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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2008/09

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Secretary/Treasurer	David Penny
Bowls Co-ordinator	Steve Dalgairns
Committee	Terry Barnett
	Peter Eagle
	Mal Horner
	Dallas Palm
	David Wilson



FROM YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Following the 2008 Annual General Meeting, the new Management Committee does not have an elected Treasurer. Discussions have been held between the executive and the Sports Club where it was decided to amalgamate the secretary and treasurer positions in a new Secretary/Treasurer role for the year 2008/2009 and to ask for new nominations at the 2009 Annual General Meeting. Our secretary David Penny has agreed to take on this additional responsibility with the continuing support of other members of the Management Committee.

Given the extra workload to be shared by all committee members, a decision was taken at the September Management Committee meeting to increase committee members by one person. The person receiving the 5th highest number of votes at the elections at the AGM (Terry Barnett) was offered the opportunity to join the Management Committee and has accepted this offer. The Committee are confident that Terry will be a great asset, bringing new and fresh ideas, particularly in the areas of membership and sponsored tournaments. We wish Terry all the best and hope that he enjoys his time on the committee.

Therefore, your Management Committee for the year 2008/2009 comprises of those members listed above. We look forward to a productive and prosperous year, and striving to make 2008/2009 a great year for the Men's Bowling Section.

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS - 3 BOWLS TRIPLES GRAND FINAL

An outstanding conclusion to the Championship Triples competition was held under mainly blue skies on the 11th October. The competition was between the sensational **Hoffman Hellcats** (lead Dallas Palm, second Don Couch and skip Kevin Hoffman), challenging the tenacious **Tinmouth Tigers** (lead Martin Rogers, second Barrie Stuart and skip Ross Tinmouth) in an exciting game which was to captivate and surprise onlookers and spectators in a brilliant afternoon of bowls.

After a close tussle over the first six ends with the scores tied at 5 shots a piece, the Tinmouth Tigers began pulling away from the Hoffman Hellcats, opening up an 8 shot lead by the 10th end leading 14-6. However, despite a significant rally by the Hoffman Hellcats to close to within 5 shots on the 15th end, this would be as close as they would get to the lead. Holding the margin at 5 shots until the 18th end, the Tinmouth Tigers dug deep, producing 3 shots and 2 shots on the 19th and 20th ends respectively to come away with victory.

Final Score: Tinmouth Tigers (22) defeated Hoffman Hellcats (12)

Umpire: R. Roberts

Dave Wilson reporting.

ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SHIELD

After voting early on September 13th, the A, B, and C Grade teams lead by Barry Walker, Barrie Stuart and Peter Booth respectively went bush to contest the Orange Blossom Festival Shield at Dural Country Club.

Under blue skies, a hot sun and gusty winds, West Pennant Hills battled Castle Hill, Dural and The Hills in exceptionally trying conditions. However, we continued to challenge all clubs in our nine games. Although the boys had glimpses of glory and victory, we were not able to convert these moments into a strong advantage. Despite this we only came away with one win, won by our A-Grade team against Castle Hill who went on to win not only the B-Grade competition but the Orange Blossom Festival Shield.

Despite the result, all the boys performed admirably in what were truly awful conditions. Well Done!

	A-Grade	B-Grade	C-Grade
Lead	Alex Stewart	Steve Dalgairns	Kevin Tuckerman
Second	Don Yeates	Bill Woodman	David Wilson
Third	Don Stubbin	Peter Eagle	John O'Reilly
Skip	Barry Walker	Barrie Stuart	Peter Booth

THE HORNSBY CUP

Our best and brightest headed for Hornsby Bowling Club to contest the prestigious Hornsby Cup, open to all bowling clubs from within Hornsby Shire.

The boys performed admirably in every game throughout the day. However, special mention must be made of Keith Robinson in the Singles. Keith came from behind to win 31-29 against an excellent opponent. Well Done Keith!

However, we could not hold on to the lead in any other game, despite some close results. Final winners on the day were North Epping Bowling Club. Our success on this day demonstrates how we as a club are continuing to improve and are starting to challenge other clubs in this area. An outstanding effort by all involved!

Singles	Keith Robinson			
Pairs	Mathew Stubbs	Nev Roach		
Triples	Norm Jackson	Don Stubbin	Geoff McIntosh	
Fours	Dallas Palm	David Jeffery	Eric Hilton	Terry Barnett

HOMEWAY FIRST NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS AND VICTORIA'S BASEMENT MIXED TRIPLES TOURNAMENTS



An excellent afternoon was assured under blue skies on Sunday 20th September. An dedicated field turned out to contest this competition, the conclusion of the Homeway First National Koala Carnival played earlier this year.

