

# Pennant Hills Bowling Club

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September 2019

## News from the Men's Club



Some of the action from the Hornsby Shire Cup competition held on 15 September

### What has happened since the last issue?

#### **Mid-Week 5 A Side Pennants**

Our Grade B Red side is the Midweek Champions for 2019.

The finals were played at Wenty Leagues on Wednesday 14 August, and we were represented by Tony Yard and Warren Phillips (S) in the pairs, and Graham Krempin, Kel Sullivan and John Archer (S) in the triples. It was a very even performance, with all players contributing to the great win. Two others who contributed throughout the year to our success were Mick Hoban and Bob Sixty.

In the semi-final against Denistone, the score was 40 all after the 42 ends, necessitating an extra end. Due to great bowling by the two skips, the final score was 42-40.

The final against North Epping was also a tightly contested affair. After 10 ends we were comfortably ahead 21-12, but North Epping fought back strongly with the final margin being only 3 shots. The final scores were Pennant Hills 34 North Epping 31.

A unique double was achieved by Pennant Hills winning in both pennant competitions in the same year.

Since 2015, Pennant Hills has made the post sectionals on 5 occasions, "coming up with the goods" 3 times – a club record.

Heartiest congratulations to all concerned ( and that includes the selectors). Sorry that we do not have a photo of the winning "crew", but most of you know who they are.

## Ralph George Memorial Day

Again, due to the generosity of Ralph's sister Claire Kesby and her husband John, and Ralph's widow Gayle, the second memorial day was held on 24 August, with 42 players participating, to remember Ralph who passed away early in 2018, and who had been a very active member of the Management Committee. The games were 3 bowl pairs. Some prize money was donated by the family, and the winners were:

- Third place: Alan Evans and Mark Fisher
- Second place: Phil Wilson and Mark Kakoschke
- First Place: Kevin Brown and Stuart Hogarth
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The family also put on a sausage sizzle after the event and provided additional prizes for the raffle. Their generosity on the day, and provision of another donation to enable us to hold the event next year, has been greatly appreciated.



John Kesby, Phil Wilson, Mark Kakoschke, Claire Kesby, Stuart Hogarth, Kevin Brown, Gayle George, Mark Fisher, Alan Evans

## Mixed Pairs

Twelve teams entered this competition which began on 18 August. First round winners were Karl Proft and Rosemary Stevens, Jenni Read and Warren Phillips, Jan and Bob Sexty, and Karen Svenne and Stephen Parry.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (Quarter-finals) matches results were:

Karl Proft and Rosemary Stevens 22 – Ruth Low and Gary Havron 18  
Jenni Read and Warren Phillips 26 – Graham and Ros Krempin 16  
Jan and Bob Sexty 18 – Julie Ortlepp and Michael Ryan 14  
Heather and Terry Rae 17 – Karen Svenne and Stephen Parry 14

All of the matches had their moments, with early leads being reeled in, then continuing fluctuations in the scores until the end. Julie Ortlepp was contesting her first mixed event,

and acquitted herself well, but I will leave it to Bob Sexty to explain why, on 3 occasions (yes THREE) he bowled the wrong bowl.

The semi-finals were cliff-hangers, with both Jenni and Warren and Jan and Bob winning their matches 19-18 against Karl and Rosemary, and Heather and Terry respectively.

So to the final between Jenni and Warren (defending champions) and Jan and Bob held yesterday. It was "nip and tuck" for the first few ends, but the DCs began to gain the ascendancy, with the final score being 29-8. Congratulations to the winners, and commiserations to the runners-up. Can Jenni and Warren complete the hat-trick in 2020? The challenge is there.



Warren, Bob, Jan and Jenni

### **Zone 10 Champion of Club Champions**

Each club is eligible to enter its Singles and Major Pairs winners in this event, which this year was hosted by Wenty Leagues. The Singles matches were held on 31 August and 1 September (with the final on 8 September), and the Pairs on 8 and 9 September.

Gary Havron unfortunately had to withdraw from the Singles due to health problems. He was drawn to meet his brother Mark, representing North Epping. The question as to who is the better bowler in the family is yet to be decided.

Barry James and Warren Phillips represented us in the Pairs, and drew a highly fancied pairing from Toongabbie. With the score at 16-16 after 17 ends, it promised to be an exciting finish but, unfortunately, the opposition's class came to the fore, with the final score being 25-18.

