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21 April 2021

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Royal Champions, Reserves and Winners



From left: Nerstane's Hamish and Poppy McLaren with the Supreme Junior Merino. Reserve Champion Young Sheep Judge Hain van Eyk. Tyson Smith competing at the Sydney Royal Rodeo (photo Bootface Photography).

It's hard to believe that it is over one year ago that the announcement came through at Walcha Show that the 2020 Sydney Royal Easter Show was cancelled due to COVID-19. And while many thought it would be near impossible for the 2021 Sydney Royal to go ahead, the RAS along with the support of the NSW Government made the event possible.

Walcha was once again well represented, with many locals competing and officiating across numerous competitions, and for a small town our results were outstanding. Congratulations to everyone who played their part in at what potentially could be the biggest ticketed event held in the world in 2021.

Merinos: Nerstane Merinos had an extremely successful Royal winning Grand Champion Wool Ram, Grand Champion Poll Ewe, Grand Champion Superfine Ewe and Supreme Junior Merino Exhibit. They also placed second in the prestigious Stonehaven Cup Group of Five, while taking out numerous other prizes including the Ewe Production Class.

Glenburnie Merinos also came home with some great results, winning March Shorn Poll Merino Sheep Ultrafine Wool Ram (6 teeth +), Champion Ultrafine Wool March Shorn Poll Merino Ram and Reserve Grand Champion Ultrafine Wool Poll Merino Ram.

Merino Handlers Competition: The top places in the 13 and Under 18 Years Merino Handlers Competition went to two talented young Walcha locals. Congratulations to Poppy McLaren for placing first and Bateson Pittman on his second place ribbon.

Sheep Fleece: Congi Station won the NSW Wool Selling Brokers Association Award and Perpetual Trophy for the Best Collection of Three Topmaking Type Merino Fleeces.

Sheep Young Judges: Congratulations to Hain van Eyk for his outstanding result. He was named Reserve Champion in the State Final of the Merino Sheep Young Judges Competition.

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around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

More frosts, but some good rain to counteract them have been the feature of the weather this week in southern New England. The frosts have been pretty hard, burning off new growth and turning native pastures into something far less palatable. The transformation of the native grasses has been pretty quick and caught us off guard a little. We would not normally expect to have had too many frosts as hard as we have had before ANZAC day, but they are coming all too frequently. We have had a dream run, so I am not about to complain! The weather is expected to remain fairly fresh this week, with the potential for snow in the south. So it is time to dust the coat off and make sure the firewood supply is well stacked. We may have already had Autumn!

It was only a couple of weeks ago I made the comment that the 28 day forecast was not encouraging. The rain we received late last week and on Saturday was wonderful, but it certainly was not in sight at the time I made the comment. It was such a great fall of rain and in my view badly needed to settle the dust and replenish some of the moisture stolen by the frosts. I tipped out just on 40mm for a couple of days. The rain on Saturday was the best fall with 31mm recorded. I just had a glance at the latest forecast and again it appears light on for the next 28 days, with only a medium chance of rain in the first week of May. Other than that, there is a low chance of rain on just about any day.

The lamb market has been facing a few seasonal headwinds in the last couple of weeks with increased numbers for slaughter and restockers losing a little steam. I think it is dry enough in the south, but numbers run at this time of year down there anyway. Victorian markets are still yarding decent numbers and many reports highlight the variation in quality due to seasonal conditions. Year on year, the numbers are not too different to what normally happens, but numbers do run going into winter and once farmers hit the tractors to plant a winter crop, restocker activity may slow down. The other side of the coin is that with farmers on tractors we could see numbers coming into markets slow as well.

Contracts for Winter supply were widely expected to be better than what was on offer, but despite this, they are full. So it will be interesting to follow the market's path from this point as many who have taken contracts will have bought lambs by now for that trade. The highest prices being paid in the contracts were for July August delivery, which is as expected and most feed lots will have lambs they are back grounding already. The target weight for these feeders will be 30+ kg DW and they will need that if they are to make anything from the trade. Store lambs have been costing around \$170 for a lamb in the early 30's kg LW and feeders need to get them well above 60kg LW by the time they are sold. It does not make a lot of sense to me that a good trade lamb at 45 to 50kg LW is not worth a whole lot more than the price being paid for these lighter store lambs. But the truth is they are not. The winners this year (and most years) have been those who have elected to sell their lambs off mum in my view.

