

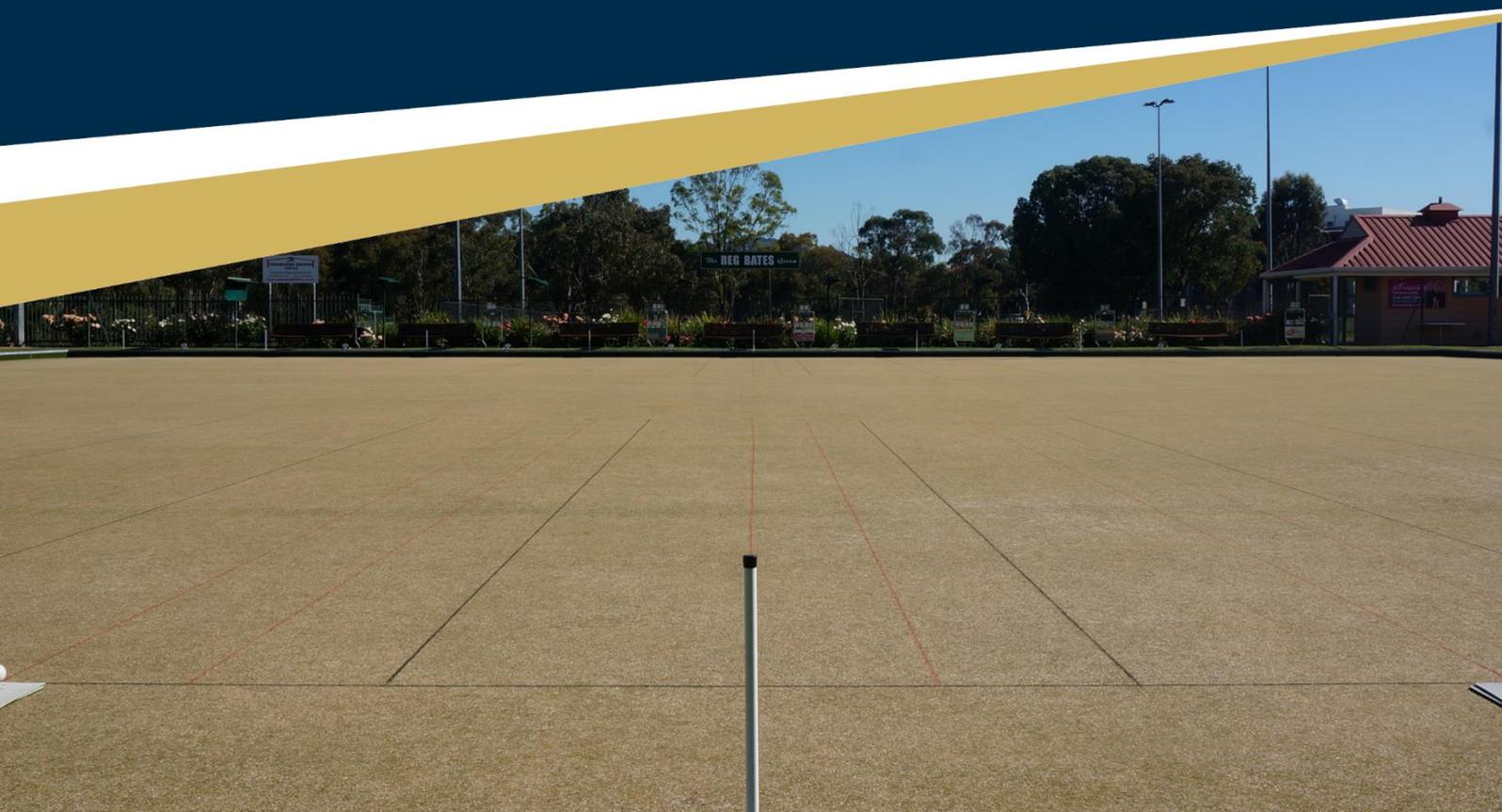


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PENNANT PREVIEW

ROUND 4, 2021

A quick snapshot of the week ahead.....



Welcome back!

I hope you've been following along as we preview each round of the 2021 Pennant season for the Men's and Women's competitions. If you have then welcome back! If it's your first time reading then don't worry, we've got everything you need to catch up on how the season is tracking.

No doubt the season so far has been an interesting one. Plenty of tight competitions with some gaps starting to appear on the ladders. We've got leaders and chasers in a couple of the grades, but overall it seems everyone is still in the hunt. Hopefully this will help you find out a bit more so you can invest in the story of the season for your club. If you don't have a club to follow, get along to some matches and find one!

