



**WPH SPORTS CLUB  
MEN'S BOWLING SECTION**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017**

**PRESIDENT**  
**David Wilson**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>Senior Vice President</b>	<b>Ross Iredale</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Michael Schwarcz</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Dallas Palm</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ross Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Bowls Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Steven Arnold</b>
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Jim Ede</b> <b>John Skidmore</b>
<b>Chairman of Selectors</b>	<b>Dom Surace</b>
	<b>Ross Fitzpatrick</b> <b>Michael Schwarcz</b> <b>Les Watkins</b>
<b>Chairman of Coaches</b>	<b>Michael Schwarcz</b>
<b>Chairman of Umpires</b>	<b>Michael Schwarcz</b>
<b>Chair – Competition Panel</b>	<b>Michael Schwarcz</b>

**PATRONS**

**Don Couch, Barry Walker and Max Walters**

**LIFE MEMBERS**

**Keith Robinson, Barry Walker and Michael Schwarcz**



WPH wins the inaugural Zone 10 Encouragement Award in November 2016

Mike Brown and Steve Arnold as runners-up in the Zone Rookies Pairs 2016



All living Past Presidents at WPH for Presidents Day 2017  
 (L to R) Keith Robinson (1996-1999), Barry Walker (1990-1993), Nev Roach (2002-2003), Michael Schwarcz (2006-2009), Terry Barnett (2009-2011), Peter Eagle (2011-2013), Warren Phillips (2013-2014) and David Wilson (2014-2017)

Rod Gamble, Peter Boyd, Ross Fitzpatrick and Ross Iredale as runnersup in the Zone Reserve Fours 2017





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with a heavy heart that I provide my final update to members as your President. The 2017-2018 year has been a challenging one for many reasons.

Over the last few weeks, I have taken the time read through the Annual Reports of my four predecessors in this role, namely Michael Schwarcz, Terry Barnett, Peter Eagle and Warren Phillips. I was struck by the number of reforms and positive changes they made for the betterment of our section. Our section has undergone some truly transformational changes over the last ten years and we are in a stronger position today because of some of the tough decisions taken by Management Committees past and present.

When I look back on this last year, and indeed my three years as your President, I am not sure whether we have continued at such a pace. However, we have consolidated a great many processes and procedures. We have brought new people through the Management Committee process to ensure continuity of knowledge and skills.

To say it has been smooth sailing this year would be inaccurate. Owing to my focus on work increasing and availability changing, all members of your Management Committee have stepped up to fill in the gaps when needed. I am very grateful to your Management Committee for their efforts this year, as all members should be.

Membership remains our biggest issue with our numbers hovering around the 70 to 75 members. I must admit, I am fresh out of ideas as to how to address this issue. We have tried direct mail outs, letter box drops, features in the Sports Club's newsletter, open days, bring a friend days and even Facebook advertising. I wish the incoming Management Committee the very best of luck in addressing this issue.

In this vein, our section has continued to host major Zone events as a way of bringing members from other clubs to West Pennant Hills and demonstrating what an attractive and viable club we are. In 2017-2018 we have hosted the Zone Rookies, sections of the Zone Pairs and Fours and the Grade Seven Zone Final. Further, West Pennant Hills was honoured to host the RNSWBA Past Presidents Association for their annual game. We have also held our annual Koala Carnival and the Turn Around Triples competition.

I see the improvements in communication as one of my achievements as President. I hope that members felt better informed about what was happening around the Section with the monthly updates after the Management Committee meetings, weekly updates on the Koala Blog and the photographs after championship finals.

I strongly believe that no other club in the Zone communicates better than ours, or can host an event better than West Pennant Hills. It is for this reason we were awarded the inaugural Zone Encouragement Award. I hope that the section continues to build on these achievements.

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

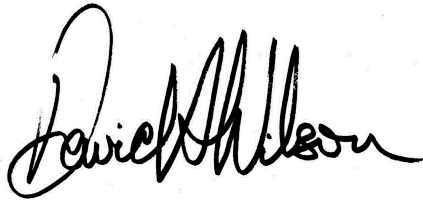
As noted previously, I had cause to re-read previous annual reports and I found in Michael Schwarcz's last report as President the following line:

*"The find of my time as President is young David Wilson"*

I hope that although I am not as young as I was then (and I certainly don't have as much hair as I did then) that I have lived up to this expectation. Having served four Presidents in various capacities and having been on your Management Committee for the last nine years, I am looking forward to others taking on this role. I have found it to be a highly rewarding one.

