

Bedford Family Day rolls into Wallaroo

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Wallaroo Bowling Club held its inaugural Bedford Family Day, bringing together members of the Wallaroo Bedford Group and their families on Wednesday, June 25.

The event was an extension of the club's weekly bowls sessions, which have been running for three years in partnership with Bedford — a not-for-profit organisation that supports people with disability through learning, skill development and social connection.

This year marks Bedford's 80th anniversary.

Each Wednesday, Bedford participants bowl at the Wallaroo Bowling Club, receiving guidance from club members Mike Wildash and Dave Jackson.

"We are in our third year of hosting the Bedford group on a weekly basis and they love it, it's certainly a highlight for their week," Wildash said.

"It is the first family day we have held, so it is great for the Bedford Group to spend the day with their families, doing something fun and enjoyable.



BEDFORD FAMILY DAY... Bedford Fun Family Bowls Challenge Day overall winner Brett Serbert shows off his winner's certificate, alongside Wallaroo Bowling Club coach, Mike Wildash.

"We love making our bowling facilities accessible to the wider community, especially since we have the indoor centre where you can bowl regardless of weather."

Wildash said the program started with just five bowlers and had grown to around 12 participants each week.

The family day began at 10.30am with an hour of bowling, followed by lunch

and award presentations at the Wallaroo Community Sports Club.

Brett Serbert was named overall winner on the day, with Clinton Wright placing first runner-up, Bianca Babidge as second runner-up, and Glynn McKenzie third runner-up.

Kelli Maywald received the sportsmanship award, and Cindy Taylor was recognised as most improved.



BEDFORD FAMILY DAY... First runner-up Clinton Wright with Mike Wildash from the Wallaroo Bowling Club.



BEDFORD FAMILY DAY... Second runner-up Bianca Babidge with coach Mike Wildash.



BEDFORD FAMILY DAY... Kelli Maywald accepts the sportsmanship award from Mike Wildash.



BEDFORD FAMILY DAY... Cindy Taylor receives her most improved player award, presented to her by Wallaroo Bowling Club coach, Mike Wildash.

Sea Salt succeeds again

Exciting three-year-old grey filly Sea Salt placed herself in the spotlight of South Australia's best pacers at Globe Derby Park on Saturday, June 28, winning the \$25,000 Kevin and Kay Seymour Emerging Stars Pacers Series Final over 1800 metres.

Bred and owned by Tara-Shae Linke, and trained by her brother Tyson in Kadina, Sea Salt was having just her fourth start on Saturday and now has three wins.

Driven by Danielle Hill, Sea Salt sprinted up the sprint lane to win the rich final by two metres from Places You Don't with Imposter Boy, the other three-year-old in the race, a gallant third, 3.5m away in third.

Tyson said the filly had only been a 50/50 chance of running on Saturday early in the morning.

"She must have rolled and hurt her back overnight on Friday," Linke said.

"She was a bit tender on Saturday morning and Dad (Ross) worked on her for quite

some time to make sure she was right to race."

Owner-breeder Tara-Shae said she was "extremely proud of my girl".

The Linke family has been in harness racing for many years, but it was about five years ago that Tara-Shae stepped up her involvement.

"I was having issues with my eyes and needed a corneal graft and Mum (Pauleen) and Dad said I need something to look forward to," she said.

"So I took up on the breeding side which was a long process from the time of mating, foaling and having the foal ready to race."

Trainer Tyson Linke said he had known from the time Sea Salt had been broken in that she was a filly of potential.

"There have just been a few issues along the way which prevented her from racing until May.

"She is still learning about racing, and I know there is a lot of improvement to come."

On Saturday, Sea Salt began well from gate three, but Places You Don't, from barrier four, had just enough speed to cross and lead.

Driver Danielle Hill said the grey had been a bit keen trailing the leader, and despite using the sprint lane for a first time, had handled it like a veteran.

"She sprinted really well and won comfortably — she is an emerging star," Hill said.

Linke said he was likely to give the filly a few easy days before going to Mildura seeking a breeding bonus.

Port Pirie

Coco Mia made it three wins in a row with a dominant performance in race six over 1609 metres at Port Pirie on Tuesday, June 24, crossing the line 5.9m ahead of her closest rival.

The bay mare is also owned and bred by Tara-Shae, with her brother Tyson training the in-form pacer.

Driver was Wayne Hill.

Graham Fischer



GLOBE DERBY RACE 5... Sea Salt and her driver Danni Hill cross take first place at Globe Derby last Saturday, June 28, 1.8m ahead of Toby Ryan and Places You Dont. PHOTO: Walter Bulyga



PORT PIRIE RACE 6... Coco Mia, with driver Wayne Hill, crosses the finish line in first place for the third consecutive time, on Tuesday, June 24.



PORT PIRIE RACE 6... Driver Wayne Hill is happy with his win driving Coco Mia.

SA Women's Country Week coming to Wallaroo

Wallaroo Golf Club will host the Bronze Shield event as part of the 2025 SA Women's Country Week, scheduled for July 22-24.

Now in its 79th year, SA Women's Country Week features three events: the Silver Salver at Berri Golf Club, the Bronze Salver at Murray Bridge Golf Club, and the Bronze Shield at Wallaroo.

Women golfers with handicaps from 25.1 to 54 are encouraged to enter the Wallaroo event before the July 4 deadline.

The entry fee is \$105; Entries can be submitted online at www.golf.org.au/events.

Golfers from Adelaide and regional areas have already registered for the three-day competition.

Accommodation bookings are already underway, with many participants looking forward to visiting the Copper Coast.

Course manager Toby Price and a team of volunteers have been preparing the course for the event.

The week will begin with a registration cocktail party on Monday, July 21, followed by two days of individual Stablefords. The program will conclude with a foursomes competition on

Thursday, July 25. A three-course dinner and entertainment will also be held on Wednesday evening for participants.

Wallaroo Golf Club is hosting the event in partnership with Golf Australia and the Yorke Peninsula Group Golf Association.

Entry details for the other Country Week events are also detailed on the Golf SA events webpage; the Silver Salver is for golfers with handicaps GA to 20.0, and Bronze Salver entrants need handicaps between 16.1 and 30.0.

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