

West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Section



Annual Report 2009/2010

President

Terry Barnett

Management Committee

Senior Vice President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Bowls Co-ordinator

Committee

Chairman of Selectors

Chairman of Umpires

Chairman of Coaches

Peter Eagle

David Wilson

Dallas Palm

Warren Phillips

Mal Horner

John Leonard

Keith Robinson

Barrie Stuart

Paul van Tilburg

Alan Bowry

Don Couch

Bill Arnott

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 and Panels 2009/2010

Match Committee

Chairman David Wilson
Committee Mal Horner
Alan Bowry
Don Couch
John Leonard

Greens Committee

Chairman Keith Robinson
Committee Alan Bowry
Peter Eagle

Sub Committees

Communications

Chairman Dallas Palm
David Wilson
Tony Boughton

Membership

Chairman Paul van Tilburg
Dallas Palm

Corporate

Chairman Max Walters/ Paul van Tilburg

Mixed

Chairman Peter Eagle
Warren Phillips
Margaret Wighton
Denise Hopkins

Schools

Chairman David Wilson
Aaron Barnett

Welfare

Chairman Barrie Stuart

President's Report

Terry Barnett

My time as your President in the last 12 months has certainly passed quickly. I would like to extend to all members of the Management Committee my personal thanks and congratulations on a job well done.

The team has worked in a most harmonious manner and has put the interest of our members first at all times. I have encouraged open communication at all times on any issues we have faced and I'm pleased to see that this has been a major strength of our committee this year.

I would like to make special mention of Senior Vice President Peter Eagle, Bowls Coordinator Mal Horner and our Secretary Dallas Palm.

Peter has been a great assistance to me during the year as my full time work commitments don't allow me to be at the club on all bowling days. Mal has done a great job in conjunction with the Match Committee to ensure our events calendar goes to plan and his contribution to the Koala Carnival (including not playing) to ensure all ran smoothly is very much appreciated. Dallas has been an excellent support with correspondence and administration duties, his commitment to detail is first class.

During the year we had the pleasure of hosting such events as *The Orange Blossom Festival*, the *Turn-Around-Triples* and of course our very own *Koala Carnival*. In addition to these events we hosted visiting clubs' Pennant teams during the 10 week competition and participated in the *Hornsby Cup*. All of these events were a great success for our club and the feedback received from visiting bowlers was very positive, as always.

Our *Koala Carnival* was most successful and all three days were well supported by our own members and many visiting clubs. Our Carnival Sponsor was again Homeway First National Real Estate and we thank Bill Austin for his continued support. Our thanks go to the ladies who assisted each day, also Les, Tony and all other helpers who gave up their time to ensure all ran smoothly.

This year we introduced our Social Handicap Carnivals where all levels of players enjoy the opportunity to combine as a team and compete in a social environment. Trophies were contributed by sponsors and the event has proven very popular. More of these events are scheduled in the future.

Tuesday evening Twilight Pairs (13 ends, 3 bowls, ladies welcome) was introduced in December and ran through the duration of daylight saving. This event proved very popular with an average of 28 players participating each week. A great time of day to play bowls and the 13 ends format allowed some of our bowlers the opportunity of a game that just can't handle a full 21 ends. It was good to see Norm Scott back on the green and also enjoying some social fun afterwards.

I'm hoping this event will run from the beginning of daylight saving in October this year right through the summer period.

I would like to congratulate all members who participated in the Pennant season for 2010. It is a real achievement to represent your club in such a prestigious event. Our performance in all grades this year was one to be proud of and sets us up well for season 2011.

I also congratulate our Club Champions for 2010 in those events completed thus far. The quality of games and the standard of bowls have been exceptional. Many rounds have come down to the last end, last bowl situation. I wish all bowlers the best of luck in the remaining events.

To our Selectors, Coaches and Umpires. Congratulations on a job well done in 2009-10. These jobs can sometimes seem unrewarding but we very much appreciate the effort from each of you. You can all be proud of your achievements this year.

