



# The Koala News



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



A great turnout of 45 bowlers was in attendance for our Appreciation Day. The format in previous years had been mainly acknowledging our Pennant players, but this year, apart from that, we also had discussions about a 'Questionnaire' the members had previously completed.

Warren Phillips did a great job compiling the questions and then collating the results which Dallas presented as a slide presentation. Warren proceeded to explain the results of each issue raised. Many of the questions raised from the floor were about Pennant selections and the number of teams we should have, with Michael Schwarcz mainly responsible for the responses. There were a number of issues discussed on this item (plus others) and President Peter Eagle was delighted with the way this forum was able to get feedback from members and told the gathering that many of the points raised would be seriously considered by the Committee.

No fighting was seen by the editor during the meeting, and after some nibbles, our normal Saturday bowls commenced after what was hopefully an extremely productive morning.

## NEW MEMBERS DRIVE

Both Bowling Sections realize the importance of retaining and preferably growing the number of bowlers at our Club, and with that goal in mind, we are running an OPEN DAY on Sunday 14th Oct. We will be seeking assistance from bowlers to help deliver our printed leaflets in their own areas, approx 2 weeks prior to the event. We hope our member efforts and financial assistance from the Club are fruitful in our recruitment.



## MEMORIUM Cliff Sullivan



Cliff Sullivan played many roles within the community of West Pennant Hills. One of the many activities of this was evident by his activities on various bowls committees during the earlier years. Bowls was also an activity that he and his wife Joyce could be involved in together. They both combined their bowling activities with Cliff as the Convener of the Mixed Section and also ran a successful Sunday bowls competition.

We appreciate the very generous donation made by the Sullivan's towards the top (2nd) green which was named after them and then opened in 1989.



Cliff will be remembered for his sportsmanship, generosity & as a true gentleman. (Cliff passed away 22nd May, aged 97 years).

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## MEN'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Peter Eagle*

This is the last edition of the Koala News issued by Max Walters. I would like to thank Max on behalf of all the bowlers at West Pennant Hills for his dedication in completing the tasks required. The articles produced are informative with many touches of humour. Max is taking on a new role within the Men's section which I am sure he will undertake with the same enthusiasm. To Don Carpenter who loves a chat and Ian Corke, the quieter one of the two, I also wish them well in their roles producing future editions. I am sure both will do an excellent job. By the time this edition is produced, the Men's and Ladies bowling sections will have held their respective Annual General Meetings. I hope the 2012/2013 year will be productive for both the Men and Ladies. To Betty Gough, the President of the Ladies section, congratulations on your election and to all your team. In the Men's Annual General Meeting Report, mention has been made about a number of challenges that have been completed or are in the process of being completed. I will not dwell on those challenges in this report except to say that I believe some big steps have been taken in the last twelve months. It is important that we continue to move forward because if we rest on our laurels we will slip back and the hard work will have been wasted. The Open Day which is being held in the near future is an attempt to increase membership. A lot of hard work has been put into task and hopefully the rewards will be forthcoming. The Royal New South Wales Bowling Association has provided a great deal of assistance to help us in staging our Club's Open Day. On behalf of the Men's bowling section, I would like to congratulate those members at West Pennant Hills who have recently been elected to positions at Zone 10. Warren Phillips, Micheal Schwarcz, Les Watkins, Bob Cole and Don Stubbin as the auditor. West Pennant Hills is certainly playing its part in dealing with matters at our Zone level. To all the bowlers at West Pennant Hills, both men and women, you are the backbone of the club and without your support nothing will happen.

I hope the next twelve months will be a successful year and that your ambitions will be fulfilled.

*Peter Eagle*

## Umpires Comment

At a recent Club Umpires meeting 2 items concerning the laws were discussed. The perennial item seems always to be the law on foot faulting. Law 20.1 is very clear. **When you stand on the mat before delivery of the jack or bowl you must have one foot fully on the mat. At the point of delivery of the jack or bowl you must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.**



*Don Couch*

It's that simple but how often do you see our club members not observing this task? An umpire may advise the player during a game, giving the player a chance to correct the error.

