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April 20, 2025

Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter

The wrap up of the final weeks of the summer season is further down the page but first we should consider how the club performed over the 2024/25 pennant season.

We will start with the best bit – the ladies winning promotion out of Third Division. It was way beyond expectations considering Hilton was only in that league because Bowls WA found themselves a team short.

Did dropping the Saturday Ladies team help the Tuesday team? Perhaps it did. Perhaps it kept the ladies focused on only one thing – their bowling on Tuesdays.

However, playing a settled side most weeks, with the same skips, was probably the most important factor. So, let's enjoy their success before turning our thoughts turn to what will be a tougher season to come. A couple of extra women bowlers would also be handy to have.



Now to the Thursday men.

The Division Two side finished fifth, winning seven games from 18 and always looked a mid-table side. However, it must be pointed out that the two relegated teams had five wins each and were not that far behind us.

The Division Three side (having been relegated the previous season) just managed to avoid another relegation. We got 5½ points from a home win on the final Thursday which jumped us to level with Kardinya on points and just ahead on shot difference.

The Division Five side had 10 wins for 64 points – not that far off the top team which had 12 wins and 75 points.

And so on to Saturday. We must make it clear right away that we failed to meet our expectations and goals with those three sides.

Instead of pushing for promotion as hoped, the Division Two side was in the relegation area at the half-way stage with only three wins from nine games. However, after the Christmas break and with Travis Simpson back to boost the side, Hilton won six of the next seven games and finished safely in fifth spot.

The aim for the Division Three side was to get away from the relegation area into mid-table – but that plan failed as Hilton were relegated on the last Saturday of the season. Sure, it was close. Rossmoyne got six points on the last day – Hilton just got two and we went down.

One of the issues was that the side had too many changes from week to week – changes made for a variety of reasons including form, injuries, illness, holidays etc. Bowls WA records show that this side used 41 different players during the season. Top of the ladder Spearwood used just 24 players.

There was also an issue with skips. Robbie Hunter left the club just before the season started and Kevin Willis played only a handful of games early in the season because of family issues. They were difficult to replace.

Our Division Five was looking for promotion and didn't make it. However, they put in a fair challenge, finishing fourth with 11 wins and only 4½ points off top spot so one more win would have done it. While there were regular changes at the front end of the sides, the three veteran skips – Graham McKenzie, Barrie Douglas and the now 91-year-old Vic Philpott hardly missed a game.

Pennant wrap-up

Week ending March 22.

The Tuesday Ladies finished their regular season with a casual trip to Rockingham and a game of bowls which made no difference to their top of the table spot. Second-placed Rockingham took it seriously, fielded six men in their line-up and won comfortably.

But who cares. Hilton were nine points clear, and the result didn't matter. For the record only, Judy Dean lost 11-30, Bobi Ward went down 11-32 and Denise Hughes came close at 15-19. This result meant Hilton finished the season with 13 wins, three losses and two draws from their 18 games.

We have just got to begin the Thursday wrap with Division Three and a game which mattered. We needed to get six points against Fremantle and hope that we could avoid relegation – well, we got

5½ points, finished level on points with Kardinya and jumped above them on shot difference. Ours – minus 130. Theirs – minus 203.

Dave Van de Ven's rink was in control from the start and stormed to a 27-10 win. But elsewhere it was ugly early on with Les Onley losing a six and Ian Gray losing a five. Les' rink got back on track, were level at mid-game and finished 25-19 up.

Ian's rink fought back from 4-14 down and a four on the second last end gave them the lead for the first time. But Fremantle got two shots back on the last end to make it a 20-20 draw. And how important that half point turned out to be.

Hilton finished with 6 wins, 11 losses and an abandoned draw from their 18 games and used 31 different players during the season. Having been relegated from Division Two last season (where we played as Hilton2) the side came ever so close to being relegated again.

Elsewhere, the Division Two side finished on a disappointing note – losing 0-6 at relegation-bound East Fremantle. Gary Dodd lost a close one 18-19 and Craig Standley was close too at 15-18 but Tony Maxwell was well beaten 16-28.

This left the side in fifth spot with seven wins, nine losses and two draw from their 18 games.