A thank you also goes to Max Walters for his tireless effort in organising Thursday afternoon twilight bowls throughout summer. This has proved a very social occasion and has introduced many new members to our club. Well done Max!

Cliff Johnstone, Alan Meaker and Max Bell have also assisted in making some bowls racks for the club and we thank them for the effort they contributed.

This year we have again been fortunate in having very supportive sponsors of the bowls section. I thank them sincerely on behalf of all members.

- Homeway First National Real Estate (Bill Austin)
- Richard Hickey and Co
- Cherrybrook Pharmacy
- Greenmaster Bowls
- Alan Atkinson Advertising
- Pernod Richard
- Independent Gaming

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to our Sports Club Administration.

Our Sports Club Board members, led by Denis Montgomery, and in particular the Bowls Section representatives, Keith Robinson and Steve Brady.

Jason, Keryn, Shannon, Rose and the whole team have been a wonderful support. The work behind the scenes in assisting the Bowls section is very much appreciated.

To Shane and his team in our Restaurant I offer our collective thanks for all of their assistance with catering for our various events this year. From Bowls tournaments, to Christmas Parties and many other occasions this year, the quality of food and service provided to us has been superb. Well done!

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members of WPH Sports Club Men's Bowls Section.

It is a pleasure to be associated with each of you and I thank you for your support of me as your President this year.

Without our members we don't have a club so it's important we continue to build on our membership as we move into the 2010-11 year.

Good Luck and Good Bowling!

Match Committee and Bowls Co-ordinator Report

David Wilson (Chairman)/Mal Horner (Bowls Co-ordinator)

The 2009-2010 Match Committee was comprised of Mal Horner, Alan Bowry, John Leonard, Don Couch and David Wilson. Over the past twelve months we have worked diligently to provide the members with an extensive and inclusive calendar filled with many new opportunities for some of our newer bowlers. Successful events such as the minor triples, the mixed fours and the revised Barry Walker Classic Pairs are indicative of how hard this committee has tried to cater to the needs of all members.

In terms of other club championships, there has been a great turnout in one of our premier events, the Major Singles and in several other events including the Major Pairs. In terms of overall participation in championships, members' participation has increased slightly by comparison with last year. However, there is always room for improvement and we actively encourage all members to be involved in as many championships as possible.

As a result of the number of events now within our bowls calendar and the limited time period in which to hold them, this Match Committee decided very early in its term to strictly enforce our club's conditions of play. This has seen the amendment of those conditions of play over the past twelve months to allow for more efficient administration of all championships. We have tried to be cognisant to the needs of all members in working with them to address areas in which we need to improve.

In terms of inter-club competitions, we entered four grades in the Pennants competition and three teams in the Mid-week Triples across two grades with all teams enjoying the experience and representing their club admirably. Furthermore, we have had a number of members participating in State championships which is especially pleasing.

The club has held two tournaments this year being the Turn-around Triples and our Koala Carnival. Both were highly successful due in no small part to the work of Mal Horner in leading an exceptional team including Tony Boughton, Dallas Palm, Les Watkins and Peter Eagle.

Finally, we would like to thank all members for their support and understanding over the last twelve months.

Umpires Committee

Don Couch

Chairman:	Don Couch		
	Tony Boughton	Peter Eagle	Dallas Palm
	Warren Phillips	Rod Roberts	Micheal Schwarcz
	Geoff Seamons	Les Watkins	David Wilson

Highlights during the year include:

- Umpire involvement for all Men's section events, state events and some Women's Pennant and club championships.
- The Women's section having 2 umpires in Barbara Hazeltine and Rowena Coode.
- Les Watkins, our Level 2 Umpire, assisting in the accreditation of Level 1 umpires at Zone level.
- Micheal Schwarcz continues as Secretary of Zone 10 Umpires Panel in addition to his other duties at State and Zone level. Micheal has also qualified as a Level 2 Umpire and should be congratulated on this achievement.
- The club has 10 men umpires at the date of this report. Bill Arnott has transferred to Beecroft and Don Yeates has transferred to Pennant Hills.
- Tony Boughton was successful in his Level 1 reaccreditation and we welcome David Wilson following his Level 1 accreditation.

