



Here for the next generation



HOME OF

WARRAWEE BOWLING CLUB

WARRAWEE CROQUET CLUB

WARRAWEE FUNCTION CENTRE

1479 Pacific Highway WARRAWEE 2074 - ph: 02 9489 1092 – Web: <https://warraweclub.com.au>

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2024

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the February edition of our Newsletter.

My thanks to Hillar for looking after all aspects of the Newsletter in my absence – last July I was overseas on holiday, last October I was overseas for a funeral and last December I was recovering from surgery. I have run out of excuses!!

We are already well into summer, but thankfully we have mainly avoided the threatened extreme temperatures so there has been little interruption to our sports. Pennants starts soon both for the ladies and for the open gender competitions and our main green is in excellent state of readiness.

Our Club telephone options changed in December. Many of you will already know that there are now just two options – press “1” to speak to Kevin or press “2” to book a game of bowls; the ladies and men bowlers all have a player number on a single board at the south end of the Club where all game arranging now occurs.

Bar Opening Hours

A reminder from 6 months ago - our Club bar remains open on Friday and Saturday evenings as we attempt to attract more local residents to drop in and boost our bar profits! New large screen televisions are in place for those who enjoy watching sporting events with their friends.

We offer some basic food on those evenings whilst also offering patrons the option of ordering in their own food choice through Uber-eats / Menulog etc.

All members are encouraged to support these evenings so that visitors can be given a Warm Warrawee Welcome. (The true meaning of www.)

Our new big screen TV is also set up to display the Club Honours Boards in a sequential display. The screens are a replica of what is displayed on the old boards but with the added advantage that they show completely up-to-date information, and we can quickly add as soon as competitions are concluded.





WELCOME TO CROQUET



For the WCC members, a new year instigates more subtle changes to the traditional operational and procedural processes in line with the changes and demands of today's modern members and the society we live in.

Today, such traditions must provide value beyond simple nostalgia. If traditional procedures exist simply because they remind people of the past and it has been the ways of the past - but really provides no other value, then they are ripe for change. Don't get me wrong, the memories of the way things were done are still there and such traditions of yesteryear always make great conversation.

I am no longer surprised when I see fellow seniors being motivated by change, very comfortable in using laptops as they tap and go throughout the day, using their computer or phone to buy tickets to the rugby for their grandchildren.

As previously mentioned, our challenge in 2014 is to change our direction from recruitment to increasing participation on the lawn by encouraging our members involvement and develop a culture of learning and advancement for players to improve their game and enjoyment of the sport of croquet.

With one lawn and some sixty members, 42 affiliated, we are a small club in size carrying a large membership that has a self-propelling ability to keep on growing if not checked.

Based on affiliation numbers within Croquet NSW we are one of fourteen clubs having one lawn. Membership-wise we are positioned 37 out of a total of 70 clubs in NSW/ACT.

To support participation our Club Captain is about to submitting to the committee for their consideration two initiatives, one to quicken social playing time for the Friday and Saturday players, The second initiative is to increase the number of Pennant teams. These initiatives are mentioned briefly in the Club Captains report.

Lawn renovation



As advised , the Croquet lawn was taken out for renovation on the 2/1/24 and is scheduled to be back in play on Saturday the 17th of February. A loss of valuable playing time, but necessary to meet the increased demand and playing traffic for the year ahead.

A lot of the invisible work had been done to date, spraying pesticides and herbicides for weeds and bugs, dropping the cut height at every mow to make it easier to scarify and brush. Unfortunately, the recent bout of rain has attracted pests and unwanted growth resulting in a respray , a second scarify and brushing.



The hot weather forecast for next week will allow for some eight tons of topsoil to be rubbed in followed by the implementation of a fertilizing and watering program to establish fresh soft grass within days.

Another week will see the grass established and begins to close-up, at which point in time the greenkeepers will hand-sharpen the cylinder mower blades and begin the process of consistent mowing and rolling the lawn to a point it is true and flat, revealing a carpet of lawn with that Queensland blue couch look about it, ready for some serious croquet.

This year the edge of the lawn has been widened by another metre allowing for the lawn boundary markings to be

moved to three positions during the year in an effort to reduce the wear around the hoops,

Dates for your Diary

Lawn Open Day 17th February

Join us for a game and a traditional spider.

