

Pennant Hills Bowling Club

August 2020

News from the Men's Club



What has happened since the last issue (and when)?

It was good to get back on the greens again early in June, albeit under some tight controls, but it is great that those controls have been relaxed to the point that we can play under what might be considered “normal” conditions. So what has been the situation over the past 4 months?

Graded Fours Championship

At long last we can announce that this event will be finalised the middle of next month. With only 8 teams being entered it is a case of 4 first round matches, then the semis and the final. The results so far were:

A Evans, B Richardson, M Ryan D Yeates **21 - 16** F Murdoch, K Proft, L Ward, S Hogarth
D Slater, M Henderson, T Yard, J Archer **19 – 24** G McKeough, D Rumble, D Lesslie, K Brown
W Thompson, P Pratt, G Havron, K Byatt **10 – 19** M Fisher, J Brown, K Cunningham, S Gounder
V Lasek, B James, B Fisher, W Phillips **29 – 6** M Kakoschke, P Wilson, L Herbert, J Bonsall

On Sunday 11 October the semis will be Team Yeates V Team McKeough, and Team Fisher V Team Phillips, with the winners to “face-off” the following Sunday in the final.

Saturday Pennants

As predicted at last newsletter, the competition for 2020 has been abandoned, which is a pity after the promising start all grades had made. We will just have to wait for 2021 to see what happens, and when, or if.

(Question #1 – My local butcher is 180 cm tall, and wears size 13 shoes. What does he weigh?)

Major Pairs Championship (Sponsored by Travel By Design)

The ease in restrictions allowed this event to get under way on 11 July, with 18 teams entering, and culminating in the final being held over 2 days, ending on 23 August. The results were:

Round 1

W Thompson and K Byatt **30** defeated T West and L Herbert **13**

B James and W Phillips **16** defeated L Dyce and R Storey **15**

(This game went down to the wire, and was worthy of a final. Well played to Lindsay and Ross)

Round 2

G Havron and M Kakoschke **19** defeated W Thompson and K Byatt **17**

J Archer and M Ryan **22** defeated S Gounder and A Evans **8**

C Coode and B Fisher **17** defeated B Richardson and J McGlynn **16**

V Teterin and P Wilson **27** defeated G Salthouse and F Murdoch **14**

B James and W Phillips **22** defeated K Proft and D Yeates **9**

D Lesslie and G McKeough **24** defeated T Yard and K Sullivan **16**

B Sexty and V Lasek **26** defeated K Brown and M Fisher **7**

T Rae and J Brown **45** defeated G Edgson and P Pratt **4**

(Hats off to Graham and Peter. Although well beaten, they “gave it a go”, and that is the essence of our game).

Quarter Finals

M Ryan defeated M Kakoschke **21-12** P Wilson defeated B Fisher **26-13**

W Phillips defeated G McKeough **24-13** J Brown defeated V Lasek **26-10**

Semi Finals

M Ryan defeated P Wilson **29-10** J Brown defeated W Phillips **25-13**

The Final

The game started on 9 August in not too favourable weather conditions, so much so that the match was suspended after 10 ends with John and Michael leading 13-7. It was resumed on 23 August with fine weather but a bit windy, but the wind was not as strong as it was the previous day. Anyway, John and Michael “had their mojo” against Terry and Jim not having the run of the green, to the extent that the final score was 28-9.

Thanks to Voytek for continuing to sponsor this event.



Jim, Terry, Voytek, John, Michael (with Mr X in the background)

(Footnote – This win was John’s 18th (E & O E) championship win in his 29th year with the club. They comprise 1 Singles, 6 Pairs, 2 Triples and 8 Fours. (and I have not counted the number of times he was the silver medallist. Well done to our ageless octogenarian).

(Question #2 – What is the name of the earth’s first satellite?)

Triples Championship (Sponsored by Jax Tyres)

Twelve teams entered for this event, with the results to date being:

Round 1

B James, B Fisher, W Phillips	24 - 20	V Lasek, V Teterin, P Wilson
W Thompson, B Richardson, M Hoban	37 - 18	J McGlynn, J Grimmond, M Whalley
D Lesslie, T Rae, J Brown	22 - 13	D Yeates, K Proft, T West
C Fairbrother, B Husband, L Ward	25 - 14	S Gounder, C Coode, P Ramsay

Quarter Finals

K Byatt, L Herbert, M Fisher	21 - 5	W Phillips, B Fisher, B James
W Thompson, B Richardson, M Hoban	24 - 12	M Kakoschke, V Sullivan, M Ryan
D Lesslie, T Rae, J Brown	28 - 23	J Archer, T Yard, D Rumble
M Henderson, F Foster, F Murdoch	24 - 16	L Ward, B Husband, C Fairbrother

Semi Finals

D Lesslie, T Rae, J Brown **28 - 7** F Murdoch, F Foster, M Henderson
W Thompson, B Richardson, M Hoban **28 – 21** M Fisher, L Herbert, K Byatt

The final, between Team Hoban and Team J Brown, is scheduled for Sunday 13 September, cards called at 12.30 pm. It promises to be an intriguing contest.

What is next on the agenda?

Mixed Pairs Competition

We have 14 teams entered for this event, with the first round comprising 6 games to be held on Saturday 5 September, cards called at 12.30 pm. The quarter final (second round) is scheduled for Saturday 12 September, the semi-finals on Saturday 19 September, and the final on Sunday 26 September.

The big question is – can Jenni Read and Warren Phillips do the “threepeat” i.e. 3 wins in a row? Watch this space.

(Question #3 – What do the ABC and Don Bradman have in common?)

Midweek 5-A-Side Pennants

This event was scheduled to begin this week – 2 September – but has been put back 5 weeks due to government directives, so the “kick-off”/“roll-off” is on Wednesday 7 October. We have entered 5 sides this year – 3 in Grade B and 2 in Grade C. Because of the number of teams in C Grade, our sides will be playing 6 games on the home and away basis, whilst the Grade B sides have only 5 games. We have had successes over recent years in this competition, and look forward to another good season.

We will keep you posted as the weeks progress.



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Committee News

Due to the club's closure from mid - March, the Committee has been able to enjoy a well earned break.

During this period our Chairman of Match, David Rumble, had to take leave from his duties for family reasons, but Charles Coode, ably assisted by Michael Ryan, stepped into the breach and has successfully completed the Major Pairs competition, and been able to get the Triples and Mixed Pairs competitions under way and nearing finality. Many thanks Charles for your efforts.

Our President Kel also has had to take a little time off to undergo surgery, but is well on the way to recovery. We trust that the prognosis is favourable.

A reminder to all that, to comply with COVID requirements, you need to use your membership card to sign in and sign out each time you visit the club. And who said that the bundy clock was out of date? I reckon all of us know what a bundy clock is. If not, you must be one of our youngest members.

(Question #4 – My peacock flew into my neighbour's yard and laid an egg. Does the egg belong to me or my neighbour?)



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The Answers

Question 1 – He weighs meat.

Question 2 – The moon. “Sputnik” was the first man-made satellite.

Question 3 - The ABC's GPO box number in each capital city is the Don's test batting Of 99.94.

Question 4 – No one. Peacocks cannot lay eggs – the peahen does.

How did you go? Get that grey matter working. Better luck with the next issue.