



HAWK EYE

April 1, 2019 **Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter**

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Correction:- We made a mistake. YES – WE MADE A MISTAKE. And despite the date at the top of this page (April 1, to save you looking up) this is no joke. After hours of research and checking, we decided that the win:loss ratio figures we have been reporting in recent newsletters did not add up. So after another sleepless night, we did it all again. And again.

Check the Bowls WA website if you want. At the beginning of March, Hilton's seven sides had played a total of 103 games for 47 wins and 56 losses. Now, at the time of going to press (March 24) it is 123 games for 57 wins and 66 losses. So it's impossible now to get to that 50:50 win/loss target by season's end.

Well done

Lots of members put in many hours of hard work to make country week at Hilton Park a great success. We can be proud of the way we presented our club to these visitors over the four days of bowling and many were full of praise for the standard of the greens and the quality of the meals supplied.

Jim Jobey organized the food and did a great job although he would be the first to admit that he had many willing helpers. We were going to try to name all those involved but because of the risk of missing someone out we decided just to make it an all-round thanks to everyone who assisted.

However, club president Ron Turner was determined to name names. Ron said: "I would like to give a big thank you to Daniel and Barney for the greens and the surrounds. Barney also did lots of bar hours and picked up beer with Craig from Dan Murphy's.

"A big job in the kitchen by Jim Jobey with great help from Big Kev for the cooking and catering over four days. The feedback about the meals was excellent so thanks to all who helped in the kitchen with preparing meals, setting up tables, serving, cleaning up and doing dishes. Thanks to Mike Glynn, John Hansford, Tony Maxwell and all the ladies including Val, Helen, Michelle, Maria, Liz, Janet and more.

"Also thanks to Dorraine for the outside bar, thanks to Eddie Clarke and Doug McKay for running the event and sending the results to Bowls WA and thanks to Craig and Brian Smith for getting a set of bowls from Perth Bowls Centre. This raffle raised \$1000. And thanks to Graeme McKenzie for selling other raffle tickets which raised \$330, to Warren Edwards for umpiring all four days and to Shaun Farrell for fixing the water cooler.

"So well done everyone."





Our illustrious President, sitting with all his mates!

Vale – Ray Stevens

A couple of weeks ago, long-time Hilton Park bowler Ray Stevens passed away after a battle with cancer. He was 80 and was a member of the club for about 25 years until he had to stop bowling because of ill-health four years ago.

Close friend Ian Blanch says of Ray: “He was a good bowler, a good supporter of the bar and a good mate.” As a farewell gift, Ray wanted to give his yellow bowls to a loyal Hilton member and a good home was found for them.



Our photograph shows Ray and Ian with their partners June Menner and Jean Blanch when they won the mixed fours together in 2009.

Ladies Wrap-Up

Sadly, the ladies finished the season with three defeats in a row but they put up a real fight in the last two games. Overall, they won six and lost 12 of their 18 games to finish in seventh spot.

Round 16 brought a comprehensive 6-0 loss down at Warnbro by 68 shots to 51 but then against Fremantle the following Tuesday the side won two of the three rinks but the aggregate tilted in Fremantle’s favour 55-52.

Liz Mann’s rink won by 16 shots and Maria Alberti’s rink by one shot but Trudy Mann’s rink lost 26-6 to swing the overall points Fremantle’s way.

The final game was also a tight one, losing 4½-1½ to bottom side Spearwood. Maria Alberti’s rink won by nine shots and Liz Mann’s rink drew but June Menner’s rink lost by 10 shots. That made it 51-50 in Spearwood’s favour – a reversal of the one shot win Hilton recorded over them earlier in the season.

Ladies’ captain Val Turner conceded that it had been a “very disappointing” season considering how well the team had played the previous summer. “We always seemed to have someone missing because of holidays and other reasons and it was frustrating that we lost the aggregate by just a few shots on about four occasions,” she said.

However, Val hopes that the side can remain in Division 3 on Tuesdays because it is justified on the numbers while she is also confident that the club can field a ladies’ team on Saturdays again after dropping out of that competition for the last couple of years.



Bobi and Val after playing the Singles Championships – Won by Val

Pennant Progress

Thursday Men:-

Division Two:- The Division Two side has been slowly creeping up the ladder with a string of wins. A 5-1 win over Leeming at home in

round 15 when Chris McMahon's rink and Craig Standley's rink both won easily took the side to fourth spot.

This was followed by an even bigger 5-1 win away at Melville where Chris McMahon's rink set up the success with a score of 29-8. Another win, this time by 5½-½ over Warnbro at home saw the side up to third spot.

So it all came down to round 18 when Hilton chalked up a meritorious 5-1 win down at Rockingham by 68 shots to 48 only for Warnbro to smash Melville 6-0 and take third spot by just one solitary point. The season's haul was 12 wins and six losses including five wins in a row to finish the season.

Division Four:- Second spot on the ladder has been secure for some weeks now for the Division Four side. Rounds 15 and 17 brought away wins at Spearwood by 5-1 and Gosnells by 6-0 – the only disappointment being a 4-2 home loss to Safety Bay. Richard Young's rink won by nine shots and Les Onley's by seven shots so it was a real shock to see the consistent Ian Blanch go down by 19 – tilting the aggregate to the visitors by 55 shots to 52.

