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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2023

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the June edition of our Newsletter.

First of all, congratulations to all participants in this year's Open Pennants. The Grade 7 team won the Pennant – this is the first time the men bowlers have been involved in bringing home a Pennant since the 1938-39 season. Please see the full report below.

Bar Opening Hours

Our Club bar now 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 have been installed 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 now set up to display the Club's Honour 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 to them as soon as competitions are concluded.

CROQUET REPORT

Peter apologises for no report this Newsletter. He has been busy moving house.



BOWLS REPORT

LADIES SECTION

Anzac Day was quite an occasion, fine weather, fine food and company.

The address was given by Guy Smith

Our annual Cancer Council/Friends' Day will be held on Tuesday, 6th June. We play bowls, bridge and mah jong, followed by lunch. We're delighted to have some men joining us this year. The event will be sponsored by Marshall Chan Yahl

President Heather presented the trophy for the inaugural District Senior Singles held at St Ives between Julie Baker and Billie Maas. It was a very close and thrilling match, with Billie the eventual winner. Warrawee WBC donated the trophy.

We are trialling shortened bowls games on Thursday mornings. We commence at 9.45 am and there is no requirement to ring in beforehand. Just come along in uniform; lunch at about 12 pm.

Congratulations to the Grade 7 team on winning this year's Pennant; a long wait but well deserved.

The Ladies Section has been quite busy. At the moment we are holding the Club Triples, which weather permitting will have the Grand Final next Tuesday 30th May.

Thank you to our umpires who have so far been Ted Metcalf and John Berry.

We had a team play at the Turramurra Trophy on 3rd April. Unfortunately, only the morning was played as the afternoon was a wash out. Warrawee was running 6th.

St Ives Fives was held on May 9th. Warrawee came 9th.

List of the Championship Singles is now up on the board.

Committee - Women's Bowls Section

HOW THE FLAG WAS WON

Playing Pennants is a marathon, not a sprint. Preparation is the key and a dedicated cohort of members is needed.

Before and during the season, coach Helen Stromsmoe ran practice drills on a Friday afternoon. Her coaching expertise relating to both training and strategy greatly contributed to our success this year.

A great thank you to you Helen!

This year, Warrawee entered teams in both **Grade 6** and **Grade 7** in the **Zone 9 Open Gender Pennant** competition.

The Grade 7 competition consisted of 16 teams, split into 4 sections of 4 teams as follows:

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4
Asquith	Dee Why	Belrose (2)	Killara
Avalon/Newport	Forestville	Manly	St Ives
Belrose (1)	Mona Vale	Mosman (2)	Turramurra
Chatswood	Mosman (1)	Seaforth	Warrawee

The competition was played in two parts over 10 rounds. Part 1 consisted of Sections 1&2 and part 2 consisted of Sections 3&4.

The first five rounds were completed but the sixth was a washout. The remaining rounds were played in wet, windy conditions. Ironically, these rounds turned out to be good training for the finals.



Seven points were awarded to each winning side (“big board”) plus one point to each winning rink, a total of 10 points per game.

Following this, the highest ranked team in each Section proceeded to the play-offs, held on the weekend of 20/21 May. In the play-offs, each Section winner played three games, one game against each of the other Section winners.

Warrawee won **Section 4** with 8 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss, accumulating 79.5 points and a shots for and against score of 606 to 413.

Other Section winners were as follows:

- **Section 1** – Belrose,
- **Section 2** - Mona Vale,
- **Section 3** – Manly.

The weekend was action packed with high drama.

The teams representing Warrawee in the play-offs were as follows:

POSITION	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
LEAD	Lindy Russell	Paul McKenzie	James Cheah
SECOND	Bruce Nicholls	Bill Purdy	Graham Lightfoot/ Brian Harris
THIRD	David Russell	Ashley Mills	Peter Ward
SKIP	Keith Jacobs	Ken Potter	Peter Armstrong
SIDE MANAGER	Peter Ward	COACH	Helen Stromsmoe
SELECTORS	Peter Armstrong Ashley Mills	Keith Jacobs David Russell	Ted Metcalf

Other players who represented Warrawee in Grade 7 throughout the season were:

- Virginia Armstrong
- Peter Crawley
- Jim Fergusson
- Agrita Fraser
- Moonhee Kim
- Ian Moffatt

