

Koala News

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



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Zone President **Brett Hughes**, **Michael Schwarcz** and WPH President **David Wilson**

Michael Schwarcz was awarded life membership by Zone 10 at its Annual General Meeting held in February.

Michael has served **West Pennant Hills, Zone 10** and **BowlsNSW** with dedication and distinction for many years and this award is indicative of his achievements. At **West Pennant Hills**, Michael has held every position on your Management Committee, including the Presidency between 2006 and 2009 and most recently as our bowls coordinator.

At a **Zone** level, Michael has also held

Zone 10 awards Life Membership to Michael Schwarcz

just about every position on the Zone Executive, including three years as Zone President and most recently Zone Secretary.

Michael has continued his fine record of representation as Zone 10 State Councillor to **BowlsNSW** and as a member of the State Match Committee.

On a personal level, I have always found Michael's passion for our game to be without parallel. Michael was instrumental in setting up the Juniors program at West Pennant Hills, and as someone who directly benefited from this, I will always be grateful. Most importantly of all though, he is a great friend.

David Wilson, President

AN UMPIRE'S OBSERVATION

Law 28.2 describes a drawn game in a knockout competition. The skips in a team game must toss a coin and the winner will decide who must play first as described in Law 5.2.2. This latter law allows the winner of the toss to give the mat away to commence this extra end. The Controlling Body does not toss the coin. Players should be aware of the Laws or request assistance from the appointed Umpire.

The stopping of bowls and jack whilst still rolling continues to occur. Although it may be obvious bowls are going into the ditch, objections could be raised. Always allow the bowl or jack to enter the ditch before removing it, provided the bowl is not a toucher. In my opinion a player could ask to have his bowl replayed if stopped before entering the ditch by an opposing player.

Players should be aware of the time frame to mark touchers. Law 15.1 states a toucher must be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl as soon as it comes to rest. The bowl may be nominated as a toucher in which case it must be marked before the next bowl has come to rest as per Law 15.3 otherwise it ceases to be a toucher. Players at the mat end should allow time for the marking of a toucher before delivering their bowl.

Don Couch WPH Chairman of Umpires

Surace and D'Costa win the 2016 Rod Roberts Major Pairs



L to R: Runners-up: **Clive Donohoo** and **John Leonard** WPH President **David Wilson**
Winners: **Gerard D'Costa** and **Dom Surace**

The final between Dom Surace and Gerard D'Costa and Clive Donohoo and John Leonard was an incredibly close game.

Clive and John were leading 19-18 heading into the last end.

The 21st end saw the shot swing between both teams with some fine

bowling from all bowlers. Ultimately, with his last bowl, Gerard took the shot to take the game into an extra end with the scores locked at 19-19.

With a long end thrown, Dom played a bomb, with the final bowl from Gerard not needed. After 22 ends, the score was 20-19 in favour of Dom and Gerard.

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Presidential Notes ... Women's Bowls

It is hard to believe we are in April already. After such a hot and humid summer it will be great to have some true autumn weather.

2015 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Minor Singles Kaye Bailey
r/u Elaine Ede.

Major Singles Denise Hopkins
r/u Lorraine Begg.



Club Pairs Lorraine Begg, Wendy Wise
r/u Kaye Eagle, Shauna Geraghty
Club Triples Lorraine Singh, Veronica Doyle, Denise Hopkins, r/u Rosemary Roles, Barbara Hazeltine, Jeanette Egan.
Club Fours Rosemary Roles, Barbara Hazeltine, Margaret Sawyer, Jeanette Egan, r/u Bernice Francis, Sue Thiedeman, Lorraine Singh, Shauna Geraghty

2016 DISTRICT OPEN FOURS

Lorraine Begg, Anne Lucietto, Denise Hopkins & Wendy Wise were runners-up to Asquith after an extra end had to be played to decide the winner with Asquith winning by one shot. It was an exhausting game in the heat and played at Beecroft.

2016 PENNANTS

After winning grades 3 & 4 in 2015 we were promoted to grades 2 and 3 which have proved quite a challenge for our ladies so no Pennant Flags this year.

NEW MEMBERS

We have been delighted to welcome three new members so far this year; **Joan Heuston, Jan Freeman and Sharon Houston**. They seem to be settling in very well and enjoying their Bowls with WPH. We are hoping

for more ladies as a result of the very successful **Open Day** on Sunday 3rd April. Thank you to Max Walters and his crew for the great organising on this day and all those who volunteered their time on the day.

