



Phil BUSHBY

2016 Inductee No. 18

Bowls Australia Cap #59 – 20 tests

Bowls NSW Cap #696 – 201 tests

Phil started playing bowls in 1964 at Austinmer BC at the age of 25 which was unusual in those days. He had been a good cricket, soccer and table tennis player and was captain of Austinmer Surf Club.

He won the Illawarra District Singles in 1970, also the State Singles. Altogether he won 2 Illawarra singles titles, 2 pairs and 1 triples title. He also won numerous club titles over the years at many different clubs. He played 66 games for Illawarra. He also won the State Singles - Pairs and Fours, during a 20-year career of representative bowls.

Phil was first selected to play for NSW in 1971. He was runner-up in an Australian Pairs Championship.

Phil's highlight came in 1978 when he represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Canada. He also represented in the 1986 Trans-Tasman.

Phil was a pioneer of making a living from bowls when, from 1980, he combined bowls secretary jobs, coaching and some journalism to make a living from bowls. This meant moving to the larger clubs which included some Sydney clubs. Because of this, his representative games for Illawarra were reduced. After his representative bowls finished, he served as an Illawarra selector and State selector.

Phil was known to be very passionate about how the game should be played and was one of the best bowlers to come from the Illawarra area.