

# Koala News

The Bulletin of the Men's and Women's Bowling Sections of West Pennant Hills Sports Club



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## Our boys went to Tamworth!



**Our team headed by car to Tamworth on Thursday 7th August and Friday the 8th August to play off for the State Grade 5 Pennant Title.**

Our host club for the sectional round-robin matches was **West Tamworth Bowling Club**.

First match was against **Parkes BC** on Saturday morning. Despite holding a very impressive lead for the first half of the match, the wheels fell off, with Kevin Hoffman's rink the only one held, and a total score of 47:56.

Game 2 in the afternoon against **Canowindra BC** was a 'must win' match to give us any chance of reaching the finals. Rod Foster's team managed a draw and the other teams lost out. Final score 42:73

Game 3 on Sunday morning against **Taren Point** was a game the boys can take much pride in. Taren Point came into this game with plenty of confidence, having won both their earlier games. A win against us would give them automatic entry into the semi-final. We worked very hard to recover from a slow start and finished the match just three points short.

Overall, our boys did the best they could against some quite good bowlers. The weekend has been a great experience for all of us and one we will cherish. Despite the odds against them, all players exhibited the 'champion'

spirit – not conceding anything and forcing our opponents to win the shot.

Our thanks go to West Tamworth Bowling Club for hosting the finals – great organisation and hospitality. The greens however, were a different story. We wondered how the club could host the final (as did any player from any of the other clubs) with sub-standard greens. I'm sure the club will address this in future.

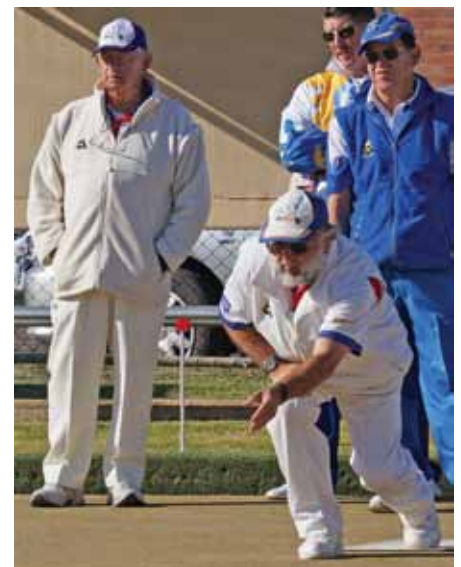
As side manager, **Warren Phillips** did a top job preparing us and making arrangements for the weekend as well as keeping us well informed of any changes.

Big thanks go to our Sports Club. Without the support of the **West Pennant Hills Sports Club** this experience may not have been possible for some of our team.

**Dallas Palm**



Norm chose to wear his reindeer cap ...



everybody else took it much more seriously

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Winter was a long time coming and we were enjoying the wonderfully warm last days of summer but are now experiencing the cold changes



of winter time. I hope not too many have been affected by the coughs and colds associated with this time of the year. To date the weather has not interfered with our busy schedule of bowling events.

Our **Minor Singles Championship** final was played on Tuesday 12 August with **Robyn Noonan** the winner and **Shauna Geraghty** runner-up. Congratulations to both players.

The **Mixed Triples** final played in June was won by **Kaye Eagle, Warren Phillips** and **Peter Eagle**. The runners-up were **June Huntley, Rod Gamble** and **Brian Joyce** who filled in for **Kevin Tuckerman**.

The **Mixed Pairs** final played in July was won by **Denise Hopkins** and **Rod Gamble**. **Kaye Eagle** and **Warren Phillips** were the runners-up. This was a close fought game until the final end.

We are indeed fortunate to have several ladies in our club who are willing and enthusiastic to participate in events, be it carnivals, championships and club events. To me their enthusiasm is apparent and very much appreciated.

The **Leonie Hunter Rose Bowl** competition was contested at Beecroft on Thursday 4 August. This is a competition played alternately between Beecroft and West Pennant Hills Ladies Bowling Clubs. The very first game was played 17 September 1998 and the beautiful rose bowl trophy was donated by Leonie Hunter who was a bowling member of West Pennant Hills at the time. The concept of this competition was to foster friendly rivalry between our club and Beecroft. Twenty one of our ladies played hoping to reclaim the coveted trophy which Beecroft had retained for several years. However it was not to be and we were all a little disappointed when we did not win. I felt confident that I would have been able to display the trophy in all its glory.

