



WEST PYMBLE BOWLING CLUB LTD.

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KOOKABURRA NEWSLETTER

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Since our last newsletter in June there have been many changes within the 3 committees involved with West Pymble Bowling & Sports Club and these are as follows;

BOARD

Chairman – Ernie Billett

Secretary / Licensee – Craig Burrough

Treasurer – Wilson Tan

Vice Chairman – Ian Trantor

Committee - Carol Martin, Alan Derrick, Michael Fowler, Arthur Foy and Jenny Hepburn

LADIES CLUB

President – Shirley Ruxton

Vice Presidents – Betty White & Win Lynch

Secretary – Jan Brown

Raffle Co-ordinator – Carmen Crichton

Delegates – Betty Boehm & Deidre Syme

Chair of selectors – Ailsa Faulkner; Selectors – Betty Lumsden, Betty Boehm, Jan Allen, Jenny Hepburn

Chair of social – Norma Cunningham

Publicity – Harlee Jones

MENS CLUB

President – Ian Trantor

Vice Presidents – Wilson Tan & Michael Macourt

Secretary – Warren Thompson

Bowls Secretary – Craig Burrough

Chair of Selectors – Ray Kent; Selectors – Lindsay Pullen, Michael Macourt, Ray Pymble, Graham McMaster, Tony Wise

Zone 9 Delegate – Bob Hogarth

Committee – Larry Scott, Ray Kent, David Hepburn, Arthur Foy

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ERNIE BILLET

Well, Christmas is nearly here. It has been a difficult year but we have survived and at present we are enjoying an upsurge in attendance and financial figures.

Congratulations to all members who attended this year's AGM. If we did not set new attendance figures we must have been close. Thanks to all members who have accepted positions on the Board or Club committees.

Financially we are in front even though our expenditures have been higher than usual. At present we are attempting to raise \$5,000.00 to assist in purchasing new aluminium benches for around the greens as the old wooden ones have served their purpose and require replacing. Please read Ross Johnson's report for more information in this regard.

Please remember to contact our sponsor John Boyle Real Estate if you or anyone you know is considering selling or moving to a different style of living. He has contacts in many areas including the mid north coast areas of Foster and Port Stephens. The Friday night raffle of a meat tray (donated by John every week) and 2 bottles of wine have raised much needed funds for the club and we thank him very much for the time and effort required each Friday night from around 6.30 until everyone has been "got".

Friday night's Restaurant in the Park continues to grow in numbers. Brian our master chef turns out excellent meals for a reasonable cost so if you're thinking of coming along please make a booking. Help our club by using the facilities provided.

On behalf of the Board I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – ROSS JOHNSON

The first quarter of the new financial year has been a busy period with many new improvements being carried out or planned.

Our new No.1 green is progressing at a rate of knots, with new ditches being done next week and 2 more rub-ins with soil planned. Ray Pymble (our fantastic greenkeeper ... you've just got to grovel) is hoping to let us loose in early January. Here's hoping!! It is great news that the upgrade cost of some \$23,000.00 is fully paid for

Other expenditure being planned or already carried out includes the front of the clubhouse being totally cleaned. A working bee will be organised to re-paint the curb and Armco railing. A new motor for the grease trap has been ordered at a cost of \$2,300.00.

New aluminium bench seats have been ordered for the greens and they are due to arrive mid December (to those who have generously donated – a big thank you). It's not too late to help our club in this way. A donation of around \$270.00 will enable you to have your name or loved one's name engraved and if you go through the NSW Sports Commissions' grant system then your donation will become a tax deduction so if you can see your way to making any donation it will be greatly appreciated.

Restaurant in the Park – Please remember that the restaurant's last dinner will be on 18th December and it will re-open on 15th January. For those who haven't tried it out yet then all I can say is that you are missing out on a great feed at a very competitive cost. Brian is averaging around 40 diners per night and is looking to expand on that in the new year so, come on, support your club's initiatives and give this restaurant a go.

TREASURER'S REPORT – WILSON TAN

From The Treasurer's Private Chambers!

Dear members,

Amidst the uncertainty and rocky road that all clubs have to travel through today, I am feeling quietly confident that West Pymble Bowling and Sports Club will continue to sail smoothly through the tempest.

Why I say this is because we have a committed and hard working group of members who are ever willing to volunteer their time to run errands for the club, whether it be cleaning and washing, serving, cooking or BBQ'ing, seeding the greens, coaching, umpiring – anything at all. There has always been willing hands. All the hours put in by volunteers if converted into dollar terms would amount to quite a substantial savings.

Then there are those who make financial donations without asking for anything in return. These are the quiet silent minority who do it not because they are multi millionaires but simply because there is a need and of course their love for the club and its members.

There is also new enthusiasm and drive, with members coming up with new ideas and suggestions, all of which should be looked at and carefully considered. Ideas which the new Board of Directors encourage and adopt whenever they are progressive and beneficial to the club.

From 1st of July to the end of October 2009, I am happy to announce that West Pymble Bowling and Sports Club had a profit of A\$16,948.52 before spending A\$22,619.85 on the new No. 1 Green. We therefore have a net loss of (A\$5,671.33) for the first Quarter of the 2009/2010 financial year (Note that these are unaudited statements) and a new green for the 2010 season.

We continue to have a healthy reserve of A\$106,000 to date for emergencies and members who have asked why we need a reserve will be wise to realise that WPBSC has no asset that can be mortgaged to the bank in an emergency. We are paying rent to Ku-Ring-Gai Council for the privilege of having a place to call our Club.

