

# Koala News

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



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## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



With MC extraordinaire Max Walters in charge, the 2015 Christmas Party was always going to be a fun affair.

Max's jokes remained just as funny as they were last year and led us into the Mixed Championship presentations ...

### 2015 Mixed Triples

Champions: **Kaye Eagle, Michael Schwarcz and Peter Eagle**

Runners-up: **Joan Ellem, Max Walters and Kevin Tuckerman**

### 2015 Mixed Pairs

Champions: **Helen Quinlan and Michael Quinlan**

Runners-up: **Kaye Eagle and Michael Schwarcz**

Presentations were also made to **Betty Lamb, Peter Boyd, David Roles**

and **Ross Fitzpatrick**.

After a few more of Max's jokes, we played a game of *'Heads and Tails'* with the proceeds of \$145 going towards the Blind and Vision Impaired Bowlers Association.

There was a sad poem relating to the lonely tasks of a Marker, read by Max but performed with agonising reality by John Skidmore. This may have been the highlight of the day.

The photo competition was very hard and even the 'Man' competition proved difficult. Nevertheless, there was a final rush of brainstorming which created some extremely close results.

Discussion erupted when Table 1 (which was where the MC sat) won the

combined quiz contests. However Table 1 claimed no foul play and declared themselves the winners.

We had 90 people attend this year which is believed to be a record and it appeared the day was considered successful and the audience participation was excellent. We were pleased to have our Club Chairman Richard Hickey in attendance who appeared to enjoy himself and we hope may be able to join us again next year.

The afternoon finished (for some) with a rousing rendition of *'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'*.

Thank you to Max Walters and his team for organising such a wonderful event.

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## Presidential Notes ... Women's Bowls

### VETERANS DAY

This year Veterans Day was held at Beecroft BC on 9/10/15 with nine of our ladies owning up to being Veterans.

A short game of Bowls was played followed by a delicious lunch then presentation of Super Veterans badges and long stem red roses to our new Super Veterans **Betty Gough** and **Mary Maurer**.



### PAST PRESIDENTS TROPHY

This is a Northern Suburbs District event which was held at North Epping Bowling Club this year on 15/10/15. The format being two Skips no higher than grade 3 and two up and coming new bowlers of less than 3 years. Our teams were **Margaret Sawyer** (Skip) and **Kaye Bailey** (Lead), **Denise Hopkins** (Skip) and **Lorraine Singh** (lead). It consists of two games of 15 ends where the leads swap skips for the PM game. Our ladies had convincing wins in both AM and PM games taking home the Trophy which

WPH have won twice before.

The last game on our calendar is **CONSISTENCY**. **Kaye Eagle** won this championship for the second time defeating **Lorraine Singh** 150/130. This game was very fitting of a final as both ladies played very well and there were many close heads with a lot of measuring.

Tuesday 8/12 was our last day for 2015 and is traditionally our **Patrons & Past Presidents** and **Presentation Day**. While the ladies were playing a short game of Bowls some ladies decorated the tables with Festive decorations and Christmas Fare and arranged the 2015 Championship Trophies which were later presented to the 2015 winners by our Patrons and Past Presidents.

A big "thank you" must go to all those who have helped during the year with various events and 'holding the fort' during the Pennant Season when many of our ladies have been playing away on Tuesdays.

Thank you too to our Committee who have performed their 'duties' very well throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Anne Lucietto President*



**VETERANS DAY** L to R: **Mary Maurer, Betty Gough, Wendy Wise, Bernice Francis, Betty Lamb, June Huntley, Margaret Wighton, Anne Lucietto** and **Barbara Hazeltine**

## Presidential Notes ... Men's Bowls

**It has been a busy few months at West Pennant Hills.**

First and foremost, I hope that members have been enjoying their bowls as much as possible.

In our championships, all but one have now come to a successful conclusion. I would like to congratulate the following champions for 2015: **Norm Jackson, Keith Robinson, Mal Horner** and **myself** as **2015 Fours Champions** and **Jim Ede, Dom Surace** and **Peter Eagle** as **2015 Triples Champions**.

My congratulations to **Ross Fitzpatrick** and **Darrin Ede** who performed brilliantly in the **Bowls NSW State Rookies Pairs**. This combination finished fifth in the state and I have every confidence they will do even better next year.

The Men's section held our **Annual Presentation Day** on December 5. My thanks to **Michael Quinlan**, who did a superb job as MC and **Dallas Palm** for all his work in coordinating the event. It

was so pleasing to be able to recognise not only our 2015 champions but also our umpires and other members who make a great contribution to the section.

On December 6 was our **Mixed Christmas Party**. My thanks to **Max Walters**, who really brought the funny as MC, **Peter Eagle** for his wonderful work as cashier and to the ladies for running a wonderful raffle. However, I know that members were unhappy with the meal that was served. The Men's Management Committee have resolved to take next year's Christmas Luncheon to another venue as a result. Despite this, there was much fun and fellowship had by all and it was a great way to round out what has been a great year for West Pennant Hills.

As always, if I or any member of the 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 (mobile) or at [president@demaj.com.au](mailto:president@demaj.com.au).

In closing, I would like to extend to all members on behalf of your Management Committee our best wishes for a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on our greens in 2016.

Happy bowling!

