



The Koala News



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CLUB CHALLENGE

The Inaugural *Club Challenge* between Pennant Hills and WPH Clubs



It was played at Pennant Hills Club Friday 23/3/12. The weather was superb, with a full complement of 30 male players from each Club participating. The morning game results favoured our Club and maybe we became a little 'laissez faire', because after lunch, we then struggled to maintain our lead in the second stanza. However the results went right down to wire with our opposition pipping us at the post. Suggestions were made that possibly some sneaky irregularities occurred to favour our opponents (such as spiking drinks, too much salt on the chips and other suspicious minor incidents). However, we let bygones be bygones, and we are now concentrating on the thrashing we intend giving them at *our* Club next year.



Peter Eagle handing over the Trophy to Terry Rae

HOW EMBARRASSING!

Was this a bowler who '*accidentally*' missed the bridge over the creek at the front of our Club? The offender apparently drove out of the carpark at 3am on 5th May. . . . well after bowling was has finished!



KOALA CARNIVAL



After wet weather cancelled the Ladies Koala last year, 2012 was a beauty.

The Ladies played this year on Monday April 30th. A full field of players from many Clubs graced our greens, with the weather deciding this year to behave itself.

Our Ladies put up a great effort winning the morning session with Anne Lucietto, Judy McCreadie and Betty Lamb, but the game was enjoyed by all.



The Mens' Carnival was held on Friday 4th May, again with virtually all lanes filled with 2 teams of three players . . . all were teams obviously contemplating big wins. The day was played in great spirit with a large plasma TV as the main raffle prize.



The winning Northmead team with our generous event sponsor, Bill Austin from Homeway First National R/Estate

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MEN'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Eagle

Since the inaugural issue of the Koala News, a number of events have taken place and matters have been dealt with which need to be highlighted. This allows the opportunity to touch on some of our ambitions and projects for the future.

In May 2012, the inaugural Club Challenge was played between West Pennant Hills and Pennant Hills. The idea of the Club Challenge arose when both clubs were in the process of completing a combined submission to host the Grade 4 State Pennant Final. Although we missed out on being chosen, and that is another story, we continued on with the Club Challenge idea. It has been agreed that the Challenge will be played each year on a rotational basis. It allows all bowlers regardless of ability to be involved. The cultures of both clubs are similar and ultimately the club who wins has the bragging rights for the year. However, unfortunately, our Club was beaten by only 7 shots. West Pennant Hills will be hosting the event in 2013. We can't wait to exact revenge!

The Pennant Season for 2012 has been completed. Unfortunately, West Pennant Hills were not successful in any of the grades. We should not be disheartened as the bowlers who participated tried hard. The selectors will be looking at the concept of the makeup of our Pennant teams and formulating ideas of what needs to be done for the 2013 season shortly. Personally, I would like to thank all of the bowlers, the selectors, coaches, umpires and the Sports Club staff for their contribution.

The new uniforms have been well accepted especially now that the Koala motif has returned. From the comments made by others outside of the club, the colour scheme and design of the uniform look great. A comment was made that West Pennant Hills teams stand out when mixed with other clubs. I am not certain if this is a good or bad thing, especially if have made a fool of yourself on the green which we all do from time to time. The Koala Carnival for 2012 has been completed. Homeway First National again sponsored the ladies and men's events.

Homeway First National has been involved with the Koala Carnival for 15 years and we hope will

be involved for many more years to come. Our Club performed well in both the Ladies' and Mens' Carnivals. The weather for the two days was perfect. From the comments made both internally and externally, those participating enjoyed themselves. West Pennant Hills has a good reputation for running events and we wish to maintain that standard.

A survey was completed recently involving the Men's Bowling Section. The bowlers were asked a number of questions ranging from management, communication, selections, greens, participation and commitment. The results are interesting as I understand this is the first time a survey of this nature has been completed. Shortly, the results of the survey will be released. Details will be also be supplied to the Board of the Sports Club for their reference. The survey allows the current management committee & future committees to plan for the future.

