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Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter

If you have any tidbits of information for the newsletter please contact Dorraine Stone or Roy Gibson at hpbowling@westnet.com.au.

Now after all the talking, warming-up and practising is over, it's time for the real bowls season to start. By the time Hilton's members read this newsletter, the first Saturday pennants games on October 27 in 1st division, 3rd division, and 5th division will have been completed.

The ladies' pennant season in 3rd division opens on Tuesday, October 30 with a home fixture against Melville while the men's midweek season begins on Thursday November 1 with sides in 2nd division, 4th division and 5th division. Good luck to everyone and good bowling.

And a final word from the hard-working selectors – make their job a little easier by making sure they know when you are available to play and, just as important, the dates when you are unavailable.

President's message – Ron Turner



This is my first year as president of the Hilton Park bowling club and I feel honoured to have been elected to that position at the club's annual general meeting. I appreciate that I have big boots to fill succeeding Richard "Barney" Young but I can assure everyone that I will always do my very best for the club.

I would like to welcome everyone to a new pennant bowls season but I particularly want to welcome the new members for 2018/19. The men have gained the services of Tom Bakota, Peter Baldey, Ivan Stulic, Mike Kendall, Dave Van De Ven and Mike Glynn. The ladies welcome back June Menner and new member Michelle Van De Ven.

If you have not met these new members yet, introduce yourself and say hello to them.

I also want to say a big "well done" to our green keeper Daniel as well as Barney for getting all three of our greens passed by Bowls

WA for pennant bowls. And finally, good luck to all for the coming season.

Official Opening

After a boisterous footy grand final afternoon at the bowling club on Saturday, September 29, the next day it was back to bowling colours for the official opening of the 2018/19 season.



While the turn-out may not have been as many as hoped for, new President Ron Turner issued a warm welcome to everyone and expressed the hope that the club would have a successful year.

Ron also took the opportunity to thank ex-president Richard Young, who had been away on holiday at the time of the club AGM, for all the work he had put in during his term of office and for the leadership he had shown in that time.

About 30 bowlers then lined C green for the traditional 'nearest the spider' bowl off, before a more serious mixed bowls competition.

Coming event

The club is organising a Melbourne Cup function on Tuesday, November 6, which is (surprise, surprise) Melbourne Cup Day. The function starts at 11am and the "race that stops the nation" is around 12 noon. Bring a plate to contribute to the lunch and then sit back and enjoy the day which is planned to include a Best Hat competition, Melbourne Cup draws and novelty raffles. The main draw will have a \$500 first prize, with \$250 for second and \$125 for third.

Barney's balcony

Just days after the first newsletter came out on October 1, the finishing touches were put to the club's new rear balcony when workmen installed new blinds which will be great for shading out the summer heat. The final coat of staining has also been applied to the lovely jarrah bar tables to give the area a great new look.

A new sound system has also been installed both inside and outside the pavilion so come down and enjoy the new facilities.



Spreading our wings

Recently, Hilton Park bowlers have tried their luck at different clubs with varying degrees of success.

Practising on the synthetic surface at Spearwood Bowling club a few Saturdays ago, Darren Mitchell and Ian Gray took home the winners cheque while Rod Butler and Craig Standley also got money for being the winners of the losers. Don't think they have been invited back!!!

At a well-organised two-day midweek event at Northam, Hilton was represented by Mick Flanagan, Warren Edwards, Barney Young and Kevin Willis. Word is that the team thoroughly enjoyed the food, drinks and accommodation. What about the bowling? Word has filtered back from a reliable source that we could not even win the toss for the mat.

More recently, Cockburn Bowling Club had a Legends' Day and their new premises in Beelihar which was packed with bowlers trying out the synthetic surface. One Hilton four comprised Joe Bajic, Ivan Bajic, Fred Kuhn and Gary Saint and the other rink was made up of Rod Butler, Ian Gray, Barney Young and Kevin Willis. Sadly, we were not among the winners.