AC Bronze Singles - Elsie Wall Trophy

Entries Mon 19 Feb - Fri 1 Mar.

Play Mon 4 March - Sun 31 March

GC Club Handicap Doubles Competition

Entries Mon 18 Mar - Fri 29 Mar

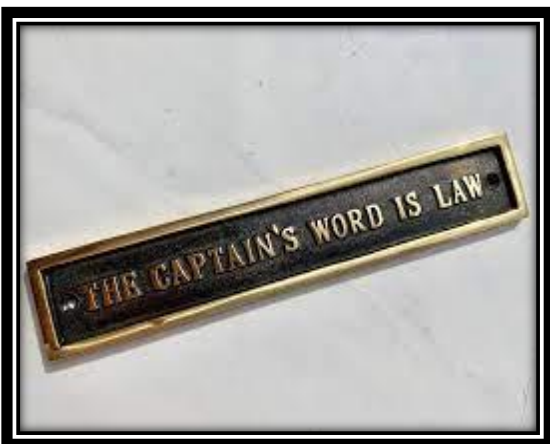
Play Mon 1 April - Sun 28 April

GC City Metro Division 3 Pennants

The Croquet NSW website is showing that the Pennants Comp starts on July 1, 2024.



From the Captain's table



Club Captain Goals for period to 30/6/2024.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the WCC committee, I am keen to introduce the following initiatives to support growth in participation during 2014:

- Introduce a time focus perspective on all social games of Golf Croquet.
- Establish two teams of five players each, to compete in the 2014 - Division 3 Pennants season.

Interesting feedback from pennant level players who visit our club is on the time taken by some of our members to assess, consult, decide, and execute their shot and the impact this has on the time to complete their game.



This initiative adopts a 2-fold strategy:

- Firstly, Introduce and promote a *Time limit per game rule*.
- Secondly, introduce and promote a *Time limit to play your stroke rule*. Similar to the time limit rules applicable in Pennant and State/District competitions.

Our new social members have developed the base skills and have the capacity to adopt to 'time focus' play.

The second initiative to establish two Pennant sides, requires strategies to assess:

- Selecting our ten best and willing Pennant Players
- Establish pre-season training sessions and /or considering engaging a paid professional coach to prepare the players for the rigours of Pennant play & tactics.
- Establish outside referees for home games.

Stay tuned for the outcome.

Scott

Club Captain

Club uniform



As in all clubs a team shirt can help promote unity, build cohesiveness among members and make members feel like they belong.

In competition, when members step out wearing a team shirt, they shed their separate identities and transform into one single unit. This unity and cohesiveness are crucial to a team's success.

We are about to place an order for 45 club shirts. The purchase cost will be the production cost plus \$5- for GST, Postage / handling.

To pre-order or to purchase a club shirt please contact Beth Marnane

- Club Secretary

WCC Office/Kitchen renovation

Our grateful thanks to Paul Dewar, Marilyn Pryor, Scott

Marnane and Malcolm Kirby for taking time out to renovate the office while the club is closed during the lawn renovation.

Paul and Marilyn instigated the project, our parent club funded the project.

Paul and Marilyn picked up the kaboodle flat packs from Bunnings and assembled the cabinets,

Scott and Marilyn gave the room a fresh coat of paint.

Next came Malcolm Kirby- Master builder and President of the Warrabee Men's Bowling Club to install the Cabinets and new benchtop and arranged for the electricals to be realigned.

The final touch is engaging our sponsor Mr. Nice Plumbing to reconnect the sink.



A well planned and executed reno, Thanks guys from all of us. Greatly appreciated.



I don't do ladders



A painter that wears Nikies must be good

That's all from the Croquet hut till next time. Enjoy the holiday with your family and friends, and we will see you in two weeks on a croquet lawn that is recognised as one of the best lawns in Sydney.

Peter

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

"Croquet the thought sport"

BOWLS SECTION REPORT

Hi bowlers, what has happened over the two months since our last newsletter? The year 2023 ended with a rush and 2024 seems to be passing just as quickly.

The open gender Bowls Christmas event on the 16th December was a successful day. D green was full with 42 bowlers. We started the day with a sausage sizzle and bowled until 3.30pm. All bowlers came in for our traditional Christmas afternoon tea and the awarding of prizes supplied by the sponsor of the day, Leonie Piper of ChanYahl. Hams, turkeys, boxes of chocolates and many bottles of wine were won by lucky players.

