

2015 State & Zone Reserve Fours

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2015 Zone 10 State Fours (State Qualifiers)

Day Two - Sectional Finals

The upsets from day one were long forgotten as the cream of Zone 10 Bowls rose to the top with Section winners - Neil Burkett (Merrylands), Sean Love (The Hills), Brett Hughes (Northmead) & Tom Ellem (Merrylands) all progressing through to the Finals.

Sectional Finals

The first of the semi-finals saw the relatively inexperienced team from The Hills up against Neil Burkett's seasoned Merrylands outfit. Some nervousness was likely apparent in The Hills players as they fell behind early to be 16 – 2 down after just 5 ends. The Hills side managed to compose themselves and tried to rally, but the experience of the Merrylands team was never likely to squander such a handy lead and they went on to record a 25 – 14 victory.

The second semi-final was fought out between sides they were both newly formed for the 2015 Championship. The Merrylands side was skipped by two time previous Zone Fours Champion Tom Ellem and the Northmead team was captained by recently acquired club member Brett Hughes. In similarities to the other semi-final, Northmead got off to a comfortable start and managed to maintain its early margin completing the 19th end 5 shots clear. It was then disaster struck for the home side, dropping six shots on the penultimate end and, for the first time in the match, were trailing going into a nail biting last end. The fairy tale come from behind finish for the Merrylands team was not to be however, with Northmead steeling themselves in the falling rain, picking up two shots to win the game 23-22.

Rain clearing on cue, the final began in pleasant conditions and all was set for a classic showdown between two teams with a wealth of finals experience. Unfortunately, a horror start to the final from Northmead saw them drop multiple shots on consecutive ends and they fell well behind, trailing 13 -1 after just four ends. Try as they might to regain a foothold into the game, the Merrylands side comprising Gareth Lewis, Mason Lewis, Michael Clark & Neil Burkett were unrelenting and continued to pile on the pressure and points and shot away to an unassailable lead. The game beyond reach, Northmeads Mick Kelly, Michael Debono, Andrew Chapman & Brett Hughes conceded the game at 30 – 6 down and Merrylands booked their place in the 2015 State Championship Finals in October.

The professionalism of Northmead's Bowling Club in organising and facilitating this year's Zone Fours Championships is to be commended. Their Greens were true and fair, their members were selfless in forgoing their regular Saturday game to make space for Sectional Play, the Club was welcoming and warm, the volunteers and umpires diligent and proficient. Zone 10 congratulate Northmead on their fantastic effort in ensuring the smooth running of the first Zone event of 2015.



2015 Zone 10 State Fours Champions
Gareth Lewis, Neil Burkett, Mason Lewis, Michael Clarke



2015 Zone 10 State Fours Runners-Up
Mick Debono, Brett Hughes, Mick Kelly, Andrew Chapman

2015 Zone Reserve Fours



2015 Zone Reserve Fours Champions
J Meagher, P Chatfield, G Bricknell, J Restaino



2015 Zone Reserve Fours Runners Up
J Ede, D Ede, D Palm, M Schwarcz

Finals

Semi-Final one was a closely fought match between The Hill's Joe Barbaro and Zone stalwart Michael Schwarcz from West Pennant Hills, with the West Pennant Hills side scraping home 20 -18. In the other Semi-Final the Castle Hill side lead by Tim Brissett was a little outclassed by the Gladesville team skippered by John Restaino, going down 25 - 9.

The Final was a somewhat one sided affair, that saw Gladesville skip away to a comfortable 33 - 5 victory.

The members of the [Pennant Hills Bowling Club](#) at to be congratulated for their fine efforts in running the championships, the condition of their greens at this early stage of the season and the great facilities that were available to the competitors. All those who took part should also be commended, as their involvement resulted in making this a very worthwhile event and cherished championship to win.

Sectional Play

Meanwhile, across the Zone at [Pennant Hills Bowling Club](#), players graded 5 and below were entrenched in their own battles as they compete for this year's Zone Reserve Fours Title. Fifteen teams started day one, but now only four remain and with Semi-Final action starting tomorrow morning, there maybe a restless night for one or two of those players still in the hunt. Matches start at 8.40am and with four clubs - Castle Hill, Gladesville, The Hills and West Pennant Hills all still represented, why not go along and cheer on your fellow clubman.