The second item discussed was about players stopping bowls going into the ditch. We all do it when it seems so obvious. How can you be 100% sure the bowl is not going to stop on the edge of the green? **It is advisable to always let the bowl fall into the ditch to avoid any problems which are covered by Law 28. Both of these situations do carry penalties.**

John Skidmore is doing his accreditation for becoming an umpire and Peter Eagle will be doing his re-accreditation. Thanks guys. . . *Don Couch*



## THANK YOU MAL

Mal Horner has been Bowls Co-Ordinator the last 3 years and before that a Selector & Committee member for the preceding 5 years.

He has been a valued member of all sub-committees he served on, including Match Committee, Events Committee and Tournaments Committee. He is now stepping down from his current role. This means he can probably concentrate more on his bowling now (which he obviously needs)! He was the main person who sets out the programme of the yearly Club competitions, arranged the Pennant trial matches, confirmed individuals & team captains of events entered, supplied match results to media or recorders, represented the Club at Turnaround Triples meetings and chaired the Koala Carnival Committee. He also (rather badly) often called the cards on normal playing days. . . David Wilson quotes 'you will not find a harder working or dedicated bloke than Mal Horner'. *I believe your possible replacement is currently terrified of taking on this role and will need your help! . . . editor*



## LADY VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following the Ladies very successful Koala Carnival the Mixed Pairs was played. Peter Eagle and Veronica Doyle were the winners, David & Rosemary Roles the runners up.

While our Pennant players were busy playing hard to win their matches, the ladies back at the club were trying to win the Margaret Wighton "Non Pennant Trophy." This year it was Pat Brady, runners up June Scott & Ailsa Graves. Well done ladies.

In April and May we celebrated Margaret Wighton and Val Harvey's 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays, with Val & Margaret enjoying cutting their cakes and receiving their flowers.

May saw the start of our Championships, results as follows.

Pairs Winners: Betty Gough, Joan Ellem

R/u: Denise Hopkins, Veronica Doyle.

Major Singles Winner: Lorraine Begg.

R/u: Joan Ellem.

Triples Winners: Betty Gough, Joan Ellem, and Judy Mc Creadie

R/u: Betty Lamb, Lorraine Milburn, and Norma Sneddon.

Mixed Triples Winners: Peter Eagle, Warren Phillips, Kaye Eagle

R/u: Kevin Tuckerman

Denise Hopkins, Rod Gamble.

The Minor Singles and Joy Walker Consistency Championships are yet to be played.

Our AGM was held early August. President Bernice Francis did not stand for re-election. We thanked her for the great job she did by filling the vacancy for the past year. We hope Bernice enjoys good health in the future.

Betty Gough is our new President, and we look forward to a successful year with her at the helm. Betty's Executive Committee is;

Vice Presidents; Jeanette Egan and Margaret Wighton.

Secretary; Anne Lucietto

Treasurer; Judith McCreadie.

Recently the NSDWBA held Veterans Day at Dural Country Club. Bowls was played in the morning followed by a lovely lunch. Three of our Ladies also qualified for receiving a Veteran's

Badge (80 years and over) and a single rose. Ailsa Graves, Val Harvey and Margaret Wighton were the lucky recipients!

As usual at this time of the year, Beecroft BC and WPH BC played a friendly but serious game to win the Leonie Hunter Rose Bowl Trophy. It was our turn to win the trophy back from Beecroft and for ¾ of the game we had it, however Beecroft surged ahead winning 134 to 118. It is always a happy day and played in a friendly spirit.  
*Margaret Wighton*

*Two of the Ladies recently celebrated their 80th Birthday at the Club. Congratulations to Margaret Wighton (pictured left) and Val Harvey with President Bernice Francis . . . Editor*



## EDITORS CORNER

Welcome to this 3rd edition of Koala News. The weather has greatly improved since the last issue and thankfully most of our events have run more smoothly since then.

I would like to congratulate both our bowling sections in their renewed efforts in attempting to combine in more events together. This should definitely make our Club stronger, hopefully also more competitive and a socially better bonded Bowling Club.

Unfortunately this is my final Koala News as I now have another role to play. The new editor will be Don Carpenter with production by Ian Corke. I wish them well and know they will add a new dimension to this newsletter.