A lot has been said about the standard of our greens. Over the past couple of years it has been a bumpy ride with bumpy being the operative word. Over the last year or so a great deal of effort has been put into improving the standard. Although, there is still more work to be done, comments both internally and externally are indicating that the corner has been turned. The green keeper has put a lot of time and effort into the greens and credit must go to him for his effort. It is up to the bowlers to make sure that they protect the greens when being used.

West Pennant Hills pulls its weight in supplying assistance externally. Warren Phillips, the Senior Vice President of the Men's Section has now been elected to the position of Treasurer for Zone 10. He has also been elected onto the executive of Zone 10. On behalf of all bowlers at West Pennant Hills, we wish him well in his new position. Micheal Schwarcz and Les Watkins also occupy positions. Bob Cole has recently helped Zone in umpiring duties plus assistance was also provided to manage the Metropolitan Zone 10 Senior Side at various venues.

There is a big project in the wings and some work has been completed already. More will be revealed in due course.

Happy bowling and enjoy yourselves.
Peter Eagle



LADY PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

It was a good start to 2012, with such a great response to Australia Day. We had a little rain but not enough to spoil the day. The sausage sizzle went well due to the fine cooking by Peter and Ken Wighton with their off-siders Bernice and Margaret. The prizes and raffles as always, were well received.

In February we had the expertise of female Coach Kathryn Chatillion from the NSWWBA join us. Kathy showed our ladies the finer points of the game, along with hints on fitness and keeping up the intake of water and fruit.

This visit was followed by our ladies, Lorraine Begg, Anne Lucietto, Denise Hopkins and Wendy Wise winning the District Fours. After speaking with Skip Wendy, she felt the coaching clinic played a part in their win. Kathy's hints obviously stayed with our ladies throughout the Pennants.

With the start of Pennants comes the change in our shirts. Along with the men, we are wearing shirts, jackets and caps with the delightful return of the Koala motif.

In Pennants, Grade 3 finished 3rd, a commendable performance against strong opposition in this grade. The potential to win at this level is there and we look forward to 2013 with great anticipation. Well played to all ladies of Grade 4 for such a sterling effort coming second. Imagine what will be expected in 2013! You can do it ladies.

Pennant Results Grade 3.

1st Nth Epping 25 points / 2nd Asquith 23 points / 3rd West Pennant Hills 20 points

Pennant Results Grade 4

1st Pennant Hills (A) 42 points / 2nd West Pennant Hills 31.5 points / 3rd Beecroft 30.5 points

Well done ladies!

In March we had the pleasure of celebrating Wendy Haydon's (ex West Epping) 80th birthday with her enjoying cutting the cake and receiving her birthday gift.



After having to cancel last years Koala Cup (due to weather), it was exciting to have a full compliment before the closing date. It was a great day with good monetary prizes and super raffles. Bill Austin from Homeway First National Real Estate (our very generous sponsor) was there to present the winners with their prizes. Our ladies, B. Lamb, A Lucietto & J. McCreadie were among the morning winners. Well done!

Bowlers please note in your diary Monday June 11th (Queens Birthday), as this is our next Mixed event and everyone is welcome.

Margaret Wighton

Joke Corner

*A wife says to her husband:
'You're always talking behind my back.'
And he says
'What do you expect? You're in a wheelchair!'*



EDITORS CORNER

Welcome to the second issue of Koala News. This summer hasn't been as kind as it could have been with all that rain. However many of our Club Championships have been completed and the current Pennant season is also now finished.

The Committee have put in some hard yards on many issues this season, such as organization needed for the Pennant Hills/West Pennant Hills Challenge, the Koala Carnival (men's & ladies), and a Questionnaire for members feedback. Additionally, a Basic Coaching Course for 6 bowlers (4 men and 2 ladies) to assist when required, introducing the game of bowls to possible new members. Not to mention the weekly duties required throughout the year. . . . Well done guys!