The cattle market this last week or so remains very strong. The EYCI hit an all time note the other day at 900 c/kg which is pretty amazing and highlights the strength in the restocking market as well as feedlots. All the market reports highlight the strength in feedlot activity as buyers scramble to fill pens. Feedlots are very strong on anything that can do a job for them and they are venturing into some heavy cattle to fill their orders. We are not seeing numbers in cattle markets like we are seeing lamb numbers in lamb markets. Cattle numbers are still very restricted and low historically, but herds are in full re-building mode, so that is to be expected. It is hard to see numbers increase dramatically any time soon, but the weather usually has something to do with that.

I am so pleased we have the NBN these days. It is so slow you can make a cup of tea while it loads a page. Just imagine how much slower the old analogue would be! I have spent a considerable amount of time trying to research data to write the Traps, but have had to give it up as a lost cause. On the weekend it took about an hour to trawl through the pages on the MLA site just to create an NVD to load stock on Monday morning. There must be an explanation for these problems, but I certainly have not heard it if there is. It just defies logic that our politicians have seen fit to splash money in every direction but the one thing that would generate so much more business. A blanket mobile coverage and internet across the country. One day someone will come up with the idea!

More support for jobs and the local economy

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce says Walcha is benefitting sustained local employment and a stronger local economy off the back of new community infrastructure projects underway across town.

The developments, funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and delivered by Walcha Council, include replacement of fencing at Walcha Pool, improved facilities at McHattan Park, better pedestrian access at Walcha Hospital and on Blue Hogan Bridge, improved access road and air conditioning at Walcha Preschool, level footpaths at Lions Park as well as extensive upgrades of sealed and unsealed roads throughout the Shire.

Council is receiving more than \$1 million over two funding rounds of this program, which aims to assist local communities recover from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Walcha residents will not only benefit from new community facilities and better roads from

these projects, the increased economic activity will support local jobs and drive the local dollar further," Mr Joyce said. "This is yet further delivery for the people of Walcha."

Walcha Council Mayor Eric Noakes welcomed the funding assistance.

"Walcha Council and the community are grateful for and appreciate the funding from the LRCI program and the benefits it brings to our town. These vital improvements are hard for small councils to fund and the assistance and lobbying by Barnaby Joyce is appreciated," Cr Noakes said.

This funding complements more than \$2 million in additional Australian Government financial assistance for projects in the Walcha shire to support drought and bushfire recovery.



Member for New England Barnaby Joyce



Resealing works undertaken by council in North Street, Walcha, funded by the Australian Government.

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Quota Book Fair on the right page

Quota's Book Fair was one for the history books with people coming from all around to find that special read or book they had been looking for.

The Book Fair ran for ten days and was widely supported by the Walcha Community. It was not able to run last year due to COVID restrictions but made up for it this time. There was a great variety of books available from children's books, novels through to reference and vintage.

The Book Fair raised over \$7,000 for the Quota Club to put back into the community. All hands were on deck from the Quota Club and its supporters to make this event a huge success. Thank you to all those who donated books and helped out.



Pictured: Aurora Reilly, Sue Reardon and Veronica Jamieson.

Central NSW takes out Peoples Choice District Exhibit Display

Don Scott and Rhonda Olrich were part of the team that headed to the Sydney Royal Easter Show with the Central NSW District exhibit display.

These spectacular constructions of vegetables, fruit and other produce from five agricultural districts throughout NSW and South East QLD, are one of the highlights of Royal. Each display is a cooperative work by growers reflecting the diversity and excellence of their regional produce, and consist of more than 10,000 pieces of fresh produce.



While the judges awarded overall first place to the Southern NSW District, Central District were definitely the favourite when it came to voting by the general public. Central, who placed second in the overall judging, won the District Exhibits Sydney Markets Peoples Choice and the Gordon Maitland Perpetual Trophy for the district voted best by the public.

