



No Bias Castle Hill Bowling Club

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Hi fellow members.

Welcome to the 2016 Summer Edition of our No Bias.

Although 2015 seems to have flown by quickly there has been a great deal of activity at our club.

Hence, there are a lot of people that I personally want to thank for their assistance during the year, so this is going to be a big 'thank you' column!

First and foremost, I want to sincerely thank Irene, Greg, Chloe and their helpers for their massive effort in our kitchen and bistro. Irene, you have been a tireless worker for many years and now deserve a bit of a rest and I know that you are looking forward to more time for yourself and your family.

Huge thanks also to Peter Bingham and all of our staff for their initiative and commitment during Peter's first year as our Secretary Manager. If you haven't noticed the changes in our club this year, I reckon that you haven't been there!

Another change I wish to announce is that after a couple of years as one of our hard working Board members, Maggie Rowe has decided to step down from that position. Maggie, I can't thank you enough for your valued contribution to our Board.

Last but not least, thanks, thanks, thanks, to all of our bowling members who gave so much of their time to coach and assist with the



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huge number of bare foot bowling functions we hosted during the year, especially during the last couple of 'manic months'. These social functions are a great financial asset to our club and all of your voluntary help is vital for our continued success.

A new year brings with it exciting challenges and changes.

I hope that you will share with me in welcoming Shane Faust and his staff when the bistro re-opens on Friday 8th January. There will be new menus and revised bistro operating times so I trust that you will all come along and try the new experience. These changes will be advertised prior to their commencement and like any new arrangement or system, there may be some small settling-in issues but we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding should this be the case.

In closing, let's all look forward to enjoying our club and each other's companionship in 2016!

All the best,

Ken Sherwood, Chairman

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-Ray 'Rabs' Warren

General Manager's Report

BY Peter "Pete" Bingham



Hi Members,

Well where did 2015 go? A lot has been happening in and around the club especially over the festive season.

With a bumper barefoot bowls month I would like to personally thank all those members that gave up their time by volunteering and looking after all the guests that celebrated with us.

Without your help this would not have been achievable.

The staff team of Chris, Liz, Jaynie, Tanya, Callum, Sam, Phil and Tony all did an amazing job looking after all our members and guests and I would also like to thank them especially on the busy nights and days where all remained calm under pressure ensuring that everyone was looked after.

Our kitchen team Greg, Irene, Chloe and Sam worked extremely hard and again produced a month of great functions and on some of these nights they were really tested. What I called Fabulous Friday and Super Saturday there were a number of different functions running at the same time along with the

usual bistro night. The feedback from all our functions guests and members was fantastic. On that note we also bid farewell to the kitchen team. I would like to not only congratulate them of the smooth running of these functions but also for their dedicated effort over the length of service each has given the club. I wish them all the very best in their futures.

In December we started the new VIP Gaming area and upgraded TAB area. We are sure that this will benefit our existing members but will bring new faces into the club. We invite you all down to enjoy these new facilities.

This year we are introducing Shane Faust as the contract caterer. Shane has a wealth of experience in catering both at pubs and clubs. He starts his services on Friday the 8th of January and will be open for meals on Friday and Saturdays evenings in January. We anticipate that the trading hours of the bistro will increase over the following months. Please come down and try his menu and the daily specials. The menu he has introduced is a

startup menu and will evolve over time when he gets a feel for the kitchen's capabilities and the feedback from members and guests.

We have been working hard trying to attract some new sponsors to the club and again we ask that where possible that you support these sponsors and the services they provide. Our sponsors include:

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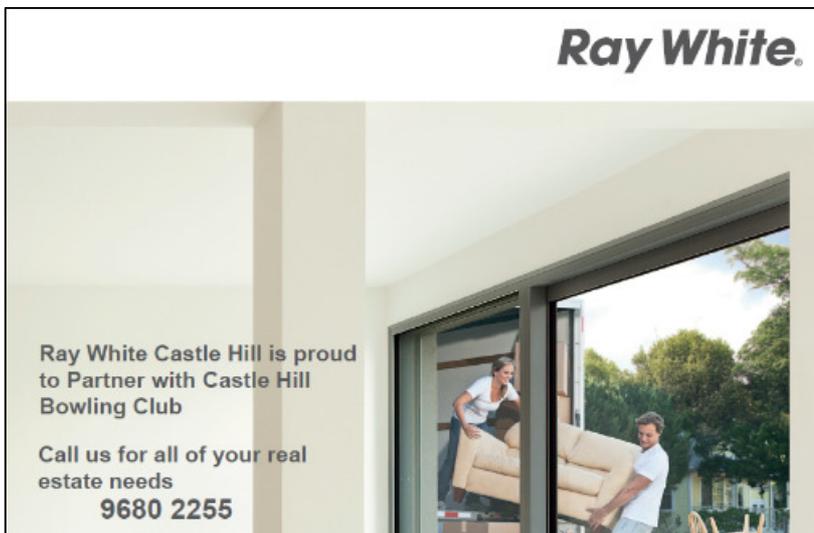
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Lastly a personal note of thanks to all our members for their support of the club in 2015 and I hope this continues in 2016 and wishing you all and your families a happy and healthy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club soon.

