



NEWS FROM THE GREEN

THE MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S BOWLING SECTION OF WEST PENNANT HILLS SPORTS CLUB

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EDITOR'S ADDRESS

Hello everyone and welcome to this 'Bumper' Edition of News from the Green.

First and foremost, thank you for the level of positive feedback on the first edition which the Communications Committee received. It was great to hear the high level of support among members for the new newsletter and I can only hope that this enthusiasm continues well into the future.

Secondly, the reason for this bumper edition was the sheer volume of material for publication. While this is great news, I would remind members that such volume must be sustained into the future. This edition marks the begin of several new aspects of the newsletter. Inside, you will find a 'Pennant's Wrap-up' page with contributions of the roving reporters from each of the grades. You will also find the beginnings of an twelve part series on the establishment and early years of the bowling club provided by our own Wilf Morschel. In addition to this, we have a small piece in the 'Umpires Corner' from the Chairman of Umpires Don Couch and also have a list of the upcoming events for April so that every member is kept abreast of exciting competitions and championships happening around the club and indeed the zone.

I hope that this provides the information which members were looking for the newsletter to provide. In next month's edition, the Communications Committee is hoping to add a 'Letters to the Editor' section where your complaints, queries and general inquires are addressed in a public forum by an expert panel, to be announced in next month's edition. So get thinking on questions such as "Why is the top green called the Cliff and Joyce Sullivan Green?" Your questions can be as broad or specific as you like.

Finally, for those members who wish to receive this newsletter in an electronic format, please email me at editor@demaj.com.au. Also, any letters to the editor for next month's edition, articles for publication or any other general inquires can be directed to this email address or to me in a hard copy at the club. Please note that the deadline for each month's edition of News from the Green is the 15th.

Hope you enjoy this month's edition and happy bowling,

D.A. Wilson

GRADE FOUR - MANAGER: DAVID KING

The fours have had a tough season thus far in Section 2 of the Zone 10 competition. After suffering defeats against Rosehill and Gladesville in the opening 2 rounds, the fours made a comeback in Round 3 against The Hills Bowling club with a 4-2 loss but completely turning their losing streak on its head with a 5-1 win in Round 4 against Pennant Hills.

From Round 1 - Unfortunately the side went down 6-0 to a Rosehill side who adapted better to a very fast green and windy conditions. With defeat there are always positives to be gained and at this standard of play to win games we must have bowls in the head for the entire 21 ends. Terry Barnett's team were unlucky in their narrow loss. Alan Bowry

GRADE 4 Section 2	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4			CULMULATIVE		
	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	Points	Margin	Against
Gladesville	70	40	5	66	50	6	71	37	6	77	44	6	23	113	171
Dundas Sports	40	70	1	66	49	5	81	44	6	53	61	1.5	13.5	16	224
Pennant Hills	57	55	5	69	57	4	44	81	0	63	67	1	10	27	260
Rosehill	73	42	6	57	69	2	37	71	0	61	53	4.5	10.5	7	235
The Hills District	55	57	1	49	66	1	58	50	4	44	77	0	6	44	250
West Pennant Hills	42	73	0	50	66	0	50	58	2	67	63	5	7	51	260

GRADE FIVE - MANAGER: ALLAN COTTON

The fives have been the most successful of all the grades at West Pennant Hills. Despite a shaky start to the season against a formidable opponent in Merrylands, the fives have steady considerable to have gone on to beat Castle Hill, Brush Park and North Epping in the last 3 rounds of competition.

From Round 1 - Despite a brave attempt on all 3 rinks, only Tony Boughton and his boys managed to claim a victory playing against this consistent and quality side.

Overall result went to Merrylands with 5 points and 1 point to us. Dallas Palm

GRADE 5 Section 2	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4			CULMULATIVE		
	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	Points	Margin	Against
Merrylands (2)	75	60	5	59	54	5	69	51	5	53	49	4	19	42	214
West Pennant Hills	60	75	1	52	49	4	63	48	5.5	67	44	6	16.5	26	216
Northmead	62	48	5	65	61	4	51	69	1	51	62	2	12	11	240
Castle Hill	48	62	1	49	52	2	64	58	5	49	53	2	10	15	225
Brush Park	65	48	5	54	59	1	48	63	0.5	62	51	4	10.5	8	221
North Epping	48	65	1	61	65	2	58	64	1	44	67	0	4	50	261

GRADE SEVEN - MANAGER: BILL ARNOTT

The sevens, despite having a promising start to the season in a 5-1 victory over Gladesville have slumped into a 3 round losing streak with 2 6-0 demolitions by Wentworthville Leagues and The Hills and a 5-1 loss against Merrylands. While the sevens have not lost hope, they hope that a string of hope games beginning with one against Pennant Hills will see the end of this

losing streak.

From Round 1 - The 7s played consistent and strong games, giving each other support all the way to come up with a decisive victory winning the big board by a proverbial country mile. Well done lads! Dallas Palm

GRADE 7 Section 1	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4			CULMULATIVE		
	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	Points	Margin	Against
Merrylands	61	56	5	62	53	5	65	55	5	77	60	5	20	41	224
Wentworthville Leagues	56	61	1	69	49	6	61	47	5	75	63	5	17	41	220
The Hills District	69	49	6	53	62	1	67	43	6	59	58	4	17	36	212
Pennant Hills	49	69	0	65	57	5	55	65	1	63	75	1	7	34	266
West Pennant Hills	71	49	5	49	69	0	43	67	0	60	77	1	6	39	262
Gladesville (2)	49	71	1	57	65	1	47	61	1	58	59	2	5	45	256

THE BEDFORD TROPHY



2008 is the inaugural year of the Bedford Trophy, an new and highly prestigious award within the club. To be run on Saturdays in place of social bowls for those players not involved with Pennants, the Bedford Trophy offers an opportunity for players who enjoy a more structured competition during the regular Pennant season.

