

Koala News

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



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The ladies make a great start to 2014

The Women's Club Championships for 2014 commenced in January:

WOMEN'S TRIPLES

Winners: Veronica Doyle, Margaret Sawyer and Denise Hopkins

Runners-up: Kaye Eagle, Joyce Jones and Margaret Wighton

WOMEN'S PAIRS

Winners: Kaye Eagle and Shauna Geraghty

Runners-up: Lorraine Begg and Wendy Wise



WOMEN'S TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Left to right: Runners up: Joyce Jones, Kaye Eagle and Margaret Wighton.
Winners: Veronica Doyle, Margaret Sawyer and Denise Hopkins.



WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Kaye Eagle and Shauna Geraghty
with President Betty Gough

NS DISTRICT TRIPLES

Congratulations to **Judith McCreadie, Margaret Sawyer** and **Wendy Wise** who were the winners of the final of the **NS District Triples Championship** played at Asquith on Friday 28th February. I was very proud and privileged to be there to watch this well played and exciting game even though the weather conditions were not very pleasant, rain was threatening and the green was quite heavy.

Runners-up was the Asquith team of **J. Bennett, S. Andrew** and **H. Maloney** and I was very encouraged by the obvious camaraderie shown between all of these very experienced players during the game.

Betty Gough



DISTRICT WOMEN'S TRIPLES 2014

Left to right: Runners up: Asquith team Winners: Wendy Wise, Margaret Sawyer and Judith McCreadie.

WPH SPORTS CLUB 21st ANNUAL Koala Carnival

MEN'S 3 BOWL TRIPLES 2 x 19 ENDS

MONDAY 5th MAY 2014

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includes a hot lunch and \$15 raffle tickets

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The ladies recommenced bowls on Tuesday January 7th and all seemed to look forward to another year of bowling and friendship together. There have been a number of our ladies this year that have not been well, either because of necessary medical procedures or onset of a debilitating illness and I wish for all a very speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you back bowling again.



On Friday 7th February West Pennant Hills was the venue for the final matches of the **NS District Senior 4's** and **Open 4's**. The spectators who attended saw some very fine bowling during both of these games. The eventual winners were –

Senior 4's: Asquith - J. Bennett, S.

Andrew, H. Maloney, J. Wilson

Runners-up: Pennant Hills - J.

Summerson, P. Crotty, A. Drummond, B. Fairbairn

Open 4's: Pennant Hills – D. Stephens,

C. Foster, W. Bell, J. Partridge

Runners-up: Asquith - L. Bulmer,

N. Crump, M. Khamis, B. Davis

Ladies Pennants commenced on March 18th. Grade 3 and Grade 4 pennants are to finish on 17th April, there may be rain delayed games to play. Grade 5 pennants should finish on 15th April. Grade 5 is a new concept and aimed at giving encouragement and experience to those players who may not be eligible to play pennants. Four players compete as a team and play only one game each week. Our ladies certainly will benefit from the experience of pennants play and hopefully enjoy their bowling.

Preparations are underway for our **WPH Ladies Koala Carnival** to be held on Monday 28th April.

We are very pleased and grateful to have **ARV (Anglican Retirement Villages)** as our sponsor this year. In the past years this carnival has been very popular and we look forward to another successful event with a full complement of players.

We have a new bowling member. **Janet Downer** has completed her coaching lessons and we look forward to welcoming her. **Lorraine Singh**

is currently having coaching and we anticipate will join us before too long.

I would like to remind our ladies that the **Mixed Triples** commence on Tuesday May 6th and the ladies club **Major Singles** commences on Thursday 8th May. Our club is lucky to have a number of “under 5 years” players who are showing tremendous talent and enthusiasm at the moment and I would like to encourage these ladies to enter as many club competitions as they can. These events will give you confidence and experience. The closure date for entries for the Major Singles is April 24th. This is an open championship and I hope to see a good number of ladies entering.

I would like to wish all a very happy and blessed Easter weekend shared with family and friends.

Betty Gough – President

I would like to wish all our members and their families a happy and safe Easter. I also hope that Grandparent babysitting duties during the school holidays do not interfere too much with your bowls.



Daylight saving has finally ended and bowls starting times for men's social games have moved back to 12.30 pm from 6th April 2014. I say “finally ended” as I am quite over getting up in the dark every day.

The weather has certainly made life very difficult for our greenkeeper this year but as you all know both greens are now finally open for play. The new top green is a pleasure to play on and will only get better as the months go by. If you have not yet played on the top green you have a treat in store. The bottom green is much improved after the break we gave it during March for about two weeks.

All our **Singles** events have now reached the finals stage with all three games planned for **Saturday 26th April 2014**. We are making a special day of these finals by not playing social bowls and providing a light lunch for those coming to watch the three games. These are our premier bowls championships

and they are receiving the attention they deserve. We have also invited all our past major singles winners to attend on the day. We hope you will find the time to come along and enjoy a great afternoon of bowls.