Cheers

Pete Bingham



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Men's President's Report

We are in the transitional phase of rolling out of the festivities of 2015 into the reality of the 2016, and I trust that 2016 brings you and your family the best of everything.

Volunteers for Barefoot Bowls

Barefoot Bowls during the festive season introduced many new people to our Club and importantly generated vital income to our treasury.

The feedback from our visitors was all positive, with many guarantees to return.

All those people that volunteered ensured that the Club was presented in the best environment and ensured that our visitors had a memorable experience.

I thank you one and all for a great job and again contributing to the wellbeing of your Club.

2016 Major Minor Pairs

The draw is now complete, with the first round being on Saturday January 9.

I wish all competing the best of success.

Battle of the Sexes/Presentation Day

To be held on Sunday January 10, this is always a highlight of the Bowling Calendar, firstly the Men and Women compete against each other in games

displaying the utmost competitiveness and ideal sportsmanship.

This is followed by true Castle Hill celebration incorporating the presentation to the 2015 Championship winners for the Men's, Ladies and Mixed competitions.

I'm sure it will be another great day.

2016 Pennant Season

Based on the player nominations, the Selectors have recommended that we nominate for 4 grades in this year's competition. This is a reduction of 1 grade from last year, however based on the number of nominations from the Men bowlers I agree with the Selectors recommendation.

I have asked the Selectors to nominate for Grades 2, 4, 5 and 6; however, our nominations can be reviewed and changed by the Zone 10 Match Committee.

To obtain the maximum return from the 2016 Pennant Season we need to be best prepared:

- Participate in all trial matches where selected
- Importantly, participate in the Pennant Practice Sessions lead by the Coaches under John Roberts's direction



- Be as fit as possible, as the 10 weeks are physically and mentally testing
- If you have nominated to represent your Club and at some stage you don't get selected make sure you play Saturday social, it is important you keep your touch as you will no doubt be needed.

Men's Web Site

We have now have an active website where you will find all the information you need to know about bowls at Castle Hill, it is important that you use it.

[Ed: See separate article below for website details]

Thanks to Vince Di Falco for the final delivery and to Joe Turner for his preliminary work.

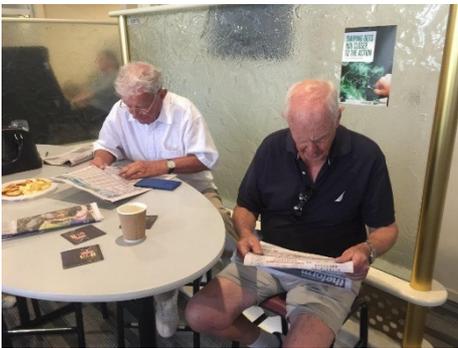
All the best to you all, let's have a great 2016!

Noel Benson



Fun at the Club

Punter's Club Party



Other Fun



"Jack" the two-week-old kitten found abandoned in the basement on December 13th. Jack found a good home and is thriving.



Twilight bowls has been a huge success this summer



Check out North Sydney's greens!



The long and short of it at Castle Hill Bowling Club



Jimmy enthralled with a story from The Coach

New Website for Castle Hill Men's Bowling Club

By Vince de Falco



After a long wait we finally have a website to call our own. The aim of this new site is to work in conjunction with the Clubs main website by providing our men bowlers, especially our busy and still working members, details of what's happening at the club without the need to constantly visit the Bowl Office notice board or ring the Bowls Office only to hear Ross's "warm and dulcet tones" telling you to leave a message. If you are someone who visits the club on a regular basis, continue to do so, but you still may find this website is useful as well.

