



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

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

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David Wilson

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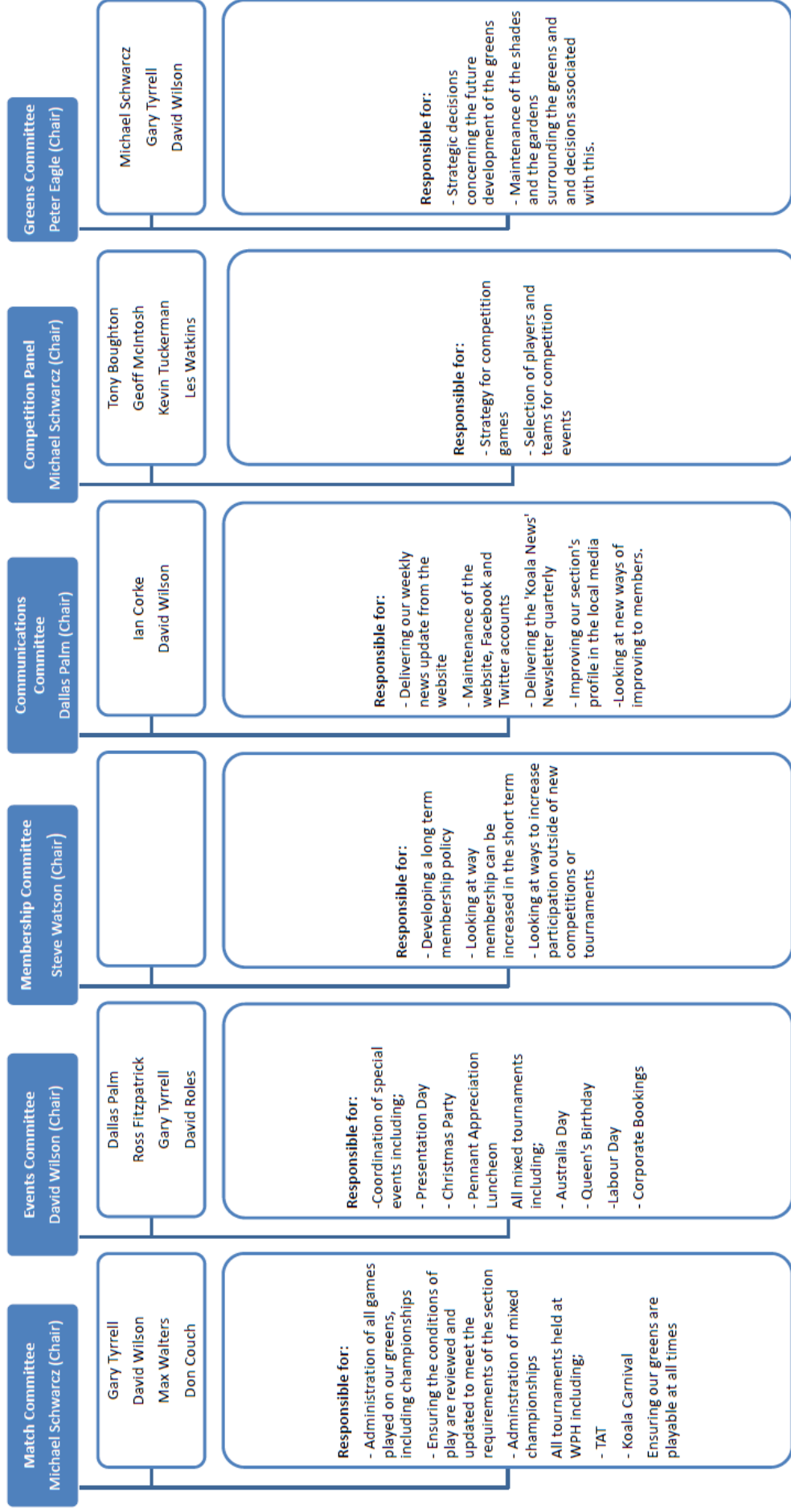
PATRON

Barry Walker

LIFE MEMBERS

Keith Robinson and Barry Walker

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND PANELS





WPH wins the Orange Blossom Festival Shield in September 2015

Vice President Steve Watson presenting the Zone Rookies Pairs to Champions Ross Fitzpatrick and Darrin Ede



Zone President Brett Hughes and WPH President David Wilson with new Zone 10 Life Member Michael Schwarcz



Members and guests enjoying our first Open Day for 2016



Participants in the CHS Regional Final from Galston High School and Henry Kendall High School

Champions and Runners-up following the 2015 Presentation Day





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure to report to members on the activities of our Section for 2015-2016.

First and foremost, 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. Thanks also go to the Coaches, Selectors and Umpires for their support during the past twelve months. I cannot thank them enough for their time and effort.