I thank all my umpiring colleagues for their support over the past year and trust the bowling members also appreciate the time and commitment given.

Selection Committee

Alan Bowry

The quality and standard of play of our Bowlers has improved generally with the success of our Club in the 2010 Pennant Season.

With over 150 registered bowlers, the average attendance for social bowls prior to the commencement of the 2010 Pennant Season was Wednesday 40, Saturday 42.

However, with renewed enthusiasm to play Pennants for our club, 60 bowlers advised their availability for selection of which 12 bowlers confirmed they were reserves only.

Having those reserves available proved so beneficial to the success of this Pennant Season, especially in Grades 6 and 7.

The total number of bowlers who played Pennants for our club this year was 62 and for the duration of the Pennant Season of 10 weeks, 48 bowlers played each Saturday.

2010 Pennant Season Review

Congratulations to all bowlers who represented our club with distinction in all grades in the 2010 Pennant Season.

The overall performance of our 4 sides has been both rewarding and successful when one considers that in Zone 10 we have 3 Premier League clubs and those bowlers played in this year's Pennant season.

Grades 3 - Finished 4th

The performance of this Side in the first round was outstanding. However the momentum was lost in the second round losing 3 games in a row then regained with two brilliant wins to finish on a high note. To have achieved a win against each Side in this competition is a major achievement and certainly underlines the quality and standard of play this side can produce.

Congratulations to all players on a successful season.

Grade 5 – Finished 3rd

This has been an outstanding performance by this side where consistency and a positive attitude was the key to their success.

A determined second round effort with two resounding wins in a row against the leading sides propelled the side to a position of qualifying for the sectional playoffs. However they were unlucky to lose by 3 shots in the last round and did not qualify. The potential to win this grade is certainly there and we look forward to 2011 with great anticipation

A special mention to the most successful team in all grades with 8 wins from 10 games – Norm Jackson, Les Watkins, David Jeffrey and Kevin Hoffman (a brilliant effort). Well played to all members of this side for a wonderful season.

Grade 6 – Finished 5th

After varied team performances in the first round due to unavailable players (valid reasons) consistency was finally gained in the second round with solid and encouraging efforts by all players. On review, this side has been unlucky where often they have been in a position to win games only to lose in the final ends. Consistent performances from Barry Walker's team of David

King, Max Bell, Max Walters are particular noteworthy. All players can be encouraged by their efforts and the experience gained by playing Pennants.

Grade 7 – Finished 4th

The result achieved by this side is indeed a reflection on the positive attitude, enthusiasm and the will to win by all players of this side. With a mix of new and developing bowlers and experienced players to finish in 4th place is a great achievement. The success of this side will be measured in the progress of each player where the experience gained from playing Pennants this year will be invaluable in their development now and in the future. Well played to all members of this side.

A special thanks to all reserve bowlers of our club who filled in when required to make this Pennant season a successful one.

Coaches Committee

Bill Arnott

During the 2009-2010 year four of our nine coaches have been actively engaged in coaching a total of 13 new bowlers (10 men and 3 ladies) all of whom have satisfactorily completed the coaching course. Follow-up remedial coaching was also provided for a further 6 bowlers.

All of the new bowlers were provided with a copy of “Coaching Aids for New Bowlers”, a publication introduced into our coaching program in 2008, which is in the form of a loose-leaf binder containing a number of hand-outs given progressively to the pupils during their course.

It was a disappointment to me and, I am sure, to our other coaches that the Coaching Panel was not called upon to assist in the training of our Pennant teams during the past season. There is a considerable amount of equipment available for this purpose, and the coaches are more than willing to give their time to help if called upon.

I have resigned from the position of Chairman of the Coaching Panel, and would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have so willingly helped me carry out my duties over the past years.