The true judge of how well the website achieves the above aim is you. If you haven't already done so visit the site and provide your feedback, positive or negative, on how we can improve.

Please refer to the email sent to all members from Mens Bowls on Tue 15 December 2015 at 5:10 PM. This email contains a direct link to this new website which makes it far easier to find the site for the 1st time or just enter chmbc.bowls.com.au.

After you have opened the site, be sure you click on the Favourites tab (see below) as this will make it easier for you when you next visit the site. If you're really clever try creating an icon on your PC desktop. For even more convenience, the site is designed to work on any smart phone, Ipad, or similar device.

The site has been designed to keep it simple and in most case it is just Move the cursor over a Menu item, select and click - easy.

Some of the information available on the site will be:

- Championship draws and results
- Pennant team selections & results
- The bowls calendar to highlight upcoming events

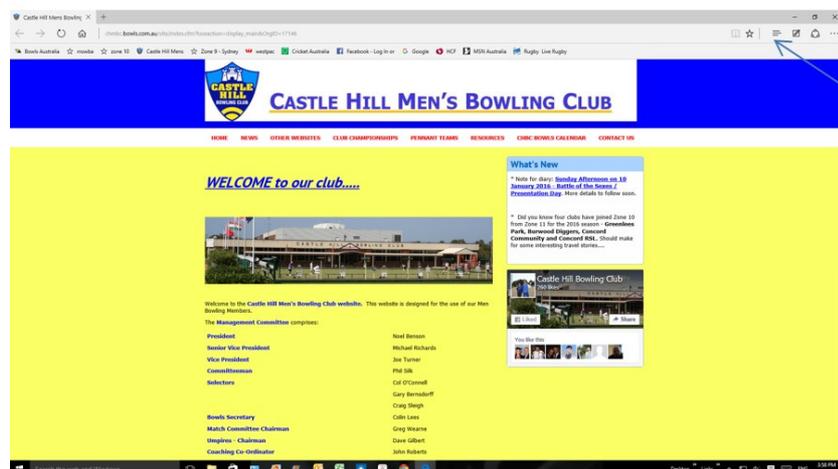
- A "News" page to update you with what's happening at a Club, Zone and State level

- Links to other useful bowls websites

Remember, this site will only be successful if all of us are prepared to support the site by either using it as a means of communicating or being a contributor where pages/photos need to be added or updated. This way we'll ensure the site remains current and relevant.

If you need any further information or assistance, just see Vince and buy him a beer – he will only be too happy to help in any way he can.

Happy Surfing



Favourites tab

New Bistro Opens January 8th

The Menu

Light Meals			
Garlic bread Cheesy garlic bread	\$5.00		
With melted cheese Cheesy garlic with a twist drizzled with sweet chilli and melted cheese	\$6.00		
Chips and gravy	\$6.00		
Salt and pepper squid with chips or salad Served with a Thai sweet chilli glaze	\$11.00		
Potato wedges Served with sour cream and sweet chilli	\$10.00		
Armadillo fries With bacon melted cheese sour cream and sweet chilli sauce	\$11.00		
Tempura battered prawns With salad and tartare/ Vietnamese sweet and sour chilli sauce	\$12.00		
Chicken wings Crispy fried and dripping with spicy rib sauce and battered onion rings	\$12.00		
Burgers			
Grand wagyu burger Lightly peppered 200gm wagyu pattie on a sesame bun with lettuce beetroot tomato BBQ sauce and our own onion jam and lattice cut fries	\$14.50		
Pulled pork roll Slow cooked pulled pork shoulder on a brioche roll with apple coleslaw and Sweet Baby Rays Hickory smoked BBQ sauce and lattice cut fries	\$15.00		
Kids 12 years and under			
Cheese burger and chips	\$8.50		
Fish and chips	\$8.50		
Half schnitzel and chips	\$8.50		
Sausages and chips	\$8.50		
Don't forget our daily specials			
Ask about our desserts			
Don't forget to enquire about your next function			
Mains			
Dry aged sirloin 250gm dry aged sirloin cutlet char grilled and served with lattice cut chips salad and onion jam	\$21.50		
Rib fillet 300gm grass fed rib fillet char grilled and served with lattice cut chips salad and sauce	\$23.50		
Top loin mignon 200gm Grain fed top loin wrapped in bacon char grilled and served with lattice cut chips salad and sauce	\$22.50		
Ribs Char grilled baby back pork ribs dripping with our South African style rib sauce and served with lattice cut chips salad	small \$27.00 large \$41.00		
Chicken schnitzel Crumbed and shallow fried with lattice cut chips salad and sauce	\$16.00		
Thai beef salad Grilled marinated beef with lettuce tomato cucumber onion coriander mint peanuts crispy noodles and Thai sweet chilli glaze	\$17.00		
Wild caught salt water barramundi Fried beer battered barramundi served with lattice cut chips salad and tartare sauce	\$15.00		
Salt and pepper squid Flash fried salt and pepper squid served with lattice cut chips salad and our Thai sweet chilli glaze	\$17.00		
Steaks and schnitzels come with Pepper, mushroom or gravy			
Steak and schnitzel toppers			
Parmegana Ham tomato and cheese	\$2.00		
Texas Bacon BBQ sauce and cheese	\$3.00		
Campfire Bacon and egg	\$4.00		
Surf and turf A selection of seafood tarter sauce and lemon	\$7.00		
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News from the Ladies' Club

