



NEWS FROM THE GREEN

THE BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING SECTIONS OF WEST PENNANT HILLS SPORTS CLUB

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FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the final edition of 'News from the Green' for 2008. It has been quite a year with lots of excitement happening on and off the green.

This edition is particularly momentous as it marks the final unification of the men's and women's bowling sections in terms of communications. Our new website (www.bowls.demaj.com.au) now displays information for both sections and this edition of the newsletter includes a report from the lovely President of the Women's section, Pat Jones. We hope that further integration will occur with the ladies providing more information for the newsletter, particularly news from their championships and other successes.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed reading their 'News from the Green'. The regular bi-monthly format will continue into next year. I look forward to receiving material from all members of the both the men's and women's sections. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2009.

D.A. Wilson

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS - MAJOR/MINOR PAIRS

In an exciting afternoon of bowls action where the tension, drama and energy created an atmosphere so electric you could cut it with a plastic sword! The Grand Final of the Barry Walker Major/Minor Pairs competition between the father and son dynamos **Barnett Breakers** (skip Terry Barnett, lead Aaron Barnett) and the unflappable **Robinson Raiders** (skip Keith Robinson, lead Ken Anderson) provided an outstanding display of bowls for all keen bowls fanatics.

A tight start to the game ensured a great tussle ahead with both teams throwing down the gauntlet. The **Barnett Breakers** were always in touch with their opponents. Through a combination of aggressive play and precision bowls, the **Robinson Raiders** held on to the lead until late in the game when the **Barnett Breakers** drew even with 2 ends to play.

In the concluding two ends of the game, the **Robinson Raiders** proved too good picking up 5 shots with the final score being in favour of the 2008 Major/Minor Champions Ken Anderson and Keith Robinson. Congratulations to the new champions and commiserations to the runners-up, no doubt this game will be recorded in the annals of club history.

Final Score: **Robinson Raiders** (19) def. **Barnett Breakers** (14)

Dave Wilson reporting.

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

Financing the Project

Financing the initial project was to be quite an exercise. An early problem being that the vendor of the land became concerned about his second mortgage status and the Club's borrowings and withdrew his support. The lending bank the then Bank of N.S.W. responded to the Club's problem, increased the bank loan and the vendor was paid out. The Club was fortunate to have a prominent local identity and a strong supporter of the Club as the then Manager of the Pennant Hills Branch, supported by some helpful contacts at the head office of the bank and Hornsby Council agreeing to a loan of \$10,000. The Club's borrowing position at January, 1971, and prior to any revenue from trading was \$79 648, in addition to members unsecured non-interest bearing loans totalling \$38 511.

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| Bank of New South Wales | \$59 500 |
| Hornsby Shire Council | \$10 000 |
| Several Contractors and Suppliers | <u>\$10 148</u> |
| | \$79 648 |

Stage 1 Construction

Kell and Rigby were the successful in their tender for the building work on a design and construct basis, the tenders included site clearing, access roads, bridge over the creek, club house and site preparation for bowling green and tennis courts; construction work commenced on 3rd August, 1970 and was completed on 31st December, 1970,

No .1 Bowling Green

There were four tenders for the construction of the bowling green, the broad specification being the preparation of the base and drainage, supply all materials, grass and bring to the final level, contract price \$9,250.(the second bowling green built in 1989 cost in excess of \$100,000.) Construction of the bowling green was completed during January 1971. It was the general practice at this time for clubs to employ greenkeepers rather than the contract system which generally operates today. The first greenkeeper commenced employment on 13th January, 1971, at the then award rate of \$65 per week, which included Saturday morning work. The current award rate for greenkeepers on similar conditions is \$520 per week.

License Approval

The conditional license granted on 15th May, 1970 was conditional on the Club being able to both finance and complete all building work included in the application. An unusual feature of the conditional license decision was that the whole of the site would be licensed. The reason for this being to ensure that the Club would complete all facilities included in the application. Thus began a series of court appearances commencing on 11th January through early March. A very zealous Licensing Sergeant found many reasons for deferment such as tennis court fencing not complete, bowling green not ready for play, club house not operational, the license was eventually granted on 1st March and the Club commenced trading on 8th March, 1971.

Opening of Club

The official opening of the Club on the 8th May, 1971 was performed by the late Max Ruddock, M.L.A., the then Member for The Hills electorate; the electorate in which the Club was then located. The choice of Max Ruddock to officially open the Club was very appropriate he had been an enthusiastic supporter of the Club during the formative years, attended many of our early public meetings and also was at the Licensing Court to support the Club's license application.

Opening of Bowling Green and the First President's Day

The opening of the bowling green was on 3rd April 1971; the formal opening was combined with a President's Day for the first President of the Men's Bowling Club, Gordon Atkins. The official opening of the bowling green, postponed several times due to unfavourable weather or unavailability of people, was performed by the then President of the Royal N.S.W. Bowling Association, N.K. Braddock, on 18th Dec. 1971.

