

Koala News

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



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A singular double!



This year our club celebrates a rare event. A husband and wife have each won the Club Major Singles Finals.



Congratulations to **Kay and Peter Eagle** for achieving an outstanding double. A real family affair!

2014 Women's Major Singles Final



Kay Eagle and **June Huntley**
Kaye Eagle retained her title of **Major Singles Champion** in a very close final played with **June Huntley** on Tuesday 27th May. Congratulations to both ladies. The final score was 25/23.

CHAMPIONS DAY 2014



Left to right: **Ross Fitzpatrick, Peter Eagle and David Wilson**

A fantastic day of finals.

The **Ken Wighton Singles** was won by **Ross Fitzpatrick** 31 to 22 over **Con Ganis**. The boys had a fun and enjoyable game but in the end there can be only one winner.

In the **Minor Singles**, **David Wilson** faced off against **Darrin Ede**. Darrin has been playing less than a year and is showing signs that he will challenge the best the club has to offer. The game was a tough tussle with David leading the way, building large margins only to

have Darrin claw his way back to within a couple of shots. Finally David won out at 31 to 18.

The **Major Singles** was a very closely fought battle between **Warren Phillips** and **Peter Eagle**. In the early stages of this match it was neck and neck with low scores for many ends. Warren broke away to have a small lead over Peter, however Peter's tenacity saw him close the gap and sneak past Warren. A fitting last end had both players on 30 points. Peter took the last end to win 31 to 30.

2014 Men's Koala Carnival

Bowlers from **Brush Park, Pennant Hills, Dural, The Hills, Castle Hill, Beecroft, Merrylands**, and of course, **West Pennant Hills** enjoyed fantastic weather for our 21st **Koala Carnival**.

This year the carnival was sponsored by **Anglican Retirement Villages (ARV)**, providing the prize money for the carnival. Thanks to the friendly staff from ARV for their time providing information to bowlers and presenting prizes.

Homeway First National of Castle Hill sponsored the major prize, a Surface 2 tablet. This proved very attractive to our members and visitors to the Sports Club. Many thanks to Homeway First National of Castle Hill for this ongoing support over the past four years (the past 13 as major sponsor).

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Pennants for 2014 have been completed. Our ladies combined well in each grade and I want to congratulate and thank those



who competed, especially the newer members of our club who will certainly benefit by participating in this event. Our Grade 3 ladies were third overall behind Nth Epping and Beecroft. Grade 2 came in second behind North Epping. It was difficult for our Grade 5 ladies but they played well considering that this was a new concept this year and I know they will still maintain their enthusiasm for competition.

Our ladies **21st Koala Carnival** which was held on Monday 28th April was a great success. 72 players attended, the weather was fine and we have had a lot of complimentary comments regarding the day. The lunch was enjoyable and there were some very happy ladies who won prizes in our very generous raffle. Thank you to all who contributed and helped on the day. **Anglican Retirement Villages** was our new sponsor for this year. The ladies representing ARV remained the entire day and presented the prize monies to teams from Dural, Castle Hill and Pennant Hills who were the eventual winners of the day. Congratulations to our own ladies **Marilyn Clark** and **Bernice Francis** who, with a player from Dundas, were the afternoon winners.

Thank you to **Bill Austin** who again this year contributed a major prize to be raffled. There was a lot of interest in the Microsoft Surface 2 Tablet that was raffled. Both the men's and ladies' bowling sections of the WPH Sports Club will benefit from the proceeds.

The ladies **Club Major Singles Championship final** was played on Tuesday 27th May. **Kaye Eagle** and **June Huntley** played a very evenly matched game and Kaye who was contesting her title from last year was the eventual winner. The final score was 25/23. Congratulations to both players and I was honored to be the marker for this well played game. Kaye and her husband Peter are in the unique situation of both being Club Major Singles Champions of their club for 2014, congratulations to both.

The **Mixed Fours** competition has commenced and we can look forward to seeing some very interesting bowling during the next couple of weeks.

I was very pleased to welcome **Lorraine Singh** as a new bowling member of our ladies club.

We are very lucky indeed at the moment to have a group of "newer" players who, along with the more experienced bowlers show enthusiasm for the game and in my opinion showing a lot of bowling potential for the future.

