WPH plays host to High Schools Competition



Left to right: Homebush – Lead: Joshua Shanthikumar, Second: Keshavan Kiritharan, Skip: Jack Williams. Teacher: Baron Gold Galston – Teacher: Michelle Smidt, Skip: Luke Milligan, Second: Craydon Coltman, Lead: Andrew Watkins.

On Tuesday 5th March, West Pennant Hills hosted a triples game between Galston High School and Homebush Boys High School. The game was part of the Combined High Schools competition and was played over twelve ends. It was a high standard game with Homebush winning by one point, 13 to 12. The last bowl bowled by Galston could have changed the result.

The boys from both schools are regular bowlers. The Galston boys are all members of the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club and the skip from Homebush plays for Guildford

Bowling Club. They all have pennant experience and two have zone experience.

The spirit in which the game was played was a credit to the boys from both schools and it was a pleasure for West Pennant Hills club to be able to provide the venue.

What a Turn Up!

Twilight Bowls finished with the end of daylight saving. However, this doesn't distract from the visitor we had at Twilight Bowls in February.

Was it a bird, was it a plane . . . no it was the Scottish under 25's bowling champion, **Calum Crawford**.

I teamed him up with Peter Boyd against Paul van Tilburg and David Curtis in a pairs game, with Paul being extremely impressed with Calum's bowling. The game was going

with Calum and Peter at 13 – 8 BUT near completion of play, the Dutch comeback

occurred and the game was drawn at 16 all.

Calum is on a one year working holiday visa and may be an occasional visitor to our Club. He is an electrician and would be interested in working in Australia. *Max Walters (Twilight Bowls Organiser)*



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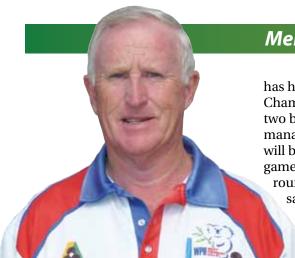
will be the new starting time for men's **Social Games** from Wednesday April 17

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Men's President's Report

has hosted a round in this
Championship. There will be thirtytwo bowlers attending with their
management. I hope bowlers at WPH
will be able to attend and watch the
game. Having managed two of the
rounds last year for Zone 10, I can
safely say the bowling will be of a
very high standard.

Over the last few weeks, a

Over the last few weeks, a number of improvements have taken place around the

greens. On the bottom green on the eastern side all of the shades have been replaced. The water supply to the top green has been improved by laying a new pipe and the trees on the Western side of the top green have been trimmed or removed by Hornsby Council. The trees unfortunately were causing concern due to the amount of material they were dropping onto the green, plus there was the safety issue.

Twilight bowls, which is played on a Thursday night during daylight saving, has been very successful. A special thank you needs to go to Max Walters. Max has put a lot of time and effort into organising the event. To those bowlers who attended, thank you for your support. I hope you enjoyed yourselves. To those who did not attend, disappointing but there is always next year. We have had more people attend this year than in the past. The Sports Club is supporting

Twilight Bowls, which is very much appreciated. It has been beneficial to both. There is only one sad note. During dinner and refreshments after the game, Max runs a couple of Keno tickets. Unfortunately, the results have been very poor. We cannot work out the reason why this has happened, though it is felt Max is part of the problem. Improvements may need to be made on this aspect.

This edition of the Koala News is the last one for Don Carpenter. Don and his wife are moving to Albury for family reasons. At this stage Don is not certain if the move will be permanent. I would like to thank Don for the work that he has undertaken as he puts a lot of time and effort with Ian Corke into making improvements to the Koala News as well as printing and distribution. A job well done.

