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Welcome to the second edition of The Bowling Greenkeeper for 2014.

It is great to hear how well Federation Week went in the ACT region and as hosts the NSWBGA and the ACT Greenkeepers Association can be very proud. I hope you enjoy the results and pictures from the week. A special thanks again to our Gold Sponsor Sygenta Australia, Bronze Sponsors Australian Turf Machinery, Eastern Turfcare, Equipment Solutions, NuTurf Australia, Supaturf and Turfcare NSW and the Clubs who hosted events for Federation Week.

In this issue we all reminisce on the illustrious career of Ray 'Coop' Cooper. The next big event on the social calendar is the annual Legends Day which this year will be held at the Davistown RSL Bowling Club in July. The day will include the announcement of the 2014 Living Turf *Greenkeeper of the Year*. We are also encouraging all members to ensure they are financial members of the Association.

John Flaherty, Editor

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BOWLS REPORT: FEDERATION WEEK 2014



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This year's Federation saw NSW turn to host, with Canberra being the city chosen to host the championships and test matches.

Sunday saw everyone contest the first test match at Queanbeyan RSL B/C with NSW v QLD and SA v Vic. NSW jumped away to an early lead with thanks to Peter Watts' team, With this NSW held on for a convincing win 78-50 (3 rinks-1).SA v Vic test was a tough grinding game with SA winning 65-43 (3rinks-1).

Monday saw us travel to Tuggeranong Vikings B/C and the first round of championships being played. Some high quality games were played which saw good results for all states involved.

Results were:

Fours

J Magnussen, R Hastie, R Jermanus, G Perry QLD 10 def by B Prentice, B Allen, G Daulby, D Prentice SA 24 W Maynard, M Colliess, A Marstin, B Imberger Vic 15 def by D Ryan, S Cooper, B Anderson, R Cooper NSW 24 A Elliot, R Thorne, P Hill, P O'Shea Vic 10 def by N Ryan B Smith B Porter G Langley SA 28

M Bateman, P Chorley, K Bowcock, M Gosper NSW 25 def G Brambley, P Munro, R Ireland, M Dunn QLD 19.

Pairs

L Wade, A Troth NSW 21 def B Imberger, G Cooper QLD 14 D Appleyard, R Jackson Vic 6 def R Edmonds, J Gregory Sa20 D Bull C McPherson QLD 9 def by B Lundberg, N Swincer Vic 28 S White, B Norman,13 def by R Ward Jnr, D Thulborn SA 14.

The afternoon began with the second test with NSW playing Vic. There were some mixed results in this game with both teams winning two rinks but B Normans rink win of 30-9 being the difference in the end. NSW 81 def Vic 60 (2-2).SA v QLD was a closer game, with some good results on the last few ends seeing SA grind out a 77-67(3-1) win over QLD.

Tuesday at Weston Creek saw test 3 and test 4. Test 3 saw NSW v SA with both teams being undefeated all were thinking a close game was on the cards but this didn't happen with SA jumping out to a big lead early and never looking back winning 81-63 (3-1). QLD v Vic saw Qld get there first win of the series with a 79-42 (3-1) win.

The fourth test was held at night in some cool; conditions which must have suited NSW against QLD as they racked up 108 to QLD 56 and won all rinks. SA v Vic was closer and SA won the last three ends to hold on to a 68-59 3 rinks to 1 win.



Wednesday was semi-final day with the RUC club Canberra North hosting. The singles were two crackers with local hope Peter Watts just going down to SA youngster Nathan Pederson 25-24. Semi final 2 saw Michael Turner overcome SA Scott Thulborn 25-16. The pairs games were just as close with semi final 1 Rowdy and James SA grinding out a 17-13 win over NSW pair Luke Wade and Adam Troth.



Semi-final 2 came down to the last bowl with Roger Ward Jnr and Dave Thulborn clinging on 19-17 over B Lundberg and N Swincer Vic setting up an

all SA pairs final. Fours semi-final 1 saw NSW team Cooper against SA team Prentice. This game swung both ways until the last half of the game which saw NSW string a few ends together and win 19-10.

Semi 2 turned just as close with some big bowls from NSW skipper Marty Gosper helping them hold on for a 19-14 win over Vic G Langley team.

Thursday was 5th test and championships day at Queanbeyan B/C. The 5th test of NSW v Vic similar to the first time they met and NSW holding on for a 63-50 (3-1) win. SA V QLD was a different story with the Redbacks putting the cleaners through Qld 101 to 48 (4-0).

