



The Koala News



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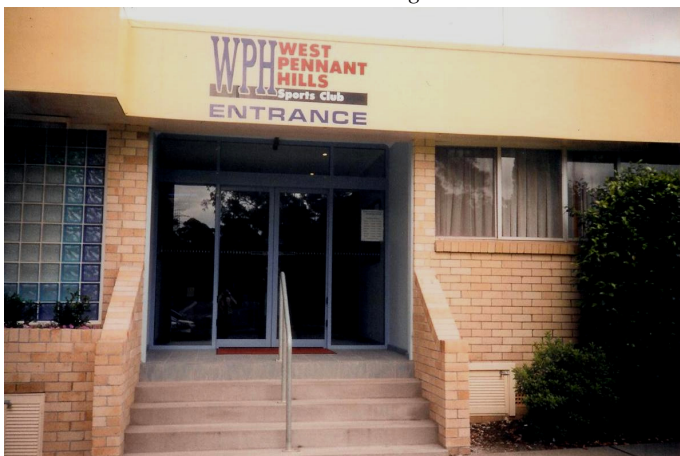
The Bulletin of the Men's and Women's Bowling Sections of West Pennant Hills Sports Club



LOOKING BACKWARDS



The original Club entry in 1970 with our former registered name 'West Pennant Hills Bowling & Recreation Club'



Club renovated and entry in 1998

A little nostalgia for those that can remember (or forgotten) the changes that have occurred in the growth of our Club and for the newer members who may be interested.

At the Foundation meeting of the Club in 1967 there were 244 members who met at Pennant Hills High School. The land was purchased in 1968. (Cherrybrook as we know it did not exist then). By 1969 both men's and women's bowling sections were identifiable groups, but membership was disappointing when only 12 men and 5 women expressed interest in bowling. The Club and the bottom green were constructed in 1970 and because there was only one green, players had to play at adjoining Clubs for the 6-8 weeks for the annual renovation. It was obvious a second green was required but finances restricted its construction with the cost blowing out to \$100,000. However due to sponsorships, loans from members and raffles, the second green was opened in 1989.

Today the Registered Club has approximately 10,200 members of which 180 are registered bowlers.



The current Club renovated and entry in 2002

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MEN'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Eagle

The New Year has arrived. I would like to wish all West Pennant Hills bowlers and their families a rewarding and prosperous 2012. To the bowlers, I hope you achieve success and enjoy your games, whether they are competitions or social. Without your involvement we do not have a club. In the latter part of 2011, WPH won the Orange Blossom Trophy, achieved a good result in the Hornsby Cup, and improved its position in the Club Challenge. In 2012, we hope to continue in the same manner. The selectors have been working hard putting together training programs so bowlers may improve their game. Some bowlers have taken to the task with relish and the results are starting to show. It is hard work and you have to commit. To bowlers who have not attempted the program . . . have a go, as nothing ventured, nothing gained and you may surprise yourselves. The calendar for 2012 has been complete and is now on the notice board as well as on the website. We have an extensive program this year commencing with the Major Pairs in late January. The Pennant season commences in February and training is well underway. This year will also see the inauguration of the Challenge Cup, which is to be played on a yearly basis between WPHills and Pennant Hills. In essence, *which club will have the bragging rights for 12 months?* This event is open for ALL bowlers to participate, as teams will be graded thirteen plus. Watch notice board for further announcements. We also plan to hold at least one Open Day in 2012. A meeting has been arranged with representatives RNSW Bowling Association in Feb to provide information on Open Days. It is important to attract new bowlers to our Club, so the game and the Club will flourish. Some bowlers who are not on the Committee have already volunteered their assistance and I thank them for their commitment and interest. More details to be supplied later. Zone 10 has invited bowlers from Clubs in the over 60 age group who have not played for Zone in the past, to try out for team selection. WPH has taken up the challenge and will be sending 3 bowlers. The experience will be of benefit and hopefully success will be the outcome.