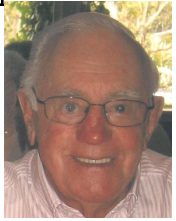
## KOALA NEWS STORIES



**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 new editor at:  
duck2488@tpg.com.au**



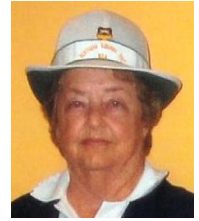


**Roy Robinson**

*(Who married the girl next door)*



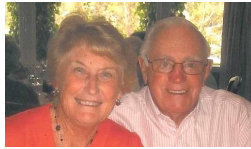
# Koala Profiles



**Shirley Gunton**

Roy was born in 1931 (the youngest of 8 children) and raised in the Ryde/Gladesville area. His first real job was to complete an Automotive Engineering apprenticeship, working in the trade for only 7 years. Loving sport, he involved himself in anything competitive, including all football codes, tennis, cricket, golf, boxing (*that explains a lot!...editor*) and motor racing. However, although being keen, he never excelled in any sport. However his father was a State champion in rowing and all of his brothers played 1st grade football, one of which (Latchum Robinson) was a league international, coached the Balmain Tigers and managed Aussie Test teams. Roy was disappointed that none of that talent rubbed off on him!

In 1953 . . . all of a sudden he noticed *'the girl next door'*. She had lived there for about 3 years but Roy hadn't taken much notice of this little kid Margaret. He finally woke up to himself, and Roy married Margaret in 1956, and enlarging their family to 5 in 8 years. Currently the family totals 16 including 8 grandchildren.



Early in his married life, he tired of mechanical work, desiring a new direction. An offer as a District rep became available at BP and although his education was below the required standard, he was fortunate in obtaining the position. He worked there for 10 years in Sydney, Goulburn and Lismore. During that time BP gave him the opportunity to attend management schools and additional training in economic management. In the early 70's whilst in Lismore, he was head hunted to join a large International company as their Services Manager. In the late 70's he was approached to manage a small building company. Knowing the job entailed the difficulties of building the business up, Roy negotiated a package that included receiving a lesser salary but with 20% of the business.

Part of his earlier duties when with BP, was the purchase of land for service stations with also input into their buildings and maintenance. This naturally gave him an advantage when tendering for Oil Company work which would benefit his new building company.

In the early 80's Roy purchased the other 80% of the company and in the ensuing years built many service stations & fuel installations throughout NSW. Government work followed, with buildings and upgrades for schools, hospitals & offices. Clubs followed with upgrades to Balmain Leagues, and 3 RSL Clubs to name a few. *Continued on page 8*

*Shirley and her husband Doug are still members (although Doug does not bowl any more), and the majority of current members may not know them, but the editor believes it appropriate that we should all be aware of the great contributions these earlier members made to our Club. Particularly in Shirley's case who additionally is a Life Member and Patron of the WPH Women's Bowling section . . . Editor*

Shirley was born in 1928 in Bingara, a small town on the North West slopes of NSW, having one older sister and two older brothers. Sadly, they are all now deceased. Her father's family had a Timber Sawmill & Building business in Bingara.

Shirley attended schools in Bingara, Manly and Maroubra, commencing her working life as a stenographer to a firm of Solicitors in Bingara. Tennis was her favourite sport and she spent all her spare time playing Club and district tennis comps. Her parents moved to Newcastle in 1953 and Shirley joined the Commonwealth Bank branch there. During this time, she was a member of the Newcastle Gilbert & Sullivan Co. (mainly in the chorus) and really had lots of fun. Shirley and Doug first met, when Doug came to her CBA branch with the Head Office Inspection Staff, and then again later when Doug was on the staff of the group which opened the new Branch at Swansea. They married in 1958 and were blessed with two children, Peter and Wendy, who have given them four lovely grandsons. Their first home was a flat in Fairlight, then they built a house in Miranda. The Bank transferred them to Albury for 3 years and then back to Sydney to live at Normanhurst for 33 years, until moving their present home in West Pennington Hills. Doug became so involved in our WPH Bowling Club, that Shirley decided she had better join too, which she did in 1986. She became Secretary the following year for 3 years, and later President, also for 3 years. Shirley was then nominated for and became Vice President of the Northern Suburbs District Women's Bowls for 3 years and later also President for 3 years. During this time she was a Delegate to the NSW Women's Bowls for 6 years. Her last contribution to our Club was as Bowls Organiser for 6 years. Along the way, she has been very lucky to have won many trophies for a game that she loves. In 2005 Shirley was thrilled to have been made a 'Life Member' and then a very proud Patron of our Club.

