

West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Section



Annual Report 2008/2009

**President
Micheal Schwarcz**

Management Committee

**Senior Vice President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer**

**Les Watkins
Tony Boughton
David Penny
Micheal Schwarcz**

Bowls Secretary

**Steve Dalgairns / David
Wilson**

Committee

**Peter Eagle
Mal Horner
Dallas Palm
Don Couch
Bill Arnott
Terry Barnett**

Chairman of Selectors

Alan Bowry

Patrons

Doug Gunton, Barry Walker, Wilf Morschel

Life Members

**Noel Crane, Doug Gunton, Phil Nancarrow
Wilf Morschel, Keith Robinson, Cliff Sullivan, Barry Walker**

Permanent Committees/ Panels 2008/2009

Match Committee

Chairman Committee	Mal Horner Steve Dalgairns Alan Bowry Don Couch Les Watkins Michael Schwarcz
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Events Committee

Chairman Committee	Steve Dalgairns Don Couch Mal Horner Dallas Palm Tony Boughton Peter Eagle
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Greens Committee

Committee	Michael Schwarcz Alan Bowry Mal Horner Steve Dalgairns
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Sub committees

Communications

Chairman	Dallas Palm David Penny Michael Schwarcz David Wilson
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Membership

Chairman	David Wilson David Penny Bill Arnott Les Watkins Terry Barnett
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Koala

Chairman	Michael Schwarcz Steve Dalgairns Mal Horner Peter Eagle
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Sponsored Tournament

Chairman

Geoff McIntosh
Alan Bowry
Steve Dalgairns
Dallas Palm
Michael Schwarcz
Terry Barnett**Corporate**

Chairman

Max Walters

Mixed

Chairman

Keith Robinson
Allan Cotton
Tony Boughton**Schools**

Chairman

David Wilson

Welfare

Chairman

Peter Eagle

President's Report

Micheal Schwarcz

The time has come where my tenure as President of your club has come to an end. It certainly has been a fantastic finale with Grade 4 winning the first Zone pennant for the club and to be part of that team is without a doubt the highlight of my sporting life. It is the first time I have ever been in a final. The team was a fantastic one, being completely dedicated to try and win a State Flag over the weekend. As it was we made it to the semi finals, something which only five city clubs achieved out of 35 city teams who made the semis and then two to the finals.

All this could not have been achieved without the support of all members of the club especially our selectors who actually molded a winning team with the wonderful support of the Main club who funded our accommodation so all the team could go to Gynea. Of course the other pleasing event of the pennants was our grade 7 team where we decided to try and develop players of the future this helped by some higher players (Alan Bowry, Mal Horner and Ken Wighton) agreeing to play in the grade 7 to develop the newer players. This was a very successful effort as the team fell just short of final birth. To those players thank you for helping Alan and my dream to come to the fore. To CEO Jason and the Board a big thanks for your help and support which allowed us to come so close to a State Flag.

This is the end of my three years in which I believe there has been a significant change in the way the Men's Bowling Section operates. The operation of the club is financially more professional, due to the systems and procedures set up by Eric Hilton, who formulated the budget over the three years I was President. Each year we were better than budget a real achievement when you consider the Men's Club subsidized the Appreciation Day, Christmas Party and Presentation Day for members of the club. The attendances at these events were fantastic and help bring a good feel to the club. This was represented by increased attendances at our bowling days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays). It pleasing to see that club is increasing in membership after the big cleanout we have had over the past year. We now have well over 160 members. Thank you to the coaches led by Bill Arnott for bringing so many good bowlers into our club with excellent coaching.

The members of the management committee over the last three years have been a dedicated bunch who left no stone unturned for the betterment of the club members. Without them little will have been achieved. We now have a wonderful Web Site as a result of the work of Dallas Palm and David Wilson which allows the members of the Bowling section to be up to date with everything that is happening in the club. It is so good that we can actually know whether we have been selected in Pennant Teams within a day of selection.

The find of my time as President is young David Wilson who came to our aid when our Bowls Coordinator could not continue and he took over and produced the years program and guided it so that we are up-to-date with the program that 's not all he then also create a newsletter which is a masterpiece of journalism. Thanks David you prove how wonderful the younger generation are.

To my friend of many years Don Couch who has looked after the Umpires committee for the last 13 years which is why our umpires are sort after by the Zone. There is no event that men's or ladies club hold that there isn't one of our umpires officiating. Also to Les Watkins who is a level 2 Umpire and Deputy Chairman of the Zone Umpires Panel thanks for your guidance to our umpires and those within our Zone.

