

History of Rotary Bowls Matches

Since President Bob Frith's year 1983 – 1984, the Rotary Club of Lismore West and our Mother Club, the Rotary Club of Lismore have played lawn bowls for the PDG Art Brand Bowls Trophy. PDG Art was a member of the Rotary Club of Lismore. The Inaugural bowls match was held in February, 1984, probably at the South Lismore Bowling Club, with the match being won by Lismore West. At first, Rotary bowls was an annual match but eventually became twice a year. Rotary bowls have been played at the East Lismore Bowling Club, the South Lismore Bowling Club and the Lismore Heights Bowling Club. Rotary bowls matches are played of an evening during daylight saving time. In recent years, the first match is in November at the South Lismore Bowling Club, with the Rotary Club of Lismore being the host. The second match is in February at the Lismore Heights Bowling Club, with Rotary Club of Lismore West being the host. Each match is followed by a Rotary Dinner and the presentation the PDG Art Brand Bowls Trophy. The 24 winning Club name plaques on the PDG Art Brand Bowls Trophy to February 2011, indicate that the Rotary Club of Lismore has won eight matches and the Rotary Club of Lismore West has won sixteen matches. Of course, there have been many matches played without a winning Club name plaque being added to the trophy, particularly during the late 1980's and early 1990's.