Commiserations to Gary, and well done to Barry and Warren. Perhaps next year?

### **Hornsby Shire Cup**

This competition is in its 29<sup>th</sup> year. On Sunday 15 September Pennant Hills, as the 2018 winners, hosted Asquith, Beecroft, North Epping, West Pennant Hills and Wisemans Ferry, each club fielding a side of 10 players competing in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. Our

representatives were respectively, Gary Havron, Tony Yard and Warren Phillips, David Rumble and Graham Krempin and David Lesslie, Mike Ryan and Mark Fisher and Mark Kakoschke and Kel Sullivan. The pairs and fours won their matches, with Gary being “pipped on the post” by one shot. Well played to all.

The Asquith club regained the trophy conceded to Pennant Hills in 2018. Although it won all 4 disciplines, single shot victories in the singles and fours “got it over the line”. If the result in the fours had been reversed, Beecroft would have been the winner.

Thanks to all from our club who were involved in making the day a success, with special mention to Terry Rae, Kevin Brown and Phil Wilson as markers, and Don Yeates and Dennis Slater as umpires. Thanks also to Cllr Robert Browne from Hornsby Council for his attendance



The winning Asquith side, and Cllr Robert Browne representing the Council

### *What's coming up?*

#### **Reserve Pairs**

This event is for players with Pennant Grades of 5, 6 or 7. If you do not have a grading, you are also eligible.

Entries are now open, and close on Friday 4 October. The first round is on Saturday 12 October, with the subsequent rounds on Sunday 13 October, Sunday 20 October and Sunday 27 October.

An opportunity exists for the “lesser lights” to shine. Single entries are accepted, and you will be paired by the Match Committee.



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### From the President and his Men (aka The Committee)

#### Wednesday Social Bowls

Just a further reminder that, 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.

#### Committee Positions

Although the call for nominations to the various Committee positions is not made until sometime in January, our Secretary, Barry James, has advised that he will not be putting his name forward again. Please consider if you would be prepared to take on this task. You can be assured that every support will be given.

#### Warren Thompson

Our esteemed Assistant Secretary decided that he needed a break from committee duties, so he booked himself into the San to have a triple bypass. The operation went well, and he is having rehab at the San's facility. He hopes to be back on deck, and the greens, by the end of October, but the ultimate decision will be that of his medical people. Anyway, we are glad things went well, and we look forward to his cheery disposition being around the club in the not too distant future.

#### John Corbett

Our esteemed member for the past 23 years passed away on 6 September aged 87. He was a "Wednesday regular", being able to come back by using a bowling arm after he was out of action for a time with back problems. In the early 2000s he was a lead in our top pennant sides. Sadly missed, and our condolences to the family, especially Hollie and Amber, his granddaughters, who members will recall as being part of the club's bar staff.

#### Winner/Winners and Losers/Losers

This first-Wednesday-of-the-month event will resume as from 6 November, and continue even during the early start summer months.

## Pennant Selectors

Nominations are now open for the selection of up to 5 Pennant Selectors who will serve for 12 months from 1 October 2019. Nomination forms are on the Pennants notice board, with nominations closing on 30 September 2019.

Only Bowling or Life Members are eligible to stand and/or propose or second a nominee.

## Martin Billam

I received an unexpected email from our former member, and Bowls Co-ordinator, earlier this month. Martin left our club in March 2017 to take up a part-time position with Greenacre Bowls. Due to his parents' deteriorating health, and some of his own, in early 2018 they "pulled up stumps" and went back to the UK in May, where they reside in Ipswich, Sussex. Regrettably his mother passed away in the August, and his father's health is deteriorating.

Martin is continuing to play bowls but it is a different concept in the East of England. He is a member of "one of the larger clubs in the area and we have 51 men and 19 lady members". (What are we complaining about when our numbers are some 120 and 70?). He has had success on the green, making the semi final of the singles, and the quarter final of the pairs.

If anyone wishes to email Martin, he has given permission for his details to be given out, so contact me if you want them.

## Annual Labour Day Mixed Event – 7 October

It has been decided not to hold the vent this year.

## New Members

In recent weeks we have had three new members join our ranks – Paul Ramsay, Greg Salthouse and Frank van Treeck. Welcome to you all, and we trust that you enjoy many years of participation with the club.



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