

WINDY HILL WHISPERS

Newsletter of EBP Sports Bowling Club. Doris Avenue, EARLWOOD

MENS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here we go again. It's nice to be back at Windy Hill after our summer vacation at Campsie South. We again extend our thanks to Bernie Robinson and Peter Byrnes for their hospitality.

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway into February and on the cusp of another Pennants campaign. The early start for Pennants and the poor weather have cost us our traditional trials against Olds Park and Campsie South. However, it is what it is.

On the topic of Pennants it is important that you

1. Ensure that full club uniform is worn when representing the club. Note: if you **don't know what that means, ask me**
2. Tick your name off the Pennants Team Sheet on the notice board and check the starting times for both home and away games as the hot weather has forced some changes to the usual 1pm start
3. Keep the Pennant Availability Sheet up to date as soon as you are aware of any changes to your availability

We had some very promising performances in the Zone Fours at Olds Park which augers well for this years Pennants.

I look forward to a year of bowling success and fun for everyone.

Jack Hanssen, President

WOMENS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another year of good bowls, friendship and good health.

Ann Brackin, President

Men's News

With our green only coming back into play on 28 January, we have had minimal time to prepare for the busy Pennants and Club Championship schedule. Hot weather and the recent rain have not helped either.

We had four teams represent the club in the Zone Reserve Fours with mixed results. One side was able to win two preliminary games but came up against strong opposition in the next round.

We have two teams entered in the Zone Reserve Pairs but unfortunately the entire weekend of scheduled games was wiped out by heavy rain. Rounds 1 & 2 have been re-scheduled for Sunday 16 February.

Our planned Pennant Trial game at Campsie South was also ruined by rain. This means that we go into our first Pennants game on 15 February with very little **preparation. Still, it's the same for other clubs so we will just have to do our best.**

Make sure you look at our Bowls Calendar on the back page and make a note of important dates. Also, please look at our noticeboard when you come to the club to check for Pennants selections, competition sheets and other updates.

A Selection of Funnies

- A golfer is cupping his hand to scoop water from a stream on the St Andrews course. A groundskeeper shouts: "Dinnae drink tha waater! Et's foo ae coo's shite an pish!"
The golfer replies: "My Good fellow, I'm from England. Could you repeat that for me slowly and in English!?"
The keeper replies: "I said, use two hands - you'll spill less that way!"
- Mick is at Paddy's place watching the football. After the football Mick is about to go home when Paddy says "it's peeing down outside, why don't you stay the night". "I'll go upstairs and make up a bed for you".
"Thanks, that's a grand idea", says Mick.
Ten minutes later, Paddy goes downstairs and sees Mick soaked to the skin. "What the feck happened to you Mick?" says Paddy.
"I went home to get my pyjamas" says Mick.
- This bloke sat next to me on the train and pulled out a photo of his wife and said "She's beautiful, isn't she?"
I said, "If you think she's beautiful, you should see my missus"
He said, "Why, is she a stunner" I said, "No, she's an optician"
- A Word of Warning..... I went in to the Kingsgrove Bunnings the other day and a bloke in an orange shirt and green apron came up to me and asked if I wanted decking. I managed to get the first punch in and that was that but others may not be so lucky.

Ladies News

As we return for another season, we pause to remember with sadness the passing of Jenni Wilkie at the end of last year.

Jenni poured her heart and soul into the club at every level. She worked tirelessly and sometimes thanklessly to promote the sport of lawn bowls which she loved. We have only to look around the green and the club house to see her legacy everywhere.

Here are just a few: The new honour **board, the ladies' locker room improvements, the big screen and blinds in the meeting room, the mat and jack box, the corner flags, the bird scarer, the flag pole The list goes on. She also gained her umpire's qualifications, promoted barefoot bowls, helped run the Thursday night raffle and liaised with the men's club.**

Jenni was an outstanding secretary (with very big shoes to fill). Jenni was one of a kind. She will be greatly missed. Taken from us too soon. Rest in Peace, Jenni. Our sincere condolences to Chris and the family.

The weather was against us for our two weeks at Campsie South, first too wet and then too hot! A huge thank you to Laurie Ann and the team for their welcome and **assistance. It's good to be back 'home'. Thank you to Alan for preparing a lovely green.** The State Competitions at District level are about to commence, with teams from our club competing in the Pairs, the Senior Fours and the Triples. Good luck to all. Our Pennants season starts on Wednesday March 11 with an away game at Picnic Point. Our first home game is the following day against Padstow. We are looking forward to success this year, as always!

Good health and good bowling.

Margaret Portell

More Funnies

- I scared the postman today by turning up at the door completely naked. **I'm not sure what scared him more, the fact that I was naked or that I knew where he lived.**
- Someone told me to try horse manure on my rhubarb. I have to say, I much prefer custard.
- I was shopping in Woollies with my wife and we were half way round **when she just looked at me and said "you're such a lazy sod". Well, I was that gob-smacked, I nearly fell out of the trolley.**
- A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it
- My wife said she's leaving me because I invade her privacy too often. At least that's what it says in her diary.
- If I had a dollar for every girl who found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive

2020 BOWLS CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

Men

15/2	Pennants - Round 1
Grade 5	EBP v Olds Park
Grade 7	Double Bay v EBP
22/2	Pennants - Round 2
Grade 5	West's v EBP
Grade 7	EBP v Clovelly
29/2	Pennants - Round 3
Grade 5	EBP v Alex-Erko
Grade 7	Bye
7/3	Pennants - Round 4
Grade 5	EBP v Tigers Five Dock
Grade 7	Ashfield v EBP
14/3	Consistency - Round 1
21/3	Pennants - Round 5
Grade 5	Marrickville v EBP
Grade 7	EBP v Marrickville
22/3	Consistency - Round 2
28/3	Pennants - Round 6
Grade 5	Olds Park v EBP
Grade 7	EBP v Double Bay
29/3	Consistency Semi Finals
4/4	Pennants - Round 7
Grade 5	EBP v Wests
Grade 7	Clovelly v EBP
5/4	Consistency Final
11&12/4	Easter Weekend

Ladies

10-14/2	District Open & Senior Pairs
17-21/2	District Singles
24-28/2	District Open & Senior Fours
2-6/3	State Triples
11/3	Pennants - Round 1 at Picnic Point
12/3	Pennants - Round 2 at EBP
14/3	Pennants - Round 3 at Padstow
19/3	Pennants - Round 4 at EBP
24/3	Pennants - Round 5 at Olds Park
26/3	Pennants - Round 6 at EBP
31/3	Pennants - Round 7 at Roselands
2/4	Pennants - Round 8 at EBP
7/4	Pennants - Round 9 at Mt Lewis
16/4	Pennants - Round 10 at EBP

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