

**DOUBLE BAY
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Bad weather hits at start and end of year

DOUBLE Bay Bowling Club will end the year as it started, as far as the weather is concerned.

Wet weather compelled officials to call off play before it started last Monday, December 4, and two days later a thunder storm accompanied by soaking downpours, resulted in no play after the tea break on Wednesday, December 6.

This brought to 12 the number of bowling days in 2017 which had been lost or curtailed due to inclement weather of either rain or high temperatures.

The previous time play was called off due to rain was on Wednesday, July 12, but the year started with the Wednesday sessions of January 11 and 18, being cancelled due to excessive heat.

Rain was the reason play was postponed on Saturday, February 25, Wednesdays February 8, March 1, June 7, on Thursday, March 16 and on Monday, April 3. The wet also closed the greens on Thursday, June 8, when Double Bay was to host the District Women's Major Pairs.



CLUBHOUSE DECORATED FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

The Double Bay clubhouse has been decorated with two holiday theme trees

At left Kathy Passman, Lorraine McLaughlin and Barbara Shotland decorate the Xmas tree, while (right) a white tree of blue and silver bells adds another aspect of the December period for the club membership.



Conway masters Fridman in tussle for Handicap Singles final berth

BRANDON Conway won the battle of the A-graders when he defeated **Bernard Fridman** 25-22 over 29 ends in the **2017 Handicap Singles semi-final** last week.



Brandon Conway



Bernard Fridman

He now faces the challenge of having to give away an eight shot start to the lower-graded **Andy Baker** (-5 handicap) in the final.

Both Conway and Fridman have the top handicap of minus 3 shots and it was Conway who got off to the better start in the semi-final. By the 11th end he was ahead 10-2, but once Fridman had eliminated his three-shot deficit, he hit his straps and pulled back to 8-11 within the following three ends.

Nonetheless, by the 21st Conway had retained his advantage 19-14, but in the run to the required 25 shots the combatants were all tied at 22 after playing 27 ends.

It was Conway who kept the pressure to score a single on the next end and claiming the match with a two count on the 29th end.

Mixed Pairs champions ease into third round

JULIAN and **Carol Engelman** (pictured) left little to chance in their bid to retain their **Mixed Pairs** title with a solid **2017 opening round 27-18** win over **Domenico Verre** and **Jill Abrahams** on Saturday.

The Engleman team was one of only four entries which had to play a first round match and they were on top from the onset running to a 16-7 advantage after scoring five shots on the 11th end.

The lesser-graded Verre and Abrahams “returned the compliment” on the following end with their five count to reduce the leeway to 16-12, but the experienced Engelmans kept up the attack and with another five shots on the 16th end were never in doubt in their bid to be repeat last year’s championship form.



RESULTS

2017 HANDICAP

SINGLES

SEMI-FINAL

Brandon Conway (-3) 25
Bernard Fridman (-3) 22



MIXED PAIRS

1st ROUND

Julian Engelman 27
Carol Engelman

Domenico Verre 18
Jill Abrahams

2nd ROUND

Alan Saidman 24
Rene Saidman

Ian Hadassin 18
Dafna Orbach

Brandon Conway 28
Barbara Shotland

Pepe Glick 19
Lesley Judelman

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Men's membership on the up-and-up



DOUBLE Bay Men's Bowling Club has increased its membership over the past few months.

Two of the newest members received their club name tags from Men's Club President, Alan Rosenberg ,(pictured above) at last Wednesday's afternoon tea break.

They are Philip Labrooy and Michael Fisher. who are now competing regularly in the Wednesday Intra-club league.

Most recently members have also welcomed to the club Barry Blogg, Malcolm Serman, Enzo Visintin, Robert Weiss and Stanley Rohald.

In the second half of the year new members included Len Smith, Joe Berman, Daryl Mallach, Maurice Hurwitz, Scott Barton, Colin Manoy and David Woolf.

Two ex-members, John Woods and Daryl Rosen, have rejoined the club.



Oldest member, Sam Terley, congratulated on 97th year

DOUBLE Bay Men's Club's oldest active member, Sam Terley, celebrated his 97th birthday on Wednesday, November 22.

He was given a rousing cheer by more than 100 members at the afternoon tea break as general manager, Steve Edelmuth, presented a birthday cup cake with a single sparkling candle.

Sam's enthusiasm for playing competitive lawn bowls continues as evidenced when he spent almost four hours on the green as the lead in a round of the Drawn Pairs championship.

ON THE GREEN *with the Women's Club*

Saidman confirms consistency in new title win

DOUBLE Bay Women's Club's current Major Singles champion, Rene Saidman, confirmed she is one of the club's most consistent players when she won the Inaugural Consistency Singles Championship last week.

But she had to work overtime to finish in front of another consistent competitor, Jan Frape, by a 27 shot margin on a 129 -102 score sheet.

The Consistency event calls on players to reach 129 points over any number of ends. Each end offers ten points where four points are allocated for the bowl nearest to the jack, second shot is worth three points, two points for third closest and fourth shot adds one point.

Both played drawing bowls "par excellence" as almost every end was tight requiring a measure to clarify the points allocations.

Club officials have announced a change in the 2018 Consistency Championship.

It will be played throughout the year without a marker, which will require competitors to judge their own situation at the head.

Women's Club Match chairperson, Jan Frape, will reveal the revised format early next year.



Rene Saidman and Jan Frape

Ex-title-holders stage late scoring in Mixed Pairs win

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THE 2015 Mixed Pairs champions, Brandon Conway and Barbara Shotland, staged a late fight back to win their second round match in the 2017 event at the weekend.

They scored a 28-19 decision over Pepe Glick and Lesley Judelman by scoring nine shots from the 17th to the 21st end.

Until this stage the Glick combination had matched their opponents and had the scoresheet showing 11-all after 10 ends. Then they went ahead 15-11 after playing 12 ends, only to allow Conway-Shotland to score a five to regain the lead at 16-15 and go on to secure entry into the third round.

In another 2nd round match Alan Saidman and wife, Rene, (pictured) needed a six count on the 12th end against Ian Hadassin and Dafna Orbach to take control at 16-9. This was followed by four shots on the 15th end (22-10) which set the pace for a 24-18 win.