A mixed game of bowls has been arranged for Monday 9th June, (Queen's Birthday weekend) and I am looking forward to playing. Sounds like an enjoyable day organised.

What a wonderful evening I enjoyed in Sydney to see the Vivid Light Festival display. Our harbour is magnificent and this event is yet another reminder of how privileged we are to be living in this wonderful country and to be able to share so much that is on offer.

Thinking of those who are not enjoying good health at the moment and hope that better days are ahead.

Betty Gough – President

It has been a very eventful and successful period since the last newsletter was published prior to Easter.



The decision to hold all our **Singles Finals** on the same Saturday proved to be a great afternoon of bowls and socialising. Not only did we have good crowd of spectators but also quite a few of our past Major Singles Winners present for the event. We are now likely to do this again next year and make it bigger and better. Congratulations must go to the Match Committee for coming up with this excellent concept.

The Men's Pennant season is now in its final weeks with our Grade 5 side in with a realistic chance of making the play offs. Our Grade 4 and Grade 6 teams have been competitive but have run into some very good sides along the way. I wish Grade 5 all the very best in the weeks to come and can assure you the whole club is behind you all the way. Good luck.

The **21st Annual Koala Carnival** has now been and gone for another year. We had 22 teams entered which were less than we had hoped for but the day did go off without a hitch thanks to all the help and support we received from a small band of volunteers. I want to pass on a big thank you to those people who offered their help on the day and before the event, it is very much appreciated. Our new sponsor **ARV** was very pleased with the event and we hope to have them again next year. The **Surface 2** raffle prize donated by **Bill Austin** of **First National Real Estate** proved to be a drawcard and resulted in us breaking all records for ticket sales. The Men's and Women's Bowls Sections both made a healthy profit from this raffle. A big thank you to Bill Austin for his donation.

Scoreboard advertising is a great source of additional income for our club and a concerted effort over the past 3 months has seen us sell all our 21 signboards. I want to thank **Jason Read** and **Paul Thornton** for their help and assistance along with the Sponsorship Team of **Keith Robinson**, **Geoff McIntosh** and **Stephen Watson** for the work they put in to sell the signs. All the signs are not up as yet but should be completed by end June. Naturally we would hope that our members will support these sponsors when you need the products or services they offer.

Friday Jackpot Pairs was reformatted earlier this year to allow only single entries with a \$5.00 entry fee (plus \$10.00 green fee where applicable) and a minimum \$200 Jackpot each week. Prior to this change we were lucky to have 4-5 games on a Friday. We now get at least 6-7 games on a Friday and recently had 8 games. Clearly this new format is proving more popular from week to week. It also pleasing to see so many ladies playing on a Friday and we encourage more to come and enjoy the day. All ladies and visitors are welcome.

Entry forms for **Zone 10 events** are now available on the Zone 10 Web Site and on the notice board in the Sports Room. If you are interested in these events please add your name on the lists. If you have any questions about the events please contact one of the Committee who will be happy to answer any points you may have.

Warren Phillips – President

Twilight Bowls

It was due to Twilight Bowls in 2007 (run by Alan Cotton) that Max Walters joined the Bowling Club. From 2010/11, Max took over from Alan and has run it for the last four years (with assistance).

During the first two years, the total numbers were rather small, but even then, **190 bowlers, 121 non-bowlers plus 8 children** joined us.

The last two years have shown a big increase with **460 bowlers, 248 non-bowlers plus 10 children** taking part. Overall, 1033 individuals have taken part in Twilight Bowls in the last 4 years.

The management of the main Club has been of great assistance, helping to encourage this event by making it **free** to play and relying on those bowlers to then 'put bums on seats'. Obviously it has worked for both the Club and the bowlers.

Over the last four years, it would appear that **Twilight Bowls** has had the benefit of possibly adding 12 new bowling members (3 male and 9 female) which is quite encouraging.

The women's bowls section has become stronger over time and now entering more events (including the Friday Pairs with the Men).

The event is only on during **Daylight Saving** and of the 26 nights annually it is run, the average over the four years is about only five evenings cancelled because of heat, rain or the green being unavailable.