In 2012, we will have our new uniforms. A lot of time and effort has been put into completing the requirements and I wish to thank everybody who has had involvement with the project. The uniforms *with the return of the Koala* on the shirts, jackets and caps is nearing completion. The shirts will be arriving shortly, with caps and jackets to follow.

I would like to commend the use of the Club website to all bowlers. The website provides information on what is happening around the Club. . . green updates, competitions internal and external, results, photos and matters of interest are supplied so bowlers are able to keep themselves up-to-date on what is happening. The website also allows bowlers to add their thoughts on a subject of interest to them.

The bottom green is now back in play. The top green is now undergoing renovation. The bottom green will take a little time to settle in, so please do not expect miracles in speed over the first couple of weeks. The top green (provided the weather is kind) is expected to be back in play by commencement of the Pennant season.

To all bowlers, have a good year. *Peter Eagle*



Bottom Green ready for first ladies day 10/1/2012



Top green already being renovated



LADY PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Ladies, a very happy, healthy and successful 2012 to all bowlers.

To bring you up to date, I must regress to 2011 when our bowling calendar came to a close with the Consistency Final Championship. This was won by Judy McCreadie with runner-up Veronica Doyle.

Our 2011 Queen of the Green was Rosemary Roles jnr, for winning the Major Singles and playing in the Triples and Fours winning teams. Well done Rosemary,



In October we celebrated Ailsa Graves 80th birthday, when she cut the cake and was presented with flowers.

We welcomed 9 ladies from West Epping to our Club due the sad decision by Penrith Panthers to terminate their association. Their Club is now our Club and

we hope they will be happy being with us.

It is good to see the continuation of the Mixed Championships. In December we saw the finals of the Mixed Pairs won by Veronica Doyle and Peter Eagle, with runners-up Anne Lucietto and Clive Donohoo.

Once again a Mixed Christmas luncheon was enjoyed, followed by the Presentation of the Mixed Trophies.

The Ladies commenced their festive season with a Christmas luncheon in our Restaurant. Our thanks to Peter for the 'special attention' we received. Tuesday 13th . . . Yet **another** Christmas luncheon! This was our Patrons & Past Presidents Trophy and Presentation Day as well as our break up luncheon. We had a lot to celebrate, hence the merriment. Winners were Margaret Sawyer, Ailsa Graves & Regina Tobin with runners-up Wendy Wise, Veronica Doyle & Lorraine Millburn.

We had a surprise visit from Santa, who kept distributing gifts from his sack. This was indeed a lovely closure to our 2011 bowling calendar.



However, surprise, surprise, our happy Santa was our busy outgoing President! Well done Bernice and thank you for all the fun.

It is pleasing to see the good response to the Mixed Triples to celebrate Australia



Day. Let's hope the weather is kind to us this year . . . a little cooler! Good luck to all the Pennant players for 2012.

I hope you have all returned with recharged batteries, ready to take on the other clubs.

Margaret Wighton



EDITORS CORNER

Welcome to this new format newsletter. With the Club's change of uniforms, the re-introduction of our Koala logo, and a new editor, it was decided to change our newsletter name and style. I hope you appreciate the changes.

Many thanks must go to our previous editors, David Wilson and Tony Boughton who have ably managed this publication since 2008.

Discussion about whether a newsletter is warranted into the future with our rapid computerization changes, is under review. Especially with our wonderful website which is updated almost instantaneously by Dallas Palm, as opposed to a quarterly newsletter which is almost out date before publication. More people are becoming 'computer literate and our website not only has the current news but also offers the opportunity to express your views on the 'Blog'.

Please read the information needed for your participation in our website on page 8 of this Koala News issue.

STORIES FOR KOALA NEWS



C'mon, all you bowlers out there! What about supplying a story or yarn about any good, bad or unusual experiences you have been involved with at your Bowls? There must be plenty! We output Koala News 3-4 times a year.

**Please send any info to the editor at:
maxwalters@bigpond.com**



Betty Lamb

Betty was born in 1928 at Beerwah on the Sunshine Coast Qld, where she lived until she was 2yrs old.

