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Farewell 2013 – Welcome 2014



MEN'S MINOR PAIRS 2013 FINAL

Just managing to squeeze in their match to make the Men's Presentation Day were **Alex Stewart** and **David Roles** who defeated **David Howell** and **Max Walker** 31 to 12.



WOMEN'S CONSISTENCY 2013

The Consistency Final was won by **June Huntley**. **Denise Hopkins** was a very worthy runner-up. Congratulations to both ladies. "Consistency" is a very interesting game and can allow the player to realize that there is another side to lawn bowls, consistency being the basic requirement.

What's this 48 Bowls test?

The Men's Competition Panel has chosen the 48 Bowls test to use as our starting point for skills development for the upcoming Pennant season.

The test is designed for you to do at any time and use as a guide as to where you may improve your bowls.

Your first attempt at the test will be done under supervision by a panel member so we are all applying the same criteria to the test, after that you can do it as often as you can instead of just a roll-up or as part of your usual roll-up.

We would like each bowler to hand in **at least three test scores** (the more the better) to the panel **before January 24**.

Your results will form part of a much

larger selection process but it is one of the objective tools we may use. Your results will be supplied to you.

The extra benefit of doing these tests is that they highlight where you may have a weakness and then you can use the information to improve your game.

The club coaches are available for you to consult if you feel you need some outside assistance

Once bowlers have done the first test we will be conducting regular training sessions on a Thursday where specific drills and exercises will be set up depending on your nominated team position. These sessions are designed to improve skill levels and hopefully

enable us to be competitive in Pennants in 2014.

Don't be hesitant about doing this test as it will help you understand and improve your bowls and is not the end point of selection.

Would you please put your name on the roster in the Sports Room, as soon as possible, for the 48 Bowl test?

A supervised test will be held on **Thursday January 9 between 10 am and 5 pm**. Allow an hour to do the test the first time.

If you have any questions speak to a member of your Competition Panel – Tony Boughton, Geoff McIntosh, Michael Schwarcz, Kevin Tuckerman.

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2014 has arrived and I wish for all a very happy, safe and healthy, peaceful and contented year ahead.



On Sunday 8th December I attended the mixed Christmas Lunch. This was a very successful day and was I am sure enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to those who organised and contributed towards the success of this event and thanks to **Peter and his staff** for the lunch provided. There was a lot of fun and banter shared between friends. Imagine my embarrassment when I was asked to draw the raffle tickets for the three beautifully presented Xmas hampers and realized that the winning ticket was my own. I did not want to own up to this for a few seconds but faced with a redraw, eventually I handed over my ticket for confirmation. My prize also included a ham which was very much appreciated at Xmas and I must say every day since. Thank you to **Betty Lamb** and **Margaret Wighton** for again putting those hampers together.

Past Presidents & Patrons Day was held on Tuesday 10th December and was our last bowls day for 2013. We were very pleased and relieved that we were able to play a short game of bowls on the newly refurbished bottom green. At lunch time the tables had been set beautifully and adorned with decorations and lots of plates of different Xmas fare that our committee ladies had contributed. This was a very special day and we were privileged to have five Past Presidents attend, **Jeanette Egan, Margaret Wighton** (Marg is also a Patron), **Pat Jones, Bernice Francis** and **Leonie Kermond** who came from the Central Coast to share the day with us. Thank you ladies for your generous contribution not just for the day but for those previous days as members and Presidents. Each of these ladies was involved with the presentation of trophies and also monetary prizes for winning players of the day. Also we were pleased to welcome **Joy Walker** who presented the Consistency Trophy. This trophy was originated by Joy in 1998 to promote encouragement to newer players to

enter competitions. This day was a very important and enjoyable event for 2013 and I hope was enjoyed by all.

Our first day of bowls for 2014 will be Tuesday 7th January and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. On Thursday 16th January our Club Triples Championship will start. Also a reminder that Pennants will commence Tuesday 18th March.

The New Year certainly will start off being very busy and I wish all an enjoyable bowling year ahead.

