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WAMBERAL BOWLING CLUB

A Word from the President

Change of our Club name: On Saturday October 19 at a Special Meeting to consider a motion to change our Club name members voted 47 to 7 to adopt the name Breakers Bowling Club Wamberal and to change the colour and design of our Club shirt. The next step now is to seek approval from Zone 15 and the RNSW Bowling Association, which normally takes about 2 weeks. The shirts will then be ordered and it is hoped that they will be delivered prior to the commencement of Pennants in March, 2014.

Selection of Club Selectors: Also at this Special Meeting the Co-ordinator of selectors was voted upon by all members present at the meeting. Congratulations to Graham Vale who won over Tony Battistella. Following this ballot the Selectors were elected by those members who indicated their involvement in Pennants in 2014. The successful nominees were, Jim Abrahams, John Luxford and Bob Rowe. Congratulations to these members for taking on this difficult task.

Mid Week Triples: This competition is now completed with all our teams performing admirably. The **B** grade finished a close second in their section and the two **C** grade teams won their section, but lost their semi-finals in very close games. Well done to all members who played in this competition.

Zone Representative Results: In a recent Zone representative game Wayne Hensley skipped a rink in a 3 rink team that defeated a State RSL team. It would appear that Wayne's star is on the rise in Zone representative circles.

News from Breakers CC: Following the success of the *Breakers' Handicap Triples* this year, Breakers CC has decided to sponsor this event again in 2014. The three individual events will be held over a six months period. Our thanks go to the Breakers' Board for this kind gesture.

Club Championships: The Mixed Pairs Championship semi-finals were held on Sunday October 20 with Margaret and John Hickman def Joe and Sally Murphy, Alan Olsen and Pat Treweek def Lesley and Ed Mason. The final was played the following day and in hot conditions Pat Treweek and Alan Olsen won 24-10 over Margaret and John Hickman. The final of the Graded Pairs has been delayed by Zone events; however it has now been played with Trevor Hilliard/Tony Battistella (substitute for Len Introna) winning 24-11 over Paul Charge/Wayne Hensley.

Maintenance of Greens: The work on the replacement of the ditch wall on the No 1 green has now been completed and our thanks must go to Jim Abrahams, Peter Cox, Trevor Hilliard, Paul Charge and John Luxford in assisting in the construction of this wall. The green has now been top dressed and the surface levelled by laser, several more top dressings will follow. Everything is progressing well.

Telephone directory: This has now been finalised and will be issued to all members shortly. Also the list of members email addresses is now being updated, so please check with Jim McCreadie if you wish to be added. This is an important way of contacting members of urgent club news.

That is all for now, Stay healthy and good bowling everyone

John Bramwell

Ladies' Club

After a hectic September, this month has been somewhat quieter. However, there was still some high grade bowling taking place. Our Major/Minor Pairs was the event of the month. Teams consisted of one player with less than six years bowling experience, teamed with one with more than six years "under her belt". Some great games were played in the lead up to the final but that surpassed anything we had seen previously with some exceptional bowls being played by both teams. It truly was a memorable match with the eventual winners being Lesley Mason and Fay Sims who defeated Jan Curtis and Gaye Bryant. Congratulations to you all.

Some of our ladies teamed up with members of the men's club to play in the mixed pairs. It was good to see Jill King back on the green, playing with John Bramwell. Both have had to deal with health problems lately but that didn't stop them – well done to you both, keep up the good work. The final was fought out by Pat Treweek, teamed with Allan Olsen against Margaret and John Hickman. Pat and Allan (the Golden Oldies?) won the match but Margaret and John (the Youngsters?) gave them a run for their money. Margaret and John are relative newcomers to bowls and it was great to see them in the final.

Our next event is Consistency, which this year has been kindly sponsored by Lesley Mason and Fay Sims. This will give our newer players valuable experience in playing singles and in the gentle art of draw bowls. No point in running at the jack here, if it is moved in a Consistency game, it is replaced on the original spot.

There is only one more shield event to be played this year. The RSL Shield will be contested on 12 November. This is a fours competition and we are grateful to the Terrigal Wamberal RSL Sub Branch for once again sponsoring the event.