The family moved to Brisbane where she attended Kedron State School, when *chalk and a slate board were required for writing!!*

She always enjoyed sport and choir singing, and can remember only one occasion being sent to the Headmasters Office for answering back.

Betty's 1st job was at a Brisbane Department store. However she was very fond of ballroom dancing, and when Betty, her sister and friends attended, they were *chaperoned by their mothers*. . . can you believe that!

During the 'War Years' with an influx of troops stationed in Brissy, she met the 'love of her life' Jim, in 1944. Sadly, Jim was then sent to Borneo till 1947.

Jim lived with his parents at Rhodes NSW, and upon returning from the war, they were married. Due to the housing shortage then, they moved in with Betty's in-laws. They eventually built a home at Ermington, where they lived for 36 years and had 2 daughters. Family life was wonderful, with a great deal of it involved with the Uniting Church and Fellowship (which was their main social outlet). Betty always tried to have a productive, useful life such as cooking, dressmaking (or whatever needed to be done), etc. Her parents had always said 'if a jobs worth doing . . . do it well!' (*Apparently Betty tried, but the results aren't in yet . . . editor*).

Betty's daughters have married great guys and delivered her 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Betty's father-in-law encouraged both Jim (later becoming a Life Member of Denistone) and her to play bowls in 1986 at Parramatta RSL Club. They had many great times and bowling successes along the way.

They both travelled overseas, visiting USA (several times), England, Scotland, Ireland and NZ.

Jim became ill in 1992 upon moving to W P Hills to be near family, where he passed away in 1993. She then joined 'Legacy' (Eastwood), devoting many years helping out when needed. ('It was always fun being a *model* at their fashion parades' she said).

Betty has been on our ladies bowls committee for 23 yrs in one form or another, feeling privileged to have done so, with great times and friendships made. Her only claim to fame is '*being a good helper*' and with my grandsons' reckoning '*I'm the best Nan on the Planet!*' Remember, you only get out of life what you are prepared to put into it.

Keep laughing!

Betty

Koala Profiles



Steve Brady

Steve and his wife Pat were born in Barrow-In Furness in the North West of England.

Barrow-In-Furness is a small industrial town just 14 miles from the beautiful English Lakes District. Barrow is a ship building town, mainly building submarines and aircraft carriers. Subsequently during WW2, it received many numerous '*unfriendly*' visits from the German Luftwaffe bomber raids, which destroyed large areas of the town.

In 1958 they emigrated to the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Little did they know that major political problems were forming in parts of Africa that would eventually change their lives for ever.

On arrival in Salisbury Rhodesia, they found it to be an exciting place and quickly settled in to the much faster pace of life. Steve worked on the electrical installations of multi-story buildings and Pat worked as a florist.

In 1959 Steve was offered a well-paid position in Nyasaland (now Malawi). He never stopped to think why, until arriving in Blantyre, the capital. He soon found out that Nyasaland was in a 'state of emergency' with looting and rioting all over the country, so he subsequently ended-up volunteering for the British Colonial Police reserve, serving as an inspector for a total of 3 years.

