



HAWK EYE

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Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter

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It seems to have been a long time coming after a long and difficult winter but the pennant season is now here so it's now time to take bowling seriously again. Hilton is again fielding eight teams and, through this monthly newsletter, we will try to keep everyone up-to-date with what is happening on and off the greens over the summer.

Sleeping beauty

Hawk Eye received an anonymous email recently from a secret source containing this photograph of club champion and regular clubman Rod Butler and we just could not resist letting everyone see it.



Rod was definitely sound asleep, and it was only lunchtime that day. Was he tired from collecting all those trophies at the wind-up? Or was he recovering from a particularly late night? Or was he just resting and clearing his mind for another tough encounter on the bowling green?

Pennants begin

First to kick-off the new 2020/2021 pennant season on October 20 was the **Tuesday Ladies** team – and they did so with a good home win over Melville.

The ladies were entitled to be angry when their game was played out on the poor quality and slow A green but they put their complaints behind them to record an impressive 63-49 win, picking up five of the six points.

Liz Mann's rink won impressively 25-13 and Val Turner's rink won 24-19. Glenice Greenham's rink lost but the 14-17 score meant that the aggregate win was not in danger. The game also saw new member Kathy Perano turn out in Hilton's colours for the first time.

Sadly, there are only five teams in Hilton's league so it was our turn to have a bye in round two on October 27.

Moving on to Saturday pennants and continuing firstly with the women, our **Division Three ladies** split the two rinks at home to Leeming but lost on total shots 27-34. Val Turner's rink recorded a healthy 16-9 win but Liz Mann's rink went down 11-25.

In the men's section, Hilton's **First Division** side was missing a handful of players on the day (Travis Simpson, Fred Kuhn, Gary Saint, Daniel Newton and newcomer Kevin McKay) but started with a disappointing 1-7 home loss to a strengthened Fremantle side.

Our only success was Robbie Hunter's rink with an impressive 35-16 win while Craig Standley's rink was not far away with a 17-22 loss. However, Gary Dodd's rink lost by 12 shots 17-29 and Dave Newton's rink could do little right and got belted 6-36.

Newly promoted to **Division Three**, Hilton found it tough down at a windy Safety Bay and picked up only one point in a 66-83 loss. There was a late change to the team with Ian Blanch pulling out with an injury but his replacement skip, Eddie Clarke, led his rink to a sound 23-17 success.

Elsewhere, Barney Young's rink made a late charge and just fell short 16-17. Les Onley's rink actually won 11-10 on ends but losing six shots on one end contributed to a 14-23 loss while Vic Philpott's rink were never close and lost 13-26.

Hilton's only success on the day was recorded by a cobbled-together **Division Four** side with a convincing 95-59 home win over Cockburn. Graham McKenzie's rink started with a massive 32-8 win and Peter Baldey's rink also won comfortably 23-10. Barrie Douglas's rink squeezed home 19-17 but Tom James' rink had a disappointing 21-24 loss.

The best part of the day was getting game time into an inexperienced group of leads and seconds which included Kevin Briggs, Marten Bouma, Graham Burnett, John Hansford, Duncan

Edmund and Doug Watson. It was also nice to see Keith Read back on the green again in Hilton colours.

New Life Members (1)

Two new life members were announced at the recent annual general meeting so here is a bit of background on one of them.

Val Turner, who celebrated her 75th birthday recently, was born in Durham in north-east England in 1945 and, taking the view that the country was “going down the gurgler”, she emigrated to sunny Perth in 1969 with her husband and two children.

With the family initially living in Safety Bay, Val worked as a lab technician at Kwinana High School. Later, she moved up to Fremantle and got a similar job in the science department at John Curtin High School where she worked until she retired in her late 60s.

After being divorced for many years, Val met her second husband, Ron Turner in 1993 and they married in 1998.

Explaining how she got into bowls, Val said that she and her friends regularly attended the Sunday sessions at Hilton Park, and they were later asked to give corporate bowls a try. That was in 2006.

“I got stuck into bowling seriously soon after that and have been the ladies’ captain and on the club’s committee for the last five or six years,” she said.

Val played down the amount of time she puts in for Hilton, always being prepared to help out and even do regular stints behind the bar.