Peter Eagle

Umpires' Corner

the questions (the answers are on Page 6)

- 1 When should a toucher be marked and by whom?
- **2** If a bowl in the course touches or is picked up by a player from it's own rink and the head and has not been disturbed, what shall be done?
- During the measuring of a head a leaning bowl near the jack falls of its own accord. It is now nearest to the jack. What shall be done?
- 4 A player plays out of turn and his/her bowl comes to rest without touching any other bowl. What shall be done to restore the correct playing sequence?
- In a club fours championship a substitute is required and allowed for round 3. The game is washed out and is scheduled to recommence next day. The original player and the original substitute are both unavailable the next day. Is the team allowed another eligible substitute to play in the continuation game?

The 2013 year has commenced and somehow we are nearly a quarter of the way through the year. The Pennant season for the Ladies has been completed, whilst for the Men it is still underway. Due to the wet weather games have been postponed to be played on another day. At the time of writing this report (late March) the Men's Grade 3 side has only played two games, five weeks after the commencement of the season.

The Koala Carnival arrangements for both the Women and Men to be played on 29 April and 3 May respectively are well underway. With the continued support of Homeway First National (Bill Austin), we hope the Carnival for both Sections will be a success.

On Thursday 2 May, WPH is hosting a round of the Men's Senior Metropolitan Interzone Championship. I understand this is the first time WPH

Health Report by David Roles

Geoff Tweeddale is at home recovering after suffering a stroke in January. Visitors welcomed.

Bob Cole spent some time in hospital during January, but is now back playing bowls.

Ken Holden suffered a mini stroke and is at home recovering.

Geoff Seamons also suffered a mini stroke but he is now able to play and umpire at bowls again.

Max Bell and David Beavis have had hip replacements this year.

Keith Robinson is recovering from a nasty skin graft on his foot.

Steve Brady is back playing bowls after a long time on the side lines.

Welcome back Steve.

VALE

Pamela Yeates, wife of **Don**, passed away on the 20th February after a long illness.

Ron Milburn, husband of **Lorraine**, passed away on the 6th March. Ron was often at the club on Sundays.

Judy Collins, wife of **Neil**, passed away on the 20th January after a long illness.

May they rest in peace.



Women's President's Report

Christmas 2012 has long since been celebrated and the New Year started off with a very sound reminder that sometimes weather conditions in Australia can be disastrous. Our thoughts have been for those that suffered and endured during floods and bushfires, especially those who lost loved ones, their homes and treasured possessions. My thoughts have been about the volunteers who always seem to be there in the midst of all those disasters which occur. I think they really are the unsung heroes and probably should be acknowledged a little more.

The first day back to bowls for the ladies was an extremely hot day and only six women ventured onto the green for a game but unfortunately the heat won the day and their game did not last very long.

Sadly, expressions of sympathy were extended to two of our ladies. Mary Maurer's daughter-in law Leanne passed away after a tragic accident and Lorraine Milburn's husband Ron passed away after a long illness. Our caring thoughts were with them.

Australia Day celebrations at the club were slightly dampened, to say the least and the intended game of bowls was not possible. However quite a number of people turned up. Good company and a barbeque lunch were enjoyed. Beautifully presented hampers were raffled and bottles of wine donated by the Sports Club were also raffled. There were some very happy winners.

On Sunday March 3rd, by invitation, I was privileged and treated like a VIP when I attended Beecroft Bowling and Recreation Club to help celebrate their 100th birthday. What an achievement 100 years. I have always taken an interest in past history and really enjoyed hearing the stories related. However I soon became aware that what I was hearing I could relate to, the way things were back in my own childhood (of course not 100 years ago) and I am sure many of you who may be reading this can too. The clothes prop man, the man selling rabbits, the milk man who delivered the milk from big containers on the back of a horse drawn dray and poured the milk straight into

the jug on the front verandah and the (not what we called him at the time) sanitary man, he may have to be explained to the much younger generation. Were these really the more genteel times? It was an enjoyable day and incredibly the predicted rain held off and following a light luncheon two games of bowls were played in the afternoon.