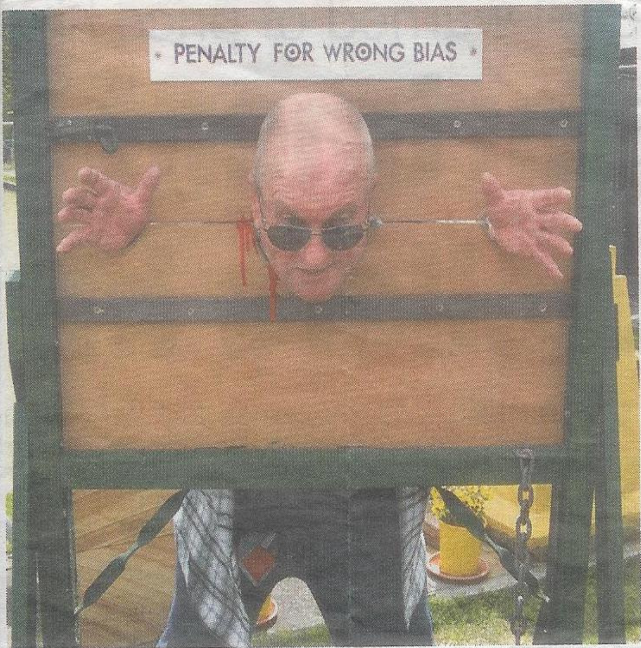
They left Nyasaland in 1963 and returned to Southern Rhodesia. Steve took up a senior position as technical services manager with the Meikles Hotel Group, which consisted of 17 Hotels (Town, Country and Safari) 2 of which were totally destroyed by artillery and RPG rocket attacks during the war. In 1996 hostilities commenced in Rhodesia with farmers and their families being brutally murdered by Communist trained terrorists. In 1973 when the war was reaching its peak, he was conscripted into the Rhodesian Army reserve, where as reservists they saw plenty of action and he served until the end of war in 1980. They served on a roster basis of 6 weeks in and 6 weeks out. In 1981, with President Mugabe now in control, they left Rhodesia with a only a maximum of \$1000 allowance per family allowed out of the country. Subsequently the Bradys' headed to Saudi Arabia, where Steve worked for over two years to make some quick money.

In November 1985 they immigrated to Australia where Steve took up a position as Director of Engineering with the Southern Pacific Hotel Corporation. This position entailed covering the whole of Australia, NZ, Asia, all the South Pacific Islands and India.

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HEY! LOOK WHAT HAPPENS ON THE CENTRAL COAST FOR A WRONG BIAS DELIVERY!

I'M STAYING HERE . . . Editor



IN THE STOCKS – Gerry Clough raises money for charity by paying a fine and spending time in the stocks for a bowling infringement.

Rest of the World takes bowls Ashes

AUSTRALIA has lost the Ashes for the second time at Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Bowling Club's Australia v Rest of the World challenge.

Overseas born players equalled their 2010 winning score of 106 in the mixed three bowl triples game, while Australia scored 85, up from 82 last year.

The trophy was accepted by winning captain Kenneth

Buggins. Players dressed in national costume and raised \$500 for the local branch of the Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia.

Central Coast support group co-ordinator and vice president Marie Stokes helped organiser John Martin present the Ashes trophy and winning raffle prizes.



RAFFLES v PRIZES



A discussion has recently come up with some male bowlers, whether raffles are the way to go, to generate interest (and revenue) after bowls.

Firstly a guess has to be made beforehand, what the weather and number of players will be, before meat trays can be ordered. Then people need to be allocated, volunteer or be drawn, to assist in raffle ticket sales. Then if a day is cancelled due to weather, the meat trays are sold possibly at cost/or a loss.

An easier alternative may be the option of paying the same amount that would normally be paid (\$5), but prizes could be possibly Club Vouchers or Wine, instead of Meat Raffles. However with a 'Lucky' rink (or another criteria), the players on the 'winning' rink would win Club Vouchers or Wine.

An example would be on any given day when we have say 30 bowlers. All bowlers pay \$5 each, therefore income is 30x\$5=\$150. If 50% was taken for profit, that would leave a \$75 (or an even amount) dividend to be distributed in one form or another to the 'chosen' rink players.

Those players who currently **do not** buy Raffle Tickets may possibly now decide to participate in this different form. . . *Who Knows? Editor*

Steve Brady (continued from page 4)

In 1992 with Mr Keating's recession, Steve then transferred to their Joint venture partners office in Jakarta, Indonesia. He spent the next 4 years as project manager, constructing hotels in Jakarta and Yogyakarta, returning back to head office in Sydney in 1996 and then eventually retiring in 2004.

Steve became a bowler at our Club in 2005.

His bowling hasn't improved since then! . . . editor

JOKE CORNER-



Mixed Pairs may not be as much fun as you think!

