



Annual Report 2013/2014

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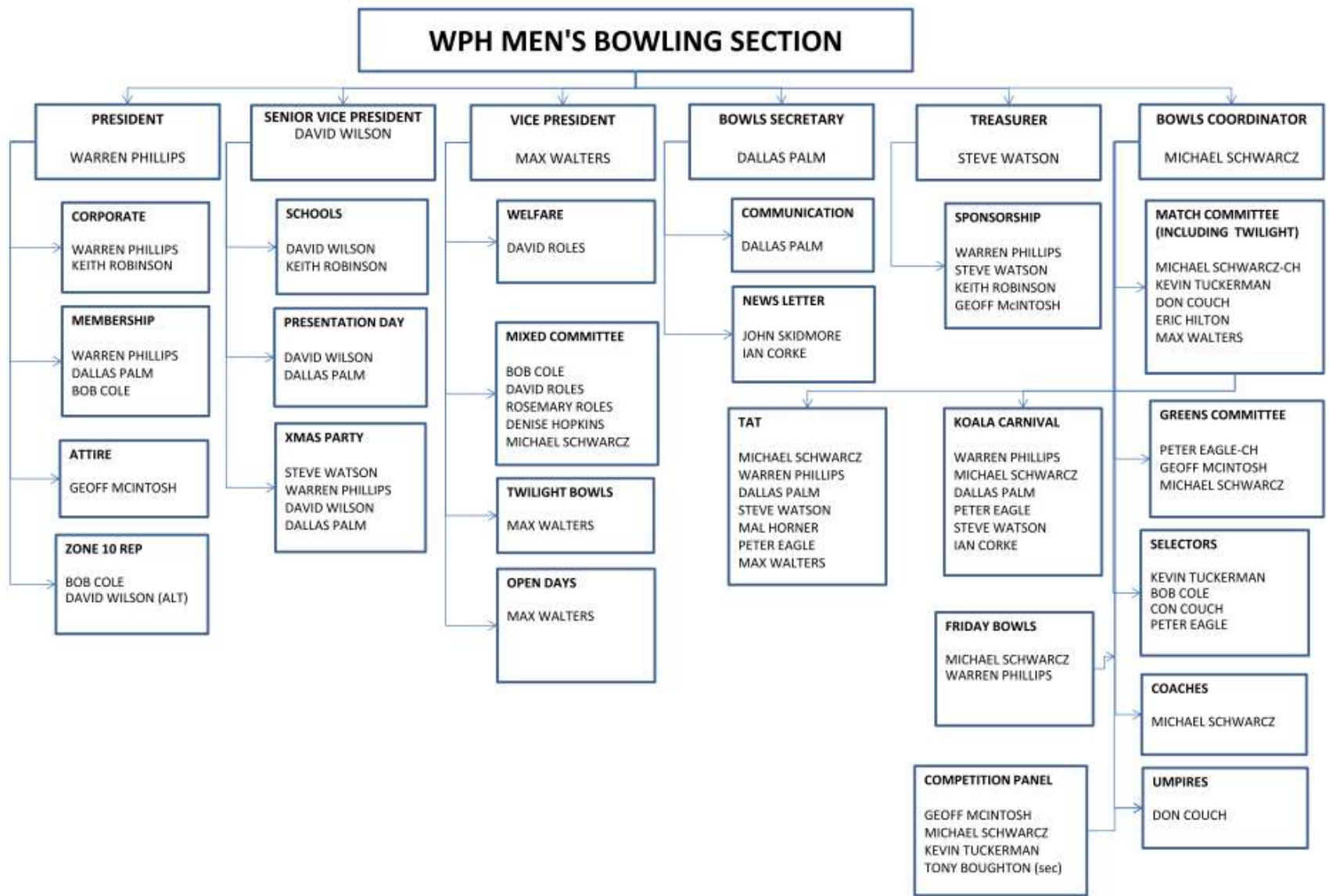
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Doug Gunton, Keith Robinson, Barry Walker

Permanent Committees and Panels



President's Report

Warren Phillips

I am delighted to report to the bowlers on our activities for the past year and review our results against the goals and focus areas I outlined at last year's AGM. I am confident in saying that the Men's Bowling Section has moved forward, implemented some important changes, managed a number of challenges and achieved success. I will comment on these later in this report.

