

HISTORY AND TRIBUTES AS CLUB CELEBRATES



HISTORICAL facts of the founding of the Double Bay Bowling Club were capsulated along with tributes and appreciations when Double Bay Men's Club President, Alan Rosenberg, gave the welcoming keynote address at the 75th Anniversary Bowling day on Saturday, July 15.

Speaking during the afternoon tea session, which followed two hours of bowling by more than 100 members and invited guests, Rosenberg (pictured) traced the founding of the club and paid tribute to Woollahra Council, which was represented at the celebration by Councillors Anthony Marano and Luise Elsing (who is pictured with Alan Rosenberg) for its support to establish a bowling club on land which was "dirty black swamp".



He outlined how the club had progressed from its opening day on July 4, 1942, and summarised facts and figures of achievements since that time.

Rosenberg revealed that one of Australia's most highly-rated lawn bowlers, Cameron Curtis, who won the 2017 Zone 13 State Pairs Championship played at Double Bay a week earlier, suggested that Double Bay Bowling Club could historically be considered in the same way as St Andrews is to golf.

The celebration's special guest, President of the Royal NSW Bowling Association, Barry Watkins, said lawn bowls must "streamline" its overall administration and, at the same time, retrieve the social aspect of the game.

The Royal is most serious in its attempts to unify the NSW administration of the code with a merger of the men's and women's associations, he said.

"It has been on the back burner for too long. We hope that it can be achieved during this calendar year. It will produce many benefits for both associations . . . all-in-all its not rocket science," Watkins added.

Double Bay's State Zone Councillor, Arnold Javen, welcomed President of Zone 13, Ray Tozer, who congratulated Double Bay and its current leadership.

A major aim by Zone 13 which now includes the former Zone 11 (Central Sydney clubs) is to update the annual Turn-of-the-Year tournament, which will mark its 60th year in December with increased prize pools for men's and women's events as well as for veteran competitors, Tozer said.

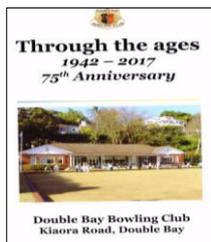
Club Chairman, Barry Lazarus, (pictured left with Ray Tozer and Double Bay Life member Gerald Weinberg) applauded the members who organised and supervised the 75th Anniversary period. He also praised the tea menu provided by the club's in-house cater June Edelmuth, and the initiative of serving soup prior to the bowling session.



Three prominent club officials, Peter Wyner, Michael Becker and Phil Filler, were awarded Merit Badges presented by Barry Watkins.

Master-of-Ceremonies for the afternoon was former Men's Club President Rob Hutchins.

A 16-page glossy booklet, "Through the Ages -1942-2017" (above left) which includes the names of the current 260+ male and female members, was distributed to every participant.



CLUB DONATES \$1000 TO ROYAL'S 2017 CHARITY

TO mark its 75th Anniversary Year, Double Bay Bowling Club on Saturday, July 15, 2017, donated \$1000 to the



Royal NSW Bowling Association's charity project, the Motor Neuron Disease Association of NSW.

The cheque was presented to the Royal's President, Barry Watkins, during the afternoon tea session of the 75th Anniversary Bowling Session.

Earlier, Watkins (pictured above left) presented a silver plaque from the Royal honouring Double Bay's 75th Anniversary.

75th Anniversary's pictorial highlights

One of Double Bay's current members, who has a long-time family history with the club,

is David Kellaway. His father, Nelson John Kellaway, was a two-time club president and a State player. The club's No. 1 green is named in his honour. David Kellaway wore his father's 54-year-old club blazer and his medals/pins at the 75th Anniversary Bowling event.



Merit Awards were presented by Barry Watkins to (above right) Peter Wyner and (below left) Michael Becker.

A third recipient, Phil Filler, was overseas at the time of the presentation.



Rob Hutchins (left) introduces Zone 13's president, Ray Tozer