Championship finals

The fours final saw the NSW 2 teams meet. This game was close most of the way with Marty, Kevin, Pat and Bato chipping away to a 23-16 win over Dan, Simon, Ando and Ray.

The pairs final of Rowdy, James, Roger and Dave all of SA was a cracking game of bowls, which saw it come down to the last bowl with Dave just missing his run shot and Rowdy and James holding on for a 22-21 win.

The singles final of Michael and Nathan lived up to all expectations with some fine lawn bowls being played. Michael snuck away to an early lead and never looked back winning 31-22 over Nathan.

Friday at Belconnen B/C was the final and 6th test. With SA still undefeated and playing NSW who were 2nd. NSW needed to win this



test and all 4 rinks to win back the trophy. Halfway through the test looked promising for the blues with a good lead and leading on 3 of the 4 rinks, but SA kept fighting and despite losing the test won 74-68 (2-@) and retained the trophy. Vic v QLD was a close game also ending up 2 rinks each but Qld winning 68-58. Test Standings: SA 5 wins 18 rinks, NSW 5 wins 15 rinks, Qld 2 wins 7 rinks, Vic 0 wins 8 rinks.

Finally I would like to congratulate all the championship winners and all the efforts put in by the clubs and their staff and members to help make this week as successful as it is. And also a big thank you to our Gold Sponsor Syngenta Australia for sponsoring the Championships and those who attended the week.

NSW Test Squad:

J Aurisch, S Cooper, R Cooper, P Chorley, A Troth, M Dagwell, T Wilson,T Doyle, G Suckling, B Norman, P Watts, M Bateman, K Bowcock, A Rodger, S White, D Hukins, R Crean, L Franklin, D Ryan, B Anderson, L Wade, M Gosper, W Turner, M Woods, B Wilkinson, D Boxsell, A Maher, M Turner, D Hull, M Kelly, N Hancott, D Croad, N Perry, M Wilcher.





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THE WRAP UP: FEDERATION WEEK 2014







Teams from Qld, Vic, NSW and SA enjoyed bowls matches, tours, social events and machinery displays





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Ray "Coop" Cooper My Life in Greenkeeping

It all started in 1967 as apprentice at Northmead Bowling Club under Jack Ferrari. 18 months to two years later I went on my first NSW Bowling Greenkeepers' Association Conference Week in the Clarence River District, where I first met a snotty nosed kid called Andy Rodger 46 years ago.

My first club as greenkeeper was Cumberland Builders Bowling Club in Dundas, now known as Dundas Sports Club where I spent 19 years. Oh what a great club to work for! They were the good old days when Secretary Managers (CEO's) were human.

Down the road at Rydalmere Central, Geoff Ridge (no relation to Col) was greenkeeper. Geoff & I on our days off worked for Tom Donoghue Greens Renovations contractor. We worked our arses off. A real character greenkeeper Bob Turner also used to work for Donoghue. All he did was drink, root and punt. I'm so glad I didn't follow in his footsteps.

Looking back, some great names in our association were Sid Howard, Peter Mobbs, Harold Hyne, Ron Harradine and Arthur Parry to name just a few. They were the heart and soul of this great association and many more just like them followed.

Conference weeks in the 80-90's were the times we had hanging out with Boxhead & Benson. We were the "Three Musketeers". On conference weeks with those two you just had to be there. All Baker and myself wanted was to be in bed by 9pm. No not Benson, he used to drag us around all night drinking.

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Alistair Mc Arthur M: 0407 291 707 02 4940 8333 Tighes Hill 2297 He just would not go home.

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I would like to thank everybody over the years for being a part of my life.

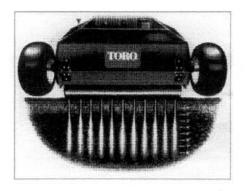
Only one regret is if I knew I was going to live this long I would have looked after myself. Jeff Fenech once said: "LOVE YOU ALL".

Pictured: John Cearns with Ray Cooper (and his hair) in years gone by





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The annual Turfcraftsmen versus the Bowls NSW Legends is coming up in July.

This year the event is being held at the Davistown RSL Bowling Club on Monday the 28th of July.

The event is always a good laugh as we take on the Legends in what is usually a close game.

The event will also include the presentation of the Living Turf *Greenkeeper of the Year* for 2014 and we thank Living Turf for their ongoing support of this prestigious award.