Several of our ladies have competed in **Northern Suburbs District** events this year and I am proud to say that **Judy McCreadie, Margaret Sawyer** and **Wendy Wise** won through to win the **District Triples** then played in the **Region 16 Triples Play-off** held at West Pennant Hills on Thursday 17 July. This was a very exciting day, more so when, with their first game, our girls defeated **Concord RSL (Macquarie)**. However in the final game they were defeated by the **Castle Hill (Mitchell)** team. Congratulations to our girls on a great achievement and congratulations to the Castle Hill team who will proceed to the

State Final at Tuncurry in October.

A group of six players has been club selected to play for the District's **Hornsby Shire Trophy** at Beecroft BC on Friday 22 August. I am hopeful that we will be successful on that day.

The entry list is on the board for our **Club Fours Championship** to commence Thursday 4 September. Please ladies we need more teams to enter to make this a more viable competition.

I would like to remind the ladies of our **Fashion Parade** to be held on **Friday 5 September** at the club. The proceedings will commence with morning tea at 10.30 am followed by the Fashion Parade. There will be a \$10 donation entry fee. Gentlemen please tell your wives about this event, we would love to see them. This will be a spring/summer range presented by Stafford Fashions who are noted for their **Black Pepper** range among other well-known labels.

The **AGM and Election of Officers** meeting was held on July 8 and I am happy that I will continue another year as President. It is a role that I really enjoy and have appreciated the support of the Committee and our bowling members during the past twelve months. I welcome the newcomers to our Committee for 2014 and look forward to the "new year" ahead.

**Betty Gough** – President



**Our Grade 5 pennant team won their section and then advanced to the Zone 10 playoffs at Carlingford**

**Bowling Club.** Our team defeated Gladesville in the Semi-Final and The Hills in the Final and therefore won the right to play in the **State Finals at Tamworth**. This was a great achievement and only our second Zone Flag since our first win in 2009 with our Grade 4 team.

The State finals were played at West Tamworth Bowling Club over the 9-11th August 2014. 16 of our members travelled to Tamworth on Thursday 7th August and were then available for a full roll up on Friday 8th August in

preparation for the games on Saturday and Sunday.

All of our three games were closely contested and our team members tried their very best to obtain the necessary wins on the "Big Board". Unfortunately we were not able to secure any wins in the round robin games. It is however quite apparent that we are a very competitive club at Grade 5 level and with this experience behind us we can go on the better results in the future. The team spirit shown by our players over the weekend was great to see and the manner in which they competed was first class.

We have the **Orange Blossom Carnival** coming up on Saturday 13th September at The Hills Bowling Club and the **Hornsby Cup** on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September at Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club. Teams

for these events will be announced in early September 2014.

We have done a lot of work to secure sponsorship for all our signboards, bowls mats, score cards, events etc. and I would remind members that we need to reciprocate where possible. We have details of all our sponsors on our web site using the following link <http://blog.demaj.com.au/bowls-sponsors/> and I encourage you to look these up and use their services where possible. To show your support and gratitude for our sponsors I would encourage all members to wear the current uniform on Wednesday and Saturday. The new uniform has been in place for almost three years and our sponsor deserves to see our support on our bowling days. Thank you for your help on this matter.

**Warren Phillips** – President

## RECENT HAPPENINGS



### MIXED TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Left to right: Runners up: Rod Gamble, June Huntley, Kevin Tuckerman.  
Winners: Peter Eagle, Kaye Eagle, Warren Phillips.



### WOMEN'S MINOR SINGLES 2014

Winner: Robyn Noonan  
Runner up: Shauna Geraghty



### MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Left to right: Winners: Rod Gamble, Denise Hopkins. Runners up: Kaye Eagle, Warren Phillips.



### LEONIE HUNTER ROSE BOWL DAY

Beecroft President accepting the trophy from  
WPH President Betty Gough.



### MEN'S MAJOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Left to right: Winners: Keith Robinson, David Wilson. Runners up: Gary Tyrrell, Rod Gamble.



