

HIBBA NEWS 2014

GRAND FINALS

The three Divisions Pennant grand finals were played last Wednesday night at the Simpson Hall. While two of them were virtual non events, the Division 1 match between Timboon Lawn and Laang-Ecklin 2 was one of the most exciting game of bowls ever played.

In Division 3 Cobrico 2; Ron Heard [s], Bev Fleming, Beryl Brumby, Lorraine McKenzie couldn't recover from a disasterous end 5 when they were level 4 all on 4 with Scotts Creek 3; John Selton [s], Kath Cahill, Ian Cunnington, Sandy McInnes. The end began to build up pressure on Cobrico and forced them to attack and that is when kitty can and was knocked off the mat twice and then they lost a further 4 on the second replay. Also lost the next 3 ends for 5 shots to 4/20 down on end 8, game over.... Cobrico to their credit fought the game out and only allowed John's foursome score 3 more singles and by end 18 were only 5 shots up, 21/16. This gave Ron and his girls a bit of hope only to be snuffed out when the Creekers scored two singles giving them a 7 shot buffer for the last end, where Cobb & co scored 2 shots for a 23/18 score line. These two teams were on top most of the home and away games and deserved to be winners and runners up.

In Division 2 Camperdown 4; David Coverdale [s], Norma and Gordon Weller, Val Coverdale were unable to repeat their victories that they had over Simpson 1; Lyndon Rogerson [s], Maria Seabrook, Murray Lucas, Gwen Crole during the year and were not in the hunt from the word go. Lyndon's team went to the front after the first end and were never headed for the entire game. Even when Lyndon knocked kitty off for 4 penalty points, Simpson recovered with 5 shots on the replay. Simpson won 13 of the 21 ends and 6 of them were multiples. The final score was 27/14 and Simpson will now replace Cobden2 in Division 1.

Now the best game of bowls for the final series was between the two top teams in Division 1. Timboon Lawn 1; Arthur Finch [s], Brett Mungean, Joe and Jean Clover played Laang-Ecklin 2; Pam Wines [s], Mick Uebergang, Brendan Johnstone, Paul Gaut. After an even start 2 all on end 4, Arthur and his team went to the lead which was four up at end 11 being 8/4, did I say tight; whew. Then Pam and her team scored a couple of multiples to get to 9 each on end 14. The second of these was a fantastic shot that hit a plant on one side of the mat to take out Arthur's shot bowl which resulted in a 4 shot turn around. Timboon then scored 6 shots to 3

by Laang-Ecklin over the next 6 ends to be 3 up on the card with the last end to play. This was one the most exciting and best bowling we have seen by all concerned where it was, on a full length end, shot for shot. Then Mick with his last bowl moved kitty back, with a perfectly paced tap on a Timboon shot bowl, to about an inch from the end of the mat, resulting in Laang-Ecklin holding 2 shots.

Arthur then with his first bowl removed the shot bowl and stopped right beside kitty for shot. Pam was a bit unlucky her first bowl but it added another second shot in the head. Arthur then could only try to protect it but didn't get a second shot. Pam last bowl was a ripper in that it not only knocked the shot bowl off the mat but also moved the other Timboon Lawn bowls away so that after a measure Laang-Ecklin had 4 shots and the Division 1 Title again. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up for an interesting and exciting night of Indoor Bowling.