

WINDY HILL WHISPERS

Newsletter of EBP Sports Bowling Club. Doris Avenue, EARLWOOD

MENS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If we care to look over our left shoulder, we will notice that Christmas is almost upon us which means that the 2019 bowling year is almost at an end. The only commitments we have yet to negotiate are the Mixed Pairs, Minor Pairs, Summer Shield and Club Challenge.

Out on the pitch, we have had an encouraging year with both Tuesday and Friday social games attracting good and increasing numbers.

The Club Championships continue to throw up new names as winners and in many instances go to show how competitive our internal competitions are.

Congratulations to all the winners and to those whom they had to get past to get their gongs.

The Men's Club Committee has been refreshed and is eager to progress the club's fortunes. We should be forever grateful to John Nicholl and Graeme Ashley who stepped down from the Committee this year. After years of immense contributions, they will continue to contribute to the club in other capacities.

New Committee members, Warren O'Shea and Theo Constantinou will bring in a diverse perspective while Mark Lukins has slipped seamlessly into the role of Secretary.

As our new Bowls Secretary, Pat Stembridge excels in the hardest job in the place.

Of course, Ken Dickson, Mike Skelton, Robin Smith and Bob Fenton will continue their great work. Finally, I would like to commend the sterling efforts of our Selectors.

Let us not forget the generous support of Jim Nikolopoulos from Cobden & Hayson who I am happy to say is on-board again this year.

With our green due to come out late December for annual maintenance, I am pleased to advise that Campsie South have extended an invitation to both the men and women to use their facilities until our green is re-opened. I extend on our behalf, our gratitude to President Bernie Robinson and Bowls Secretary, Peter Byrnes for their consideration.

While mentioning Campsie South, it was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden passing of Michael Cosgrove who played for EBP for many years and was a member of the last EBP Pennants side to win a Zone Flag. Cossie was an exceptional bowler and always a gracious winner or loser.

As the year closes, I would like to thank the RSL Club Ltd Board, the EBP Sports staff and our green keepers for their support and efforts. And on a personal note, I want to say a big thank you to all of our bowlers, both men and women who make Windy Hill such a great place to be.

Have a great Christmas everyone. It's on again next year.

Men's Results

Triples

7 September - Final

P Karras, M Lukins & W. O'Shea 18 def A Owens, B Fenton & W. Farrell 10

Fours

21 September - Final

E Ransom, C Rorris, G Ashley (sub J Day) & W Farrell 16 def

B Green, V Svorinic, G Pappas & B Fenton 6

Minor Singles - Final

V Svorinic 31 def P Karras 17

Summer Shield

12 October - Round 1

EBP 8 def Tigers Five Dock 0

Rookie Singles and Pairs

We were represented in the recent Rookie Singles by Vlad, Peter and Aaron. Vlad and Peter met very strong opposition and bowed out in the first round while Aaron made it through to the next day where he was beaten by the eventual Zone winner.

In the Rookie Pairs, Peter and Aaron gave their all but could not progress to the next round. Great effort guys.

More "Dad" Jokes

- When I was younger I worked in a circus as the human cannonball, the pay wasn't much but the mileage allowance was great
- **Man charged with using sandpaper to kill victim. Tells court, "I only wanted to rough him up a bit"**
- **My wife has just bought herself a Smart Car. It won't let her in.**
- My Boss said to me "you are the worst train driver ever, how many trains have you derailed this year?" " I don't know," I replied, it's hard to keep track!"
- Q. Where do women have the curliest hair? A. In Fiji.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity at the moment, it's impossible to put it down.
- A termite walks into a bar and says "is the bartender here"?
- Aladdin has been banned from the annual flying carpet race. He was caught using performance enhancing rugs.
- What do you call an unemployed goat? Billy Idol
- **Shocked to learn from my doctor that I'm colour blind. It came completely out of the green.**
- **Fact. It's impossible for a dad to look for studs with a stud finder without first scanning himself and saying, "Found one".**

Ladies Bowls Report

As the year draws to a close our Competitions are all complete except for Consistency, which is still in progress at the time of printing, and the much-anticipated mixed pairs. Special mention must be made of the fine form of our newest member, Chris Walsh, who very nearly caused an upset in her round of Consistency. Well done Chris!

Members have represented the Club at District and Inter-district games recently, with varying degrees of success. We enjoyed a lovely day at Picnic Point for the District Charity Day in aid of Bear Cottage. Those of us who attended the Bowl for Others luncheon and presentation of charitable donations on October 2 had a most enjoyable day. On November 11 we will be defending the Mavis McBryde trophy which we won for the first time last year. Good luck to everyone competing.

President Ann has been invited to represent the Club and lay a wreath at the annual Remembrance Day Service to be held at the RSL Club on November 11.

The coming year promises to see some changes with the introduction of 'Open Gender' membership of Bowls NSW. Time will tell how WBNSW will respond. Come what may, we will still continue to enjoy our game at a social and competition level. Soon enough it will be time for Pennants.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to our final function for the year, the Christmas Party on December 5. That has come around too fast!

Good health and good bowling.

Margaret Portell

You Are The Umpire (see Page 4 for answers)

1. The Lead in Team A delivers the jack which passes the 2-metre mark (T). Before the jack comes to rest, the Team A Skip picks it up assuming that it will not reach the ditch and places it on the T. Team B Skip objects. What should happen now?
2. After a dead end, Skip A wishes to play from the end where the jack was prior to the end becoming dead whilst Skip B wishes to have the bowls returned and the end played from the original position. From which end is the end replayed?
3. If an umpire is called to measure a shot and cannot make a decision in favour of one or other of the bowls belonging to members of different teams in question, what is the position?
4. A player accidentally picks up an opposition bowl instead of his own and delivers the bowl which touches the jack. What should happen now?

2019 BOWLS CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Men

2/11 Summer Shield - Round 2
9/11 Minor Pairs - Round 1
9/11 Club Challenge
14/11 Mixed Pairs Round 1
16/11 Summer Shield - Round 3
16/11 Minor Pairs - Semi Finals
21/11 Mixed Pairs Semi Final
23/11 Minor Pairs - Final
29/11 Mixed Pairs Final
30/11 Summer Shield Finals

27/12 to 4/1/20

Turn of the Year Carnival

15/2/20 Pennants - Round 1

Ladies

7/11 Out of the Hat Triples
11/11 Mavis McBryde Trophy
15/11 Inter-District at Sutherland

5/12 Christmas Party

You Are The Umpire - Answers

1. The jack has been displaced by a member of its own team therefore it should be re-delivered by the opposing Lead
2. The end shall be replayed in the same direction unless the skips agree to play in the opposite direction.
3. If the nearest bowls of each team are deemed to be equidistant from the **jack, there shall be no score recorded. The end shall be declared "tied"** and shall count as a played end. The first to play in the tied end shall again play first in the next end.
4. Allow the bowl to complete its course and come to rest then replace it **with the player's correct bowl and mark the correct bowl as a toucher.**

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