

Pennant Hills Bowling Club

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News from the Men's Club



What has happened since the last issue?

Minor Pairs Championship Sponsored by Travel By Design (Voytek Lasek)

In the last issue I mentioned that the final, held on 14 July, would be an intriguing match, and so it was. Barry James and Warren Phillips were considered to be the favourites but, whenever a match involves Voytek Lasek, the "form guide" is in name only. It was a closely fought match from the outset, but Barry and Warren held their nerve and were worthy winners 24-19. There is always one end in a Voytek match that stands out. On end 16, he was down 4 shots (all were in front of the jack). With a weighted delivery, the jack was sent towards the ditch, only to rebound and finish around 40/50 cm from an opposition bowl. Was he down one? No way. His bowl, still in course, slowly edged its way towards the ditch and finished around 30 cm from the jack. One up! Barry and Warren could only shake their heads. It was what one could call a "Lasek Clasek".

Many thanks to all who took part in the event, and for the many members who turned up to support the players.

Triples Championship sponsored by Jax Tyres

The first round held on 13 July resulted in wins to the teams led by John Archer, Gary Havron, Kel Sullivan and Voytek Lasek. Due to the Sate Finals and other external events, the semi finals were held last Saturday (3 August), the results being:

David Rumble, Tony Yard, John Archer **25**

Phil Briggs, Mark Fisher, Gary Havron **28**

Bill Bastock, Sean Hardiman, Kel Sullivan **24**

Bob Sexty, Laurie Herbert, Voytek Lasek **16**

The final was held the next day (Sunday 4 August), and it was a cliffhanger. Gary's team opened with a 4 on the first end, and soon ran to a 11-2 lead, which was extended to 17-7 with some 10 ends to go. However Kel's team refused to concede and by the 24th (2nd last) end the scores were locked at 19-19. Each team held match over the final end, but Kel's attempts to take back the one shot held by Gary's team were unsuccessful, the final score being **20-19**. Congratulations to all players. Again a good number of members witnessed this epic battle.



Triples Final Participants -
Bill Bastock, Phil Briggs, Mark Fisher,
Sean Hardiman, Gary Havron, Kel Sullivan

State Pennant Finals

A gallant effort was put up by our Grade 4 side at the State Pennant finals held at Port Macquarie. It achieved one win (against our neighbours Asquith), but had to overcome the eventual winner Junee in the last game to go forward, but to no avail. Well played to all who took part, and thanks to Leone Lesslie who again was the Manager. Also thanks to quite a large contingent from the club who journeyed north to support the side. (We were the best Grade 4 in Zone 10, but as we beat the Zone 9 winners - Asquith – we can say that we are the best Grade 4 side covering all the area involving Zones 10 and 9).



Leone Lesslie, David Lesslie, Terry Rae, Laurie Herbert, Sean Hardiman, John Archer, Tony Yard, Mark Kakoschke, Mick Hoban, Jim Brown, Kel Sullivan, Gary (no grey hair?) Havron, Mark Fisher, Michael Ryan, Graham Krempin

Mid-Week 5 A Side Pennants

This short-run competition of 6 rounds ended yesterday. The Grade B Red side won its section and will contest the play-offs at Wenty Leagues next Wednesday 14 August, with the trial ends at 9.45 am. Our club will play Denistone, with the winner to play, in the afternoon, the winner of the other semi final between Toongabbie and North Epping. Good luck to those participating. As to the other sides we fielded, Grade B Blue finished 3rd, as did Grade C Blue, with Grade C Red finishing 4th (euphemism for last). Every side did its best, and thanks from the Selectors for being willing to take part.

What's coming up?

Mixed Pair

Entries close on Friday 9 August, with the first round to be held on **Sunday 18 August**.

Hornsby Shire Cup

As holders of this trophy - the competition is in its 29th year - we will be hosting this year's competition on Sunday 15 September. Five other clubs have been invited to take part. More details nearer the date.



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Website

Our new website pennanthills.clubs.bowlslink.com.au is up and running. Add it to your bookmarks/favourites.

The change was driven by Bowls Australia which has provided the template and hosts the site. It is expected that our old site will be deleted soon.

Although in development, the new site represents an improvement on the style and function of the old one. The old site's content has been transferred and updated. Features of the new site include:

- The Honour Board with entries dating back to 1952 has been uploaded. Championship winners, club achievements and past presidents can be viewed, and have been updated to this year.
- Upcoming events – a new section with the year's Championship dates and list of events from the Bowls Program for the next few weeks.

- A selection of recent newsletters is available.
- News and information – announcements and information on social bowling, new bowlers, and more.

Please look into the site and send any news items or suggestions to the committee for inclusion.

Wednesday Social Bowls

Due to the success of the trial of AM bowls during the summer months of 2018/19, it has been decided to reintroduce morning bowls on Wednesdays as from the first Wednesday in December next, to continue to the end of daylight saving in 2020. It is realised that it is some months off, but you will be reminded nearer the date.



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