Members who want to see more spent on improving the club can help by making donations to the club. We welcome donations of any amount. We can keep your donations quiet or we can make a fanfare of it if you so desire.

At the moment, we are appealing to members to give generously in raising funds for the 21 outdoor aluminium benches and the blinds that we need soon.

Let us commit ourselves to more hard work and less grumblings.

Wilson Tan
Treasurer

News from the West Pymble Women's Bowling Club

The competition at the State Final round robin at Woolgoolga was very keen. It was a great experience with one team having a win and two draws .In such company ,we were not

disgraced, as taking part was a great honour.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, Jenny Hepburn and Carol Martin were elected onto the Board.

All the championships have been played the following results :-

Major singles	Shirley Holmes	Runner up	Deirdre Syme	
Minor Singles	Jenny Hepburn	Runner up	Karen Psaltis	
Pairs	Jenny Hepburn	Shirley Holmes		
Runners Up	Betty White	Betty Lumsden		
Triples	Betty White	Deirdre Syme	Marlene Hurst	
Runners Up	Carol Martin	Shirley Ashton	Jenny Hepburn	
Fours	Pauline Allan	Pat Blume	Nancy Prendergast	Norma Cunningham
Runners up	Betty White	Deirdre Syme	Marlene Hurst	Betty Lumsden
Consistency	Patricia Tan			
Runner up	Shirley Ashton			

Congratulations ladies on a splendid effort

Teams were fielded in District Events, Lindfield Shield, Jean Webster Trophy Day, Killara Spring Carnival, Mosman Park and Ku Ring Gai Shield
Shirley Holmes and Deirdre Syme were selected to represent the District at the St. George Trophy day

As 2009 is drawing to a close I wish to thank the committee and all the members for their help through the year and wish all the members merry Christmas and a happy new year and hope to see them at the start of play in January

Shirley Ruxton
President

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

With the new committee up and running I can predict that we are in for a year of high activity and involvement which will generate a keen interest in the club by the local community and lead to a significant increase in bowling members.

Our number one green is coming on really well and will possibly be back in use earlier than the estimated end on January. We look forward to sampling the tift dwarf surface and hope that its speed will set us up well for Pennants. We already have Pennant trials arranged with Beecroft, North Epping and Putney Tennyson – with the possibility of another in the pipeline. With three teams entered we have high hopes of doing well in Grades 4, 5 and 6, so let's keep up the enthusiasm and practice.

There has been a remarkable level of interest in club championship competitions this year and it is very heartening for our various committees to find the support being given by way of higher entry numbers. It is also good to see the number of ladies playing on Saturdays and to realize that West Pymble is being held up as an example, by other clubs, of having a very progressive outlook.

Congratulations go to our three new coaches, Wilson Ian, Michael Macourt and John Nicholls, well done gentlemen and thank you on behalf of the rest of our members for taking up the challenge. We can never have enough coaches and umpires.

With the start of the festive season now upon us may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year and thank you for your support this year and during the forthcoming year.

Ian Trantor
Men's Club President

AROUND THE GREENS AND CLUBHOUSE

Since June there have only been a couple of events involving the whole club. On 20th September we had our inaugural Putt Putt day on No.1 green. This day was a credit to Colin Orr who's idea it was and over \$1,000.00 was raised plus the obviously increased bar takings. Apparently there is no reason why this cannot be continued as greens go out for maintenance.

Our 2nd event was the Melbourne Cup lunch. We had 36 bowlers and just over 50 all together for the lunch which was catered for by Brian. The Board waived green fees for the day which was much appreciated. Unfortunately the temperature soared and we all came in early – thank goodness for the air conditioning.

The Board have agreed to a new social committee being set up covering both the men's and women's clubs and we hope to run around 3 to 4 events each year either as fundraisers or simply as get togethers..... watch this space. One idea being mooted is having a combined presentation night next year – let either Arthur or Jenny know your thoughts on that one are

There are a number of raffles on the go at the moment – Harlee Jones' delicious Christmas cake is a must for everyone. The other is the Ham Board....pick your number and put \$2.00 in the corresponding number below and wait for the draw – they happen as soon as the board is filled, however, if you're like Rick Charles and desperately want that ham then do what he did – see photo. Funnily enough his number came up!!!!

Ancient Indian Wisdom:

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kimosabe, look towards sky. What you see?" The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars.." What that tell you? asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of Galaxies. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all powerful, and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?"

"You dumber than dumb. Someone stole tent."

Joke of the Day

An attorney arrived home late, after a very tough day trying to get a stay of execution. His last minute plea for clemency to the governor had failed and he was feeling worn out and depressed. As soon as he walked through the door at home, his wife started on him, 'What time of night to be getting home is this? Where have you been? Dinner is cold and I'm not reheating it'. And on and on and on.....

Too shattered to play his usual role in this familiar ritual, he poured himself a shot of whiskey and headed off for a long hot soak in the bathtub, pursued by the predictable sarcastic remarks as he dragged himself up the stairs.

While he was in the bath, the phone rang. The wife answered and was told that her husband's client, James Wright, had been granted a stay of execution after all. Wright would not be hanged tonight. Finally realizing what a terrible day he must have had, she decided to go up stairs and give him the good news.

As she opened the bathroom door, she was greeted by the sight of her husband, bent over naked, drying his legs and feet. 'They're not hanging Wright tonight,' she said.

He whirled around and screamed, 'FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WOMAN, DON'T YOU EVER STOP?!

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR