



**WEST PENNANT HILLS SPORTS CLUB
MEN'S BOWLING SECTION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

PRESIDENT
David Wilson

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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| Senior Vice President | Max Walters |
| Vice President | Stephen Watson |
| Secretary | Dallas Palm |
| Treasurer | Ross Fitzpatrick |
| Bowls Co-ordinator | Michael Schwarcz |
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| Committee | Geoff McIntosh Gary Tyrrell |
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| Chairman of Selectors | Les Watkins Tony Boughton Alan Bowry Michael Schwarcz Jeremy Thiedeman |
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| Chairman of Coaches | Michael Schwarcz |
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| Chairman of Umpires | Don Couch |
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| Chair – Competition Panel | Michael Schwarcz Tony Boughton Geoff McIntosh Kevin Tuckerman Les Watkins |

PATRON

Barry Walker

LIFE MEMBERS

Keith Robinson and Barry Walker

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Match Committee Michael Schwarcz (Chair)

Gary Tyrrell
Max Walters
Peter Eagle
Don Couch

Responsible for:

- Administration of all games played on our greens, including championships
- Ensuring the conditions of play are reviewed and updated to meet the requirements of the section
- Working to develop new and innovative competitions to increase participation
- Administration of mixed championships

Events Committee David Wilson (Chair)

Dallas Palm
Ross Fitzpatrick
Steve Watson

Responsible for:

- Coordination of special events including;
- Presentation Day
- Christmas Party
- Pennant Appreciation Luncheon

Tournaments Committee Gary Tyrrell (Chair)

Michael Schwarcz
Ross Fitzpatrick
Geoff McIntosh

Responsible for:

- All tournaments held at WPH including;
- TAT
- Koala Carnival
- All mixed tournaments including;
- Australia Day
- Queen's Birthday
- Labour Day
- School Bowls
- Corporate Bookings
- Working to develop new and innovative tournaments to increase participation

Membership Committee Steve Watson (Chair)

Max Walters
David Wilson

Responsible for:

- Developing a long term membership policy
- Looking at way membership can be increased in the short term
- Looking at ways to increase participation outside of new competitions or tournaments

Communications Committee Dallas Palm (Chair)

Ian Corke
John Skidmore
David Wilson

Responsible for:

- Delivering our weekly news update from the website
- Maintenance of the website, Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Delivering the 'Koala News' Newsletter quarterly
- Improving our section's profile in the local media
- Looking at new ways of improving to members.

Greens Committee Peter Eagle (Chair)

Geoff McIntosh
Gary Tyrrell
Michael Schwarcz

Responsible for:

- Ensuring our greens are playable at all times
- Strategic decisions concerning the future development of the greens
- Maintenance of the shades and the gardens surrounding the greens and decisions associated with this.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure to report to members on the activities of our Section for 2014-2015.

I want to begin by thanking all members for their support over the past twelve months. Although I came to the role having served on your Management Committee for many years, nothing really prepares you for the 'top job'. As I said to the AGM last year, your Management Committee is comprised of the right blend of new ideas and experience to continue the solid growth which our Section has enjoyed over recent years.

I would like to thank all members of the Management Committee for their help and support during the year not only in their role on the Committee but also for their contribution to all the sub committees. The strength of our Section is due in no small part to the dedication and diligence of all Management Committee members. Special mention must be made of our Secretary Dallas Palm, Bowls Coordinator Michael Schwarcz and Chair of the Tournaments Committee Gary Tyrrell.

I would also like to thank those members who, despite not being on the Committee, volunteered and provided assistance at the major events we have hosted at West Pennant Hills. These include our annual Koala Carnival and the Turn-Around-Triples Carnival. Thanks also go to the Coaches, Selectors and Umpires for their support during the past twelve months. Bowling Sections such as ours rely heavily on volunteers and we are very fortunate to have such a willing and capable group of members to assist during the past year. I cannot thank them enough for their time and effort.

In terms of the key achievements of this year:

Pennants – 2015 was always going to be a challenging year following the great success we enjoyed last year. All grades performed admirably with our Grade 7 side the pick of the three. It was so pleasing to see some of our long term members acting as mentors to some of our newer bowlers in this grade. I have every confidence that 2016 will be a great season.

Competition Panel – I appreciate our Section was divided on the continuation of the Competition Panel this year. However, as I have said, the Selectors and Competition Panel work in unison, not as separate entities. I look forward to continuing with this next year.