KOALA CARNIVAL

The Ladies KOALA CARNIVAL will be held on **Monday 9th May** generously sponsored again by ARV, and many great raffle prizes organised by the Sports Club. The Ladies Koala Carnival is our only carnival hosted by WPH so we are hoping to fill both greens again.

VALE MARGARET COSSTICK

Margaret was one of our foundation members, joining the Club in April 1971. She was 'one of a kind' with a dry sense of humour. She had been a theatre nurse at Hornsby Hospital and other hospitals in Australia and overseas and therefore was always 'cool, calm and collected'. In her younger days she entered in all championships and was a great mentor to new bowlers.

HOLIDAYS

Some of our ladies will be travelling overseas etc in the coming months so we wish them a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Anne Lucietto President



DISTRICT OPEN FOURS RUNNERS-UP

Back L to R: **Lorraine Begg, Judy Thorp** President of the Northern Suburbs District, **Wendy Wise**
Front **Denise Hopkins** and **Anne Lucietto**

Presidential Notes ... Men's Bowls

With the Pennant Season well underway, I am delighted to report that West Pennant Hills is travelling exceptionally well. Let's hope we can maintain our winning streak! A reminder to all members to please let the Competition Panel know any time you are unavailable. This notification should be in person to one of the Competition Panel members, by phone or email.

OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2016

What a day! We had just over 70 guests turn up and give our game a go. My thanks to Max Walters, Steve Watson, Michael Schwarcz and their team for leading this project. Your Management Committee is already planning our next Open Day with lessons learnt from last Sunday's event.

OUR 23RD ANNUAL KOALA CARNIVAL will be played on Monday 2 May 2016.

Please get a team together for what promises to be a great day.

AS MEMBERS WOULD BE AWARE, we have lost many members over the last

few months to cancer, the most recent being **Tony Boughton**. In honour of their memory, WPH will be donating the balance of the **Wrong Bias Box to cancer research** for this financial year.

AS I HAVE NOTED PREVIOUSLY, it was great to see so many members bring their family and friends to our **Open Day**. However, I want to also remind all members of the importance of coaching prior to people joining our Section. By participating in coaching, new members and existing members will find their games more enjoyable. Additionally, if you would like any remedial coaching, please contact Chairman of Coaches, **Michael Schwarcz**.

West Pennant Hills is delighted to have been asked by Zone 10 to host one of the 2016 Pennant Finals. This is indicative of the fine job our Section did hosting the **Rookies Championship** last year. Additionally, WPH will play host to the **RNSWBA v Past Presidents Association Game** later in August.

GAME START TIMES

Some members have been turning up late for bowls or, in some cases, not at all. It is imperative that members turn up on time for bowls or advise the selectors as soon as possible if they are not attending. Game times for social bowls are provided on the Koala Blog.

Happy bowling!

David Wilson President



I love Open Days!



Our 2016 Open Day started with a real bang. By 11am we had 12 of our 14 rinks full of bowlers, with some of those rinks catering for more than six players. The afternoon quietened somewhat and our expectations were lowered. The weather, always an unknown factor, was generous providing a pleasant day if at times a bit too warm.

This year we had 71 players on the greens which provided an interesting comparison to the approximately 80 players in 2013. In 2013 we printed and delivered 10,000 leaflets throughout our community. Our effort this year required NO massive organised leaflet drop with only 500 printed leaflets for members to distribute about three leaflets each. The difference between those two Open Days is that 90% of attendees this year were friends or relatives of members. This demonstrates that our members were responsible for 90% of this turnout which is quite encouraging and appreciation is due to our members.

How fortunate can we be to have 28 volunteers give up half or in many cases ALL Sunday for the Open Day. There were many times when these volunteers were not needed due to fluctuating visitor numbers but they remained happy and always willing.

The results of these efforts mean that four people joined the main Club and we have seven people who have enquired about coaching.

If a 'special thanks' is required, it should go to our Vice President Steve Watson who assisted in arranging the day and was responsible for the food and drink vouchers. Appreciation also to those members who were there all day. The Club deserves a mention because of its support on the day. They were generous in supplying the food and drink vouchers and providing prior advertising throughout the Club.

The proof is always in the 'pudding', and we will find out in due course what we have achieved.