To Mal Horner chairman of the match committee, thanks for keeping the rules in order and

ensuring the competition games running so smoothly, especially the Friday bowls, in steering it to be a successful and well attended day. To the man that does everything Uncle Alan Cotton there is nothing he won't do when he is asked to from flagman to pennant manager. Peter Eagle who has represented the men's bowling section in the newly formed mixed group which has had a very successful year. To Terry Barnett who has been the most successful letter writer this club has seen it was his letter that succeeded in having the Main Clubs support. To Les and Tony a big thanks you have been my backbone, my advisors throughout the three years not only as President of this wonderful club but also in the Zone, Tony being my Secretary and Les on the Match Committee, I could not have got through without your counsel.

Finally to the members who have given me so much enjoyment and over the past years. I think you are a fantastic bunch of fellows. To the Directors of the main club especially Bill Austin whom has been our major sponsor for so many years, thanks for your support. One must not forget our Director Keith Robinson who has given so much of himself to the men's bowling section. Thank you all

To finish off at my Presidents day I was able to honor a few people for their work for the club beyond the call of duty. Mal Horner and Alan Bowry have been given a merit badge, the highest honor that bowls can give to the bowling members of the Royal. To Peter Eagle a tie badge, which is fitting beside being a wonderful worker he is also one of the best dressed men in the club. I have also given a tie badge to a fantastic person who deserves every honor that bowls can give I am not able to give him merit badge as someone else has recognized him with the merit badge but he doesn't have a tie bar so with my undying gratitude Tony Boughton. During my years as member of this club I have also been the mixed bowls coordinator. During that time two ladies have been on every joint men's & women's bowls committee with me. One was my partner I pairs play that many years go and the other was the teller of jokes during the mixed trips we used go on (sadly we don't have these trips anymore) those two wonderful ladies are Judy McCreadie and Betty Lamb.

Thanks to all and may you enjoy your bowls and have many successes

Bowls Coordinator Report
David Wilson

First and foremost, I would like to thank all members of the bowling section for their support during my time as relieving Bowls Secretary. It has not been the easiest of times; however, I am confident that both the Match and Events Committees have performed at their best to achieve the best outcome for all members.

The 2009 bowls calendar was not the easiest to formulate given that the majority of championship matches were to be played on a Sunday. Despite this, most members wholeheartedly embraced the change. Therefore, with 2009 being one of the wettest year's Sydney has experience in two decades it is to the credit of all members that the calendar remains on schedule to be completed in time for Presentation Day later in the year.

In terms of club championships, there has been a great turnout in one of our premier events; namely the Major Singles, with a disappointing response to our other premier event – The Gordon Atkins Fours Championship. However, in terms of overall participation in championships, members' participation has remained stable in comparison to last year.

Our Match Committee, diligently chaired by Mal Horner, has formulated several new formats for our Friday bowls competition. After varied success earlier in the year, Friday bowls has become Friday "Jackpot Pairs" with early trends showing significant growth in numbers with in excess of sixteen teams competing from week to week. This is an outstanding achievement with special mention going to Terry Barnett and Thursday Plantation for their continued support of the Friday bowls.

In terms of inter-club competitions, we entered three grades in the Pennants competition and three teams in the Mid-week Triples across two grades. Our club enjoyed a great deal of success in the Pennants with our 4s winning the flag and our 7s just missing out on making the play-offs. Furthermore, the club hosted the play-off for the Grade 7 Pennant and I would like to thank Peter Booth, David Penny and Allan Meaker for their assistance over that weekend. Also, it is very pleasing to see members participating in state events such as the State Pairs and I hope some of our newer members will take the opportunity to participate in the Rookies Championship.

Our 'turn-around-triples' tournament under the sponsorship of our new sponsor Cherrybrook Electrical was a great success with twenty-six teams filling the field. I hope that similar success can be replicated in the future. The Koala Carnival struggled to get off the ground this year with numbers of teams down dramatically on last year's turnout. I am greatly disappointed that the bulk of the Carnival didn't run this year, with only the Men's Handicap triples going ahead. However, I would add that it was not due to a lack of patronage by our members with the bulk of entries coming from within the club.

While this committee's term may be coming to a close, I would remind everyone that there are still many championships still to be played including the Barry Walker Classic Pairs and Novice Singles. These two championships are of particular interest to me as they are run primarily for our newer bowlers and demonstrate this club's commitment to skills improvement through a breadth of new experiences. Aside from this, I encourage all members to be involved in club life and to "have a go".

