

WHISPER

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WAMBERAL BOWLING CLUB

A Word from the President

This year is going by so fast it does not seem like one month since I prepared my last report.

Zone Mid Week Triples It is pleasing to report that with only one round of the preliminary rounds of the competition, Wamberal B.C. are in first place in the "B" grade and both "C" grade teams in their respective sections. Keep up the good work.

Club Championships The first **Graded Pairs Championship** semi final was won by Trevor Hilliard/Len Introna over Bob Foord/Bob Rowe, the remaining side of the draw was delayed due to Wayne Hensley playing in the Zone Champion of Champions Title, it was finally played and resulted in Paul Charge/Wayne Hensley def Peter Cox/David Brian 19-18, the date for the final has not been decided. The **Mixed Novice Singles** has now been played with Paul Charge winning the final over Ed Mason. It was pleasing to see these comparatively new bowlers competing in this Championship. The games were mostly close and played in the true spirit of the game of bowls. The final of the **Club Triples Championship** has now been finalised with John Hollier / Darren Hooper/ Alan Olsen def Trevor Hilliard/ Phil Morris and Tony Battistella in a very close game 19-18. The first round of the Graded Triples was held on Saturday September 21.

Zone Champion of Champions Title It was a great effort by our own champion Wayne Hensley against Tony Shoebridge of Avoca Bowling Club in the final of this important event in the Zone 15 Championship calendar. The scores fluctuated throughout the game with scores locked at 30 all in the final end each player had a chance to win, unfortunately for Wayne he was beaten by one shot 31-30. It was a great effort by Wayne; he did himself and the club proud. I am certain that we will see him in the



Zone representative teams for a long time.

Maintenance of the greens As you can all see the No1 green has now been taken out for the annual maintenance period and will then be available for play in late November. The perimeter walls are being replaced and the ditches will be edged with metal and artificial grass backing will be installed in the ditches. The No 2 green will then be taken out in mid January and be back in play in early March.

Special Meeting This meeting was held on Saturday September 14 to vote on an amendment to clause 18 (a) (b) of

the Club Constitution. This motion was passed and now the Co-ordinator of selectors will be elected by all members at a meeting to be held as near as possible to the third Saturday in October. The remaining selectors will then be elected from the nominees by those members who have nominated to play Pennants / managers. On Saturday October 19 at 11am a meeting will be held to elect both the co-ordinator/selectors. Also at this special meeting a vote will once again be taken to change the name of our club to Breaker's Bowling Club Wamberal. Please mark this date/time in your diary. Nominee sheets for these positions are now on the notice board.

Jackpot Triples The next jackpot prize will be held on Wednesday November 6 with the morning jackpot being \$ 120 and the afternoon \$360. Please get your team organised for this day.

Zone news At the last Zone delegates meeting it was agreed to trial a bi-monthly newsletter (4 pages) advising of club news. Also a Hall of Fame will be introduced for bowling members who have played a big part in the history of bowls on the Central Coast, nominees will be requested from all clubs.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate Ed Mason on his first Whisper, well done keep up the good work.

Please stay healthy and good bowling everyone.

John Bramwell

On the Green

OCTOBER

1	SUN	1:00pm Club Graded Pairs, Rnd 4
3	WED	1.00pm C Grade Qtr Finals Umina Beach
10	Wed	1.00pm C Grade Semi Finals Umina Bch
12	SAT	Club Mixed Pairs Rnd 1
13	SUN	Club Mixed Pairs Rnd 2
16	Wed	1.00pm C Grade Final Final - Umina Beach 1.00pm B Gde Sect 2 Final - Umina Beach
19	SAT	Club Mixed Pairs Rnd 3
20	SUN	Club Mixed Pairs Rnd 4
28	MON	Quads Triples - Terrigal BC



PLAYER PROFILE:- Kevin Dring



Kevin was born on 10th May 1942 in Adelaide. He grew up in Adelaide attending Pulteney Grammar School in the centre of Adelaide where he was the U/13 & U/15 athletic champion and represented the school in Aussie Rules Football.

In 1959 Kevin started work as a junior clerk at Shell Australia and it wasn't long before he was granted a sales cadetship. At the age of 21 Kevin made a decision that would prove to

be the most significant life change for Kevin in his future and transferred to Darwin. It was here that he met a nurse who was to become his future wife. In 1967 he joined WD & HO Wills as a sales rep and in 1971 transferred to Sydney.

