



HAWK EYE

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Hilton Park Bowling Club Newsletter

Here is the second edition of Hawk Eye for the 2024/25 season and, obviously, it covers the first few weeks of the new pennant bowls competitions involving Hilton Park as well as a bit of information about what is happening around the club.

Sadly, due to a stuff-up with Hilton's email system, this newsletter has been floating in cyberspace for about two weeks before it decided to make its way to you. So, sorry for the delay.

Pennant Season Begins



Remarkably, after having excellent turn outs for the two Saturdays trial games (the second one had 56 bowlers on C rink) we struggled to get full sides on the greens in the first weeks of the new season and the sides were some way off full strength.

It must be recorded here again that the Hilton ladies have dropped out of Saturday bowls and are now mixing in with the men in what is officially an "open gender" competition. The ladies are continuing on Tuesdays when their team of 12 might occasionally be assisted by a couple of men.

The first few weeks have been tough for everyone. Because so many bowlers have been missing for as whole host of reasons, the sides have changed greatly from game to game. It has to be hoped that after an erratic first month things will settle down.

Week ending October 26

Sadly, Hilton failed to get the season off with a win – all three sides going down.

Our top team, playing in Division Two, battled hard all day against Rockingham and it went down to the wire with the visitors winning

by just three shots and taking seven points to Hilton's one. That one came from Brian Smith's rink, but their 23-12 win was not enough to cover the losses elsewhere. Gary Dodd lost 17-19, Craig Standley lost 20-23 and Tony Maxwell had a chance to save the points at the end but went down 12-21.

Out at a windswept Leeming, Hilton's 3rd division side (with two women – Denise Hughes and Debbie Beesley) was belted by more than 60 shots and never got close to handling the conditions.

Kevin Willis had a forgettable 10-36 scoreline while John Jenkinson lost 12-29 and Dave Van de Ven lost 13-25. The closest rink was Les Onley's. They gave the opposition eight shots of a start before getting on the board and in the end went down 16-26.

The Division Five side also lost to Leeming but by a far narrower margin – 12 shots. Hilton picked up just 1 ½ points from the game thanks to a good win from late stand-in skip Scott Cargill by 20-18 while Barry Douglas battled out an 18-18 draw. But the points went Leeming's way when Graham McKenzie's rink went down 15-29.

Week ending November 2

The Tuesday Ladies, who were relegated last season but then brought back up to make up numbers, got off to a great start by taking five points in a 10-shot away win at Spearwood. Judy Dean's rink had an off-day and even four shots on the last end only improved the result to 12-24. But Bobi Ward's rink raced to a 28-9 win and Denise Hughes squeezed home 16-13.

And a big thanks to Ron Turner and Andy Ryder who helped fill the sides.

Starting the Thursday season, Hilton's Division Two side went down 0-6 at Leeming and lost by 19 shots. Craig Standley went down 15-25, Gary Dodd lost 19-26 and the closest game was Tony Maxwell's 14-17 defeat.

The Division 3 side started with a great three shot win over Safety Bay and took five of the six points. Stand-in slip John Jenkinson enjoyed a six and a five in a fine 26-15 win while Dave Van de Ven scraped home 27-23. Kevin Willis' rink was playing better than the 9-21 scoreline would suggest and they got some satisfaction from picking up four shots in the last two ends to tip the balance Hilton's way.

Down on a below-par Fremantle grass rink, Hilton lost by one shot in the opening game in Division 4. Things were even when Barrie Douglas won by 19-14 and Graham McKenzie lost 14-19, it looked like Hilton would win but Les Onley lost three shots on the last end to go down 18-19.

Moving on to Saturday, Hilton won two of the three matches.

The Division 2 side went to Kardinya, picked up two points but lost the aggregate by 12 shots. Craig Standley won by 24-14 and Brian Smith won 21-15 but this was not enough to cover Tony Maxwell's 15-22 loss and Gary Dodd's even bigger loss of 9-29.

At home, Hilton's Division 3 side picked up six points from a 13-shot win over Rossmoyne. Les Onley chalked up a good 22-14 win and Dave Van de Ven did even better, winning 25-14. Kevin Willis, with Bobi Ward helping out at short notice, lost 18-22. The story of the day was stand-in skip Scotty Cargill's great 16-1 start only to go down 21-23.

Division 5 had a massive 40-shot win down at Fremantle to pick up all six points. Barrie Douglas won 26-17, Graham McKenzie did even better at 31-17 and Vic Philpott sailed home with a huge 28-11 scoreline.

Games played so far – 10. Win – 4. Losses – 6.

Week ending November 9

The Tuesday Ladies (playing on Wednesday because of the Melbourne Cup) made it two wins from two starts with a 10-shot victory at home to Kardinya. Hilton picked up five points thanks to Judy Dean winning 22-15 and Denise Hughes finishing on 27-15. The side failed to make it a clean sweep as Michelle Van de Ven went down 13-22.

Again, thanks to Andy Ryder and Graeme Kibell who make sure we had a full side.

The next day, Hilton won only one of their three games.

Our Division Two side went down by just one shot at home to Spearwood. Craig Standley's 20-16 win and Tony Maxwell's 16-15 win saw Hilton collect two points, but Spearwood took the game when Gary Dodd went down 15-21.

That is the second time already this season that a Hilton side has lost by one shot – it just shows the fine margins in some very hard-fought games. Maybe the next time the breaks will go our way.

The Division 3 side failed to get a point at Rossmoyne with the aggregate almost settled when Dave Van de Ven's side fell 0-22 before they got on the board. The final score was an ugly 11-32 defeat. Alongside them, Kevin Willis' rink battled hard but went down 14-19 and Ian Gray's rink took their game to the last end before losing 13-16.