Then, a couple of weeks ago, two rinks of four travelled further afield – flying to Exmouth for a two-day weekend competition. They lined up with Rod Butler, Brian Smith, Pete Stone and Craig Standley in one rink which won two games and collected \$100 in prize money. Darren Mitchell, Tony Maxwell, Ian Gray, Jimmy Jobie won one game and got \$50 for their efforts. Everyone involved said it was a great weekend although the winnings didn't quite cover the expenses.

Two teams of four travel to Exmouth for the Exmouth Men's Fours Carnival

Flights uneventful although the first team were rumoured to have received inflight entertainment!

Accommodation was a two bedroom chalet for each team. The first team, having experienced the trip before, arrived on the early flight and enjoyed drinks and nibbles around the pool before settling in to their chalet, which provided 4 single beds.

The second team arrived on the later flight and were provided with one double bed and two bunk beds which posed a difficult decision. Needless to say Jobey ended up on the lounge room floor.

After lunch at the Pot Shot Hotel, beers and a roll up at the club was the beginning of a weekend at the Exmouth Bowling Club.

Fresh prawns followed by a roast pig on a spit was dinner the first night with Daz first in line just as they announced "Pig is read....."

Saturday bowls started after a cooked brekky provided by the club (as were all meals).

Craig's team went winless from the three games of 16 ends on the first day while Ian's team had one win. Craig's boys were ready for a roasting from Daz and crew. Beautiful lunch and a sumptuous fresh fish dinner were a treat. Stoney played the piano for the crowd and had them all singing along.

Sunday started much the same albeit slightly dusty from the night before. Craig's team narrowly lost the first game and were getting worried about the ribbing they might receive, however they went on to win the last two games convincingly and climbed up the table.

Unfortunately Ian's side were narrowly beaten in all games on the Sunday and finished with one win for the carnival.

Stoney had them roaring again around the piano and almost all the boys are invited back next year!

Exmouth Bowling Club really know how to put on a carnival and we can all recommend the trip north.

For any travel advice see Brian Smith and Associates!

Community Bowls

Community Bowls – formerly known as corporate bowls – returns to Hilton in November and it helps to make Wednesdays a great night at the club. The Community Bowls season starts on the second Wednesday in November (the 14th) at 6.30pm and the cost is \$10 per player.



More parking

Work has now started to create an overflow car park using the former Bowling Green at the north-eastern corner of the club's land. Businessman "Big Kev", who cooks up a mean roast at the club on Friday nights, kindly donated the road base and the concrete to help get the project started. When finished, the new parking area will be used by both the bowling club and the men's shed when needed.

Gig Guide

FORTNIGHTLY SUNDAY SESSION (4th November) on stage 4pm



This Sunday Session we have Pete Stone and the Hiltone. Pete Stone & The Hiltone grew out of regular gigs at the Hilton Park Bowling Club where house band, The Hiltone play a range of roots influenced music, from bluegrass, country blues, through to rockabilly and rock 'n' roll. Many of these gigs were backing the barrelhouse piano and vocal talents of Pete Stone. A friendship grew, fueled by shared musical tastes and talents that added up to more than the sum of the parts. Pete Stone and the Hiltone became a band.

Pete Stone & The Hiltone play a mix of blues, early rock 'n' roll and honky tonk, combining musicians whose histories of playing together go back further than they care to remember.

Pete Stone & the Hiltone are: Pete Stone (keyboards & vocals); Ian Linskill (guitar), John Reed (mandolin, cittern & vocals); Fred Kuhn (bass & vocals); Norm Leslie (harmonica & vocals); Reuben Kooperman (drums).

FRIDAY NIGHTS IN NOVEMBER on stage 8.30pm

2 nd November	Lez Karski & the Nervous Investors
9 th November	Pete Stone & the Hiltone
16 th November	Diamond Dave & the Doodaddies
23 rd November	Paul Daly & the Heavy Hitters
30 th November	Pete Stone & the Hiltone

Big Kev's roast dinners will be available for purchase.

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