I would like to thank all members of the Management Committee for their help and support during the year not only on their role on the Committee but also their contribution to all the sub committees they supported. I would also like to thank those, not on the Committee, who volunteered for the following Sub-Committees; Welfare, Mixed, Open Day, News Letter, TAT, Sponsorship, Koala Carnival, Garden and Competition Panel. Thanks also go to the Coaches, Selectors and Umpires for their support during the past 12 months. Bowling Clubs rely heavily on volunteers and I was very fortunate to have such a willing and capable group of members to assist me during the past year. I cannot thank them enough for their time and effort, I was never short of help no matter what was needed and when.

I will now report on the key achievements and changes during the year.

- Pennants – Clearly the highlight of our bowling year was winning the Zone 10 Grade 5 Pennant and performing reasonably well in both Grade 4 and Grade 6. Our congratulations must go to the Grade 5 Team for this fantastic effort.
- Competition Panel – In line with the Selection Module published by Bowls Australia and RNSWBA we implemented a Competition Panel which focused on choosing our competitive teams for the year. This has provided a separation between Social and Competitive Team selections. The Grade 5 result is in part the result of this change.
- Constitution and Regulations – A new Constitution has been passed at a General Meeting. Regulations have replaced By-Laws and many elements of our Conditions of Play.
- Fee Structure – The new fee structure has now been fully implemented and is having no negative effect on attracting new members. Existing members are also recognising the benefits of the new system and there have been a number of transfers from the old to the new system.
- Friday Bowls – The new approach to Friday Jackpot Pairs is showing very positive results with numbers up 40-50% on last year.
- Greens - The top green has now been changed from Couch Grass to Tifdwarf. All the shades have been replaced or repaired. The gardens have been improved, flowers have been planted, the hedges and shrubs are being trimmed, the garden sprinklers now work effectively, new yellow rink boundary pegs have been installed, new corner flags and rink numbers have been purchased.
- Conditions of Play – These have been reviewed and modified for each of our events.
- Triples and Fours – This year these events will be graded for the first time and it is hoped that this will encourage more entrants.

- Singles Finals – This year we played all three Singles Finals on the same day with modest success. We also invited past Major Singles Winners and had a free sausage sizzle. It is hoped that next year it will be bigger and better.
- Koala Carnival – It was a successful event even though we had only 22 teams entered. We attracted a new sponsor (ARV) with increased prize money and we hope their positive experience will lead to an ongoing relationship. We also had a very successful raffle thanks to Bill Austin's donated prize.
- Turn-Around Triples – It was a successful event with a full 28 teams in attendance. There may be a move to change this format next year and we will know more after a meeting of the 6 clubs later this year.
- Signboard Sponsorship – For the first time in many years we have sold all 21 signboards and thanks must go to the Sponsorship Committee and the Sports Club for their hard work in achieving this great result. Details of these sponsorships are available on our web-site
- During the year we ran an Open Day, played the Challenge Cup at Pennant Hills, played the Orange Blossom Festival Cup, held a round of the Combined High Schools competition, played in the Hornsby Cup at Wisemans Ferry, conducted Twilight Bowls throughout summer, conducted mixed social events and ran our own major, minor and mixed championships.
- A number of bowlers also played in Zone events and were successful in reaching second or third rounds. West Pennant Hills' teams also participated in carnivals at other clubs and in some cases were successful in being winners or runners up.
- The Communications Committee has completed a lot of work on the bowling section's Twitter, Website and Facebook. We are also updating our information on the Sports Club's website.
- The Koala News continues to get better and better and serves members well in providing information on what has taken place around the club. It is not easy collecting information but Ian Corke and John Skidmore have spent a lot of time and effort collecting material. I would like to thank them for their hard work and effort.
- David Roles has been looking after the welfare issues of the bowlers. I would like to thank David for the time that he has taken on the matter. It is important that contact be maintained with the bowlers who are ill or are unable to attend so that they are not forgotten.

On behalf of the West Pennant Hills Bowlers, thank you to all our sponsors for your support and we look forward to being able to continue the relationship over the years to come.

To the Board of Directors of the Sports Club, Jason Read and his team and the restaurant staff, your support over the last twelve months is valued and very much appreciated.

