

# 300 CLUB

It took eighteen years of competition before a 300 game was bowled in the East Coast tournament.

1996 Bob Longhurst (New South Wales) shot the first perfect game at Cannon Hill Bowl in Queensland during the Championships.

1999 Three years elapsed before the next one, which was bowled by Peter Goodwin (Victoria) at Sunset Superbowl Toowoomba, in Queensland again, and also during the Championships.

2004 It had been five years since the last 300 game, and this one was worth waiting for. The first perfect game rolled during the East Coast Challenge Cup. The competition was being held at Sunshine Bowl in Victoria and the bowler was Andrew Lloyd, from New South Wales. There were also two perfect games rolled during the Masters tournament at the same venue that year, one by Nathan Paterson (Queensland) in the Open Boys division, and the other by Ralph Harford (Victoria) in the Open Men's division.

2005 The venue for the tournament was Sunset Superbowl, Toowoomba, Queensland. Cory Knowles (Queensland) was the only bowler to shoot a perfect game this year, and it was during the East Coast Challenge Cup.

2006 Fairfield Bowl in Sydney, New South Wales, hosted the tournament this year. A 300 game was bowled by Mark Dodds (Victoria) during the Championships, and Nicole Addamo (Victoria) became the first female to bowl a perfect game during the tournament when she rolled the 300 in the Open Ladies Masters.

2007 The tournament was held in Melbourne, Victoria, at Moorabbin Bowl. Just the one big game during the Teams event in the East Coast Challenge Cup this year, by Paul Francis (Victoria), and the ladies joined the party again during the Open Ladies division of the Masters competition. Nicole McPartlane (Victoria) was the bowler.

2008 Andrew Lloyd (NSW) has done it again with a perfect game bowled during the Championships which were held at AMF Mt Gravatt in Brisbane, Queensland.

2009 Steven Smith (NSW) bowled his perfect game during the ECCC Doubles and Dale Fitzgerald (NSW) bowled his during the Open Men's Masters, which were held at "Tenpin City" Lidcombe, NSW.

2011 Cory Knowles (Queensland) has done it again with a perfect game during the Championships which were held at Sunset Superbowl, Toowoomba. As in 2005, he was the only person to shoot 300 during the week.

2012 The first 3 days of Championships (Sat - Sun - Mon) produced five perfect games. Shane Withers, Simon Millman and Andrew Lloyd from N.S.W. and Donna Adams and Mat Cox from Qld. The bowlers have really enjoyed the conditions at Lidcombes Tenpin City bowling centre. Victoria joined the parade on Wed when Andrew Mead bowled his 300 game during the ECCC "open men" doubles. Ben Johns from Qld continued with the great bowling in the "under 21" ECCC doubles, and

Sarah Heath from NSW joined in the fun a couple of games later for the girls. Scott Calvert produced the last of the perfect games for this tournament, during the ECCC "open men triples".

2014 A Queensland bowler produced the first perfect game this year, in the Championships. It was also the first 300 game bowled at Sunset Superbowl, Toowoomba, all year. Congratulations Russell Goodwin. Not to be outdone, another Queenslander, Scott Calvert, stepped up in the last game of the entire tournament and bowled his perfect game in the Open Men's Masters.

2015 There was only 1 perfect game bowled this year at AMF Rooty Hill, and it was bowled by Andrew Lloyd on the first day of Championships. This is Andrews 4th 300 game bowled during East Coast, since 2004.

2016 Once again there was only 1 perfect game bowled, and again it was in the Championships. The bowler was Jimmy Owen from Victoria, and it was his first year participating in the East Coast tournaments.

2017 The first day of Championships at AMF Redcliffe and the only 300 game all week was bowled in the doubles by Queenslander, Justin Edwards.

2018 The tournament was held at Rooty Hill and just 1 perfect game was bowled again this year. It was bowled by Ryan Bagley from Queensland, in the Championships team event.

2023 It's been 5 years (Including a break of 2 years due to the Covid Virus) since the last 300 game. This year saw 2 perfect games bowled at Gosford City Bowl. The 1<sup>st</sup> was by April St Clair from Queensland during the Teams event and 2<sup>nd</sup> was by Taylor Jones from Victoria in the Open Men's Masters.