Central District, which is defined by Show Society areas, starts at Gosford and stretches north to Nambucca, across to Armidale, Wee Waa and Narrabri, then to the western side of the Liverpool Plains and the Hunter Valley. This year Walcha producers provided wool, preserves, crab apples and medlars (ancient fruit) to the overall display.

Congratulations to all locals who contibuted produce or their time to Central District's success at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.



Walcha Taphouse now registered to accept NSW Dine and Discover Vouchers. Come in and enjoy our independently brewed beers, gorgeous gins and fine wines, while sharing something delicious from our menu.

We look forward to seeing see soon.



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Sydney Royal results

Continued from front page

Beef Cattle Paraders: Congratulations to Sophie Worth for winning Heat 7 and to Abbey Mackaway for placing second in Heat 8 of the cattle paraders.

Rodeo: Tyson Smith competed in the Royal's nighttime Rodeo in front of a huge crowd. Running over six nights, with two pools of competitors in the bull riding, Tyson won the third round of his pool with the only qualifying round and a score of 88. At the end of the rodeo Tyson placed third in the Overall Aggregate.

Woodchopping: It was a family affair in the woodchop arena with Mitchell, Emily and Austin Scrivener all bringing home ribbons

Mitchell: first in 300mm UH Handicap, 275mm 2nd Div UH Handicap and the 300mm 2nd Div SB Handicap. Second in the 275mm Tree Felling and fourth in the 300mm Tree Felling.

Emily: third in the final of the 375mm Jill and Jill Double Handed Sawing Championship with Ashleigh Heath of Bellbird.

Austin: placed second in the 2D: 275mm 4th Div UH Handicap and third in 7D: 275mm 4th Div UH Handicap final, third in the 275mm Tree Felling and fourth in the 275mm U21 UH Handicap. Austin was named Captain of the NSW U21s representative team in which he was the Single Handed Sawyer, and he also won the Gerry Lee Award for best young Tree Feller of the Show.

Cats: Trish Scrivener's entry KASC Blue Rocket did very well. Shown by Chris Smith and Andrew Fraser of Sydney, he won American Shorthair Bi-colour and Van Patterns Blue Tabby Open Class Male Cat – Best of Breed, Challenge and Class.

Officiating: Erica Halliday officiated at this year's Royal, judging the Red Angus and the Interbreed Urquhart Trophy. Megan Scrivener also attended in an official capacity, judging and as a member of the Ground Jury for the Show Jumping.



Merino handlers Poppy McLaren and Bateson Pittman.



Paul and Bateson Pittman with Glenburnie's winning ram.



Judge Erica Halliday (centre) with the winners of the Interbreed Urquhart Trophy.



Austin Scrivener competing in the tree felling.



Mitch Scrivener on the podium.



Jill and Jill sawing pair, Ashleigh Heath and Emily Scrivener, competing in the Championship final.



Show Jumping Judges Megan Scrivener and Tim Dansey.

'Weather Signs' Fountain renewal project

Restoration works on one of Walcha's landmark sculptures, Stephen King's 'Weather Signs' Fountain, has now commenced in McHattan Park.

The impressive sculpture's renewal will be the first of a number of projects undertaken in the Walcha Local Government Area under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant. This program aims to assist local councils across the country deliver priority road and community infrastructure projects, whilst supporting jobs and local community economies as they bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The original assembly of the 'Weather Signs' Fountain was 25 years ago. Stephen King donated the work to Walcha, with the support of Walcha Council, and the fountain – which is synonymous with Walcha and our Open Air Gallery – has not been restored since its assembly.

Made with locally sourced yellow-box timber and steel, the fountain depicts our reliance on the weather and the signs and stories that try to bring some certainty to the indifferent and fickle nature of the weather.

When operational, locals and visitors alike can enjoy the spectacular sight of an ice sculpture after sub-zero temperatures on winter nights. After the devastating drought, the sight and sound of the fountain once again flowing was a sign that we had made it through and brought hope of better things to come.