With my term on the management committee coming to a close, there are many people to thank. To the management committee as a whole, thank you for your support and guidance, to Tony Boughton for mentoring me through the intricacies of this job, to Mal Horner and Allan Cotton for filling in when I was at university or work, to Alan Bowry for always being there with infinite words of wisdom and finally to all members for their encouragement and patience.

Umpires Committee

Don Couch

Chairman Umpires

Don Couch

Bill Arnott
Tony Boughton
Peter Eagle
Dallas Palm
Warren Phillips
Rod Roberts
Michael Schwarcz
Geoff Seamons
Les Watkins
Don Yeates

Highlights during the year include:

- Umpire involvement for all men's section events, women's pennants & club championships, Grade 7 Pennant Post Sectional Final.
- Les Watkins, our Level 2 Umpire, has been assisting in the accreditation of Level 1 umpires at Zone. He has been assisted by Michael Schwarcz.
- Michael Schwarcz continues as secretary of the Zone 10 Umpires Panel in addition to his other duties at Zone level.
- The club has 11 umpires at the date of this report. Peter Eagle was successful with his accreditation as a Level 1 umpire. Warren Phillips joined us from Beecroft & Geoff Seamons from Dundas Sports. Bevan Crossman & Geoff Williams did not seek reaccreditation & I thank them for their dedicated contribution over the years.
- Once again the maintenance of the umpire's kit is a concern & more care needs to be taken to avoid damage of this valuable equipment. I thank John O'Reilly for his repair of equipment.

Selection Committee

Alan Bowry

The past 12 months has seen a major improvement in the standard and quality of bowls played at our club. This is so gratifying to see from a selectors aspect with a positive attitude for improvement now evident in our Club and I must congratulate our coaches for this lift in our standard of play.

2009 Pennant Season

This has been the most successful season ever for our Club culminating with Grade 4 winning the Zone 4 Pennant Flag. A brilliant effort by all players and to represent your Club in the State Championship is indeed a special achievement. Congratulations.

Further to this side a special mention to the most successful team in all our grade sides – Warren Phillips, Mathew Stubbs, Keith Robinson & Terry Barnett, Well done.

Grade 5

Again another solid performance from all players and were unlucky on several occasions in crucial games. On review there were many fine team performances however, consistency as a side is the key to success. The potential to win this Grade is very evident to all concerned and the experience gained from this season will be invaluable in our planning for 2010 Pennants for this grade.

Grade 7

This has been a very successful season for this side. After losing the first two games this side comprising new and experienced bowlers proved very competitive as the season progressed and to finish only 4 points away from playing in the Post Sectional Playoffs was outstanding. Several players have certainly improved in their individual skills and attitude which was clearly shown in the overall success of this side

State Finals

Congratulations to all members of our outstanding Grade 4 Side who won their Section against three very strong Country Teams.

To qualify and play in a Semi / Final at this Level is a magnificent achievement. Who will ever forget that afternoon with all those country supporters chanting “ it was City verses Country_” what an experience however, Grenfell proved to strong on the day and deserved to win.

Many thanks to our three reserves Mal Horner, Don Stubbin & Tony Boughton and our Side Manager Alan Cotton for their support and encouragement over those three days.

Further a special thanks to our Club members & wives who came down to support the Team, it was certainly great to have you all there with us.

Finally a special mention to our most successful Team of this Final Series Dallas Palm, Mathew Stubbs, Geoff McIntosh & Ross Tinmouth who remained undefeated. Well done!!

Coaches Committee

Bill Arnott

During the 2008-2009 year six of our coaches have been actively engaged in coaching a total of 13 new bowlers (11 men and 2 ladies) all of whom have satisfactorily completed the coaching course. A further 7 new bowlers (5 men and 2 ladies) are currently undertaking their courses.

All twenty of these people were given a copy of the “Coaching Aids for New Bowlers” publication introduced into our coaching program last year, as were those people who completed the course earlier in 2008. This publication is in the format of a loose-leaf binder which ultimately contains a total of 21 hand-outs given progressively to the pupils during their course. The hand-outs cover such subjects as safety on the green, object of the game, history of the game, gripping the jack and the bowl, rolling the jack, picking a line, bowl delivery, measuring the shot, etiquette, basic laws, players’ duties and marker’s duties.

One of our former coaches, Rob Mitchell, did not seek re-accreditation and is no longer a coach, while we welcomed Dallas Palm to the coaching panel when he received his accreditation recently.

Financial statement
Budget/ P&L and Bal Sheet