Max Walters



COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS COMP VISITS WPH



WPH played host to Galston High and Henry Kendall High in a round of the Combined High Schools Competition.

Galston were successful winning 19-6. The Henry Kendall bowlers are new to the sport and performed well. They never gave up against strong opposition.

It was great to see two girls also playing in the competition, one being the skip. We wish both schools well in their future games. *Kaye Eagle*

CHERRYBROOK CHINESE COMMUNITY BOWLS AT WPH



The weather was perfect and 29 Chinese Community people turned up to play bowls. Many thanks to our volunteers Peter Eagle, Max Walters, Steve Arnold, Ross Fitzpatrick, Bob Cole, Michael Schwarcz and Thompson Lee.

The day appeared successful and many of the Chinese showed some talent and real interest. About six of them have requested a follow up call for coaching, and about 15 of them took Open Day leaflets. We hope something more may come from this. Their organiser suggested that they would like this possibly as an Annual Event.

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.



The sport of bowls will return to free-to-air television with an hour-long magazine-style program every Sunday afternoon at 1pm on SBS.

Commencing on **May 15** and running for 20 consecutive weeks **until September 25**, The Bowls Show will bring the sport back to free-to-air television for the first time since 2011, when it concluded a 30 year relationship with the ABC.



Recently WPH was delighted to host Chris Wallace from Bowls Australia to take us through our newly purchased Jr Jack Attack.

Jr. Jack Attack is designed to enable school children to participate in an engaging format, which is both fun and inclusive. The Jr. Jack Attack kit is designed primarily for primary school age children, aged between seven and fourteen and will form part of the Sporting Schools Program.

BOWLS RULES ON AN APP

Bowls Australia have released the laws of the sport on iOS devices, including iPhone, iPad and iPod.

In an effort to ensure participants have easy access to the laws of the sport right at their figure tips, **Bowls Australia** have released the laws on the Apple App Store for anyone with an iPhone, iPad and iPod.

The official laws app, called **Bowls Rules**, offers the complete package, covering every law that is required to play the game of bowls, including the Domestic Regulations for Australia and web-links to Bowls Australia policies.

The search functionality enables easy access to the appropriate law within seconds via words or terms.

There are definitions of all bowls terms used in the laws to ensure clarity for all players, and handy text increase/decrease buttons to help with legibility.

The Bowls Rules App is available from the Apple App Store for \$4.49.



VALE

We have recently lost six of our current and previous members

Ron Oriel

a former member of our club passed away on the 3rd January



Margaret Cosstick

Margaret was one of our foundation members, joining the Club in April 1971. She passed away on the 30th January



Bryon Stoodley

Bryon was a member of the club for a short time before suffering a stroke late last year, Bryon will be missed for his broad smile and cheerful nature. Bryon passed away on the 9th March



Bill Arnott

Bill was a hard working member of our Section, serving as umpire and coach with many years as the Chairman of Coaches. Bill joined WPH from Beecroft and ultimately returned to Beecroft Bowling Club to join his wife Nan in 2010. Bill was very dedicated to coaching, assisting many current and former members at the start of their bowling careers.

Bill passed away on the 11th March



Tony Boughton

Tony was a member of our club since 1998. One of nature's gentlemen, Tony was on the committee for many years, and was still assisting in our Pennant team arrangements until recently. He was a quiet individual who did things methodically behind the scenes.

We shall also miss his cheeky personality.

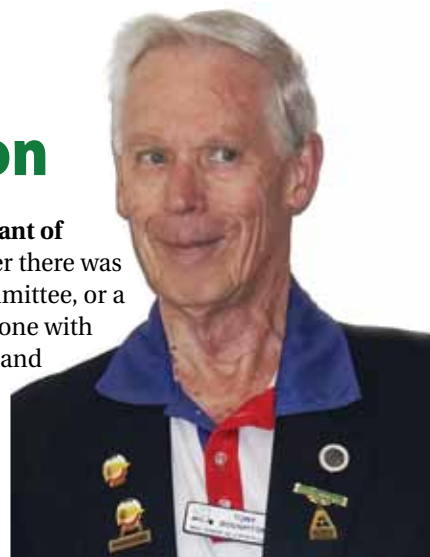
Tony passed away on the 24th March



Ian Thompson

Ian passed away on the 7th April surrounded by family following a battle with cancer.