When younger, Doug and Shirley enjoyed travelling extensively around Australia and overseas, having great memories of those happy times.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2012-2013



*Back L to R:* Margaret Wighton (Vice President), Jeanette Egan (Vice President), Judith McCreadie (Treasurer). *Front L to R:* Anne Lucietto (Secretary), and Betty Gough (President)

*Committee:* Lynne Hindle, Bernice Francis, Kaye Eagle and Margaret Sawyer

*Selectors:* Veronica Doyle, Joan Ellem, Denise Hopkins & Rosemary Roles jnr

*Match Committee:* Pat Jones, Lorraine Begg & Cass Joyce

*Social:* June Huntley, Lorraine Milburn

*N.S.D.W.B.A Delegates:* Barbara Hazeltine and Alison Murray



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### “Quote of the week”

A pairs team of Ross and Alex (who has a sort of a hearing problem) played against Don & John. So in a critical part of the game, with Ross and Alex’s team down 2 shots and knowing Alex may not hear him, Ross asked his *opposition* Don ‘what distance do I have to draw to get the shot?’ Naturally, Don said ‘I don’t know!’

### JOKE

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another ‘Aren’t you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?’ ‘Yes, I am. I married the wrong man.’



*Back L to R:* Michael Schwarcz (Chairman of Selectors), Geoff Seamons (Selector), Dallas Palm (Secretary), Mal Horner (Committee), Max Walters (Bowls Co-Ordinator), Geoff McIntosh Committee, Bob Cole (Selector), Kevin Tuckerman (Selector).

*Front L to R:* Don Couch (Chairman of Umpires), David Wilson (Vice President), Peter Eagle (President), Warren Phillips (Senior Vice President), Mathew Stubbs (Committee).

*There were two proposals passed at the meeting for the new committee to discuss. 1. Bowling time changes for daylight saving and 2. Annual fee rather than weekly bowls payments.*

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### A Message from our CEO—Jason Read

Hello to all of our Bowling Section Members, it’s a pleasure to be asked to write a few words for your Newsletter. I believe Max Walters is doing a sterling job keeping you all informed of the happenings around the Greens.

As far as information flow from the Club goes, besides the usual Notice Board updates, we are at the moment in the middle of re-designing the Clubs website to make it easier for members to access the information pages and also launch the ‘Chairman’s e-news’, which will make available additional information to everyone regarding the events in and around the Club.

Having just enjoyed my 15th anniversary of commencing employment here at WPH Sports Club, it’s my pleasure to say that I continue to enjoy coming to work everyday, due mainly to the fact that this Club has a terrific Community Spirit!

This Club represents itself, its members and the local sporting clubs and special interest groups above and beyond normal expectations. As well as the professional and friendly staff, plus our contentious groups of volunteers that keep the day to day things moving along for all of the Clubs members to utilise, they are all a real joy to work with. . . . Happy Bowling!



# Championship Results

2012 RESULTS TO DATE

## MENS MINOR SINGLES



This final was played in two halves, with Kevin Hoffman leading Rod Gamble 21-4. However an enormous turnaround was observed, with Rod finally taking control and winning 31-25.

## MENS MAJOR SINGLES



The 2012 winner of this event was Michael Quinlan, who defeated Keith Robinson in what became a tight game 31-24. At one stage Michael was comfortably in front 14-4, but a determined fight back made the game interesting. A good crowd watched the game unfold.

*(The editor found this game unusual, as no bowl was more than a metre from the jack . . . which he is not used to)!*

## WOMENS TRIPLES



The champions were Betty Gough, Joan Ellem and Judith McCreadie, who handily won 23-8 over Norma Sneddon, Lorraine Milburn and Betty Lamb.