Club Championships for 2013
commenced in January:
Ladies Pairs - Winners
Lorraine Begg and Wendy Wise
R/u Joan Ellem and Betty Gough
Mixed Pairs - Winners
Denise Hopkins and Rod Gamble
R/u Wendy Wise & Michael Schwarcz
2013 Ladies Pennants which

commenced on Tuesday 26th February have now been finalised. Grade 3 and Grade 4 teams were entered by WPH. Grade 3 played 10

entered by WPH. Grade 3 played 10 rounds including two byes and Grade 4 played 10 rounds with no byes.

Official scores and positions have not yet been confirmed. Sporting results can be unpredictable. We all "put our best foot forward" and I hope that the ladies, especially those who had not played pennants before, already look forward to playing again next year. To all who helped out during Pennants, thank you. Also thanks to Umpires and Controlling Body(s) who gave of their time.

The ladies will be holding our Koala Carnival on Monday 18th April and preparation is under way.

This is usually a popular event with surrounding district clubs and entries

are steadily arriving. Carnivals are fun days and the friendliness is always evident.

I attended the Easter egg raffle draw on Good Friday evening. There were so many prizes to be won. All were beautifully wrapped and presented. I enjoyed watching the winners collecting their prizes even though I did not win, on our table of eight, four ladies won a prize and one (who will remain nameless) won two! A giant golden egg was the second last prize and the last basket to be drawn was magnificent. It was a lot of fun, thank you West Pennant Hills Sports Club.

I would like to encourage our ladies to enter the remaining club Championships. I am always equally proud of "winners and losers", winners because they win and losers because they have the courage to participate.

Betty Gough



A Note from the Editor

This will be my last Koala News for a quite a while. I would like to thank Ian Corke for all his help and a big thank you to all the members who have contributed their facsinating stories that bring our newsletter to life.

I have met many wonderful and interesting characters whilst at WPH over the last six years.

My wife Debbie and I are having a tree change in Albury NSW for the next six to twelve months.

Thank you all for your friendship.

Don Carpenter

Drugs in Sport

Some concerns have been brought up in at the Royal about drugs in sport, the following report came from the bowling committee on this subject.

Lawn Bowls is a hotbed of drug use, with sports scientists using all sorts of concoctions to keep players alive for their next game.

There is also evidence of widespread corruption, with meat raffle prizes offered to bribe players to keep quiet about the sport's sordid goings on.

Arthur Crimshaw, head of
Australian Bowling, denies any
wrong doing, claiming it is perfectly
natural for players to want to be kept
alive. But he refused to answer many
questions at a press conference,
mainly because his hearing aid was
turned down too low.

Some players have been found to

be wearing electronic devices to artificially stimulate their heart, giving them an advantage over other players who don't use the device and are ... well, dead.

Others are taking stimulants to keep them awake during the game.
These drugs have also been passed to spectators so

they don't fall asleep when the game is televised.

The Government has announced a probe into the sport. Arthur Crimshaw said that his players were used to probes, just as long they've been sterilized and are not too cold".

Hymn #365

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said,

'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said.

'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said,

'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down ... The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing,

'For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

Kids' talk

A mother was driving with her three young children one warm, summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of them stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As the mother was reeling from the shock, she heard her 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

On his first day of school, the little boy handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

A mother was trying hard to get the tomato sauce out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

At the end of the shift the policeman parked his van at the station. His police dog was barking at a little boy staring into the van. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' was the reply.
Puzzled, the boy finally asked,
'What did he do?'

Winter Parking in Dublin



On a bitterly cold winter's morning a husband and wife in Dublin were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through.

The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park ..."

Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied,

"Why don't you just leave the bloody car in the garage this time."

Profiles

Mal Horner

Mal was born in Eastwood in 1945, and lived with 13 other members of his family above the "Night & Day" milk bar which was owned by his grandmother. The shop was next door to the Odeon Theatre in Rowe Street. Having the run of a milk bar made him the most popular kid in Eastwood Public school.