Betty Gough – President

I would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy and Prosperous 2014.



The coming year promises to be challenging as we introduce some changes to events, a new training regime, a new fee structure and new green. It is my hope that all these changes will improve our bowls and increase our overall participation in events whether they are social or competition.

Please note that **the new fee structure is now in place.** If you have opted to remain on the old fee structure of \$80.00 per annum plus payment of \$10.00 per game there is a change to where the daily fees are payable. From 1st January 2014 the fee of \$10.00 per game is to be paid at the bar or front desk NOT to the selectors. You will need to bring the receipt to the selectors to show you have paid for your game. All other payments for Raffles etc. will still be paid to the selectors or event organiser.

I would like to give a special mention and thank you to our **group of gardeners** who devoted their time and efforts to improve significantly the appearance of our bottom green. The group was made up of **Geoff McIntosh, Kevin Tuckerman, Ken Henry, Eric Hilton** and **David Howell.** The boys moved 500kgs of mulch and planted 250 flowers. Great work and thank you for the great effort as we will all now enjoy the fruits of your labour. I also want to thank **Jason** who allowed us to purchase the materials and **Paul** who has now fully repaired the watering system.

The **top green** is progressing well and you will now see quite a lot of green grass popping up. The **bottom green** is also going well and being helped by the decision to suspend roll ups until further notice. We hope to resume roll ups in the near future. It must however be noted that the greens will be closed on Mondays on a permanent basis to allow the greenkeeper to carry out necessary work. The greens will only be open on Mondays for special events.

The new format for **Friday Mixed Mufti Pairs** starts on Friday 3rd January 2014. The new format is for single entries only where you nominate whether you are a skip or lead. Teams will be created by blind draw, there will be no triples, games will end no later than 4.30pm and the minimum jackpot will be \$200 each week rising to \$1,000 if it is not won.

We are holding a **mixed social day on Monday 27th January 2014 for Australia Day** and we would like to see a good crowd in attendance. The entry form is in the selectors' room along with full details of the event.

Entry forms are also available in the selectors' room for **Minor Singles, Ken Wighton Singles, Zone Triples** and **Zone Singles.** Please take a look at these events and I encourage you to participate as it is good experience and a complete change from just playing social bowls. If you would like to ask any questions about these events please contact any member of the Match Committee.

Warren Phillips – President

Welfare Report *David Roles*

Alex Stewart is recovering from having a pterygium removed from his eye. After some complications he seems to be on the mend.

Peter Carritt is doing well after the insertion of a new stent.

Ian Corke will be having a heart valve replacement on January 8.

VALE

MICHAEL CHAMBERS

Michael Chambers passed away following a heart attack.

Our deepest sympathy to all his family. ☙

Men's Presentation Day 2013

Presentation Day was well attended with 50 bowlers there to either receive a trophy or show support for those who did.

After opening by President Warren Phillips, David Wilson again performed his favourite role as Master of Ceremonies, conducting the action at all times.



KEN WIGHTON SINGLES
Winner Paul Van Tilburg
Runner-up Kevin Tuckerman



BILL MENZIES MINOR SINGLES
Winner John Leonard
Runner-up Ian Corke



THORBY MAJOR SINGLES
Winner Keith Robinson
Runner-up Peter Eagle



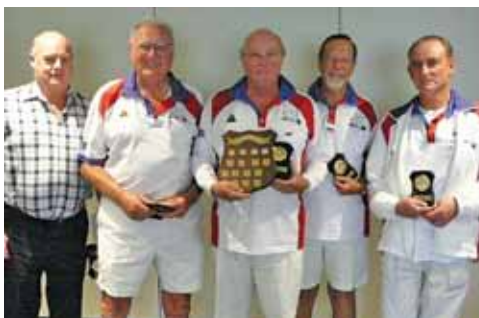
BARRY WALKER CLASSIC PAIRS
Winners Bob Cole and Brian Joyce
Runners-up Geoff Seamons and Gerard D'Costa



