



West Pennant Hills Sports Club Men's Bowls Section

**Annual Report
2010/2011**

**President
Terry Barnett**

Management Committee

**Senior Vice President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Bowls Co-ordinator**

**Peter Eagle
David Wilson
Dallas Palm
Tony Boughton
Mal Horner**

Committee

**Keith Robinson
Barrie Stuart
Mathew Stubbs
Paul van Tilburg**

Chairman of Selectors

Alan Bowry

Chairman of Umpires

Don Couch

Chairman of Coaches

Dallas Palm

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 2010/2011

Match Committee	Mal Horner (ch) David Wilson Alan Bowry Don Couch
Greens Committee	Peter Eagle (ch) Alan Bowry Keith Robinson
Sub Committees	
Communication	Dallas Palm
Membership	Paul van Tilburg (ch) Dallas Palm
Corporate	Max Walters Paul van Tilburg
Sponsorship	Terry Barnett (ch) Peter Eagle Warren Phillips
Mixed	Peter Eagle (ch) Warren Phillips Margaret Wighton Denise Hopkins
Schools	David Wilson (ch) Aaron Barnett
Welfare	Barrie Stuart Keith Robinson

President's Report

Terry Barnett

Another year has passed and I again reflect on the happenings within the club and extend my personal thanks to the Management Committee for their collective efforts. Sometimes we feel that our efforts go unnoticed but the feedback I receive from members is very positive towards the committee and I commend each and every one of them on a job well done.

The selectors should also be congratulated for their efforts and of course, Max Walters, twilight bowls expert.

Well done to all!

It has been an interesting year both on and off the green. We have lost upwards of 20 days or more due to inclement weather and yet the bowls section is tracking in a strong financial position in line with the budget.

This year we have seen a noticeable difference in the level of enthusiasm amongst our bowlers and I congratulate all those who have competed at higher levels than normal.

I would like to make special mention of Rod Gamble and Mal Horner. Rod for winning his section of the Zone 10 President Singles and going on to a narrow defeat in the final of the post sectional play offs.

Rod also featured in winning the section of the President Pairs with partner, Mal Horner and unfortunately narrowly losing the semi final by one shot. Well done to both bowlers, always next year. (A cruel game sometimes)

It's good to see the level of our participation in the Zone events continue to grow as it is most beneficial for improving confidence and ability.

During the year we again hosted major tournaments such as the *Turn Around Triples* and our first ever *3's to 6's Triples* event. Our *Koala Carnival* for 2011 will be held later this year (September 5th, 8th and 9th) to allow us the possibility of warmer weather.

We are also planning an already sponsored, "*5 a side Tournament*" later in the year, although we are finding it hard to fit this one into the calendar.

In addition to these events we also hosted our visiting Pennant teams for all grades (3's, 5's and 7's) during the ten week season and of course competed in this prestige event. We also took part in the *NSW Bowls Challenge*, an event to be run again this year.

I'm pleased to see the difference in our hosting ability and hospitality between our club and other clubs throughout these events. (We just do it so much better at WPH). Congratulations to all bowlers for competing in such events and representing our club.

Earlier this year our Sports Club Board advised the Management Committee of their decision to change the club colours to Red, White and Blue. The timing of this announcement fitted well with the Bowls Section as we were investigating the options for new shirts and jackets for the bowlers.

At the time of writing this report (July 19th) we have had approval from Jason Read, CEO, to submit a design to the Sports Club Board for final consideration. Following this, a submission needs to be made to Zone 10 officials and then, to "The Royal". Sponsorship of the shirts is also currently being sought to assist with costs etc.

I'm hoping we will be in a position to announce further details before the AGM on August 27th.

If there is an issue I'm disappointed by this year, it's the condition of the greens. This year has seen much debate around this matter. We have had some bad luck with weather conditions and nasty nematodes which have set us back somewhat.

Having considered these issues I'm still concerned that we as a club are given the lower end of consideration and quality service by the greens contractor. Steve Brady has recently been appointed to the position of Greens Director and along with the Greens Committee, I feel sure this matter is well in hand.

I would like to extend our thanks to our major sponsors over the last 12 months. The level of support provided this year has increased from previous years and we are most grateful to the following businesses for their assistance:

- Homeway First National Real Estate. (Bill Austin)
- Richard Hickey & Co
- Independent Gaming

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

Our Sports Club Board members, lead by Chairman, Richard Hickey, our Directors Keith Robinson and Steve Brady. Jason Read and his team in the office have again been a wonderful assistance to us with much behind the scenes support which is very much appreciated.

I would also like to mention the Restaurant and bar staff that makes it all much more pleasant here at our club.