Mal's playground took in Eastwood Park, the storm water canal that runs behind Rowe Street, and Rowe Street itself. His mother nicknamed him "the urchin" and he was always in trouble.

He went to Epping Boy's High School in 1958 and left on the day he turned 15. The family had leased a fruit shop in Eastwood and Mal's cheap labour was considered an asset towards the bottom line.

In 1963 he got a job with Warman International Ltd, a pump and mining equipment manufacturer. Starting as a storeman packer, as the company grew to have branches all over the world, Mal worked his way up to the position of Human Resources Coordinator for the worldwide group. He also served on the Company's Superannuation Board as the members' representative. Mal spent 37 years with Warman, taking an early retirement package when the company was sold to a Scottish rival in 2000.

A second event that occurred in 1963 which he considers the more important event was the when he met his wonderful wife Barbara. They married in April 1966 and have three children and three grandchildren.

At the end of 2003, WPH held an open day and Barb's uncle (Alan Cotton) continually harped at Mal and Barb to come and give bowls a go. Barb finally relented and dragged Mal along with her. Barb was quite good but chose not to play, instead she talked Mal into joining, probably to keep uncle happy ... something Mal has been doing ever since.

Mal says, "Bowls has been a great thing for me as it has provided the opportunity to make so many new friends both at WPH but other clubs as well".

Mal has been heavily involved in sports administration, not only with WPH but also with the Castle Hill Strikers Women's Hockey Club where for over 31 years he was treasurer, an accredited umpire, an accredited coach from schoolgirls through to veterans (over 35s) and selector. Mal was made a life member of the Club in 1996 and continues his involvement by attending presentations, AGM's and the odd match.

His other sporting love is club rugby, in particular Eastwood Rugby Club.



Anne Lucietto

Anne was born in March 1940 at Collaroy. She went to school at Narrabeen and Stella Maris College, Manly.

In her early years, Anne spent many days at North Narrabeen Beach, surfing. She and her best friend had to be rescued a few times after getting caught in rips, much to the embarrassment of her older brother, a Life Saver.

Anne loved dancing too, frequenting the local dances along with those at North Sydney Police Boys Club and Lane Cove Town Hall, travelling by bus as not many young people had cars then.

She worked with the Bank of New South Wales on the Northern Beaches before being transferred to Head Office in Martin Place as a supervisor.

While on holiday in Melbourne Anne met Silvano who had taken a few days off from his job at Khancoban because of bad weather. When he came to Sydney months later Silvano contacted Anne and they married in 1965. Anne and Silvano have three children and six grandchildren.

Silvano worked as a foreman and supervisor for a Steel Construction Company for over 40 years erecting transmission lines, TV and radio towers and mobile phone towers throughout Australia. Once their children were independent Anne would travel to most of the sites and spend a few weeks with him, sightseeing during the day. Anne claims to have been to every city and country town and almost every mountain where you see those towers throughout Australia.

They spent five years in the Latrobe Valley, Victoria from 1976-1981 with the company. While there Anne became involved in school committees and played tennis. On competition days it was nothing to drive 50-75km a few times a week. Anne was secretary of her home club, Newborough, organising matches for up to 120 ladies once a month and providing lunches (sandwiches and cakes etc.) country women's style.

After returning to Sydney Anne worked from home as a secretary/payroll clerk for a Steel Construction Company while the children were still at school. She began playing tennis again twice a week.

Silvano is originally from Tuscany, so Anne and Silvano have had a few trips overseas visiting family and touring but these days they just like to relax somewhere up on the North Coast fishing.



The man behind the Barry Walker Classic Pairs

Barry Walker was born in September 1930 at Drummoyne. He lived in Gladesville until 1955 when he married Joy. Their son, Stewart, was born in 1959. They lived in North Ryde until they moved to Malaya in January 1962 where their daughter Kathryn was born in 1963. They returned from Malaya in 1964 and lived in West Pennant Hills until Barry and Joy moved to the ARV at Castle Hill in 2003.

