

SOUTH TWEED SHARKS - PREMIER LEAGUE QUEENSLAND BOWLS

Round 1 (7/1/2017) – South Tweed Sharks v. Greenslopes Geckos

The South Tweed Sharks are looking forward to a successful 2017 season. Gains this season are Bill Cornehlis – new South Tweed Bowls Coordinator, Clinton Bailey, Gary Pearson, Nathan Heap, Brenden Wilson, Max North and John North.

Premier Grade

South Tweed Sharks 49 lost to Greenslopes Geckos 53

K. Kerkow 18 d. S. McLachlan 14; S. Glasson 16 lost to M. Turner 17; N. Jenkins 15 lost to C. Ryan 22

All three Sharks teams bowled confidently in the early section of the match and were cruising after the completion of 8 ends on each rink with the Sharks up 30/8 on the main scoreboard. However, as dusk turned into night the persistent nocturnal Geckos awakened! Teams for the Geckos skipped by Chris Ryan and Michael Turner in particular, came with a huge surge to overpower the Sharks by 4 shots overall. Best performed Sharks team was skipped by Kelvin Kerkow, lead John Bain, second Steve Halmai and third Scott De Jongh. An early season defeat is not unusual for the Sharks and they will regroup and bounce back at Belmont next Saturday evening.

A Grade

South Tweed Sharks 77 d. Greenslopes Geckos 74

L. Ponting 20 d. J. Rafton 16; B. Wilson 18 d. R. Cresswell 14;

R. Hickman 18 lost to C. Cechin 20; J. Leese 21 lost to D. Sparkes 24

The Sharks won a close encounter with the Geckos overall by 3 shots- 2 rinks all. New skip Brenden Wilson and his team of Al Fawcett, John North and Dave Bennett all bowled well on the holding green for a well-deserved 4 shot win. Lindsay Ponting's team claimed the other rink win also by 4 shots with the players and the large crowd nominating Dasha (Darrell Maxwell) as best player on this rink. Ray Hickman's team had a tough battle with the Geckos team skipped by Carl Cechin going down by 2 shots. Ray and his team scored 1 shot on 6 consecutive ends to be locked on 18 all going into the last end, a big effort. Much could be said about the crazy game between the Sharks Josh Leese and Geckos Damien Sparkes, most unpublishable!! Suffice to say– Geckos led 11/0 after 6 ends; 12 all after 13 ends; the Sharks scored a 5 and 6 during the match going down by 3 shots; best player on this rink was Josh who played several important conversions to keep the Sharks in the hunt for the overall win.