Tony Boughton



Tony was a great servant of our Section. Whenever there was a vacancy on any committee, or a job that needed someone with the tact of a diplomat and the organisational savvy worthy of the best project manager, Tony would step in. This is probably why Tony has served in

just about every position on the Management Committee and would ultimately assist Zone 10 as Secretary over many years.

Tony was the Bowls Secretary (now Bowls Coordinator) when I first joined the club in 2005. He was always very kind to the young 15 year old boy who had become a member. In my first Pennant season, I was promoted from the 7s to play lead for Tony who was skipping in the 6s that year. This was the last game of the season and WPH was at home to Gladesville. I will never forget Tony's approach to how he skipped a team which has stayed with me since that time. It could be best categorised as "supportive yet instructive", and I would argue that is the approach which Tony brought to any discussion.

However, my fondest memory of Tony would have to be sitting next to him in our Management Committee meetings. During his time as Vice President and mine as Bowls Coordinator in the last year of Michael Schwarcz's presidency, he would guide me through the intricacies of putting together a championship calendar. Our roles reversed a few years later when I was Vice President and Tony was Treasurer and I can remember sitting up the back of the boardroom laughing and making fun of this, that and the other so that we would both make it through the meeting.

I know just about every member will have great stories like this to share about Tony and I encourage members to do so in celebration of the great contribution Tony made. Our section will miss Tony for many reasons, however, I believe his sense of humour would probably be right up there. Tony was a gentleman in every sense of the word. His capacity to provide assistance wherever and whenever be sorely missed.

David Wilson



3 Bowls Triples

Men 2nd May 2016

ENTRIES CLOSE 20th APRIL 2016
or earlier when all places are filled

Women 9th May 2016

ENTRIES CLOSE 2nd MAY 2016
or earlier when all places are filled

Welfare Report by Margaret Wighton and David Roles

June Scott and **Joyce Jones** are well and taking it easy.
Betty Lamb is well and playing great bowls.
Steve Brady is still in hospital after breaking his hip.
Alan Bowry is on the mend after his knee replacement.
Ross Twose is back home after his operation.
Con Ganis is still resting with his back problem.
Jimmy Robertson, Kevin Ross, Ken Brown, Les Watkins, and Kevin Hoffman all going well.

Calendar of Events from April 12 to June 28, 2016

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
Monday	2 May	8 am	Men's Koala Carnival
Thursday	3 May	9.30 am	Women's Major Singles
Saturday	7 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 7
Monday	9 May	8.30 am	Women's Koala Carnival
Tuesday	10 May	9.30 am	Women's Major Singles – Final
Wednesday	11 May	1 pm	Mixed Pairs – Round 1
Saturday	13 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 8
Tuesday	17 May	9 am	Mixed Pairs – Round 2
Friday	20 May	5 pm	Major Singles – Entries close
Saturday	21 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 9
Wednesday	25 May	1 pm	Mixed Pairs – Round 3
Friday	27 May	1 pm	Challenge Cup
Saturday	28 May	1 pm	Men's Pennants – Round 10
Tuesday	30 May	9 am	Mixed Pairs – Final
Thursday	2 June	9.30 am	Women's Pairs
Saturday	4 June		Men's Pennants – Final
Wednesday	8 June	1 pm	Mixed Triples – Round 1
Thursday	9 June	9.30 am	Women's Pairs
Monday	13 June	10 am	Queen's Birthday – Mixed Mufti Social Day
Tuesday	14 June	9 am	Mixed Triples – Round 2
Thursday	16 June	9.30 am	Women's Pairs
Saturday	18 June	9 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 1
Sunday	19 June	9 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 2
Tuesday	21 June	9 am	Women's Pairs – Final
Wednesday	22 June	1 pm	Mixed Triples – Round 3
Saturday	25 June	9 am	Men's Major Singles – Round 3
Sunday	26 June	12.30 pm	Men's Major Singles – Round 4
Tuesday	28 June	9 am	Mixed Triples – Round 4

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.



Q: Where can men over the age of 60 find younger women who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore under 'fiction'.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60-plus year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Is it common for 60-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory ?

A: Storing something in memory is not a problem, retrieving it is the problem.

Q: Leading cause of diminished sex drive among senior citizens ?

A: Nudity

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60-plus year olds look for eye glasses?

A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: "Gosh, I remember these."

