COMMITTEE | Alan Borchard<br>Neville Coltman<br>John Hassall<br>Jim North<br>Graham H. Page<br>Roy Whitehouse |
| SELECTORS | Roy Maher (Chairman)<br>Crawford Linton    John Elphick<br>John Roach    Bill Allbon |



**No 6 Pennant Players**
**L. to R.  J. Dunk, N. Wright, J. Clarke, B. Nash,**
**E. Wilson, J. White, M. Fowler, E. Hopkins,**
**J. Hassall, B. McClean**



**No 4 Pennant Players & Officials**
**L. to R.  A. Lindsay, J. Horne,**
**K. Buckman, N. Madden, I. Glover,**
**C. Choat, J. O'Reilly, G. Hughes,**
**B. Glenn, P. Millward, L. Jenkins**

**BELROSE MEN'S BOWLING CLUB**
**ZONE PENNANT WINNING FLAGS**

| | | | | GRADE | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1983 | | | | | x | | |
| 1985 | x | | | | | | |
| 1988 | x | | | | | | |
| 1991 | x | | | | | | |
| 1992 | | x | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | x | | | | |
| 1996 | | x | x | | | | x |
| 1997 | | x | | x | | | |
| 1998 | x | x | | x | | x | |
| 1999 | x | | | | | | |
| 2001 | | x | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | x | | | |
| 2003 | | x | | | | x | |
| 2005 | | | | | x | x | |
| 2006 | x | | | | | | |
| 2008 | | | x | | | | |
| 2009 | x | | | | | | |
| 2011 | x | | x | | | | |
| 2012 | x | | | | | | |
| Total | 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
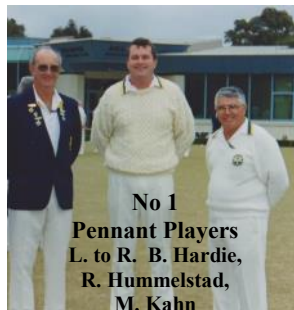


**No 1**
**Pennant Players**
**L. to R.  B. Hardie,**
**R. Hummelstad,**
**M. Kahn**

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**No 1 PENNANT WINNERS 1999**
**L. to R.  -  J. Elphick, B. Flakelar, D. Shell, P. Mitchell,**
**A. Borchard, B. Hardie, C. Blackford, B. Hamer, P. Spray,**
**B. Cook, M. Kahn, D. Jones**

**NSW PREMIER LEAGUE RUNNER-UP 2000**
L. to R. rear  - Jim Shearer (Manager), Steve Halmai, Steve Clark,
Steve Rawlings, Joe Brook, Phil Enever, Terry Warder,
Steve Vanderveer, Steve Ashdown, Crawford Linton (Captain),
L. to R. front  - Joe Saragozza, Mark Alexander, Phil Baker, Dave Shearer



**No 2 PENNANT WINNERS 2001**
L. to R. -  C. Gale, P. Mitchell, A. Borchard, I. Glover, P. Spray,
I. Linton, L. Firman, M. Smart, M. Kahn,
P. Warren, P. Carswell, J. Elphick, P. Brorson

**No 5 PENNANT WINNERS 2002**
**L. to R.. Rear  - J. Johnson, M. Hickey, B. Nash, H. Bowen,**
**J. Hassall, L. Jenkins, E. Hopkins**
**L. to R. front  - M. Brown, P. Geard, T. Elliott,**
**G. Stewart, J. Horne, G. Bruce, B. Glenn**

**No 6 PENNANT WINNERS 2003**
**L. to R. rear - C. Robinson, J. Montgomery, P. Arundell, P. Geard, D. Wright,**
**C. Horne, W. Kelly, N. Coltman, R. Cunneen, R. McCracken**
**L. to R. front - B. Campbell, P. Millward, M. Smith**



**No 5 PENNANT WINNERS 2005**
**L. to R. - L. Cavander, B. Page, P. Millward, J. Roach, B. Cripps,**
**M. Gibb, B. Campbell, J. Cosentino, G. Stewart, G. Hartmann,**
**P. Geard, P. Holland, M. Dietrich**

**No 1 PENNANT WINNERS 2006**
**L. to R.  B. Glenn(Manager), B. Flakelar, J. Saragozza,**
**G. Hartmann, J. Venteman, P. Spray,**
**P. Stracey, P. Mitchell, A. Townsend, L. Flello,**
**M. Smith, L. Cavander, B. Ingram**



**No 3 PENNANT WINNERS 2008**
**L. to R. B. Hardie, A. Humphrey, P. Holland, R. Terranova,**
**G. Muoio, M. Gibb, R. Wise, D. Shell, T Goffin,**
**T. Poskitt, A. Hanson, C. Webber, J. Elphick, R. Venteman**

**No 1 PENNANT WINNERS 2009**
**L. to R.  J. Venteman, J. Saragozza, R. Davis, C. Linton, D. Meldrum,**
**D. Cooke, C. Threlfall, R. Wise, P. Stracey,**
**M. Smith, G. Hartmann, M. Gray, M. Gibb (Manager)**



**No 1 STATE PENNANT RUNNER-UP 2011**
**L. to R.   M. Gibb (Manager), J. Venteman, M. Smith, S. Clark,**
**J. Campton, M. Blackburn, P. Westcott, N. Wise,**
**D. Meldrum, W. Mills, C. Linton, B. Johnson,**
**C. Threlfall**
**Kneeling  - M. Harvey**

# STATE No 1 PENNANT FINAL 2011



| | Belrose | St Johns park |
|---|---|---|
| Lead | M. Blackburn | C. Donaldson |
| Second | P. Westcott | L. Such |
| Third | C. Linton | B. Twist |
| Skip | C. Threlfall | S. Glasson |

| End | Belrose Shots | Belrose Total | St Johns Shots | St Johns Total | End | Belrose Shots | Belrose Total | St Johns Shots | St Johns Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 9 | - | 14 |
| 2 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 10 | - | 14 |
| 3 | - | - | 3 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 11 | - | 14 |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | - | 5 | 15 | - | 11 | 1 | 15 |
| 5 | - | 2 | 3 | 8 | 16 | - | 11 | 1 | 16 |
| 6 | - | 2 | 3 | 11 | 17 | - | 11 | 1 | 17 |
| 7 | - | 2 | 1 | 12 | 18 | 2 | 13 | - | 17 |
| 8 | - | 2 | 1 | 13 | 19 | 1 | 14 | - | 17 |
| 9 | 4 | 6 | - | 13 | 20 | 1 | 15 | - | 17 |
| 10 | 1 | 7 | - | 13 | 21 | - | 15 | 1 | 18 |
| 11 | - | 7 | 1 | 14 | | | | | |

| | Belrose | St Johns park |
|---|---|---|
| Lead | B. Johnson | T. Craigie |
| Second | J. Venteman | C. Edmonds |
| Third | M. Harvey | M. Becghofer |
| Skip | N. Wise | B. Norman |

| End | Belrose Shots | Belrose Total | St Johns Shots | St Johns Total | End | Belrose Shots | Belrose Total | St Johns Shots | St Johns Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 | - | 4 | 4 | 23 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 13 | 1 | 5 | - | 23 |
| 3 | - | 1 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 2 | 7 | - | 23 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | - | 7 | 15 | - | 7 | 2 | 25 |
| 5 | - | 3 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 1 | 8 | - | 25 |
| 6 | - | 3 | 2 | 13 | 17 | 1 | 9 | - | 25 |
| 7 | - | 3 | 3 | 16 | 18 | - | 9 | 2 | 27 |
| 8 | 1 | 4 | - | 16 | 19 | 4 | 13 | - | 27 |
| 9 | - | 4 | 1 | 17 | 20 | - | 13 | 3 | 30 |
| 10 | - | 4 | 1 | 18 | 21 | - | 13 | 2 | 32 |
| 11 | - | 4 | 1 | 19 | | | | | |

| | Belrose | St Johns Park |
|---|---|---|
| Lead | M. Smith | J. Berry |
| Second | D. Meldrum | P. Foster |
| Third | S. Clark | M. Petersen |
| Skip | J. Campton | P. Girdler |

| End | Belrose Shots | Belrose Total | St Johns Shots | St Johns Total | End | Belrose Shots | Belrose Total | St Johns Shots | St Johns Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 19 | - | 7 |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | - | 1 | 13 | - | 19 | 2 | 9 |
| 3 | - | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 21 | - | 9 |
| 4 | 5 | 8 | - | 2 | 15 | 2 | 23 | - | 9 |
| 5 | - | 8 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 4 | 27 | - | 9 |
| 6 | 1 | 9 | - | 3 | 17 | 5 | 32 | - | 9 |
| 7 | - | 9 | 4 | 7 | 18 | - | 32 | 3 | 12 |
| 8 | 1 | 10 | - | 7 | 19 | 1 | 33 | - | 12 |
| 9 | 3 | 13 | - | 7 | 20 | - | 33 | 1 | 13 |
| 10 | 2 | 15 | - | 7 | 21 | - | 33 | 1 | 14 |
| 11 | 3 | 18 | - | 7 | | | | | |

**No 3 PENNANT WINNERS 2011**
**L. to R.   R. Venteman (Manager), P. Stracey, T. Goffin, M. Smart,**
**R. Wise, G. Hartmann, R. Davis, S. McLellan, A. Taylor,**
**J. Saragozza, P. Spray, L. Cavander, M. Gray**



**No 1 STATE RUNNER-UP 2012**
**L. to R.  standing  - Joe Saragozza (Manager), Dave Shearer, Steve Clark,**
**Crawford Linton, Richard Wise, Matt Blackburn, Brad Franklin,**
**Mike Smith, Michael Harvey**
**L. to R. kneeling  - Steve Rawlings,**
**Lachlan Sturrock, John Campton, Cy Threlfall**

