



BRUSH PARK BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

President's Report

Following on from my last report I would refer all members to the item within this Newsletter titled 'From the Board'. In particular, the reference to the various working groups that were formed following the member's information meeting back in January and covering the latest position on those matters being dealt with. Again, many thanks to all those who responded and are continuing to diligently work within the various working groups to identify and to propose corrective action to ensure Brush Park B.C. continues into the future.

Just another reminder that the booking sheet for the Club's social race day at Gosford on Thursday 12th May is filling up with some 40-50 now on the list. There is still room for additional participants, so come along and join in the day. It promises to be another successful day with us all looking forward to Barry Goldsworthy's new format for his Trivia Quiz. The associated payment for the day should be made at the bar at which time a numbered ticket will be issued.

While we have had a somewhat disappointing start overall to the Pennants season this year, I am confident that this will be turned around and like you all, I look forward to some improved results.

With all the recent changes around the running of the Club much of the current talk is about the future composition of the Management Teams (both Board and Bowls). I cannot stress enough that this is YOUR CLUB and if you want it to continue into the future then it is up to you all to do 'your little bit'. We can all help in some way. In this continually changing world new ideas and approaches to the running of a club such as ours is a challenge. The election of a new Board is scheduled for July. Again, please consider, talk amongst yourselves and put up your name for a role in the running of this YOUR CLUB.

Richard Summerhayes

Selectors' Report March 2016

- The Pennant season is 40% done. Results have been very disappointing to say the least with only 2 master board wins out of 16 to date.
- See results summary below:

2016 Progressive Results		ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4			CUMULATIVE			
		F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	F	A	P	P'ts	For	Ag's	M
GRADE 3 Section 2	Rosehill	60	51	10	75	49	9	63	46	9.	49	60	1	29.5	247	206	41
	Hunters Hill	51	60	0	63	57	9	56	57	2	63	56	9	20	233	230	3
	The Hills	49	69	1	49	75	1	57	56	8	66	47	10	20	221	247	-
	Greenlees Park	62	61	8	73	44	10	46	63	0.	56	63	1	19.5	237	231	6
	Rydalmere Central	69	49	9	44	73	0	71	58	9	47	66	0	18	231	246	-
	Brush Park	61	62	2	57	63	1	58	71	1	60	49	9	13	236	245	-9
GRADE 4 Section 2	Northmead	65	56	9	56	68	1	64	59	10	71	61	9	29	256	244	12
	Castle Hill	64	56	9	58	55	9	59	64	0	82	53	10	28	263	228	35
	North Epping	56	65	1	62	55	9	59	42	10	52	58	1	21	229	220	9
	Dundas Sports	57	65	1	55	58	1	62	53	8	58	52	9	19	232	228	4
	Gladesville	65	57	9	68	56	9	42	59	0	53	82	0	18	228	254	-
	Brush Park	56	64	1	55	62	1	53	62	2	61	71	1	5	225	259	-
GRADE 6 Section 1	Wenty Leagues	85	42	10	57	50	9	73	66	9	69	57	8	36	284	215	69
	Northmead	76	34	10	50	57	1	53	44	9	71	63	8	28	250	198	52
	Beecroft	42	85	0	68	58	9	44	53	1	59	46	10	20	213	242	-
	West Pennant	34	76	0	62	58	8	65	47	9	46	59	0	17	207	240	-
	Brush Park	69	58	9	58	62	2	66	73	2	63	71	2	15	256	264	-8
	The Hills (2)	58	69	1	58	68	1	47	65	1	57	69	2	5	220	271	-
GRADE 7 Section 2	Merrylands	76	53	9	65	55	9	66	59	8	69	45	9	35	207	212	-5
	Wenty Leagues	55	53	9	63	62	8	57	58	1	73	41	10	28	248	214	34
	Carlingford	64	54	9	55	65	1	58	57	9	65	61	8	27	242	237	5
	North Epping	53	76	1	62	63	2	62	48	9	61	65	2	14	176	252	-
	Northmead	53	55	1	61	57	9	48	62	1	45	69	1	12	159	243	-
	Brush Park	54	64	1	57	61	1	59	66	2	41	73	0	4	211	264	-

- We are having the same problem as last year with availabilities. The following summarises those unavailable each round.
 - Round 1 7
 - Round 2 6
 - Round 3 6
 - Round 4 9
 - Round 5 12 in the coming week.
- At the risk of sounding melodramatic, none of us are as good as we thought we were and many of us don't take Pennant seriously.
- Norm Blissett seems to be enjoying reconnecting with the club as non playing manager for Grade 6 and Les Robinson continues to do a good job for Grade 3.