This year we have entered **three Pennant Teams** covering grades 4, 5 and 6. After four rounds the Grade 4 side has two wins and Grade 5 has three wins while Grade 6 has only one win. There is a long way to go but it is better to start well and try and maintain the momentum for the remaining rounds. Good luck to all of our teams in the coming weeks.

The **21st Annual Koala Carnival** is fast approaching and is scheduled for **Monday 5th May 2014**. Get your entries in quickly as it is filling up fast. It will be a great day with good prize money and lots of raffle prizes as well. We also have a major raffle prize of a **Microsoft Surface 2 Computer** which is well worth winning, so please remember to buy a ticket closer to the date.

Warren Phillips – President



THE CHALLENGE CUP

The third year of this annual event between West Pennant Hills and Pennant Hills was held on Friday 11th April 2014 at Pennant Hills Bowling Club. As current holders of the cup we were keen to defend our title and at the lunch break we were in front by 9 games to 7. We needed to win 4 of the last 8 games to retain the Cup but unfortunately after a very nice lunch and a few drinks we were only able to win 2 ½ games to 5 ½ in the afternoon. We lost the Cup by 11 ½ games to 12 ½ games. This very close result is typical of the results we have had in the past two years. I want to thank all those who played and for trying their very best to hold onto the Cup. We are the host Club next year where will try to win it back.

Welfare Report

by *Teddie Dowling and David Roles*

Joyce Jones has started her chemotherapy.

Ailsa Graves is feeling much better after her collapse.

Monica Casey is returning to bowls after Easter.

Cass Joyce is coming along really well.

Lynne Hindle is not well and is having treatment.

Merv Cannon's wife Joan is back driving after her accident.

Michael Schwarcz is looking good and playing well.

David Makin was in hospital with a mystery illness.

Bob Cole's ankle operation has been delayed until the end of April.

Peter Booth is improving a little.

Geoff Tweeddale has moved to the Blue Mountains to be near his son.

VALE

KEN ANDERSON

Ken Anderson passed away on the 17th February.

WILF MORSCHEL

Wilf Morschel passed away on the 16th March.

ALEX STEWART

Alex Stewart passed away on the 29th March.

May they rest in peace.



How did it get so late so soon?

It's night before it's afternoon.

December is here before it's June.

My goodness how the time has flown.

How did it get so late so soon?

Dr. Seuss

IN MEMORIUM

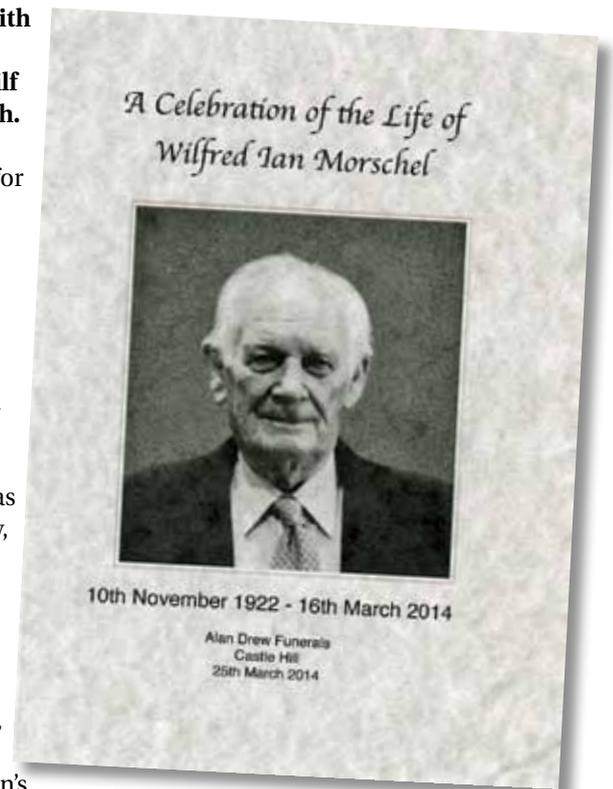
The day was predicted cloudy with showers, but the day turned on beautiful weather to farewell Wilf Morschel on Tuesday 25th March.

The Chapel at Castle Hill was overflowing to hear the tributes for Wilf's 'Celebration of Life'.

About 12 Club management people including current and former Board members plus another dozen or so bowlers attended from our Club.

The tributes from Ray Peterkin and Wilf's two daughters gave outstanding insights (related excellently) into the man who was so involved in a rewarding family, business and Community life.

