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Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club Ltd has grown dramatically over the last few years fulfilling its social and sporting obligations to the community. It now has a floor area of 4800 m² and a membership of more than 3000 members. The Club has a synthetic and a natural grass green. The Club boasts the very successful Black Opal Classic Tournament which is held annually in October. Players from all over Australia, including State and Commonwealth Games representatives compete for Prizemoney totalling \$35,000. Not forgetting the Ladies we also run the Women's Black Opal Triples each year in June with over \$7000 in Prizemoney and Opal Pendants to be won, which attracts Ladies from all over Australia. Our TAB area is undoubtedly the best in the area 10 screens displaying the latest betting information. We have Sky Channel on a large screen to watch your horses win. Keno is also available and is displayed on monitors around the club. The club also have pool tables, dartboards, indoor carpet bowls and hold market days and bingo and feature regular bands.

Meet and Greet your Staff



Eleanor Beaumont

Eleanor is the Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club's Office Manager a position she has held for a year, after progressing through the staff ranks. Eleanor moved to the Ridge in 2009 from Coffs Harbour, Moving from the Beach to the Bush was no real strain for Eleanor as she was already a world traveler having visited, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand and Greece. Eleanor loves to party and is quick to laugh and joke with everyone, in her spare time Eleanor cares for rescued animals both Eleanor and her partner Nick, an Opal Miner hope to travel again in the future, but are very happy here at the Ridge

Entertainment in March

Friday 2nd March	Free Jukebox and Pool
Friday 9th March	Just Us
Friday 16th March	Ducky Dennis
Saturday 17th March	Unfazed
St Patricks Day	
Friday 23 March	Wise Guys
Thursday 29th March	Just Us
Friday 30th March	Simmos
Good Friday	
Saturday 31st March	Route 37
Easter Saturday	
Sunday April	
Easter Sunday	Trina Brown Karaoke

Club Classifieds

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"The Ridge Roll Up"

2018 Champions Decided

Welcome

It is with pleasure that we present a new club newsletter, which will be published each month, giving members and guests the latest news about what is occurring at the Club, around the District and close to Home.

We hope that you enjoy the read.

Some of the 2018 championship matches were played last month with some very interesting results. Showing supreme skill and unparalleled consistency, Club CEO Scott Franklin dominated the Championship matches played to date. Scott has won the Club Fours, Club Pairs and Singles for 2018. In the Club Singles Scott was unsurpassed, in the final contested against staff member Gary Koopman Scott displayed the type of form that will see him as favorite to win District and Zone Singles later this year. In the Pairs Championship Scott teamed up with Club Director Ray Brown, a champion bowler in his own right, but together they were unstoppable. Once again they met Gary Koopman in the Final who was ably assisted by former Club Singles Champion

(2017) and Club Director Phil W Morris. Scott and Ray were the eventual winners defeating Gary and Phil 22 to 14. One must feel a bit sorry for Gary Koopman because less than a week later Gary was again contesting a final against Scott, this time the Club Fours. Scotts Team of Gordon Richards, Leo Hooper, and Green keeper Adam Webb, in closely contested final defeated Gary Koopmans team consisting of Bob Radoski, Trevor McGovern and Ray Brown. The skills and talent on display at this years championship shows that the Club is in a very strong position with quality bowlers and with Pennants just around the corner, the Club will be very strong and are definite contenders for a Pennant if not a few.



Singles Champion 2018
Scott Franklin



Pairs Champions 2018
Scott Franklin & Ray Brown



Fours Champions 2018
A Webb, G Richards,
S Franklin, L Hooper

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\$3000 February Night Pairs

Last weekend 24 teams from all over NSW competed for \$3000 prizemoney in the Annual February Night Pairs at Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club. Held over 2 nights Friday and Saturday, teams played 3 games of 14 ends each night starting at 6pm and not completing their games till well past 11pm. After completing 6 games with 6 wins, the Team of Lightning Ridge Locals, Dave Webb and Scott Franklin took out the title

not only with the 6 wins but also with an impressive margin of 93 points
Also on 6 wins with a margin of 29 points 2nd place getters Kali Roraduri and Tom Stanton
In 3rd place a local team of Darren Richards and Heidi Monch with Phil A Morris and Phil W Morris rounding out 4th Place.
A big congratulations to all teams competing in this gruelling event, it was tiring, but as always at the Ridge, highly enjoyable. We hope

to see you all back again for the next major event at the Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club the **\$2500 Bert Cooper Memorial Singles** in April. See Page 2



Scott Franklin, Dave Webb & Lawrence Walford

Pennant History

Zone 3 & District* Pennants

- 1975 Grade 3 Winners
- 1986 Grade 4 Winners
- 1990 Grade 4 Winners
- 1991 Grade 4 Winners
- 1992 Grade 4 Winners
- 1993 Grade 4 Winners
- 1994 Grade 5 Winners
- 1995 Grade 3 Winners
- 1995 Grade 4 Winners
- 1995 Grade 6 Winners
- 1996 Grade 1 Winners
- 1997 Grade 5 Winners
- 1998 Grade 1 Winners
- 1999 Grade 1 Winners
- 2000 Grade 6 Winners
- 2000 Grade 7 Winners
- 2001 Grade 5 Winners
- 2002 Grade 1 Winners
- 2002 Grade 6 State Champions
- 2002 Grade 6 Winners
- 2004 Grade 2 Winners
- 2004 Grade 7 Winners
- 2005 Grade 1 Winners
- 2011 Grade 2 Winners
- 2012 Grade 2 Winners
- 2013 Grade 1 Winners
- 2013 Grade 7 Winners
- 2013 Grade 7 State Champions
- 2014 Grade 1 Winners

2018 Pennants Squads Announced

Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club has a proud history of winning Pennant Flags and in 2018 the Club is looking in a better position than ever before, the Club will be fielding 3 very strong sides this year in Grades 3, Grade 4 and Grade 6.

