

Koala News

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The Big Catchup



GRADE 4 TEAMS

Left to right: Lorraine Singh, June Huntley, Rosemary Roles, Jeanette Egan, Kaye Bailey, Helen Quinlan, Kay Eagle, Rosemary Rolles

OUR TEAMS IN THE STATE PLAYOFF

Both our Grade 3 and Grade 4 sides competed in the Pennant Playoff at Northmead on 21st and 22nd May in absolutely horrendous conditions, very cold wet and windy.

Grade 3 met some strong opposition who managed the conditions better than WPH, whereas Grade 4 managed clear wins in all their games. This allowed them to proceed to the State Playoff at Culburra from 17th August.

Our ladies thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing at Culburra. They came in 3rd in their Section (2) winning well on the second day against Milton/Ulladulla therefore not being able to compete in the Finals. We congratulate them all knowing they played well. *Anne Lucietto*



GRADE 3 TEAMS

Left to right: Judith McCreadie, Mary Maurer, Robyn Noonan, Denise Hopkins, Wendy Wise, Margaret Sawyer, Anne Lucietto, Lorraine Begg

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - MARGARET WIGHTON

Margaret joined the WPH Women's Bowling Club in 1993 and has rendered significant personal service. She has served on the Social Committee, as a Selector, she has been the President, Vice President twice, Honorary Treasurer, and club District Delegate for eleven years. She has been Publicity Officer and unofficial Historian keeping beautifully organised photo albums of Championships and special events.

Margaret is Chair of the Operational Committee, a member of the Mixed Bowls Committee and a keen bowler.

Over the years, she has won the Minor Singles Championship, Pairs Championship twice, Fours Championship five times and was a member of the winning No. 3 Pennant team in 2002, the No. 4 Pennant team in 2004 and was a sub for the winning No. 4 Pennant team in 2011.

She is a respected and endearing friend to all and has been a mentor for newer bowlers. She is very knowledgeable about club responsibilities and often you will hear someone say "ask Margaret, she will know".

Margaret became a Patron of the club in 2010 and on July 14, 2015 was awarded a Club Life Membership.

Betty Gough



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Presidential Notes ... Women's Bowls

This is my first report as President of the Women's Bowling Club for the Koala News. I hope I can follow on from Betty Gough's informative reports of the past three years.



Our Koala Carnival on 27th April was a great success. We had 24 teams in all from our District and various Clubs outside our District which made for an interesting Carnival.

On 7th July after Bowls, the ladies had organised a surprise Special Lunch and Gift Presentation for our outgoing President **Betty Gough**. She was totally unaware of our plans and was overcome by all the attention bestowed on her.

Since our last report we have had our Major Singles, the winner was **Denise Hopkins** def **Lorraine Begg** 25-16. Congratulations Denise and well played Lorraine.

Our Minor Singles Final was played on 11/8/15 on a beautiful day. Our

two new up and coming ladies, **Kaye Bailey** and **Elaine Ede** had a great game befitting a Final. Kaye Bailey won 25 shots to Elaine Ede 13 shots.

Mixed pairs **Helen and Michael Quinlan** def **Kay Eagle and Michael Schwarcz** 25-16.

Mixed Triples **Kay Eagle, Michael Schwarcz and Peter Eagle** def **Joan Ellem, Max Walters and Kevin Tuckerman** 29-21. Congratulations to the winners and well played to the runners up.

Our Annual "friendly" competition against Beecroft for the coveted **Leonie Hunter Rose Bowl** was played on 13th August in absolute balmy weather conditions at WPH. Unfortunately Beecroft have a strong grip on that trophy and Rose Bowl winning 108/77. We won four rinks to two but not enough shots to get us over the line.

On 31st August our Club hosted the **Hornsby Shire Trophy** which is competed by the six Clubs in the Northern Suburbs District. Six members of each Club competed in 4's, triples and pairs against mostly

Grade 1 Bowlers which was very strong opposition. Our ladies played very well but Pennant Hills were the overall winners and were presented with the Trophy by the **Mayor Steven Russell**.

Monday 14th September we held a **Fashion Parade** with garments from **Robyn Hunter Fashions** of Ryde. We had 33 ladies who enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea provided by several of our ladies followed by the Parade at 11 am. Our models looked stunning parading like professionals.

The final of our **Club Fours Championship** was played on Tuesday 22nd September. Congratulations to the winners, **Rosemary Roles, Barbara Hazeltine, Margaret Sawyer and Jeanette Egan**. Further congratulations go to the runners up, an up and coming team of our fairly new ladies on reaching the final, **Bernice Francis, Sue Thiedeman, Lorraine Singh**, enthusiastically skipped by **Shauna Geraghty**. Well done to you all.

Anne Lucietto President

Presidential Notes ... Men's Bowls

I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to continue to serve as your President for another term.

As members would be aware, your Management Committee was returned to office with an unchanged line up. You may all be assured there will be no challenges and no reshuffles at WPH over the next twelve months. I look forward to working with your Management Committee and all members to deliver on our commitments to you.

Since our last newsletter, the **2015 Pennant Season** has concluded. 2015 was always going to be a challenging year following the great success we enjoyed last year. All grades performed admirably with our Grade 7 side the pick of the three. It was so pleasing to see some of our long term members acting as mentors to some of our newer bowlers in this grade. I have every confidence that 2016 will be a great season.

In our championships, five have now come to a successful conclusion. I would like to congratulate the following champions for 2015: **Jeremy Thiedeman** as 2015 Ken Wighton

Singles Champion, **Darrin Ede** as 2015 Minor Singles Champion, **Peter Eagle** as 2015 Major Singles Champion, **Les Watkins** and **Ross Fitzpatrick** as 2015 Minor Pairs Champions, and **Les Watkins** and **Kevin Tuckerman** as 2015 Major Pairs Champions..