In January 1947 Barry commenced a five year apprenticeship in fitting and turning at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, the first nine months in the ApprenticeTraining School. During his time at Cockatoo he went on a number of sea trials. One such trial was on a "T" Class submarine, the HMS Telemachus, which had to slowly submerge and travel for two hours at varying depths off Bondi.



HMS Telemachus

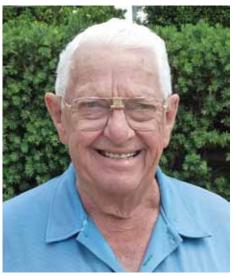
In mid 1952 Barry was promoted to instructor in the Apprentice Training School.

In 1954 Barry joined the Forestry Commission to work on the repair and maintenance of earth moving equipment. In 1955 Barry joined the NSW Caterpillar dealership travelling throughout the state calling on owners to discuss parts and service and eventually became Parts and Service Manager.

In 1962 Barry became Parts Manager for an iron ore mine in Malaya and lived in a house on the old Elephant Walk. The family returned to Sydney in 1964 following unrest in Malaya and Barry rejoined Caterpillar.

Barry joined Case Australia (NSW) in 1966 where he became Service Manager in 1969. In 1977 he went to a conference for Service Managers at the Case Head Office in Racine USA. His flight happened to coincide with PAN AM's 50th Anniversary so the flight was quite a celebration.

In 1989 Barry was invited to join the Case & Vintage Farm Machinery Club of New Zealand. In 1992, a year after he retired, Barry and Joy attended the 150th Anniversary of the Case Company and Barry presented



an address on the history of Case. The address was well received and was followed by a parade with Barry leading driving one of the oldest Case tractors—something he will always remember.

Barry joined WPH as a social member in 1971 and has served on the board. Under pressure from some of the bowlers he reluctantly had a bowling lesson and has never regretted it. He particularly appreciates the great friendship of fellow club bowlers and social members. Joy joined the club earlier than Barry and is listed as a Foundation Member.

Meet some of our new club members



Jeff CampionJeff grew up on a property in south west Queensland. He has

worked on the land in various capacities and spent spent 31 years in crop protection with Dupont. Jeff is married to Lesley. His sporting interests are cricket, rugby and now bowls at WPH where he feels welcome.



Gary Tyrrell

Gary is married to June and they have a son and daughter and a 2 year old grandson. They moved to Galston two years ago. Gary works in the Electrical Contracting industry. After spending the past 50 years playing competitive tennis Gary has discovered the joys of bowling.



Peter Boyd

Peter was born in Scotland in 1933. Arriving in Sydney at the age of 15 he worked as a carpenter and joiner with Halvorsen boats. Peter played bowls at Dural Country Club up to 2000. Moving to Cherrybrook he decided to play again with the friendliest club in the hills.

Umpires' Corner – the answers

1 Law 25.1 & 25.2

Before the next bowls delivered and by the bowlers own skip.

1 Law 28.1.1.1 & 28.1.1.5

If it touches or is picked up by a player from his own team the bowl is dead. If it touched or is picked up by a player from the opposing team, the bowl shall be replayed (even if it is in the ditch).

Law 40.6.3

The bowl remains in its new position. All shots counted prior to the bowl falling shall count.

/ Law 47.1.2

The opposing skip should choose whether their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play, or return the bowl and play in the proper order.

Law 4.7.2.2 & 4.7.4

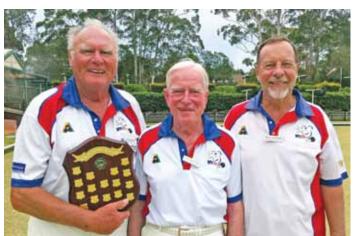
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2013 Winners of Club Championships



Men's Major Fours

The team of **Alex Stewart, Eric Hilton, Ross Smith** and **Geoff McIntosh** started well and were never headed. The team of **Michael Dalgairns, Ian Corke, Mal Horner** and **Barry Walker** threatened at times but just couldn't make up the leeway. The final score was 23-18.