Match of the Round

Women's Grade 1/2

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club Gold v Weston Creek @ QRSL

This one looks set to be a doozy. Both clubs remain undefeated through the start of the season with QRSL getting through two games unscathed while Weston Creek have already played the miracle card in getting all three matches to go ahead so far.

The greens are ready out on Yass Road and Queanbeyan RSLMBC Gold are raring to go in this showdown between the two form teams of the competition. The QRSL team have put plenty of points on the board while defending their shots well through the start of the year.

Weston Creek have been unstoppable so far in 2021. Taking all 24 points on offer so far, they put up a score difference of +123 through the first three games, helped by a massive 200 shots-for. To say that they have been dominant seems an understatement, but I'm all out of superlatives already in 2021 so it'll have to do!

The real question comes down to can QRSL pull out enough to stop the Creekers in their track? Both sides show off a wide range of talent and will be keen to set the scene for the remainder of 2021 as they come head to head. I don't want to jump the gun on it, but this could well be an early Grand Final Showcase in Grade 1 as both of these clubs seem hell bent on the title.

If you're free on Saturday I can tell you right now that this is where you should be. Great bowls and great vibes are on offer to any of you who are lucky enough to have the time to get there. You don't want to miss out on this.



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Women's Weekend Pennant

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	WCWBC	3	3	0	0	0	200	77	123	24
2	QRSLMBC - Gold	2	2	0	0	0	100	48	52	16
3	QRSLMBC - Blue	2	2	0	0	0	92	68	24	15
4	CNBC	2	1	0	1	0	43	30	13	8
5	GRWBC - Green	2	1	1	0	0	62	106	-44	8
6	QBC	2	0	2	0	0	66	87	-21	1
7	GRWBC - Gold	2	0	1	1	0	26	45	-19	0
8	YCCBC	1	0	1	0	0	33	55	-22	0
9	CBC/YBC	2	0	2	0	0	57	108	-51	0
10	VBC	2	0	2	0	0	50	105	-55	0

Men's Grade 1

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	QRSLMBC	3	3	0	0	0	187	143	44	30
2	CBC	3	3	0	0	0	207	143	64	29
3	CNBC	3	2	1	0	0	191	141	50	26
4	QBC	3	2	1	0	0	186	162	24	26
5	YBC	3	1	2	0	0	135	188	-53	12
6	TVLBC	3	1	2	0	0	147	203	-56	12
7	WCBC	3	0	3	0	0	143	175	-32	5
8	BBC	3	0	3	0	0	139	180	-41	4

Pos.	NORTHERN CONFERENCE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	QRSLMBC	3	3	0	0	0	187	143	44	30
3	CNBC	3	2	1	0	0	191	141	50	26
5	YBC	3	1	2	0	0	135	188	-53	12
8	BBC	3	0	3	0	0	139	180	-41	4

Pos.	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
2	CBC	3	3	0	0	0	207	143	64	29
4	QBC	3	2	1	0	0	186	162	24	26
6	TVLBC	3	1	2	0	0	147	203	-56	12
7	WCBC	3	0	3	0	0	143	175	-32	5



Men's Grade 2

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %
1	GRBC	3	3	0	0	0	203	150	53	32
2	CBC	3	2	1	0	0	183	153	30	23
3	QBC	3	1	2	0	0	159	177	-18	14
4	TVLBC	3	1	2	0	0	151	204	-53	14
5	WCBC	3	1	2	0	0	173	177	-4	13
6	BBC	3	1	2	0	0	164	172	-8	12

Men's Grade 3

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %
1	CSBC	3	2	0	1	0	217	157	60	25
2	CNBC	3	2	1	0	0	193	154	39	24
3	YBC	3	1	1	1	0	163	191	-28	19
4	QRSLMBC	3	1	2	0	0	160	179	-19	14
5	YCCBC	3	1	2	0	0	169	196	-27	14
6	TVLBC	3	1	2	0	0	157	182	-25	12

Men's Grade 4

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	QBC	3	3	0	0	0	189	148	41	28
2	WCBC	3	3	0	0	0	183	150	33	28
3	TVLBC	3	2	1	0	0	190	167	23	23
4	GRBC	3	1	2	0	0	172	180	-8	15
5	YCCBC	3	0	3	0	0	156	175	-19	8
6	QRSLMBC	3	0	3	0	0	144	214	-70	6

Men's Grade 5

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	TVLBC	3	2	1	0	0	171	171	0	24
2	CBC	3	2	1	0	0	175	160	15	22
3	CSBC	3	2	1	0	0	180	174	6	22
4	QBC	3	1	2	0	0	164	166	-2	14
5	BBC	3	1	2	0	0	167	171	-4	14
6	CNBC	3	1	2	0	0	158	173	-15	12