West Pennant Hills has recently hosted the 2015 Zone Qualifiers for the **State Rookies Competition**. Our club has the best representation ever in this competition with four entries in the singles and two entries in the pairs. Congratulations to **Steve Arnold, Mike Brown, Darrin Ede** and **Ross Fitzpatrick** on their success in these competitions. Darrin was runner-up in the singles and combined with Ross in the pairs to win. Steve and Mike made it through to the semi-finals in the pairs and performed very well in the singles.

It really has been a great few months at WPH with great success in inter-club competition. In June, we reclaimed the **Challenge Cup** from Pennant Hills with home ground advantage assisting in

our decisive victory. In early September, WPH won the **2015 Orange Blossom Festival Shield**. We were runners-up in the A Grade and winners in both the B and C Grades. My thanks to all who contributed to this win and to our competition panel for the winning combinations they put together. Our club also competed in the **2015 Hornsby Cup** and although we couldn't repeat the success of the Orange Blossom, we put in a fine effort. I know I speak for all members in saying we are looking forward to heading out to Wisemans Ferry for the 2016 competition.

As always, if I or any member of your Management Committee can be of assistance to any member, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on 9875 1536 (home), 0423 480 917 (mob) or at president@demaj.com.au.

*David Wilson
President*



David holding the Challenge Cup

WINNERS AND GRINNERS



WOMEN'S MINOR SINGLES 2015

Winner: **Kaye Bailey**
 Runner up: **Elaine Ede**



WOMEN'S MAJOR SINGLES 2015

Winner: **Denise Hopkins**
 Runner up: **Lorraine Begg**



WOMEN'S CLUB FOURS 2015

Winners L to R: **Jeanette Egan, Margaret Sawyer, Barbara Hazeltine and Rosemary Roles**



MIXED PAIRS 2015
 Far left – Winners:
Michael and Helen Quinlan



MIXED TRIPLES 2015
 Left – Winners:
Peter Eagle, Kaye Eagle and Michael Schwarz



KEN WIGHTON SINGLES 2015

Runner up: **Max Walters**
 Winner: **Jeremy Thiedeman**



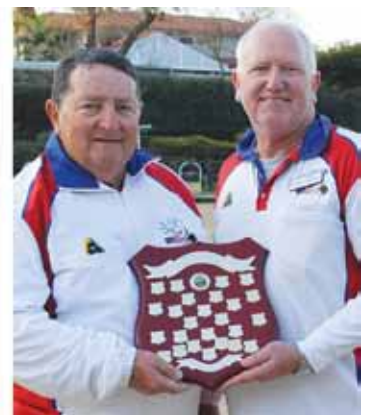
MINOR SINGLES 2015

Runner up: **Ross Fitzpatrick**
 Winner: **Darrin Ede**



MAJOR SINGLES 2015

Winner: **Peter Eagle**
 Runner up: **Darrin Ede**



MINOR PAIRS 2015

Winners: **Les Watkins and Ross Fitzpatrick**



ROD ROBERTS MAJOR PAIRS 2015

L to R: **David Wilson** (runner up), **Kevin Tuckerman** (winner), **Max Walters** (Senior Vice President), **Les Watkins** (winner), **Keith Robinson** (runner up)



2015 ZONE QUALIFIERS FOR STATE ROOKIES PAIRS

L to R: (runners up), **Graeme O'Donell** and **Doug Vail** (Brush Park), **Steve Watson** (vice president), (winners) **Ross Fitzpatrick** and **Darrin Ede**

The common factor seems to be Queensland

A man wanting to rob a Bank of Queensland walked into the Branch and wrote "Put all ya munny in this beeg." While standing in line waiting to give his note to the teller he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank and crossed the street to the NAB Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising

from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the Harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Queensland deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to Bank of Queensland. Looking somewhat defeated, the man said 'OK' and left. He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Queensland.

A guy walked into a little corner store in Cairns with a shotgun and demanded all of the cash from the cash drawer.

After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of Scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but the cashier refused and said, 'Because I don't believe you are over 21.'

The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because

she didn't believe him. At this point, the robber took his driver's licence out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk. The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and she put the Scotch in the bag.. The robber then ran from the store with his loot. The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that she got off the licence. They arrested the robber two hours later.

A girl went to a Surfers Paradise McDonalds and ordered a burger. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'

He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

A few punnies!

How does Moses make his tea?

Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.



L to R: **Lorraine Singh, Sue Thiedeman, Janet Downer, Lynne Champion and Bernice Francis** the glamour girls of the September Fashion Parade

Welfare Report by Margaret Wighton and David Roles

Val Harvey is not back at bowls yet. **Joyce Jones** has to take it easy. **Maureen Howell** is feeling better. **Joan Ellem's** husband **Stan** is doing well. **Lorraine Begg** came back to watch bowls last week. **Bryon Stoodley** is back at bowls. **Steve Brady** has had lung surgery. **Rod Gamble** has had a double bypass. **Ken Brown, Kevin Hoffman, Geoff Seamons, David Roles and Michael Schwarcz** are all undergoing continuing treatment.

VALE

Ernie Begg, husband of **Lorraine**, passed away last month after suffering a heart attack.

Lorraine has received a lot of support from all her friends at the club.

May he rest in peace.



It's polite and it's the right thing to do.

When players have the responsibility of determining the number of shots at the completion of an end **both players** should agree before calling the score. Other players should keep away.

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.

