Hi Sam,

I have put pictures of you and your cycling team in this most recent issue of Jack Hi, check out page 10 ⁽ⁱ⁾. We enjoyed having your group join us for a roll-up at the Lake Monger Bowling Club in WA, hope you enjoy the article and pictures!

I hope your 'World of Difference' tour was an outstanding success, good luck in the future!

Sincerely,

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INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

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What's New with Inclusive Practices at Bowls WA?

National Social Inclusion Week 2012 hit with a hive of activity across our state. Bowls WA, in partnership with The Centre for Cerebral Palsy, hosted an Open Day at Lake Monger Bowling Club in late November and the participants had a fantastic time. We look forward to more activities coming up in 2013!



Stephanie Keepa and members from TCCP enjoying Social Inclusion Week

Boccia WA also supported the Activ Holiday Camp at Peel Bowling & Social Club by loaning the club a Boccia ramp to be used for participants with a higher degree of physical disability. Michael Dean, president of the Peel club, expressed his delight in having the ramp on loan. Thanks to Jill Bowman, Development Officer at Boccia WA, Mike and his dedicated team at the club have not only used the ramp during the camp but are also hard at work thinking of ways to modify the ramp to be used for regular wheel chair bowlers — stay tuned for future news in this area!



Boccia ramp loaned to the Peel Bowling & Social Club



Letting one roll at Peel Bowling & Social Club!



Activ bowlers at Peel Bowling & Social Club

Activ Recreation offers a range of holiday and recreation programs that give adults with intellectual disability the chance to discover the world. Part of the 2013 January holiday camp in Mandurah included Bowls Programs supported and run by the Peel Bowling & Social Club. Two groups of participants (18-30 and 50-60 years young) enjoyed bowling over the three day program, and are looking forward to participating again next year.



Sam and Reclink participants enjoying the day

Sam Pollard, a gifted composer and accomplished multi-instrumentalist from Sydney, cycled across Australia on his 'World of Difference' tour featuring local communities in support of Reclink Australia. Reclink is a charitable organization whose

mission is to provide sporting, social and arts activities to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage. Sam and his team stopped at Lake Monger Bowling Club in early December 2012 to participate in a roll up with Reclink members and to

host a small gig. It was a fantastic day of bowls and music – good luck to Sam and his team in promoting his World of Difference album and documentary!



Sam Pollard learns to bowl, good form for a first try!

Andre from Intework Gosnells enjoys the BowlAbility program!





Above: Richard from Intework Gosnells giving BowlAbility a go! Left: Jennifer & mom Allison enjoy their BowlAbility roll up!

Friday's **Bowl**Ability Program, run at the Kardinya Bowling Club, ended 2012 with a bang up BBQ in December! Keen participants have returned in 2013 to bowl again between 11 am and 1 pm each Friday. Cost is \$5 per disability bowler with companion card in effect. Interested in giving lawn bowls a try? Come on down and enjoy a session under the clubs shade cloths and give it a go!

With the 2013 Australian Open fast approaching on the 20th of February our disability team is busy practicing for the event! We wish the best for Andrew Ness (Cambridge), Garry Lockett (Stirling), Julie Srhoy (Spearwood), Robert Hughes (East Fremantle), and Wayne Allsopp (Dowerin). East Fremantle honoured Robert Hughes with a partial sponsorship to the event which is a fantastic boost to Robert and a genuine reflection of community spirit!

Seeking Expression of Interest: Do we have Bowling Arm players in our state that would be interested in participating on a state team? A new opportunity exists in our sport to compete in a National Event - "A National Bowling Arm Challenge"! This event has evolved between Bowls Vic and Bowls NSW since 2011, this year Bowls SA will also be on board. Bowls Australia provides a "National Trophy" for the state winner while the States concurrently play for separate Interstate Trophies. The state teams consist of 15 mixed gender bowlers who form 3 teams of 5. The teams play a combination of singles, pairs, triples, and fours over the 2 day competition with three games played per day. The 2013 event will be held in September at Corowa Bowling Club on the Murray River. As teams have to be confirmed by March 30th we are looking at possible participation for 2014 - but we need bowlers who are interested in participating!!! Let Denise know so that we can get a feel for development in this exciting new area of competitive bowls!

For more information on Bowls WA Inclusive Initiatives please contact Denise on 0449 619 841 or denise@bowlswa.com.au. More updates on Inclusive Bowls Practices in WA will be included in the next issue of Jack Hi – if you have a story to tell, or would like more information on Inclusive Bowls, please let Denise know. Until then, happy bowling!

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