Stephen, who has been involved in scoping the renewal project, will have continued input as the renewal project progresses. During the process the moon and clouds will be dismantled and individual pieces of the structure be restored in situ. Once restored, these parts will then returned and refitted. The roof will also be replaced and attention also given to the rockwork, with re-grouting, re-pointing, along with the installation of new stainless steel drains in the fountain's base.

It is anticipated that once the fountain is restored it will be maintained in a safe operational condition for another 20 years. The fountain will not be operational during the restoration period with expected completion by 30 June 2021.



Stephen King's 'Weather Signs' 1996.
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Commencing today with the only in-person sessions, the first already held this morning at Walcha Vet Supplies, there is still time to **register for this evenings session** at 5.30pm at the Walcha Tennis Club.

The program features eight modules over an eight week period, today's in-person group workshop, followed by one interactive online session per week for seven weeks. All sessions are recorded so you will have the option to participate live each week, or catch up on the recordings when best suits you. You will learn about time management, growing your business, networking and more.

To register or for more information please phone Brooke Jeffery today on 0429 838 365 or go to www.pointerremote.com/events to register.

Nowendoc Fest a huge success



Many thanks to all those who made the Nowendoc Fest 2021 such a success. The organisers wish to especially thank Andrew Clermont and his musicians who made the event possible and brought internationally and nationally gifted artists to our locale.

"Behind the scenes people" make community events hum. In this case, the land managers of the Nowendoc Recreation Grounds did a fantastic job in having the area clean, tidy and inviting (campers loved it!). The Nowendoc Tennis Club received funding to put on the event and these two organisations are commended.

The difficulties of running an event in COVID times were mitigated by the support of Walcha Council and this project was made possible through The Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund Phase 2, a joint Commonwealth-State fund through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. A shout out to Brooke Jeffrey who was with us every step of the way, Walcha Veterinary Supplies for the marquee, Chloe Hoy who helped with advertising and Sharn Rocco who was up for anything. Thanks also to Christina Jeffries who helped us find great food vans.

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Nowendoc Fest Organising Committee

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How to achieve great things

The key to achieving great things is to let go of striving



By Sharn Rocco

Contrary to our cultural conditioning that has told us just the opposite – that striving is the key to success to achieving great things, to dream big – achieving great things is not the measure of a successful life, a meaningful life or a life worth living.

Measuring our worth, and each others worth by what we and they have achieved, material assets, accolades, notoriety, with the 'more and bigger is better' measure is exhausting and demoralising. Comparing us with them is a competition with more losers than winners. It divides rather than unites.

Life is not a competition. Comparisons are onerous. Competition and comparison feed the judgmental mind with the desire to be and have. The desire to be and to have sends the judgmental mind racing off into the future, worrying and planning, and back into the past analysing and regretting.

Great things are achieved when we trust the process, when we know what we are doing and why. When we do one thing at a time, take one breath, one step at a time. When we allow ourselves to be fully present, open to what is, free from judgment, simply notice and let go.

Do as Epictetus advised, "Care-take this moment, immerse yourself in its particulars. Respond to this challenge, this person, this deed". Do as Tim Minchen advises, be 'micro-ambitious'.

Dreams are by nature illusive, they happen when we are asleep. A mindful life, a meaningful life, is lived fully awake, fully present, care-taking this moment, this relationship, this task moment by moment. Just this. Just now. Every moment, every encounter, every task, every breath, every day a new beginning – that's mindful living, that's a great achievement.

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Friends of Riverview Ravings

From Jan Cross

The support the community and visitors given to the Friends is extremely humbling. Our street stall last week was a wonderful success. Thank you to the Friends who contributed in any way towards the stall – baking, manning the stall and purchasing tickets.

Thank you all once again. The money will add to our funds to provide little extras for the Residents and our latest purchase being a barbeque. Recently the Friends contributed to the purchase of a Library Trolley to make life easier for the ones responsible for distributing library books from the Walcha Library.

We catered for a Ram Sale and received a very generous donation from the vendor along with a bucket of donations from buyers, all of which we are very grateful.