# Flags of the Belrose Men's Bowling Club

## Pennants

| Grade | Year | Result | Level | Winning Flags |
|-------|------|--------|-------|---------------|
| | | | | **29** |
| No 1 | 1985 | Winner | Zone | State No 1 Runner Up 1985 |
| **No.1** | **1985** | **Runner Up** | **State** | State No 1 Winner 1988 |
| No 1 | 1988 | Winner | Zone | |
| **No.1** | **1988** | **Winner** | **State** | |
| No 1 | 1991 | Winner | Zone | State No 1 Runner Up 1991 |
| **No.1** | **1991** | **Runner Up** | **State** | |
| No.1 | 1992 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No.1 | 1995 | Runner Up | Zone | State No 1 Runner Up 2011 |
| No.1 | 1998 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.1 | 1999 | Winner | Zone | State No 1 Runner Up 2012 |
| No.1 | 2006 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.1 | 2009 | Winner | Zone | |
| No 1 | 2011 | Winner | Zone | |
| **No 1** | **2011** | **Runner Up** | **State** | |
| No. 1 | 2012 | Winner | Zone | |
| **No 1** | **2012** | **Runner Up** | **State** | 10 |
| | | | | |
| No.2 | 1992 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.2 | 1993 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No.2 | 1995 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No.2 | 1996 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.2 | 1997 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.2 | 1998 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.2 | 2001 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.2 | 2003 | Winner | Zone | |
| No 2 | 2012 | Runner Up | Zone | 6 |
| | | | | |
| No 3 | 1966 | Runner Up | Metropolitan | |
| No.3 | 1993 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.3 | 1994 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No.3 | 1996 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.3 | 2008 | Winner | Zone | |
| No 3 | 2011 | Winner | Zone | 4 |
| | | | | |
| No.4 | 1993 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No.4 | 1997 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.4 | 1998 | Winner | Zone | |
| No 4 | 2000 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No 4 | 2011 | Runner Up | Zone | 2 |
| | | | | |
| No.5 | 1983 | Winner | Zone | |
| **No 5** | **1983** | **Runner Up** | **State** | State No 5 Runner Up 1983 |
| No.5 | 2002 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.5 | 2005 | Winner | Zone | |
| No 5 | 2008 | Runner Up | Zone | 3 |
| | | | | |
| No.6 | 1995 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| No.6 | 1998 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.6 | 2003 | Winner | Zone | |
| N0 6 | 2005 | Winner | Zone | |
| No.6 | 2006 | Runner Up | Zone | 3 |
| | | | | |
| No.7 | 1996 | Winner | Zone | 1 |

# Mid-Week Triples

| | Grade | Year | Result | Level | Winning Flags 14 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | A | 1997 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 1999 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 2000 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 2004 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 2005 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 2010 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 2012 | Winner | Zone | |
| | A | 2012 | Runner Up | Zone | 7 |
| B | B | 1993 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| | B | 1996 | Winner | Zone | |
| | B | 1997 | Winner | Zone | |
| | B | 2000 | Winner | Zone | |
| | B | 2008 | Winner | Zone | |
| | B | 2010 | Winner | Zone | 5 |
| C | C | 1997 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| | C | 2000 | Winner | Zone | |
| | C | 2011 | Runner Up | Zone | |
| | C | 2012 | Winner | Zone | 2 |

# Inter Zone Triples

| | Grade | Year | Result | Level | Winning Flags 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | A | 1999 | Winner | Inter Zone | |
| | A | 2000 | Winner | Inter Zone | |
| | A | 2005 | Winner | Inter Zone | 3 |
| B | B | 2000 | Winner | Inter Zone | 1 |
| C | C | 2000 | Winner | Inter Zone | 1 |

# Premier League

NSW Premier League
Runners-up 2000

# NSW Club Challenge

NSW Club Challenge
Runners-up 2012

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# BELROSE BOWLING CLUB MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

