

# Ackland-Shearing Shield 8 October 2022

You may be surprised to learn that 2022 marks the **62nd year** in the history of the annual pre-season challenge between Tranmere and Kensington-Marryatville.



In 1961 **Norm Ackland**, Tranmere Club's then bowls president, and **Alan Shearing**, Kensington Gardens then Club's general president, established the **Ackland-Shearing Shield** to be awarded to the winning club in an annual, pre-season challenge match.



Norm Ackland was a Tranmere club stalwart and benefactor in his day.

**In 1954** he presented the club with a new honour board on which to display its office bearers.

That board can be seen, mounted on the wall, at the rear of the club rooms. He was bowls president in **1960-61** and honoured as a life member in **1985**.



Alan Shearing was general president of the Kensington Gardens Bowling and Tennis Club from **1958 to 1961**.

Tranmere won the first two challenge matches, the third was a draw and Kensington Gardens won the following three.



More recently, Kensington-Marryatville won in 2019-20, while Tranmere has won for the past two years.

Over the **61-year history** prior to this year, Tranmere won 45 times, Kensington Gardens six, Kensington-Marryatville eight; there was a draw and on one occasion where the challenge was abandoned due to unplayable conditions.

The original shield and its successor since 1999 are on display in the Tranmere clubroom's library.

This year fifteen teams competed: four on Kensington's newly laid greens and eleven at Tranmere.

Tranmere teams won **8 rinks**, Kensington-Marryatville teams won **6**, and **one game was a draw**.

The shield is determined on total shots won and, with **336 shots** to **284 shots**, Tranmere retained the shield for another year.

Thank you all for participating and we trust you have an enjoyable and successful pennant season.



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Kensington/Marryatville's Bows President **Peter Glazbrook** presenting the **Ackland-Shearing Shield** to Club Tranmere's Bows President **Dino De Corso**.