Greens – Both greens have now been changed from Couch Grass to Tifdwarf, ensuring a better bowling surface on both greens. Our former green keeper Steve Arhipoff resigned to join his father on a building project. I would like to thank Steve for his efforts. We welcome Cameron McClure as our new greenkeeper in Steve's place. Cameron is a keen bowler and has been doing a great job with our greens under the watchful eye of our Greens Committee Chairman Peter Eagle. My thanks to you both.

Sponsorship – This year we were delighted to welcome on board Independent Gaming as our Major Sponsor. This three year sponsorship deal has afforded our Section's Koala Carnival greater security into the future. This year also saw Bill Austin and Homeway First National Real Estate end their long standing association with this event. I know all members join with me in thanking Bill for his many years of support.

Koala Carnival – This was a successful event with 24 teams entering and a new format ensuring prize money was shared more evenly across all participants.

Turn-Around Triples – Yet another successful event with 26 teams in attendance. There may be a move to change this format next year and we will know more after a meeting of the six clubs later this year.

Mixed Bowls – I believe the increase in mixed events over the past twelve months has been one of our greatest achievements. Our Mixed Championships have been well contested. We now run Mixed Bowls on a Saturday morning, getting more people on our greens. Our Christmas Party last year was a raging success, as was the Bunco Night held recently. We have also had a group of ‘travelling bowlers’ from both Sections visit Lemon Tree Passage last year and other group visiting Norfolk Island later this year. Thank you in particular to Max Walters and Jeremy Thiedeman for their work in this area.

During the year we reclaimed the Challenge Cup from Pennant Hills with home ground advantage assisting in our decisive victory. West Pennant Hills contested the Orange Blossom Festival Cup and were runners-up in the 2014 Hornsby Cup at Wisemans Ferry. We also hosted a round of the Combined High Schools competition and had a very successful Twilight Bowls season. My thanks to Max Walters and his team for once again showcasing our great game to many visitors during the summer months.

At the Zone level, West Pennant Hills has had a great year. Darrin Ede won the 2014 Zone 10 Rookies Singles Competition with Ross Fitzpatrick the runner-up. In the State Fours, we had two teams reach the sectional playoffs. In the President’s Fours, West Pennant Hills were runners-up. Congratulations to the father and son combination of Jim Ede and Darrin Ede, who along with Dallas Palm and Michael Schwarcz shared this honour.

West Pennant Hills has continued a strong tradition of service to the Zone and to Bowls NSW. Les Watkins was elected Senior Vice President along with Michael Schwarcz who is Zone Secretary. Michael is also our Zone State Councillor and a member of the State Match Committee. Bob Cole continues his contribution to the Zone as a member of the Umpires Committee.

Thank you to the Board of Directors of the Sports Club, Jason Read and his team, and Peter, Tony and the restaurant staff. Your support over the last twelve months is valued and very much appreciated.

In closing, 2014-2015 has been a good year. I look forward to working with all members to make 2015-2016 a great year.

Happy bowling!



David Wilson
President

SELECTION AND COMPETITION PANELS

Each time we come to bowls someone has contributed time, effort, and facilities to allow us to pursue exercise and pleasure. On bowling days we owe our thanks to those who make it possible.

It has been especially pleasing to have been able to maintain our numbers participating in Wednesday, Friday and Saturday bowls. Considerable thought is given to the selection of all bowling teams, with the view to creating competitiveness and enjoyment in each game

2015 Pennant year wasn't one of our best years overall. However, it was right up there in terms of the success of our Grade 7 side. With many new players in this side to just miss out on the finals by one game is a great achievement.

The other grades did perform with some success with Grade 4 only missing out by a game and half. If there had been a better commitment by the players, they may have made the final. Grade 5 also suffered because of lack commitment by players and only just avoided relegation.

Across the whole season, we had on average seven players away or unavailable per week. This certainly makes maintaining consistency hard with only one team having no changes for the whole season. Let us see if we can give more of a commitment for next year, we can't avoid sickness but maybe we can avoid holidays during the season.

We already know that we will be down a few players in our higher grades for next year which means with practice and training those players can be replaced and we would be able to keep our top grade. We certainly have coaches to set training programs for keen players. If members start training now, we can create a squad of potential skips as well as the other positions for next year.

The Competition Panel was very satisfied to see so many new players have such a successful pennants season.