Several Friends assisted Residents at the Walcha Show which was enjoyed by everyone. The Flower Pavilion and the Wood Chopping were favourites. We all enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea.

We continue to buy Bingo prizes and individual birthday gifts as well as subsidising outings.

Our group endeavours to provide the added extras which help to make life more comfortable for the Residents in their home. We are a happy little band of people who invite anyone to join us to achieve our goals, especially family members of Residents. Please call Jan on 0428 772 037 for information.



Death Notice

BETTS: Beverly Gay

of "Wittersham" Walcha.

15th April 2021

Dearly beloved wife of Peter. Loving mother & mother-in-law of Elizabeth & Lockyer Rogers, Christopher & Sarah Betts and loving grandmother of Max, Tilly & Oliver, Poppy & Ava.

Memorial service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral, Armidale on Saturday 24th April 2021 commencing at 10:00am.

By request please No Flowers, Donations in lieu to Ovarian Cancer Australia. A donation box will be at the church.

Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288

HOY: Eric Ernest

13th April 2021

Aged 84 Years

Loving husband of Glenis. Loving father & father-in-law of Jackie & Richard Green, Danny & Vickie. Loving grandfather to Carl, Lachlan, Roxanne, Erica & Danielle.

Great grandfather to Mylee.

Funeral service was held on

Monday 19th April, 2021.

In Memoriam

Wayne Stephen Partridge

10/7/55 - 27/4/16

"Boney"

He lived, he loved, he laughed.

And then we lost.

Dearly loved, sadly missed - Susie, Lindsay & Becco, Dallas & Amanda, Adam & Dylan, Tanya Lee & families.

Positions Vacant



Currently hiring for multiple projects located in Walcha, Uralla, Armidale and Tamworth.

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Public Notices

WALCHA COUNCIL

ROAD CLOSURE FOR SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY 25TH APRIL



Traffic will be disrupted and redirected during the ANZAC Day Ceremony on Sunday 25th April between the hours of 10:20am and 12:00pm. Streets affected will be:

- Hill Street – Between South and Derby Street
- Derby Street – between Hill Street and Fitzroy Street
- Fitzroy Street – Between Derby Street and South Street

Please follow police traffic control and emergency services directions during this time. Your respect and cooperation during this event is appreciated.

Chris Weber, Interim General Manager
WALCHA COUNCIL,
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Oxley Darts starting back 29 April after a year off due to COVID. Interested in playing contact Emma 0427 016 911 or Neil 0428 772 787. Any team or player nominations needed by Friday 23rd April. All teams may be looking for extra players.

Walcha General Practice

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Meetings

Walcha Support Group Inc. Thursday 29 April 1:00pm at WCCC Rooms Middle Street. All welcome.

Raffle Results

Lions street stall Friday 9 April. 1st wood - Helen Tisdell. 2nd fruit tray - Lyn Watts.

Friends of Riverview. 1st Lisa Swanton, 2nd Jill Burnell, 3rd Ollie Wall. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our stall.

Thank You

Glenis Hoy and family would like to thank Dr Deng and all the Nursing Staff at the Walcha Hospital for the care and kindness shown to Eric during his time in hospital.

RUGBY REPORT

WALCHA V INVERELL

By Eric the Spider

This week saw the Rams head to Inverell for the second round of the Central North competition. Both team would be competing for the Neil Porter Memorial Trophy.