| Year | MAJOR SINGLES Winner | Runner-up | MINOR SINGLES Winner | PAIRS Lead | Skip | TRIPLES Lead | Second | Skip | FOURS Lead | Second | Third | Skip |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1956 | Prescott J. | Alexander C. | - | Alexander C. | Moore C. | - | - | - | - | - | - | Ford R. |
| 1957 | Thomas D. | Warburton C. | Fiello C. | Ford S. | Alexander C. | - | - | - | - | Roberts W. | Holmes N. | Thomas D. |
| 1958 | Alexander C. | Atwell B. | Hendy B. | McKechnie J. | Ward J. | Blackford C. | Harding K. | Thomas D. | Prescott J. | Ford R. | Harding K. | Atwell B. |
| 1959 | Roberts W. | Harding K. | Morgan L. | Gilchrist A. | McKechnie J. | Ford R. | Spence A. | Hagney H. | Fiello C. | Reynolds S. | Hendy B. | Gilchrist A. |
| 1960 | Gilchrist A. | Thomas D. | Fuller S. | Harding K. | Blackford C. | Kennelly S. | Kelly H. | Kennelly V. | Fiello W. | Smith W. | Hendy B. | Jones N. |
| 1961 | Hagney H. | Alder P. | Callan J. | Harding K. | Blackford C. | Harding K. | Warburton C. | Blackford C. | Pitt R. | O'Brien I. | Watkins L. | Gilchrist A. |
| 1962 | Jackman D. | Smith C. | Reader W. | Smith W. | Atwell B. | Fiello W. | Smith W. | Atwell B. | Curran D. | Williams S. | Prescott A. | Jones N. |
| 1963 | Blackford C. | Harding K. | Flannery J. | Carden G. | Callan J. | Wilson J. | Carden G. | Carberry R. | Arkell A. | Watkins L. | Kennelly V. | Blackford C. |
| 1964 | Callan J. | Thomas D. | Reilly S. | Sharp E. | Blackford C. | Callan J. | Johnson H. | Blackford C. | Reader W. | Alexander C. | Flello J. | Blackford C. |
| 1965 | Blackford C. | Sharp E. | Pike T. | Fiello C. | Flello C. | Warburton C. | Johnson H. | Blackford C. | Arkell A. | Flannery J. | Sharp E. | Witton H. |
| 1966 | Sharp E. | Witton H. | Witton H. | Arkell A. | Johnson H. | Warburton C. | Johnson H. | Blackford C. | Watt E. | Flannery J. | Sharp E. | Carey V. |
| 1967 | Blackford C. | Carden G. | Waller L. | Shattock A. | Blackford C. | Warburton C. | Gray A. | Carey V. | Watt E. | Venteman R. | Young F. | Witton H. |
| 1968 | Sharp E. | Hancock H. | Witljer A. | Blackford C. | Jones N. | Gray A. | Carmody F. | Blackford C. | King H. | Meagher J. | Milford F. | Young F. |
| 1969 | Witton H. | Neeves E. | Venteman R. | Gough V. | Atwell B. | Hancock H. | Warburton C. | Gilchrist A. | Gray A. | Witljer A. | Young F. | Blackford C. |
| 1970 | Sharp E. | Blackford C. | Allen P. | Gough V. | Sharp E. | Watkins L. | Neeves E. | Waller L. | Venteman R. | Witljer A. | Callan J. | Snellgrove N. |
| 1971 | Blackford C. | Fiello C. | Butler B. | Witljer A. | Carey V. | Brown H. | Evans R. | Kennelly V. | Venteman R. | Flannery J. | Sharp E. | Carey V. |
| 1972 | Sharp E. | Young F. | Smith F. | Neeves E. | Carey V. | Trowbridge R. | Evans R. | Sharp E. | Watt E. | Neeves E. | Hamer B. | Carey V. |
| 1973 | Allen P. | Sharp E. | Dickens C. | Milford F. | Young F. | Allen P. | Marcroft W. | Webster A. | Kuffel B. | Whiting M. | Webster A. | Blackford C. |
| 1974 | Webster A. | Allen P. | McDonnell H. | Webster A. | Evans R. | Young C. | Witljer A. | Carey V. | Milford F. | Crowley M. | Webster A. | Webster A. |
| 1975 | Sharp E. | Watkins L. | Weeden A. | Sharp E. | Webster A. | Butler B. | Witljer A. | Carey V. | Milford F. | Flannery J. | Cord G. | Blackford C. |
| 1976 | Blackford C. | Evans R. | Linton B. | Sharp E. | Blackford C. | Butler B. | Blackford C. | Sharp E. | Watt E. | Coster E. | Sharp E. | Webster A. |
| 1977 | Blackford C. | Whitton M. | Hogarth J. | Sharp E. | Milford F. | Hancock H. | Venteman J. | Webster A. | Small S. | Flannery J. | Evans R. | Townsend A. |
| 1978 | Sharp E. | Sharp E. | Haynes B. | Venteman J. | Blackford C. | Rowland A. | Milford F. | Venteman A. | Watt E. | Kurtz B. | Bradley G. | Blackford C. |
| 1979 | Linton B. | Blackford C. | Harding A. | Horton W. | Blackford C. | Butler B. | Kurtz R. | Townsend A. | Mayblom A. | Guy J. | Sharp E. | Holden H. |
| 1980 | Blackford C. | Blackford C. | Rowley D. | Cook B. | Blackford C. | Witljer A. | Venteman R. | Butler B. | Butler B. | Flannery J. | Napier R. | Townsend A. |
| 1981 | Sharp E. | Blackford C. | Maxwell R. | Horton W. | Venteman R. | Gale C. | Halpin R. | Anderson D. | Watt E. | Waghorn H. | Kurtz R. | Townsend A. |
| 1982 | Brown B. | Venteman R. | Davidson N. | Sharp E. | Kahn M. | Saragozza J. | Gale C. | Venteman R. | Williams S. | Guy J. | Kurtz B. | Townsend A. |
| 1983 | Anderson D. | Anderson R. | Browne N. | Venteman R. | Townsend A. | Butler B. | Snodgrass J. | Witljer A. | Butler B. | Holland D. | Kurtz B. | Venteman J. |
| 1984 | Anderson D. | Venteman J. | Martin J. | Linton B. | Anderson D. | Reid J. | Parsons R. | Venteman J. | Butler B. | Parsons R. | Linton B. | Johnston R. |
| 1985 | Linton B. | Sharp E. | Edwards A. | Venteman R. | Blackford C. | Spray P. | Snodgrass J. | Witljer A. | Butler B. | Robertson S. | Hofmeier R. | Johnston R. |
| 1986 | Linton B. | Johnston R. | Robin S. | Linton B. | Venteman J. | Reid J. | Linton B. | Johnston R. | Spray P. | Robertson S. | Hofmeier R. | Venteman J. |
| 1987 | Blackford C. | Johnston R. | Page D. | Linton B. | Johnston R. | Robin S. | Linton B. | Johnston R. | Adamson L. | Harding A. | Pymble R. | Hardie B. |
| 1988 | Robin S. | Linton B. | Turner J. | Linton B. | Venteman J. | Robin S. | Venteman R. | Hardie B. | Adamson L. | Maxwell R. | Lindsay A. | Elphick J. |
| 1989 | Johnston R. | Linton B. | Allison C. | Venteman R. | Venteman R. | Butler B. | Moy H. | Adamson L. | Spray P. | Glenn W. | Elphick B. | Elphick J. |
| 1990 | Witljer A. | Harding A. | Jones D. | Hofmeier R. | Johnston R. | Flakelar B. | Kahn M. | Gale C. | Butler B. | Adamson L. | Sommers P. | Johnston R. |
| 1991 | Adamson L. | Johnston R. | Glover I. | Hofmeier R. | Johnston R. | Jones D. | Rawlings S. | Ricketts G. | Jones D. | Adamson L. | Hofmeier R. | Johnston R. |
| 1992 | Johnston R. | Linton B. | Larsson R. | Jones G. | Venteman J. | Jones G. | Spray P. | Venteman J. | Moy H. | Rawlings S. | Hofmeier R. | Johnston R. |
| 1993 | Hofmeier R. | Ricketts G. | Bruce G. | Spray P. | Hofmeier R. | Glover I. | Jones G. | Rawlings S. | Moy H. | Brorson P. | Moy H. | Rawlings S. |
| 1994 | Johnston R. | Kahn M. | O'Reilly J. | Rawlings S. | Johnston R. | Baker P. | Baker P. | Rawlings S. | Moy H. | Brorson P. | Robin S. | Rawlings S. |
| 1995 | Linton B. | Elphick J. | Stracey P. | Hummelstad | Rawlings S. | Hummelstad R. | Lindsay A. | Elphick J. | Cleary N. | Blackford C. | Encver P. | Viatko I. |
| 1996 | Freeman C. | Viatko I. | Warren P. | Borchard A. | Venteman J. | Glenn W. | Lindsay A. | Elphick J. | Baker P. | O'Riley B. | Shell D. | Linton B. |
| 1997 | Linton B. | Hardie B. | Smart M. | Nuttall R. | Linton B. | Glenn W. | Freeman C. | Hardie B. | Saragozza J. | Riggall M. | Shell D. | Vanderveer S. |
| 1998 | Cook B. | Baker P. | McClean B. | Spray P. | Baker P. | Borchard A. | Hickey M. | Arundell P. | Saragozza J. | Hughes G. | Shell D. | Elphick J. |
| 1999 | Flakelar B. | Vandeveer S. | Loughman P. | Spray P. | Elphick J. | Bowen H. | Shell D. | Hardie B. | Gibb M. | Hughes G. | Flello I. | Elphick J. |
| 2000 | Elphick J. | Hardie B. | Fiello I. | Flakelar B. | Shell D. | Carswell P. | Roach J. | Hartmann G. | Carswell P. | Hughes G. | Roach J. | Elphick J. |
| 2001 | Carswell P. | Flakelar B. | Hartman G. | Stracey P. | Venteman J. | Davies G. | Borchard A. | Mitchell P. | Carswell P. | Gibb M. | Shell D. | Saragozza J. |
| 2002 | Carswell P. | Ellis J. | Gibb M. | Kahn M. | Venteman J. | Geard P. | Flello, L. | Saragozza J. | Carswell P. | Cavander L. | Green C. | Hartmann G. |
| 2003 | Stracey P. | Venteman G. | Smith M. | Elphick J. | Saragozza J. | Smart M. | Glenn W. | Cavander L. | Smart M. | Firman L. | Stewart G. | Elphick J. |
| 2004 | Hartmann G. | Stracey P. | Cosentino J. | Cooke D. | Hartmann G. | Stewart G. | Flello I. | Saragozza J. | Darroch I. | Ashcroft G. | Smith M. | Hartmann G. |
| 2005 | Elphick J. | Terranova R. | Holland P. | Meldrum D. | Mitchell P. | Smart M. | Cooke D. | Ingram B. | Carswell P. | Hassall J. | Spray P. | Hay A. |
| 2006 | Stacey P. | Hartmann G. | Wise R. | Low G. | Mitchell P. | Cavander L. | Hardie B. | Wise R. | Cavander L. | Fernandes J. | Meldrum D. | Hartmann G. |
| 2007 | Threlfall C. | Elphick J. | Goffin T. | Linton C. | Stacey P. | Goffin T. | Gray M. | Davis R. | Terranova R. | Cripps W. | Linton C. | Venteman J. |
| 2008 | Linton C. | Fernandes J. | Consentino R. | Linton C. | Clark S. | Mills W. | Coggan A. | Shell D. | Cavander L. | Poskitt T. | Reilly D. | Smith M. |
| 2009 | Linton C. | Linton C. | Mills W. | | Westcott P. | Humphrey A. | Gray M. | Davis R. | Venteman R. | Mills W. | | Wise N. |
| 2010 | Blackburn, M. | Consentino J. | Petkovich B. | | Rawlings S. | Johnson B. | Gray M. | Davis R. | Geard P. | Shlager P. | | Blackburn M. |
| 2011 | | Threlfall C. | Hickey B. | | | Johnson B. | | | Gibb M. | | | |
| 2012 | | Rawlings S. | | | | | | | Alder G. | | | |

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# NOT SO MEMORABLE TIMES

Any account of history would not be complete without recording the disappointments and down times. Unfortunately the Belrose Bowling Club does have two such times. One in the 70's and the other in 2000. While the 1970's were relatively good times for registered clubs, the Belrose Bowling Club was not so fortunate. It was believed that some poor management practices resulted in a severe cash-flow problem that required the Board to impose a special levy of $50 per member, a significant amount for those times. The levy was in the form of a debenture. While the levies were ultimately reimbursed to members over time, many resigned or did not renew their membership which imposed further financial difficulties. The Club's financial position in 2000/01 also experienced problems. The net cash provided by operating activities was down $99,282 (22.8%) from the previous year. Gaming revenues were down (17.8%) and bar sales down (14.3%). A bottom line operating loss of $19,700 from ordinary activities resulted, the first for many years. The Board abandoned the Sub Club's Bowls Incentive scheme (Boprom) in the middle of the bowling year. It was not readily accepted by many given there was no consultation process with Members. A much improved and affordable Bowls Incentive scheme was subsequently reintroduced in 2002 after the Club's trading activities had improved. In addition to the axing of the Boprom scheme, the withdrawal from the 2001 Premier League competition had a number of severe consequences and flow-on effects for Belrose. The loss of nearly all of the Premier League playing roster and a number of other fringe players saw the Club's bowling strength depleted. In 2002, the No 1 Pennant Side ran last and was subsequently relegated to the 2's. The 2003 Pennant season saw Belrose not fielding a Pennant Side in the 1's, the first time in many years. It was almost impossible to attract quality players to a struggling club, a situation many others have experienced. The way back was through the No 2's, and in 2003 the No 2 side won the Zone Flag and were promoted back into the No 1's. While our top grade acquitted themselves well, it was apparent the domination of Club's like Asquith and Harbord was very challenging and needed to be addressed if Belrose was to again reach the top. In 2005 the Club's Chairman took a plan to the Board which would address the problem. To reinstate Belrose to its former glory days was not going to be easy. The Board was in agreement and with the assistance and input from Joe Saragozza, a recruitment programme was commenced. It cannot be understated the importance of Joe Saragozza's input. His input was a critical factor in the road back for Belrose. Former Belrose key players, supported by others outside of Zone 9 were identified. A revised bowls incentive scheme was introduced. The radical scheme was designed to benefit all players, both men and women across all grades. The scheme was both responsible and affordable. A completely new concept for the recognition of Club championship achievements was also incorporated. The new bowls incentive scheme proved to be very successful and the rest is history as they say. Belrose went on to win the No 1 Flag in 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012 and State Runner-up Flags in 2011 and 2012. The Board's long term plan to restore Belrose to its former glory days was most certainly vindicated. The past 3 years has seen Belrose become the Zone No 1 dominate side.

