

Team Spirit on Display at Open Day

What a day!

There were quite a few visitors to the club for our Open Day to have a go at bowling and have a bit of fun. There were friends of members, retirees, mums and dads, whole families, all ready to give this age-old game a try.

It was good to see so many of our members bring some friends and support our club. Some members took the opportunity to get some coaching to help improve their game.

Well done Max. You excelled again. Thanks to all involved – there was planning, the BBQ, welcoming people at the front door, introducing people to our wonderful sport, all combined to make it a fun time.

Dallas Palm

... as Max saw it!

The weather was kind, all the volunteers obediently were on time for their allocated duties at 10am, with the only thing missing ... potential bowlers!

Our first lady visitor turned up at 10.30, and although struggling with her bowling session, signed up immediately as a member, which was a good start.

Overall we had approximately 30 visitors attend, and if success on the day was people having fun – then yes it was successful. We had three families (2 adults and 2 children each) who bowled with gusto and at no stage were the children bored, and all appeared to have a great time and bowled for possibly two hours!

It would also appear that we have at least one potential new male member. (Even with Brian Joyce teaching him the fundamentals!) I am positive also that there is a likelihood of at least three couples (and maybe some children) having a go at Twilight or Sunday bowls which is encouraging.



"I've already told them lunch is ready!"

We had some time on our hands during the day, and a couple of our bowlers were given some coaching with the occasional video camera in play which may be of value to them.

Nothing could happen without the volunteers that came along to assist, and I regret that many didn't have the satisfaction of being able to contribute as much as they may have wished, due to the lack of enough visitors. However they were all willing and encouraging

"Now that's a bit short!"

and I really appreciated their attendance. The BBQ cooks were also successful, turning out 3 course meals – only using sausage and onion rolls!

It is impossible to predict the number of visitors who may attend and a reasonable crew needed to be on hand ... in case ... and they were!

Let's hope there is some future gain of bowlers from this Mini Open Day, and again, well done team.

Max Walters

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I would like to remind our ladies that there will be no formal Christmas lunch this year. Our last day of play will be Tuesday



10 December and as traditionally, it will be Patrons & Past Presidents Day with Championship presentations. There will be a short game of bowls and we would like you to join us as we plan to make this a more festive occasion.

Our Consistency Singles Championship matches have commenced and it was encouraging to see how many of the newer bowlers participated. The final is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd December.

We should all appreciate and look forward to the green renovations and to the tiftwarf green being installed and for those like me, who are not aware of having played on tiftwarf, it will be an interesting experience.

I would like to take the opportunity to say that I hope you all share the blessings of Christmas and have a happy and healthy New Year ahead.

Betty Gough – President

West Pennant Hills WBC Championship Winners and Runners-up 2013

MAJOR SINGLES Kaye Eagle

Runner-Up Judith McCreadie

MINOR SINGLES Sue Thiedeman

Runner-Up Cass Joyce

PAIRS Lorraine Begg, Wendy Wise

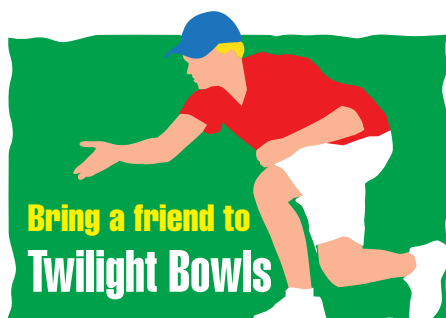
Runners-Up Joan Ellem, Betty Gough

TRIPLES Lorraine Begg, Anne Lucietto, Wendy Wise

Runners-Up Kaye Eagle, Veronica Doyle, Denise Hopkins

FOURS Joyce Jones, June Huntley, Anne Lucietto, Betty Gough

Runners-Up Kaye Eagle, Rosemary Roles, Barbara Hazeltine, Jeanette Egan



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By now you would have received your Membership Renewal from the Sports Club for 2014. You will find attached to the notice a document explain your choices you now have for renewing your membership. There is also a summarised version on our web site which can be accessed via the following link <http://blog.demaj.com.au/mens-fees/>. If you would like to discuss your choices for 2014 please contact Warren Phillips or Peter Eagle as they can answer any of your questions.

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

We recently conducted a survey to gain members opinions about starting at 10.30 am on Wednesdays from January to March 2014. The survey did not indicate an overwhelming desire to change times and therefore the Committee has decided not to make any changes to the starting times for Wednesday Social Bowls.