MINOR PAIRS
Winners Alex Stewart and David Roles
Runners-up David Howell and Max Walters



MAJOR PAIRS
Winners Peter Eagle and Kevin Ross
Runners-up Bob Cole and Brian Joyce



MINOR TRIPLES
Winners Leo Saly, Ross Iredale and Paul Van Tilburg
Runners-up Rod Gamble, Don Carpenter and Kevin Tuckerman



MAJOR TRIPLES
Winners Keith Robinson, Peter Eagle and Kevin Ross
Runners-up Clive Donohoo, Brian Joyce and John Leonard



GORDON ATKINS FOURS
Winners Alex Stewart, Eric Hilton, Ross Smith and Geoff McIntosh
Runners-up Michael Dalgairns, Ian Corke, Mal Horner and Barry Walker



PRESIDENT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR
 Kevin Tuckerman

As is tradition at West Pennant Hills, the winner of the Major Singles responds on behalf of all recipients. This year Keith Robinson congratulated all winners and runners up, and made special mention to the bowlers that entered and did not make it to the final. As Keith pointed out, if not for all entrants, there would not be championships and there would not be finalists. Keith also expressed thanks for the 'behind the scenes' efforts of people such as the Match Committee, that contribute considerable time to programme, organise and conduct the championships. Without this effort, the championships would not run as well as they do.

Dallas

**It's time to put your name down for the
 Club Minor Singles, Ken Wighton Singles,
 Zone Triples and Zone Singles
 Check the Notice Board for details.**

Calendar of Events from January 2 to March 29, 2014

Thursday	2 January	1 pm	Women's Triples – Entries close
Friday	3 January	1 pm	Jackpot Bowls commences
Thursday	16 January	9 am	Women's Triples – Round 1
Saturday	18 January	5 pm	Men's Minor Singles – Entries close
Thursday	23 January	9 am	Women's Triples – Round 2
Sunday	26 January		Australia Day
Monday	27 January	10 am	Australia Day Special
Thursday	30 January	9 am	Women's Triples – Round 3
Thursday	30 January	1 pm	Women's Pairs – Entries close
Saturday	1 February	8.40 am	Men's Minor Singles – Round 1
Tuesday	4 February	9 am	Women's Triples – Final
Saturday	8 February	8.40 am	Men's Minor Singles – Round 2
Wednesday	12 February	8.40 am	Ken Wighton Novice Singles – Round 1
Thursday	13 February	9 am	Women's Pairs – Round 1
Saturday	15 February	8.40 am	Men's Minor Singles – Round 3
Tuesday	18 February	5 pm	Men's Major Singles – Entries close
Wednesday	19 February	8.40 am	Ken Wighton Novice Singles – Round 2
Thursday	20 February	9 am	Women's Pairs – Round 2
Saturday	22 January	1 pm	Men's Pennant Trials
Wednesday	26 February	8.40 am	Ken Wighton Novice Singles – Round 3
Thursday	27 February	9 am	Women's Pairs – Round 3
Saturday	1 March	8.40 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 1
Tuesday	4 March	9 am	Women's Pairs – Round 4
Saturday	8 March	8.40 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 2
Tuesday	11 March	9 am	Mixed Pairs – Round 1
Saturday	15 March	8.40 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 3
Tuesday	18 March	9 am	Women's Pennants – Round 1
Saturday	22 March	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 1
Tuesday	25 March	9 am	Women's Pennants – Round 2
Saturday	29 March	1 pm	Men's Pennants – 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.

Now that I'm older I've been doing some thinking!

- ▶ I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
 - ▶ My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
 - ▶ I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
 - ▶ Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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 - ▶ If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
 - ▶ It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
 - ▶ Some days you're the top dog, some days you're the tree trunk.
- ▶ I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.
 - ▶ Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
 - ▶ Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
 - ▶ It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
 - ▶ The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
 - ▶ If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
 - ▶ When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
 - ▶ It's not hard to meet expenses ... they're everywhere.
 - ▶ The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- ▶ These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter ... I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".
 - ▶ Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