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**



June
Scott

Koala Profiles



Ken
Wighton

A long time bowler and great supporter of our Club, June Scott (83 years old) kindly supplied me this profile.

June was born in Leeton, NSW (Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area) in 1928. Being one of 11 children, obviously there was no TV in those days! As a young lady she loved competing in a variety of sports (and successful in most of them).

She came to Sydney in 1945 and that is how she came to marry a city boy, Norm Scott (one of our bowlers who is currently not playing). Norm was a great bowler, full of fun and mischief (whether that is good or bad), which you confirm with anyone (including the ladies)!

They have been married for 61 years this year and Norm's response to that is *'you only get 10 years for murder'*.

When living at Hunters Hill, they joined the Henley Bowling Club in 1960. Both played bowls at Henley BC for many years until the Club closed. Both Norm and June joined WPH Bowling Club in 2000, and at both these clubs, enjoyed the sport and the friends they made.

June has been on the Committee of both Clubs and is still involved in lending support to our Club when required. She has also been one of our Selectors for 9 years (*a job not envied . . . editor*).

The Scott's have 2 great sons and lovely daughters-in-law, with 5 beautiful grandchildren, Ashley and Bev have adopted 4 boys. One of these boys came from Sth Korea (Khyun), who is very study oriented, just finishing his 3rd year at Nida (National Institute of Dramatic Art), hoping to become a producer or director after completing 4 years at Uni as well. The other 3 boys come from Carly in Columbia in Sth America. They are all younger and still studying except for one of them who died at 6 years old (*what an angel he was*).

Lucas and Margaret have a beautiful daughter and one son (*isn't he beautiful too? . . . editor*) and both are doing well in life.

June had to throw in this last comment *'that due to her bowling prowess, she has been successful at both bowling Clubs!*

Ken was born in Gordon, Sydney NSW in 1927. His home was close to bush lands and dairy farms which later became Lynne Ridge (Gordon) golf links. His early childhood was idyllic, roaming the bush, trapping rabbits, catching small fish and yabbies in the upper reaches of the Lane Cove River. He attended Gordon P/S, Artarmon Opportunity School, Sydney Technical High and Sydney Technical College, (now University of Technology).

World War 2 was raging and the Australian mainland was threatened early in 1942. In 1942 he started a printing apprenticeship but didn't finish his term. Enlisting in the army, he followed the footsteps of his father and 3 uncles who served in France and Belgium in World War 1. His older brother served and was decorated for bravery as a 'spotter' in New Guinea. Ken served for 15 months on operational service in Japan following their surrender in 1945. A granddaughter has kept up the army tradition, graduating from Duntroon, and is now a Captain in Army Intelligence stationed in Darwin.

Following his discharge, with an army mate, he spent a couple of years running a printing business in Grafton until huge floods devastated the town in 1950. Returning to Sydney, he spent 7 years at Johnson & Johnson as a Management Trainee, before joining Reckitt & Coleman as an Industrial Engineer. After several years he was made Production Director and retired after 20 years. Ken and wife Margaret were fortunate to travel overseas each year visiting company plants worldwide. His second marriage to Margaret encompasses 6 children, 9 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Sadly, they nearly all live in QLD which makes it difficult seeing them regularly. A month into retirement, boredom set in, so with Margaret, together with a partner, they opened P/Hills Printing & Stationary in an empty shop. First day sales—80cents! Fortunately the business flourished and was sold 8 years later. Ken found time to write and publish a novel called 'Endless Dream'. This first book was sold out and Ken is currently writing his 2nd novel. *(Continued page 7)*

RAIN



IT'S A WASHOUT!

You are undoubtedly aware of the many cancelled bowls days we have had this summer.

But did you know that the male bowlers had 19 days cancelled out of 103 = 18.4%.

The women 6 days out of 27 = 22%.