FRIDAY JACKPOT PAIRS

There has over many months been a lot of discussion about the low numbers attending Friday Bowls. It was clear to the Committee that we needed to make some changes to the format in an attempt to increase bowling numbers from both within the club and outside. The Committee looked at a number of options and have now reached a



decision to change the format from 1st January 2014. Full details of the changes will be published shortly but we will be moving to single entries with each person nominating their preferred role as either Lead or Skip. Teams and rinks will be by a blind draw as you will no longer be able to decide who you will play with. We hope the changes we are proposing will lead to more people playing and enjoying bowls on Fridays.

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PRESENTATION DAY

All our Championships are now completed other than the Minor Pairs which should be, weather permitting, concluded on Saturday 23rd November 2013. Our Presentation Day is set for Saturday 30th November 2013 so please ensure this is in your diary.

TURNAROUND TRIPLES

Dates for the 6 events in 2014 have now been set and will be on our bowls program when it is published later this month. Please remember each club in this event is required to send three (3) teams to each Club. Please make a note of the dates and try to enter a team in as many of the events as possible.

GENERAL MEETING

Please note that a General Meeting to approve our new Constitution is set for 10.30 am on Saturday 30th November 2013. At the close of the meeting there will be time to answer any questions on the new Regulations. Presentation Day will commence immediately after this discussion.

Warren Phillips – President

GREENS UPDATE

The bottom green is expected to be available within five to six weeks. The greenkeeper is of the opinion that as the green has come out of the winter period quite well, that not a great deal of maintenance is necessary.

The Sports Club have approved replacing the turf on the top green with Tiftwarf. Prior to this work, the green will be poisoned so there is no contamination of couch in the Tiftwarf. The green will be playable during this period and bowlers will be advised when the poisoning has occurred.

Other maintenance tasks include painting of bank supports, replacing

some rink marker pegs, replacing missing jack and toucher markers, replacing windsocks and corner flags.

More of the shades have been replaced recently on the lower green. All users are asked to ensure the shades are correctly closed when their game is finished. By taking care of these shades, we can all benefit from the shelter they provide on hot days.

Both greens are planned to be back in full use before needed for Pennant season for either section.

If you have any questions on the greens and their maintenance, contact Peter Eagle (pfeagle@gmail.com), Greens Committee Chairman.

Winners are ... (Hang on. Everybody is grinning.)



Sue Thiedeman and Cass Joyce

2013 WOMEN'S MINOR SINGLES

Congratulations to **Sue Thiedeman**, winning in her first competition attempt, defeating **Cass Joyce** 25 to 15.

Umpires Update

These umpires were successful in their re-accreditation during the year:

Peter Eagle
Tony Boughton
Geoff Seamons
David Wilson

David Makin is currently undertaking the Measurer's Course.

We are quite privileged in this club to have the number of umpires available that we do – 12 out of 128 members in the Men's section and 2 from the Women's section.

Our thanks to each of these members for undertaking the training and volunteering their time to oversee the matches at our club.

Welfare Report

by **Lynne Hindle and David Roles**

Margaret Cosstick is being looked after in the Cherrybrook care centre.

Wendy Wise, Michael Schwarcz, Aaron Barnett, Mal Horner, Steve Brady, David Beavis, Geoff Tweeddale, and Ken Holden are all much better after health problems.

Ian Corke will be having a heart valve replacement in January.

VALE

ALISON MURRAY

Alison Murray, one of our bowlers, passed away recently after a short illness.

May she rest in peace.



Peter Eagle, Kevin Ross, Keith Robinson, John Leonard, Brian Joyce and Clive Donohoo

2013 MEN'S MAJOR TRIPLES

Congratulations to **Keith Robinson, Peter Eagle** and **Kevin Ross** defeating **Clive Donohoo, Brian Joyce** and **John Leonard** 26 – 17 in the Major Triples Final.



Denise Hopkins, Kaye Eagle, Neryl Jackson and Betty Gough

2013 PAST PRESIDENTS TROPHY

The WPH side of **Betty Gough, Kaye Eagle, Denise Hopkins** and **Neryl Jackson** won three of their four pairs games in the Past Presidents Trophy. They finished as runners-up to Asquith on a count back of ends after finishing on equal points.