Understanding Engineers #1

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice. The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

Any errors found on this newsletter were put there deliberately. We try to publish something for everyone and some people merely read the newsletter to find errors.

You don't need to book a game, just turn up before **5.30 pm** on a **Thursday** evening and you will be put into a game that suits your ability. If you have never bowled before, some really nice gentleman will pop over and give some bowling advice for **free!**

The bowls lasts for about 1½ hours, and then the majority of players find

themselves sitting in the Club at a table reserved for bowlers, ordering a meal, and chatting about the way they played.

Well, **Twilight Bowls** will commence again during **Daylight Saving** this coming **October**. So if you have never been, come and **avago**. People have been heard to say they **had a fun night**.
Max Walters



It's OK to say 'Bad Luck' but you should have said it without the snigger!

STARLIGHT FOUNDATION CHARITY BOWLS DAY

The Starlight Foundation was formed in 1988 and has brightened the lives of seriously ill and hospitalised children and their families throughout Australia.

They provide programmes for the total care of seriously ill children. While health professionals focus on treating the illness, Starlight is there to lift the spirits of the child, giving them the opportunity to laugh and play.

Our Sports Club generously supports this cause, and sends two teams to this event at Merrylands Bowling Club annually.

Our ladies team was a noisy bunch and unfortunately lost their bowls match. The men adopted a more serious attitude and achieved a win against the odds.

However the **REAL WINNERS** were the kids.

Max Walters



Lorraine Begg, June Huntley, Kaye Eagle and Shauna Geraghty (notice wine bottles)!



Gerard D'Costa, Max Walters, Roy Robinson and Gary Tyrrell (notice coffee only)!

Welfare Report by Teddie Dowling and David Roles

Lynne Hindle has started her chemotherapy.

Joyce Jones is continuing her chemotherapy.

Pat Jones is at home following her shoulder operation..

Rhondda Williams has been away from bowls due to a back problem.

Ken Brown is having chemotherapy.

Rod Roberts has been in hospital but

is now home.

Cliff Johnstone has had radiation treatment and feeling much better.

Steve Brady is in hospital getting some rest.

Ray Jennings has been sick but getting better.

Chris Miesch will have a hip replacement this month.

Calendar of Events from June 7 to August 30, 2014

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
Saturday	21 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 1
Tuesday	25 June	12.30 pm	Mixed Fours – Final
Saturday	28 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 2
Tuesday	1 July	9 am	Mixed Pairs – Round 1
Saturday	5 July	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 3
Tuesday	8 July		Women's AGM
Wednesday	9 July	12.30 pm	Mixed Pairs – Round 2
Saturday	12 July	12.30 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Final
Thursday	17 July	5 pm	Women's Minor Singles – Entries close
Wednesday	23 July	12.30 pm	Mixed Pairs – Round 3
Saturday	26 July	5 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Entries close
Tuesday	29 July	9 am	Mixed Pairs – Final
Thursday	31 July	9 am	Women's Minor Singles – Round 1
Thursday	7 August	9 am	Women's Minor Singles – Round 2
Saturday	9 August	12.30 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Round 1
Saturday	16 August	12.30 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Round 2
Thursday	21 August	9 am	Women's Minor Singles – Round 3
Thursday	21 August	5 pm	Women's Fours – Entries close
Saturday	23 August	12.30 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Round 3
Saturday	23 August	5 pm	Men's Graded Fours – Entries close
Tuesday	26 August	9 am	Women's Minor Singles – Final
Saturday	30 August	10 am	Men's AGM
Saturday	30 August	12.30 pm	Men's Minor Pairs – Final

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.

Hi Sweetheart ...

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes.

As the train rolled out of the station, the girl sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone and started talking in a loud voice:

“Hi sweetheart, it's Erica, I'm on the train. Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting.”

“No, honey, not with that bloke from the accounts office, it was with the

boss.”

“No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life.”

“Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart.”

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly.

When the young man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, “Erica, hang up the phone and come back to bed.”

Erica doesn't use her mobile phone in public any longer.

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.

There are three kinds of men:

The ones that learn by reading.

The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

Will Rogers