Ken Wighton Singles

Paul van Tilburg had a close victory over **Kevin Tuckerman** in the final. Paul topped the day off with a win in the club raffle.

Beecroft Turnaround Triples

Not a Club Championship but ... three WPH teams plus a composite WPH team competed in this event in March. Our best result



was the team of Peter Eagle, Warren Phillips and Norm Jackson being placed 2nd overall.



Mixed Pairs

With a match winning four shots on the final end **Denise Hopkins** and **Rod Gamble** won a close game over **Michael Schwarcz** and **Wendy Wise** finishing 22-15.



Women's Club Pairs

Lorraine Begg and **Wendy Wise were** victorious over **Joan Ellem** and **Betty Gough** with a final score of 20 to 9.



Men's Minor Triples

Despite being behind for most of the game, **Leo Saly**, **Ross Iredale** and **Paul van Tilburg** managed to stage a late comeback to clinch the match 22 to 16 over **Kevin Tuckerman**, **Rod Gamble** and **Don Carpenter**.

Calendar of Events for May to August 2013

Friday	3 May	8 am	Koala Carnival – Men's Day
Saturday	4 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 9
Thursday	9 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles
Saturday	11 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 10
Monday	13 May	8.30 am	Turn-Around-Triples – Castle Hill
Thursday	16 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles
Saturday	18 May		Men's Pennants Lay Day
Sunday	19 May	12.30 pm	Men's Major Singles – Round 1
Tuesday	21 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Final
Saturday	25 May		Men's Pennants Finals
Sunday	26 May	9 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 2
Sunday	26 May	12.30 pm	Men's Major Singles – Round 3
Saturday	1 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Singles – Semi Final
Monday	3 June	8.30 am	Turn-Around-Triples – Dural
Saturday	8 June	11 am	Appreciation Day
Saturday	15 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Singles – Final
Saturday	22 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 1
Saturday	29 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 2
Thursday	4 July	9 am	Women's Triples – Round 1
Saturday	6 July	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 3
Thursday	11 July	9 am	Women's Triples – Round 2
Saturday	13 July	9 am	Men's Major Pairs – Semi Final
Saturday	13 July	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Final
Thursday	18 July	9 am	Women's Triples – Round 3
Saturday	20 July	12.30 pm	Barry Walker Classic – Round 1
Monday	22 July	8.30 am	Turn-Around-Triples – West Pennant Hills
Tuesday	23 July	9 am	Women's Triples – Final
Saturday	20 July	9 am	Barry Walker Classic – Round 2
Saturday	20 July	12.30 pm	Barry Walker Classic – Round 3
Saturday	3 August	12.30 pm	Barry Walker Classic – Semi Final
Wednesday	7 August	1 pm	Five-a-Side – Round 1
Thursday	8 August		Women's Fours – Entries close
Saturday	10 August	12.30 pm	Barry Walker Classic – Final
Wednesday	14 August	1 pm	Five-a-Side – Round 2
Wednesday	21 August	1 pm	Five-a-Side – Round 3
Thursday	22 August	9 am	Women's Fours – Round 1
Saturday	24 August	12.30 pm	Minor Singles – Round 1
Thursday	29 August	9 am	Women's Fours – Round 2
Saturday	31 August	10.30 am	AGM
Saturday	31 August	12.30 pm	Minor Singles – Round 2

Note – the times shown against events are presented as indication only. Confirm actual start times for events from the information posted for the individual event closer to the date. Match Committee reserve the right to make changes to start times and dates to enable the programme to be completed.



Our new **Editor** for Koala News will be John Skidmore. Please contact John with any items that you feel would of interest to your fellow bowlers.