The Play-offs

		SHOTS	POINTS			SHOTS	POINTS
ROUND 1 Sat. AM	Belrose	64	9	def.	Mona Vale	60	1
	Warrawee	73	10	def.	Manly	33	0
ROUND 2 Sat. PM	Mona Vale	72	10	def.	Warrawee	55	0
	Belrose	73	0	def.	Manly	35	0
ROUND 3 Sun PM	Mona Vale	59	8	def.	Manly	55	2
	Warrawee	60	10	def.	Belrose	49	0

Round One. Warrawee v Manly. Warrawee won all three rinks for a maximum of 10 points. All players were pleased with their effort and result.

Round Two. Warrawee v Mona Vale. Mona Vale had received a 9-1 drubbing from Belrose in Round One. Mona Vale responded by downing Warrawee 10-0 in this round. At the conclusion of Round Two, cumulative points were Manly 0, Warrawee 10, Mona Vale 11 and Belrose 19.

Round Three. Warrawee v Belrose. This was the money round. Belrose were nine points ahead and had



home advantage. Brian Harris arrived at the game with a collection of warm clothing which was very much appreciated by the players. The Warrawee supporters were all nervous onlookers and knew that Warrawee needed some luck and skill to win in the windy conditions.

Manly was playing Mona Vale on the adjacent rinks and had to take some points from them. Manly, with much encouragement from Warrawee, managed to secure two points. This left Mona Vale with a total of 19 points. Warrawee could win if it won its match on all rinks and kept Belrose pointless.

Warrawee players were undeterred. They knew what they had to do. They just got out of the trenches and charged toward the win.

The team of Lindy Russell, Bruce Nicholls, David Russell and Keith Jacobs led throughout, and recorded a solid 20 to 17 victory.

The team of Paul Mackenzie, Bill Purdy, Ashley Mills and Ken Potter raced away like true thoroughbreds and recorded a 19 to 14 victory.

The team of James Cheah, Brian Harris, Peter Ward and Peter Armstrong were leading on the twentieth end 20 to 18. On the last end, when Peter stepped onto the mat, they were six shots down. The Pennant win was on a knife edge. As cool as a cucumber, ice in his veins, Peter drew the shot.

The final score for that rink: Warrawee 21 to Belrose's 18, Big Board: 60 Warrawee 49 Belrose. This made Warrawee **Zone Champions**. If we had only won two rinks in this Round, Belrose would have won.

Our winning pennant side will be playing in the Open Gender State Pennant Finals at Northmead Bowls Club over three days, from 30th June to 2nd July 2023.

Green-side report from Ted Metcalf

The venue was Belrose on a cold windy weekend.

On a fast/true green Warrawee, began well with a win against Manly earning a maximum ten points while in the other match Belrose scored nine over Mona Vale one.

Optimism was prevalent in Warrawee camp.

In the second round Warrawee (nil result) lost to Mona Vale which scored 10 and Belrose 10 defeated Manly nil.

The game began well enough but we lagged in the middle and were unable to counter a strong opposition finishing.

This found Warrawee (10) in a precarious third position. It was a sombre lunch break as the team collected thoughts for the final game. At that point it looked like Belrose (19) or Mona Vale (11) might be the clubs to win the elusive flag.

Although careful analysis and projection found it was still possible to win overall we faced Belrose (front runners on 19) with Manly (nil) to play Mona Vale (11).

The wind blew up to heavy gusts in the afternoon making conditions difficult for controlling width and length however this seemed to disadvantage all players similarly.

Keith Jacobs' team began well and a healthy margin kept the Belrose opponents at bay throughout.

This also had the effect of making the main board close but mostly looking in favour of Warrawee despite the other two rinks battling closer scores.

Next in line was Ken Potter's team who finished with a win after several narrow escapes in the windy conditions. At that time two points were assured (not enough), the overall aggregate looked safe enough but still not certain.

A nail-biting finish emerged with a win to Belrose possible on the last end of the third rink where they held five shots.



Peter Armstrong's last bowl dashed their hopes with a miraculous draw through a crowded head to hold one shot, a rink win, an overall aggregate win and 10 points to Warrawee!

Over on the other rinks our fate was in the hands of lowly placed Manly where a full win to Mona Vale would make them winners of the flag with 21 points.