Meet some new members



Darrin Ede

Darrin Ede is married to Joanne and together they have four children Luke 14, Cameron 12, Sean 9 and Amy 5. He currently works for Fujitsu General in the commercial sector and has been in the airconditioning industry now for 24 years. His previous sports include Baseball, Martial Arts, AFL and now he is addicted to the game of bowls.



David Makin

David was born and educated in the UK prior to emigrating to Australia has been in the Organisational Development area as a consultant, trainer and senior manager for 30 years. He was General Manager of the Australian Institute of Management for 8 years followed by 3 years as the Executive Leader Training and Education of Mission Australia. David is married to Laurie. Retiring, for the third time in February, he decided to take up bowling at WPH where he has been made to feel very welcome.

2014 a New Year – 2014 New Club Competitions

After the AGM the Match Committee had a meeting with President Warren to discuss the events for 2014. After a lot of discussion it was agreed that the club consists of something like a 129 members and we need to recognise that and provide events for everybody not just a few.

So with that in mind we decided that the program should be made so all members can enter the competitions. This meant that some formats for club championships would be changed and become graded and made more accessible to all members.

We realize that not everybody will like the new formats but we hope the majority will and therefore enter the competitions. The Club Championships and other events will be changed as follows:

Minor Pairs – This Club Championships will now have the format of 3 Bowls, 25 ends

Fours – This Club Championship will now be a graded competition. The total grading for the fours team should add up to 17 points minimum (i.e. Grades 3, 3, 5 and 6). No more than two representatives from each grade will be allowed. 2 Bowls 21 ends.

Jest a minute!

SENT SHOPPING

A wife asks her husband, “Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, “Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?”

He replied, “They had avocados.”

If you’re a woman, I’m sure you’re going back to read it again!

Men will get it the first time.

A FRIGHTENING STATISTIC

25% of the women in this country are on medication for mental illness.

That’s scary. It means 75% are running around untreated.

Triples - This Club Championship will now be a graded competition. The total grading for the Triples team should add up to 14 points minimum (i.e. Grades 3, 5 and 6). 3 bowls triples 21 ends.

Barry Walker Classic – This club tournament will be extended to allow more members to enter – eligibility will be a Major winner partnered by a non-Major player. Format will be 4 Bowls pairs 21 ends.

Friday Bowls format has been totally changed to single entries with a blind draw and the jackpot will start of at \$200 and be able to increase to \$1000 when it must go off.

The **Minor Triples** has been discontinued as there is no need now as we have a graded triples competition.

We have introduced a **new competition (Cock of the Walk)**, which will go over a year and will have the format of Sets play, more details later.

The full Program is on the web at www.bowls.demaj.com.au ... then Calendars ... Men’s Events 2014

Thanks to the Match Committee and President Warren for the formulation of the 2014 Program.

Michael Schwarcz

HE MUST PAY

Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her mum and said,

“He had a fight with me again, I am coming to live with you.”

Mum said, “No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.

FROM GENESIS

“And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth.”

Then He made the earth round ... and He laughed and laughed and laughed!



COMPETITION PANEL

In 2012 **Bowls Australia** developed, published and implemented a **SELECTION MODULE** for use by Clubs, Zones, States and Bowls Australia. The Module was written with input from a long list of very experienced and capable players, coaches and selectors. The module also draws upon the latest philosophies and concepts from around the world to improve the quality and processes involved in Competitive Selection. A number of members of our club have now completed this Module and will be familiar with the concepts.

It is also apparent from discussions with other Clubs that the concept of a Competition Panel will be adopted as the basis for choosing teams for Inter-Club and Representative Events. Selection Policies are also being reviewed to conform to this new approach and in many cases will include new requirements for both training and coaching.

The role of the panel is to choose teams or individuals to represent the club in all external competitions. This would include State Pennants, Mid-Week Pennants, Mixed Pennants, Club Challenge, Orange Blossom and Hornsby Cup.

The Panel will also:

- Review the Selection Policy and ensure it conforms to the competitive strategies of the club and the development of our players.
- Arrange trial games either internally or externally.
- Arrange training or coaching sessions as required and determined by the Panel.
- In conjunction with the Elected Selectors recommend which Grades the Club should apply for each year.

The Competition Panel does not however participate in arranging games on any Social Days.

The Panel will include :

- An experienced coach.
- A representative of the elected Selectors.
- Experienced bowlers from each of our grades.
- The panel will not have more than 4 or 5 people on it.

More information will be provided once the Panel is established.

