



West Pennant Hills Sports Club
Men's Bowling Section

Annual Report

2017 – 2018

President
Ross Iredale

Management Committee

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	Kevin Tuckerman 
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Chairman of Coaches	Michael Schwarcz
Chairman of Umpires	John Skidmore
Chair – Competition Panel	Steven Arnold

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Don Couch, Barry Walker and Max Walters

Life Members

Keith Robinson, Barry Walker and Michael Schwarcz



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017–2018



My first year as your President has been a learning and enjoyable experience.

The elected Committee has worked well together in a harmonious manner and at all times has endeavoured to put the

interest of our members first.

On behalf of the members, thanks to our **coaches, selectors** and **umpires** for their contribution to the running of the Section.

Although **Dallas Palm** retired as Secretary last year, he has continued to work with Ian Corke, Steve Arnold and myself with the running of The Blog. Dallas's recent post covering the Living Choice Carnival at West Pennant Hills was an excellent article for the Club. All participating clubs and Living Choice received a copy. Living Choice appreciated the article and have put it onto their facebook page. Thanks for your help Dallas.

I would like to acknowledge the work of **Steve Arnold**, our Bowls Coordinator, for his tireless work in programming our championships and carnivals which was not an easy job this year with the Commonwealth Games to be worked around.

Thank you also needs to go to **Jim** and **Elaine Ede** for their running of the Thursday Twilight Bowls throughout the summer months.

I would like to acknowledge our Welfare Officer, **David Roles**, for his many reports on the health and welfare of our bowlers.

Friday Mixed Bowls is not well attended and your Management Committee will be looking at what can be done to promote this.

Membership is a concern to our Section, it seems we gain a new bowler then we lose a bowler. The Management Committee will continue to focus on this key area in the next twelve months.

Communication is essentially via the Blog and Email but as I have stated in reports during the year, the 'Notice Board' in the Bowls Room will have all information on it.

It is a pleasure again to congratulate **Chris Judkins** on behalf of all bowlers on his win in the

Final of the Zone Singles Championship. Well done Chris!

Our Section is again a leader in showcasing our Club with the successful running of the **Living Choice Triples**. In addition to this event, we hosted visiting club pennant teams during the Midweek and Saturday season with positive feedback from visiting bowlers.

The **7th Annual West Pennant Hills v Pennant Hills Challenge** was at Pennant Hills in June this year. We thank our Penno friends for their companionship and friendship on the day.

Two mixed bowls events were held on **Australia Day** and **Queen's Birthday Monday**. Both days were well attended and we thank the West Pennant Hills Sports Club for their donation to our raffle.

The travelling bowlers are off again, 23 September to 5 October, this time to Canberra, Bermagui and Huskisson with five bowling days and plenty of sightseeing.

As both the Men's and Women's Sections are low in numbers, it is time for the two Sections to get together to make West Pennant Hills the best Club in the area to bowl at from now on. Your Management Committee has already agreed on this and will again have dialogue with the Women's Section to enable us to move forward.

Each year presents new and different problems and I would remind members that the Management Committee are volunteers and at all times try to make decisions in the best interest of all.

What a great night Sunday 8 July was. "**Bunco**", 64 attendees, much laughter, silly pink hat and most of all a comedian of a host, **Max Walters**.

Thank you to the **Board of Directors** of the Sports Club, **Jason Read** and his team and the staff of the Restaurant for all of your support. It is most valued and very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the West Pennant Hills Sports Club, Men's Bowling Section for your friendship. It is a pleasure to be associated with each of you and I thank you for your support as your President.

Ross Iredale
President

BOWLS COORDINATOR/MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 was not without the usual challenges keeping to our bowling schedule. This year the mid-week Pennants season was extended to 10 rounds and commencement of the weekend Pennants was delayed due to the Commonwealth Games. We have now managed to get back on track, and importantly completed the Major Pairs and Major Singles enabling the winners to enter the Zone Champion of Champions.

Club Championships

To date the following championships have been completed including the Major Singles and Major Pairs. Congratulations to the winners Darrin Ede, Dallas Palm and Ross Fitzpatrick and good luck in the Champion of Champions tournaments. The Minor Singles and Minor Pairs tournaments have been completed with the Club Triples, Club Fours still to be played, as are the Minor Pairs, Ken Wighton Singles and the Barry Walker Classic pairs.

Mixed Events

The Mixed Fours have been completed. The Mixed Triples is currently in progress, and the Mixed pairs will commence on the 31st July.

WPH v PH Challenge Cup

The WPH v PH Challenge was hosted by Pennant Hills on Friday 1st June with 7 teams from each club playing for the cup. WPH put up strong competition early in the game. However Pennant Hills were too strong and won with an overall margin of 20 shots. This was a huge improvement for WPH on the 2017 result. Although WPH lost, all players enjoyed the afternoon. Hopefully WPH will secure the cup in 2019.

Zone / State Events

• Presidents Singles

Chris Judkins did WPH Sports proud by winning the 2018 Zone President's Singles tournament by a convincing final score of 31 v 13. Congratulations Chris!