Geoff Young

Chairman of Selectors

Newsletter Editor's Report

Zone 10 Veterans and Super Veterans Day 2016

On Tuesday 5th April our club did a magnificent job in hosting this special annual event.

We catered for 30 Veterans (those over 70 years of age) and 57 Super Veterans (those over 75 years of age). Allowing for a little "bracket creep" this gives us a total age of around 6500 years which is a lot of bowling experience on the greens.

Badges were handed out to all new Veterans and Super Veterans and a special award was awarded to the most senior participant, our own Maurie Slade.

Our club volunteers Tony Bromley, Col Carmichael, Barry Goldsworthy, John Leek, Peter Murphy and Richard Summerhayes plus the Happy 888 Restaurant staff all worked hard to make it a very successful day and our club's effort was praised by both the Zone 10 President and Secretary.

For your information all players who competed are listed on the last page of this newsletter.



Winners are grinners



Our volunteers were everywhere

History of our Club's Establishment

Our member Phil Roy has provided us with this very interesting history of our bowling club:

In December, 1955 several persons came together with the view of establishing a bowling club in the Dundas area. The site they had in mind was part of an area which was currently dedicated for public recreation bounded by Marsden Road, Rutledge Street, Brush Road and Lawson Street known as "Brush Farm Park".

This area of land has a rich historical interest. The property consisting of 100 acres was acquired by Gregory Blaxland in 1807. After he returned from his historic crossing of the Blue Mountains in 1813, Blaxland produced the first commercial wine in Australia a few hundred metres from the present bowling greens. By 1822 he had shipped 136 litres to London where he was also awarded a silver medal.

An advertisement was placed in the local paper calling for interest in the project and a meeting was held on 26 January, 1956. At this meeting an interim committee was formed to represent the proposed bowling club in discussions with the Parks and Playground Committee of Ryde Council on 17 March, 1956. On 5 April, 1956 a public meeting was held at Eastwood School of Arts chaired by Harold Holland. At this meeting it was reported that the proposal put forward to the Council had been favourably received and that Mr Roy Tucker had been requested to supply details of the proposed greens, clubhouse and car parking to the Council

Following this meeting there was a period of intensive activities associated with forming a new bowling club. On 27th January, 1957 an official application was lodged with Ryde Council (as trustee for the park) for the lease of part of the park for the purpose of establishing a bowling club thereon. However, it appeared that the Council had changed its mind and was not in favour of the project but as they were only the trustee of the land they were required to forward the application to the Department of Lands for their consideration. On 5th March, 1957 the Lands Department inspected the area in question to allow them to further consider the application.

On 3rd September, 1957 Ryde Council advised that, as trustee for the park, permission was granted to allow a lease of an area of 1 acre, 1 rood and 15 perches by Brush Park Bowling Club. This was subject to all embankments constructed for the bowling greens to be held in place by suitable retaining walls. On 23rd September, 1957 the Club entered into a lease of 25 years with Ryde Council for a rental of £1 (\$2) per week plus any applicable rates and on 8th October, 1957 application was made for the formation of the Club as a company limited by guarantee.

On 16th January, 1958 the Club approached J.H. Tomkin Limited (a local engineering and contracting firm) to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed clubhouse and greens. After various discussions on site positioning, Tomkin submitted his quotation (with plans) which were accepted. The quotation also allowed for the club to repay Tomkin over 10 years at an interest rate of 7%. The figures were as follows:

1. Cost of buildings, etc - £30,283
2. Cost of greens - £11,168
3. Interest @ 7% - £15,417
4. Total in - £56,868 or \$113,736.

Construction commenced immediately and bulldozers moved in and starting excavating green 2. The work involved the demolition of four small cottages which were directly facing Rutledge Street. On 14th October, 1958 the Committee approved the application by Jack Stevenson to become the Club's greenkeeper for £440 per annum (which included occupation of the flat).