Our section enjoyed mixed success this year in the Pennants. Our Grade Five and Grade Seven sides performed well but at time inconsistently, with both finishing second in their respective sections. The next Management Committee will have some tough decisions to make regarding the number of sides for next year and what grades we compete in.

Membership continues to be a major focus for your Management Committee. We held our first Open Day for 2016 in April with both sections picking up new members as a result. Your Management Committee will continue to focus on this key area over the coming year.

Our Section has continued to showcase the breadth and depth of our skills and experience at hosting major events. We have hosted the Zone Rookies, sections of the Zone Singles and Fours and the Grade Six Zone Final. Further, West Pennant Hills was honoured to host the RNSWBA Past Presidents Association for their annual game in addition to several games in the Combined High School triples competition. We have also held our annual Koala Carnival and Turn Around Triples tournaments with both receiving a full complement of 28 teams, a great achievement.

In terms of communications, our Section continues to go from strength to strength. The Koala News is published tri-annually and is of a consistently high standard. My thanks to Ian Corke for his work in putting this publication together. Our webmaster extraordinaire Dallas Palm is continually seeking new and innovative ways to make information more accessible for members.

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.

While it has been a fine year in terms of our achievements, it would be remiss of me not to comment on one of the less pleasant parts of lead our Section and that is non-constructive feedback from members. I would strongly urge all members to remember that we are all volunteers and the decisions which your Management Committee and I take are always made with our Section's best interests in mind.

In closing, my thanks to all members of the Management Committee for their fine efforts over the last twelve months.

Happy bowling!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Wilson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Wilson
President

BOWLS COORDINATOR / MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Schwarcz (Chair)
Max Walters

Don Couch
David Wilson

Gary Tyrrell

The changes from two games in one day to morning games on both Saturday and Sunday have been better accepted with bowlers seeming to be happier than in previous years. Although we had to fight the weather at times we have kept pace with the program.

We have made a few changes to the different Championships and Competitions and they seemed to work out OK. The revamped Conditions of Play for graded fours have seemed to work well. We have also made further amendments to the Conditions of Play which will be released shortly.

We have increased participants in the club championships which is really pleasing to see. Also we will have played all disciplines in the mixed championships which has not been done for many years.

We had 28 teams participate in the Turn Around Triples in April. Congratulations to K McLennan, C Davis and R Morris from Beecroft BC for claiming first place. Thank you to our sponsor Living Choice Glenhaven for their ongoing support.

We also had 28 teams participate in the 22nd Annual Koala Carnival. Teams played 2 games of 19 end 3 bowl triples. The format from 2015 was reused this year. This is where the winning teams from Game 1 were pooled together for Game 2 and the first, second and third prizes were paid to teams from this pool. The runner-up teams from Game 1 were pooled together for Game 2 and the fourth and fifth prizes were paid to teams from this pool. Total prize money of \$1980 was generously provided by our Major Sponsor Independent Gaming.

The team winning first prize for the event was B Richardson, G Innes and T Bromley from Brush Park BC. Special mention must be made of the scratch WPH team of Peter Boyd, David Jeffrey and David Wilson who finished third on the day.

This year Pennant Hills BC hosted this annual event between WPH and Pennant Hills Bowling Clubs. The format was 1 match of 21 ends 3 bowl triples and was played in the afternoon. This year no lunch was provided. A total of 30 bowlers from each club participated and Pennant Hills won back the Challenge Cup trophy with a final result of 190 shots to 168 shots across all of the matches on 10 rinks.

Thanks to the committee for their assistance and I wish the person following me all the best in this most satisfying job.

Michael Schwarcz
Bowls Coordinator

Gary Tyrrell
Assistant Bowls Coordinator

BEREAVEMENTS

Geoff Williams, Geoff Seamons, Tony Boughton, Bryon Stoodley, Ian Thompson, Brian Joyce

COMPETITION PANEL REPORT

Considerable thought is given to the selection of our bowling teams, with the view to creating competitiveness and enjoyment in each game

2016 Pennant year wasn't one of our better years although two of our teams came close to appearing in the sectional finals. The main reason we didn't reach any of the sectional finals was the lack of commitment by some of the players. This resulted in a lack of continuity of membership of teams. We understand that everybody wants to have holidays but if you are intending to play Pennants, please consider taking holidays outside of the season.

The Competition Panel thinks that if we are to win a Pennant flag in 2017 we need to have two sides with all bowlers seeking selection taking part in drills. Each bowler starts from scratch and a database is built around that person. This is done by doing the drills and player participation in trials (internal and external). We certainly have many more coaches now 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.

During this year we sadly lost one of panel members in Tony Boughton, this was particularly sad for me as I have worked with Tony on many committees. He was my Secretary when I was President. The Competition Panel appreciated his organising of us in the secretarial role for the Panel, the likes of Tony will not be seen in this club again. In finishing up, I would like to thank members of the Competition Panel for the conscientious work. Thanks to Tony Boughton and Dom Surace (Tony's replacement), Geoff McIntosh, Kevin Tuckerman, Les Watkins, and thanks to all of our Pennant players for participating in WPH Pennant teams for 2016.