Kevin and Pam married the following year and established a home in Ryde where they raised their family. Meanwhile Kevin's career blossomed eventually becoming Chairman of Benson and Hedges.

Kevin and Pam took up bowls together in 1991 as a recreational sport they could enjoy together when Kevin retired. They learnt their bowls at Ryde City and it wasn't long before they both played Pennants as specialist leads and followed the tournament circuit around the North Western suburbs and enjoyed their share of success. It also wasn't long before Kevin became involved in Club administration becoming Publicity Officer and introducing the Club Chronicle, a quarterly newsletter which became more popular than the Women's Weekly. In 1994 Kevin became the Bowls Secretary and conducted major tournaments including the prestigious long standing Norm Ralph Fours. In 1999 he became a member of the Ryde City Board of Directors.

With their family of three boys having married and left home, Kevin and Pam decided it was time they adopted a more relaxed lifestyle. So, in May 2000 they moved to their new home at Terrigal where they joined the Wamberal Bowling Club as it was a smaller friendly club.

Putting aside his reluctance to becoming involved in administration Kevin soon introduced a monthly newsletter, the "Whisper", at the Wamberal Bowling Club and by July 2013 he produced Issue No. 128. In 2002 Kevin was appointed Publicity Officer for the Central Coast District Bowling Association writing stories for the long standing local bowls magazine, Bowls News Central Coast until its demise in April 2011. Whilst still retaining responsibility for Publicity he became Vice President of the Zone in 2003. Kevin was initially appointed President of the Association in January 2008 and subsequently served 4 ½ years in that capacity. During these years Kevin also served on the Management Committee at his home Club of Wamberal and as President from 2007 – 09 and Publicity Officer.

Throughout his time at Wamberal Kevin has been a regular participant in the clubs social events and in tournaments on the Central Coast. He continued to play Pennants and was a member of the team that succeeded in its bid for a State Pennant winning the CCDBA Zone 15 No 3 Pennant in 2008.

During 2012 Kevin was appointed as State Councillor. Kevin continues to serve as an office bearer for Bowls Central Coast having recently been elected as the State Councillor and Publicity officer for 2013-14 and continues to write articles for the Zone Web Site, Grandstand and Bowls NSW Magazine.

Ladies' Club

Many thanks to Secretary Lesley Mason for writing the Ladies' Club column last month while I went off to Wisemans Ferry to play bowls with friends.

September has been a BIG month for us. On Monday 2 Wamberal hosted a Central Coast District WBA Veterans' Day. Over "70's" ladies from surrounding clubs gathered at our club for a game of bowls followed by an excellent sit down luncheon. Among other presentations, the oldest and youngest vets were honoured and we had the pleasure of "owning" the youngest vet – Yvonne Sargent. Our thanks go to the catering staff of BCC for providing such a great lunch and such efficient and courteous service. A sincere thank you also is due to our Social Committee ladies who provided morning tea and ensured that the room was beautifully presented.

The following day was our Friendship Day when we entertained guests from Central Coast District clubs. We conducted a fund raising spider for our charity, Coast Shelter, had lots of fun on the green and much happy chat and laughter over lunch.

The BIGGEST of the BIG news is that on Monday 16, a selected team of four players represented Wamberal at the Challenge Cup at Everglades. This event is open to teams who had represented their clubs in Grade 4 Pennants this year. Our team was Margaret Hickman, Sue Staples, Lesley Mason and Denise Gosling. We played two games, 25 ends, and ended up with two wins and 18 ends which gave us the win.

The Challenge Cup is ours for the next twelve months and we will host the event next year.



Needless to say the team is still on a high! Many thanks to Carol Allis and Sally and Joe Murphy

for coming along to give us some moral support. Do have a look at our website for more details.

Tuesday 17 September was President/Patron's Day when our members are divided into teams to play for the President or Patron. The game was cut short by a sudden downpour but that probably did not affect the end result – Patron Shirley's lot did it again. They have won the day for three years in a row. Enjoy it girls, we'll get you next year. It was good to have Jill King and Margaret Nebauer with us for lunch. We hope you will both be back on the greens soon.

Until next month, good health and good bowling.

Denise Gosling - President



Till next month
Good bowling