From late December to early January we were able to bowl every bowling day. Every year we endeavour to bowl every Saturday and Wednesday during the Christmas / New year break.

Next year come along and join the party for some WBC hospitality. Cyril has been available to ensure the smooth running of the Club hospitality. Thank you Cyril for your hard work.

Over this hot summer we are running a trial on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of our members have taken the opportunity to play a half game from 12.30, finishing at the conclusion of afternoon tea or staying on for a chat.



On the 13th January, C green came back in to play after an extended renovation period. The day commenced with a WBC sausage sizzle and a 'spider' sponsored by The Eye Piece.

The green played well with the bowls running accurately on the new grass. The recent heavy rains had temporarily made the green heavy. D green is now out for renovation.

Most of our umpires are up for re-accreditation this year. There was an extended time given because of COVID. This has now expired and you need to recheck your accreditation. I would also encourage members to consider doing the umpire training as some of our long-term umpires are retiring. We need more members to train so we have a viable group of umpires. If you are interested ask John Douglas who has a wealth of knowledge about the procedure.

I would like to thank those who volunteered in January to help John Bryan with weeding and maintenance of the rose gardens. The rose is our club emblem.

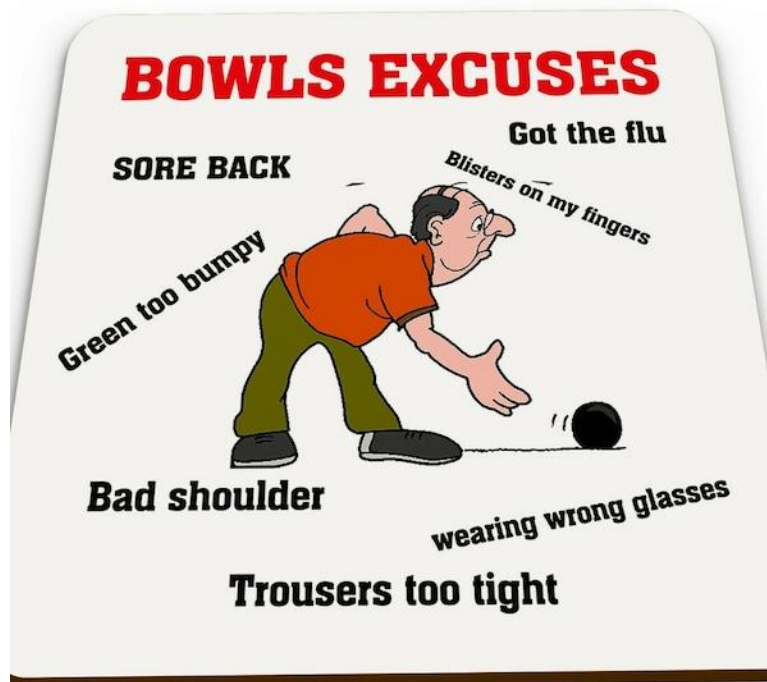
Pennant season is fast approaching. In the 2023/2024 open gender competition the club will have two neutral gender sides in grade six. The selectors are now working on team arrangements. Since there are two sides in the one grade, we have been told that we cannot move players from one team to another. This rule is being investigated for clarification.

In January the selectors arranged trial games between our teams to improve bowling skills and to re-introduce expertise with two bowls.

There will be coaching sessions in February before pennants start on 17th February. During this competition, there will be a three week break with no play on the weekends of 16th, 23rd and 30th March. The final round will be on 11th May and the following two weekends have been reserved for either rain days or final playoffs.

Let's all train hard so we on top of our section at the pointy end of the season and all are available to play in the finals. Another pennant on the wall at WBC is what we are aiming for this year.

Committee - Bowls Section





LADIES SECTION REPORT

We completed our bowling year with a delicious Christmas Lunch. We had in attendance Tina Hyman the jewellery lady with her array of beautiful jewellery. Many people opened their purses.

Bowling was resumed on 9th January, 2024 when we commenced the new selection procedure. So far so good.. Many thanks to Kerrie Lyons for all her help

Pennants commences on 6th February so we are very busy practising and getting our bodies fit and well for the start. Our first match is at Neutral Bay.