Men's Grade 6

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	CSBC	3	2	1	0	0	170	164	6	24
2	GRBC	3	2	1	0	0	188	156	32	22
3	YBC	3	1	1	1	0	171	160	11	19
4	BuBC	3	2	1	0	0	180	175	5	18
5	WCBC	3	1	1	1	0	172	175	-3	18
6	CNBC	3	0	3	0	0	144	195	-51	7



Women's Grade 1/2

Canberra North Bowling Club v Yowani CC Bowling Club @ CNBC

Both teams will be keen to progress their season a bit further this weekend as Norths take on Yowani at home. Yowani have only played the one match so far against a flying Weston Creek, so form will be hard to pick. This one is open to both clubs to take the win and get moving in 2021.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club – Gold v Weston Creek Women's Bowling Club @ QRSL

Huge top of the table clash with QRSL Gold and Weston Creek both taking all points available to them so far. QRSL have the home ground advantage here which could prove helpful, but Weston Creek have been lying so far in 2021. This is the one to keep an eye on for Saturday. Both clubs looking to press the issue and extend themselves up the top of the ladder.

Vikings Bowls Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ Vikings

Another tantalising match here as Vikings and QBC look to put their first win on the board for 2021. Vikings will look to take advantage of the home turf as Queanbeyan pay a visit, but will need to improve on previous performances. QBC will look to make their mark, but it won't be easy.

Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club – Gold v CBC/YBC @ GRBC

CBC/YBC will pay a visit to Goulburn this weekend as they take a GRWBC Gold team coming off a disappointing loss to their fellow club members. This match could start to set out where clubs sit on the ladder with both clubs looking to make a move upwards.

Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club – Green v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club - Blue @ GRBC

QRSL Blue will come in favourites here but I wouldn't look at this as a one way street. Goulburn Green have been starting to make their move after a dominant performance against their fellow club members. Both clubs sit entrenched in the mid-table for the time being but need big performances to start to bridge the gap to the clubs at the top. QRSL Blue have the chance to really spit the competition here.



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Men's Grade 1

Belconnen Bowling Club v Canberra Bowling Club @ Belconnen

The start of cross-conference matches sees a struggling Belconnen squad some up against a high flying CBC. CBC will look to really hit the gas through the cross-conference matches to solidify their position at the top of the Southern Conference. I can't see Belconnen getting up here, but you know what they say; never say never.

Canberra North Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ CNBC

Norths will square off against Queanbeyan as both clubs sit at 2 wins and a loss for the season so far. Hard to predict which way this one will go, but it might be a bit of a barometer for the differences between the two conferences. A strong Southern Conference suggests that QBC would get up, but its hard to tell at this stage.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ QRSLMBC

QRSL will be looking to solidify their place at the top of the table this week as they take of the Vikings. Tuggeranong have suffered some heavy losses since their round 1 win, but will be looking to bounce back quickly against QRSL. Vikings need to put some big wins in the bank if they are to get back into the mix in the Southern Conference.

Yass Bowling Club v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ YBC

Yass take on a struggling Weston Creek side at home in Round 4. The Creekers will be disappointed with the start to their season, but a good show against strong opposition last week suggests they are coming back into form. Both clubs will be after the win to keep their season alive, so this could turn into an epic struggle.



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Men's Grade 2

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ GRBC

Match has ben postponed to March 27th due to BPL commitments. We'd like to take the opportunity to wish the Goulburn Railway squad all the best in Moama this Sunday. Go get 'em lads!

Weston Creek Bowling Club v Belconnen Bowling Club @ Weston Creek

Cellar dwellers come up against each other here as both Weston Creek and Belconnen look to move themselves back into contention. A tight table means a good show from either would put them right back into the mixer for end of season honours. Creekers with the slight advantage being at home I wouldn't be putting any bets on which way this one will swing.

Canberra Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ CBC

Queanbeyan will be out to pull CBC back into the pack this week as they travel into the heart of the nation. CBC have the chance to really push themselves towards the finals with a win in this one, but Queanbeyan won't be giving it up easy. Both teams have shown some inconsistency across the rinks, so it may well come down to who can put in the best show across all 12 bowlers on the day.

Men's Grade 3

Yowani CC Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ Yowani

Here is a match that could have big bearings on how the season is to play out for the competition. Yowani need the win to pull Norths back to the pack, but Norths have the opportunity to break the competition apart between the top two and the rest. Norths take the odds in their favour as we run into the clash, but only by the slightest of margins, could be tough being the front runner in the lead up as he pressure builds.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club v Yass Bowling Club @ QRSLMBC

QRSL take on Yass at home in a true mid-field clash which will set the scene moving forward. A big loss could be devastating for either clubs, but a tight match will mean the whole competition draws closer together. QRSL need a quick re-build from their loss to Crookwell while Yass will take heart from their solid win against Yowani. Could go either way here.