Twilight bowls 10 cancelled out of 24 = 48% and also 5 out of 6 Corporate days were cancelled. This is by far the worst season in 5 years the editor has experienced at our Club.

Apart from not being able to perfect our game due to the rain, obviously our income is down from reduced green fees and raffles.

Lets hope for a vast weather improvement for the remainder of 2012.

Womens District Fours Winners



Lorraine Begg, Anne Lucietto, Denise Hopkins and Wendy Wise were our champions.

The ladies led all the way, winning 19-14 against the favourites Asquith on 9/2/2012. Congratulations ladies.

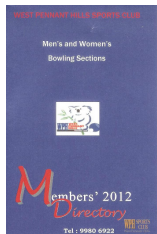
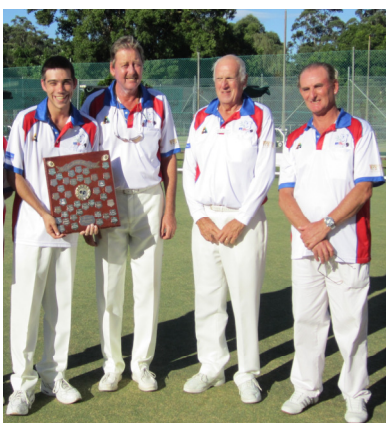
?Did you Know?

If someone asked you if you were aware of the age groupings of our bowlers (men and women separately) . . . What would you guess?

For example: What is the percentage of our male bowlers over 60yrs OR what percentage of our female bowlers are over 80yrs. (See page 8)

2012 Mens Major Pairs Championship

This game was played on a day interrupted by rain and the greens became very slow. Aaron Barnett and Ross Tinmouth overcame the formidable pair of Eric Hilton and Rod Gamble on 11th Feb to win comfortably in the end, 26-10 after the game became rather close after 13 ends. with only 5 shots the final difference!



MEMBERS DIRECTORY

The 2012 Directory for both ladies and men is now available in the Bowls room, showing names, phones, addresses & emails of members. **Don't forget your copy!**

EARLY HISTORY OF BOWLS

Bowling dates back at least to the 13th Century, as depicted in a manuscript with the picture shown. This shows 2 bowlers each standing by a small cone and bowling toward each others cone.



The winner would probably be the one who first succeeded in knocking over the others cone, as measuring the closest would be difficult. *(No name or description was given to the game then).*

English laws **against** some sort of bowling or another, appear in 1477 and then again in 1541 (usually in favour of Archery, which had more military merit). In the 1541 law, anyone possessing land worth at least 100 pounds could get a license to play bowls on his own land. A bowling green was often found as part of the gardens in the estates of the time.

King Henry VIII was an avid bowler, and no character as forceful as 'Great Harry' would could continue to play if he did not win! The famous account of Sir Walter Raleigh playing bowls at the approach of the Spanish Armada is probably fictitious but it indicates how it was a favoured entertainment of the Elizabethan nobles at the time. Queen Elizabeth I was also supposed to have played bowls. *(Not at our Club)!*

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS 26th May 2012—20th July 2012

