



# The Boomerang

A newsletter for friendly, Asquith lady bowlers!

## June 2017



President Paula Hand

Who would believe it, but there are less than 6 months before Xmas! Actually, those in the know, say that it **really is** a sign of aging when you note that the time is whizzing by! Nevertheless, it is also true, that when you are very **busy**, time just flies, This is certainly true for our Ladies' Club at the present time.

Heaps of things have happened recently. We have finished Pennants, organised ANZAC Day, had a very successful Boomerang Carnival, played the Club Singles, generously emptied our pockets on a Charity Day, and also had a most memorable President's Day for **Paula Hand**—all since the last newsletter. Whew!!!



It was an excellent effort by ABRC on ANZAC Day as over \$650 was raised for Legacy. After the formal commemoration by members of the Men's Club, Mixed bowls and fund raising were organised by our highly efficient Match Committee and Raffle ladies. Our very talented floral artist, **Di Tracy**, also produced a beautiful wreath to commemorate the occasion.

(L) Di Tracy with her ANZAC Day wreath.

We have had a few annoying wet days this year, but fortunately winter has not yet been too unkind to our bowlers. It has been most pleasing to see that Social Bowls is being well patronised, and also heartening to note that a number of our members who have not been too well of late, are once more returning, either to pay us a visit, or join in a game of bowls.



We welcome a new member, **Helen McClure**, who is very keen, practises regularly, and already shows signs of a future accomplished player. Watch this space for her name on the Leader Board in the future!! We all wish Helen a very happy and successful association with our Club.

(L) Helen McClure

There is lots to report this quarter, so **fasten your seatbelts!!** JGW

### Calendar of future Events

#### July

- 3 Pennant Hills BC Gumnut Carnival
- 6-11 S/D Open/SNR Pairs
- 14 Club Triples start

#### August

- 1 Club Fours on the board
- 8 AWBC AGM/Committee Meeting
- 25 Club Fours drawn
- 28 District Hornsby Shire Trophy—WPH

#### September

- 3 Father's Day
- 5 Handicap Singles on the board
- 25 Anita Linden Trophy Day—at AWBC
- 29 Handicap Singles drawn

### Exciting travel Opportunities

#### SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2017 WORLD SINGLES CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Coach trip to St Johns Park Bowling Club  
Return coach from Asquith BC to SJP BC  
Lunch included. For both men and women bowlers.  
More details later.

#### SATURDAY 12th JANUARY 2019 WBNSW BOWLS CRUISE

13 nights to New Zealand on the new Majestic Princess  
Play mixed bowls in 3 ports.  
Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch or Dunedin.  
Bookings open now at Cruiseabout Turrumurra.  
Alison Lord on 9440-8727 or:  
[alison.lord@cruiseabout.com.au](mailto:alison.lord@cruiseabout.com.au)

Reference "Pam's Bowls Cruise"  
This cruise will be advertised to all NSW Women's Bowling Clubs.



## Bowls News

### Pennants

2017 will go down on record as being a very difficult year in many respects for our Pennant teams. The wet weather made it “hard-going” on heavy greens, especially on those of other clubs that are not nearly as lovingly cared for as our own! In addition, some of our regular Pennant players were not able to play due to illness. Nevertheless, as has been customary over the last decade, our Grade 1 did us proud by winning the District Pennant. They came 2nd in the playoffs, so we all congratulate them on their efforts. Grade 2 came a creditable 2nd to North Epping in the District, and Grade 3 also played well.



Receiving their Grade 1 Pennant badges: ( L-R)

L. Bulmer, J. Kachel, M. Khamis, H. Maloney, J. Bennett, S. Andrew,, E. Harris Absent : L. Csonka

### Major Singles

We had two new names this year in the Major Singles final, and both ladies showed great skill and determination on the day. **Anne Hedger** – who is playing very good, consistent bowls—managed to get up over **Annette Wagstaff** in a close match. Bravo!!



Anne (L) and Annette before their tussle.

## Boomerang Carnival

This was a real “ripper” of a day with 22 teams competing, including 8 visiting teams. All credit must go to the organisers. We have such wonderfully efficient, capable ladies in the Match and Social Committees and those doing Raffles, that everything ran like clockwork. The visitors were most impressed.

Overall winners for the day were **Pennant Hills**, with **Dee Why/Belrose**—runners-up. Morning winners were **Castle Hill**, and our ladies, **M. Power, R. Love and Joan Wilson** were Afternoon winners. We are grateful to **Creighton Funerals** for their sponsorship.



(Above) Our gleeful, Boomerang Carnival Afternoon winners, **Mary, Joan and Ros** with the representative from Creighton Funerals.

**We are all allowed to suffer from amnesia at times!!**

**Lorraine to Narelle:** “I wonder where I have put my glasses?”

**Narelle to Lorraine:** They are on you face!!

PS One wonders if a little bit of sunshine is a good or a bad thing!!

Lorraine Csonka’s “wayward” sunglasses



## Doing things for others at AWBC

### Charity Day

**Lorraine Bulmer** and **Mary Power** organised a special day to raise money for Hornsby Hospital and Cancer research.

**Jan Benke** supported the effort by running one of her especially enticing trading tables. It had all sorts of good things that all those looking for retail therapy just couldn't resist! In all, with a "spider" and special raffles, over \$800 was raised. A tremendously generous effort, ladies. Well done!

