

WINDY HILL WHISPERS

Newsletter of EBP Sports Bowling Club. Doris Avenue, EARLWOOD

MENS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Pennants season came to a conclusion in May with the Grade 5 side topping their section and finishing in second place overall across the three sections. The Grade 7 side did not do so well, picking up the wooden spoon in their section.

The Grade 5 side entered the finals weekend at Taren Point with high hopes but were totally outplayed by both Moorefield and Gynea. Well done to both grades who gave their all. And many thanks to the selectors and managers. Better luck next year. I would like to congratulate EBP old boy, Michael Griffith on winning the Grade 6 Zone Flag with his new club Olds Park. Good luck in the State Finals Michael.

I would like to thank Graeme Ashley for his many years of service as Club Secretary. Graeme has stepped down from this role and as a member of the Management Committee due to other commitments. We are grateful to Mark Lukins who has agreed to take on the role of Secretary until elections are held in June.

The official Notice and information about Elections and the Annual General Meeting will be released shortly. In the meantime, we have commenced collecting membership fees for the 2019/20 year.

The Major Singles will be commencing on 1 June with the Major Pairs event following soon after. Good luck to everyone playing.

Bob Fenton

Vale Neville Day

EBP and the bowling world mourn the passing of Neville Day who died on 6 May aged 94. His funeral was held on 15 May and was attended by many of his bowling friends and representatives of the EBP RSL sub-branch.

Neville had been a member of the EBP Sports Bowling Club for many years, was the **Men's Club patron, proudly conducted the ANZAC Day bowling day service, coached** many of our bowlers and was a mentor to anyone who was wise enough to take his often offered sage advice.

Neville made 78 appearances for the NSW state side between 1974 and 1991 and won approx 100 titles across all levels of competition. He also represented Australia in 1987 at the age of 63.

In 2007, Neville was honoured by Canterbury Council with a Sporting Champion Plaque in recognition of his many achievements.

Farewell Neville, we will all miss you.

Men's Pennants Results

9 March – Round 1

Grade 5: EBP 72 (10) def Tigers Five Dock 45 (0)

Grade 7: Engadine 72 (10) def EBP 39 (0)

16 March – Round 2

Grade 5: West Sports 56 (10) def EBP 42 (0)

Grade 7: EBP 46 (0) lost to South Cronulla 86 (10)

23 March – Round 3

Grade 5: Bye

Grade 7: Olds Park 77 (10) def EBP 54 (0)

30 March – Round 4

Grade 5: EBP 71 (8) def Grandviews 52 (2)

Grade 7: EBP 60 (9) def Grandviews 57 (1)

6 April – Round 5

Grade 5: EBP 56 (8) def Alexandria-Erskineville 49 (2)

Grade 7: Sylvania 49 (9) def EBP 45 (1)

13 April – Round 6

Grade 5: EBP 83 (10) def Tigers Five Dock 44 (0)

Grade 6: EBP 57 (9) def Engadine 55 (1)

27 April – Round 7

Grade 5: EBP 59 (9) def West Sports 58 (1)

Grade 7: South Cronulla 70 (9.5) def EBP 47 (0.5)

4 May – Round 8

Grade 5: Bye

Grade 7: Olds Park 67 (9) def EBP 45 (1)

11 May – Round 9

Grade 5: EBP 57 (9) def Grandviews 56 (1)

Grade 7: Grandviews 80 (10) def EBP 39 (0)

18 May – Round 10

Grade 5: EBP 70 (9) def Alexandria-Erskineville 51 (1)

Grade 7: Sylvania 60 (9) def EBP 52 (1)

25 May – Major Semi-Final at Taren Point

Grade 5: Moorefield 67 def EBP 38

26 May – Preliminary Final at Taren Point

Grade 5: Gynea 84 def EBP 36

Ladies Bowls Report

We enjoyed a very successful Charity Day on Monday May 27. After a quite warm sunny morning the bowlers were nearly blown away by a very strong cold wind, but that did nothing to mar the warmth of camaraderie on the greens. Teams from Grandviews, Lidcombe, Mt Lewis, Olds Park, Picnic Point, Ramsgate, Revesby Workers and Western Suburbs competed in at times very tricky conditions. Congratulations to the winners of the first and second games, Grandviews and Ramsgate, to the runners up Revesby Workers, and to the overall winners Lidcombe.

Our sponsors this year were Guardian Funerals Rockdale. Without their support it would not be possible to conduct Charity Day and we thank them most sincerely for their generous donation of prize money. An enormous effort behind the scenes also makes these days run smoothly. Thank you to everyone who helped to set up, ran the raffles and 100 Club, donated items for the trading table and raffle prizes **(especially Anne's beautiful patchwork quilt), served the lunch and cleaned up afterwards.**

Thank you to Sam's Bistro for a delicious lunch. A total of \$1439 was raised for Charity. Well done everyone!

Competitions are underway. The Club Pairs Competition was won by Shirley Lowe and Margaret Portell. Congratulations also to runners-up Joy McEvoy and Anne Brackin.

Coming up soon are the Club Singles. Don't forget to put your name down.

The next big event on the calendar is President's Day to be held on June 20. This will be a lovely day to honour Noreen for her outstanding contribution to our Club. The AGM will be held on July 4. Independence Day, Noreen?

Our Club was well represented at the funeral service for Neville Day, the coach who taught so many of us, always ready with a word of advice or encouragement. He will be sadly missed. Anzac Day will never be the same.

We have all been so happy to see Jenni back at bowls, and wish her all the best on the road back to good health.

Good health and good bowling to everyone.

Margaret Portell

2019 BOWLS CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Men

- 1/6 Major Singles Round 1
- 8/5 Major Singles Rounds 1 & 2
- 15/6 Major Singles Semi Finals
- 22/6 Major Singles Final
- 29/6 Major Pairs Round 1

- 6/7 Major Pairs Round 2
- 13/7 Major Pairs Semi Final
- 20/7 Major Pairs Final
- 27/7 Major/Minor Pairs Round 1

- 3/8 Major/Minor Pairs Semi Final
- 10/8 Major/Minor Pairs Final
- 17/8 Triples Rounds 1 & 2
- 18/8 Annual General Meeting
- 24/8 Triples Rounds 3 & 4
- 31/8 Triples Round 5 & Final

- 7/9 Fours Rounds 1 & 2
- 14/9 Fours Round 3 & Final
- 21/9 Minor Singles Round 1

- 12/10 Minor Singles Semi Final
- 19/10 Minor Singles Final
- 19/10 State Rookie Singles
- 26/10 State Rookie Pairs

- 15/11 Mixed Pairs Round 1
- 22/11 Mixed Pairs Semi Final
- 29/11 Mixed Pairs Final

Ladies

- 3-7/6 District/State Triples
- 6/6 Club Singles
- 14/6 District Triples
- 20/6 Presidents Day
- 24/6 Pat Davis Trophy

- 2-5/7 Champion of Champions
- 4/7 Annual General Meeting
- 8/7 GRD V Eastern Subs District
- 15/7 Regional Playoffs
- 18/7 Triples
- 22/7 GRD AGM at EBP
- 25/7 Triples

- 1/8 Triples
- 8/8 Triples
- 15/8 Triples
- 19/8 District AGM
- 29/8 Fours

- 5/9 Fours
- 12/8 Fours
- 19/8 Fours
- 23/9 Bear Cottage
- 29/9 Gala Day

- 3/10 Consistency
- 10/10 Consistency
- 15/10 Bale Brook Trophy
- 17/10 Consistency

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