President Heather welcoming members to the Christmas Lunch



The Jewellery Lady with a beautiful array of jewellery

Due to Pennants, we have had to delay Foundation Day to 19th March. In 1972 Warrawee Women's Bowling Club was officially affiliated with NSW Women's Bowling Association. We celebrate 52 years this year. We are hoping for a large attendance. This event will be sponsored by ChanYahl, and their representative will be Leonie Piper

A flyer will be sent our shortly advertising this important event.

Two Ladies celebrated a very special birthday this year.

Heather is recovering from hip surgery, and we are looking forward to her return to the green.

Committee - Women's Bowls Section



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

On The Street Where You Live

Diane and I are preparing to downsize in the near future. Part of the process is looking at what we can do without at our new location.

I came across some newspaper clippings that I had totally forgotten about. They were from the former *Sun* newspaper. In 1982, they ran a series of articles titled "SYDNEY'S TOP STREETS".

Each article targeted one of Sydney's suburbs naming the top 10 streets in that suburb.

The series of articles ran for many months and covered over a hundred suburbs'

The one reproduced below will be of interest to many of us.

'The best address on the North Shore line'

WARRAWEE, wedged between the upper north shore suburbs of Wahroonga and Turramurra, is a tiny suburb without a post office.

But it does have a bowling club, a restaurant, a public school and Knox Grammar.

And, partly because it is in such a confined area, it has consistently high-priced properties — on the eastern side of the highway, at least.

All these are, of course, "walk to rail."

Agents say there's nothing much available under \$150,000.

But very little in Warrawee ever comes on the market.

Mr Wal Gunn, of Wahroonga estate agents Cruickshank and Co, said the only reason a property did come on the market was when a family grows up.

The properties then become too large for the older generation to keep going.

SYDNEY'S TOP STREETS

By **ELIZABETH ATHERTON**

"Perhaps its biggest appeal to buyers is its quietness and lack of through-traffic," said Pymble estate agent Mrs Nan Farram.

"Unlike other suburbs it doesn't have any wide, major roads going through it."

Pibrac Avenue, a lovely, quiet cul-de-sac with magnificent properties, was nominated number one street by two of the three agents questioned — and second by the third.

It has been described by more than one agent as the top street on the north shore line.

Hastings Rd, off which Pibrac Ave runs, was nominated top by one agent, second by another and seventh by yet another . . . and finished up second.

Warrawee Ave, nominated third twice and

fifth once, ended up third overall, and Cherry St, which was placed second, fourth and sixth, ended up fourth.

Mr Gunn said he had valued a large house in Pibrac Ave at \$360,000 just the other day.

And a level block of land in the street had sold for \$73,000.

Another agent, Mr Alastair Barns, sales

manager of Concise Real Estate at Gordon, said his company had recently sold a property in Hastings Rd in the region of \$170,000.

"But the chances of a property becoming available in that price range and in that area again would be very slim," he said.

Unlike other neighbouring suburbs where most of the top ten

streets appear to be east of the rail and the highway, Warrawee has five of the top ten between the rail and the highway.

The other five, of course, are east of the rail.

Antoinette Close, which was voted eleventh in our collated list, was the top nominated street on the west side of the highway.

WARRAWEE . . . quiet and little through traffic

Finding this article inspired me to research where our members live. 61 of our members live in Warrawee, 20 of these in one or other of "Warrawee's Top Ten". One of our members lives in the top street, Pibrac Avenue.

The postcode for Warrawee is 2074, a post code it shares with Turramurra (including North and South Turramurra).

Our current membership stands at 506 as follows:

- Croquet – 51 Bowls – 208 Bowls + Croquet – 6 Social – 241

Of these, 152 live in postcode 2076 (30%) and another 30% (148) live in postcode 2074. As a result, the majority of members do not have to travel far to benefit from what the Warrawee Club has to offer.