At Como, the Division Five side collected 4½ points from a narrow seven shot victory. This win was set up by Eddie Clarke's 23-15 win in his first match as skip this season. The other two games were close – Ivan Stulic drawing 17-17 and Barrie Douglas going down 22-23.

The team finished fifth with 10 wins, six losses and two draws.

The main game on Saturday was again Division Three who are fighting to avoid relegation. And the side performed really well by defeating Mt Pleasant by 19 shots and picking up seven points.

Ian Gray's rink got off to a flier, leading 7-0 before Mt Pleasant got on board and it's a lead they never lost, winning 21-11. Brian Smith's rink powered home 26-18 abs Dave Van de Vent into the last end at 17-all but got two shots to win.

The only disappointment was Les Onley's 17-19 loss which went right down to the wire.

So, while the players were delighted with their win they were soon shocked to learn that relegation rivals Rossmoyne had gone away to South Perth and won 7-1 to remain equal. That takes it right to the last game and, with Rossmoyne now having a home fixture, they would be favourites to stay up.

Elsewhere, Division Two side lost by two shots in a meaningless game at Melville - so we exchange places with Melville and drop to fifth. Hilton got something from Gary Dodd's 19-17 win and Craig Standley's 23-all draw but Travis Simpson threw away a good lead to lose 25-28 and Tony Maxwell lost 22-25.

The Division Five side was back at Como again – but this time we lost comfortably. The less said about Barrie Douglas' 4-43 loss the better, Graeme McKenzie lost 21-30 and Vic Philpott kept up the good work with a 23-21 win.

The season to date: - Played 109, Won 58, Drawn 3, Lost 48.

Week ending March 29.

On Tuesday, our championship-winning ladies travelled north to Doubleview in a semi-final play-off for the Division Three flag.

Hilton held their own for a while and were only a few shots behind on the aggregate at the half-way stage but Doubleview pushed on and won by 15 shots. Judy Dean's rink did really well to win 24-17 but Denise Hughes went down 13-23 and Bobi Ward lost 13-25.

So in the end, we lost. But the experience of playing a knock-out final and the intensity of the game will surely help the ladies next season when they step up to Division Two.

With Thursdays now finished, we can skip to the final Saturday of the season.

Hilton's Division Two side finished on a disappointing note with a 1-7 home loss of league leaders Safety Bay. The one point came from Travis Simpson who won 26-22 to finish a great second half of the season for him.

But unfortunately, Craig Standley went down 15-34 and Tony Maxwell lost 15-21. Gary Dodd suffered only his fourth loss of the season – but it was a big one, 8-28.

That left the team with nine wins and nine losses for the season and fifth place on the ladder.

Sadly, the Division Three side lost 2-6 at Cockburn in their last game and that result, along with Rossmoyne winning at home, meant that Hilton are relegated to Division Four next season. We just avoided relegation last season thanks to some late wins but could not do that this time.

It was not a one-sided game on Cockburn's outside rink. Rob Fortini (skipping for the first time) got off to a great 12-2 start and held on to win 24-17. Dave Van de Ven also got a point from a narrow 24-20 win, but the result went Cockburn's way when Les Onley's side faded late and lost 12-21 while Ian Gray's rink fell well short in a 11-31 loss.

On an individual basis, that win gave Dave Van de Ven nine wins for the season – just ahead of Denise Hughes who had eight wins from 17 games and Roy Gibson who had eight wins from 13 games.

The Division Five side finished with a good 12-shot home win over Rockingham, picking up five points to see them finish fourth on the ladder – only 4½ points behind the league leader.

Graham McKenzie won 26-20 and Barrie Douglas won 28-12 but Vic Philpott could not make it a clean sweep, losing 16-26. These three veteran skips all had great seasons with Macca winning 11 from 16 games, Vic 11 from 17 and Barrie 10½ from 17.

And that is our pennant bowls finished for 2024/25.

Season's results: - Played 113 games, Won 59, Drawn 3 and Lost 51.

Men's singles

The men's singles competition was played in a different format this summer with 24 entries divided into eight groups of three. Then there were quarter finals and semi-finals when the action became really serious.