In finishing up we would like to thank the Selection and Competition Panels for their conscientious work. Thanks to Tony Boughton, Alan Bowry, Geoff McIntosh, Jeremy Thiedeman and Kevin Tuckerman. Thanks to all our Pennant players for participating in WPH Pennant teams for 2015.

All the best for next year.

Les Watkins
Chairman of Selectors

Michael Schwarcz
Chair – Competition Panel

BEREAVEMENTS

Bob O'Brien, Doug Gunton and Tony Hindle

BOWLS COORDINATOR / MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Schwarcz (Chair)
Gary Tyrrell

Peter Eagle
Max Walters

It has not been an easy year for the Match Committee with the weather conditions interfering with the running of the program. Although many changes have been made to the timing of various events, the calendar seems to be working quite well at this point in the year.

The previous Management Committee made a commitment that competitions would not be played on Sunday. The Match Committee has tried to keep the games on Saturday in both the morning and afternoon. Through the cooperation of the members, this worked rather well.

The committee has been able to improve the West Pennant Hills Conditions of play to make it little more flexible. With some envisaged changes by the State Match Committee, further changes to local conditions of play will be required. The exact changes will not be known till the end of August.

The committee is in the process of implementing further changes to championships, including the grading of the triples and fours. From next year, the triples and fours will no longer be association events. As such, many clubs are starting to grade these championships.

Thanks to the committee for their assistance.

Michael Schwarcz
Bowls Coordinator

COACHES PANEL REPORT

Club Coaches
Dallas Palm
Keith Robinson
Michael Schwarcz (Chair)
Kevin Tuckerman

Introductory Coaches
Peter Eagle
Denise Hopkins
Mal Horner
Rosemary Roles
Max Walters

These year was a lean year for coaching new bowlers as we did not have an open day we have to rely on the small intake of new bowlers, we have done some coaching of new bowlers from the Women's Section.

We have done quite a bit of remedial coaching in the lead up to the 2015 Pennant season however, there is always room for improvement.

While I know all members are eager to assist their fellow bowlers, there are times when even a comment made with the best of intentions is not constructive. I encourage members to think on this when they are next bowling, especially with some of our newer members. We are fortunate in our section to have four fully accredited coaches who are ready and willing to assist. I hope that members avail themselves of this resource.

Lately we have started to coach the Women's Pennant teams, which may have helped a little bit towards the winning of the Grade 4 Pennant. Kevin and I have spent the last few weeks helping the ladies to fine tune their bowling so they have the best chance of winning the State title. Kevin will be accompanying the teams to Culburra to give them support in their endeavours. It is a pleasure to work with people who wish to improve their bowling and ideas how to play this game of bowls.

We believe that coaches can give a lot to the bowlers not only the refining of their styles but also the attitude towards the playing of this game. We need more skips in the club and dedicated leads. This can be achieved with the players and coaches working together.

Michael Schwarcz
Chairman of Coaches

UMPIRES PANEL REPORT

Lorraine Begg
Don Couch (Chair)
Barbara Hazeltine
Michael Schwarcz
Les Watkins

Tony Boughton
Peter Eagle
David Makin
Geoff Seamons
David Wilson

Bob Cole
Kaye Eagle
Dallas Palm
John Skidmore

During the last twelve months, our umpires have been involved in all men's section events, zone events and women's Pennants and club championships. Les, Michael, Bob and Don have been involved in various Zone 10 activities. Les, Michael, Bob and Don are also presenters and educators for those bowlers wishing to become markers, measurers and umpires.

Regrettably we lost the services of Warren Phillips who has joined Pennant Hills. I thank him sincerely for the dedication he provided to our club's umpiring panel. Similarly Rod Roberts retired from umpiring duties extending over twenty years due to health issues. Again I thank him and wish him well for the future. Additionally, Geoff Seamons is presently experiencing health issues and I wish him well for the future.

It would be great if we could increase the number of umpires to our ranks. If you feel the desire to contribute and give something back to the sport of bowls please let me know.

I thank all of our umpires for their assistance, cooperation and support during the past twelve months.

Don Couch
Chairman of Umpires

GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the greens report for the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The opportunity arose in late 2014 to resurface the bottom green with Tifdwarf grass. During the course of the work, the green was lowered to regulation height and drainage requirements were considered. The green came back into play in late January 2015. For a new green it has performed very well, however it will take at least 18 months for the surface to settle.

