



# NEWS FROM THE GREEN

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## 2008 PENNANT SEASON REVIEW - CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS ALAN BOWRY

The overall performance of our Three Grade Sides in this year's Pennants has been the most successful for our Club for several years.

### Grade 4 finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

After an uncertain start to the season momentum was finally gained. Excellent wins followed against strong sides and with a positive attitude by all our players propelled the side into a position off finish-

ing the season in 2<sup>ND</sup> Place. However injuries to key players proved critical in the final stages and the side could not produce the results required.

Well done to all players

### Grade 5 finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After losing the first game this side won four straight games to lead the competition after the 1<sup>st</sup> round. (outstanding effort) However for some reason we lost our momentum and the side had mixed results in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. This proved costly where a last round showdown for 1<sup>st</sup> place against Northmead was lost. However congratulations must go to all players in this side for such a wonderful season. Special mention to a team who achieved "8 wins from 10 matches" - Don Couch, Don Stubbin, Bevin Crossman & Tony Boughton. Well Done!

### Grade 7 finished 4<sup>th</sup>

This has been the most successful performance by our side in this grade for many years. The side was unlucky on several occasions where results could have gone their way. On review there were many fine team performances where consistency was the key to their success. Several players have certainly improved in their own individual skills which are clearly shown in the overall success of our grade 7 side results this season.

The future of our club in Pennants for 2009 and onwards has certainly been enhanced by the results achieved by our 3 grade sides this season.

However to achieve success and to maintain our improvement in Pennants for 2009 **A Skills Program** will again be available for those bowlers wishing to improve their game. A clear endorsement of this program has been the success achieved by Alex Stewart, Peter Eagle & Paul Chung to name a few in this year's Pennant Season. Further a data base of Bowlers performances in Pennants has now been compiled. With this information a detailed program of Player and future team planning will put into place commencing with the mid-week triple tournament teams.



# PENNANTS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



## BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT - STEVE DALGAINRS

At the years half way point in the bowls calendar, we are on track despite the amount of rainfall received. To date, all events have been concluded as scheduled. The results of those events are

- Pennants grade 4 - Finished 5th
- Pennants grade 5 – Finished 3rd
- Pennants grade 7 – Finished 4th
- Minor Singles – Winner Mathew Stubbs and Runner-up Geoff McIntosh
- Major Singles - Winner Keith Robinson and Runner-up Les Watkins
- Over 70's - Winners: Norm Jackson, Clem Woodward and Ken Henry
- Joe Bedford Trophy – Winner Thompson Lee

State single were successfully held at the club in late May. Thanks to those who participated as markers and umpires.

In the next few months we have a busy schedule of events:

- Mid Week Pennants and Minor Pairs have both commenced and are underway
- Hosting State pairs round on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- Major Pairs round 1 scheduled July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Koala Carnival scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Turn Around Triples due August 11<sup>th</sup>

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS - MAJOR AND MINOR SINGLES

The final between **Mathew Stubbs** and **Geoff McIntosh** in the minor singles and **Keith Robinson** and **Les Watkins** in the major singles had been set down for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

In the major singles, two giants of the game at West Pennant Hills came to do battle for the elusive and highly coveted Major Singles Championship. Keith and Les looked calm and collected as they took to the green. Keith pulled away early on, however, Les always fought his way back to tie the game at several points throughout the match. A gripping afternoon was assured for all and the calibre of these players was second to none. After closing to within 2 shots with the score at 30-28, Les looked back in the game and was looking to continue this form. However, Keith retained his composure closing out the final end with two shots. As a solemn hush came over the crowd, the atmosphere became so electric you could have cut it with a knife. The final score of the afternoon was 31-28 in favour of our new Major Singles Champion, **Keith Robinson**. An outstanding performance by two masters, and indeed, gentlemen of the game.

In the minor singles, Mathew shot to an early lead against Geoff, leading 18-3 at one stage. This reporter commends Geoff for his 'never-say-die' attitude right up until the end of the game. These brilliant tacticians consistently frustrated each other with the high quality of their bowls. The "cool as a cucumber" demeanour displayed by both players throughout the entire match was just unbelievable. In the end, Mathew was just too good for Geoff on the day. With a final score of 31-6, **Mathew Stubbs** became this year's Minor Singles Champion. Congratulations to both players, for a truly memorable competition with brilliant performances throughout.

Well done to all bowlers in today's competition. You are truly the *crème de la crème* of the West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Club.



From Left to Right: President Micheal Schwarcz (marker), 2008 Major Singles Champion Keith Robinson, Les Watkins, 2008 Minor Singles Champion Mathew Stubbs, Geoff McIntosh and Don Couch (marker).

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

## **Purchase of 103 New Line Road**

Many prospective sites were investigated by a Board sub-committee, mostly either inappropriately located or beyond the Club's financial capacity. Eventually the late Keith Walkom, Club President at the time, came up with the 103 New Line Road site.

There were some misgivings from some committee members because of the creek on the southern boundary and which crossed the property towards New Line Road. It should be pointed out that in 1968 the current Club site was surrounded by undeveloped land,

Cherrybrook as we know it today did not exist. The vendor agreed to negotiate directly with the Club but had indicated an asking price which was beyond the Club's financial capacity at that time. The then Committee Executive met with the vendor at the President's residence and eventually arrived at an agreed purchase price of \$39,000. Then there was the problem of how to finance the purchase, available Club funds were limited to about \$22,000 plus a promised loan of \$10,000 from the C.B.C. Bank.

This was inadequate, the vendor eventually agreed to accept second mortgage status for \$8,500 loan to the Club, with some provisos, one being that the purchase was approved by the members.

The purchase of 103 New Line Road was confirmed at a general meeting of members held on 8th May, 1968.

## **Formation of Bowling Sections**

As the Club progressed towards lodging an application for a conditional liquor license, legal advice at the time was for the Club to have men and women bowling groups operating as active sections of the Club to support the application. At this time bowling clubs were having more success with license applications than other social and recreational clubs, which explains the advice at the time for the Club name finally adopted to include bowling in the name; an earlier preferred name was West Pennant Hills Recreation Club.

In January 1969 the Board resolved to proceed with the formation of two bowling sections and appointed a board member to initiate the formation of the proposed sections and later to act as the Liaison Director. Initially all members of the Club were contacted by circular promoting the proposed bowling sections and seeking expressions of interest. The response was disappointing only 12 men and 5 ladies indicated interest.

- Wilf Morschel



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.**

Interested in joining our club or discovering what our club has to offer? Arranging a corporate event for your workplace? Looking for something different for that family function? Then contact our President, Michael Schwarcz on 0412 948 769 or Don Couch on 0412 722 810. 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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