I rang up my local bowling club and I said 'Is that the local bowling club?' He said 'It will depend on where your calling from!'

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A well known skip was having a hard time from the other three in his team who had failed to contribute anything throughout the game.

At the last end the third walked down to the mat to play his bowl, and pausing, shouted back up the rink 'Where's the nearest bowl?'

'In your bloody hand!' answered the skip.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS 28th January 2012—14th April 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
SATURDAY	28 JAN 12	1:00 PM	PENNANT TRIAL V ASQUITH
SUNDAY	29 JAN 12	9:00 AM	MENS MAJOR PAIRS R1
SATURDAY	4 FEB 12	8:45 AM	KEN C. WIGHTON SINGLES CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS
SATURDAY	4 FEB 12	9:00 AM	MENS MAJOR PAIRS ROUND 2 (AM) ROUND 3 (PM)
SATURDAY	11 FEB 12	9:00 AM	MENS MAJOR PAIRS SEMI FINALS (AM) - FINAL (PM)
SATURDAY	18 FEB 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 1
SUNDAY	19 FEB 12	9:00 AM	KEN C. WIGHTON SINGLES - ROUND 1
WEDNESDAY	22 FEB 12	4:30 PM	MENS MINOR TRIPLES - CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS
SATURDAY	25 FEB 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 2
SUNDAY	26 FEB 12	9:00 AM	KEN C. WIGHTON SINGLES ROUND 2
TUESDAY	28 FEB 12		WOMEN'S PENNANTS COMMENCE
SATURDAY	3 MAR 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 3
SUNDAY	4 MAR 12	9:00 AM	KEN C. WIGHTON SINGLES - SEMI FINAL
MONDAY	5 MAR 12	8:30 AM	MENS TURN-AROUND-TRIPLES @ WEST PENNANT HILLS
WEDNESDAY	7 MAR 12	1:00 PM	MENS MINOR TRIPLES - ROUND 1
SATURDAY	10 MAR 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 4
SUNDAY	11 MAR 12	9:00 AM	KEN C. WIGHTON SINGLES - FINAL
WEDNESDAY	14 MAR 12	1:00 PM	MENS MINOR TRIPLES - ROUND 2
SATURDAY	17 MAR 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 5
WEDNESDAY	21 MAR 12	1:00 PM	MENS MINOR TRIPLES - SEMI-FINAL
FRIDAY	23 MAR 12	8:30 AM	CLUB CHALLENGE - PENNANT HILLS V WEST PENNANT HILLS
SATURDAY	24 MAR 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 6
WEDNESDAY	28 MAR 12	1:00 PM	MENS MINOR TRIPLES - FINAL
SATURDAY	31 MAR 12	9:00 AM	STATE PENNANTS LAY DAY
SUNDAY	1 APR 12	9:00 AM	STATE PENNANTS LAY DAY
MONDAY	2 APR 12	8:30 AM	MENS TURN-AROUND-TRIPLES @ PENNANT HILLS
THURSDAY	5 APR 12		WOMENS PENNANTS FINISH
FRIDAY	6 APR 12		GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY	6 APR 12	2:30 PM	MENS MAJOR SINGLES CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS
SATURDAY	7 APR 12		EASTER SATURDAY
MONDAY	9 APR 12		EASTER MONDAY
THURSDAY	12 APR 12		WOMENS CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP - ENTRIES CLOSE
SATURDAY	14 APR 12	12:30 PM	STATE PENNANTS - ROUND 7



Congratulations to the 2011 CHAMPIONS



(The ones to beat in 2012)

MEN

Barry Walker Classic: M Stubbs/K Hoffman
Fours Championship: M Kakoschke/A Barnett/
 M Stubbs/T Barnett
Major Pairs: Mark Kakoschke/Mathew Stubbs
Major Singles: Keith Robinson
Major Triples: I Corke/P Eagle/M Horner
Minor Pairs: M Dalgairns/ I Corke
Minor Singles: Alex Stewart
Novice Singles: David Roles
Player of the Year: Rod Gamble