• President Pairs

Unfortunately our two teams were knocked out in the first round.

• State and President Triples

Unfortunately our teams were knocked out in early rounds.

Friday Mufti Pairs

Friday Mufti Pairs participation has been weak this

season. However interest appears to be picking up. Hopefully the numbers will grow as we head into Spring and some warmer weather. The current format now consists of either 3 or 4 bowl pairs of 21 ends. The jackpot prize has been replaced by a random draw for a 'lucky' rink. All monies collected on the day are returned to winners of the 'lucky' rink draw.

Living Choice Triples (LCT)

This year the Turn-Around-Triples (TAT) was replaced with a new format. Significant changes included, inviting lady bowlers to the event and reducing the overall event time by playing two games of 12 ends. This is followed by lunch and winners presentation. This approach enables players to leave mid afternoon and avoid peak hour traffic.

WPH held their event on Monday 16th July. Unfortunately we only fielded 22 teams instead of the possible 28. There was only one team entered from Brush Park as most of their players attended a plaque unveiling commemorating West Epping Bowling club. Another factor was school holidays, as many players babysit their grandchildren. None the less, the event was a resounding success!

Koala Carnival

The 2018 Koala Carnival scheduled for the 7th May got off to a false start. The committee agreed to introduce a new format consisting of two games of 3 bowl Pairs by 12 ends, with a minimum combined entry grade of 11, which effectively prevented players in Pennants grades 1, 2 and 3 from playing in the Carnival. Subscription to the new format was extremely poor and plenty of feedback was received disapproving of the new format.

The Carnival has been rescheduled for Monday 27th August with a format consisting of two games of 11 ends, 3 Bowl Triples, and a minimum combined entry grade of 13. At the time of writing (21/07/18) we currently have 13 entries.

Hornsby Shire Cup

This event has been scheduled to be played at Asquith Bowling Club on Sunday 16th September. A total of 10 WPH Bowlers will be invited by the Selectors to represent WPH in one of the four disciplines, Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours.

On Wed 11th July a meeting was held at Asquith Bowling club with representatives from

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most of the participating clubs to address falling participation. It was agreed to send an invitation to Dural Country Club to join the tournament.

I take this opportunity to thank the Management Committee and Members for their support during my 2018 tenure as Bowls Coordinator.

I also thank very much the handful of unsung heroes who seem to always put their hand up to help out when needed, especially when we host major events such as the LCT Triples and Koala Carnival.

Steve Arnold

Bowls Coordinator

UMPIRES PANEL REPORT

Tutor/Assessors

Michael Schwarcz, Les Watkins

Umpires

Steve Arnold, Kaye Eagle, John Skidmore, Lorraine Begg, Barbara Hazeltine, Dom Surace, Bob Cole, Dallas Palm, Les Watkins, Don Couch, Michael Schwarcz, David Wilson

This has again been a busy year with more than 80 events requiring the services of our Umpires who have been very willing to provide their services.

Our lady umpires have been very willing to assist when our men umpires were not available and our men umpires have also assisted the ladies when needed.

Although it appears that we have many umpires, during the Pennant season it is often difficult to arrange an umpire and we will be looking for members who are prepared to qualify as umpires in the near future.

I really appreciate the assistance provided by Don Couch who stood in as Chairman while I was unavailable for about 6 weeks.

I would like to thank all our Umpires for their willingness to provide their services (when it has sometimes meant that they were not able to play bowls on that occasion) and for their assistance, cooperation and support throughout the year.

John Skidmore

Chairman of Umpires

SELECTORS PANEL REPORT

This year we entered two teams into the 2018 State Pennants which in itself it is a disappointment with our number of bowling members we should have been able to have three teams.

Due to lack of interest and commitment of the WPH Bowlers it was lucky we didn't have any more teams as we struggled each week to fill two teams. Our teams were in Grade 4 and Grade 6 and the club's performances weren't successful:

- **Grade 4**

We came second last (11th out of 12) missing last place by ½ a point. It is obvious we were aiming too high for our bowler's ability. The best performed team was David Wilson's with four wins and two draws. The team also had a win whilst David was

away and Ross Fitzpatrick played skip.

- **Grade 6**

We performed better, finishing 15th out of 22. It seems we were better suited to this grade. The best performed team was Dom Surace's team who won five matches.

Next year, unless we have more interested and committed bowlers, we will probably have one team. If we want to increase membership in this friendly club, we need to have more teams and successful ones at that. It must be remembered we have won two Zone Pennants which is an achievement for a small club. We can do this again.

Michael Schwarcz

Chairman of Selectors

COACHES PANEL REPORT

Club Coaches

**Keith Robinson, Michael Schwarcz,
Kevin Tuckerman, Ross Fitzpatrick, Kaye
Eagle, Max Walters**

Kay Eagle, Dallas Palm, Keith Robinson, Michael Schwarcz, Kevin Tuckerman and Max Walters have coached a number of new bowlers over the past 12 months, introducing them to our great game. Plus we have provided remedial coaching to number of existing bowlers.