Finally, after much deliberation, I have decided not to nominate to seek a third term as your President. There are various reasons for this decision. Primarily, there have been many changes in my work commitments in the last 12 months which have involved more travel and longer hours. At this time in my life my career is of most importance to me and I must preserve the longevity I have with my employer.

The committee has been most supportive of my situation but I feel my role as President may have been better performed if time had been more plentiful.

When I was first elected President in 2009 I made the commitment to the members that the committee was elected to serve all members. I would remind the incoming committee that their focus should not shift away from this.

I therefore wish the incoming Management Committee of the Men's Bowls Section the very best for 2011-12.

I would like to return as your President at some time in the future as I believe there is much more to do as a committee for the betterment of our club.

It has been an honour for me to be your President for the last 2 years and I wish you all good health and success in the future.

Good Luck and Good Bowling

Match Committee and Bowls Co-ordinator Report

Mal Horner (Bowls Co-ordinator)

The duty of the Bowls Coordinator is to schedule and organize the running of the Men's Bowls Section program each year. That in itself may appear to be an easy task but trying to squeeze eleven Club Championships plus five internally run carnivals, plus ten (10) weeks of State Pennants, plus five (5) weeks of Midweek Pennants, three or four external Pennant Trials, at least six (6) weekends for State Singles, Pairs and Triples, a five week club challenge and to cap off the Orange Blossom Challenge and Hornsby Cup, is a real challenge to the brain cells.

To be honest, I don't believe we have sufficient time to comfortably run all of these events, even by using the Saturdays available to us along with a large number of Sundays. We also have a problem that some of our members don't want to, or I suspect aren't allowed to play on Sundays, therefore entries into most of our events are relatively small in number.

Some of our members believe we should consider dropping some of the so called "lesser events" and just concentrate on the major events. I don't prescribe to that theory but instead would recommend to the 2012 Management Committee via the incoming Bowls Coordinator that the 2012 Minor Triples (remember that's the event that didn't go ahead this year because of a total lack of interest) be played on Wednesdays. Perhaps the Minor Singles and Pairs could also be played on Wednesdays, therefore leaving just the Majors, the Barry Walker Classic and the Mixed events to be played on the weekends. I would further recommend that where possible, we utilize Saturday mornings for preliminary rounds for Major events. Just a thought!

In regard to the carnival scene, to date this year we have run two carnivals, the 3's to 7's carnival sponsored by Independent Gaming and the Turnaround Triples sponsored by Living Choice Retirement Villages, with both of these carnivals proving to be very successful. Immediately following the AGM we will be running the annual Koala Carnival over three days in the first week of September. Each day will be sponsored by two sponsors, our gold sponsor will be Bill Austin's company *Homeway First National Real Estate* and *Independent Gaming* will be our silver sponsor. Without the sponsorship of all three companies, none of these carnivals would take place and we are extremely grateful to our sponsors for their involvement.

Finally, many people have helped me to carry out the Bowls Coordinators duties, (some have also been a hindrance) but it would be remiss of me not like to take this opportunity to thank in particular David Wilson, Warren Phillips and the ever reliable Peter Eagle for their kind assistance.

Coaches Committee

Dallas Palm

Keith Robinson, Ken Wighton, Michael Schwarcz and Barrie Stuart coached a number of new bowlers in the past 12 months, introducing them to our great game. Unfortunately for us, not all the new bowlers remained with West Pennant Hills, preferring to enjoy the game at other clubs.

In the months leading up to the start of this year's Pennant season, coaching sessions were introduced for any bowler to obtain help in removing problem elements from their game, primarily from the delivery. This proved quite successful with bowlers enjoying their game much more as a result of the sessions. This will be re-introduced later this year.

Umpires Committee

Don Couch

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

Highlights during the year include:

- Umpire involvement for all Men's section events, state events, & some Women's Pennant & club championships.
- Congratulations for the women in winning the Northern Suburbs District No4 Pennant flag.
- Les Watkins & Bob Cole assisting in the accreditation of Level 1 umpires at Zone Level.
- We welcome Bob Cole from Asquith.
- Warren Phillips & Dallas Palm were both successful in their Level 1 reaccreditation.
- Rod Roberts, having given over 20 years of service as an umpire, was successful in accreditation as a Measurer.
- Micheal Schwarcz continues as Secretary of Zone 10 Umpire Panel in addition to his other duties at State & Zone level.

Selection Committee

Alan Bowry

Pennants 2011 Review

Grade 3 - Finished 4th

A commendable Side performance against very strong Club Sides in this Grade. On review, this Side won all games at home but found it difficult to win away visiting other Clubs. The potential to win this Grade is there if we can overcome our inability to win away games. I have no doubt this problem will be addressed in the coming months and we look forward to 2012 with great anticipation.