On 20 June, 1959 the foundation stone was laid by the Mayor of Ryde capably assisted by Mr Con Bartley, a bricklayer and foundation member of the Club. On 21st July 1959 the telephone was installed at the cost of £10 and an annual rental of £17, 12 shillings and 6 pence.

Before the Club's greens were completed, the members would play on neighbouring greens and practice in the backyards of members. Early in 1960, the members commenced bowling on their own greens.

On 28th July, 1969 tenders were called for alterations and additions to the Clubhouse and the tender of \$17,700 by E.C. Thompson Construction was accepted. In October, 1971 lights were installed on greens 2 and 3.

In 1972 the Club applied to the Department of Lands for Special Lease thus opening up the possibility of the ultimate purchase of the leased land. On 1st July, 1973 a Special Lease was granted and then an application for a conversion to a Conditional Purchase was lodged. As the granting of a Conditional Purchase would necessitate the revocation of the dedication of "Public Recreation", this application was not favourably considered by the "greenies" and received headlines in the local papers including "Dispute on Bowling Club Lease", "Brush Park Bathe" and Dangerous Precedent". After considerable negotiations, the application was approved on 22nd December, 1975 and the land was acquired by the Club for \$103,843.

On 27th January, 1976 plans for further extensions were approved by Ryde Council. These extensions included games area, blue room, office and ladies room and were completed in February, 1976.

In September, 1985 renovations to kitchen area were completed at a cost of \$7,480.

Following the introduction of Anti Discrimination laws in 1985, the Club's Articles of Association were changed and an application by the Brush Park Women's Bowling Club to become full members was approved on 20 October, 1986.

Maurie Slade Cricket Legend

Our member Barry Goldsworthy has provided us with this interesting story on Maurie:

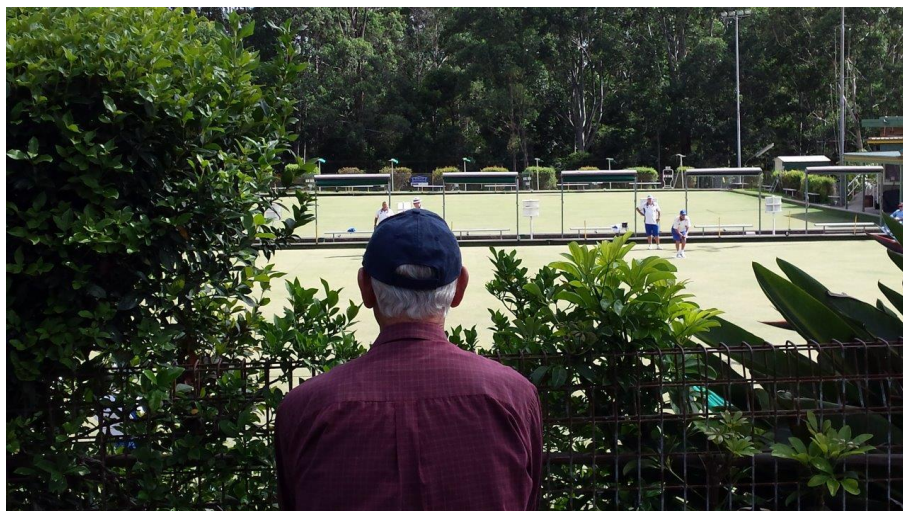


On the weekend 20-21 February Western Suburbs District Cricket Club held an Open Day coinciding with their first grade game against Randwick-Petersham. During the lunch break on the Sunday a presentation was made, by the Club President and ex Australian player Dave Gilbert, to all those who had played First Grade cricket for Wests. Each cap bore a number indicating the chronological order in which the recipient played his initial first grade game. No. 370 was Maurice Slade who made his debut on December 31, 1951 against the old Glebe Club. He was closely followed by another famous cricketer, No. 372, Alan Keith Davidson.

The photograph shows Maude receiving congratulations from former Australian captain and current Wests player Michael Clarke.

Guess Who?