Saturday	26 May 12	4:30 PM	Mens Minor Singles - Closing Date for Nominations
Sunday	27 May 12	9:00 AM	State Pennants Post Sectional Play
Wednesday	30 May 12	12:30 PM	Mixed Pairs - Semi-Final
Saturday	2 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Singles - Day 1
Sunday	3 Jun 12	8:45 AM	Mens Minor Singles - Round 1
Sunday	3 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Singles - Day 2
Monday	4 Jun 12	8:30 AM	Mens Turn-Around-Triples @ Beecroft
Tuesday	5 Jun 12	9:30 AM	Mixed Pairs - Final
Thursday	7 Jun 12	12:00 AM	Womens Club Major Singles
Monday	11 Jun 12	12:00 AM	Queens Birthday
Saturday	16 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Singles - Day 3
Sunday	17 Jun 12	8:45 AM	Mens Minor Singles - Round 2
Sunday	17 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Singles - Day 4
Monday	18 Jun 12	12:00 AM	Women's District Singles Round 3
Tuesday	19 Jun 12	4:30 PM	Mixed Triples - Closing Date for Nominations
Saturday	23 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Pairs - Day 1
Sunday	24 Jun 12	8:45 AM	Mens Minor Singles - Round 3
Sunday	24 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Pairs - Day 2
Wednesday	27 Jun 12	12:30 PM	Mixed Triples - Round 1
Saturday	30 Jun 12	9:00 AM	State Pairs - Day 3
Saturday	30 Jun 12	1:00 PM	Mens Minor Singles - Semi-Final
Sunday	1 Jul 12	9:00 AM	State Pairs - Day 4
Sunday	1 Jul 12	4:30 PM	Mens Minor Pairs - Closing Date for Nominations
Monday	2 Jul 12	8:30 AM	Mens Turn-Around-Triples @ Dural
Tuesday	3 Jul 12	9:30 AM	Mixed Triples - R2
Thursday	5 Jul 12	2:00 PM	Womens Club Triples - Entries close
Saturday	7 Jul 12	9:00 AM	State Fours - Day 1
Saturday	7 Jul 12	12:30 PM	Mens Minor Singles - Final
Sunday	8 Jul 12	9:00 AM	State Fours - Day 2
Tuesday	10 Jul 12	12:00 AM	Womens AGM
Wednesday	11 Jul 12	12:30 PM	Mixed Triples - Semi-Final
Saturday	14 Jul 12	9:00 AM	State Fours - Day 3
Saturday	14 Jul 12	1:00 PM	Mens Major Singles - Spare Day
Sunday	15 Jul 12	8:45 AM	Mens Minor Pairs - Round 1
Sunday	15 Jul 12	9:00 AM	State Fours - Day 4
Tuesday	17 Jul 12	9:30 AM	Mixed Triples - Final
Thursday	19 Jul 12	12:00 AM	Womens Club Triples
Friday	20 Jul 12	12:00 AM	Champion of Champions Entries Closing Date

Ken Wighton Profile continued from page 4

Ken has been a member for Epping RSL for 45 yrs, where he is currently the Vice President and Welfare Officer, where sadly the numbers are declining and membership is about 600. He was awarded 'life membership' of the RSL sub-branch in 2000 and 'life membership' of RSL Australia in 2008. Ken is also a Board Member and Vice-President of Finance at Epping Club.

Bowls became his passion in 1995 after selling his printing/stationary business. In his 1st year he won the Novice Singles. Ken has won ALL Championships at least once, the highlight being the Major Singles in 2000.



President Doug Harvey presenting 2000 Major Singles Trophy to Ken Wighton

The re-naming of the Novice Singles to the 'Ken Wighton Singles' left him delighted and speechless! He was Vice-President of the Bowls section for 3 years, when his best mate Barrie Stuart was President and wife Margaret was the current Ladies President.

A lover of all sports, however bowls is his favourite. He said it gives him companionship and creates friendships that endure for a lifetime.

Novice Singles V Ken Wighton Singles

The Novice Singles has been a traditional event at Bowling Clubs, designed for players who have not won any events within 5 years of bowling. It was decided to change the qualification of this event by allowing any member who has not won a title at any time with no time restriction. Because the event has changed, what better name could the event have than the Ken Wighton Singles, named

after one of nature's gentlemen.

Inaugural winner Steve Brady with his fierce competitor Bob Cole and Ken there to present the Trophy.



Coaching

I don't know what you think about coaching, but I came across this article the other day, and realize that I unfortunately fit into these scenarios. . . *Editor*

Examples of player attitudes

'I don't want to go back to the start and learn all over again!'

In this area you are the boss. The normal approach is that, after assessment, the coach will tell you your basic faults and leave it to you to decide whether correction be on a gradual, partial or total basis.