Grade 5 - Finished 5th

High expectation was expected from this Side which did not come to fruition. This was a season of lost opportunities where the Side was in the position to win games only to lose in the final ends important games. Again this Side Struggled to win away games, a telling factor which will be addressed in the coming months. All members of this Side tried hard and can be encouraged that 2012 will be a vintage year for this Side. Mark my words!

Grade 6 - Finished 3rd

Congratulations to our most successful Side who led this competition for most of the season only to falter in the last 2 games and finished a close 3rd. The experience and benefit gained by all

members of this Side this season, is that concentration on your own Team's position and that of the Leader board is the key to success in winning games. Well done all players. (Bring on 2012!!)

Selectors Meeting

Following a review of all our performances in each Grade together with the Mid Week pennant experience, it is clear that our Club has a problem in winning games away visiting other Clubs, be it Pennants or other competitions. This is a telling statistic together with our inability to adapt to changing conditions and circumstances during the course of a game. We need to find a solution as this is paramount if we as a Club are to go forward and be competitive under all conditions. Therefore, after lengthy selectors meetings on which way we as a Club are to improve our performances, we enlisted the help and advice from Michael Beaumont from the RNSWBA Development Team. He was able to provide us with a Training Program that will be invaluable to all our bowlers who wish to improve their ability, skills and a greater understanding of our great game. This will be introduced to our Club by having our own Training Manual which features various training exercises in developing a bowlers' ability to adapt to changing circumstances and above all, improving a bowler's individual skills. We are now entering a very exciting and positive era of our Club.

Greens

Peter Eagle

Over the last twelve months, both greens have received regular maintenance for the purpose of providing a good playing surface. Unfortunately, the bottom green just before the growing season finished was infested with nematodes. Although, the infestation was discovered early and treatment applied it did leave patches. The cause of the infestation has not been fully established.

A summary of the maintenance is as follows:

The top green was taken out of play first due to its poor condition especially along the Western bank. The patches that had developed were treated. The green was levelled, the plinths lifted and due to the warm weather, the grass grew at a faster rate than expected providing a good playing surface. Due to the slow running of the green caused by the thickness of the grass it was necessary to shave it back on two occasions to increase the speed. Overall, the green is wearing well.

The bottom green was taken out of play in late December. It was levelled, the plinths replaced and the woodwork on the banks painted. Due to the warm weather experienced in January and February it was necessary to water the green more than expected to maintain growth. The weather caused delay in bringing the green back into play. West Pennant Hills was not the only club to be confronted with this problem. Currently, the green is running at a good speed and provided it is looked after by all bowlers it will last the winter season.

It is planned the bottom green will be taken out of play in October 2011 for maintenance with the top green to follow in the latter part of the year.

Prior to the commencement of the Pennant season, the windsocks were replaced as well as the marker flags on the corners of both greens. The garden separating both greens has been maintained by club members, which is appreciated by the Committee.

Financial Statement – Income and Expenditure & Budget

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE For Year Ending 30th June 2011

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Note	Act. Last Year
INCOME					
Green Fees	\$ 41,099	\$ 42,497	-\$ 1,398	1, 2	\$ 42,778
Raffle Takings	\$ 16,351	\$ 15,660	\$ 691	1, 2	\$ 17,103
Sports Fees	\$ 10,182	\$ 11,270	-\$ 1,088		\$ 8,620
Koala Income	\$ -	\$ 7,540	-\$ 7,540	3	\$ 5,940
Club Shirt Sales	\$ 382	\$ 420	-\$ 38		\$ 1,023
Sponsorship	\$ 2,886	\$ 3,750	-\$ 864	8	\$ 970
Catering Income	\$ 2,321	\$ 2,400	-\$ 79		\$ 1,920
Other Income	\$ 396	\$ 120	\$ 276		\$ 39
TAT Income	\$ 1,909	\$ 2,430	-\$ 521	6	\$ 2,277
3-7 Income	\$ 1,636	\$ -	\$ 1,636	4, 6	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 77,163	\$ 86,087	-\$ 8,924		\$ 80,670
EXPENSES					
Affiliation fees	\$ 7,705	\$ 9,220	\$ 1,515		\$ 7,397
Raffle Costs	\$ 9,832	\$ 10,200	\$ 368		\$ 10,312
Green Costs	\$ 43,695	\$ 48,000	\$ 4,305		\$ 44,269
Other Costs	\$ 7,349	\$ 7,286	-\$ 63		\$ 5,836
Club Shirt Costs	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	5	\$ 1,305
Koala Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,280	\$ 6,280	3	\$ 4,683
Catering Costs	\$ 5,535	\$ 8,370	\$ 2,835		\$ 7,261
TAT Expenses	\$ 1,883	\$ 2,010	\$ 127		\$ 1,732
3-7 Expenses	\$ 2,461	\$ -	-\$ 2,461	4	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 78,461	\$ 91,966	\$ 13,505		\$ 82,795
Gross Profit (Loss)	-\$ 1,299	-\$ 5,879	-\$ 4,580		-\$ 2,125
Less Exceptional Items	\$ 1,809	\$ -	-\$ 1,809	7	\$ 3,597
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$ 3,107	-\$ 5,879	-\$ 2,772		-\$ 5,722