Apart from being the Manager of Dairy Farmers, the time and effort he contributed to the original formation of our WPH Sports Club was amazing. Firstly, with a group of friends, Wilf attempted to form a Businessmen's Club in the area. This fell through, but with determination, he held meetings and distributed leaflets and finally got enough people to really consider forming a Club, this time a Sports Club. A site had to be found, donations and bank finance arranged and then plans to Council for a building. Most of the original employees were voluntary staff and it was only about 15 years ago that

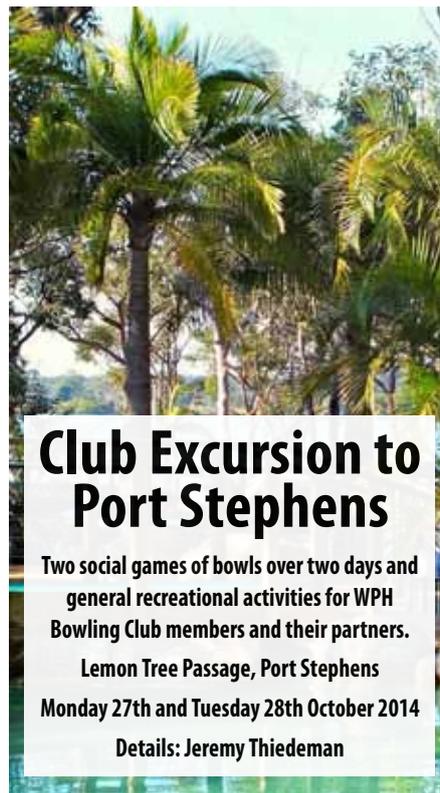


our current Club CEO, Jason Read, was appointed. Without the drive of Wilf and his friends, our Club would not exist. Wilf was member #2 at WPH Sports Club.

The Club generously and correctly catered for the 'wake' at our Club.

Many thanks Wilf!!

Max Walters



Club Excursion to Port Stephens

Two social games of bowls over two days and general recreational activities for WPH Bowling Club members and their partners.

Lemon Tree Passage, Port Stephens
Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October 2014
Details: Jeremy Thiedeman

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Based on the Sports Clubs Regulations and Insurance Policies the following rules apply for those wishing to use our Greens. The **only people able to use our greens** are as follows:

- Bowling Members of our Club.
- Visitors who are members of other bowling clubs.
- Non-members of West Pennant Hills bowling sections or other bowling clubs who are attending sanctioned events at our club e.g. Twilight Bowls, Mixed events held on public holidays etc.
- Non-members of West Pennant Hills bowling sections or other bowling clubs who are being supervised by a qualified Club Coach.

If you are not a coach or involved in a sanctioned event you cannot allow people onto our greens. Failure to adhere to these rules may result in serious consequences for the Club and you personally.

Calendar of Events from April 15 to June 17, 2014

Tuesday	15 April	9 am	Women's Pennants – Round 4
Easter	18 – 21 April		
Tuesday	22 April	9 am	Women's Pennants – Round 5
Wednesday	23 April	5 pm	Mixed Triples – Entries close
Thursday	24 April	5 pm	Women's Major Singles – Entries close
Friday	25 April		Anzac Day
Saturday	26 April	12.30 pm	Men's Singles Championships – Major and Minor
Saturday	26 April		Men's Pennants Lay Day
Sunday	27 April		Men's Pennants Lay Day
Monday	28 April	8.30 am	Koala Carnival – Ladies' Day
Tuesday	29 April	9 am	Women's Pennants – Round 6
Saturday	3 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 5
Monday	5 May	8 am	Koala Carnival – Men's Day
Tuesday	6 May	9 am	Mixed Triples – Round 1
Thursday	8 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 1
Saturday	10 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 6
Wednesday	14 May	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples – Round 2
Thursday	15 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 2
Saturday	17 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 7
Tuesday	20 May	9 am	Mixed Triples – Round 3
Thursday	22 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 3
Saturday	24 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 8
Tuesday	27 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Final
Wednesday	28 May	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples – Final
Wednesday	28 May	5 pm	Mixed Fours – Entries close
Saturday	31 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 9
Monday	2 June	8 am	WPH Turn-Around-Triples
Saturday	7 June	5 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Entries close
Wednesday	11 June	12.30 pm	Mixed Fours – Round 1
Saturday	14 June	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 10
Tuesday	17 June	9 am	Mixed Fours – Round 2
Tuesday	17 June	5 pm	Mixed Pairs – Entries close

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.

Tales from Outback

An elderly man in Queensland owned a large property. He had a dam in one of the lower paddocks where he had planted mango and avocado trees.

The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and he also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while.

He grabbed a ten litre bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked!'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile.'

MORAL: *Old men may walk slowly, but they can still think fast.*

Kids' talk

While delivering meals on wheels, I used to take my 4 year old daughter on my rounds. She was intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a set of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