The top green was resurfaced in 2014. It has settled in well, though we still have problems in the north west and south west corners with grass coverage. Clearly, the gum trees are the concern. It was decided to plant Bent grass in the corners to see if this would solve the problem. Unfortunately, the result was not successful. During the next maintenance period further consideration will be given to rectify the situation.

The northern section of the bottom green in winter suffers from continual dampness with the major cause being the height of the hedges. This stops sunlight reaching the area. Recently, the hedges were trimmed to fence height and there has been a noticeable improvement. I would like to thank the Sports Club management for their assistance.

A green keeper's job is not an easy one as there are bowlers who have different ideas on how the job should be undertaken. At times the comments are unfortunate without any thought given as to the reason why a decision has been taken to close a green or limit the amount of use on a particular green. Since April 2015 a lot of rain has fallen and the weather has been colder. Damage to the surface of the greens is hard to repair which has an impact during the course of the year. The green keeper at WPH has a lot of experience and the decisions made need to be respected. It is in the long term interest of all the bowlers that need to be considered not the short term interest.

To all the bowlers who have assisted during the year dealing with the small requirements such as bringing in the corner flags, closing the shades, setting out the mats and jacks, your contributions are always appreciated. I would also like to make a special thank you to Cliff Johnstone for his support. During the year, Cliff made new erasers for the score boards, refurbished old rink numbers for the bottom green so the green can be turned quickly and assisted bowlers in repairing broken or damaged equipment. It is the support of this nature that makes management of the greens a lot easier.

To the greens committee and the management of the Sports Club, thank you for the support that has been provided during the year. A lot of time and effort is put into keeping the greens in good condition which is done behind the scenes and forms part of the job. To the bowlers, thank you for your support and good bowling.

Peter Eagle
Chair – Greens Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

| INCOME | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Green Fees | 18,181 | 39,610 | (21,429) |
| Raffle Takings | 5,506 | 6,615 | (1,109) |
| Sports Fees | 2,502 | 8,960 | (6,458) |
| Sports and Green Fees | 27,040 | | 27,040 |
| Other Income | 447 | 360 | 87 |
| Koala Income | 1,973 | 5,620 | (3,647) |
| Club Uniform Sales | 577 | 960 | (383) |
| Sponsorship Income | 0 | 4,620 | (4,620) |
| Catering Income | 1,014 | 2,100 | (1,086) |
| TAT Income | 2,059 | 0 | 2,059 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 59,299 | 68,845 | (9,546) |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Affiliation Fees | 5,529 | 7,884 | (2,355) |
| Raffle Costs | 4,308 | 4,116 | 192 |
| Greens Maintenance | 43,084 | 48,000 | (4,916) |
| Sports Promotions | 17,214 | 11,020 | 6,194 |
| Other Costs | | | |
| Open Day Costs | 0 | 750 | (750) |
| Club Uniform Purchases | 592 | 500 | 1,092 |
| Koala Expenses | 3,235 | 3,990 | (755) |
| Catering Costs | 5,482 | 8,700 | (3,218) |
| TAT Costs | 0 | 2 | 473 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 82,917 | 84,960 | (2,043) |
| GROSS PROFIT (LOSS) | (23,618) | (16,115) | (7,503) |

NOTES

1. The categories of Green Fees, Sports Fees, Sports and Green Fees include all membership subscriptions, match payments by members on the old fee structure and Friday payments.
2. The actual income was \$9,546 less than budgeted for and the actual expenses were \$2,043 less than budgeted for. This meant that the actual operating costs were \$7,503 less than what was budgeted for.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2015/2016 BUDGET

INCOME

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Green Fees | \$43,205 |
| Raffle Takings | \$7,020 |
| Sports Fees | \$8,645 |
| Other Income | \$360 |
| Koala Income | \$5,160 |
| Club Uniform Sales | \$960 |
| Sponsorship Income | \$4,620 |
| Catering Income | \$2,500 |
| TAT Income | \$2,160 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$74,630 |

EXPENSES

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Affiliation Fees | \$8,500 |
| Raffle Costs | \$4,368 |
| Greens Maintenance | \$48,000 |
| Sports Promotions | \$5,880 |
| Other Costs | \$6,020 |
| Open Day Costs | \$750 |
| Club Uniform Purchases | \$500 |
| Koala Expenses | \$3,734 |
| Catering Costs | \$14,300 |
| TAT Costs | \$1,280 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$93,332 |

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| GROSS PROFIT (LOSS) | -\$18,702 |
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Ross Fitzpatrick
Treasurer



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