



Wellington Competitive Bowlers Association Inc

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Striking Out

The WBCA newsletter

National Champs Summary

The first thing I heard being talked about upon my arriving at the centre on Saturday, was the 277 bowled by Haydn Murdoch in the graded singles. This turned out to be a spectacular 114 over average ... awesome effort Haydn.

As the day went on, this score was proving a tough ask to beat, but as with most things, it finally got beaten by Chris Haynes who bowled a game of 9 spare & 11 strikes to finish on 290.

Alan Heald & Graeme Finn were also bowling in the Open Men's Doubles & having blinders ... Alan finishing with a 745 series & Graeme a 661 for a winning total of 1406. Nice !!!

Of special note is Graeme Finn, who not only became the NZ Doubles Champion with Alan, but with Jason Waters he added the Doubles title at the Australian National Championships.

On to Sunday ... with high hopes, we arrived at the centre with the task of bowling our way in to the Masters events of our grades, but alas ... it was not meant to be for some.

Again some high scores were being posted & eventually it came down to the last squad.

As it turned out, Brodie Hunt of North Shore was about to create the talking point ...

With him needing a 599 series in his last 3 games to qualify ... he started with a 159, which increased the pressure to now needing a 220 in each of his last 2 games to make it extremely close at the cut.

Meanwhile Danny Jamieson, who was on the cut line was watching on intently ... was that a smile glimpsed by some before it just as quickly vanished ??

However, Brodie dug deep & pulled out a 226 in his next game ... All that was needed for him now, was another solid game of 214 to make it interesting.

So on to his 6th & final game ... Strike !!

This was then followed by another strike & so they went on ... strike ... strike ... strike ...

By now, I'm sure, Danny was getting anxious & the crowd was growing ... how many more could he get ?? Strike ... strike ... strike ...

3 strikes later Danny was now out of the Masters & Brodie had made it ... BUT could he get the dream game of 300 ?? STRIKE !!!

And so Brodie Hunt entered the history books, as the 1st ever perfect game at the Adult National Championships. Awesome !!!

Awards:

Haydn Murdoch
9 Bagger
275+ Game
100 Over Average Game
600+ Series

Hamish McGrigor
8 Bagger
275+ Game
75 Over Average Game

Chris Kee-sue
*** 7-10 Split ***
200+ Game
550+ Series
Turkey

Wayne Kilgour
Turkey
50 Over Average Game
450+ Series
Doublet

Stephanie George
5 Bagger

Grants:

- A number of grant applications have been made & we are awaiting the replies.



Masters Events (Finals)

Open Masters

Consisting of 15 games, it all started with 3 players (Craig Nevatt, Alan Heald & Hayden Bool) having a head start on the chasing pack.

Kurt Sturgess was the 1st to make a move bowling 8 consecutive 200+ games, however Adrian Judd put all the pressure on in the middle with some big scores including 1500 for 6 games & 10 strikes for a 288 game.

Bryce Andrews also put a string of 10 strikes together to have a game of 286 & eventually came through from 14th to finish 3rd.

Overall, AJ was to good on the day taking out the Masters & National Champion titles with a new record of 5907 pins. 2nd was David Davies on 5797 & Bryce on 5793 pins.

Open Women's

There was pretty much only 1 question here ... could Julieanne Mollet continue her run & clean up ALL of the titles in this years event ... time would tell ...

However, some of the other ladies were to provide some stern challenges & test the fortitude of the top qualifier.

To her credit, Julieanne held up well & managed to go into the last round holding a 29 pin advantage over Ivena Heald for the Masters title & 76 in the Overall race.

To make things interesting, Julieanne & Ivena were to play each other & with a win worth a bonus of 20 ... it left a tantalising game ahead for the spectators.

In the end, they went on to tie their game on 202 each, so Julieanne had done it ... EVERY title available to her ... was hers. Awesome effort !!!

Graded Masters in next issue ...

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2006 Committee Meetings

Wednesday 19th July

Sunday 20th August

Wednesday 20th September

Sunday 29th October

Wednesday 22nd November

Sunday 17th December

See our notice board for more details

Upcoming Tournaments

30th June & 2nd July	Bowland Champs—Trios	Porirua
30th July	Bowland Open Masters	Porirua
5th—6th August	World Cup Qual. Finals	Auckland
6th August	Bowland Graded Masters	Porirua
13th August	Booze Bowl	Petone
18th—20th August	Wellington Masters (Super 7)	Porirua
8th September	Petone's 4th Birthday Tourny	Petone
15th—17th September	55+ Association Tournament	Porirua
17th September	Auckland Masters (Super 7)	Auckland
26th—28th September	TBNZ Junior/Youth Champs	Auckland
29th—30th September	TBNZ Junior/Youth Teams	Auckland
14th October	NZ Business House Games	Petone

Dates may change at short notice ... Please check closer to the time.

Those that attended Nationals, all know how hard the staff worked to create what was an awesome event ... some of which worked, then bowled, then worked again.

So we would like to take this opportunity to pass on a big THANKS !!

Who were the top few ...

Open Men's National Champion

*** Adrian Judd (5907) ***

Masters:

Adrian Judd (3521)

Adrian's scores in the Overall & Masters were new records !!

All Events:

Craig Nevatt (2584)

Singles:

Craig Nevatt (1366)

Doubles:

Graeme Finn & Alan Heald (1406)

Teams:

Fayne Robinson, Geoff Wakelin, Kurt Sturgess, Bryce Andrews & Adrian Judd (2893)

Senior Men's Top 3

1. *** Alan Heald (2566) ***
2. Rob Pollock (2291)
3. Benny Benseman (2264)

Open Women's National Champion

*** Julieanne Mollet (4257) ***

Masters:

Julieanne Mollet (1860)

All Events:

Julieanne Mollet (2397)

Singles:

Julieanne Mollet (1254)

Doubles:

Ivena Heald & Julieanne Mollet (1221)

Teams:

Lesley Potter, Tanya Allardyce, Ivena Heald, Alison Hayward & Julieanne Mollet (2697)

Senior Ladies Top 3

1. *** Ivena Heald (2350) ***
2. Alison Hayward (2184)
3. Rhonda Colyer (2154)

For those that chose not to take part in the graded events, they were basically the same as playing league, with handicaps being used.

So to that end, the champions were the bowlers that managed to bowl the most over average ...

Graded National Champion

*** Jane Cameron (4607) ***

Masters:

Jane Cameron (2111)

All Events:

Liezel Luxford (2573)

Singles:

Pat McQuire (1329)

Doubles:

Denise Brennock & Haydn Murdoch (1304)

Teams:

Ian Klein, Adam Poskitt, Trevor Purnell, Glen Crichton & Stuart Cunningham (3067)