Our winners were;

- Overall - Ken and Margaret Wighton
- Runner Up - Denise Culverwell and Keith Robinson
- Highest Margin (1st game) - Yvonne Bromley and Tony Bromley
- Highest Margin (2nd game) - Gisella Mullins and David Wilson

The beginning of a new era at West Pennant Hills started on Monday 21st September with the inaugural Victoria's Basement Mixed Triples Tournament. This tournament, sponsored by our new sponsor, was played in exceptionally trying conditions with all four seasons experienced in one day. There was an excellent roll up for this tournament with several bowlers playing both Sunday and Monday.

Our winners were;

- Overall - Yvonne Bromley, Tony Bromley and Ray Bell
- Runner Up - Judy Blackler, Warren Phillips and Alan Bowry
- Highest Margin (Morning) - Judy MacCredie, Max Walters and Norm Jackson
- Highest Margin (Afternoon) - Gina Tobin, Don Stubbin and Barry Walker

Congratulations to all winners and participants and special thanks to all members of both the Men's and Women's Clubs for their organisation and running of this tournament.

Photos (clockwise from top left) - Competition on the top green, Senior Vice President Les, competition on the bottom green, bowlers on the bottom green with signage from our new sponsors, our overall winners (Homeway First National Mixed Pairs)- Ken and Margaret Wighton, Steve and Alan just before the presentation, celebrations and sportsmanship at the end of the game and competition on the bottom green.



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

Inaugural Meetings and Commencement of Playing

Membership gradually increased sufficiently to allow formation of the sections to proceed with inaugural meetings being held – Women’s Section on 16th April 1969 and Men’s Section on 17th April, 1969. By late 1969 both the Men and the Women’s Bowling Sections were playing bowls as an identifiable group. This was deemed to be essential to confirm to the respective associations their intention to become an active bowling group.

The men commenced playing on a regular basis as a Club group at Castle Hill and Beecroft Bowling Clubs and the women similarly at Dural Country Club.

Constitutions and Affiliations

Affiliation with the respective state organisations, the N.S.W. Women’s Bowling Association and the Royal N.S.W. Bowling Association were considered essential to support the Club's license application. In August 1969 applications were lodged with the respective state organisations for provisional affiliation. The applications had to be supported with proposed constitutions for the two sections; drafts had been prepared earlier and vetted by the Club Solicitor. Then there was a difficult period in attempting to arrive at a constitution for the proposed sections which was acceptable to the state associations but still complied with the Club's approved and registered Articles of Association.

Earlier it was said that the organisational structure of our Club was rather unique for the time, this was confirmed by the lack of understanding by the respective associations of the proposed Club structure. Acceptance of the constitutions was finally achieved in December, 1969.

To meet association requirements the two proposed sections were identified as the West Pennant Hills Bowling Club and the West Pennant Hills Women’s Bowling Club, operating as sections of The West Pennant Hills Bowling and Recreation Club Limited. The final granting of affiliations was deferred until the bowling green was constructed in late 1970.

Annual General Meetings of Bowling Sections

The first Annual General Meeting of both sections were held on 7th July, 1970, when the first executives and committees were elected:-

Men’s Bowling Club		Women’s Bowling Club	
President	Gordon Atkins	President	Joanne Austin
Vice Presidents	Reg Oxley Ken Meyer	Vice President	Bernice Zanders
Secretary	Bill Menzies	Secretary	Pat Tregenza
Treasurer	Ken Raison	Treasurer	Mary Roberts
Bowls Secretary	George Zanders	Delegate	Gwen Frost
Committee	George Smith Roy Bisset Roy Frost	Selectors	Gwen Frost Peggy Barlow
		Social Committee	Val McGlasson Betty Smith Mollie Raison

The personnel of these two and subsequent early committees made a significant contribution to the establishment of the two bowling sections, particularly in the period before the Club had a bowling green and all bowls was played at other clubs. None of the committee people listed above are current members of either bowling section,

Ladies Social Committee and the Women’s Bowling Club

Following the Foundation Meeting a Ladies Social Committee was formed to confirm the equality of membership status but also to organise social functions to support the pending license application and the contention that the Club was community orientated. This committee assisted significantly in the establishment of the Women’s Bowling Club. This contribution was recognised when two Past Presidents of the Ladies Social Committee were elected Patrons of the Women’s Bowling Club, namely, the late Stella Vickerage and a current Patron Norma Gall, (Norma also was the first lady Director of the Licensed Club, elected to the Board in 1973).