To the bowlers, thank you for your support during the last twelve months. Let's hope that 2014/2015 will be a successful year for West Pennant Hills. I wish all of you good bowling.

Match Committee and Bowls Co-ordinator Report

Michael Schwarcz

- Don Couch
- Eric Hilton
- Michael Schwarcz
- Kevin Tuckerman
- Max Walters

For the Match Committee it has not been an easy year with some new ideas being trialed and the weather conditions.

As Chairman I have made mistakes which we have certainly learnt from and will not be repeated in the future.

The committee made the promise that we not play competitions on Sunday and try and keep the games on Saturday am and pm. We have been able to do this so far but it has not been easy due to weather and the constraints of the State and Zone Competitions. We were able to improve the West Pennant Hills Conditions of play to make it little more flexible. Which from what can be seen will be even more difficult next year as there are many changes envisaged from the State Conditions of Play and the Laws of Sport of Bowls, which it is being formulated as this, is being written.

Some of the other changes have not yet occurred; we hope it will be to the liking of the members e.g. Graded Triples and Graded Fours.

The one disappointing things has been the lack of entries in the competitions; we had to cancel one and nearly a second one but at the last moment we gained another entry. The minimum numbers for entries needed to run a competition is 8 players in singles and 8 teams in the other disciplines.

Thanks to the committee for their assistance.

Coaches Committee

Michael Schwarcz

Club Coaches:

- Warren Phillips
- Dallas Palm
- Keith Robinson
- Michael Schwarcz (Ch)
- Kevin Tuckerman

Introductory Coaches:

- Peter Eagle
- Denise Hopkins
- Mal Horner
- Rosemary Roles
- Max Walters

This year we have consistently coached one or two new bowlers per month which is very pleasing. We have done quite a bit of remedial coaching which proved to us there was a need in the club for players to receive help. We believe a lot more members could avail themselves of this club service. This was made more apparent when realized that we would have to play for the Pennant Flag at Carlingford Bowling Club where the greens were running at 17 plus seconds. It was arranged that the majority of the team attend the practice and we learnt how to hold our bowls back playing in the very high speeds. This I believe is what helped us to win the flag when

on the day the green was running between 17 – 18 seconds with at times a wind at 90k. This also put us in good stead for the finals at Tamworth with fast greens and winds.

It is pleasing at the end of the Pennant Season a new member has joined our coaching team which we are grateful for as it is difficult at times coaching more than one person. Welcome Kevin Tuckerman to the Coaching Panel.

Selection Committee

Kevin Tuckerman

Social Bowls

- Firstly, I want to thank Bob Cole, Don Couch and Peter Eagle for their support during the year.
- I believe that our experience and knowledge of our Social Club bowlers, has enabled us to carry out our roles with everyone's best interest in mind.

Wednesday Bowls:

- Wednesday numbers averaged around 40 plus during the summer months, and feedback indicated that most enjoyed their games. Of course, not everyone will be happy with Team selections, but that is the nature of being a Selector, you can't please everyone all of the time.

Friday Bowls:

- This year we introduced single entries for the Friday Pairs., and increased the Jackpot up to a Maximum of \$1,000. This has proven to be well received with most Fridays seeing up to 32 players. This includes several of the WPH Ladies. Most would agree their bowls have improved as a result of playing with their male counterparts.
- While the \$1,000 has not been reached, several players have shared in sizable Jackpots.

Saturday Bowls:

- Saturday mainly sees those bowlers who work during the week, or those who enjoy a more competitive game of bowls. Many of these bowlers play in the Pennant teams.

Summary:

- In summary, I think the Selectors have done a good job and most people have enjoyed their game of bowls. For those few who were not happy, I look forward to seeing your nomination as a Selector for next year.

Competition Panel

Michael Schwarcz

Panel: Geoff McIntosh (Grade 4)
Kevin Tuckerman (Grade 5)
Tony Boughton (Grade 6 and Secretary)
Michael Schwarcz (Coach and Chairman)

2014 was the second year of the dream and vision with the support of the Management Committee, if we could concentrate on one team over three years we would win a Zone flag in one of the grades.