# NSW AWARDS NIGHT 2012



The 2012 Bowls NSW Players Awards night brought together the best of NSW bowlers over the previous year. NSW Playing achievement categories for 2012 were, Inaugural Best Performed Club of the Year, Disability Bowler of the Year, Junior Bowler of the Year, Senior Bowler of the Year, Most Improved Bowler of the Year, and Bowler of the Year. Belrose was nominated in three of the six categories, Club of the Year, Junior Bowler of the Year, and Senior Bowler of the Year. It was the first time the Belrose Men's Bowling Club had been nominated for three awards at this prestigious event.



**Crawford Linton**

Over the previous seventeen years, Belrose had one winning nomination, Steve Ashdown, "Most Improved Bowler of the Year" in 2000. Winner of this years Club of the year was awarded to Roselands, while the Junior Bowler of the year was won by Ben Glasson, son of former International and Australian player, Steve Glasson. Many in the audience thought the Belrose nomination, Billy Johnson was extremely unlucky, and was only just pipped by a very accomplished young player. Some good judges believed Billy's 2012 achievements would in previous years have had him stepping onto the stage. Finally the drought ended when Crawford Linton's name was read out as the Senior Bowler of the Year. At the beginning of the night Crawford believed he was no chance. During 2012 and on the way to winning the award, Crawford was the Zone 9 Senior Singles and Pairs winner, Zone 9 Champion of Champion Pairs winner, Australian Senior Interstate Sides winner, and Zone 9 Bowler of the year. This coupled with him being a member of the Belrose No 1 State Pennant Runner-up side made the adjudicators task a little easier. It just goes to show great bowlers are not always good judges. Twenty three players from fifteen NSW Bowling Clubs were represented on the night. What a great achievement for Belrose to have been nominated in three categories.



**Billy Johnson (centre) with
Dennis Taylor (L) - President Zone 9
and Belrose President - Andrew Little**



**Award Winners 2012**

**L. to R. rear - Mat Miles (Most Improved Bowler of the year), Brett Duprez (Hall of Fame Inductee), Cameron Curtis ( Hall of Fame Inductee & Joint Bowler of the Year with Carl Healy (absent),
L. to R. front - Crawford Linton (Senior Bowler of the Year), James Reynolds (Disability Bowler of the Year), Ben Glasson (Junior Bowler of the Year)**

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# BELROSE HOSTS GRAND PRIX

From 1994 through 1996 Belrose hosted three Grand Prix Singles Tournaments. The Grand Prix circuit involved many of the top bowling Club's within NSW. The Tournament was ably supported by many companies including GIO, which ensured its success. Excellent prize money was on offer. The Tournaments attracted some of the best bowlers in the country with names that included Bret Duprez, Rob Parrella, Ian Taylor, Fred Diamond, Kelvin Kerkow, Dave Stockham, Garry Willis, Neil Burkett, Cameron Curtis, Barry Salter, Charlie Hayes and Rex Johnston but to name a few. The 1995 Tournament was significant as it was won by Belrose player Crawford Linton who had just returned from a 2 1/2 year sailing sabbatical. At one time during the Tournament it appeared the weather would be the winner after heavy rain flooded the Greens on a number of occasions, both before and during play. It was said Linton's chances were heightened with the rain. He took advantage to beat Fred Diamond (Northern Territory) 25 - 19 in the final. The 1995 three day tournament



attracted some of Australia's top bowlers and some internationals. Along the way, Linton defeated Kelvin Kerkow, Dave Stockham, Garry Willis, Neil Burkett, and Cameron Curtis. He lost to Charlie Hayes by a single shot and Barry Salter by two, but won his round robin section with a plus 38 margin. While it was one of Linton's best wins, it does not rank with his Australian pairs title, won with club mate Rex Johnston he said.



**GRAND PRIX FIELD 1995**

This report was taken from the North Shore Times, Friday, September, 22, 1995

# PREMIER LEAGUE

In late 1997 the RNSWBA called for expressions of interest from NSW Bowling Clubs to participate in a new competition. It was to involve elite players, described as the "best of the best". Clubs had to meet a number of essential criteria including financial viability and a strong playing roster. The Board under the Chairmanship of Peter Sheedy and aided by Club bowlers, Joe Saragozza and Crawford Linton, put together a side comprising players from Dee Why, Harbord, North Manly and Mona Vale along with five Belrose players. The final squad included 13 Zone 9 representatives and was best described as a champion side. The Premier League concept was considered the single biggest change in NSW bowls to have occurred for many years. The new concept included a sixteen club competition involving both Saturday and Sunday games, overnight stays were required, player payments and a promotion and relegation system were all part of the proposal. The competition was scheduled to be conducted concurrently with Pennants, which meant player movements from Premier League to No 1 Pennants and vice versa was limited. It is history now that the Board approved the application which was accepted by the RNSWBA. Belrose was admitted as one of the 16 Clubs in the inaugural 1999 year. The decision to enter was not accepted by some within the Belrose Men's Bowling Club, and despite the success Belrose achieved, opposition to play in Premier League continued. Despite this opposition, Belrose entered the side and for the first time introduced compulsory training, twice a week. The first year saw a very competitive Belrose side, although unable to finish in the top four, finished a creditable 8th. The inaugural competition was won by Warilla. In 2000 Belrose entered a side which resulted in a fairy-tale finish, being Runners-up to St. Johns Park, a side full of State and International players. At the conclusion of the 2000 season the then Board Chairman Eric Kempton informed the RNSWBA that Belrose would not be entering a side the following year. It was widely believed at the time, the withdrawal was done before a full Board meeting had the opportunity to discuss the issue.

To this day it is still argued why the withdrawal should have ever occurred. Associated costs were a consideration, although the players were in agreement to either reduce or forgo payments. Others believed player commitment or lack thereof was the reason. There is no doubt the undermining and misinformation by some within the Club was the catalyst which provided the final result. In 2001, all but three players from the original 1999 side decided to take up an offer to play for Harbord. Whatever the reason it



L. to R. from back—Steve Clark, Dave Shearer, Steve Ashdown, Steve Rawlings, Steve Vanderveer, Col Freeman, Phil Enever, Steve Robin, John Venteman, Ray Pymble, Pell Brorson (Mgr.), Phil Baker, Crawford Linton,, Joe Saragozza

was a sad day for Belrose to lose such a fine roster of players, a loss which took a number of years to overcome. It would be hoped the Club has learned from those mistakes and that they are not repeated.

# NSW CLUB CHALLENGE

The years of 2011 and 2012 saw Belrose enter teams in the NSW Club Challenge with rewarding outcomes. The unique concept provided for a team of seven playing three disciplines, Singles, Pairs and Fours. Belrose entered teams in the Gold Section (open), and in 2011 finished Semi-Finalists, going down to Warilla, a very creditable result with their first attempt in such a strong and competitive NSW competition. The following year saw Belrose go one better by making the Final. The 2012 competition had 28 of the State's top Bowling Clubs vying for the prestigious trophy. The draw was divided into 11 sections with Belrose meeting The Entrance, Avoca Beach, North Sydney, Terrigal and Gosford City in Section 6. Belrose went onto play in the Final against a strong Dubbo Railway team after winning their Semi-Final. The game was played on the 9th December, 2012 at the Warilla Bowling Club. Unfortunately Belrose were again Runners-up in a State Final.



## BELROSE 2012 CLUB CHALLENGE SIDE

**L. to R. Rear - Steve Rawlings, Matt Blackburn,
John Campton, Nathan Wise,
L. to R. front - Crawford Linton, Michael Harvey,
Billy Johnson**

# NSW CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

The 2012 bowling year saw Belrose enter a team in the inaugural NSW Champions League Competition. Champions League had replaced Premier League. Many of the world's best bowlers play in this Competition, regarded as the best domestic competition in the world. International players fly to Australia to compete in teams with our National and State Champions as well as top grade local players.

The Belrose team which took the field was arguably the strongest the Club has ever fielded in its sixty year history. The team contained two international Commonwealth Games Gold Medallists, seven State Representatives, an Australian Junior Representative, and three Zone 9 Champions.

Belrose finished a very credible third with the powerful Merrylands Club defeating Roselands (NSW Bowling Club of the year winner) in the Final.



**NSW STATE CLUB CHALLENGE RUNNER-UP**
**L. to R.  from rear  -  Billy Johnson, David Holt, Crawford Linton,**
**Graham Hartmann (Manager), Brad Franklin, Matt Blackburn, Nathan Wise,**
**John Campton, Dave Shearer, Shawn Thompson,**
**Michael Harvey, Mark Jacobsen, Craig Donaldson,**
**Steve Rawlings (insert)**

# MEN'S MID WEEK TRIPLES

The Zone 9 Mid Week Triples competition while not having been in existence as long as Pennants, continues to provide inter-club competition that accommodates all levels of competitiveness, with sides comprising three teams. Originally divided into three Grades, "A", "B" and "C", the conditions of play assign players to a Grade using the previous years Pennant Grading's. Grades 1 and 2 players equated to "A" Grade, Grades 3 and 4 to "B" Grade and 5, 6 and 7 to "C" Grade. Players from lower grades were also eligible to compete in higher Grades if wished. In recent times an additional Grade (D) was introduced. This allowed for a more even distribution of players from the seven Pennant Grades into the four Mid Week Grades.

Belrose has a proud history in this competition having won nineteen flags in all with the first in 1997. The first Runner-up Flag was achieved in 1993. A breakdown of those Zone wining Flags shows, "A" Grade with 7, "B" Grade with 6, and "C" Grade with 2. In years which saw it extended to an inter-zone competition, Belrose achieved an additional five winning Flags comprising 3 "A" Grade, 1 "B" Grade and 1 "C" Grade. They were achieved between 1999 and 2005. Unfortunately space does not permit all of the Club's winning side photos to appear.