### Boomerang Beavers Craft group

**Dell Phillipson** and her "beavers" continue to "click away" industriously, and report the most impressive statistics. To date, over 100 blankets, over 300 beanies, over 20 "premy" hats as well as scarves and mittens have been crafted for either Westmead, Hornsby or North Shore Hospitals or the Hornsby homeless. Again, this illustrates the wonderful generosity of our members who give of their time and skills for the benefit of others. There is also great social value in this group. **Dell** believes that it has been a great opportunity for social bonding amongst our members and showcases the many talents that exist.

### Thanks to Joan

In case people are not aware of our new two-toned blue flags for the corners of our three greens, **Joan Wilson** has made a **second** set! About 10 years ago she made 29 flags, and this year she has made another 19. Joan also embroiders dates on Pennant flags that our Ladies win. As many teams have "achieved glory" for most of the last



(Above) Joan and the new corner flags

decade (during which time Joan has been part of the victorious Grade 1 side), we could say that she has been our "flag-bearer" in more ways than one! Congratulations too, to Joan on being nominated by the Ladies as a Life Member of ABRC.

### Bowler to Greenkeeper after a long period of rain:

Ross, what is the green speed today?

**Ross:** 18 seconds. 9 seconds up one way and 9 seconds back the other!



## President's Day for Paula Hand—20/6/17

This was a wonderful day for all. The Club absolutely "bloomed"! The weather was also very kind with just the right amount of sunshine when we needed it. We had two greens of beautifully turned-out ladies from AWBC, from other Clubs in the District, together with District and State representatives. We also entertained members from the Men's club. After a very pleasant game of bowls, all joined the chorus of "oos" and "aahs" as we entered the dining room for lunch. **Di Tracy's** flower arrangements were just exquisite, and the tables were beautifully decorated in pink, white and mauve—Paula's favourite colours.

Even AMBC President, **Walter Hamilton**, commented on the delightful lavender bag he had received. However, he was unsure whether the motif on the bag was a butterfly or a moth. If the latter, he considered that the functional efficiency of his undergarments would certainly be in doubt!! Lunch was delicious, speeches were short and sweet, and two very deserving members—**Jan Benke** and **Lorraine Csonka** - received Merit badges. Well done, ladies. Credit for the fabulous day goes to all the organisers led by Secretary, **Annette Wagstaff**, her helpers, and the "Sensational

Socials".

There is no doubt that we certainly know how to put on a very "good show" at AWBC!!



(Above) Paula Hand with State representative, **Pam Andrich** (L) and District President, **Judy Thorp**, cutting the cake.



(Below) State representative (and a member of AWBC) **Pam Andrich**, pins a Merit badge on **Jan Benke**

(Above) **Lorraine Csonka** proudly shows off her new Merit badge.

We hope that President Paula enjoyed her day!



### What would the Umpire do??



You don't often see this. Both leads, **Thelma and Mary** claimed the shot on the jack!

(Un)fortunately, someone "knocked them off" soon afterwards so the umpire wasn't needed!

### Social news

\* Guess what? She has done it again!! Poor **Jan Bennett** fractured her arm the day before she, **Helen and Shirley** went on a trip to the Top End. Jan's friends are now tying up her shoelaces, but hopefully they will come back with lots of good yarns about crocodiles and Ghans!



**Shirley, Jan and Helen** at Uluru. Looks a bit chilly!!

\* **Beryl Thompson** and husband Ron are journeying round Oz. They left in April and should be home in mid July. Already they have visited notable tourist spots like (barren) Cooper Pedy, then enjoyed the interesting sights of Alice Springs and MacDonnell Ranges. They had a "fantastic swim" with big fish in Coral Bay (WA) where they also saw beautiful coral. Then it was on to Carnarvon before wending their way through the Pinnacles to Perth, Fremantle and Rottnest Island. They reached the southern tip of the continent at Albany and then travelled north to Kalgoorlie. Unfortunately, Beryl had a fall down the pub stairs here and hurt her wrist. Beryl's Friend **Chris Madgwick** says that "there must have been something *in the water* to cause Beryl to fall at a pub"!! Hopefully she will return home safely with lots of good yarns.

\* **Chris Saunders** and **Heather MacDonald** have both been on enjoyable, relaxing cruises to Pacific Islands.

### RIP Val Henderson (1934—2017)

In April, we lost a dear friend and fellow bowler. **Val Henderson** was one of our most accomplished bowlers. She came from Berowra BC to join AWBC in 2006 when the former closed. At Berowra BC, it was said that she was eventually **given** the Singles Championship trophy as she had won it so many times! Val was also a member of the Berowra BC team that won the State No. 2 Pennant in 1999.

Whilst at AWBC, Val continued her winning ways in both Pennants, Club and District competitions. She was also part of the NSW Teachers Bowling Association team that defeated Queensland in recent times.

Val played bowls with a quiet, steely determination that belied her gentle, gracious nature. At all times she was the perfect "lady".

The many mourners at her funeral were testament to how all held Val in high regard.

She will be sadly missed by all. Rest in Peace.



\* We have had a number of "walking wounded" recently, but it is been very pleasing to note that **Mollie, Sandra and Marie** are now once more able to play bowls. **Margaret Howard** should soon be able to join us too. We hope that **Merle Robinson** will soon be fully recovered after a nasty fall down her back steps.



The year is "travelling apace", and when the next newsletter comes out at the end of September, we will have a new Committee and President.

We all sincerely thank **Paula Hand** for her contribution to leading our Ladies over the last 2 years, and wish her and **husband Jim**, happy travelling and very good health in the future.

May we all stay (safe) and play (well)!