### WOMEN'S REGION 16 TRIPLES PLAY-OFF 2014

Left to right: Runners up: Wendy Wise, Margaret Sawyer, Judy McCreadie. Winners: Castle Hill

## Welfare Report

by *Teddie Dowling and David Roles*

**Ailsa Graves** husband, **Mervyn**, recently passed away.  
**Lyn Hindle** is feeling better.  
**Monica Casey** has had a chest infection.  
**Teddie Dowling** is feeling much better after her ordeal on the green.  
**Steve Brady** is resting at home after being in hospital.  
**Rod Roberts** is getting over a triple by-pass and is in Baulkham Hills Rehab.  
**Ken Holden** is in Mt Wilga Rehab.  
**Ken Brown** is still having treatment but feeling alright.  
**Steve Watson** is getting over a hernia operation.  
**Chris Miesch** and **Ross Fitzpatrick** have recently had hip replacements.

### CLEM WOODWARD

Clem Woodward passed away on the 13th June.  
He was 88 years old.

*May he rest in peace.*

## Calendar of Events from August 30 to November 1, 2014

Saturday	30 August	10 am	Men's AGM
Saturday	30 August	12.30 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Round 3
Thursday	4 September	9 am	Women's Fours – Round 1
Saturday	6 September	12.30 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Final
Saturday	6 September	12.30 pm	Men's Graded Fours – Round 1
Thursday	11 September	9 am	Women's Fours – Round 2
Saturday	13 September	12.30 pm	Men's Graded Fours – Round 2
Thursday	18 September	9 am	Women's Fours – Round 3
Saturday	20 September	12.30 pm	Men's Graded Fours – Round 3
Tuesday	23 September	9 am	Women's Fours – Final
Saturday	27 September	9 am	Mixed Pennants – Round 1
Saturday	27 September	12.30 pm	Men's Graded Fours – Final
Saturday	27 September	5 pm	Men's Graded Triples – Entries close
Sunday	5 October	2 am	Daylight Saving commences
Saturday	11 October	9 am	Mixed Pennants – Round 2
Saturday	11 October	1 pm	Men's Graded Triples – Round 1
Saturday	18 October	9 am	Mixed Pennants – Round 3
Saturday	18 October	1 pm	Men's Graded Triples – Round 2
Thursday	23 October	5 pm	Women's Club Consistency – Entries close
Saturday	25 October	9 am	Mixed Pennants – Round 4
Saturday	25 October	1 pm	Men's Graded Triples – Round 3
Saturday	25 October	5 pm	Barry Walker Classic Pairs – Entries close
Monday	27 October		Lemon Tree Passage tour
Tuesday	28 October		Lemon Tree Passage tour
Saturday	1 November	9 am	Mixed Pennants – Round 5
Saturday	1 November	1 pm	Men's Graded Triples – Final

**Note** – the times shown against events are presented as indication only. Confirm actual start times for events from the information posted for the individual event closer to the date. Match Committee reserve the right to make changes to start times and dates to enable the programme to be completed.

### Why did the chicken cross the road?

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free range chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a week.

So Farmer John called the local police station to complain. "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens". The next day the policeman had the Council erect a sign that said: SCHOOL CROSSING.

Three days later Farmer John called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The school crossing sign seems to make them go even faster!" So again, they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY.

That really sped them up. So Farmer

John called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?"

In order to get him off his back the policeman said, "Sure. Put up your own sign."

The phone calls to the Police Station stopped, but curiosity got the better of the Officer, so he called Farmer John.

"How is the problem with the speeding drivers? Did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed." The policeman was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign might be something the Police could use elsewhere to slow drivers down. So he drove out to Farmer John's house.

His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. NUDIST COLONY - Slow down and watch out for chicks!

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Based on the Sports Clubs Regulations and Insurance Policies the following rules apply for those wishing to use our Greens. The **only people able to use our greens** are as follows:

- Bowling Members of our Club.
- Visitors who are members of other bowling clubs.
- Non-members of West Pennant Hills bowling sections or other bowling clubs who are attending sanctioned events at our club e.g. Twilight Bowls, Mixed events held on public holidays etc.
- Non-members of West Pennant Hills bowling sections or other bowling clubs who are being supervised by a qualified Club Coach.

If you are not a coach or involved in a sanctioned event you cannot allow people onto our greens. Failure to adhere to these rules may result in serious consequences for the Club and you personally.