Points are awarded for

- Participation / round = 10 points
- Game win / round = 10 points
- End won / game = 1 point each end

Should two or more players finish on equal points then the following count back system will apply :

- Player who has higher participation point tally shall be declared the winner.
- Should participation points be equal then player who has higher games points shall be declared the winner.
- Should players still be equal then total end points / per game, starting with the last completed round and working backward, until a winner is decided.

AN EARLY HISTORY OF THE CLUB AND THE FORMATION OF THE MENS AND WOMENS BOWLING CLUBS (1967-71) - PART ONE

The West Pennant Hills Bowling and Recreation Club (1967-1997) now the West Pennant Hills Sports Club developed from a failed attempt to form a club, the Hills Club Limited, to be located in the Pennant Hills area. In 1964 a change of committee brought a change of direction to a family oriented Recreation Club to be located in West Pennant Hills.

During the period 1965 through 1967 several earlier established key objectives had to be met if the project was to succeed:-

- Develop a membership level of at least 200, preferred level 300.
- Build members funds to at least \$30,000 (a lot of cash at 1965/68 values).
- Purchase a suitable site, initial specifications being at least 3 acres, 5 acres preferred, conveniently located in West Pennant Hills and affordable.
- Arrange regular social and sporting events to demonstrate a community need for a Licensed Club in West Pennant Hills.
- Lodge a successful application to the Licensing Court for a conditional license, this being a major consideration to support any application for finance for the project.
- Establish an active bowling group of men and women bowlers within the club as active sections of the Club, Organisational Structure of the Proposed Club

The proposed structure of a Licensed Club to support a range of recreational activities operating as sections within the Licensed Club was a significant change to the accepted organisation of sporting clubs in the 1960's, particularly bowling clubs.

The fact that we proposed that all members male and female, irrespective of membership status, would be eligible for election to the Board and to vote at Annual and General Meetings, was quite a radical departure to the established practice and custom in most sporting clubs oriented to non voting male social members or lady associate members. In general, bowling clubs were male only, women bowlers usually confined to playing at women's bowling clubs. A typical local example at that time being the Pennant Hills Central Women's Bowling Club with a bowling green located in Boundary Road, Pennant Hills. The members of this Club eventually joined the Pennant Hills Bowling Club; this being the general trend for women's bowling clubs during the mid to late 1970's.

The proposed structure of our Club did attract local media attention and including one Sydney newspaper as being a club with a different approach. Some significant events associated with the early history of the licensed club need to be recorded at this stage.

The Umpires Corner - Don Couch

I note from the Editor's letter in the first edition that this newsletter will provide information on changes to the laws of the game. Thanks to the confusion created by the Royal in regard to the minimum length of the rolling of the jack and whether the mat can be handed to the opponent by the winner of the previous end, I would remind all players that the minimum length is 23m and the mat can be handed over to an opponent as stated in the Crystal Mark laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Corporate Bowls

This is an avenue for fundraising suitable for groups such as Employer/Employee functions, Birthday Parties and other special events. The Men's Bowling Sections gets credited with any income received. If you know of any interested organizations or people, please let me know. When these events are held, and depending on the number of people involved, it is desirable to have some assistance to explain bowling practice and OH and S requirements. I hope I can count on your support.

Don Couch

Coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 5th April	Pennants - Round 6	Home - 12.15pm
	(Check the Sports Room for venues)	Away - 11.15am
Sunday 6th April	Major Singles - Round 1	9am
Monday 7th April	Turn-around-Triples - Beecroft	9am
Saturday 12 April	Pennants - Round 7	Home - 12.15pm
	(Check the Sports Room for venues)	Away - 11.15am
Sunday 13th April	Major Singles - Round 2	9am
Thursday 17th April	State Junior Fours	
Friday 18th April	State Junior Fours	
Saturday 19th April	Pennants - Round 8	Home - 12.15pm
	(Check the Sports Room for venues)	Away - 11.15am
Sunday 20th April	Major Singles - Round 3	9am
Monday 21st April	State Junior Singles	
Tuesday 22 April	State Junior Singles	
Wednesday 23rd April	State Junior Pairs	
Thursday 24th April	State Junior Pairs	
Friday 25 April	ANZAC Day	

This publication has been produced for the Members of the Men's Bowling Section of the *West Pennant Hills Sports Club*, located at:

103 New Line Road, West Pennant Hills.

Anyone interested in joining our club or discovering what our club has to offer are invited to contact our President, Michael Schwarcz on 0412 948 769. Visitors are invited to join us on social days.

Wednesday and Saturday Cards called at 12:45. Games commence at 1:00pm. Put your name on the list in the Sports Room or phone between 11am & 12pm on 9980-6922

Friday Nominated Pairs Games arranged by selectors. Cards called at 12:45. Games commence 1:00pm. Nominations must be as a pair on the list in the Sports Room. No phone nominations.

Sunday Bowls Games commence at 1:00pm

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