

Koala News

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Two Pennants for the ladies



GRADE 3 PENNANT WINNERS

Left to right: **C.Huttary**, District Match Committee, **D.Hopkins**, **R.Noonan**, **V.Doyle**, **J.McCreadie**, **A.Lucietto**, **M.Sawyer**, **W.Wise**, **J.Thorpe** District President. Inset: **L.Begg**



GRADE 4 PENNANT WINNERS

Left to right: **J.Thorpe** District President, **K.Bailey**, **K.Eagle**, **R.Rolles (snr)**, **B.Hazeltine**, **B.Gough**, **L.Singh**, **J.Huntley**, **R.Roles (jnr)**, **J.Egan**, **L.Hines** District Match Committee



AT THE UNFURLING OF THE FLAGS

Left to right: **V.Doyle**, **D.Hopkins**, **Richard Hickey** Chairman of the Board of Directors, **R.Noonan**, **W.Wise**, **A.Lucietto**, **Jason Read** CEO of the WPH Sports Club, **M.Sawyer**, **J.McCreadie**, **B.Gough**, **B.Hazeltine**, **K.Eagle**, **J.Huntley**, **K.Bailey**, **L.Singh**, **R.Roles (jnr)**, **J.Egan**, **David Wilson** President of Men's Bowling Section, **R.Rolles (snr)**

Selection time for Pennants is usually an unenviable task but eventually players were chosen to play in teams in Grade 3 and Grade 4 and practice matches were organised.

Pennants commenced on Tuesday March 3. When the final games were played with a nail biting finish for the 3s, there was much elation and excitement when it was declared that both Grade 3 and Grade 4 West Pennant

Hills teams had won the District event.

Tuesday April 7 was a very proud day for our club. I felt honoured to have welcomed the Northern Suburbs District President **Judy Thorpe** and three members from the District Committee along with **Richard Hickey**, Chairman of the Board of Directors WPH Sports Club, **Jason Read**, CEO of the Sports Club and **David Wilson**, President of the WPH Men's Bowling

Section to a very special morning – the presentation and unfurling of the District Pennant flags and presentation of badges to the winning players. A rather special morning tea was enjoyed by our bowling members and special guests. The Region playoffs will be played at Northmead on Thursday May 21 and Friday May 22.

Betty Gough
President

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Presidential Notes

After a very busy year and seemingly everyone enjoyed the Festive Season the New Year 2015 was upon us.

The ladies first day back to bowls was Tuesday January 6 and another busy year was predicted with the first of our Club Championships scheduled for Tuesday January 15. We were all hoping that the weather would not be too hot for comfort.

Two of our Championships have now been completed –

2015 Club Triples

Winners **Lorraine Singh/Veronica Doyle/Denise Hopkins** 13

Runners Up **Rosemary Roles/Margaret Sawyer/Jeanette Egan** 12

2015 Club Pairs

Winners **Lorraine Begg/Wendy Wise** 19
Runners Up **Kaye Eagle/Sharna Geraghty** 10

Mixed Pairs commenced on Tuesday April 14 and the Major Singles is scheduled for Thursday May 7.

There are many ladies at our club at the moment who are well qualified to enter the Major Singles competition so please put your name on the entry sheet in the Sports Room.

In February **Judy McCreadie, Veronica Doyle, Robyn Noonan and Margaret Sawyer, Lorraine Begg, Anne Lucietto, Denise Hopkins and Wendy Wise** entered the Northern Suburbs District Open Fours competition. Unfortunately neither team was successful, the eventual winners being a team from Asquith.

Despite the damp weather **Australia Day** was celebrated again at the club with a game of bowls and BBQ lunch provided by the kitchen. Another well organised and enjoyable day.

During pennants I must admit to having had a “very special” birthday. We had a bye so it was just a social game at the club and I was very surprised when I was presented with a beautiful birthday cake and a box of flowers. How embarrassing when I tried to blow out the candles only to discover that they were all reigniting! Thank you to all of my lovely caring friends at the Club for your thoughtfulness and best wishes. We all enjoyed a piece of the delicious creamy cake at lunch time.

