

Pennant Hills Bowling Club

November 2020

News from the Men's Club



The new advertising sign at the end of Stevens Street. Hopefully it will attract some new members.
What has happened since the last issue?

On the Monday of the October long weekend we had the first combined gathering of the 2 clubs since the Australia Day carnival last January. (Was it that long ago?). Generously sponsored by Travel By Design – our own Voytek Lasek – we had 49 participants take part in a game of 3 bowl triples over 18 ends. Because of the uneven numbers, Ken Byatt and Kel Sullivan “shared” a game.

Due to Voytek’s generosity, 6 prizes were awarded, and the winners were:

- 6th - Jenny Stone, Ed Huttary and Ros Krempin
- 5th – Judy Butler, Ruth Low and Ken Byatt/Kel Sullivan
- 4th – Dennis Crage, Karen Svenne and Don Yeates
- 3rd – Carol Husband, Bob Sexty and Henry Hua
- 2nd – Anne Favelle, Rowena Coode and Voytek Lasek (one way to recoup your outlay)
- 1st – Richard McDonnell, Malcolm Whalley and Warren Phillips

(Unfortunately there are no photos of the winners, so the “non-winners” will not be traumatised by being reminded as to who their vanquishers were).

Also, in order to keep matrimonial harmony, no spouses were drawn to be either in the same team, or in opposition. Works every time.

Thanks to all who took part, and to Kenny and staff of Abby’s Diner for another excellent lunch. We also had 5 non players join us for the lunch.

(Question #1 – What was the Prime Minister’s name in 1975?)

Midweek 5-A-Side Pennants

In the 4 rounds to date the results have been mixed, these being:

B Grade Red - Has won 2, lost 2 to record 9 points, and lie in 3rd place with one round to go. It is against the leader (at home). Needs maximum points and other results to go their way to be able to claim second place, as the top 2 in the section proceed to the play-offs.

B Grade White – Has won 1, lost 3 to record 4 points and lie in 6th place.

B Grade Blue – Has won 1, lost 3, to record 4.5 points and lie in 5th place

C Grade Green – Has won 1, lost 3, to record 3.5 points and lie in 4th place (of 4). Has 2 rounds to play, and hopefully can “climb out of the cellar”.

C Grade Blue – Has won 3, lost 1 to lie in 2nd place, with 2 rounds to play. The current leader, which we play in the last round, has a substantial lead, and would take a miracle for us to win the section and proceed to the play-offs, as the winners only of the 6 Sections in this grade win that honour.

(Question #2 – In a race you passed the person in 2nd place. What place are you in now?)

Zone Champion of Champions

The winners of our Major Singles and Major Pairs are eligible to enter, with the Zone winner then proceeding to the State play-offs. These were held at Wenty Leagues last month.

Singles – Warren Phillips had a good win in his opening round but, unfortunately met a “gun” from Northmead in the second.

Pairs – John Archer and Michael Ryan had a first round bye but, as befell Warren in the singles, they came up against a better team in the second round.

Commiserations to all three, but we thank you for your willingness to represent our club in these prestigious events. In fact, in 2013 John, partnered by Paul Leverett, came within one shot of winning the Pairs title. (Was that 7 years ago John? Gee, you must have been very young).

Senior State Pairs Championship

The evergreen John Archer, partnered by his regular “sidekick” Tony Yard, and the “dynamic duo” of Barry James and Warren Phillips, entered this event held at Wenty Leagues last month. Each team had a first round bye, then a good win each in the second round, only to meet in the semi-final. The honours went to Tony and John, but Barry and Warren can be consoled by the fact that Tony and John went on to win the section.

In the semi-final, they came a close second to the eventual winners of O'Donnell and Imer.

Well played to all four of you.

What is next on the agenda?

Graded Fours

Believe it or not, this event, which began on 1 February (this year by the way), still has one semi-final and the final to play. COVID-19, plus players being involved in State events which take precedence, has been the reasons for the “longevity”. In the one semi-final which has been played, the result was Team Yeates **25 – 15** Team McKeough.

The second semi-final, between Team M Fisher and Team Phillips, will be on Sunday 15 November, and the final on Sunday 22 November, (dare I add the “Jonah” expression of “weather permitting”?).

Minor Singles Championship

The final of this event is to be held next Sunday 8 November (“WP”?) between Sami Gounder and Ross Storey. Their road to the final was:

Round 1

Ross Butler 13 Barry Fisher 31	Ross Storey 31 Laurie Herbert 17
Ian Moyes 31 Henry Hua 30	Mal Whalley 29 Charles Coode 31
Paul Ramsay 31 Tony West 7	Fred Foster 31 Phil Wilson 28

Greg Salthouse and Sami Gounder each had a bye

Round 2/Quarter Final

Barry Fisher 24 Ross Storey 31	Ian Moyes 27 Charles Coode 31
Paul Ramsay 29 Fred Foster 31	Greg Salthouse 6 Sami Gounder 31

Semi Finals

Ross Storey 31 Charles Coode 14	Fred Foster 30 Sami Gounder 31
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Due to inclement weather, the semi finals had to be completed last Saturday morning, with Ross and Sami each holding a commanding lead at the suspension. Ross quickly completed his match, but Fred had other ideas. Down 7-22, he clawed his way back with a couple of 4s in the final ends to reach 30-30, then held match with one bowl from Sami to come. That was the winning bowl, as Sami gently picked up the jack and ran with it. Well played Fred, but do you have to go close in all your games?

Must mention the efforts of Ian Moyes, a new bowler who had a good win in the first round, and a close loss in the second, both opponents being more experienced bowlers. Do we have another champion in the making?

Good luck to Ross and Sami in the final.

Reserve Pairs

Nine teams have entered for this event, with only one match in round one next Saturday, 7 November, being Charles Coode and Barry Fisher V Ron James and Sami Gounder. (You are going to have a busy weekend Sami). The 2nd round/quarter final is on 14 November, the semi-finals on 21 November, and the final on Sunday 29 November. Good luck to all teams.

(Question #3 – Which is correct – “the yolk of the egg are white”, or “the yolk of the egg is white”?)



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Committee News

We extend a welcome to two new members – Jim Hammonds and Alan Stone, each having transferred from Northmead and Brush Park respectively.

In the last issue I mentioned that the Saturday pennants competition would not start until mid 2021. That was correct at the time, but since then the Zone has redrawn the schedule, and these will now begin on 6 March. Please begin to consider your level of commitment to this.

Management Committee for 2021/22

Although we have until 31 March 2021 to hold our AGM, at which the Committee for the following year is elected, four (4) of the current executive have already advised that they will not be seeking re-election.

I will not go any deeper with this matter via this avenue, but within the next week or so I intend to send an in-house email to all members. I would ask that everyone gives the matter serious consideration.

Thanks to Dennis Slater and (I think) Michael Ryan for their work in compiling the recruitment banner shown at the beginning of this newsletter.

(Question #4 – A farmer has 5 haystacks in one field, and 4 in the other field. If he combined them all in another field, how many haystacks would he have?)



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The Answers

Question 1 – Same as it is now. (I did not ask the name of the Prime Minister in 1975)

Question 2 – You would be in 2nd. (You passed the person in 2nd place, not 1st)

Question 3 – Neither, as the yolk of an egg is yellow.

Question 4 – If he combines all his haystacks, he finishes up with one big one.