



DALKEITH NEDLANDS Bowling Club News



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Exciting Season Ahead

I believe that the Club is in for a most exciting Season. This is the first time for many years that the Club has been in Saturday 1 Red Pennants or as it is now called "The Premier Division". Recently we have recruited some exciting new players into our top Division and the Club will benefit at every level.

When the Premier Division is playing at home, I urge all Club Members, not otherwise engaged in Pennants, to come and support our Players as I am sure you will see some very exciting Bowls. Some of these matches will be played on Friday Nights to enable all Members to come and watch the games.

The Task this year is to cement our position into Premier Division and gain promotion from Third Division to Second Division. The gap is too wide between first and third Divisions and therefore we desperately need to win that promotion. During the October Pennant Trials, I have been delighted with the fun and fellowship that is flowing through the Club. If this is any indication, then we will have a very successful season on the greens.

Sponsors - I am very conscious of the tremendous importance of the Club's Sponsors. The Committee have been working very hard to obtain new Sponsors and have been very successful to date. You as a Member of the Club have an obligation to support our Sponsors wherever possible. Please let them know that you are from the Bowling Club when you are doing business with them as this is the only way that they know that they are getting reciprocal business.

One Club - You will be aware that the Men's and Women's Clubs are separate legal identities.

Some years ago we attempted to merge into one Club. Whilst the Ladies were totally in favour, the Men's vote was narrowly defeated. I would like to revisit this subject again later next year.

We wish the Ladies Pennant Teams every success during the coming season.

Let our motto be "Let every bowl count."

David Hyde- President



SUCCESS IN SEPTEMBER – SPRING FOURS

Our major event of the year, the John Stewart Spring Fours held over the second weekend in September annually proved again to be a huge drawcard attracting 54 teams from metro and country clubs from as far South as Walpole, Northwards to Morawa and West to Kalgoorlie. Whilst the weather remained inclement for each of the five games, the standard of bowls played was of a high order and compliments from all and sundry congratulated Gary Ellis and his team on the presentation and trueness of the 5 greens used in turn by all teams.

The club reiterates it's thanks to Alan and Birgitt Macalister for their financial commitment to this event and also to support sponsors City Toyota (Wayne Smith), Kings Park Motel (John Scally), Supa IGA Nedlands (John Kelly), Homestyle Salads (Joe Merenda), Bowls World (Rod Heaton and Tony O' Meehan) and also to AMP who on the strength of our success, have contributed \$2500 towards two new water coolers for installation this summer. Our barmaids again showed their class and provided the service and friendly efficiency for which they have become renowned statewide, and the Ladies again excelled in providing an outstanding meal on Sunday and plenty of warm drinks and snacks on both days. Chris and Annie Richardson must be congratulated for coordinating all the culinary requirements and supplies and also, Chris as Social Director and his band of helpers provided great interest (and income) with the running of the Money Board raffles. It is impossible to thank everyone who contributed needless to say there are plenty whose efforts are noted yet not publically acknowledged but the ultimate accolade should go to my predecessor, Brian Burton who single handedly invited, followed up teams from here to eternity and ran the tournament without hiccups, no mean feat for a tournament so large and Brian will be in demand from other club organisers I am sure to "do it for them" in the future.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART, we provided home town winners with Tommy Williams, John McIntosh, Ross Mitchell and John O' Meehan taking out the \$1000 first prize with 5 wins and plus 54 from Cambridge's Ron Stockden, Tony Walsh, Greg Kane and Danny Murray (5 wins +43) and Dowerin's Joe Collards team (5 wins +19)

Next year the event will be held on 12 and 13th September 2009 and coordinated by the Club Captain. Would any members who know of country teams wishing to receive an invitation please pass on the info to me.

A JOB WELL DONE BY ALL CONCERNED. - John McIntosh Club Captain



Alister Pugsley, David Hyde and Gary Powell

House

It has been a busy period for the House Committee with the main focus being on the organization of the Club Office. This is now being very well utilized and used as a meeting room for various groups and Committees as well as a facility for individual Committee members to work from and store data and material.

Under the watchful eyes of Chris Richardson, the Club is developing a website which we hope to have operating by the end of the year. This will allow us to post such things as Pennant Teams, results, notices of Social Events and general information.

We have also had some painting done to just tidy up some areas of the interior which had become marked and the windows have also been professionally cleaned. This was to ensure that the Clubhouse looked at its best for the commencement of the Pennant season. Flood lights have also been installed at the front entrances over A green and the Carpark to light these areas.

Our resident architect, George Sheldon, is also developing a proposed long term Master Plan for the Clubhouse. This will take some time to develop and be presented to members for comment and input. It will give the Club some proposals to aim for and stage over an extended time frame.

Martin Adams
Chairman – House Committee

Corporate

This year so far has seen a good enquiry for functions from private groups and companies involving bowls and hall hire and combination of both. The month of August was particularly good giving our Treasurer a rare smile. Twenty first birthdays have seen the biggest bar income earner, but have also caused some worry for some members. Whilst we endeavor to prevent damage to clubhouse property, there will be some wear and tear, balanced out by income generated. (e.g, 21st on Sat. 3rd Nov. gross over bar \$5000.00)

We now have a policy in place where at least one club member will be in attendance at the clubhouse for all parties, weddings and birthdays. Those members who have concerns with what we are doing, please put your name on my list for night duty.

Corporate bowls (teams of four) has started on a Wednesday night for six weeks. Patto has done an excellent job and a lot of leg work organising teams for this event. Depending on the success this may be repeated in the new year.

These events whether big or small do not run by themselves and require member involvement.

Special thanks to Patto and others for your support in the past and I hope in the future.

George Klug

Selection

Well here we are again at the start of the new pennant season which after our successful season last year is going to be very competitive. At this time we would like to welcome all new players and those who have returned to pennant play from our own resources. This year we have 4 teams of 16 on Saturday and 1 division 7 and 6 teams of 12 on Thursday which means we have to find 72 players on both days. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone unable to play at any time during the season would let us know so we can make allowances in selections and keep team changes to a minimum.

With 2 teams in division 2 and division 5 on Thursday there will be a number 1 and number 2 team in these divisions. Also on Saturday there will be 2 teams in division 3 and the same will apply. Unfortunately on Saturday we drop from premier league red to division 3 and then to division 6 so as you can see there is a big gap but unfortunately we have no control over this so we need to work very hard and get promotion in both these divisions for next year.

There will be times when players are playing in a lower grade but it is up to them to show the selectors we are wrong and prove they can play at a higher level and then both the club and player benefits.

The start of the year was satisfactory with us winning 4 out of 6 games on Thursday and 3 out of 4 games on Saturday. Unfortunately premier league lost on Saturday after being in a winning position but just shows what's required in the top division. Also both division 2 teams lost on Thursday but both had probably one of the strongest teams in that colour as they had been dropped from division 1 last year.

In finishing we would like to wish every bowler the best of luck for the season and please have as much practice as possible to prepare for your pennant games

Kingsley Newman -Chairman of selectors.



Spring Fours Winners

Coaching

Alton Jackson, Ross McKenzie and Alek Gryta continue to offer coaching to club members. Both Ross and Alton can regularly be found at the club on Wednesday afternoons. Alek's availability is more limited due to work commitments. All are willing to advise at mutually convenient times, particularly with daylight saving. It is best to telephone Alton (9287 1321), Ross (9367 5870) or Alek (9389 5045) to confirm a time.

Marko Krajancic (9418 5379) is our specialist tactics coach. He will assist members in the skills of building a head and winning games. He will be used to advise small groups such as the skippers and thirds of a team, or 1 or 2 rinks. Such a group should contact Marko direct. Please do so as he is most enthusiastic to pass on his encyclopedic knowledge.

Alton Jackson.