The ladies' **Koala Carnival** will be held Monday April 27 and once again we will



be sponsored very generously by ARV. This event has always been very popular so we are looking forward once again to a successful day.

We are delighted to have welcomed two new bowling members, Elaine Ede and Robin Curtis, to our club this year. Already Elaine and Robin have established themselves as being very keen and talented players.

My thoughts have been with those who have not been well and those who have lost loved ones. I wish for them more peaceful times ahead.

Betty Gough President

It has been a busy start to 2015 for the Men's bowling section.

I would like to begin however, by congratulating the ladies on a phenomenal effort in their pennants competition, winning the No.3 and No.4 Northern District flags. I was delighted to be able to join President **Betty Gough**, District President **Judy Thorpe**, and the ladies for the unfurling of the flags, a very special occasion.

The 2015 Pennant Season is underway again for the men and we have had mixed success in all grades. I remain confident of a strong finish to the season, seeing the men top the ladies and win in all three grades!

In our first championship of the year, the **Ken Wighton Singles**, I have been so impressed with the high calibre of games between some of our new bowlers. All games have been tight, with the close results indicative of some very good bowls. The final will be held on the **Champions Day** between **Jeremy Thiedeman** and **Max Walters** following the the Major and Minor Singles, .



A number of new opportunities to bowl at West Pennant Hills have opened in the last few months. Our mixed Saturday morning competition is proving a great success with those participating believing it is making a real difference to their game. Following from the success of our Thursday night Twilight Bowls, your Management Committee has resolved to open our Sunday afternoon bowls to members of the public. We hope that this will encourage people to join and become regular bowlers.

Twilight Bowls has drawn to a close after another successful season. **Max Walters** and his team of volunteers did a great job facilitating this, which collected \$7,180 for our section. Max has indicated this will be his last year running Twilight Bowls and I want to thank Max for his commitment and dedication to running this activity.

Tournament Season is fast approaching with the Men's Koala Carnival on Monday, 4th May. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Independent Gaming as our new major sponsor on a three-year sponsorship deal. It with equal sadness that we thank Bill Austin and Homeway First

National Real Estate who for the first time since the Koala's inception will not be a sponsor. I want to personally thank Bill for the contribution he has made not only to the Koala Carnival but to the section more broadly.

WPH will host the Independent Living Turn-Around-Triples tournament on Monday May 25. My thanks to **Gary Tyrrell** for coordinating both tournaments.

Steve Arhipoff recently resigned as green keeper. He decided to join his father on a building project at Port Macquarie. On behalf of the Committee and bowlers at WPH we wished him well for the future.

Cameron McClure has joined us as green keeper. Cameron commenced his trade at Northmead and then spent six years at Merrylands and also Kingswood. We welcome him and look forward to working with him.

As always, if I or any member of your Management Committee can be of assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on 0423 480 917 or at president@demaj.com.au.

Our exciting year of bowls continues and I wish everyone happy bowling.

David Wilson President

RECENT HAPPENINGS



WOMEN'S TRIPLES WINNERS 2015
Lorraine Singh, Veronica Doyle
and Denise Hopkins



WOMEN'S PAIRS WINNERS 2015
Wendy Wise and Lorraine Begg

STATE AND ZONE FOURS 2015



Above: **Jim Ede, Darrin Ede, Dallas Palm, Michael Schwarcz**

Left: **Les Watkins, Peter Eagle, Ross Fitzpatrick, David Wilson, Jeremy Thiedeman, Don Couch, John Leonard, Dom Surace**

We put in a very strong showing in the Zone 10 State and Reserve Fours.

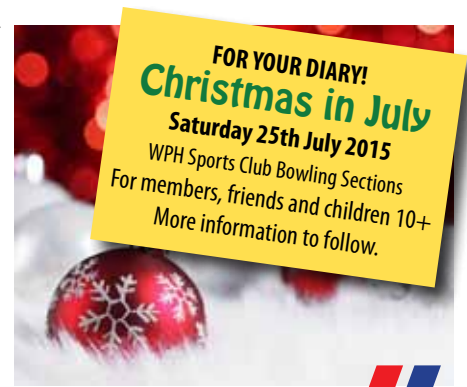
The results obtained this year represent the best results our club has achieved in these competitions. We were the only club in Zone 10 to have two teams make the sectional playoff in the **State Fours** and were runners-up in the **Zone** in the **Reserve Fours** with the combination of **Jim Ede, Darrin Ede, Dallas Palm** and **Michael Schwarcz** coming very close to taking home the title.