Michael Broadbridge defeated Craig Standley in an enthralling battle played in very windy conditions and then the following week John Jenkinson defeated 'Cat' Fewings in a game which went about 28 ends before John won 21-18.

The final also produced some top-level bowls with plenty of tight heads. Michael got on top by winning a string of long ends and went on to win 25-14.

So, congratulations to President Broadbridge on his win and our praise also to John Jenkinson who is back bowling better than ever after his mid-season knee operation.

Mixed Pairs

The last club competition of the summer was decided last Sunday with the final of the Mixed Fours.

Craig Standley (with the support of Ian Gray, and the van de Vens) was looking to make it three wins in a row but they were beaten 20-19 in an enthralling 19-end final by Cat Fewings, Bryn Regan, and Jamie and Sharron Mitchell.

Cat had a formidable six shot lead going into the final end yet Craig's side was actually holding six shots when Cat bowled his final bowl and took out one of the shots. So, a 20-19 win it was.

Well done to both teams.

100 Club Draw

The 100 Club dinner and raffle draw was again a big success, and it was great to see the club hall busy on a Saturday night.

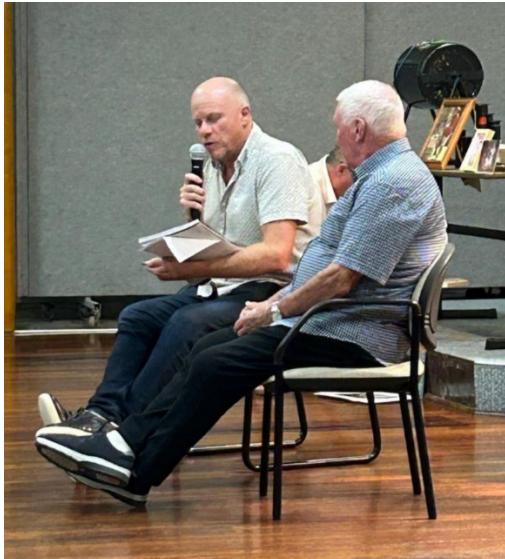


Obviously, it would not have happened without members and friends shelling out \$100 for a ticket. Our thanks go to Damon Rubery and Chris Dwyer for the many hours cooking and preparing the meals and to Scotty Cargill for his running commentary.



Club president Michael Broadbridge managed to squeeze out some unknown information about two club legends, Val Turner and George Annandale.





And lastly ...

As this is the final newsletter of the season, I thought it would be good to finish off with the big THANK YOU to the host of people who give up their time to do voluntary work at Hilton to try to make the bowling club a better place.

We all have our moans and groans, of course, but we keep helping out because we want to help out.

The starting point is President Michael Broadbridge, Treasurer Graeme Kibell and Secretary Dorraine Stone. Then there are the other members of the committee who perform many different roles.

Then there are heaps of people who help out – the first who come to mind are Barney Young, Ron Turner, Graham McKenzie and Michelle Van de Ven who all help in numerous roles. Then there are the selectors Tony Maxwell and John Hannah, social bowls organisers Bobi Ward and Gary Melville.

Not to be forgotten are Chris Dwyer who puts on the best food in the bowls country and Nat Butler, whose Sunday burgers are simply the best.

But wait, there's more. Always ready to help out include Julie Kibell, Deb Beesley, John Jenkinson, Kevin and Ellen Grant, Denise Hughes, Shaun Farrell. In any list like this, I will have missed someone – for that I apologise.

Oh, and this newsletter takes a few hours to put together too.

Who won the money? One of our sponsors which is a sure way to make sure they continue as sponsors.

And spare a thought for Ian Gray and his partner Sharon. With the five winning numbers already drawn and hidden away, their two numbers were the last two actually drawn out of the barrel. Their hopes were high when they still had two numbers in the final seven – only to be left with nothing.

Coming events

A couple of notes for your bowling diaries.

An ANZAC Day competition – surprisingly to be held on ANZAC Day) with a \$600 first prize.

The Hilton Classic is on Saturday May 3 and Sunday May 4. No doubt we will need plenty of helpers.