Division 5 were the only winners – by a narrow five shots at home to Melville. The win was due to Graham McKenzie's massive 30-9 walkover although much of that was pegged back when Les Onley went down 12-14 and Barrie Douglas lost 14-28.

On to Saturday and again it was just one win out of three.

A somewhat depleted Division 2 side was belted by 40 shots on a difficult windswept Leeming carpet. Gary Dodd's rink did very well with a 24-13 win while Tony Maxwell battled all day before going down 16-19. Brian Smith's rink was hanging on at 11-15 with four ends left but they lost another 14 shots to make it 11-29 while Paul Harber made little progress all day and lost 6-36.

At home, the Division 3 side had a narrow three shot loss to Spearwood (losing close games is becoming a habit we must get out of). Barney Young got Hilton's only point with a 21-13 win but

the match went Spearwood's way when Dave Van de Ven lost 15-21, Kevin Willis lost 17-19 and Les Onley lost 18-21.

Hilton's Division 5 side made the short journey to Spearwood and won by a massive 56 shots, taking all six points. Vic Philpott had the best return – a 36-12 win – although Graham McKenzie was not far behind with a 31-11 scoreline. The closest game was Barrie Douglas' 29-17 success.

The season so far:- Played 17 – Won 7, Lost 10.

Week ending November 16

The Tuesday Ladies maintained their winning, making it three straight wins, and jumped to the top of Division 3 with an impressive 6-0 down at Safety Bay. Four men were needed this time to make a full side.

Denise Hughes had the biggest win, by 21-13, while Judy Dean won 20-14 and Bob Ward squeezed home narrowly 21-18. So, Hilton are on top of the ladder by just one point.

And on to Thursday when Hilton's Division 2 side squeezed through by just four shots at home to Melville. Tony Maxwell's rink had a terrible day, losing 9-35 but good wins to Craig Standley by 30-19 and Gary Dodd by 28-13 got Hilton over the line.

Down at Warnbro on the always difficult surface, the Division 3 side battled hard all day and took it to the last end before losing by two shots after being behind by almost 20 shots in the early stages. Kevin Willis got the side a point with a terrific 30-14 win but Barney Young started 0-12 and finished on 12-26. Dave Van de Ven's rink kept the result in doubt before losing 22-26.

Hilton's Division 5 side had another close one – winning by just a single shot at home to Warnbro. Barrie Douglas' rink carried the team with a big 34-18 win and it was just enough to cover Les Onley's 16-22 defeat and Graham McKenzie's 15-24 loss.

And, finally, on the fourth Saturday of the season, we got a win to all three sides.

The Division 2 team beat Kwinana by 16 shots at home and split the points 6-2. The win was set up by Craig Stanley's great 29-8 result while Gary Dodd squeezed home 21-20. This was enough to cover two close defeats – Tony Maxwell by 24-26 and Brian Smith by 22-27.

Division 3 went to Safety Bay, battled strong winds and come away with a 6-2 win which was by nine shots - not the six shots wrongly recorded on the Bowls WA website. The rinks skipped by Barney Young and Les Onley got the lead early and went on to win 27-14 and 23-16 respectively. Kevin Willis recovered well from a 0-15 start to lose 17-21 and Dave Van de Ven battled all day only to go down 17-24.

We just have to record the shot of the day. An up shot by Ian Gray hit the target perfectly, trailed the kitty into the ditch and got his team five shots.

At home, Hilton Division 5 side smashed Kwinana 6-0 and by a huge margin. Graham McKenzie had the biggest winning margin (by 34-7) and Barrie Douglas was just behind with a 36-10 win. The close one was Vic Philpott's 27-16 score. The points take Hilton to the top of the table.

The season so far: Played 24, Won 13, Lost 11.

Melbourne Cup Day

The first Tuesday of November is always Melbourne Cup Day and, while the function at the Bowling Club did not attract a huge crowd, it was still an interesting afternoon with plenty of food and chatter. Doug McKay organized the many raffles which produced plenty of winners. Even though Barney Young was holidaying in Vietnam he still managed to win one of the biggest money prizes.

Wednesday Nights and Lights

Call it barefoot bowls, social bowls, corporate bowls or whatever, the new Wednesday night season got under way on November 13 with a good line-up of teams. This summer the bulk of the organizing is being done by Gary Melville and his partner Bobi Ward so if you want to pop down and help then they are the people to see



And we can't make light of the Wednesday night competition as a lot of our pennant bowlers started loving the game through corporate bowls.

Party Time

It may seem a long way off yet but, in fact, Hilton's New Year Party is only a handful of weeks away and that time will fly past. The music bands have all been booked for the night, but one issue is proving difficult – finding bar staff prepared to work that night instead of partying. If you know of anyone who can work behind the bar that night, please let a committee member know.

Tickets are available via Eventbrite or from the bar for Bowling Members.

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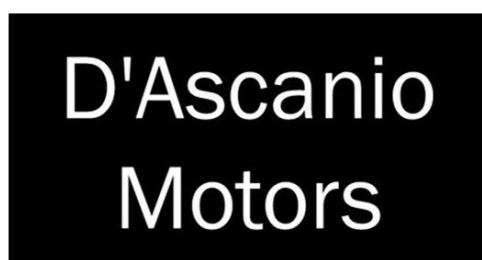
The early intra-club competitions have not been particularly well attended but that does not make the winners any less worthy. The men's 100 Up competition was won by Tony Maxwell while the mixed 100 Up was taken out by Michael Broadbridge.

The mixed handicap singles event is almost played out with Tony Maxwell due to meet Shaun Farrell in the final any day soon.

Another early club competition, the mixed fours, has been delayed till later in the season.

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