**A GRADE
MID WEEK TRIPLES
WINNERS 2012
L. to R.
John Cosentino, Doug Shell,
John Venteman, Les Cavander,
Peter Lynn, Graham Hartmann,
Max Gray, Joe Saragozza,
Phil Westcott**



**C GRADE
MID WEEK TRIPLES
WINNERS 2012
L. to R.
Graham Stewart, Bill Allbon,
Peter Muir, Max Turnbull,
Warren Green,
John Fitzgerald, Andy Little,
Andrew McKellar,
Alan Gordon, Bryan Page,
Bill Glenn, Rody Manning**

ZONE 9
B GRADE 1996
MIDWEEK TRIPLES
WINNER

ZONE 9
MIDWEEK TRIPLES
B GRADE 2010
WINNER

ZONE 9
MIDWEEK TRIPLES
B GRADE 1997
WINNER

ZONE 9
MIDWEEK TRIPLES
B GRADE 2008
WINNER

ZONE 9
MIDWEEK TRIPLES
A GRADE 2004
WINNER

ZONE 9
MIDWEEK TRIPLES
A GRADE 2010
WINNER
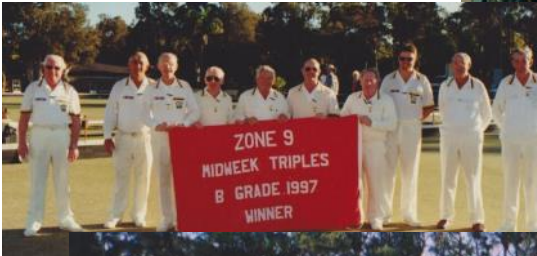
# COLOURED UNIFORMS
## MEN'S CLUB



**Above
L. to R. Alan Lindsay
Dr Keith Ferguson
Ray Turner**





**Late 1980's
to
late 1990's**

**L. to R.
Jack Mann,
Doug Shell,
Ian Linton
John Elphick**



**Late 1990's
to
mid 2000's**









**Mid 2000's  to  present**

In 2012, Men's Club Members were asked to vote for and/or nominate a name that may be synonymous with the Club. A number of names were submitted including "Bushrangers". The poll indicated the majority wished to have such a name, with the most popular being the "Belrose Bulls". The Club's Pennant teams in future will be known as the "Belrose Bulls". The No 1 side has adopted a new uniform for the 2013 Pennant season. Consideration is being given for the emblem to be included on all future Men's Club bowls shirts.





**Shirt Rear**



**Shirt Pocket**

## COLOURED UNIFORMS
## WOMEN'S CLUB

# Belrose Women's Bowling Club

The Belrose Women's Bowling Club proudly celebrated its 50 year Golden Jubilee in 2009. The Club's history has been well documented in two previous publications, which are reproduced in part here. They are the
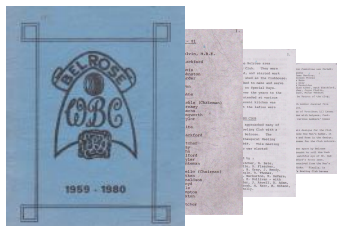


**"Belrose Women's Bowling Club 1959 - 1980"**

**"50 years ~ Brief History of Belrose Women's Bowling Club"**

These publications provide an accurate account of the formation of the Belrose Women's Bowling Club and its development over those years. Our foundation Members and all those who came after them, rightfully deserve recognition and praise for the wonderful legacy they have left. Many milestones have been reached since that inaugural meeting which was attended by twenty six ladies. Along the way three incredible achievements involving longevity have added to the rich history of the Women's Bowling Club. Pat Colvin served as their Patron for 39 years, Kath Blackford was the Secretary for a total of 21 years, and Phil Mobbs held the position of Treasurer for 19 consecutive years. Surely these are records within the women's bowling fraternity and deserve our congratulations. May the future continue to be as rewarding as the previous fifty four years. - Margaret Brady - President 2012 -13



**Belrose Women's Bowling Club Committee 2012/13**

**L. to R. from front row**

**Elaine Glenn (Vice President)**
**Margaret Brady (President)**
**Andrea Bergman (Vice President)**
**Pat Mills (Publicity)**
**Barbara Wiggin (Treasurer)**
**Angela Little (Hon Secretary)**
**Eleanor Swain (Chairman Select)**
**Jan Johnson, (Chairman Social)**
**Fran Green (Chairman Match)**

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## OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1980 - 81

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|---|---|
| <u>Patron</u> | Mrs. P. Colvin, M.B.E. |
| <u>President</u> | Mrs. K. Blackford |
| <u>Vice-Presidents</u> | Mrs. F. Davis |
| | Mrs. H. Johnston |
| | Mrs. N. Larder |
| <u>Secretary</u> | Mrs. B. Wynn |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Mrs. P. Mobbs |
| <u>Selectors</u> | Mrs. C. Tickle (Chairman) |
| | Mrs. J. Garnsey |
| | Mrs. C. Kearns |
| | Mrs. D. Longworth |
| | Mrs. E. Taylor |
| <u>Publicity Officer</u> | Mrs. G. White |
| <u>Delegate</u> | Mrs. K. Blackford |
| <u>Committee</u> | Mrs. I. Butcher |
| | Mrs. M. Gray |
| | Mrs. J. Kahn |
| | Mrs. J. Milford |
| | Mrs. D. Tayler |
| | Mrs. N. Venteman |
| <u>Social Committee</u> | Mrs. J. Flello (Chairman) |
| | Mrs. B. Aitken |
| | Mrs. G. Donaldson |
| | Mrs. N. Floyd |
| | Mrs. B. Gale |
| | Mrs. L. Kempton |
| | Mrs. M. Sexton |
| <u>Welfare Officer</u> | Mrs. I. Butcher |

In 1952 a group of men in the Belrose area
decided to form their own Bowling Club.  They were
able to purchase six acres of land, and started work
on their first Green, using a tin shed as the Clubhouse.

The wives of members were asked to make and serve
Afternoon Teas, and also to cater on Special Days.
This assistance was still given over the years to the
Men's Club as the Clubhouse was extended at various
stages.  It was not until the present kitchen was
installed, and staff engaged, that the ladies were
relieved of these services.

## BELROSE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB

Early in 1959 Mrs. Lil Leane approached many of
the wives of members of Belrose Bowling Club with a
view to forming a Women's Club at Belrose.  The
enthusiastic response led to the Inaugural Meeting
being called for 19th February, 1959.  This meeting
was chaired by Mrs. Lil Leane, who was elected
Foundation President.

The Inaugural Meeting was attended by :

Mesdames L. Leane, G. Alder, I. Butcher, N. Bate,
A. Chadwick, N. Deveridge, J. Flello, D. Fletcher,
Y. Fuller, J. Harding, P. Holland, B. Gray, J. Hendy,
D. McKechnie, P. Morrison, E. Pringle, D. Thomas,
M. Tebbutt, M. Spence, R. Ward, D. Warburton, M. DeVere,
V. Kennelly, M. Kenan, M. Roberts, E. Sullivan - with
apologies from Mesdames V. Alexander, J. Atwell, D. Adam,
M. Boylson, K. Blackford, E. McIntosh, M. Kerr, B. Robson,
S. Flaherty, D. Fuller, Horton & Kelly.

From those present the Foundation Committee was formed:

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Lil Leane
VICE PRESIDENTS: Mesdames Jean Harding,
 Doreen Thomas
HON. SECRETARY: Mrs. Norma Bate
ASST. to SECRETARY: Mrs. Betty Gray
HON. TREASURER: Mrs. Norma Deveridge
COMMITTEE: Mesdames Glad Alder, Kath Blackford,
 Irene Butcher, Joyce Flello,
 Peggy Holland, Marge Tebbutt

Mrs. Pat Colvin was invited to be Patron of the Club, and was duly appointed.

At the close of the meeting each member donated five shillings to start a Bank account.

Due to the untiring efforts of President Lil Leane and a very enthusiastic Committee with helpers, fund-raising functions were held at various members' homes to supplement funds.

CLUB BADGE

Members were asked to submit designs for the Club Badge. Being unable to duplicate the Men's badge, it was decided to use a Bell shape and Rose in the design, and light blue and gold were chosen for the Club colours.

GREENS

Prior to being granted green space by Belrose Bowling Club, the ladies were taught to roll the Jack and deliver the Bowl under the watchful eye of Mr. Dud Thomas, on Charles & Kath Blackford's front lawn.

In May 1959 a letter was received from the Men's Club granting the use of four Rinks. Finally, in September, 1959, Belrose Women's Bowling Club became

affiliated with N.S.W.W.B.A., and on October 13th, 1959 the first official game of Bowls was played with nineteen players. Play Days were limited to one day per week - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many ladies were getting frustrated only being able to play one day a week, and having to vacate the premises at 3 p.m., so the members began looking around to purchase land, or gain access to Council land. Much time was spent viewing many sites, which were all very costly, and at this time the Bank account was very small.

The situation was further reviewed when the Men's Club proceeded with the construction of a third Green, and the Women's Club wondered if extra playing time and green space could be granted to them. Eventually a second day was granted which made it easier for Club Championships to be played as well as Social games, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT

On the 1st President's Day, 4th July, 1961, President Lil Leane welcomed Mrs. Pattison, Vice President of N.S.W. W.B.A. and Mrs. Williams, Results Recorder of N.S.W. W.B.A., and representatives from 15 sister Clubs. A most enjoyable day was had by all, and to a new Club "it was very exciting."