“I just love this club,” she said, adding that her life membership came completely out of the blue and was a real shock to her as our picture shows.



Val has not been in the best of health recently but is slowly recovering and was happy to get through the 21 ends of the first pennant fixture on October 20.

Next month’s Hawk Eye will bring you all you ever wanted to know about our other recent life member George Annandale.

Opening Day

The official opening of the new season at Hilton Park was held on Sunday, October 4, and while the sun was shining it was anything but warm. The turn-out was not brilliant, perhaps due to the function clashing with the WAFL grand final involving South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval.

Club president Richard “Barney” Young formally welcomed everyone to the club and thanked the various people who had contributed to the function and carried out the cooking for the masses. After the traditional “nearest the spider” competition, 36 bowlers filled C Green for a hard-fought triples competition.



Hilton ladies kicked off their season with the traditional champagne breakfast on Wednesday, October 7, with more than a dozen women bowlers in attendance. After sampling some champagne, they eventually made their way on to the bowling green for a bit of competition.

This is your captain speaking

New men’s captain Dave van de Ven has penned the following message for members.

“Welcome everyone to the new bowls season and let’s all work together to try to make it even more successful than last season.

“By the time you read this, the new pennants season will have just started so make sure you check the team boards in the match room to see where you are playing each week. And, sometimes just as important, check that you are not listed in a team by mistake when you are unavailable.

"The year's diary of club championship events has been posted on the main notice board in the hall so again make sure you check this regularly. I will have entry lists for each event pinned up on the board two weeks in advance. The first competition of the season is the mixed fours on Sunday, November 1.

"The main change this year to the playing calendar is that ladies' events have been listed alongside men's events on Sundays this summer. The reason for that is to make the club more inclusive and create a better atmosphere on club championship days. We will also experiment with a couple of Friday late afternoon tournaments.

"Also, I want to clear up any confusion about what to wear at club championship events. It must be the club's pennant uniform or other bowls-approved attire. The maroon-coloured club T-shirts are not bowls-approved and should only be worn on social bowling or around the club.

"Finally, I would like to welcome all the new bowlers to the club (the full list of names is printed later in the newsletter) and I hope you enjoy your time at Hilton."

Exmouth Mission

Three teams from Hilton Park (plus a couple of extras) made the trip north to Exmouth for the annual bowls carnival weekend on October 11 and 12. It is always a well-organized event with the home club providing all meals from the Friday through to Sunday. If you liked prawns, well these Exmouth prawns were big.

The accommodation was spartan but suitable and the drink was plentiful – some had plenty and some were full.

Craig Standley's rink comprising Rod Butler, Brian Smith and Peter Stone won five out of the six games over the two days and finished runners-up overall with each pocketing \$800 for their efforts on the green. Well done lads and a nice improvement on fifth place last year.



Skip Chris McMahon and his team of drinkers – Shaun Farrell, Graeme Mudge and Graham McKenzie – managed to win three of their games to also take home a small financial prize.

One of the problems, according to Chris, was that when you put your beer down to play an end by the time you came back to it the beer was warm. The solution? Drink the beer while it is still cold and then put it down.

The third rink was skipped by Barney Young who had Tony Maxwell, Ron Turner and Dave van de Ven in his team. They had three wins – the best win coming on the Sunday when they reversed the batting order and picked up a rink prize for the day.



Extra Ian Gray stepped in on the Sunday to ease someone's tired legs while Doug McKay, who drove up with his wife Nola, also got a chance to have some fun in the sun.

Of course, what happens on tour stays on tour. But slowly, some of the more colourful stories will leak out.



Fremantle Cup

The Fremantle Cup, which has been in storage since it was last won by Hilton Park in 2004, was brought back to life on Sunday October 18 after discussions between men's captain Dave van de Ven and a former Hilton player, John Hannah who is now men's captain of Fremantle.

East Fremantle was also invited to take part and the competition was hosted by Hilton as the holders. The rules were tinkered with, making it a mixed rink tournament with four teams from each club. Substitutes were allowed to ensure more players were involved.

At the end of the day, Hilton (who fielded 26 players) retained the trophy with six wins and two draws from their eight games. Fremantle were runners-up with two wins and two draws while East Fremantle finished third (last, really!) with two wins.