By Di Creed – Publicity Officer

January, 2016

Happy New Year to all! Let's hope that that 2016 bring us some success in Pennants and some good bowling all around!

Unfortunately we suddenly lost one of our favourite ladies in November and sadly said



Valma Joan Whitfield

3rd October 1937 - 9th November 2015

goodbye to our lovely Val Whitfield in a service at Alan Drew Funeral Chapel, where we honoured Val with a Guard of Honour of uniformed bowlers. Val had been only made a Life Member of the Club in September for her many services to the bowling community. Our sincere condolences go to Reg and the Whitfield family.

We were then saddened to hear that we had also lost one of our long time members, Eileen Shera in December after a short

illness. Eileen had not bowled for many years but she was always warmly welcomed on her occasional visits to the Club. Her family is in our thoughts. RIP Val and Eileen.

Congratulations to Debbie and Mike Howard and Lesley and Kevin Henry who defeated Theresa and Roy Potter, Florence Lee and Peter Squire in the final of the Club Mixed Fours 22-11.



Congratulations to Florence Lee and Paul Bryan who defeated Shylie and Denis Little in the final of the Club Pairs 24-15.



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Congratulations to Lynne Graham who defeated Joy Young in the Consistency Final.



Shylie Little was the winner of the District Rookies Final in November - well done Shylie!



Seven of our ladies were part of a team representing Mitchell District in the Mitchell v. Nepean District Challenge at St. Mary's and Mitchell won the day - our ladies selected were Bobbie

Cochrane, Florence Lee, Lesley Bridgement, Lynne Graham, Shylie Little, Maggie Rowe and Lan Lim. Well done to all the team.

Our Saturday Morning Triples team representing North Western District of Lesley Henry, Isabel Speirs and Florence were runners up in the final playoffs at Marrickville - valiant effort ladies!

Our Castle Hill team defeated Ourimbah/Lisarow in the annual shield challenge in October - another great result for CHWBC! This trophy has been contested between the two clubs since 1968.



2015 finished in fine style with a great breakup party. The ladies dressed in their Christmas finery and enjoyed the fine fare smorgasbord provided by members after lots of fun on the green. President Evelyn presented the Salvation Army representative with hampers of Christmas goodies collected from the ladies over several

weeks - great effort ladies! We were reminded of the year's activities by a slideshow of photos. The raffle of a Christmas hamper was won by Belen Avandzo and the Christmas Cake and Pudding was won by Di Creed. Thanks to all concerned for their hard work on the day, including Santa Ben. Special thanks for the kind gesture of Reg Whitfield for providing a ham for the party in memory of Val.



Friendship Day in November this year was not quite so jovial with Val's funeral following our lunch,

however many of the ladies brought a friend and enjoyed a game on the green with their friends.

The annual mixed Pink Day was held on 17th December when members of both the men's and ladies' clubs dressed in pink and raised approx. \$700 for cancer research. Thanks to all concerned. A fun day was had by all with a great result.

By all accounts our members who travelled to Blackhead on the October long weekend had a great time, with a city win against the locals 18-17 this year.....I hear "what goes on at Blackhead stays at Blackhead" hey gang??????

Best wishes to those on the sick list and those who have recently undergone surgery.

The new green looks fantastic and we look forward to playing some great games on it - thanks to the greenkeepers for their hard work!

Di Creed

Publicity Officer



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