I am pleased to report that Bev Andersen, who underwent surgery on October 16, has come through with flying colours and is now convalescing at home. We look forward to seeing her at the club soon.

Until next month, good health and good bowling.

Denise Gosling

COMMENT

We have changed our name and adopted new Club colours and placed our hope in the Mother Club saving us from a slow death.

There is nothing wrong with changing the name but we should not think of this as the sole solution to our problem of diminishing numbers and waning interest as we may end up very disappointed and without a "home". This is a point not lost on the Breakers CEO who in the Annual Report stated "... our functions co-ordinator will be promoting Barefoot Bowls to use ... the greens ...whilst promoting the game of bowls as we need to increase our numbers in bowls membership to warrant two greens ...". The writing is on the wall. We need to do something we cannot continue to ignore the issue.

Bowls Australia has made the move and intend to revolutionise the sport.

In a news release on 27 September 2013 BA stated "**The Australian Premier League is set to modernise the sport of bowls**". Below is an extract from this release.

The history of the egalitarian sport of lawn bowls can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians who are believed to have played with stones. The English refined the game with spherical bowls, to what is commonly seen today, but the evolution of the game's format has been somewhat stagnant since.

That is until today, when Bowls Australia announces the introduction of a revolutionary new fast-paced, dynamic format of competition, which is set to catapult the sport into the 21st century."

The APL will transform the way lawn bowls is played, viewed and perceived," Mr Dalrymple said.

The format has been developed to attract new participants to the sport, provide current fans with an innovative version of competition, and leverage the sport's exposure with a live television product."

The new two sets-play format will be made available to clubs across Australia from 2014, with the shortened version of the game the perfect activity for people with busy work and family schedules.

The APL competition, which aims to emulate the success of cricket's T20 Big Bash League by modernising the game to broaden its appeal, is set to be staged from November 19 to 22, under lights at Brisbane's premier bowls facility, Club Pine Rivers.

In a first for the sport nationally, the competition will also be broadcast live on Fox Sports and SKY NZ from 5pm-9.30pm during the four days of competition, providing unprecedented exposure.

Further details of this move are available at <http://www.australianpremierleague.com.au>

It is worth reading the Conditions of Play which are available under the **League HQ ->Rules**.



Roll Up for a Laugh

A man wakes up in the hospital bandaged from head to foot. The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness". Now you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the freeway. You're going to be ok, you'll walk again and everything, but.... your penis was severed in the accident and we couldn't find it.

The man groans, but the doctor goes on, "You've got \$9000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new penis." They work great but they don't come cheap. It's \$1000 an inch.

The man perks up. "So," the doctor says, "you must decide how many inches you want." But this is something you should discuss with your wife. If you had a five incher before and get a nine incher now she might be a bit put out. If you had a nine incher before and you decide to only invest in a five incher now, she might be disappointed. It's important that she plays a role in helping you make a decision.

The man agrees to talk it over with his wife. The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?"

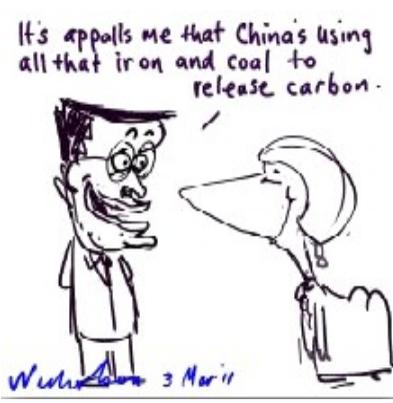
"Yes, I have," says the man.

"And has she helped you make a decision?"

"Yes," says the man.

"What is your decision?" asks the doctor.

"We're getting granite counter tops."



On the Green

NOVEMBER

2	SAT	9.00am	Club Mixed Fours Rnd 1
3	SUN	1.00pm	Club Mixed Fours Rnd 2
9	SAT	9.00am	Club Mixed Fours Rnd 3
10	SUN	1.00pm	Club Mixed Fours Rnd 4
30	SAT		Presentation Day Novices V Masters Shield

DECEMBER

1	SUN	9.00AM	Retire Australia Christmas Bonanza Mixed Day
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Till next month
Good bowling