To be our 20<sup>th</sup> President in the lead up to our club's 50<sup>th</sup> year has been a pleasure. It has been an honour to serve in this way. I love our game and I am looking forward to being part of its bright future at West Pennant Hills.

Happy bowling!

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

**David Wilson**  
**President**

# **BOWLS COORDINATOR / MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Steve Arnold (Chair)**  
**Michael Schwarcz**

**Ross Iredale**  
**Ross Fitzpatrick**

**John Skidmore**

This year we've had some challenges keeping to our bowling schedule due to a combination of inclement weather, hosting state/zone events, and bowlers away on two Bowling holidays, Tasmania (Jan/Feb 2 weeks) and Cairns (October 2 weeks). Weather permitting we are on track to complete all championships on time.

## **Club Championships**

To date the following championships have been successfully completed, Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours, Major Singles, Major Pairs, Ken Wighton Singles. The Minor Singles and Minor Pairs are currently in progress. Remaining championships to play include the Club Triples, Fours and the Barry Walker Classic Pairs.

## **New Friday Mufti Pairs Format**

A new format for Friday Mufti pairs was introduced. Play now consists of 2 games of 10 ends with 4 bowls. Winners of the first game play their second game against another winning team. Runners up play against another runner up. Feedback received suggests players are happy with the new format.

## **Koala Carnival**

The 2017 Koala Carnival held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May was a success with 24 teams competing for the prizes. The event went well on the day, including the weather. Feedback from players was very positive. I thank the Club staff and the Kitchen for a great job, which showcased our club at its best. A learning on the day for next year is to set a hard finish time (Bell) to ensure players are not kept waiting for the presentation due to slow play by one or two games. Total prize money of \$1980 was generously provided by our Major Sponsor Independent Gaming.

## **WPH v PH Challenge Cup**

The WPH v PH Challenge was hosted by WPH on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Although Pennant Hills defeated West Pennant Hills 250 to 159, it was an enjoyable afternoon of bowls.

## **Turn-Around-Triples**

Preparation for the WPH Turn Around Triples Carnival scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August is well underway with 24 teams entered for play. Six of the teams are from WPH. Thank you to our sponsor Living Choice Glenhaven for their ongoing support.

## **President Pairs**

On 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June WPH hosted section two of the President Pairs championship. The final was played at Merrylands on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Congratulations to Michael Schwarcz and Ross Fitzpatrick in reaching the final to become runners up.

### **Rookie Singles and Pairs**

WPH will be hosting the Rookie Singles and Pairs.

I thank the committee and members for their support during my tenure as Bowls Coordinator.

**Steve Arnold**  
**Bowls Coordinator**

## **UMPIRES PANEL REPORT**

**Tutor/Assessors** Les Watkins and Michael Schwarcz

**Umpires** Steve Arnold, Lorraine Begg, Don Couch, Bob Cole, Kaye Eagle, Barbara Hazeltine, Dallas Palm, John Skidmore, Dom Surace, and David Wilson

**Measurer** D Makin

This year we lost the services of Peter Eagle (transferred - The Hills) and David Makin (retired).

We welcome two new umpires to the WPH Sports Club Umpires Panel - Steve Arnold and Dom Surace.

All umpires have been very active this year as we had a full program from both the Zone and Club. Thank you, Kaye and Barbara, for helping to umpire for the men when there was no one available, especially during the Pennant Season.

I will not be continuing as Chairman of Umpires, as next year I am up for reaccreditation, and I may not continue as an umpire. I will probably just concentrate on tutoring and assessing for the future.

There are a few umpires that could be retiring over the next year and it is important that we find new umpires to replace them.