## MIXED TRIPLES



Kaye Eagle, Warren Phillips and Peter Eagle 21 points defeated D. Hopkins, Rod Gamble and Kevin Tuckerman 20 points in an extremely close fought game that couldn't have been any closer!

## MIXED PAIRS



Veronica Doyle and Peter Eagle won another tight game, defeating Rosemary and David Roles 24-23. This is Veronica's and Peter's second consecutive title in this event.

## WOMENS MAJOR SINGLES



Lorraine Begg 31 defeated Joan Ellem 28. From the start this was a great game to watch, with the lead changing regularly, with Lorraine Begg finally winning the match.

## LADIES PAIRS



A close low scoring game was the menu for this final. Veronica Doyle and Denise Hopkins (left) with the eventual winners Betty Gough and Joan Ellem were level at 12 points all at the 17th end. At the 21st end, when down 1 shot and the opposition currently holding 3 shots, Denise drove the 'jack' out of bounds to make this final last another end, however Betty & Joan went on to win 16-14.

## MENS MINOR PAIRS



Steve Brady and Norm Jackson were *extremely lucky* to defeat Con Ganis & Max Walters 19-18.

## KEN WIGHTON SINGLES

This was a new event, replacing the Novice Singles won 31-26 by Steve Brady over Bob Cole.

## MENS MAJOR PAIRS

Aaron Barnett and Ross Tinmouth defeated Eric Hilton and Rod Gamble 26-10.

## MENS MINOR TRIPLES

Norm Jackson, John Skidmore and Steve Brady defeated Con Ganis, T. Lee and K Tuckerman 21-16.

Photographs not shown with these results are because some photos with results appeared in the previous Koala News issue or photos were not supplied or taken. Obviously some Championship results still to complete are; Mens Fours/Barry Walker Classic/Mens Major Triples/Womens Fours/Womens Minor Singles and Womens Consistency

## AMAZING BOWLS



Has anyone ever seen 3 bowls (and almost a fourth) virtually touching the jack? Team A (black) had bowl 1 touch *jack* with the bowl going into the ditch. Bowl 2 was a toucher with the *jack* still remaining on the green. Bowl 3 touched and moved *jack* into the ditch. Bowl 4 was not a toucher but remained on the green, then rolling and leaning on bowl 2 and the *jack*. Bowls 3 and 4 could not be separated with a sheet of paper between them and the *jack*, so the head was considered a draw, with teams marking 0 each on scorecard and the end not replayed. This was an exciting and interesting end for both the teams playing, although the orange bowl owner (4) believes ungraciously, that he (or it) had the moral victory because of its 'upper position'!

### BOWLS



### 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 priced between  
\$100—\$105 (per set).

Enquiries: please see Dallas or Michael Schwarcz

## Ho Hum — Who's Board?



There have been some queries recently regarding who is entitled to turn a scoreboard now that World Bowls have decreed the skip must keep the scorecard.

Interestingly, South Africa requires only **one** skip to keep a scorecard and use only one scoreboard. In Australia though, a scorecard should be kept and completed by the skip of **each** team. However Bowls Australia after consultation with World Bowls has the 'scoreboard' situation under review.

In this interim, Australia's national committee has determined that 'the scoreboard attendant' can be any person appointed by either the controlling body, team manager or the host venue. Therefore, the scoreboard at the end of each rink or the 'main board' can be adjusted by **any player** whether they are involved in the game or a volunteer. It is the up to the skips to ensure that the scorecards and the individual rink scoreboard are aligned at least every second end (when skips are at the scoreboard end).

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**SIMPLY  
UNBELIEVABLE  
... and the crowd went wild!**

It has happened! Our keenest bowler in the Club has a record of always playing in the team that is last to finish. Well, lo and behold the biggest cheer went up from Clive Donohoo recently (and also from **all** other players) when Clive and his partner were the **FIRST** to finish their game.

Record books were checked and the judges confirmed that this was indeed the case. The editor was ecstatic that he was there to witness this remarkable achievement. Well done Clive.