NOTES

1. 20 unplayable days were allowed for in the budget, and the actual was 20 days lost due to heat or rain.
2. Raffle taking was up on budget, but this was balanced by green fees being down on budget.
3. Koala Carnival was not run in this financial year.
4. A new competition for this year.
5. New shirt design expected soon - no old design purchased.
6. Sponsorship money for these events is included in "Sponsorship".
7. Repairs to greens equipment, e.g., mowers.
8. Sponsorship of scoreboards needs further follow up.
 - a. \$650.00 was collected for Prostate Cancer research.
 - b. \$128.60 has been collected for the Westmead Children's Hospital
 - c. 3-7 competition made a profit of \$761
 - d. TAT competition made a profit of \$1141

BUDGET
For Year Ending 30th June 2012

	2011/12 Budget	Previous Budget
INCOME		
Raffle Takings	\$ 16,935	\$ 15,660
Green Fees	\$ 44,300	\$ 42,497
Sports Fees	\$ 11,270	\$ 11,270
Club Apparel Sales	\$ 4,120	\$ 420
Sponsorship Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,750
Catering Income	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,400
Other income	\$ 120	\$ 120
Koala Income	\$ 8,350	\$ 7,540
TAT Income	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,430
3-7 Income	\$ 3,450	
5-a-side income	\$ 2,000	
Total Income	<u>\$ 100,095</u>	<u>\$ 86,087</u>
EXPENSES		
Affiliation Fees	\$ 9,060	\$ 9,220
Raffle Costs	\$ 10,560	\$ 10,200
Greens Maintenance	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000
Other Costs	\$ 7,550	\$ 7,286
State Playoffs	\$ 500	\$ -
Club Apparel	\$ 15,000	\$ 600
Catering costs	\$ 8,985	\$ 8,370
Koala Expenses	\$ 6,280	\$ 6,280
TAT costs	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,010
3-7 costs	\$ 2,650	
5-a-side costs	\$ 2,000	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 112,385</u>	<u>\$ 91,966</u>
Gross Profit (Loss)	<u>-\$ 12,290</u>	<u>-\$ 5,879</u>

COMMENTS and ASSUMPTIONS

INCOME

Sports Fees	We propose to keep the Sports Fees constant this year.
Competitions	All competitions are assumed to attract 26 teams of a maximum possible 28 teams.
Club Apparel	It is proposed for bowlers to pay \$35 for new shirts, \$35 for the new jackets, and \$10 for the new caps.
Sponsorship	The amount of the Sponsorship income will depend on finding new sponsors for the bowls scoreboards.

EXPENSES

Affiliation Fees	There is no increase in fees expected for either RNSWBA and Zone 10
Raffle Costs	In line with current costs
Greens Maintenance	In line with current costs
Club Apparel	It is proposed to purchase a new design of club shirt for the 2012 Pennant season. The \$15,000 outlay would be for 150 shirts @ \$50 each, 75 Jackets @ \$50 each, and 75 caps @ \$15 each. Any club subsidy is not included in these figures.
Competitions	It is assumed that sponsorship and entry fees will cover the cost of prizes and a meal.

The main reason for the size of the projected loss is the purchase of new apparel.

Auditor's Report : Year ended 30th June 2011
West Pennant Hills Mens Bowling Club

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of accounts in respect of most cash receipts, (ie. green fees, raffle takings etc) of the above-named entity which were transferred to the main club and also some cash expenditure items, where available, made by the Men's Bowls Section for the eleven months period ended 31st May 2011 appertaining to the year ending 30th June 2011. This does not take into account reallocations and adjustments made by the Sports Club administration division that may otherwise be made.

The data, as presented, represent a true and accurate record for the period under review.
Note that all payments of a material nature incurred by the Men's Bowls Section are processed and paid for by the WPH Sports Club. The bowls club has no assets or liabilities and that all assets are held in the name of the main sports club.

A full audit of the WPH Sports Club's financial reports will be carried out by external auditors, appointed by the WPH Sports Club as required by the Corporations Act, to arrive at a fair view of the financial trading position of the entity for the year ended 30th June 2011.



D.B. Stubbin JP , FCPA (Retired)
Honorary Auditor
12th July 2011