In closing thank you to all the Umpires I wish you well for the future and also wish the New Chairman all success and support from the Umpires

**Michael Schwarcz**  
**Chairman of Umpires**



## COACHES PANEL REPORT

### Club Coaches

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

### Introductory Coaches

Denise Hopkins  
Mal Horner  
Rosemary Roles

Gerard D'Costa, Kay Eagle, Dallas Palm, Keith Robinson, Michael Schwarcz, Kevin Tuckerman, Max Walters have coached a number of new bowlers in the past 12 months, introducing them to our great game, and provided remedial coaching to number of people.

Once again, we tried to start up some training and coaching prior to the pennant season. Obviously this is not popular as only 7 bowlers completed their preliminary training. I think this was reflected in our successes. Unfortunately for us, we are not getting a lot of people wanting to take up bowls. At the last open day, we had only 5 interested people of which 3 have completed their coaching but as yet no men have turned up to play and one of the women has started to play.

I would like to thank the coaches who have put in the effort in coaching new and old bowlers.

**Michael Schwarcz**  
**Chairman of Coaches**

## GREENS REPORT

The greens have been in fair condition throughout the last twelve months. In May, the Club Board reconfirmed the maintenance contract with Proturf and the committee has since met with the CEO and Proturf to address some areas of concern.

### Green surfaces

The greens have many bare patches, fungal infections and weeds. The contractor has informed the committee that fungal infections do not affect the grass, a better record of all chemicals applied to the green will be maintained and the bare patches will be addressed in the next generation. In addition, in the renovation the greens will be laser levelled twice to address the inconsistencies in the playing surface.

### Green surrounds

Since our meeting, the condition of the surrounds of the greens has improved with many weeds eliminated. The bare patches will be addressed in the next growing season. Quotes are being obtained for the renovation of the plinths and ditch backing. The condition of the gardens has improved with

many weeds eliminated. The club has organised for the hedges to be trimmed and is considering the removal of some plants. Records of the spraying and fertilising of the gardens is to be improved.

The safety around the greens has improved with some uneven surfaces rectified and the location of the hoses when not in use addressed.

The committee is looking forward to working with Proturf to ensure the greens are the best that they can be.

**Ross Fitzpatrick**

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT – INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Green Fees	7031	14,050	(7019)
Raffle Takings	3926	7020	(3094)
Sports Fees	218	0	218
Sports and Green Fees	26,026	32,100	(6,074)
Other Income	1713	360	1353
Tournament income	1390	10,040	(6650)
Club Uniform Sales	(106)	960	(1066)
Sponsorship Income	3627	6159	(2532)
Catering Income	4068	0	4068
TAT income		2500	(2500)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>47,893</b>	<b>73,189</b>	<b>(25,296)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Affiliation Fees	5429	7381	(1952)
Raffle Costs	4287	4368	(81)
Greens Maintenance	51,627	49,330	2297
Sports Promotions	3626	7280	(3654)
Open Day Costs	0	750	(750)
Club Uniform Purchases	365	500	(135)
Tournament Expenses	3241	9920	(6679)
Catering Costs	6677	9500	(2823)
TAT Costs	0	1280	(1280)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>77,896</b>	<b>95,049</b>	<b>(17,153)</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>(30,003)</b>	<b>(21,860)</b>	<b>(8143)</b>

### NOTES

1. The income and expenditure table is as presented by the office
2. The categories of Green Fees, Sports Fees, Sports and Green Fees includes all membership subscriptions, match payments by members on the old fee structure and Friday payments.  
The request that the categories be simplified was not implemented by the club and the cost and expense areas are still confusing.
3. Some income and expenditure items have been allocated to incorrect categories. The overall loss is the most relevant figure.

4. A line item TAT income was incorrectly included, the budget income of \$2500 should have been income for the line item Catering Income.
5. The line item TAT costs was included incorrectly. All TAT costs are included in Tournament expenses.
6. The cost of the meat trays increased considerably in January which has meant that the raffle has run at a loss this year. The running of the raffle needs to be reviewed.
7. Tournament income is under budget. The sponsorship for the August TAT carnival was budgeted to be received in June and it will be in next year's figures. The sponsorship promised by Independent Gaming for the Koala Carnival has not been included in the income figures.
8. Sponsorship income is under budget as some rink signs do not yet have sponsors.

The change to the way Friday bowls operates has impacted on the green fees takings and the Sports Promotions expenses.

**Ross Fitzpatrick**

**Treasurer**



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