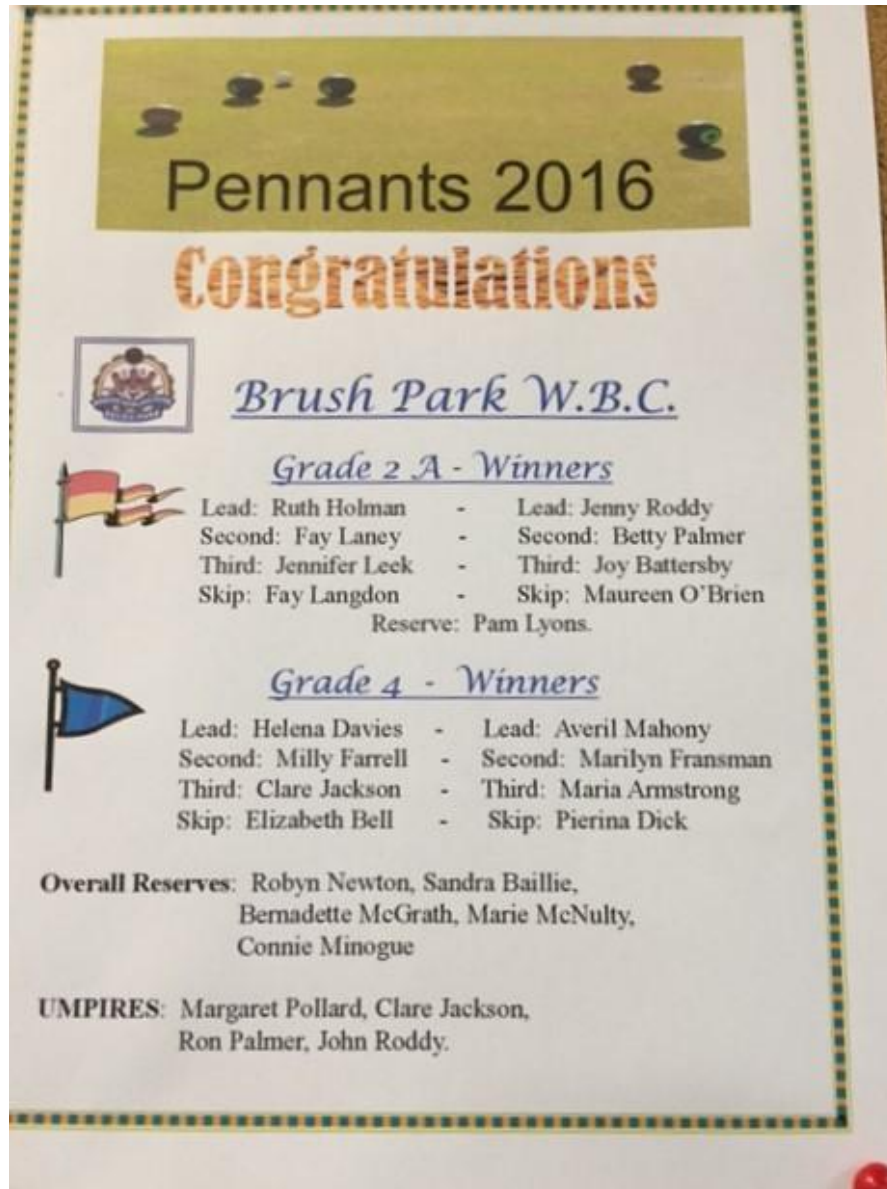
An interested spectator viewing the semi finals of the Major Singles from the upper stand.



Women's Club News

Marie Dewhirst has provided a photo of the certificate that our Women's Bowling club has received.

Well done and congratulation to all the ladies involved for their hard work and dedication.



Notices

FROM THE BOARD - 31 MARCH 2016

The Board met on 31 March attended by Trevor Gardiner, Paul Foster, Pierina Dick, Richard Summerhayes, Peter Stokes (temporary), John Leek (temporary) and Cody Doyle (Operations Manager). Roger Hurley and our new restaurateur, Hon, attended for specific items.

The funds received from the long term lease of the communications tower have now been received and the Board resolved that appropriate short term cash investments be sought for the placement of the funds.

As indicated in the Board's previous information note, four project teams have been established to research options for the future viability of the club.

Roger Hurley has agreed to lead the project team looking at Improvement of Club profitability using existing facilities, and briefed the meeting as to progress. Based on a similar development at another bowling club in the metropolitan area, a child care facility located on the smaller third green may offer an attractive opportunity to significantly increase club revenue. EOI's have been sent to three organisations and zoning discussions with Council are scheduled. As this option is explored, any proposals and recommendations will be put before members.