Application for Certificate of Registration (Liquor License)

The issue of a conditional Certificate of Registration was the key to future financial arrangements. Without this conditional approval to trade as a licensed club no financial institution would consider lending to the club the finance required to proceed with stage 1 of the building project, which was planned to include site clearing, a modest club house, one Bowling Green, access road and a car park. Detailed Council approved plans for the proposed development had to be available for the Licensing Court along with detailed financial proposals for the project.

Pigot, Stinson and Co., solicitors experienced in club work had been engaged earlier to advise the Club on preparation for the license application and recommended a barrister, Mr. George Rummery to represent the Club. The legal team convinced that bowling clubs as applicants for licenses were having more success than other sporting and social clubs at the time, presented the Club as a bowling club and called witnesses to support this line of evidence. After several preliminary mentions in late 1969 the court hearing proceeded on 14th January, 1970. The applicant and chief witness on behalf of the Club was the Secretary and proposed Licensee of the Club, Kevin Hill, supported by Gordon Atkins, President of the Men's Bowling Club, Ron Storey, Councillor of the N.S.W. Royal Bowling Association, and Charles Cook, Shire Clerk, Hornsby Shire Council to confirm Council support for the proposed club.

At the conclusion of day one of the hearing it became very obvious that the Magistrate was convinced that our Club was not a bowling club as viewed by the court but rather a family recreation club or as described by Magistrate Fitzmaurice in his decision "a country club without a golf course". Legal advice to the Club was to present an alternative application which included facilities for some additional sporting activities.

Responding to this advice the board decided to include two tennis courts and also some court required modifications to the plan for the club house. The additional requirements did put some additional strain on the financial position, the only avenue available being an appeal to members to further increase unsecured loans. It must be emphasised that at this time the Club had no revenue from trading operations.

Members Financial Contribution

The Licensing Court at the time imposed strict conditions as to the relativity of members' funds to borrowings; lending institutions also required a significant amount in Club or members' funds. The committee, with the approval of a general meeting, introduced a membership requirement of non-interest bearing unsecured loans of \$60 in addition to a joining fee of \$10.50 and an annual subscription of \$4.20, the loan being on a family basis, i.e. husband and wife one loan. Responding to an appeal from the committee for increased members funds many members increased their loans ranging from \$60 + and in some cases several hundred dollars. The required loan contribution was increased to \$100 at a general meeting on 10th December 1969. Loans were refunded if a member resigned or ceased to be a member for any other reason. (In 1987 members with unsecured loans were asked to consider donating their unsecured loans to the club, many members responded, resulting in the unsecured loan commitment being reduced from

\$32,491 to \$20,714).

At the time of preparing the license application in late 1969, members' unsecured loans stood at \$22,526 and by June, 1971 \$38,551. It should be noted that this was at 1968 -71 monetary values, convert to today's values using a factor of about 8 to 10 would give some appreciation of the relative value of the contribution by the members at this time. There is no doubt that the Club as we see it now would not have got off the ground without this significant financial support from such a loyal group of community minded citizens.