Unfortunately for us, we are not getting a lot of

people wanting to take up bowls with us. When they hear the cost of membership they have decided not to take the game up at West Pennant Hills and have gone elsewhere.

Four interested people have completed their coaching. Currently there are a further three men and two ladies being coached.

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

Michael Schwarcz

Chairman of Coaches

GREENS REPORT

There have been some small improvements to some of the issues reported in last year's report. The standard of the green has disappointed members and guests throughout the year. Despite offers to host zone events from the club, the zone preferred to use greens at other clubs.

The green surrounds have better grass cover, during the year the club organised for a contractor to aerate the surrounds of the top green and more water was applied resulting in many of the bare patches being resolved. The plinth and backings have not yet been renovated. Despite repeated requests to the greenkeeper to address issues with the corner posts and boundary pegs, the problems have not been resolved.

Disappointingly, Green 1 consistently had cigarette butts on the surrounds of the green from non-members club patrons. Aerating the surrounds of the bottom green will be a recommendation given to the club.

Green 1

In the renovation at the end of 2017, the contractor

reports that he laser levelled the surface. The bare patches on the southeast corner were plugged, although the couch infestation was not addressed. Despite the work that was done in this renovation, the green surface continues to be inconsistent. The committee will be recommending that the surface be laser levelled again in the next renovation. The fungal infections and weeds in the grass continue to be a problem.

Green 2

Unfortunately, this green was not laser levelled in 2017 due to the extended but unscheduled length of time taken on the renovation of Green 1. The contractor has been unable to address the fungal infections in the grass. The bare areas on the western end are much improved but further work is required to obtain and maintain consistent grass cover.

The committee will continue to work with Proturf to ensure the greens are the best that they can be.

The Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017/2018

	Last Year (16/17) Actual	YE Actual	YE Budget	YE Variance
Income				
Green Fees	\$7,031	\$6,781	\$5,570	\$1,211
Raffle Takings	\$3,926	\$1,915	\$7,155	(\$5,240)
Sports Fees	\$218	\$550	\$0	\$550
Sports & Green Fees	\$26,026	\$22,841	\$25,900	(\$3,059)
other Income	\$1,713	\$6,773	\$360	\$6,413
Koala Carnival Income	\$1,390	\$0	\$10,040	(\$10,040)
Club Uniform Sales	(\$106)	\$445	\$960	(\$515)
Sponsorship Income	\$3,627	\$0	\$6,159	(\$6,159)
Catering Income	\$4,068	\$1,723	\$0	\$1,723
Multi/T'around Triples Inc	\$0	\$2,127	\$7,020	(\$4,893)
Total MBC Income	\$47,893	\$43,155	\$63,164	(\$20,009)
Expenses				
Affiliation fees	\$5,429	\$4,734	\$7,381	(\$2,647)
Raffle Costs	\$4,287	\$2,242	\$4,929	(\$2,687)
Greens Maintenance	\$51,627	\$54,584	\$52,500	\$2,084
Sports Promotions	\$3,626	\$2,258	\$0	\$2,258
State Playoffs	\$0	\$0	\$750	(\$750)
Open Day Costs	\$0	\$0	\$500	(\$500)
Club Uniform Costs	\$365	(\$15)	\$13,890	(\$13,905)
Koala Expenses	\$3,241	\$0	\$14,300	(\$14,300)
Catering Expenses	\$6,677	\$9,051	\$6,020	\$3,031
Other Expenses	\$2,644	\$5,235	\$0	\$5,235
Multi/T'around Triples	\$0	\$900	\$0	\$900
Total MBC Expenses	\$77,896	\$78,989	\$100,270	(\$21,281)
Men's Bowls Profit / (Loss)	(\$30,003)	(\$35,834)	(\$37,106)	\$1,272

NOTES

1. The income and expenditure figures shown are complete as presented to the Board by the office.
2. As mentioned in last year's Finance Report by the then Treasurer, Ross Fitzpatrick, 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. To simplify reporting to the office and for more accurate month end reports the Club has agreed to change to the current Budget categories which will be used for this current Financial Year.
3. Some income and expenditure items have been allocated to incorrect categories. The overall loss is the most relevant figure.
4. The original scheduled date for the Koala Carnival would have brought the income into 2017/2018 figures but the

Carnival has been rescheduled for August 2018.

5. Actual loss was higher than budget as there was no Koala Carnival income and lower Sports & Green Fees offset by budgeted Uniform purchases not occurring.
6. Sponsorship income is under budget as there seemed to have been some confusion in June 2017 that the Club Office was not instructed to invoice anyone for the Scoreboard Sponsorship. There was no income for Scoreboard Sponsorship in 2017/2018. In 2018/2019 there are steps to recover and start invoicing and attracting new sponsors as noted in the new Budget.
7. Overall loss made in 2017/2018 is \$5,800 higher than the budgeted loss of \$35,834 from the previous year's loss.

Stephen Watson
Treasurer