All the best for next year.

Michael Schwarcz
Chair – Competition Panel

UMPIRES PANEL REPORT

Lorraine Begg
Peter Eagle
David Makin (Measurer)
John Skidmore

Bob Cole
Kaye Eagle
Dallas Palm
Les Watkins

Don Couch (Chair)
Barbara Hazeltine
Michael Schwarcz
David Wilson

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 two fine umpires in Tony Boughton and Geoff Seamons. Both will be sorely missed as umpires for their attention to detail and dedication to the role.

I am delighted to advise Steve Arnold, Dom Surace and Gary Tyrrell will complete the Umpires course bringing the total number at West Pennant Hills to 14 with one measurer.

I thank all of our umpires for their assistance, cooperation and support during the past twelve months. I wish incoming Chairman Michael Schwarcz every success in this role.

Don Couch
Chairman of Umpires

COACHES PANEL REPORT

Club Coaches
Dallas Palm
Keith Robinson
Michael Schwarcz (Chair)
Kevin Tuckerman
Peter Eagle
Ross Fitzpatrick
Kaye Eagle
Max Walters
Gerard D'Costa

Introductory Coaches
Denise Hopkins
Mal Horner
Rosemary Roles

This year has been one of best years for a long time in the introduction of new bowlers to the club both female and male bowlers. We have introduced at least sixteen new bowlers to West Pennant Hills with a further seven either undergoing coaching or awaiting coaching. As a coach this is certainly pleasing.

We have also increased the number of bowlers completing remedial coaching although we should not stop there. It is certainly time we won another Pennant flag.

This year we have increased our club coaches by five new members. Congratulations to these new club coaches. Their expertise as a new coach is in training where they have had in depth training in this area. As you can see we now have nine Club Coaches and I encourage all members to approach the Chairman of Coaches who will allocate you to a coach to ensure an even distribution between all the coaches.

While I know all members are eager to assist their fellow bowlers and 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 nine fully accredited coaches who are ready and willing to assist.

With the increase of the Coaches we intend to start drills training in September this year in preparation for the 2017 Pennant season. As to their expertise and positions they are best playing, this will be given to the Competition Panel for deliberation in selection of teams.

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.

I thank all the Coaches and including the new Coaches for their work this year

Michael Schwarcz
Chairman of Coaches

GREENS REPORT

Since the resurfacing of the greens commenced and especially over the last twelve months, West Pennant Hills has received many pluses from visiting bowlers and only a few minuses on the state of both greens, so it clearly suggests, decisions taken during the year have been the correct ones.

Both greens have settled in well since the resurfacing. Continual rotation and the use of the marker pegs for roll ups has provided an even surface across both greens. The gum trees along the boundary of the top green still cause problems in the corners. A number of remedies have been tried to rectify the situation, however whilst the trees remain, we are just going to have to live with the situation. Hornsby Council completed some trimming earlier in the year but not as much as we would have liked. The early trimming of the hedges along the boundaries has helped to reduce the damp areas during winter.

With the support of Bob Cole, Cliff Johnstone and the Sports Club management, we are now in a position to turn both greens without any difficulties. New score boards have been purchased and we were able to pick up equipment from a bowling club that was closing down without any cost to West Pennant Hills. Cliff refurbished the rink markers, one of the main boards as well as making bowl and jack markers plus erasers for the score boards. To Bob and Cliff your efforts and advice are very much appreciated.

Now that we are entering the latter part of 2016, thoughts are turning towards greens maintenance. There have been discussions with Proturf Australia and there is a draft plan in place. As we get closer to October and subject to weather conditions, we will be able to finalise the requirements.

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. To the greens committee and especially the management of the Sports Club, thank you for the support that has been provided during the year.

We now have two very good greens at West Pennant Hills. A lot of time and effort is put into looking after and keeping the greens in good condition. It is up to the bowlers to look after them and the equipment that is provided.

Peter Eagle

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 – 2016/2017 BUDGET

INCOME

Membership fee	\$32,100
Raffle Takings	\$7,020
Green Fees	\$6,700
Other Income	\$360
Tournament income	\$10,040
Club Uniform Sales	\$960
Sponsorship Income	\$6,159
Catering Income	<u>\$2,500</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>\$73,189</u></u>

EXPENSES

Affiliation Fees	\$7,381
Raffle Costs	\$4,368
Greens Maintenance	\$49,330
Sports Promotions	\$7,280
Other Costs	\$3,820
Open Day Costs	\$750
Club Uniform Purchases	\$500
Tournament expenses	\$9,920
Catering Costs	<u>\$9,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>\$92,849</u></u>

GROSS PROFIT (LOSS)

-\$19,660

Ross Fitzpatrick
Treasurer



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