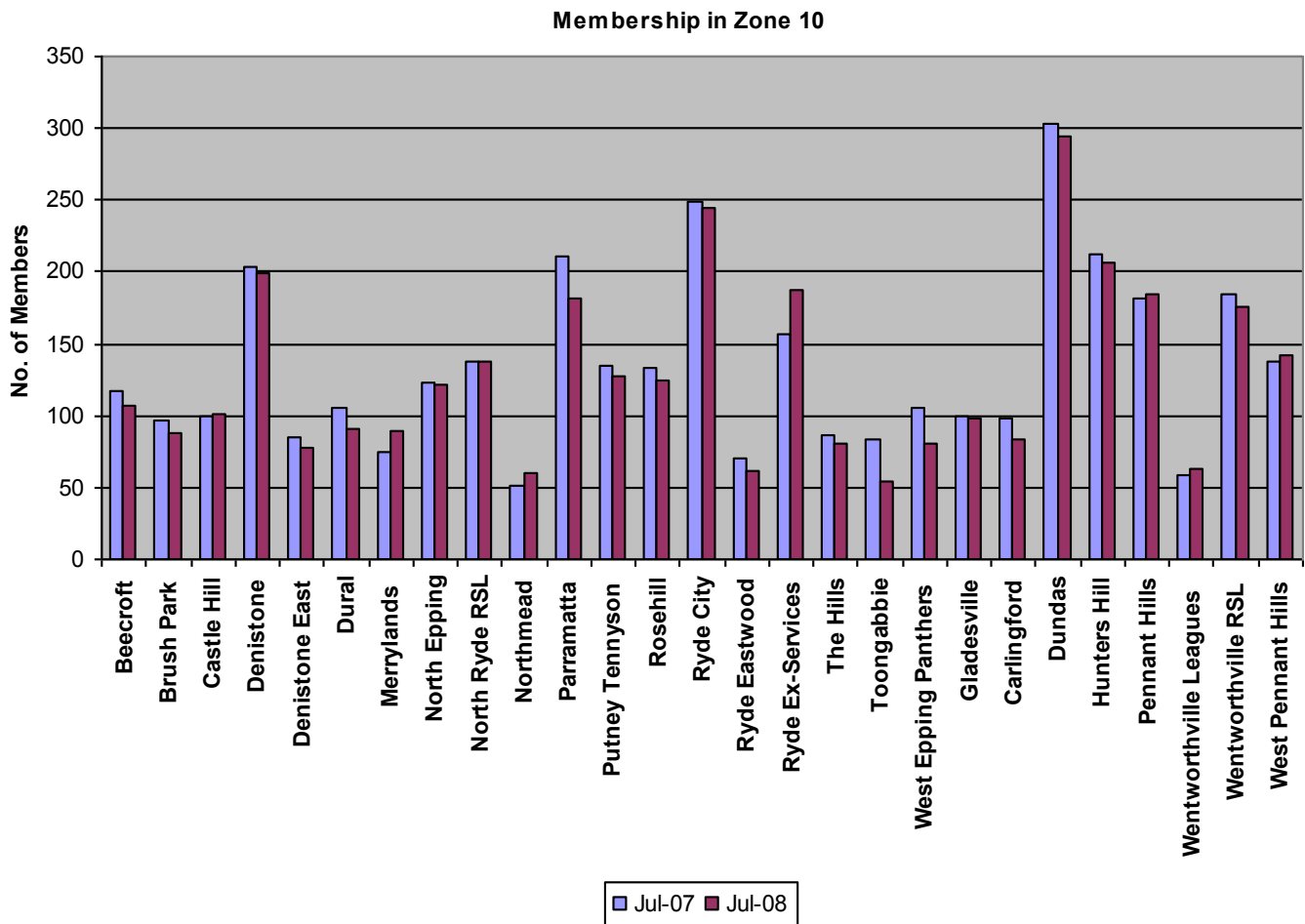
Stage 1. Project Costs

The original building plan for the first stage was intended to include site clearing, an affordable club house, one bowling green, access road and vehicle parking area etc. In response to the initial attitude of the Licensing Court the original plan for the club house had to be upgraded and two tennis courts included in the initial building project. Major components of the initial project being –

Site clearing, all building work, fitting out, access roads etc	\$53 500
Bowling Green	\$9 250
Electrical Supply	\$3 000
Tennis courts and fencing	\$4 286
Residual mortgage on land	<u>\$18 500</u>
	\$88 536

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In an effort to increase levels of membership recruitment, a sub-committee has been formed with the specific task of doing just that, increasing membership. The members of this committee are David Penny, Terry Barnett, Bill Arrott, Les Watkins and myself.



Many members would be aware of membership trends across the state following the special feature published in last months' Bowls Magazine. Looking at our zone and our two neighbouring Zones, like bowls in this state, we are facing a decrease in membership.

However, I would like to focus specifically on Zone 10.

As the graph above demonstrates, clubs across the board are facing difficulties in recruiting new members with only Carlingford, Dundas, Hunters Hill, Pennant Hills, both Wentworthville Leagues and RSL and our club of West Pennant Hills. However, the increase we have seen to our membership is not good enough. We believe that we as a club can do better to increase membership of not only bowlers but regular bowlers.

Your membership committee is working diligently to increase membership of our club with both junior/younger members and more mature members. We will be trying a completely new strategy with a combination of open days, "Bring-a-Friend" day, Twilight bowls and a re-introduction of the Schools Program. Furthermore, we will be seeking to actively promote the club throughout the local area and the zone to encourage growth in our membership. The committee looks forward to working with all members to secure the future of the club.

David Wilson

Chairman - Membership Committee.

(Please note: These graphs have been produced with data obtained from the RNSWBA Magazine. Correct at time of publication.)