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

In August 1969 these members, still active in the Club, were honoured with a 'Foundation Member' bar to their Club Badge:

Mesdames G. Alder, N. Bate, K. Blackford,
I. Butcher, A. Chadwick, N. Deveridge, M. DeVere,
J. Flello, D. Fuller, J. Harding, V. Kennelly,
L. Leane, P. Mobbs, P. Morrison, D. McKechnie,
M. Roberts, M. Spence, M. Scott-Young, R. Ward.

OFFICE AREA

Belrose Clubhouse was further extended, and in
1977 the Women's Club was granted the use of what had
been the poker machine section.   This was enclosed,
partitioned and furnished as the office and a kitchen
of the Women's Club, at no expense to the Men's Club.

CLUB PAPER

In August 1978 the first Club paper was printed -
Belrose Women's Bowling Club "Newsletter" No. 1, edited
by Dorothy Tayler and Joan Burgess, and the current
Publicity Officer keeps the members up to date with all
the news and activities of the Club.

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Over the years the Men's Club found the ladies were
more 'help' then 'hindrance', and now the members enjoy
all the facilities of the Belrose Bowling Club, and a
very happy relationship is shared by both Clubs.

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The management and success of the Club in the future
inevitably rests with the newer members, and, with the
solid foundation laid by the hard work of the early
members, there seems no reason to doubt the future of
Belrose Women's Bowling Club.

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## BELROSE PERSONALITIES

Mrs. Pat Colvin, M.B.E., has been PATRON of Belrose
W.B.C. for 21 years, since the Club was formed in 1959.

Mrs. Kath Blackford - a Foundation Member, is an Official
Umpire, and has held Office for 21 years -
on Committee           : 1959/62/63/70
as Selector            : 1964/65/66/67/68/69
as Secretary           : 1971/72/73/74/75/76/77
as Vice-President      : 1960/61
as President           : 1978/79/80

Mrs. Irene Butcher - a Foundation Member, has held Office
for 18 years -
on Committee           : 1959/62/66/79/80
as Publicity Officer   : 1960/61
as Selector            : 1976/77/78
as Vice-President      : 1963/64/65/68/69
as President           : 1970/71/72

Mrs. Cec Tickle - is an Official Umpire, and has held
Office for 17 years -
on Committee           : 1962/63/64/65/68/69/70/72/73/74
as Selector            : 1961/78/79/80
as Vice-President      : 1966/67/71

Mrs. Phyll Mobbs - a Foundation Member, has held Office
for 20 years -
on Committee           : 1960 to 1969
as Treasurer           : 1970 to 1980

Mrs. Phyl Morrison - a Foundation Member, is an Official
Umpire, and has held Office for 9 years -
on Committee           : 1961/65/66/68/69/78
as President           : 1962/63/64
and has served 15 years on the N.S.W. W.B.A. on the
Historian Committee and as Vice-President.

Mrs. Dorothy Tayler - is an Official Umpire, and has
held Office for 7 years -
on Committee           : 1973/74/75/80
as Vice-President      : 1976/77/78
and is a member of the Rules Revision Board of the
N.S.W. W.B.A.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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|---|---|
| 1974-75 | Belrose was Runner-up in No. 2 Division of Metropolitan Pennant. |
| 1975 | Mackellar Master Triples - won by Joan Burgess, Irene Butcher, Kath Blackford (Capt.) |
| 1976-77 | State Fours - won by Joan Burgess, Irene Butcher, Norma Venteman, Kath Blackford (Capt.) |
| 1979 | Kath Blackford was selected to play in Test Match, N.S.W. versus Queensland, won by N.S.W. |

## ANNUAL 'BELROSE' TROPHIES, CARNIVALS, COMPETITIONS etc.

Belrose Friendship Trophy. Trophy donated by
    Foundation President Lil Leane in 1967, and is
    played for annually by 11 sister Clubs and Belrose.

Rosevale Trophy. Friendship was exchanged between
    Belrose and Mona Vale Women's Bowling Clubs, when
    past-Secretary Hazel Whiddon moved to Mona Vale in
    1972. This Competition is played annually,
    alternately at each Club, for the trophy donated
    by Mrs. Hazel Whiddon.

Belrose One-Day Carnival. Commenced in 1976, this Open
    Fours Competition is played in October each year.

Belrose 1st Master Triples, was played in 1977, and now
    is an annual event.

## INTER-CLUB VISITS

Each year, alternately, visits are arranged between

        Belrose and Halekulani W.B.C's
           "      "    Long Jetty W.B.C's
           "      "    Bexley W.B.C's

## COMPETITIONS

Minor Singles.  A Silver Brooch presented by Past
          President Dorothy Fuller.

Major-Minor Pairs.   Trophy presented by Past
          President Irene Butcher and Foundation
          President Lil Leane.

Queen of the Green.   Brooch presented in memory of
          Mrs. Doris Watkin.

Princess of the Green.   Brooch presented by Club.


Four Shields were donated by the following for our
Club Championships:

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| Major Singles | : | Patron Pat Colvin, M.B.E. |
| Major Pairs | : | Doreen Thomas |
| Triples | : | "McDougall Sisters" |
| Fours | : | Foundation Committee |


A gold brooch was donated by Phyl Morrison for the
Major Singles Championship.   Our Patron Pat Colvin
also donated a Silver Tray for the Major Singles
Championship, to be held for the current year.


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1980 MEMBERSHIP is 124  ...  14 being Foundation Members.


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## *"50 years ~  Brief History of Belrose Women's Bowling Club"*
### *(Extracts 1981—2009)*

I n 1986 N.S.W.W.B.A. introduced Districts in the Metropolitan area.  Belrose Women's Bowling Club , along with 11 other clubs, was formed into the Min North Shore District.  Sadly over the years three Clubs closed (Lindfield Ladies, Pymble, Lindfield West).  Subsequently a new Club was affiliated as Lindfield East Women's Bowling Club.  Together with the clubs in Bennelong, Lower North Shore and Manly Warringah Districts, we formed L Group. Inter-district games are conducted annually with players selected by the District.

On the 27th October, 1986, Belrose Women's Bowling Club became full members of the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd.  The following year, Mrs Margaret Johnson was the first lady to be elected as a Director of the Club's Board.  Since that date, three other ladies, Mavis Mills, Noreen Flakelar and Pat Shearer have served as Directors.

Mrs Kath Blackford was invited to become the Patron of the Women's Club on the death of Patron Pat Colvin MBE.  She officially assumed this role in August 1988 and continues to be our Patron.  Amongst many other achievements Kath Blackford was awarded the Inaugural Australian Sports Medal in 2000.

In 1989, Elaine Taylor attained a Level 1 Accreditation Coaching Certificate  to become our first official coach, and has since became a Level 2 Coach.  We are fortunate to have four accredited coaches, Elaine Taylor, Robyn Gibb, Janette Gordon and Margaret Brady taking care of our tuition.   Mrs Kath Blackford became the first Women's Club Umpire.  With the trend continuing, we have four ladies, Pat Shearer, Elaine Hay, Lyn Needs, and Margaret Brady, who are accredited umpires. Over the 50 years, members have also filled honorary positions at State and District Level.  Three of our members are serving on the District Committee at present. Betty North (Treasurer), Noreen Flakelar (Selection) and May Clayton (Social).

1976 saw the team of J. Burgess, I Butcher, N. Venteman and K. Blackford successful in winning the State Fours.  B. Wynn, N. Venteman and K. Blackford in 1988 were Runners-up in the State Triples.  Mrs H. Wuro won the State Singles, and with E. Musgrove, the State Pairs in 1997.  Mrs H. Wuro in 2005 won the State Singles again.  Both K. Blackford in 1979 and H. Wuro in successive years of 1995/6/7/8/9 and again in 2006 have represented NSW at State Level.

On the 2nd February 1997, Warringah Councillor, Peter Moxham performed the official naming of the No 1 Green dedicated to Mrs Kath Blackford Patron and Life member.

Our Grade No 1 Pennant team of H. Barnes, M. Johnson, E. Musgrove, H. Wuro, J. Millican, N. Venteman, E. Taylor, and K. Blackford were successful in winning the No 1 State Pennant Flag in 1997, with the official unfurling held at Belrose on Tuesday 21st October, 1997. The team of R. Gibb, J. Greenwell, B. North and H. Wuro finished 3rd in the State Carnival in 1999. That same year our Pennant team of F. Valentin, J. Millican, E. Musgrove,, E. Taylor, H. Barnes, B. North, M. Johnson and H. Wuro made the final of the No 1 State pennant, but unfortunately went down to Wiseman's park (Wollongong) after a close game. Our No 3's and No 4's Pennant teams in 2005 won at Group Level and went to State Play-off.

Dress regulations have seen many changes since the days of ll white uniforms, white stockings, hat and gloves. In the 90's navy blue slacks and jackets were accepted as part of the standard uniform. 2001/2 saw the introduction of coloured tops and jackets. It was decided to incorporate the club's colours of Blue and gold into our new uniform tops.

## Update 2009/2012

The incorporation of sky blue pants as part of the Women's Club uniform occurred in 2010. A major change to the Management Committee structure in 2012 resulted in a reduction of committee members from 16 to 9. Lower grades enjoyed success over this period with the No 4's winning both the District and Group Flags in 2009. The No 3's were successful at District level in 2010 and then again in 2012 with both a District and Group Flag.