Manly won two rinks for two points, restricting Mona Vale to 19, the same aggregate as Belrose, leaving Warrawee as the winners with 20 points.

Ted

THE LONG DROUGHT

It has been a long drought for Men's Bowls at Warrawee.

While our women seem to pick up Pennants with regularity, success seems to elude the men.

Warrawee's win in Pennants was less likely than the appearance of Halley's Comet which appears every 76 years. We had not tasted success since we won in Grade 2 in the 1938-1939 season. That's a whopping 84 years ago. The Committee is confident that Warrawee will be experiencing more wins and we won't have to wait till 2061 when Halley's Comet re-appears.

Of note is that in 2018, Warrawee won its first Zone Mid-week Challenge flag. Three of the members in that team were also in the Pennant team. They are Brian Harris, Graham Lightfoot and Ken Potter.



THE WINNERS

*Brian Ashley Paul Peter Bill Bruce Graham Lindy Keith James David Peter Ken
Harris Mills McKenzie Ward Purdy Ncholls Lightfoot Russell Jacobs Cheah Russell Armstrong Potter*



OUR PREVIOUS PENNANT

Ted Metcalf David Russell Brian Harris Peter Ward Ken Nicholls Lindy Russell Peter Armstrong Paul McKenzie Keith Jacobs Ken Potter Ashley Mills

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Here are the individual performances of all the participants in the Grade 7 victory.

Player Name	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Shots For	Shots Against	Shot Diff.
Armstrong, Peter	9	6	1	2	174	108	66
Armstrong, Virginia	5	1	1	3	72	74	-2
Cheah, James	8	4	1	3	174	130	44
Crawley, Peter	5	2	0	3	89	92	-3
Fergusson, Jim	3	1	1	1	33	32	1
Fraser, Agrita	2	2	0	0	50	29	21
Harris, Brian	5	1	1	3	69	71	-2
Jacobs, Keith	5	3	1	1	96	73	23
Kim, Moonhee	3	2	1	0	50	30	20
Lightfoot, Graham	10	5	2	3	202	138	64
Mackenzie, Paul	5	3	1	1	93	51	42
Mills, Ashley	6	6	0	0	168	66	102
Moffatt, Ian	5	4	1	0	141	63	78
Nicholls, Bruce	9	5	0	4	184	164	20
Potter, Ken	10	8	1	1	219	110	109
Purdy, Bill	7	3	1	3	124	95	29
Russell, David	9	4	2	3	167	158	9
Russell, Lindy	7	6	0	1	170	100	70
Ward, Peter	7	6	1	0	149	68	81



THE OTHER COMPETITION

Let us not forget the other Pennant side, entered in Section 3 of Grade 6.

They finished a creditable third with 5 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses, accumulating 56.5 points and a shots for and against score of 541 to 484.

The Pennant was won by Belrose.

Player Name	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Shots For	Shots Against	Shot Diff.
Bryan, John	8	4	2	2	132	130	2
Ching, Sonny	9	3	1	5	130	156	-26
Davies, Kevin	6	5	0	1	128	102	26
Douglas, John	1	0	0	1	21	26	-5
Fabro, Peg	9	5	1	3	179	147	32
Fabro, Tony	10	6	1	3	202	159	43
Fergusson, Jim	1	0	0	1	13	25	-12
Handley, Keith	7	4	1	2	120	102	18
Harris, Brian	1	1	0	0	20	18	2
Hyde, Len	10	6	2	2	182	158	24
Kim, Moonhee	2	0	0	2	33	48	-15
Kirby, Malcolm	10	4	1	5	161	166	-5
Li, Ken	7	3	2	2	112	97	15
Lui, Annie	8	4	1	3	124	119	5
Ogden, Steven	10	6	1	3	193	156	37
Purdy, Bill	2	2	0	0	50	28	22
Tuckwell, Greg	10	6	1	3	202	159	43
Watters, Cam	9	5	2	2	162	140	22

CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS.

Ashley Mills and Keith Jacobs will represent Warrawee in the **Champion of Club Champions Pairs** State Finals at Grandviews Bowling Club in Peakhurst from 1st to 4th June. This will initially be sectional play of 15 ends with three matches per day and subsequent matches of 21 ends.

Tony Fabro will be representing Warrawee in the **Champion of Club Champions Singles** at St Johns Park Bowling Club from 5th to 8th June. All matches will be 25 shots up.

