

## Information for Bowling Members

The Bowls Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The Bowls Committee members are Pat Robinson, Gail Hatty, Elizabeth Leahy (absent from this meeting), Peter Eagle, Andrew Cover and Ken Carroll and we meet every month to manage all aspects of bowls in the Club.

The following items were discussed

- After many years of trying, the Club finally made a breakthrough with Grade 6 Green winning the Zone 10 pennant flag. The winners were:
  - Peter Glasson, Grant Bowry, Kevin Ross, Barry Caldwell
  - Taka Tochikawa, John Melit, John McKenzie, Bob Hotson
  - Anthony French, Phil Briggs, Ian Jones, Jim Hall

They will now travel to Maitland on 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July to represent Zone 10 at the State Championships. As is normal for these events, we will be taking two reserves, Terry Rogerson and Craig Mitchell. Andrew Cover will go as Side Manager and will also be a reserve. Peter Eagle will be the Coach. It would be great to see some members up there to cheer the side on.

- The ladies had some successes in their Pennant season with both Grade 2 and Mitchell Plate sides being runners up.  
Elizabeth Leahy is representing our club at Port Macquarie on the 22-25 June for Champion of Champions Singles. She would appreciate the support of anyone able to be there.
- And speaking of the ladies, the 2021-22 committee elections are in July with nominations open between 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This year will see a change in President after Pat's three years in the job. Pat and the Management Committee have done a tremendous job over a difficult period with Covid by keeping the ladies bowling as much as possible and running their normal social activities.
- There has been some discussion going on around the Club about #2 green. The Board made a decision earlier this year to repurpose the green for social activities and events. This has proved to be a great success and at this stage we have no plans for the green to re-open as a competition quality green. The green will be maintained to a standard that makes it acceptable for bare-foot bowls.
- Last year we did some research into new uniforms. With our Grade 6's going to the State we thought it timely to get new uniforms. We are now getting designs finalised.
- As members would be aware, the Club has introduced a Social Bowling membership category. It is important to understand that members opting to be Social Bowlers are not entitled to play Championships, Pennants or Tournaments. These members will need to pay \$5 green fee each and every time they play. This can be done by simply paying over the bar and handing the receipt to the coordinator. So far the feedback from members has been positive as many of these players are lucky to play once a week.
- Unification of Men's and Women's bowls at the State executive level is now complete with an overwhelming majority of men and women bowlers voting for the unification. The new entity will be known as Bowls NSW and they have formed a Board and management committee. Their work will now be to put the theory into practice and for this they have formed a Working Group. One of the big considerations is the alignment (or misalignment if you like) of the men's zone structure versus the women's district structure. There will be no impact on the operation of bowls in our Club for the foreseeable future.
- The Bowls Committee has decided to hold an end-of-year internal tournament on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This tournament is being sponsored by Helloworld Winston Hills. Entry will be limited to Full Bowling Members of the Hills Club and the format will be 2 games of two bowl triples. Please keep an eye out for the formal notice on the bowls noticeboard.

- And finally, the Club is holding its AGM in August where we will be voting for Men's Selectors as well as the new Men's Bowling Club Committee. Voting procedures and nomination requests will be coming out over the next few weeks.

Ken Carroll

Chairperson