- Wilf Morschel

Editor's Note - During the period 1967-71, Wilf was Vice President of the Club and Liaison Director for formation of the two Bowling Clubs. He has been subsequently elected a Life Member of the Club and remains an active participant in all areas of club life - DAW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.) Membership Fees

For clarification, as there seems to be a misunderstanding on payment of membership fees with regard to when membership actually commences. If you pay your membership in October for the following year, your membership is valid from October to December the following year.

2.) New Bowls Shirts

Orders for new bowls shirts are now being taken at reception in any size. The cost to members is \$25. Please place your orders now to ensure you have a club shirt in time for pennants.

3.) 2009 Calendar

The 2009 calendar is near completion and will come into effect on the 1st January 2009. While ever effort has been made to accommodate everyone, no-one will be entirely happy with the position of all championships. The most notable change is that many championship games will be played on SUNDAY in order to meet time constraints.

PRESENTATION DAY 2008

Our Champions and Runners-Up this year are as follows. Check our website for pictures from the day.

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| Keith | Robinson | Champion - Thorby Shield | Major Singles |
| Les | Watkins | Runner Up - Thorby Shield | Major Singles |
| Mathew | Stubbs | Champion - Bill Menzies Trophy | Minor Singles |
| Geoff | McIntosh | Runner Up - Bill Menzies Trophy | Minor Singles |
| Keith | Robinson | Champion - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Major Pairs |
| Nev | Roach | Champion - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Major Pairs |
| Don | Stubbin | Runner Up - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Major Pairs |
| Allan | Meaker | Runner Up - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Major Pairs |
| Paul | Chung | Champion - Bob McIntosh Trophy | Minor Pairs |
| Peter | Eagle | Champion - Bob McIntosh Trophy | Minor Pairs |
| Mathew | Stubbs | Runner Up - Bob McIntosh Trophy | Minor Pairs |
| Norm | Jackson | Runner Up - Bob McIntosh Trophy | Minor Pairs |
| Martin | Rogers | Champion - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Triples |
| Barrie | Stuart | Champion - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Triples |
| Ross | Tinmouth | Champion - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Triples |
| Don | Couch | Runner Up - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Triples |
| Dallas | Palm | Runner Up - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Triples |
| Kevin | Hoffman | Runner Up - WPH Sports Club Trophy | Triples |
| Keith | Robinson | Champion - Barry Walker Shield | Major/Minor Pairs |
| Ken | Anderson | Champion - Barry Walker Shield | Major/Minor Pairs |
| Aaron | Barnett | Runner Up - Barry Walker Shield | Major/Minor Pairs |
| Terry | Barnett | Runner Up - Barry Walker Shield | Major/Minor Pairs |
| Ken | Henry | Champion - Keith Walkom Trophy | Veterans Triples |
| Clem | Woodward | Champion - Keith Walkom Trophy | Veterans Triples |
| Norm | Jackson | Champion - Keith Walkom Trophy | Veterans Triples |
| John | Cameron | Runner Up - Keith Walkom Trophy | Veterans Triples |
| Edward | Barfoot | Runner Up - Keith Walkom Trophy | Veterans Triples |
| Allan | Meaker | Runner Up - Keith Walkom Trophy | Veterans Triples |
| Thompson | Lee | Champion - Joe Bedford Trophy | |
| Jonathon | Rixon | Runner Up - Joe Bedford Trophy | |

FROM THE LADIES - PAT JONES

On August 21st we played our annual friendly competition against Beecroft for the Leonie Hunter Rose Bowl. The competition was close but Beecroft won back the Rose Bowl.

On September 18th we had another friendly competition against Cheltenham for the Dawn Caldecott Shield. There were only 2 points separating both teams and this time we were victorious. It was lovely to have Keith Caldecott come and present his late wife's trophy. He talked about the good times they both had at our Club especially in its early days and told about the day they were playing on what is now the bottom green and there was a landslide from where the gardens are on the Northern Side.

During September we hosted a surprise luncheon for retiring State President Trish Part. It was a very enjoyable day with a number of guests coming from the other clubs in the District. Later in the month we held a Fashion Parade and the fashions were modelled by Yvonne De Beer, Denise Hopkins, Betty Lamb, Rosemary Roles and Gina Tobin. Shane provided lunch and it was both a social and financial success.

We have now played our last Championship Event, Minor Singles which was won by Judith McCreadie. Congratulations Judy.

On Wednesday 5th November 20 ladies went on a Bus Trip to the Yarramalong Valley where we stopped at an Alpaca Farm where we were able to pat the Alpacas and learn about how they are bred and the role they play in the Fashion Industry. Some of the ladies were able to buy some garments. From there we went to Ettalong for a very enjoyable lunch and on the way home we called in to see the Japanese Gardens and Gallery at Gosford. We are looking forward to our next trip in the New Year.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you back bowling in the New Year.



This publication has been produced for the Members of the Men's and Women'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? Call Bill Arnott on 9484 0370 to learn more and arrange an introduction to lawn bowls.

Arranging a corporate event for your workplace? Looking for something different for that family function? Then contact **Max Walters** at corporate@demaj.com.au. Visitors are invited to join us on social days.

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

Thursday (Ladies) Cards called at 9:45am. Games commence at 10:00am. Put your name on the list in the Sports Room

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

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

Sunday Mixed Bowls Games commence at 2:30pm (During daylight saving)

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