Round 18 brought a 6-0 win over Leeming by 69 shots to 45 so it was second spot with a 13 wins and five losses record for the season.

Division Five: With a bye in round 18, the Division Five outfit finished a disappointing season with a 5½-½ hammering from Kardinya in round 17 on March 14. That result confirmed 7th spot on the ladder with only the non-existent Spearwood side below them.

Officially, we had seven wins and 11 defeats for the season but three of those "wins" were byes. However, relegation is unlikely as the club would appear to have sufficient players to remain in a three-rink competition next season.

The final fixture at Kardinya showed how, with a few new bowlers in the side, we just don't get going when playing on a synthetic surface. Tommy James' rink lost 31-10, Peter Baldey's rink lost 35-13 and the half point in a 5½-½ loss came from Warren Edwards' rink which threw away a 16-5 lead to draw 18-18.

Saturday Men:-

Division One:- The Division One South side has been battling all season to keep out of the bottom two spots and it is going right down to the wire.

The Round 15 match against Melville was very important and Hilton grabbed a comfortable 7-1 win at home with the only blemish being Craig Standley's rink suffering a one shot loss. Daniel Wood, Travis Simpson and Joe Bajic won their games.

But then in round 16 while second-last Melville was beating bottom side Mt Pleasant 7-1, Hilton travelled to Gosnells and got smashed 8-0. The card was ugly – losses of 28-10, 31-19, 25-12 and 27-14 for an overall score of 111-55.

So going into round 17, we were just 1½ points ahead of Melville. The game against leaders Cockburn turned into one of those crazy days where you win three rinks but lose the shot count – in this case by just one shot, 77/76.

Joe Bajic's rink won by six shots, Craig Standley's by four and Robbie Hunter's by one – but that 11 shot advantage disappeared when Luke Garbutt's rink lost by 12 shots.

So going into round 18, we are 2½ shots ahead of Melville.

Division Three:- This side has been anchored of the foot of the table most of the season with wins rare to come by so let's enjoy the success they had in Round 16 over Rossmoyne. Ian Blanch's rink won 26-15, Les Onley's rink won 21-16 and Richard Young's rink won 17-14. The only blemish was Vic Philpott's rink which lost 19-16 so the points went Hilton's way 7-1 and by 80 shots to 64.

Round 17 also saw a great effort but a narrow 6-2 loss to Warnbro by 82-78.

Division Five:- This side had been about third spot all season but has now dropped to fifth. Round 15 brought a disappointing 4-2 loss at Mosman Park which went down to the last end after Eddie Clark and Tommy James won by eight shots only for Graham McKenzie to go down by 10.

The next week brought a 5-1 home win over bottom side Melville but the dropped point cost the team third spot. Then a 6-0 loss at Safety Bay dropped the side to fifth with one game left against leaders Cockburn.

Who's Biased

It's probably a bit unfair to take the p... out of someone for sending down a bowl with the wrong bias. We have all done it. But we just could not let this one slip by.

Division One skip Craig Standley was leading his rink to a comfortable defeat against Melville when, on the last end, his team staged a great fightback. They found themselves five shots up with Craig bowling last to give them a chance of seven shots and a drawn game.

But, there's just no nice way to say it. Craig's beautifully delivered bowl curved into the rink next door and the side had to settle for five shots and an 18-17 defeat. Obviously, Craig was distraught.

Ah well, that's another person not speaking to me.

Lucky 8

One of Hilton's rinks in the Saturday Division 3 game at Manning recorded eight shots at one end in their impressive 29-14 win. So well done to Ronnie Horsman, Ron Turner, Ian Grey and skip Les Onley. They will be collecting their special medals on wind-up night.

Hosts

The event is probably about over by the time most members read this but Hilton Park hosted a heap of talented women on Wednesday and Thursday this week (March 27 and 28) as part of country week.

Wind-up reminder

Just a reminder - the club's wind-up is on Saturday, April 6. There will be lots of food and drink available and it is sure to be a great night. So to get some idea of numbers, let Barney Young or Ron Turner or Dorraine Stone know if you are attending. Or put your name up on the notice board.

WHY BUY NEW? COME ALONG TO OUR...

Clothes Swap!

AT THE HILTON PARK BOWLING CLUB



Clothes drop off to Deb any Wednesday from 6pm or Fridays between 4 & 6pm. Clothes also accepted on the day

Don't shop, swap! Bring at least 3 or more quality items to swap. Clothes must be laundered and in good condition.

SIP DRINKS, SWAP NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHES AND HAVE FUN SHOPPING WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME

\$10 Entry, includes a complimentary drink

All proceeds support the Hilton Park Bowling Club

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GIG GUIDE

APRIL 2019

FRIDAYS from 8.30pm, SUNDAY SESSION from 4.30pm

FRI 5/4 Jack Royale & the Hotshot Playboys

SUN 7/4 The Roadmasters

FRI 12/4 Pete Stone & the Hiltones

FRI 19/4 CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

SUN 21/4 Helen Townsend

FRI 26/4 Wayne Green's Ragged Company

Big Kev's Roast Dinners for sale

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New bowlers are always welcome and the Hilton Park Bowling Club takes pride in having a friendly, fun and supportive environment for bowlers at all levels of the game



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