The Tuesday social bowls **Consistency Competition** for April was won by Kerrie Lyons with Ken Potter second and Dave Anthony third.

BROKENWOOD CHALLENGE

The Open Gender **Brokenwood Challenge** on 5th June is shaping up to a full house with 84 players registered.

The entry fee includes a sausage sizzle and a game of triples. Prizes include a bottle of Brokenwood for all members of the winning team on each rink and meat trays for the overall winners.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

We have reorganized our **Club's open gender competitions** to fit into the financial year of July to June.

Two impediments to organizing these competitions on Saturdays are:



- An allowance of 15 weeks for greens renovation and
- A further 15 weeks for Open Gender Pennants.

This leaves 22 weeks to run the open gender, **Club Championship Singles, Pairs and Triples**.

These will be played between July and October this year and the **Consistency Singles** in June next year.

The **Minor Singles** will commence in January on the newly renovated green. Games will be played in the morning because only one green will be available at that time. That will leave capacity for afternoon social bowls.

There will be only three Wednesday competitions.

- Two of these (**Newson Pairs** and **President's Two Bowl Triples**) will be played before the first green goes out for renovation and
- The **Veterans' Pairs** will be played around the time that Pennants commences.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES

Entries for the Club Championship Triples are now open

TEAMS CAN BE EITHER SINGLE GENDER OR MIXED GENDER – SINGLE ENTRIES WELCOME

THE COMPETITION WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

ROUND 1 – 24th JUNE ROUND 2 – 1st JULY ROUND 3 – 8th JULY FINAL – 15th JULY

Please add your team or a single entry to the list on the Notice Board ahead of the closing time of 5pm Saturday 17th June.

The winners will be eligible to represent our Club in the State Champion of Champions Triples.

ROB HELLYER

On 3rd May, many Club members attended the funeral service for Rob Hellyer.

Rob was highly regarded at our Club. He was President of the Club 2004 to 2006 and very involved in the day to day running of the Club. Rob was also a bowls coach and all-round good guy. A very keen rugby player in his younger days.

Rest in peace Rob. You are fondly remembered at the Warrawee Bowling Club.

Bowls Management Committee



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

LANE COVE ROAD

When our Club was established in 1907 its street address was *Lane Cove Road Warrawee*, later to become the *Pacific Highway*.

That explains the signage on these local buses from the 1920s.





The road ran along the main ridge between North Sydney and the Hawkesbury River. Along the way, as well as a section being named Lane Cove Road, other sections went by other names such as Gordon Road and Peats Ferry Road.

Below are some before and after photos of sections of this road.



Gordon Road, Lindfield in the 1920s and now



Lane Cove Road, Gordon 1950s and now



Lane Cove Road, Pymble 1950s and now



Lane Cove Road, Turrumurra early 1900s and now

Why Lane Cove Road?

A suburb near what is now known as Gordon was established at the behest of Governor Macquarie in 1816. In the early days, the suburb was known as *Lane Cove*. The first Lane Cove Post Office opened on 1 February 1860.

On 1st June 1879, the name was changed to Gordon, after the *Gordondale* estate of local resident Robert McIntosh. The name Lane Cove was shunted further down the North Shore.

However, Lane Cove Road remained. Below are more photos along this road.



Gordon Rd, Lindfield in 1910. Taken looking north with Strickland Ave on the right



Milk Bar in Gordon



Fire Station at Pymble (still there)



Gordon Road at Lindfield Railway Station



When the Sydney Harbour Bridge opened in 1932, the various sections of the road were consolidated and re-named Pacific Highway.

Sources: *Ku-ring-gai Historical Society*
State Records of NSW

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Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club

CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

I wish all our Open Pennants players the very best for their upcoming play-offs for the State Open Grade 7 Pennant at Northmead Bowling Club (166 Windsor Road, Northmead).

Competition will be extreme as State Pennants have mostly been won by country sides for many years.

The team will play Northmead (on their home ground) on the morning of Friday 30th June, followed by a match against Nowra that afternoon.

On Saturday 1st July is the third and final game of the round-robin against St. Johns Park Red (St. Johns Park Blue were runners up for their Zone Pennant!). The finals continue that afternoon and the following day for the successful teams.

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.

Stay safe and stay well.

Brian H



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