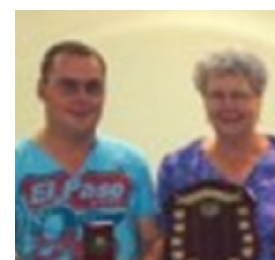
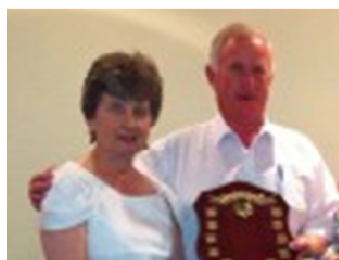
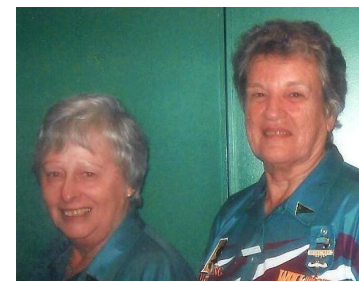
WOMEN

Consistency: J McCreadie
Fours Championship: R Roles/M Wighton
 J McCreadie/B Lamb
Major Singles: Rosemary Roles
Minor Singles: Anne Lucietto
Pairs Championship: R Roles/A Lucietto
Triples Championship: R Roles/B Hazeltine/J Egan

MIXED

Mixed Pairs: Veronica Doyle/Peter Eagle
Mixed Triples: B Lamb/K Robinson/M Stubbs

Make sure you enroll in the Club Championships by the entry time date and check your own diary before entering, so there will be no disappointment. The Champions above deserved their 2011 wins but it will be interesting to see how many names change in the 2012 results. Good Luck . . . editor



Apologies for photos I couldn't find



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR WEBSITE YET?

Well open your computer and click on Explorer and select our Bowling Website which is:

<http://bowls.demaj.com.au>

When this appears you have a choice of many headings to view, such as Calendar of Events, Championship Results, Photo Album, Bowlers Blog, previous Newsletters etc.

Navigating the Blog

Navigating the Blog is quite simple. Immediately below the Blog title 'Bowlers Blog' is a menu of pages of content for specific areas such as: *About, Greens Update, Who's online?, Contact Us.*

Selecting the heading will load the corresponding page.

Next in the centre of the page are the 'articles' or 'Posts' that have been put on the Blog. These are arranged with the latest at the top of the page. Try scrolling the page down to read older articles.

When you 'click' on the red **read more** button, it then opens up the whole article.

Recent Comments

This heading is top right of your screen and is a listing of the 5 most recent comments on the Blog.

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Have your Say . . Get your 2 bobs worth!!

However to make comments to existing articles or add to your own articles on the Bowlers Blog you will need to **Register as a User**. To do this select **Register** button in the **Meta** block on right of screen. Provided there are no errors, you will be emailed a confirmation email to complete the registration. Open the email and follow the steps in the email to finish the registration process.

Why all this rigmarole? Because we do not want hackers or undesirables entering and messing around with our site. Therefore the necessity to have you registered before having access to adding to the site.

It is hoped that with a little patience you will **ava go** and navigate the website successfully. Just remember that you view the site without registering, but if you wish to contribute then registration is essential.

If you have a question re our website, you can do one of 2 things: Open the website and 'click' on the purple heading at the top right '**Instructions**', which may solve your problem OR email Dallas Palm at:-

webmaster@demaj.com.au

I am not all that savvy myself with all this new technology either, and maybe we will all progress at the same rate! . . . editor



LOCKERS

The men's bowling section have almost completed the ownership of lockers. If you haven't yet paid for your 2012 locker, time has almost run out. Lockers not paid for will be allocated to a member on the waiting list. Please pay your \$10 or hand in your locker key if not required. If you require a locker, contact Dallas or a committee member please.

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The above bowls are for sale at an unbiased price of between \$100—\$105 (per set).

Enquiries: please see Dallas or Michael Schwarcz