And the club's awards lunch and presentation of trophies is on **Saturday, May 17**.

LEST WE FORGET

MELVILLE MOTORS PRESENTS

ANZAC DAY TROPHY

Friday, 25th April
1Pm for 1.30pm Start

Drawn Mixed Triples
Last Post at 1pm

1st Prize \$600
2nd Prize \$300
3rd Prize \$90

Sausage Sizzle

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NOMINATIONS CLOSE 4PM THURSDAY, 24TH APRIL

NOMINATION FORM ON MAIN NOTICE BOARD OR
EMAIL FULL NAME TO hpbowling@hpbc.com.au



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Club will be held in the Clubhouse on

Sunday 25th May 2025 at 11am

1. Apologies
2. Vale – in remembrance of past members
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9th June 2024
4. To receive the President's report
5. To receive and consider the Treasurer's report and the financial statements
6. To receive the Greens Report
7. To elect Office Bearers for the ensuing year
8. To elect Life Member as recommended by the Management Committee
9. To elect Patrons
10. To receive any items of General Business

VOTING FOR OFFICE BEARERS

ALL positions will be declared vacant at the meeting and opened for nominations. If you wish to nominate a member for a position, please fill in the attached form and return it to the Club Secretary no later than **5:00pm Wednesday, 21st May 2025**. Forms may be emailed to the Club Secretary (hpbowling@hpbc.com.au).

We advise that all current financial Bowls Members are eligible to vote for our Office Bearers for the 2025/2026 financial year. You are also eligible to attend and vote on any special resolutions which are considered at the Annual General Meeting.

Your attention is drawn to the following requirements of our constitution:

1. The management of The Club shall be vested in a Management Committee consisting of 8 committee persons elected for a 1 year term with half of committee being elected each year.
2. The annual election of officers shall be by ballot at each Annual Meeting in the presence of the returning officer and two scrutineers elected by the members present at such meeting.
 - a) Members unable to attend the meeting may lodge a vote on The Club approved ballot paper with the secretary at least 2 days prior to the meeting, having also recorded and signed an apology for the meeting on an outer sealed envelope that contains the sealed ballot paper.
 - i. This approved ballot paper must be distributed directly to the member.
 - b) All other votes shall be cast at the Annual Meeting.
3. Nominations for office bearers must be in writing signed by the proposer and nominee and will close with the Secretary at **5.00pm on Wednesday, 21st May 2025**.
4. The nominations shall be exhibited on the notice board at least three (3) days prior to the AGM.
5. In case no more than the required number of officers shall be nominated, those so nominated shall be declared elected.
6. If there shall be insufficient nominations to fill the whole of the vacancies of the list of officers, those nominated shall be declared elected and shall have power to fill the vacancies and any casual vacancies that may occur.



Hilton Park Bowling & Recreation Club (Inc.)

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

NOMINATION FORM

I, the undersigned, being a financial Voting Member hereby nominate for appointment as a member of the Club Committee of Management for the position of (PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, LADIES CAPTAIN, MENS CAPTAIN, HOUSE, SOCIAL, GREENS, BAR) (**please circle respective position**)

Name of NOMINEE:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of NOMINATOR: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: _____

Name of SECONDER: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: _____

DECLARATION OF NOMINEE:

I, _____ being a financial Voting Member agree to stand for election as a member of the Committee of Management for the position of (PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, LADIES CAPTAIN, MENS CAPTAIN, HOUSE, SOCIAL, GREENS, BAR) (**please circle respective position**)

Signature of Nominee: _____

Date: _____

Nominations close at 5.00pm on:

Wednesday, 21st May 2025

Email or Mail Nominations to:

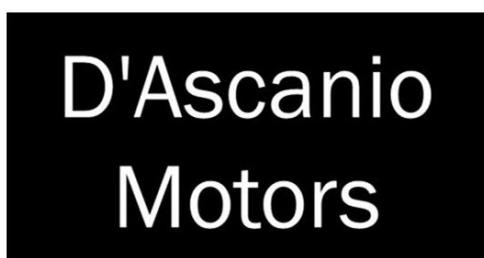
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