SELECTOR'S REPORT AND GUIDELINES - ALAN BOWRY

1. Social Games

Clearly the number one priority is player enjoyment. Therefore, teams are chosen to be compatible and to perform to the best their ability on day. All games are recorded and reviewed with the objective of varying the teams each week with both experience and developing players. Our goal as selectors is to insure that we all enjoy playing bowls at our Club. Therefore respect each others ability as bowlers is of the utmost importance in achieving this goal.

2. Pennants

Our policy is to select Teams that will achieve the best results for our Club. Consistency of performance - playing lead, second, third or skip is a key issue. Each Team selected must be compatible with one another. This is so important in achieving continued success. The number of Teams for 2009 Pennants will be assessed upon receipt of all Player Profile Forms. If a bowler has any issue on any Team selections please contact the Chairman of Selectors.

3. Orange Blossom Festival Cup

Reviewing the results achieved by our 3 Grade sides with only one win on the day by our A Grade side proved a difficult task for all concerned. However, the experience gained by our Bowlers playing against such strong opposition will only benefit our club in the long term.

4. Hornsby Cup

This is a high class competition with all our teams performing to the best of their ability. Our Fours team narrowly lost in a spirited performance and our Pairs and Triple Teams tried very hard against stiff opposition. Special mention to Keith Robinson who was brilliant in his win over the fancied Asquith Champion.

MIXED BOWLS COMMITTEE - PETER EAGLE

The first event run by the Mixed Bowls Committee on Monday 6th October was a success- A FUN Day. Forty two people attended, which exceeded initial expectations, allowing the bottom green to be fully utilized. The numbers of men and women attending was evenly split with allowances being made for couples who wished to play together. The teams were of even strength and the rules of play kept simple, which was part of the theme of the day.

The sausage sizzle held prior to the commencement of play brought all the players together and helped create a relaxing atmosphere. With the aid of prizes donated by the Sports Club and raffle prizes donated by the Brasserie Restaurant this also added to the day.

The support and assistance provided by members of the men's and women's bowling sections prior to and on the day was greatly appreciated. Without their support, the Committee would have found it more difficult to achieve success.

Clearly, there is support for mixed bowls. The comments made by both men and women were very favourable and the will attend again. The Committee looks forward to the planning of the next event, which will probably be Australia Day (Mon. 26th Jan., 2009)



FROM OUR NEW SPONSORS - VICTORIA'S BASEMENT



Victoria's Basement Celebrated its 10th Birthday in 2006, however the foundations were laid 22 years ago when the Kalandarian Brothers opened their first 'Mr. Tablecloth' store on November 1986 in Sydney's historic and restored Queen Victoria Building.

The phenomenal success of this store led the brothers to open other related type gift stores in the building and along the way came up with the idea of transforming storage area in the basement of Q.V.B to a giant retail store. Thus Victoria's Basement was created for the basement of Sydney's iconic shopping landmark.

From its humble beginnings as one of the smallest stores at 13sq metres, this iconic store today occupies the entire south end of the Queen Victoria Building and it is a treasure trove of the world's most famous brands on homewares and giftware. Famous dinnerware, cutlery & crystal brands like Wedgwood, Royal Doulton, Villeroy & Boch, Waterford, Royal Albert, Riedel, William James, Whitehill, Salt & Pepper, Benzer, Portmeirion & more...

Famous cookware & kitchenware brands like Jamie Oliver, Tefal, Scanpan, Fissler, Nigela Lawson, Circulon, Anolon, Raco, Kinox, Mauvia, Mundial, Furi, Global, Avanti, Zyliss, Peugeot, Brabantia, Victorinox & More ...

The very simple policy of offering world famous brands at world famous basement prices has ensured Victoria's Basement success and today the company has incorporated its sister company 'Mr. Tablecloth' within the Basement and employs over 100 dedicated & friendly staff.

Since 2002 Victoria's Basement has expanded into three other locations around Sydney with its flagship Super Store at Auburn in the west, a Studio Store at Alexandria in the south east & a warehouse commercial store at Artarmon in the North. The Auburn and Alexandria stores have also expanded to offer a new indoor and outdoor furniture department.

As we have been frequent advertisers in most metropolitan newspapers we have for many years carried out a very successful mail & phone order business. Therefore it is a natural progression for Victoria's Basement to launch their WORLD FAMOUS BRANDS at WORLD FAMOUS BASEMENT PRICES on the WORLD WIDE WEB.

(Editor's Note: Victoria's Basement have recently become one of our major sponsors, joining Homeway First National Real Estate in supporting our club. Members may have noticed new signage on the scoreboards around the club, bearing the Victoria's Basement logo, and the homewares and giftware store's sponsorship of our recent mixed triples tournament. - DAW)

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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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 2.30pm

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