The full analysis is below:



POST CODE	LOCALITY	CROQUET	BOWLS	SOCIAL	TOTALS
2076	Normanhurst	2	5	5	12
	Wahroonga	14	62	64	140
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2076		16	67	69	152
2074	Nth. Turramurra	5	15	8	28
	Sth. Turramurra	1	1	2	4
	Turramurra	5	25	25	55
	Warrawee	3	22	36	61
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2074		14	63	71	148
2075	St Ives	2	14	15	31
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2075		2	14	15	31
2073	Pymble	0	7	14	21
	West Pymble	0	3	5	8
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2073		0	10	19	29
2077	Asquith	1	0	2	3
	Hornsby	3	4	6	13
	Hornsby Heights	0	2	1	3
	Waitara	0	8	2	10
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2077		4	14	11	29
2071	Killara	2	12	1	15
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2071		2	12	1	15
2072	Gordon	1	8	2	11
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2072		1	8	2	11
2081	Berowra	0	0	3	3
	Cowan	0	0	4	4
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2081		0	0	7	7
2070	Lindfield	0	5	0	5
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2070		0	5	0	5
2069	Castle Cove	0	0	1	1
	Roseville	0	2	1	3
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2069		0	2	2	4
2079	Mt Colah	2	1	1	4
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2079		2	1	1	4
2066	Lane Cove	0	1	2	3
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2066		0	1	2	3
2090	Cremorne	0	1	2	3
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2090		0	1	2	3
2097	Balgowlah	0	0	3	3
TOTALS FOR POSTCODE 2097		0	0	3	3
OTHER AREAS		10	16	36	62

Hillar

Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club



CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

I wish all our bowlers the very best for their upcoming Pennants seasons. Let's all strive for more success at winning a flag!!

A reminder that our Club website address is:-

<https://warraweclub.com.au>

We have also registered <https://warraweclub.au> which will also connect to our website – a necessary step to protect against anyone else taking that web address.

Brian H



NEWSLETTER FROM OUR SPONSOR

CHAN YAHL

Warrawee Club Property Newsletter

Dear Members of the Warrawee Club

Happy New Year!

We are thrilled to announce our exciting new chapter. Formally we were trading as the MCY Group as sponsors of the Warrawee Club and now William Chan and James Yahl have launched a dynamic real estate brand - "ChanYahl".

With an impressive track record of over 1,000 local sales, we will continue to service the Upper North Shore with the same commitment to excellence and high standards. Join us on our journey as we reveal our new look and feel, our state-of-the-art office and our team.

We continue to be proud sponsors of the Warrawee Club, so please reach out to me if I can assist you with your property requirements.

I specialise in helping my vendors to prepare their homes for sale, assisting them in their property search for their new homes as well as successfully selling their properties, I offer a complete service "end to end".

Looking forward to working with you in 2024.

Kind Regards,
Leonie





OUR SPONSORS

Please consider our Sponsors' products and services as and when you deem them appropriate.

Leonie Piper & ChanYahl
Proud Sponsor of the Warrawee Club

Leonie Piper 0435 750 620
chanyahl.com.au

CHANYAHL

Community Bank Lindfield & Districts



318 Pacific Highway Lindfield NSW 2070

Phone:(02) 9416 6337

WARRAWEE BOWLING CLUB IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



THE EYE PIECE

OPTOMETRIST WAHROONGA PH: 9487 3551



HI-PAC CONSTRUCTIONS PTY. LTD.

9144 2677 • hipacgroup.com.au

Proud Sponsor of the Warrawee Bowling Club



Master Builders Association
MEMBER
MAKING BUILDERS BETTER BUILDERS



Warrawee Bowling Club is proudly sponsored by



HEAR IT. FEEL IT. LIVE IT.

BROKENWOOD

AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST



Proud sponsor of Warrawee Bowling Club



CREIGHTONS

FUNERAL SERVICES & PREPAID FUNERAL PLANS

Call us on 9488 9265

www.palmdalegroup.com.au

**Sensational
Kitchens**

VANITIES
KITCHENS
LAUNDRIES
BOOKSHELVES
BESPOKE CABINETS

JUST DOWN THE ROAD:
987 PACIFIC HWY, PYMBLE

WWW.SENSATIONALKITCHENS.COM.AU

PROUD SPONSORS OF WARREE BOWLING CLUB



Proud Sponsor of the Warrawee Bowling Club



0419 747 626

charlie@mrniceplumbing.com



Mt Wilga Private Hospital

Part of Ramsay Health Care

Choose excellence for your rehabilitation care

T: 9847 5000 | mtwilgaprivate.com.au

Proud sponsor of The Warrawee Club



Proud sponsor of The Warrawee Club

M.E. WARD PTY LTD

ELECTRICAL & LEVEL 2 SERVICES

(02) 9875 5533

sales@meward.com.au



Domestic - Level 2 ASP - Strata - Commercial