

## Newsletter 14 May 2023

The Summer Season of Scroungers concluded on Tuesday with the annual Kings and Queens Final. This was won by Andy McFarlane who obliterated the rest of the field with his score of 84 points. Runner-up was Stan Ayr with his 69 points and Ken Luff gained the honourable mention with 67 points. The Plate Final was won by Jim Hyde who scored an excellent 80 points, and this was followed by John Shaylor on 75 and Glen Macaulay on 70. The top two bowlers in each group are shown opposite, together with Carol and Steve Cockerell who have done a great job in organising Scroungers for the last three years. They also donated the bottles of wine for the winners and runners-up.



On Thursday, Andy continued his scintillating form with another win, combining with Bob Miner (visitor from Victoria) and Kevin Mooney to pick up a score of 6 + 19. Runner-up was Athol Ward, Ken Hunt and Glen Macaulay on 6 + 12 and third were Tery Martin, Kevin Crane and Louwrens Smit scoring 6 + 8.

Saturday's Battle of the Sexes was won by the men. After the first session of matches, the teams were locked at 4 wins each, but the men fell over the line after the coffee break. A casserole dinner followed the play on the greens and the evening culminated with the presentation of trophies and 8 badges. It was great to see a much bigger crowd in attendance this year compared with 2022.

The Bowling Club commenced operations in 1973 which means the 2023-24 season commemorates 50 years of Bowls at Emu Point. At the Trophy Presentation night, Ray Lewis, one of the foundation members, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work he has done for the Club over the years. 50 years is a major milestone, and the Bowls Committee is keen to hear members' ideas of how we could best celebrate the occasion. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to Jim Hyde or Bruce Seymour.

Earlier in the year, BowlsWA Dream Team Selectors picked 64 men and 64 women to make up the initial squads for their Country Dream Teams which will be selected in celebration of the WA Bowling Association's 125<sup>th</sup> year. This week, the selectors have narrowed down their squads to 32 players.

Emu Point bowlers Yvonne Shalders, Matt Mitchell and Jon Sharp have all been selected in the latest smaller squads. Each of them has been Country Bowler of the Year on two occasions. Congratulations to each one of you.

The final teams of 20 bowlers will be announced on 2 June.