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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS - MAJOR PAIRS

The calibre of all bowlers competing in this year's Major Pairs championship was truly brilliant. All games in the first and second rounds were thoroughly enjoyed by both players and spectators because of the skill and great sportsmanship displayed. Particularly memorable moments in the competition came from the second round with one event in particular defining the competition. A battle of epic proportions between the **Horner Hornets** (skip Mal Horner, lead Peter Eagle) and the father and son combination in the **Barnett Bombers** (skip Terry Barnett, lead Aaron Barnett) who fought into the darkness to a nail-biting finish which symbolised the high level of competition.

However, to the grand final. The battlelines were drawn and it was to be bowls at more than 23 metres between the awesome might of the **Roach Raiders** (skip Nev Roach, lead Keith Robinson) and the formidable excellence of the **Stubbin Stormers** (skip Don Stubbin, lead Allan Meaker).

The game commenced under blue skies with a definite chill in the air. Despite fine form throughout the whole tournament, the Stubbin Stormers broke from the gates late, getting on the board in the fourth end. Although they displayed a very courageous effort, the Stubbin Stormers could not make it back into the game with the Roach Raiders pulling further ahead.

However, the Stubbin Stormers were not going to take the remainder of the game lying down and finished in a style commensurate with the level of bowls they had played throughout the tournament, continuing to challenge the Roach Raiders. With the final score 29-4 in favour of the Roach Raiders, **Keith Robinson** and **Nev Roach** became this year's Major Pairs Champions. Many have suggested that perhaps it is time for Keith and Nev to retire from club championship bowls, or they may have to extend their houses to accommodate all their trophies! Congratulations to both teams for their success in this competition.

Umpire: D. Palm

Dave Wilson reporting.

THE FINANCING OF THE NO. 2 GREEN “THE CLIFF AND JOYCE SULLIVAN GREEN” - WILF MORSCHEL

The West Pennant Hills Bowling Club began as a one-green club. No.1 green was constructed in 1970 as part of stage 1 development at a cost of \$9 250. Being a one- green club was a distinct deterrent to the development of both bowling sections of the club. A major disadvantage was that both bowling sections had to relocate to adjoining clubs during the 6 to 8 weeks required for the annual major renovation. This was a significant disincentive for the growth and development of the bowling sections.

The need for a second green was recognised by the bowling sections and the board of the Registered Club. During the 1970's the Registered Club was still digesting the costs associated with the purchase of the 5 ½ acre site on New Line Road in 1968 and stage 1 development which included construction of a clubhouse, furnished and equipped, a bowling green, two tennis courts, access roadways and parking areas. All of stage 1 had to be completed before the Licensing Court would issue the very essential liquor licence in 1970 to enable the club to operate and generate revenue.

It became evident in the early 1980's that the cost of a second green had escalated considerably. The bowling sections initiated several fund raising activities which included garage sales and stalls at the New Line Road entrance etc. In earlier days several car raffles organised by the late Percy Fitch, a Past Bowling Club President, yielded \$6 500 net. The estimated cost of the green and equipment had blown out to about \$100 000 and at a time when the Registered Club had borrowed a substantial sum to complete some urgently required additions and renovations to the clubhouse and upgrading of income generating tennis courts.

Cliff Sullivan had for many years been advocating the need for a second green and came up with a sponsorship of \$50 000 from Binet Homes, a company with which he had a business association. This sponsorship created a lot of enthusiasm for the second green. An appeal was initiated to Bowling Club members for cash contributions, this appeal realising in excess of \$20 000 which in conjunction with earlier fund raising activities by sections brought Bowling Club members' contribution to \$33 000. The Registered Club contributed the residual \$23 000 required to meet the cost of the completed and equipped green, eventually around \$110 000.

There is no doubt that the sponsorship of \$50 000 arranged by Cliff and Joyce Sullivan was a major factor in creating the incentive for the club to finance and build the second green which was appropriately named the “The Cliff and Joyce Sullivan Green.” At this time Joyce was President of the Women's Bowling Club and Cliff Vice President of the Men's Bowling Club.



The “Cliff and Joyce Sullivan Green” was officially opened at a celebration luncheon on 30 April 1989 attended by about 175 people. However, no bowls were played as torrential rain for most of the day had flooded the green. A brief break in the weather allowed the first jack to be rolled by Mini Frost (NSWWBA President) and the first bowl by Andrew Fraser (RNSWBA Vice President) and just sufficient time for an official photo.

From L. to R.: Allan Buckley (RNSWBA Zone Rep.), Mini Frost (NSWWBA President), Andrew Fraser (RNSWBA Vice President), John Johnson (Club President), Merle McCarthy (NSWWBA Vice President), Bob Henson (NLDBA Delegate), Cliff Sullivan, Joyce Sullivan and Ken Thomas (NLDBA President).

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.

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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.

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