'I'm OK—I just need more practice'

Who doesn't? And coaching is of limited value unless supported by regular practice. The bulk of bowlers practicing are only practicing their 'compensations'. For instance, if you swing and deliver with a bent arm, you will probably 'flip' the bowl, with your hand finishing head high or to one side. So when you practice, you only practice 'flipping'. It is only when you learn to deliver with a straight arm, with the hand finishing knee high pointing along the aiming line on the follow through, that you are 'practicing'.

Incidentally, 'practice' means just that—not a fun roll up where the result is more important than the technique used.

'I would be too embarrassed to go to a coach'

Would it be fair to say that you feel embarrassed with say, three bowls all 10 feet from the jack? Is Tiger Woods embarrassed to go to the coach?

The smart bowlers go to coaches. It is certain you have now realized how smart you are.

'I'm too old and creaky—my body would not stand it'

The coaching aim is always 'to tailor a technique to suit the individual'. This does not mean throwing away the coaching manual. Instead it is a question of adaption. You would be surprised how we can get around a little arthritis, a creaky knee or hip or a bad back.

You can easily learn to bowl off the wrong leg. I know a coach who does a lot of work with the disabled, and he coaches a pupil with no arms.

Think about it!



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.

In the previous Koala News, I gave some guidance to assist you access the site, however if you have queries or seek assistance, please email our website manager Dallas Palm at:-

webmaster@demaj.com.au

?Did you Know? (continued from page 5)

MEN

4% are under 30 years / 2% are in their 40's
7% are in their 50's / 26% are in their 60's
38% are in their 70's / 23% are in their 80 years +

WOMEN

30% are in their 60's / 40% are in their 70's
30% are in their 80's years +

With no women under 60 years of age!

(I might have to join another Club . . . Editor)

BOWLS



SALE

Greenmaster XV-ONE
2 Heavy (as illustrated)

Colour—Burgundy speckled with gold inlay with rabbit motif in blue outline.

Bowls in excellent condition. Rarely used and approx 2 years old. \$350 (ONO)

(Ken Anderson kindly donated these bowls).

ALSO Other Club bowls FOR SALE

- 2002 Henselite Maestro Deluxe Size 5M / Blk
- 2005 Henselite Classic II Deluxe Size 4HM/Blk
- 2004 Henselite Classic II Deluxe Size 3H / Blk
- 2009 Henselite Eureka Gold Size 4H / Blk
- 2002 Henselite Classic II Deluxe (includes bag) Size 2H Black

The above bowls are priced between \$100—\$105 (per set).

Enquiries: please see Dallas or Michael Schwarcz



Message from our Chairman *Richard Hickey*

Welcome to this second edition of of the Koala News. I would like to

take this opportunity to congratulate all the bowlers over the last few months who have been competing at various levels.

As you are all aware, I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the bowls over this period.

Hopefully one day I will be good enough to join you and wear that 'interesting shirt!'

Best Wishes, Richard

Our thanks to Richard as a supporter of the bowls section as Club Chairman and as an individual.

INTERESTING . . .

The cost of joining WPH Sports Club and bowling in January 1980

FEE'S	
<u>MAIN CLUB</u>	
JOINING FEE	10-50
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	5-00
INTEREST FREE LOAN	100-00
	\$115-50
LOAN REPAYABLE IN FULL ON TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR DEATH	
<u>BOWLING SECTION</u>	
ANNUAL FEE	\$8-00
<u>GEAR REQUIRED</u>	
	APPROX.
SET OF BOWLS	68-00
BOWLS CASE	45-00
BOWLS SHOES	38-00
WHITE TROUSERS	32-00
SHIRT WHITE	20-00
HAT WITH BAND	15-00
WHITE CARDIGAN OR JUMPER	30-00
WHITE RAIN JACKET	15-00
WHITE SOCKS	4-00

The information above belonged to a former member, Peter Roditis (who has since passed away), and was given by his wife Anna to Keith Robinson. **Specially note cost of bowls!**