**1997**
**NSW State Pairs Winners**
**Edith Musgrove (L.),**
**Halina Wuro**

**1997 & 2005**
**NSW State**
**Singles Winner**
**Halina Wuro**

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| Year | PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | TREASURER |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1959/60 | LEANE L. | BATE N. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1960/61 | LEANE L. | BATE N. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1961/62 | LEANE L. | FLELLO J. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1962/63 | MORRISON P. | FLELLO J. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1963/64 | MORRISON P. | FLELLO J. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1964/65 | MORRISON P. | FLELLO J. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1965/66 | FULLER D. | FLELLO J. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1966/67 | FULLER D. | FLELLO J. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1967/68 | MAHER M. | WHIDDON H. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1968/69 | MAHER M. | WHIDDON H. | DEVERIDGE N. |
| 1969/70 | MAHER M. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1970/71 | BUTCHER I. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1971/72 | BUTCHER I. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1972/73 | BUTCHER I. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1973/74 | LONGWORTH D. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1974/75 | LONGWORTH D. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1975/76 | LONGWORTH D. | HOLLAND L. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1976/77 | HALLORAN T. | DAVIDSON E. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1977/78 | HALLORAN T. | WYNN B. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1978/79 | BLACKFORD K. | WYNN B. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1979/80 | BLACKFORD K. | WYNN B. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1980/81 | BLACKFORD K. | | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1981/82 | TAYLER D. | | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1982/83 | TAYLER D. | | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1983/84 | WYNN B. | DAVIDSON E. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1984/85 | WYNN B. | BLACKFORD K. | MOBBS P. G. |
| 1985/86 | WHITE G. | BLACKFORD K. | NEWLING D. |
| 1986/87 | WHITE G. | BLACKFORD K. | NEWLING D. |
| 1987/88 | WHITE G. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1988/89 | JOHNSON M. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1989/90 | JOHNSON M. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1990/91 | JOHNSON M. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1991/92 | FERGUSON E. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1992/93 | FERGUSON E. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1993/94 | JOHNSON M. | BLACKFORD K. | SWAIN E. |
| 1994/95 | MILLS M. | BLACKFORD K. | NORTH B. |
| 1995/96 | MILLS M. | BLACKFORD K. | NORTH B. |
| 1996/97 | MILLS M. | FLAKELAR N. | SWAIN E. |
| 1997/98 | DUNN J. | FLAKELAR N. | NORTH B. |
| 1998/99 | DUNN J. | HARDIE C. | MILLS P. |
| 1999/00 | DUNN J. | HARDIE C. | MILLS P. |
| 2000/01 | FLAKELAR N. | ROGERS-FALK H. | MILLS P. |
| 2001/02 | FLAKELAR N. | ROGERS-FALK H. | LITTLE A. |
| 2002/03 | CAREW J. | ROGERS-FALK H. | LITTLE A. |
| 2003/04 | CAREW J. | GLENN E. | LITTLE A. |
| 2004/05 | CAREW J. | GLENN E. | LITTLE A. |
| 2005/06 | ROGERS-FALK H. | GLENN E. | LITTLE A. |
| 2006/07 | ROGERS-FALK H. | GLENN E. | WIGGIN B. |
| 2007/08 | ASHDOWN V. | LITTLE A. | WIGGIN B. |
| 2008/09 | ASHDOWN V. | LITTLE A. | WIGGIN B. |
| 2009/10 | ASHDOWN V. | LITTLE A. | |
| 2010/11 | BRADY M. | | |
| 2011/12 | BRADY M. | | |
| 2012/13 | | | |

The 1960 version of the Belrose Women's Bowling Club Rule Book carried a number of interesting compliance requirements which in part stipulated:

**Rule 3:  MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES.**
in part stating, "The Club shall consist of not more than 100 members, paying an entrance fee of 10 pounds/10shillings, and an annual fee of 5 pounds/5 shillings".

**Rule 13: APPROACH.**
"Only the President or Hon. Secretary shall approach the President of the Men's Club or the Greenkeeper on any matter concerning the Club or Greens".

**Rule 14: COMPLAINTS.**
"Any member with a grievance must state same in writing to the Hon. Secretary and have it discussed at the next meeting, and shall not discuss such grievance on the Green".

*How times have changed.  Membership limitations are unheard of these days, and what would we have to talk about on the Green. These Rules must have been written by the Selectors and the Greenkeeper.*
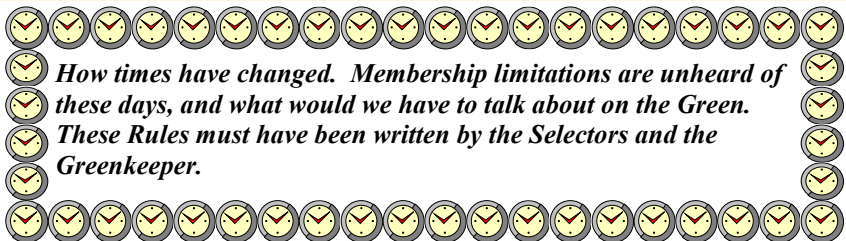
# Belrose Women's Bowling Club
# Life Members

* L. Leane, * P. Mobbs,
* P. Colvin, * J. Flello,
* I. Butcher, * E. Taylor
K. Blackford, G. Alder,
N. Bate, M. Mills,
M. Johnson

* Indicates the person is now deceased



**THIS IS YOUR LIFE**
**(In Bowls)**

**President Noreen Flakelar presenting Patron Kath Blackford with a book celebrating her bowling career and achievements at Belrose from 1959 to 2001.**

# PENNANT FLAGS OF THE BELROSE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB

| Grades | Year | Result | Level |
|--------|------|--------|-------|
| $N^o$ 2 | 1987 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 1, 2 & 4 | 1988 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1989 | Winner | District |
| $N^{o\,s}$ 1 & 2 | 1990 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 1 & 3 | 1991 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 1 & 2 | 1992 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1993 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1994 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1994 | Winner | Group |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1995 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 2 & 4 | 1996 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 1, 3 & 4 | 1997 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1997 | Winner | Group |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1997 | Winner | State |
| $N^{os}$ 3 & 4 | 1998 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 1, 2 & 3 | 1999 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1999 | Winner | Group |
| $N^o$ 1 | 1999 | Runner-up | State |
| $N^o$ 2 | 1999 | Winner | Group |
| $N^o$ 1 | 2002 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 3 & 4 | 2005 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 4 | 2005 | Winner | Group |
| $N^o$ 1, 2, 3 | 2006 | Winner | District |
| $N^{os}$ 1, 2 & 4 | 2008 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 4 | 2009 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 4 | 2009 | Winner | Group |
| $N^o$ 3 | 2010 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 3 | 2012 | Winner | District |
| $N^o$ 3 | 2012 | Winner | Group |