### JOKE CORNER



'You'd better cross my name of the bowls list today David' said Max.  
'Why'? said David.  
Max replied  
'I heard that my wife's doing the flaming meals!'



### How to tell the Sex of a Fly ... Just too cute

A women walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. 'What are you doing?' she asked. 'Hunting flies' he responded. 'Oh! Killing any?' she asked. 'Yep, 3 males and 2 females' he replied. Intrigued she asked 'How can you tell the males and females apart?' He responded '3 were on a beer can, and 2 were on the telephone!'





## THE INTERNET AND SENIORS

**Did you know that of Australia's 10.9 million internet subscribers, the over 65's account for 31% of internet usage.**

However one study in 2008/9 showed that 37% people 55-64, and 69% people 65 or more, did not use the internet.

In both the ladies and male bowling sections of our Club, I checked our Members Directory and have counted the members who have an email address included. Of 129 men, 78 declared email addresses and of 59 ladies, 12 declared email addresses. Therefore 90 email addresses for 188 members is approximately only 50% of our bowlers who have email addresses. Obviously this is not conclusive, as some members may not wish to give out their email addresses, and others may have inadvertently just not have given them.

However, if you wish to have your email address added to the bowling contact list, please contact:

**Men:** Dallas Palm [secretary@demaj.com.au](mailto:secretary@demaj.com.au)

**Ladies:** Anne Lucietto [annelucitto@hotmail.com](mailto:annelucitto@hotmail.com)

The next issue of 'Koala News' will be emailed to those with email addresses (unless you request a printed copy), or in the Clubroom or posted.

*Roy Robinson profile (continued from page 4)*

The company ultimately became one of the top twenty commercial building companies in NSW.

In 1988 a developer approached him with the possibility of buying the company. He was keen to buy . . . but Roy was not as keen to sell. However the offer was so attractive, he sold it and retired in 1988 at the age of 58 years.

Roy still owned an Apple orchard in Bilpin, played golf 2 days a week, and with voluntary community work, was kept busy for many of his subsequent retirement years.

His *real passion* in life was 'Motor Racing' As a young man without sponsors (motor racing was an expensive sport) his interest was then Reliability Trials. Additionally when you are saving for a home and raising a family, you couldn't afford the petrol let alone the car! In his better days he purchased his first racing car, a Holden Special. Roy also had a 'Hill Climber' (MG-TC super charged). Apparently he wasn't the driver when it won a title! He also raced an E Type Jaguar (sorry now he didn't keep it). He raced in most States loving every bit of it. In his final racing days he was invited to compete in a lead up race to a final 'Formula 1' meeting held in Adelaide.

These days he plays bowls poorly (*others can testify to this . . . Editor*) at our Club and enjoys the company and friendship of members. Together with his occasional golf game, bridge and family, he now feels this is enough excitement for him.

*He's still in love with the 'Girl Next Door'.*



## More HISTORY OF BOWLS



Sir Francis Drake

Bowling has been around for several thousand years with the rules having changed over that time, but the fundamentals seem to be consistent since the game's historic record was started in the 14th century.

Historians suggest the game made its way across Europe with Julius Caesar's centurions. At that time, and still today among Italians, the game was known as 'bocce.' By the 13th century 'bowls' was entrenched in the British Isles.

At the turn of the century, 1299AD, the Southampton Old Bowling Green Club was organized in England. The Club remains active today (the oldest of records in the world today).

Global politics threatened the game for awhile, as commoners in France and England were banned from playing because archery and fencing was

losing popularity. The Scottish were having none of it. In Scotland the game continued uninterrupted, a favourite among such legendary nobles as Sir Walter Scott, Robert Burns (*and obviously our own Sir Alex Stewart*).



Alex Stewart

In Glasgow today, 200 public bowling greens are in operation. Today's rules, the flat lawn, and even a dress code, seem to derive from the Scottish (as shown). Over time, the waves of Scottish emigrants took the game with them and established clubs in many countries and colonies. One famous story is that Sir Francis Drake was in the middle of a game during the impending assault of the Spanish Armada. It goes on to say that he insisted on finishing the game before setting sail to engage the enemy. In fact he had to wait for the incoming tide to peak before he could sail anyway. Noble dedication indeed!