



HAWK EYE

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Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter

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Welcome to the final issue of Hawk Eye – the official newsletter of the Hilton Park Bowling Club. This has been the first year of the newsletter and it has operated over the period from September last year to April this year – eight editions. Whether you get the newsletter electronically by email or pick up a printed version at the bowling club, we hope you have enjoyed reading it.

It would not have been possible without the efforts of Dorraine Stone who has found the time to organize the photographs, arrange the lay-out, send out the emails and print out the copies.

And with all bowling matches now complete, thanks to three wins out of three games in the promotion and relegation play-offs, Hilton's final win:loss ratio from our seven sides is 60 wins and 69 losses from a total of 129 games. It's just a touch short of the 50:50 balance we hoped for but it now gives us a marker to compare our performances next summer.

Club Champion

The most prestigious honour at the bowling club is the Singles Championship and there is a new name on the trophy this season. After losing previously in both a semi-final and a final, Craig Standley finally won the award with a 25 shots to 15 victory over Gary Dodd.

The final drew a big crowd to the club and they witnessed a top quality encounter. So well done, Craig.



Pennants wrap-up

The last Saturday of the regular season can be wrapped up in two words – three defeats.

For the Division One team, it was a 7-1 loss away to Victoria Park/Carlisle which kept the side 1½ points above automatic relegation. Instead, our record of six wins and 12 losses meant eighth spot on the ladder and a relegation play-off against a Division Two club (see later in newsletter for details).

Our Division Three men lost 8-0 away to Fremantle and by 102 shots to 51 to confirm bottom spot on the ladder with a disappointing three wins and 15 defeats for the season.

Division Five side loss 6-0 at home to top side Cockburn with only Steve O'Reilly's rink making much of a game of it in the 73-40 defeat. The side has lost four of the last six games to slip from third to sixth spot, finishing with 10 wins and eight losses for the season.

Finals Success

Finishing second gave the Thursday Division 4 side home ground advantage for the promotion play-offs but that afternoon also coincided with the women's country week at Hilton. This meant that the men were "relegated" to A green which had to be quickly improved in standard. Some bowlers may never have played on it before.

However, it was great to see all three greens at Hilton fully occupied, all the parking bays filled and tables set up in both the bar and hall. Extra mats and jacks had to be dragged out of hidden corners of store rooms – and we were ready to go.

After some early head-butting, we looked to have the game against Safety Bay in the bag by the half-way stage when both Barney Young's rink and Ian Blanch's rink had secured 10 shot leads.

However, from 21-11 up, Barney's rink went off the boil and bowls for more shots turned into drives to try to cut the damage. Going into the last end saw the score reversed to 24-21 in Safety Bay's favour but Hilton came good with three shot for a 24-24 tie.

While this was happening, Ian Blanch had extended his lead to a match-winning 13 shots so the fact that Les Onley's rink went down by one shot in a hard-fought game didn't matter too much. We were in the final, winning 70-58.

Selectors made one change for the next week with Brian Smith coming in for Mike Kendall. So, on a cool and windy afternoon and



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FRIDAYS from 8.30pm, SUNDAY SESSION from 4.30pm

- FRI 3/5* *Pete Stone & the Hiltones*
- SUN 5/5* *Rusty Pinto*
- FRI 10/5* *Diamond Dave & the Doodaddies*
- FRI 17/5* *Dr Fish*
- SUN 19/5* *Lez Karski & the Nervous Investors*
- FRI 24/5* *Pete Stone & the Hiltones*
- FRI 31/5* *Paul Daly & the Heavy Hitters*

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