Early in the Pennant Season the panel recognised that the best potential for this year would be Grade 5 as was the previous year with the support of the players we made no changes to a team unless absolutely necessary. We requested that they practice consistently. Some didn't but a lot did. We also brought three players from the grade 4 to strengthen the side; they were David Wilson, Dallas Palm and Michael Schwarcz.

I would like to thank the grade 4 teams for their support especially the team skipped by Geoff McIntosh who had to suffer the changes from week to week, whilst we left the other teams alone where possible.

It proved to us when you get the players and the committees especially the Competition Committee, the Selection Committee and the club working together it is amazing what can be achieved. In fact we achieved it a year earlier than we expected.

We would like to thank all the club members for their support. Also we like to thank the Executive and Directors of the Sports Club for their support.

In finishing this report I would like thank my fellow panel members for the ease in which everything was done.

This year I have refrained from giving statistics as the most successful team was of course grade 5 where it was a team effort.

Also the members of the panel hope this method of selection for competitive and Pennant Teams will continue into the future as we believe it is a successful way of selecting competition Teams.

Umpires Panel

Don Couch

Chairman: Don Couch

Lorraine Begg

Tony Boughton

Bob Cole

Peter Eagle

Kaye Eagle

Barbara Hazeltine

David Makin

Dallas Palm

Warren Phillips

Rod Roberts

Michael Schwarcz

Geoff Seamons

John Skidmore

Les Watkins

David Wilson

Highlights during the year include:

- Involvement in all men's section events, zone events, some women's pennant & club championships.
- Kaye Eagle successfully completing her umpire course and David Makin his measurer's course.
- Warren, Michael, Les and Bob being involved in various Zone 10 committees.

During the year some umpires have had health issues. Those I am aware of are Michael's continuing issues plus Rod Roberts and David Makin. I hope 2015 will be brighter.

Michael, Bob, Les and Don are all required to be reaccredited by 31st August 2014. Their reaccreditation was scheduled for 31st July at the Club. The title of "Level 2" umpire disappears and all are now "Officials".

Greens

Peter Eagle

It is with pleasure that I submit the Greens Report for the 2014 Annual General Meeting. Before setting out what has taken place, I would like to express my appreciation to the other members of the Greens Committee, Michael Schwarcz and Geoff McIntosh for their support over the last twelve months as well as to the management of the Sports Club in particular, Richard Hickey, Jason Read and Steve Brady. Their support and advice is very much appreciated. Special mention needs to be made about the hard work and dedication that our greenkeeper, Steve Arhipoff who has maintained the greens to a very high standard over the last twelve months. A good working relationship and understanding has developed which needs to continue. I would also like to mention the assistance that has been received from Ross Irwin of Proturf Australia, the company that holds the green keeping contract.

In December 2013, work commenced re-grassing the top green with Tifdwarf. There had been a lot of discussion about this project over the years. I will not go into the merits of Tifdwarf over a normal Couch surface, as there has been a lot of discussion on this matter in the past. In February 2014, the first bowls were put down on the Tifdwarf. It will take at least eighteen months for the surface to settle properly though once this occurs, West Pennant Hills will have a top line green. More work needs to be completed in the northwest and southwest corner surfaces, which will take place during the maintenance period.

The bottom green has played well all year. It was necessary to take it out of play earlier than expected due to the work required on the top green. It did receive a further rub in just prior to the commencement of the 2014 pennant season which helped to settle the surface of the green. Unfortunately, we still have drainage problems on the western side as well as the northwest corner. During winter there is little sunlight so the surface remains wet to damp during this time. It does restrict rotating play on the green.

A number of bowlers under the guidance of Geoff McIntosh tended the gardens and planted flowers. The Sports Club provided assistance and many comments were received on how well the gardens looked. Thank you to Geoff and those bowlers for your efforts.

During the year, the shades on the bottom green were replaced. Most had reached the end of their life. It is quite expensive to replace the shades, therefore it is the responsibility of the bowlers to make sure they are taken down after use. Also, the corner flags and the windsocks were replaced.

To the bowlers, thank you for your patience as there are times that the greens need to be taken out of play for maintenance or weather conditions. Unfortunately, at times comments are made which are not helpful. A damaged green is hard to repair especially during winter. It is the long term position that needs to be considered at all times. Good bowling and may luck be on your side.