Crookwell Services Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ Crookwell

Crookwell will look to push themselves well out in front as the take on the bottom of the ladder Vikings at home. A road trip for the Vikings could add to their woes here as they work to stay in touch with the rest of the competition. They need points and a big loss away from home could be devastating, but on the flip side a win against the front runners could reinvigorate the side as they look to re-build and push into the season.



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Men's Grade 4

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ GRBC

This mid-table clash could see the competition blown completely apart should Vikings manage to get the win away at Goulburn. Vikings currently sit 8 points above Goulburn, but the Railway will be looking to pull themselves back to the top group. Home ground advantage could play a part as the Vikings get on the bus to Goulburn but there will be plenty of mates available to rally the troops. A very important match up here, let's hope Vikings don't get caught thinking about the bus trip home.

Queanbeyan Bowling Club v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ QBC

Top of the table clash coming in here. QBC and Weston Creek are level on points out the front of the pack and both will be looking to build on their strong start. Such a tough match to call with so much riding on it. QBC take the advantage, but the Creekers will look to dig deep and pull one out and give Queanbeyan their first loss for the year.

Yowani CC Bowling Club v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club @ Yowani

Cellar dwellers come together as Yowani play host to QRSL this Sunday. Both clubs have struggled in the opening of the season and will be looking to put their first win on the board for the year. Both are starting to lose sight of the top four and need a win to stay in touch. A big win could be just what the doctor ordered for either team.

Men's Grade 5

Queanbeyan Bowling Club v Canberra Bowling Club @ QBC

With the competition starting to break apart Queanbeyan will need to take a win to keep CBC in the pack here. CBC have had their ups and downs in Grade 5 but showed that on their day they are going to be hard to beat. It may be a case of who shows up to play here as both clubs look to push into the season in good form.

Tuggeranong Vikings LBC v Belconnen Bowling Club @ TVLBC

Vikings sit atop the ladder in Grade 5 and will look to push that lead further as they take on Belconnen at home. Belconnen have had a tough time of things only notching up the on win so far, but they won't be deflated and will look to make a big move against the front runners. The time is now for Belco as the season could start slipping away.

Crookwell Services Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ Crookwell

CNBC will need to pull one out of the hat here if they are to stand a chance. Crookwell are looking a strong side for 2021 but have shown that they are not undefeatable. Norths will be disappointed to sit on the bottom of the ladder as it currently stands and now is the time to change that.



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Men's Grade 6

Yass Bowling Club v Bungendore Bowling Club @ YBC

Too early to say the wheels have fallen off the Bungendore wagon, but another loss here could pull a bit more air out of the tyres. Yass made the jump over Bungendore despite going down to Goulburn on the weekend. An extremely tight competition you can't afford to be off for a week if you want to stay at the top.

Weston Creek Bowling Club v Goulburn Railway Bowling Club @ Weston Creek

The Creekers have been through the full run of results over the past three weeks but will look to put themselves in the top four this weekend as they clash with Goulburn at home. Win against the boys from down the road for Goulburn last week sees them sitting in second on the ladder, but that could vanish in a heartbeat if they aren't up to it this weekend. Can't call this one, its way too tight.

Canberra North Bowling Club v Crookwell Services Bowling Club @ CNBC

Norths need to start showing some form, and quickly. They sit truly on the bottom of the ladder and life only gets tougher as they come up against the ladder leaders Crookwell. With results flying all over the place a good win at home could put Norths straight back into the race. In saying that, I think you'd be mad if you weren't backing Crookwell here. They've got the form and the players to get the job done here and put in a gap at the top.

Looking forward

Bowls ACT would like to wish the Men representing Goulburn Railway Bowling Club at the BPL Finals all the best for their matches this Sunday. It is a massive achievement to be heading down to Moama for the weekend's play and I'm sure I speak for all our members when I wish you the best of luck. Go get 'em lads, you've earned your shot and we're all behind you.

Wherever you may be headed for the weekend or whoever you may be bowling against remember that we are all one community. We've worked hard through 2020 to ensure that we can return to some resemblance of normal life so be sure to look out for your mates and look out for our bowling community. Enjoy your matches 2021 and let's all, together, make 2021 a great year on and off the greens.

Keep an eye out over the weekend and if you see anything you want to share please send it through. Let's celebrate this great community and share the joys we all get from playing Bowls.

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