## TOTAL FLAGS - 45

# BELROSE BOWLING CLUB WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

| Year | MAJOR SINGLES Winner | Runner-up | MINOR SINGLES Winner | PAIRS Lead | PAIRS Skip | TRIPLES Lead | TRIPLES Second | TRIPLES Skip | FOURS Lead | FOURS Second | FOURS Third | FOURS Skip |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1961 | Leane L. | Ward R. | – | Harding J. | Blackford K. | Harding J. | Pringle E. | Maher B. | McKechnie D. | Roberts M. | Tickle C. | Ward R. |
| 1962 | Hammond A. | Maher B. | Bollinger E. | Harding J. | Blackford K. | Harding J. | Pringle E. | Maher B. | NOT PLAYED | Cooke D. | Cowley S. | Butcher I. |
| 1963 | Butcher I. | McIntosh E. | Williams O. | McKechnie D. | Tickle C. | Holland L. | Niddrie E. | Blackford K. | Holland L. | Butcher I. | Morrison P. | Blackford K. |
| 1964 | Watkins D. | Williams O. | Not Played | McLachlan J. | Gorringe I. | Niddrie H. | Cliff D. | McIntosh E. | Holland L. | Thomas D. | Gorringe I. | Watkin D. |
| 1965 | Blackford K. | Cowley J. | Not Played | Evans E. | Cliff D. | Niddrie H. | Holland L. | Blackford K. | Major M. | Dickens P. | Watkins D. | Hammond A. |
| 1966 | Blackford K. | Watkins D. | Not Played | Hawkless R. | McIntosh E. | Johnson A. | Holland L. | Blackford K. | Widman M. | Maher B. | Leane L. | Blackford K. |
| 1967 | Watkins D. | Evans E. | Burgess J. | Niddrie H. | Holland L. | Silvano D. | Silvano D. | Mobbs P. G. | Kennelly V. | Parish L. | Holland L. | McIntosh E. |
| 1968 | Blackford K. | Blackford K. | Bate N. | Morrison P. | Blackford K. | Cowley J. | Fielto J. | Tickle C. | Niddrie H. | Leane L. | Halloran T. | McIntosh E. |
| 1969 | Morrison P. | Witton B. | McComas R. | Harding J. | Maher B. | Niddrie H. | Harding J. | Maher B. | Evans E. | Kennelly V. | Butcher E. | McIntosh E. |
| 1970 | Blackford K. | Blackford K. | Johnston H. | Witton B. | Williams O. | Niddrie H. | Holland L. | Blackford K. | Ventenam N. | Williams O. | Holland L. | Watkin D. |
| 1971 | Blackford K. | Morrison B. | Ventenam N. | Butcher I. | Watkins D. | Johnston H. | Holland L. | Blackford K. | Niddrie H. | Burgess J. | Holland L. | Blackford K. |
| 1972 | Burgess J. | Johnston H. | Chapman M. | Palmer E. | Williams O. | Niddrie H. | Holland L. | Blackford K. | Niddrie H. | Burgess J. | Chapman M. | Blackford K. |
| 1973 | Holland L. | Blackford K. | Reid J. | Niddrie H. | Holland L. | Dickens P. | Ventenam N. | Ventenam N. | Sly B. | Adam D. | Croaker I. | Collerson K. |
| 1974 | Williams O. | Blackford K. | Brassington B. | Morrison P. | Blackford K. | Johnston H. | Ventenam N. | Holland L. | McDonnell M. | Tickle C. | Ventenam N. | Holland J. |
| 1975 | Blackford K. | Holland L. | Healey D. | Butcher I. | Johnston H. | Johnston H. | Young A. | Longworth D. | Johnston H. | Dawe M. | Halloran T. | Butcher I. |
| 1976 | Blackford K. | Burgess J. | Fagan K. | Morrison P. | Blackford K. | Lind E. | Ventenam N. | Butcher I. | Smith L. | Larder N. | Bate N. | McVicar N. |
| 1977 | Burgess J. | Holland L. | Kahn J. | Milford J. | Mobbs P. G. | Johnston H. | Ventenam N. | Butcher I. | Edwards R. | Chapman M. | Napier N. | Blackford K. |
| 1978 | Blackford K. | Williams O. | Napier N. | Longworth D. | Burgess J. | Cook N. | Garnsey J. | Tayler D. | Edwards R. | Rae J. | Bate N. | Williams O. |
| 1979 | Blackford K. | Rae J. | Tonkin F. | Kahn J. | Holland L. | Edwards R. | Burgess J. | Butcher I. | Donaldson G. | Collerson E. | Napier N. | Blackford K. |
| 1980 | Ventenam N. | Williams O. | Valentin F. | Kearns C. | McVicar N. | Floyd N. | Napier N. | Blackford K. | Pollock B. | Morrison P. | Wynn B. | Williams O. |
| 1981 | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Taylor E. | Wynn B. | Taylor E. | Davidson E. | Rowland Q. | Williams O. | Barnes V. | Rae J. | Collerson E. | Williams O. |
| 1982 | Butcher I. | Wynn B. | Baars J. | Maxwell M. | Barnes H. | Valentin E. | Tonkin N. | Rae J. | Valentin F. | Rae J. | Butler N. | Blackford K. |
| 1983 | Napier N. | Ventenam N. | Millican J. | Baars J. | Tickle C. | Fagan K. | Wynn B. | McVicar N. | Fagan K. | Fagan K. | Johnson M. | Taylor E. |
| 1984 | Blackford K. | Holland L. | McDonald E. | Baars J. | Tickle C. | McDonnell M. | Edwards R. | Blackford K. | Valentin F. | Millican J. | Musgrove E. | Tayler D. |
| 1985 | Taylor E. | Ventenam N. | Johnson M. | Barnes V. | Napier N. | Wynn B. | Wynn B. | Williams O. | Wynn B. | Smith L. | Musgrove E. | Tayler E. |
| 1986 | Blackford K. | Ventenam N. | Ruder M. | Wynn B. | Napier N. | Musgrove E. | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Wynn B. | Butler N. | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. |
| 1987 | Wynn B. | Musgrove E. | Kempton L. | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Wynn B. | Taylor E. | Barnes H. | Wynn B. | Fagan K. | Johnson M. | Blackford K. |
| 1988 | Ventenam N. | Taylor E. | Ferguson L. | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Wynn B. | Wright H. | Blackford K. | Wright H. | Fagan K. | Johnson M. | Blackford K. |
| 1989 | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Wright H. | Barnes V. | Barnes H. | Wynn B. | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Wright H. | Newling D. | Johnson M. | Blackford K. |
| 1990 | Wynn B. | Blackford K. | Karuso I. | Ferguson L. | Barnes V. | Wynn B. | Ventenam N. | Blackford K. | Wright H. | Musgrove E. | Johnson M. | Blackford K. |
| 1991 | Wynn B. | Wynn B. | Naylor D. | Wynn B. | Tayler D. | Rae J. | Taylor E. | Taylor E. | Musgrove E. | Millican J. | Wuro H. | Tayler E. |
| 1992 | Valentin F. | Wright H. | Perks P. | Millican J. | Musgrove E. | Valentin F. | Cossill E. | Kahn J. | Millican J. | Millican J. | Cossill E. | Tayler E. |
| 1993 | Taylor E. | Musgrove E. | Swain E. | Ventenam N. | Barnes H. | Taylor E. | Wuro H. | Crichton M. | Millican J. | Millican J. | Millican J. | Tayler E. |
| 1994 | Wynn B. | Musgrove E. | McKechnie F. | Johnson M. | Blackford K. | Wright H. | Millican J. | Wuro H. | Millican J. | Millican J. | Cossill E. | Tayler E. |
| 1995 | Musgrove E. | Valentin F. | Clarke O. | Wuro H. | Crichton M. | Millican J. | Taylor E. | Wuro H. | Venteman N. | Ventenam N. | North B. | Blackford K. |
| 1996 | Wuro H. | Crichton M. | Gibb R. | Wuro H. | Crichton M. | Millican J. | Musgrove E. | Musgrove E. | North B. | North B. | Millican J. | Barnes H. |
| 1997 | Wuro H. | Baars J. | Stepto M. | Musgrove E. | Wuro H. | Taylor E. | Blackford K. | Blackford K. | Warren N. | Martin R. | Millican J. | Tayler E. |
| 1998 | Wuro H. | Barnes H. | Perman W. | Millican J. | Barnes H. | North B. | Martin R. | Millican J. | Valentin F. | Aitken V. | North B. | Barnes H. |
| 1999 | Wuro H. | Barnes H. | Flakelar N. | Greenwell J. | Wuro H. | Flakelar N. | Greenwell J. | Azevedo M. | Gibb R. | Greenwell J. | North B. | Wuro H. |
| 2000 | Wuro H. | Musgrove E. | Dunn J. | Gibb R. | North B. | Flakelar N. | Musgrove E. | Wuro H. | Martin A. | Millican J. | Johnson M. | Taylor E. |
| 2001 | North B. | Azevedo M. | Azevedo M. | Needs L. | Martin R. | Perman W. | Musgrove E. | Taylor E. | Aitken V. | Needs L. | Millican J. | Johnson M. |
| 2002 | Taylor E. | Needs L. | Lindsay L. | Flakelar N. | Wuro H. | Gibb R. | Greenwell J. | Needs L. | Gibb R. | Flakelar N. | Martin R. | North B. |
| 2003 | Musgrove E. | Gibb R. | Turner M. | Greenwell J. | Greenwell J. | Gibb R. | Mills P. | Rogers-Falk, H. | Glenn E. | Hay E. | Shearer P. | Lindsay L. |
| 2004 | Wuro H. | Gibb R. | Rogers-Falk H. | Perman W. | Wuro H. | Perman W. | Needs L. | North B. | Musgrove E. | Gibb, R. | Millican J. | Wuro H. |
| 2005 | Wuro H. | Gibb R. | Mastroianni, I. | Gibb R. | Wuro H. | Holliday N. | Flakelar N. | Knowles P. | Musgrove E. | Gibb, R. | Johnson M. | Wuro H. |
| 2006 | Wuro H. | Azevedo M. | Levy, D. | Gibb R. | Wuro H. | Sprott V. | Flakelar N. | North B. | Smith G. | Hay E. | Shearer P. | Lindsay L. |
| 2007 | Wuro H. | Hay E. | Hadlington, M. | Gibb R. | Brady M. | Musgrove E. | Kent D. | Knowles P. | Clayton M. | Thomas S. | Connors D. | Swain E. |
| 2008 | Gibb R. | Needs L. | Knowles P. | Glenn E. | Lindsay L. | Musgrove E. | Kent D. | Knowles P. | Musgrove E. | Gibb R. | Needs L. | Brady M. |
| 2009 | Swain E. | Mitchell N. | Menzies D. | Hay E. | Knowles P. | Levy D. | Mills P. | Swain E. | Musgrove E. | Gibb R. | Needs L. | Brady M. |
| 2010 | Lindsay L. | Gordon J. | Treadwell, M. | Kent D. | Knowles P. | Musgrove E. | | | Williams J. | Gibb R. | Needs L. | Brady M. |
| 2011 | Lindsay L. | Hay E. | Ferrett P. | Kent D. | Gibb R. | Levy D. | | | Menzies D. | Gibb R. | Needs L. | Brady M. |
| 2012 | Williams J. | Treadwell M. | Harcourt B. | Treadwell M. | | Hadlington M. | | | | | | |

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# PAT COLVIN - MBE

A lma Beryl Patricia Colvin, like so many members of the Belrose Bowling Club was known by another of her Christian names, Pat. By all accounts, Pat was a remarkable person, always polite, unassuming and the true lady. Pat Bolger, nee Ryan was a widow when she married George Colvin in 1952 at St, Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney. They settled in the Forest area in close proximity to where the Belrose Bowling Club was to be established.



**Pat Colvin
M. B. E.**

She was elected the first Women's Club Patron in 1959 and served in that position for 39 consecutive years, a record that may never be exceeded. The Women's Club later rewarded her with Life Membership, which was subsequently recognised by the Club Ltd, becoming a Life Member of the parent club on the 27th October, 1986. Her extraordinary life was recognised in the Imperial Honours list in 1973 when she received the Order of the British Empire - Member (Civil) for her contributions to the community. The Imperial Award was later changed to the Order of Australia Award in 1975. While her husband was a highly decorated soldier, he was also the recipient of an Imperial Award. Another outstanding achievement which they shared was simultaneously holding the positions of Patrons, she of the Women's Club and he of the Club Ltd for 16 years. A feat also not likely to be ever exceeded.

Pat Colvin passed away in 1998.





**Club Annual Ball - 1964**
**Vice President and MC Frank Tickle with**
**Pat Colvin, Women's Club Parton and**
**George Colvin, Club Ltd Patron**