With the demise of Walgett Sporting Clubs Bowling arm, and Goodooga Bowling Club not fielding a side in this year's pennant competition, Our Club has received an influx of players, giving us the opportunity to field an additional grade over and above what has occurred in previous years.

The 2018 selectors have been given a mammoth task of selecting sides that will not only

be highly competitive but also highly compatible. Some serious soul searching will be taking place as well as the occasional bruised ego when selecting this year's sides, but as we all are aware selectors are working towards the betterment of the Club, and the Players within our Club.

Dates for the 2018 Pennant Season are set as follows: Grade 3 will be playing 2 games against Gunnedah at Wee Waa on Saturday 24th March

Grade 4 will be playing Wee Waa at Lightning Ridge on Sunday the 11th of March at 10am

And again, against Wee Waa at

Wee Waa on Saturday 24th March at 10am
Grade 6 will be playing 2 games at Narrabri at Wee Waa on Sunday 25th March.

The Pennant Playoffs and Finals will be on Saturday 26th May and Sunday 27th May at a venue yet to be confirmed.

We wish all squads the best of luck and hope they bring home the Pennant.
Go the Ridge

Squads announced are on the Bowls Noticeboard

\$2500 Bert Cooper Memorial Singles

2018 will see the 25th Anniversary of the running of the Bert Cooper Memorial Singles.

Bert, was fondly known as 'Father Cooper', and the Trophy bears that legacy, he was born at Carinda in July 1907, the year this town was surveyed. He was a shearer, loved his opal mining and settled here with his wife Toots and family in 1943.

Their name is very much a part

of the Morilla Streetscape as Coopers' Cottage across from the Chemist was home to them for nearly 40 years. The Coopers were keen bowlers – Bert was the Patron of the Club from 1976 through to 1985, and the grass bowling green was re-named the Bert Cooper Green on the 5th May 1996. Bert's family visit here annually as a reunion and to mark the respect that they had for Bert, the Club also marks that respect by

honouring him with the Memorial Bowls event every year. This years event will be a fun filled action packed weekend with lots of challenging games and spectacular strategies in play. Please join us for the 25th running of the Bert Cooper Memorial Singles weekend 14th & 15th April



Win a set of Aero Bowls and Bag

This year in June marks the 25th anniversary of the Women's Black Opal Classic Triples Event, and to celebrate the club is raffling a new set of Speckled Aero Bowls of your choice and the new CV Ultra-glide trolley Bowls bag. Valued at \$ 750.00

Tickets are only \$ 2 each and are available from the Women's

Bowls Club, our Bowls Co-Ordinator, Andrew Doggett, or at Reception.

The Raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Dinner of the Women's Black Opal Classic Triples on Sunday 24th of June at 7pm. There are limited number of tickets available so get in fast.



Lucky Brasserie Opens

The Lightning Ridge Bowling Club is proud to announce the opening of the new Lucky Brasserie, your choice for dining in the Ridge.

The Lucky Brasserie features an extensive range of menu suggestions, from Entrees through to Mains of all your favorite Australian Cuisine, Soups, Salads, Steaks, both Chicken and Veal Schnitzels, Fish, and Roasts, to Pasta and Pizzas as well as a full and comprehensive Asian menu.

Lucky Brasserie also has some magnificent Lunch time choices from Burgers, Sandwiches and Salads as well as the popular Chalkboard specials..

For the family dining experience the Kids menu also provides a good choice for those finicky shorter diners, burgers, mini pizzas, chicken, and fish served with salads ,vegetables or chips.



Lucky's can cater to the most discerning tastes. With no less than 60 menu items the Lucky Brasserie will provide the largest variety of meals ever seen here at the Ridge.

Members will receive discounts when producing membership cards..

Lucky Brasserie is open 7 days a week for Lunch and Dinner

Locals New Venture

It becomes abundantly clear on entering the Club lately that there have been some major changes occurring. One of these changes has been the introduction of Marney's Place, the Lightning Ridge Bowling Clubs new coffee shop, owned and operated by local ladies Verna Horley and Emily Horley-Howard. This new venture by the Mother and Daughter Team is the latest business to start up

here at the Ridge. Marney's Place named in honor of Emily's Grandmother who has a special place in her heart, Marney was not her real name but the mis-pronunciation of Grandma and Nana and it kind of just stuck so she became known to all as Marney. Emily and Verna will be serving Coffees, Cakes, Specialty Teas, Spiders and Shakes, Sandwiches, Wraps and Melts,

Smoothies and Crushes, both Healthy and Nutritious or supremely indulgent and decadent, whichever takes your fancy, all at Marney's Place.

Marney's Place is Open from 10am til 9pm 7 days a week



Join Emily and Verna for Coffee and Cake



Just a small selection of what's available at Marney's Place

2018 Bowls Events

Open Events

Bert Cooper Memorial Singles: 14th & 15th April

Women's Black Opal Triples: 23rd & 24th June

July Winter Triples: 14th & 15th July

Surf City Pairs: 26th August

September Carnival of Bowls:
Pairs: 6th & 7th September.
Fours: (Prelude) 8th & 9th September



Club Championships

Men's Triples: 16th & 17th June

Men's Minor Singles: 28th & 29th July

Mixed Pairs: 21st & 22nd July

Mixed Fours: 1st & 2nd September

Club Awards Dinner

Saturday 10th November