Bereavements

Alex Stewart, Wilf Morschel, Mike Chambers

Financial Statement – Income and Expenditure

Stephen Watson

West Pennant Hills Sports Club Limited

**Sports - Men's Bowls
30 June 2014**

	June Actual	June Budget	Variance	%	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	%
MBC Green Fees	4,127	325	3,802	1,269.85	42,861	27,353	15,508	156.70
MBC Raffle Takings	1,483	535	948	277.20	8,119	5,380	2,739	150.91
MBC Sports Fees	0	0	0		8,211	400	7,811	2,052.75
MBC Sports & Green Fees	0	4,900	(4,900)		3,273	37,930	(34,657)	8.63
MBC Other Income	0	10	(10)		1,350	120	1,230	1,125.00
MBC Koala Carnival Income	0	3,300	(3,300)		4,379	3,300	1,079	132.70
MBC Club Uniform Sales	151	40	111	377.50	976	480	496	203.33
MBC Sponsorship Income	0	0	0		3,173	3,000	173	105.77
MBC Catering Income	0	300	(300)		1,964	2,700	(736)	72.74
MBC Multi/T'around Triples Inc	69	3,000	(2,931)	2.30	3,628	3,000	628	120.93
Total MBC Income	5,830	12,410	(6,580)	46.98	77,934	83,663	(5,729)	93.15
MBC Affiliation Fees	81	155	(74)	52.26	6,203	9,772	(3,569)	63.48
MBC Raffle Costs	240	350	(110)	68.57	4,241	4,350	(109)	97.49
MBC Greens' Maintenance	3,886	4,000	(114)	97.15	47,760	48,000	(240)	99.50
MBC Sports Promotions	872	462	410	188.74	11,935	7,936	3,999	150.39
MBC State Playoffs	0	0	0		0	500	(500)	
MBC Open Day Costs	0	0	0		23	500	(477)	4.60
MBC Club Uniform Purchases	248	0	248		1,878	200	1,678	939.00
MBC Koala Expenses	0	2,650	(2,650)		3,151	2,650	501	118.91
MBC Catering Expenses	1,440	950	490	151.58	6,770	8,300	(1,530)	81.57
MBC Multi/T'around Triples	996	2,500	(1,504)	39.84	2,258	2,500	(242)	90.32
Total MBC Expenses	7,763	11,067	(3,304)	70.15	84,219	84,708	(489)	99.42
Men's Bowls Profit (Loss)	(1,933)	1,343	(3,276)	(143.93)	(6,285)	(1,045)	(5,240)	601.44

NOTES

1. The budget set for 2013/14 was based on some consistent activities that had costs associated and a number of bowlers moving to the new fee structure.
2. See attached June Profit & Loss for actual end of financial year figures which show a figure slightly higher than our proposed budget number
3. Reviewing the final numbers shows:
 - a. around 50% of active bowlers took the new fee structure
 - b. the budget numbers had been based on set number of bowlers
 - c. there was a 10 - 12 bowlers that either moved on or left the area that had not been accounted for in the 2013/14 budget
 - d. the figures used are based on the actual income per bowler, on average, it is about \$500 each.
 - e. the income not received is from the bowler that either left or moved away would account for the \$6,000 short fall.
 - f. all other areas of the budget to revenue was consistent and have been adopted in the 2014/15 budget
4. 2014/15 budget was set based on last year's numbers with an expectation that there will be new bowlers taking the yearly or Quarterly fee payments. See attached budget for actual numbers.

Financial Statement – Budget

Stephen Watson

2014-15 Budget

INCOME	
Green Fees	\$39,610
Raffle Takings	\$6,615
Sports Fees	\$8,960
Other Income	\$360
Koala Income	\$5,620
Club Uniform Sales	\$960
Sponsorship Income	\$4,620
Catering Income	\$2,100
TAT Income	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$68,845
EXPENSES	
Affiliation Fees	\$7,884
Raffle Costs	\$4,116
Greens Maintenance	\$48,000
Sports Promotions	\$6,000
Other Costs	\$5,020
Open Day Costs	\$750
Club Uniform Purchases	\$500
Koala Expenses	\$3,990
Catering Costs	\$8,700
TAT Costs	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$84,960
GROSS PROFIT (LOSS)	-\$16,115