*David Wilson President*



**David with Player of the Year, Les Watkins**

## WINNERS AND GRINNERS



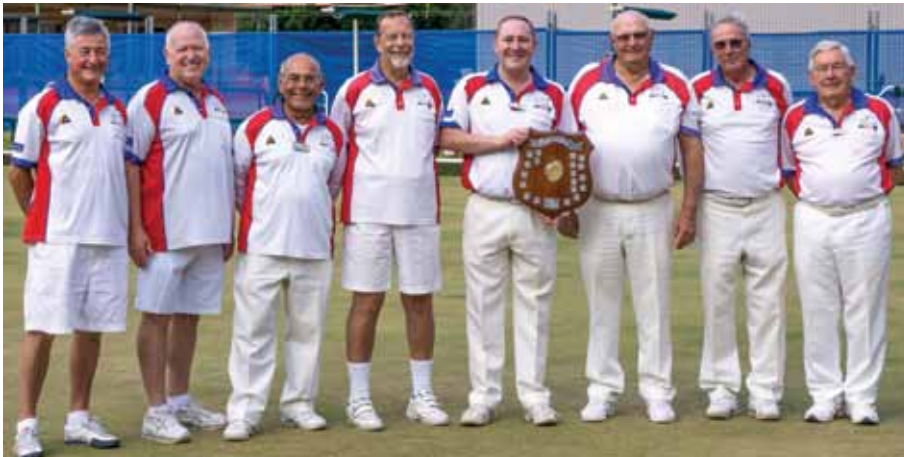
**WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT PAST PRESIDENTS TROPHY 2015**

L to R: Margaret Sawyer, Denise Hopkins, Kaye Bailey and Lorraine Singh



**2015 WOMEN'S CONSISTENCY CHAMPION**

Kaye Eagle



**2015 GORDON ATKINS FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP**

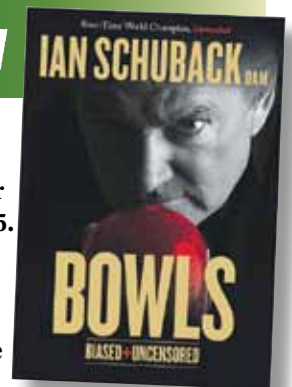
L to R: Runners up John Leonard, Ross Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Thiedeman, Kevin Tuckerman and Winners David Wilson, Mal Horner, Keith Robinson and Norm Jackson



**2015 MAJOR TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

L to R: Runners up Rod Gamble (sub), John Skidmore, Don Stubbin and Winners Peter Eagle, Dom Surace, and Jim Ede

## BOOK REVIEW



**I don't know about you but I had a great year of Bowls in 2015.**

Could I have done better? Definitely, and I believe it is time I approached my bowls more analytically. If you feel the same as I do I am sure you will benefit from reading (and following the suggestions in) Ian Schuback's new book.

I received a copy last week to review and haven't been able to put it down since. This book is an invaluable tool in taking your bowls to the next level. It contains firsthand insider knowledge on the world and art of Bowls including:

- Essential attributes of success
- Non-negotiable technical skills
- Shot making
- How to train effectively
- Mastering the art of tactics
- Playing in team positions
- Conquering different games
- Mental skills and the "mask"
- Giving your ultimate performance

Whether you are content being a social bowler or you want to achieve your ultimate potential I am sure you will find this book intriguing, funny and very informative. It is written by a Four Time World Champion and has a wealth of his experiences from which we can all benefit. I recommend Ian Schuback's book *Bowls Biased+Uncensored* to all bowlers.

*John Skidmore*

## Taking a bath in the 1500s

**Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May,**

They still smelled pretty good by June but since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide body odour.

Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

At bath time the man of the house

had the privilege of the nice clean water.

Then all the other men and sons, then the women and finally the children.

Last of all the babies.

By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.

Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

## Calendar of Events from January 30 to April 30, 2016

Saturday	30 January	5 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Entries close
Saturday	20 February	9 am	Men's Major Pairs – Round 1
Sunday	21 February	9 am	Men's Major Pairs – Round 2
Saturday	27 February	1 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Round 3
Sunday	28 February	9 am	Men's Major Pairs – Round 4
Tuesday	1 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	3 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	5 March	1 pm	Men's Major Pairs – Final
Tuesday	8 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	10 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	12 March	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 1
Tuesday	15 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	17 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	19 March	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 2
Tuesday	22 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	24 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Easter	25 – 28 March		
Tuesday	29 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	31 March	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	2 April	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 3
Sunday	3 April	2 am	Daylight Saving Ends
Sunday	3 April	10 am	Open Day
Tuesday	5 April	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	7 April	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	9 April	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 4
Tuesday	12 April	9 am	Women's Pennants
Thursday	14 April	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	16 April	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 5
Thursday	21 April	9.30 am	Women's Major Singles – Round 1
Monday	25 April		Anzac Day
Saturday	30 April	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 6

### Welfare Report *by Margaret Wighton and David Roles*

**Wendy Hatton** who recently had a double knee replacement is doing well  
**Rosemary Rolles** is suffering from a back complaint  
**Steve Brady, Rod Gamble** and **Kevin Hoffman** are all feeling better  
**Kevin Ross** and **Bob Cole** are doing well  
**Bryon Stoodley** is in rehab after suffering a stroke  
**Ian Thompson** was back in hospital last week with a high temperature  
**Tony Boughton** is undergoing chemo and has some good and bad weeks  
**Jimmy Robertson** has had a back operation  
**Alan Cotton** is slowly getting better



**VALE**  
 We recently lost two of our bowlers  
**Geoff Williams**  
 passed away on the  
 13th November  
 and  
**Geoff Seamons**  
 passed away on the  
 22nd November  
*May they rest in peace*



### 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.