The rink with the highest aggregate will get their names engraved on the trophy – so that honour goes to Craig Standley, Ian Gray, Judy Dean and Graham Harvey. It was quite a thrill for Craig as his father's name is already on the old trophy while Judy becomes the first woman to have her name engraved on it.

The whole day was a great success, the food was plentiful, and the bar ticked over nicely so there is a fair chance the competition will continue next year.

New members

Either the club's reputation as a great place to play bowls is improving or word is getting around about the free fees for new members. But in the weeks before the new season, Hilton has signed up a handful of new bowlers.

In addition to Marten Bouma (from corporates) whom we mentioned in last month's Hawk Eye, we now wish to welcome Ron Blake (from Leeming), Brett Parker (from Cockburn), Hugh McKay (from Kardinya), his son Kevin McKay (also from Kardinya), Jamie Mitchell (from Safety Bay), Graham Burnett (from corporates), Kevin Briggs (from Townsville), Lindon Smith, Andrea Cartwright, Kathy Perano and Diane Tully.

Clubhouse abuse

Hilton's kindness in allowing the clubhouse and facilities to be used by outsiders was abused recently by a group of young people celebrating a birthday. It was fun early on when the young blokes turned up dressed as women and the young women were dressed as men.

But there was nothing funny later on when people in high heels were on the bowling green, glasses were smashed and the toilets were trashed. Club members were left to clean up the mess the next day.

It is a matter for the club committee to work out but perhaps more thought should be given to who is allowed to hire the facilities and perhaps there should also be a bond paid in advance to cover any extra cleaning costs and damage.

On the other hand

The following weekend was the exact opposite and exceptionally good. Friday the club was closed to the public as friends and family gathered for the Service and Wake of legendary Songwriter, Paul McCarthy, some of you may remember Paul from his band Circus that played the Sunday Session at the Club. Saturday night we hosted a quiz night and social bowls, followed by Sunday's Fremantle Cup.

Thank you to Michael Glynn and Paul King who worked tirelessly over the weekend to make sure everything ran smoothly for all our

guests. Your willingness to give so freely of your time and service is greatly appreciated.

Web Page

The new Club web page is taking shape. There is now a photo gallery that will be added to over time. Pennant selections and results are now also published to the Web Page and will be updated on a weekly basis. So check it out!

Remember this is your web page and all feedback is welcome.

Mistakes and corrections

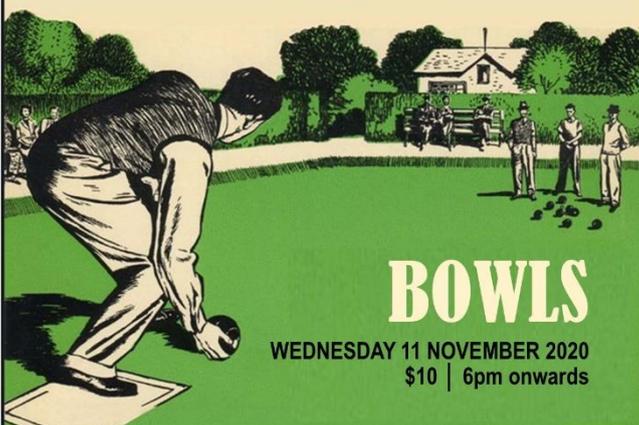
Yes, we made a mistake in our last edition of the newsletter. We said that Dave van de Ven played his state novices competition at Yokine when it was at Morley. And we said that Rod Butler played his state champions tournament at Morley when it was Yokine. So that's not one mistake but two.

COMMUNITY BOWLS IS BACK AT THE HILTON

A perfect way to spend Wednesday evening, strolling along the greens at the Hilton Park Bowling Club.

Everybody welcome, free tuition available, register your team or yourself.

WHEN	Wednesday, 11th November 2020
WHERE	HPBC, Shepherd Street, Beaconsfield
COST	\$10 p/p (includes burger)
REGISTRATION	6pm for 6.30pm start
CONTACT	Craig Standley 0408 910 962, Scott Cargill 0429 911 471 or 9337 2897 email hpbowling@westnet.com.au



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