Reggie's: A lean mob of 12 rams took to the field in what was a wet and heavy track. Up against a full highlanders out fit the boys new it was time to get tougher then a \$2 steak, and that they did. The opening minutes of the game saw the tone set in defense with Walcha holding the opposition out and forcing multiple mistakes. However the first try went to Inverell as back to back penalties aloud them to take advantage of the extra numbers and cross the chalk. From there the Walcha side returned to the game plan of kicking for territory and would make in roads through the highlanders defense. Achieved with strong carries by Robert "Jimbo" Smith and Joel "JoogyJoogy" Ballon. After constant pressure the boys would cross in swimming pool corner through Billy Joel Jarvis after out running his much larger opposition. Walcha would go into half time down only 7-5 and spirits high. As the second half whistle sounded the smell of a upset began to linger over the ground. However one of the Inverell brains trust must have pointed out that Walcha was short staffed, and with this shifted the ball wide into space. As fatigue set in the scramble defense started to crack and 2 quick long range tries saw Inverell jump out to a 21-5 lead. To Walcha's credit the towel never got thrown in as the stuck to game plan. Plenty of effort plays lead by the Somerton painter Gus Davidson and Matty Tisdell kept the game alive. A strong game at the back by Doge "the viper" Rodgers also aloud Walcha to stay in position to attack the opposition line for large parts of the second half only to no success on the scoreboard. A Hail Mary cross field kick on the full time hooter saw the score blow out to 28-5 not a true representation of the effort put in by all 12 who pulled the jersey on. Lachy Fletcher 3, Jimbob Smith 2, whole team 1, Players Player - Lachy Fletcher and Nick Rodgers

1st Grade: The second round saw a few changes in the first grade lineup with the return of James "The Hammer" McLean playing his preferred position in the front row and Jack "Ticey" Ticehurst sliding out of the front row and into the 5'8 position. The game began with both teams looking to play a tight rumbling game which is no surprise with the wet conditions. Sam "Congo Cowboy" Agar was tackling well above his weight range throwing himself into everything. Inverell were first to score after a small kick over. the top was regathered by the Inverell winger and he barged over. Off the following kickoff Walcha regained the ball and began to put a few phases together and started to play with some structure. Some strong carries from Wally "Gus's Brother" Davidson allowed the Rams to get across the gain line. This caused the Inverell side to give away a penalty that was kicked into the corner for a line out. A well executed set play off the line out saw Sam "New Muscle Man" Lorax run over the top of his opposite winger to score in the corner. The rams held the ball well for the majority of the 2nd half but was unable to cross the Inverell try-line due to small handling errors at crucial times. The score at half time was walcha 7 Inverell 5. The second half would see Inverell hold the ball for long periods of time forcing the Rams to muscle up in defence. Edgar "My mates call me Bragsy" Bragg was very physical and showing a lot of aggression in the contact. Inverell scored 2 tries to have the Rams trailing 17-7. Patty "The Ugly Keen" Keen was tireless in both attack and defence and his centre partner Eddy "The Emu" Cordingley made some great reads in defence outside. A huge effort from James "The Hammer" McLean throughout the entire game in both defence and attack laid a great platform for some big carries from Henry "Loved Up" Leslie and Lachie "Holzy" Holz which allowed the Rams to gain some field position late in the game. They were able to convert this field position into a try to Ed Churchill. This was all too little too late with Inverell holding on and winning the game 17-14. A much improved performance but still plenty to work on for the Rams thought out the season. James McLean 3, Lachie Holz 2, Wally Davidson 1, Players Player - James McLean

Just a reminder that the Rams are playing at Scone this weekend (24 April), with the following weekend will be Ladies Day at home (1 May).



advocate sport

At the 19th

The B.A.M. Medley round was played last Sunday, where 38 players competed for trophies donated by John Izzard, Owen and Julie Presnell, which were won by Miles Archdale and D.A. Locke after they accumulated 63 stableford points. The first six holes were played as a best ball, the next six as an aggregate and the final six as a multiplayer. Runners-up were David and Simone Sweeney on 62, Don Brooks and Ben Clifton were next best on 61, while the remaining sweepstake prizes went to Dion and Nixon Bird 58, Bill and Lachie Fletcher 52, Margaret Davidson and Jenny Lisle 50. In match play Ben Clifton defeated Owen Presnell 2 and 1. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Mark Hogan (3), Ross King (9) and Barry Hoad on (18).

This Sunday ANZAC Day is a stroke medal round for a prize supplied by Garry Brennan.

Tennis

On Thursday 15 Walcha Council sponsored a School Holiday activity coaching clinic in conjunction with the Walcha District Tennis Association. Sixteen children were in attendance and had a great evening. Thanks to Council for their support and everyone who helped run the event.

