

2015 CoCC Pairs

Merrylands again illustrated its supremacy in Zone 10 Championships yesterday, collecting its 6th Zone title of 2015 in the winning of the Champion of Club Pairs through the dogged and determined play of Gareth Lewis and Neil Burkett.

Squaring off against Northmead rivals Brett Hughes and Mick Debono in a Zone Final for the second time in 2015, having defeated them earlier in the year in the State Fours, it was looking as though history was to repeat with the Merrylands duo leading 12 – 7 at the games halfway point.

There are always ebbs and flows in matches of this calibre and this final was to prove no different, as the fighting chooks, in their newly acquired aqua blue finery, won five straight ends to surge ahead 18 – 12 after 16 ends and for a moment, one brief moment, it looked as though revenge was to be had and the run was to be halted.

Consistent success in any endeavour is no fluke however, and this is particularly true in a game as fickle as our bowls, and so it was, end after end, moment atop moment, shot upon shot, the Merrylands juggernaut clawed its way back; 13-18, 14-18, 17-18, then finally in front, 21 -18 with an end to play. Once there no amount of drizzling rain or inspired play was going to deter them from their task, one more shot on the final end to win 22-18, the cake iced, the beers shared and Gareth's second and Neil's fourth Zone Championship title of season 2015 placed upon the mantle.

Another victory was had over the weekend in the guise of the efforts of [Toongabbie Sports Club](#) to complete these games in difficult circumstance, whilst still providing greens of the highest quality, officialdom to match, and facility on par with any in NSW. Special thanks to Toongabbie's Chef De Mission, Bob Calvert, and Zone 10 representatives Dennis Harmer, John Wilkinson and Warren Phillips.

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