All members should be incredibly

proud of their achievements.

My thanks on behalf of the Management Committee to the Competition and Selection Panels for putting these teams together and to our Bowls Coordinator **Michael Schwarcz** for the sterling job he did organising the entries and encouraging teams to participate in this competition. It is crucial to our club's ongoing competitiveness that we participate in events such as this.

David Wilson



FOR YOUR DIARY!
Christmas in July

Saturday 25th July 2015

WPH Sports Club Bowling Sections
For members, friends and children 10+
More information to follow.

West Pennant Hills Turnaround Triples Carnival Monday 25th May 2015

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Living Choice Retirement Villages

3 games each of 12 ends (3 bowls)

Roll up first game at 9.00am
Entry Fee: \$30.00 per player
which includes \$5 raffle tickets
(no opting out)
payable with Entry Form.
(Includes a light lunch.)

Welfare Report by David Roles

Teddy Dowling has had a fall at home and is now on the mend.

Bev Withers had a visit to hospital and is now resting at home.

Val Harvey has not been to bowls for some time and is resting at home.

Joyce Jones has been coming to the club to see all the girls and loving it.

Rod Gamble is back at bowls after having a stent operation.

Max Walters has his heart rate back to normal after having a pacemaker fitted followed by cardioversion.

John Skidmore has recovered from his staph infection.

Bryon Stoodley is resting at home after his by-pass operation a couple of months ago.

Doug Gunton passed away on the 25th March after suffering a stroke. Doug was a founding member of our club.

Tony Hindle, a former member and husband of Lyn Hindle one of our lady bowlers passed away last month from a long illness with Alzheimer's disease.

May they rest in peace.

Calendar of Events from April 25 to June 27, 2015

Saturday	25 April		Anzac Day
Sunday	26 April		Pennants Lay Day
Monday	27 April	8.30 am	Koala Carnival – Ladies' Day
Wednesday	29 April	12.30 pm	Mixed Pairs – Round 3
Saturday	2 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 8
Monday	4 May	8 am	Koala Carnival – Men's Day
Tuesday	5 May	12.30 pm	Mixed Pairs – Final
Thursday	7 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 1
Saturday	10 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 9
Thursday	14 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 2
Saturday	16 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 10
Wednesday	20 May	5 pm	Mixed Triples – Entries close
Thursday	21 May	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 3
Friday	22 May	5 pm	Men's Major Singles – Entries close
Tuesday	2 June	9 am	Women's Major Singles – Final
Wednesday	3 June	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples – Round 1
Saturday	6 June	am/pm	Men's Major Singles
Tuesday	9 June	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples – Round 2
Saturday	13 June	am/pm	Men's Major Singles
Wednesday	17 June	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples – Final
Friday	19 June	5 pm	Men's Minor Singles – Entries close
Saturday	20 June	am/pm	Men's Major Singles
Friday	26 June	5 pm	Zone 5-a-side – Entries close
Saturday	27 June	am/pm	Men's Minor Singles

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. The Match Committee reserves the right to make changes to start times and dates to enable the programme to be completed.

When insults had class

Some thoughtful insults from a time before the English language was reduced to four letter words.

A member of British Parliament to Benjamin Disraeli:

"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," **said Disraeli**, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." **Oscar Wilde**

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." **Forrest Tucker**

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill:

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."

Winston Churchill, in response:

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one."

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."

Stephen Bishop

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." **Mae West**

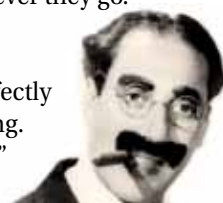
"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

Oscar Wilde

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening.

But this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx



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.