The Development project team lead by Richard Summerhayes has had discussions with four clubs, a religious organisation and a developer to explore options for sale, amalgamation or long term leasing. To date the discussions have only been very preliminary and if they progress further, any proposals and recommendations will be put before members.

The Reduction of Operating Costs team placed a number of recommendations before the Board to assist in the reduction of costs or to improve our efficiency and hence profitability. It was resolved that:

Happy Hour - To be reduced from 2 hours on Fridays to 1 hour and the 20% discount apply only to draught beer, house wine by the glass, and draught soft drink.

Wine by the Glass - To comply with the responsible service of alcohol regulations and better manage stock use, wine sold by the glass will be served in the standard measured glass.

Green fees - There will be no increase in green fees.

Bar staffing - Volunteer bar staff will be sought from our membership to undergo Responsible Service of Alcohol training and to supplement permanent bar staff at busy times and for special events.

Records Management - Volunteer assistance to be sought from our members via the newsletter and by email to assist office staff.

After some discussion and due to the minimal number of permanent Board members, it was resolved to seek assistance from our membership for the temporary appointment of two

additional Directors to hold office until the election of a new Board at the AGM scheduled in July.

The position of Director and Hon Treasurer is currently vacant. Whilst Peter Stokes agreed to join the Board in January 2016 to assist with numbers to provide a quorum, and is carrying out some functions such as producing accounts in the interim, he is not available for the role.

A further Director position is required to manage and assist the Operations Manager with his duties in respect to the bar trading and gaming operations of the club. Insufficient expertise is presently held within the Board to provide the necessary direction and oversight management if we are to turnaround our revenues in these areas.

Interest is sought from any of our members who may be able to provide the necessary expertise in the interim period between now and the Board elections at the next AGM.

The contract with our new restaurateur, Hon, has been signed and he has commenced operations as "Happy 888". It was resolved that the front desk of the restaurant will be refurbished at a minimal cost to present a more attractive and interesting appearance.

At the request of some members and visitors, it was resolved that "thongs" footwear was not to allowed in the dining room after 6.30pm daily but they could be worn in the bar and lounge at any time.

Trevor Gardiner

VACANT POSITION

As the result of many changes in club and member personnel over the past couple of years, together with the limited resources we have had available to undertake administrative duties within the Club office, we do not presently have an effective system in place for the management and filing of our club records. As a result our filing systems have suffered and in their present form, are of little use to members, directors, office holders and staff as a source of corporate knowledge and club history.

A volunteer or volunteers is therefore sought to assist your club with the introduction of a useful manually based records management filing system for the administration office. The hours involved are what you can offer and on which days you can offer them.

Ideally, any applicants would have some experience with conventional manual filing systems, either with their design and implementation or in their use. Your level of experience should not be seen as an inhibitor however; we need help!

Presently our systems are contained in one 4 drawer suspension and 1 single suspension drawer together with a variety of ring binders, 2 ring lever arch folders and loose files. The quality of the contents in those various forms of storage are largely unknown but in the main, are believed to have only limited value.

The role for applicants would be to work with Raelene Masters, our Bookkeeper to assist in addressing our records management requirements as listed hereunder:

Assess the operational, trading and administrative records management and filing requirements of the Club.

Review the existing records management and filing systems to determine how suitable they are in meeting the operational, trading and administrative requirements of the Club.

Design a manual records management and filing system to meet those requirements. It is not envisaged that a computer based system would be appropriate in the first instance nor would the Club have the resources to implement a computer based system at the present time.

Any recommended system should be capable of handling sensitive as well as public files.

Classify the existing files within the various file storage receptacles to identify whether those files are (a) sensitive, (b) whether they are required by regulation or need to be retained as active files, (c) whether they should be archived or (d) whether they can be destroyed.

Incorporate those files identified in (a) and (b) into the new filing system.

Develop a supporting Operating Procedures Manual for use by persons involved in the use and support of the system.

Devise simple training tools to acquaint users with the labeling and identification requirements of the new system.

Raelene has also indicated she would be most happy to talk with likely volunteers about the requirements of the role.