Greens

Keith Robinson

When you look back on the year to date a lot more has happened than you first envisage. I have highlighted the main activities in point form below.

- The northern garden of our No 1 green was planted out with cliveas. As they grow this will enhance all tiers of the garden.
- The No 1 green was Laser levelled, this year
- The same green had new Plinths fitted and has proved to be a great improvement to the overall accuracy and running of the green.
- The No 2 green was also laser levelled in January. This needed to be done because of the fall to the ditch on the Western side of the green. We have not had full use of this green through the year but it will be much better for the work done after its next renovation.
- New Windssocks and corner flags were installed
- Repairs and maintenance of Shades

- Major repairs to the No 2 green Mower
- “Keep Off the Green” signs were made for both greens.
- Flagpole repairs and a new crossbar fitted to provide us with additional flag space (No more excuses?)
- An important measure was introduced with the introduction of “Roll-Ups” on the boundary pegs. This has improved the overall wear and tear of both greens
- The No 2 green will be the first to be renovated, hopefully in mid September

Thanks to all those members who assisted in preparing and planting the garden for the Koala Carnival and from those members who appreciate the efforts of our bowls members.

Financial Statement - Budget/ P & L and Balance Sheet

Income and Expenditure

For Year Ending 30th June 2010

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var (B/W)	Note	Last Year **
INCOME					
MBC Green Fees	\$42,778	\$36,599	\$6,179	1	\$32,092
MBC Raffle Takings	\$17,103	\$18,160	-\$1,057	2	\$13,439
MBC Sports Fees	\$8,620	\$10,570	-\$1,950	3	\$8,498
MBC Koala Income	\$5,940	\$5,593	\$347		\$6,224
MBC Club Shirt Sales	\$1,023	\$250	\$773	8	\$955
MBC Sponsorship	\$970	\$1,501	-\$531	4	\$0
MBC Catering Income	\$1,920	\$2,705	-\$785	6	\$1,178
MBC Other Income	\$39	\$205	-\$166		\$125
MBC TAT Income	\$2,277	\$2,720	-\$443	7	\$3,733
Total MBC Income	\$80,670	\$78,303	\$2,367		\$66,244
EXPENSES					
MBC Affiliation Fees	\$7,397	\$7,480	\$83	3	\$6,158
MBC Raffle Costs	\$10,312	\$8,440	-\$1,872	2	\$9,862
MBC Greens Costs	\$44,269	\$45,329	\$1,060		\$42,653
MBC Other Costs	\$5,836	\$7,440	\$1,604	5	\$3,479
MBC Club Shirt Costs	\$1,305	\$1,500	\$195		\$2,696
MBC Koala Expenses	\$4,683	\$4,977	\$294		\$4,713
MBC Catering Costs	\$7,261	\$7,791	\$530	6	\$6,380
MBC TAT Expense	\$1,732	\$2,020	\$288	7	\$2,450
Total MBC Expenses	\$82,795	\$84,977	\$2,182		\$78,391
Gross Profit (Loss)	-\$2,125	-\$6,674	\$4,549		-\$12,147
Less Exceptional Items	\$3,597	\$0	-\$3,597	9	\$0
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$5,722	-\$6,674	\$952		-\$12,147

Notes

Green Fees Budget allowed 12 rain days while the actual was 14 days (LY 25 Days)

1-Increased attendance plus Corporate, Probus, Tuesday and Thursday. (\$10,000 up on LY)

2-Down on budget but net result double last years net result.

3-Budget set at \$65 per person while actual was \$55 after GST

4-Income from signs on the score boards

5-Includes Friday Jackpots of \$1,796, Trophies of \$1,409, Bowls Stickers \$479 and
New Temperature Gauge \$234

6-Net result between income and expense is a only a minor variance

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8-Strong demand from Pennant Players

9-Exceptional items include Mower Repairs \$849, Shade Cloths \$387,

Plinths for Green 1 \$1,559, Flag Pole repairs \$409 and Hat Bands \$393

** Various amounts have been reallocated to match the new reporting categories