An Eskimo comp will be played starting on Tues 27 April at 7pm sharp. It will be a graded doubles individual score comp and will run for six weeks with an option to extend if all players wish. Noms close on Friday 23 names to Hyde 0427 780 391, Trev 0459 799 119, Jen 0427 367 711 or post on the Tennis Association Facebook page.

The next club meeting will be held on Mon 10 May at 6.30pm, it will be our AGM and all members are welcome. The yearly street stall will be held on Sat 15 May. A load of wood and fruit/veg tray will be on offer. Help on the day to man the stall will be welcome. See you all at the net soon.

Wednesday Golf

Wednesday saw the final round of the Championships. Our 2021 Champions was no other than Cheryl McDonald with 259 points, with sister Donna Martin the runner-up on 274. B Grade winner was Rose Baumer 288, runner-up on 293 went to Penny King. C Grade champion was Sue Partridge 296 points and runner-up was Ruth Fletcher 321.

Sue Partridge also took out the Europambela Jug with 212 points and was also the Vets Champion on 138 points. Congratulations all. Wednesday also saw a Stableford event for the Paperdolls trophy. The winner was Pauline Carter 71. Sweepstakes went to Margaret Davidson 73, Debbie Richards 74, Julie Hoad 75 on a countback from Sally McCormack 75. NTP on 3 was Katie Smith with Vicki Heffernan taking the second shot on 18.

This week will see many of the girls playing in the NEDGA tournament at Glen Innes, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Good luck to you all. Wednesday 28 April will be a Graham Betts Stableford playing for the Walcha Art Gallery trophy.

Bowls

Results: A Grade singles - S. Goodwin Defeated M. Bullen 31-6, A. McGuffog Defeated B. Goodwin 31-27. **Draw for this weekend:** Saturday - A Grade singles A Goodwin v R Kerr marker S Bath. Pairs - M Steep & M Hamel v G Clare & D Makeham. Sunday - A Grade Singles: K Goodwin v N Goodwin, marker B Goodwin. Pairs - M Bullen & A McGuffog v S Sweeney & I Bird. G Bird & S Goodwin v G Carter & R Kerr.

Sunday there will be a meeting regarding Pennants at 12pm before bowls at 1pm, to discuss travel options and a few other things. If anyone not playing would like to come along for the trip we have a few spare spots available. Please call Kyle on 0429 623 735 for more information. **Dads Army:** A visit from Locket, plus two new players and ten regulars enjoyed a great afternoon of Bowls. Eric O'Keefe and Noel Goodwin playing twice defeated Barry Kliendhiest, Tony Asmus and Adam Hall 13 - 12 in the game of triples while in the two games of doubles Locket and John Watts scored a 20 - 16 win over Denis Makeham and Mick Bullen and Brian Goodwin and John McLean had the biggest win when they defeated Andrew McGuffog and Peter Hayes 16 - 8. Bun and Bruce won the chooks and John Watts won the raffle.

Ladies Bowls

The semi-finals of the Minor Singles were played last week with Marg Morris def Marlene Cotten 25-20 and Lynne Burnell def Wendy Moore 26-17. This Thursday, 22 April the final will be played between Marg Morris and Lyn Burnell, marker Marg Tickle. Also on Thursday is the the start of the Major Singles with Pat Laurie to play Wendy Moore marker Marlene Cotten. In social Bowls there were eight players and they played pairs. Uralla Presidents Day is the 12 May and it is triples. The sheet is on the board for teams or names. Our Presidents Day will be held on Thursday 27 May.



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Best of luck to the Walcha Swimming Club members who are competing in the NSW CHSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush next week. Thomas Micallef and Brock James have been selected in the North West squad to compete individually while Thomas will be joined in the senior mixed 4 x 50m relay by Louis Darcy, Charlotte Mooney and her sister Bella. The relay event the 'Awesome Foursome' have qualified in is for the Central School competitors only.

thumbs



- Well done to the great day Healthwise held at Ingleba Hall.
- Thank you for the Hockey training camp held at the Tennis Club. The children loved it.
- To the volunteers who put their hands up to help coach AFL, tennis and hockey during the school holiday activities. The kids are so lucky to have you in our community and your time is very much appreciated!

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