Those interested should contact:

Pierina Dick on 9874 1110 or 0407 010 519

Richard Summerhayes on 9876 5778 or 0439 765 778

Trevor Gardiner on 0408 668 187.

POSITION VACANT - VOLUNTEER BAR STAFF

At the Board meeting of 31 March 2016, it was resolved members be invited to volunteer as bar staff to work under the direct supervision of the permanent bar staff member on duty at the time. There is no limit on the numbers who may care to volunteer and should you have previous experience in this area, please let us know.

Those selected for appointment will be provided with training in the Responsible Service of Alcohol conducted by an approved training organisation. The course is usually of one day duration (6 1/2 hours).

It is anticipated selected volunteers will be rostered to support permanent bar staff at known busy times, during large barefoot bowls bookings or other scheduled special events. They may also be called upon in the event of unexpected numbers of guests visiting our club i.e. Lauriston House, Brush Farm Corrective Services Academy, etc.

Duties will be as directed by the permanent bar staff member but will likely include the service of alcohol, restocking bar items, the collection, washing and storage of glasses, clearing and cleaning lounge tables and outside tables, and other duties as may be allocated by the supervising bar staff. A full statement of responsibilities will be provided to those selected for appointment.

It is not expected that the hours will be onerous - for scheduled events you will know well in advance any timing requirement and whether these suit your own personal circumstances. For any unexpected influx of visitors, you will be aware these usually last only an hour or two when numbers are really high, and any call out will largely be restricted to an hour or two at a time.

Should you be interested in being considered, you could contact Trevor Gardiner on 0408 668 187 or catch him at the Club.

Welcome

Welcome to the 2016 Veterans and Super Veterans Carnival, a day of celebrating Zone 10's elder statesman and their involvement in our game. It is proudly sponsored by the Zone 10 Bowling Association and hosted by the Brush Park Bowling Club.

Veterans

Kerry Beatty	Lloyd Hoare	Bob Richardson
Peter Brogan	Nick Hornery	Phillip Roach
Bob Catherall	Barry James	David Rumble
Alf Cauchi	John Leek	Allan Ryce
Peter Chatfield	Joe Leotta	John Seward
Garry Colvin	Alexander Macleod	David Smith
Donald Couch	Gerry Mlechels	Brian Swan
Graeme Drabsch	George Monk	Dennis Tootill
Joe Frare	Alex Moses	Leslie Watkins
Ian Haggarty	Domenic Pannuti	Bob Prestons

Super Veterans

Vince Ardill	Graham Hatch	Bob Parker
John Arkins	Don Hope	John Pullinen
Isaac Bates	Henry Hua	Max Richardson
Lindsay Botfield	Bill Jazprizza	Barney Roberts
John Brennan	Gerry Jenner	John Roddy
Tony Bromley	David Kensett-Smith	David Roughley
Rob Chub	Frank Lacey	Alan Ryan
Winston Coelho	Joe Logue	Donald Sappey
Ron Collyer	Roy Lohman	Maurice Slade
Peter Craft	Colin Macksill	Ralph Thorpe
Keith Cunningham	Frank McCarroll	Bob Watson
James Cupitt	Norman McNaught	James Wedderburn
Neil Denning	John Meagher	Chris Williams
Bill Dewhirst	James Mohan	Gary Wilson
Brian Forwood	Aubrey Moore	Ron Wilson
Richard French	Richard Morris	Don Wort
Robert Gavin	Domenic Oppedisano	Neville Yabsley
Frank Harrison	Ron Palmer	Don Yeates
Ron Brown	Kevin Pender	Robert Davison

Event Schedule

Arrival and Lunch

11.15 am	Player Registration Opens
11.30 am	Raffle Ticket Sales Open
11.45 am	Lunch – 2 Courses: Entrée – Chicken & Corn Soup; Spring Rolls Main – Chicken & Vegetable; Beef in Black Bean sauce. Both served with Rice
12.30 pm	Call of the cards

Game

12.40 pm	One End Roll-Up
12.50 pm	Game begins – 21 ends
4.00 pm	Last End Called

Presentation

4.10 pm	Zone Presidents Address
4.15 pm	Badges Awarded by Zone President and Zone Secretary
4.20 pm	Raffle Drawn
4.30 pm	Carnival Closed