The Turfcraftsmen squad is currently being confirmed and will be published in 'The Daily Telegraph' in July.





AROUND THE ASSOCIATIONS



ACT Region by Mark Bateman

I would like to start by thanking everyone who attended the Federation Week in Canberra which was held in May.

The week seemed to run

fairly smooth without to many hiccups, and the weather was nearly as good as it could get for that time of year.

I think it was a credit to everyone in our association which was well led by our preso Wade Turner. All the clubs involved did a great job and the sponsors presentations and displays were excellent. We really need to support these sponsors who support us.

One of the highlights for the ACT members was presenting Wade with Life Membership into the ACT Bowling Greenkeepers Association. Wade is the first person to receive this award and it is well deserved, I'm pretty sure Wade is on speed dial for all us greenkeepers in ACT and he is always more than happy to give his time and advice on all aspects of greenkeeping. He definitely sets a high standard at his club all year round which we all strive to meet.

Things in Canberra are starting to wind down as we head deep into winter, by now most of us have begun servicing machinery, painting and taking holidays.

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Mid North Coast Report by Danny Knight

Three of our Mid North Coast members attended Federation week in Canberra, Mark Wilcher (South West Rocks), Dave Croad (Hat Head) and Nigel Perry (Port Macquarie City). All three came home with only good reports of a top week of bowls, education and networking. On return to the Mid North Coast the boys defrosted in the almost summer like conditions of May, with 27 degree days, and nights of a balmy 18 degrees. A bit of a shock after only 17 degree maximums in the ACT.

With these temperatures most of our members have been taking the chance to do some late fertilising and grooming to keep their greens in top shape going into winter. Some reports of Coccid activity at Urunga, Hat Head and South West Rocks has kept the guys on their toes, along with the appearance of the dreaded ERI in early May. We are all hopeful for a dry winter to help alleviate the symptoms of this seemingly increasing patch disease. Attendance at recent association meetings has been great, with most of our attention geared towards our annual bowls day on August 4. This year we will be visiting Royal Bowraville and anticipate a full book of teams to grace the greens prepared by Dick and Brayden. To all our members who are not sure if they have been included in the draw please get in touch with secretary Dave "Choppy" Waters at Stuarts Point or president Mark Wilcher at South West Rocks.

One of our members has experienced a rough trot on the health front recently, Ken Martin from Macksville. After an extended break we all hope you are feeling better and are ready for a return to work shortly. In your absence it is great to see Gary Witte doing all he can to assist in the care of your turf surfaces. This is typical of "Wit", when a mate needs a hand he is always prepared to go above and beyond. Good rolling to you all and happy holidays to those that are taking a break.





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Congratulations to the ACT Greenkeepers Association for the organising and running of a very successful Federation Week.

The attendance was good, the weather was good and the hospitality and greens

provided were first class. Congratulations to all winners and this includes Wade Turner who was presented with the first Life Membership of the ACT Greenkeepers Association.

This is a thoroughly deserved award for Wade's continuous efforts on behalf of not only ACT greenkeepers but also his work for the states greenkeepers over many years.

Since the March Report we have had a lot of rain for a month or so, which has caused some problems with Pythium and Algae and Moss.

There have been a few job moves in the Illawarra area this past month. Les Ruse finished working at Figgy Bowlo (Wollongong R.S.L.) after a long distinguished career there and this triggered some changes..

Steve Green left Dapto Citizens to go to Figgy, John Ferguson left Albion Park to go to Dapto Citizens and Albion Park have appointed Adrian Smith who completed his apprenticeship at Dapto Citizens a couple of years ago.



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Finally the last week of June brings some cooler weather. It has been yet another strange season, going from a long dry hot summer with very little rain seeing better growing conditions late in the season.

Around Easter usually the window is closed for ERI, just as we thought it was over, the rain arrived and the temperature stayed warmer than expected for the time of the year as the ERI stayed dominant in favourable conditions. Let's hope the weather has changed and we get a little break after this long season.

Also reports of Fairy Rings and Mealy Bug have come flooding in, again guys are blaming the season for huge numbers of fairy rings in greens and we have seen higher than usual numbers in mealy bug, as we know they can do some damage quickly.

Those of you who were unaware the Australian Turf Grass Conference & Trade Exhibition was held at the convention centre on the Gold Coast from 22nd - 27th June. It was a great turn out for all involved and great to catch up with some good friends.



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Who can apply for a takehome pay order?

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