

TELARAH BOWLING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

I am pleased to present this, my 3rd Annual Report, in association with Telarah Men's Bowling Club President Paul Windon, to the Members of Telarah Bowling Club.

Throughout 2013/14 Telarah Men's Bowling Club has continued to grow and maintain a financial level which has seen us been able to invest money on a regular basis whilst having a balance in our easy access account that has allowed normal operations to proceed uninhibited. Bowl's operations have continued with the usual challenge of not being able to satisfy everyone, but games have gone ahead and once completed any criticism has been silenced. It was recently pointed out to me that whilst we may not have maintained member numbers, the overall number of bowlers participating in scheduled games has increased over the past 12 month's which we are sure must have also contributed to the Club Ltd's financial figures as well.

Representative Bowlers: Although this year we did not have anyone selected from Telarah Bowling Club to represent the District, we did have bowlers participate in District events. George Wahle, Robert Scholes, Wayne Morrison & Neil Hugg represented the Club in District Four's, George Wahle & Robert Scholes played Senior Singles and joined together for Senior Pairs. George Wahle flew the flag in the District Champion of Champion Singles and together with Robert Scholes in the District Champion of Champion Pairs. Whilst all bowlers mentioned were unable to win a title we thank them for their efforts in representing Telarah Bowling Club.

Pennants: This year we nominated for No.4 & No.7 Grades with the District and were rewarded with the drop down of the higher grade. This showed on the green with No.4 Grade although finishing second last we were competitive against the other Club's and had a points situation which was close to the other club's. No.7 Grade finished second in their section again and the only losses they recorded were naturally against the section winners. Nominations take place in the not too distant future with the intentions of nominating for the same grades next year so we remain in a competitive position from a District prospective.

Club Championships: The following Club Championships have been completed for 2014 and are as follows –

Major Singles: The Semi-Finals were a contrast with G. Wahle easily defeating P. Windon, whilst D. White and D. Fenwick had a rather close shot game which saw D. Fenwick defeat D. White by only a couple of shots. The Final saw G. Wahle come out in the same devastating form he had in the earlier games and although D. Fenwick played well, G. Wahle defeated him as easily as his previous opponents.

Minor Singles: Both Semi-Finals were won by reasonable margins with P. Windon defeating B. Lee and A. Hillery defeating G. Reiner, it was however good to see 2 relatively new bowlers in G. Reiner and B. Lee make it to the Semi's and both I am sure took encouragement out of reaching this stage of the competition and will have the incentive to progress further next year. The Final was a no-nonsense affair with the winner determined to ensure an easy victory over the opposition and P. Windon made this eventuate over A. Hillery allowing him to claim the Title after 3 attempts and finally get rid of the Bridesmaids Dress.

Consistency Singles: Games in this event have progressed through to completion of the Semi-Finals, with only the Final to be contested in the near future. Reporting on both Semi-Finals is a mirror image of one and other as both were won quite comfortably by the eventual winners being G. Wahle defeating D. White and D. Fenwick defeating M. Davey. G. Wahle & D. Fenwick will now contest the Final when both are available and we wish them the best of luck on the green.

Men's Pairs: Both Semi-Finals here on paper displayed qualities of other games played during the year in the fact that I am sure both teams played to the best of their ability only 1 team showed up on the day. This is further emphasized by the fact that both winners defeated their opposition by approximately 20 shots, giving G. Taylor & M. Davey & R. Scholes & G. Wahle easy wins over J. Dixon & G. Ross and W. Morrison & D. Nean respectively. The Final was a good game with both sides level after 11 ends which is when the eventual winning team made a move and got out to a substantial lead where although the opposition attempted to fight back proved the vital factor in the progress of the game. In the end R. Scholes & G. Wahle defeated G. Taylor & M. Davey giving what was discovered R. Scholes & G. Wahle's first Club Pairs title after playing together for eternity and having success at higher levels including District, State and Senior Pairs.

Men's Triples: The Semi-Finals were total opposites of each other but with dramatic endings affecting the result of both games. One game saw a shot for shot dogfight which had both teams on the same score going into the last end and eventuated in J. Dixon, N. Hugg & J. Payne defeat P. King, D. Nean & W. Morrison. The other game saw one team get out to a substantial lead when down came the rain and once play had recommenced they could not score another shot and had the team of G. Rolls, R. Scholes & G. Wahle defeat G. Taylor, D. Fenwick & M. Davey. The Final saw a domination of the first half of the game and this proved to be the vital factor in setting up a winning margin which could not be pegged back even though the other side tried to catch up, but as said the team of G. Rolls, R. Scholes & G. Wahle defeated J. Dixon, N. Hugg & J. Payne easily.

Men's Fours: Once again the Semi-Final games were a mirror image of each other with both games resulting in a 10 shot win for the victorious teams. The results of which saw N. Hugg, G. Taylor, D. Fenwick & M. Davey defeat A. Brown, J. Payne, G. Lonergan & P. Windon and W. Ryan, G. Rolls, R. Scholes & G. Wahle defeat P. King, D. Scholes, D. Nean & W. Morrison. The Final was a tale of two halves with one side skipping away and the other coming back to not only draw level but go in front until the last end when the original leaders scored 2 shots to snatch victory in an exciting game that came down to the last bowl. Therefore the result on the day saw N. Hugg, G. Taylor, D. Fenwick & M. Davey defeats W. Ryan, G. Rolls, R. Scholes & G. Wahle.

Mixed Championships – Mixed Pairs and Handicap Singles have commenced with play almost up to the Semi-Final stage leaving only the Mixed Fours to complete our yearly programme. Congratulations to all Winners and Runners Up who are listed below for completed Championships in 2014:

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MEN'S & MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINNERS & RUNNERS UP 2014

Men's Major Singles: Winner – G. Wahle
Runner Up – D. Fenwick

Men's Minor Singles: Winner – P. Windon
Runner Up – A. Hillery

Men's Pairs: Winners – R. Scholes & G. Wahle
Runners Up – G. Taylor & M. Davey

Men's Triples: Winners – G. Rolls, R. Scholes & G. Wahle
Runners Up – J. Dixon, N. Hugg & J. Payne

Men's Fours: Winners – N. Hugg, G. Taylor, D. Fenwick & M. Davey
Runners Up – W. Ryan, G. Rolls, R. Scholes & G. Wahle

Thankyou to all who have participated in Social, Championship & Pennant games throughout the year, and most importantly it doesn't matter if you win or lose the biggest winner is the sport of Lawn Bowls.

Congratulations to the Ladies for finishing Runner Up in the Gold Division of the RNSWBA Inter-Club Challenge in late 2013. The No.1 Grade Pennant team was unlucky to finish Runner Up again and also once again this came down to last round results. Club representation in District events was once again very strong and although the same success as last year did not occur once more you all flew the flag for Telarah Bowling Club at a high level. Once again Thanks for all the Ladies with assistance given throughout the year as many hands make light work and co-operation can be achieved when done the right way. Congratulations to Leisa Parsons & Kathy Philpot for being selected in the Country Side to play City in the not to distant future and this will also give both Ladies a chance to push for State Selection.

This year has seen more Tournaments placed on the Club Programme which so far have gone off with success and hopefully they can continue to be part of an otherwise busy schedule – also thanks in this area to not only the Ladies but the Club Limited for assistance with running and sponsoring these events.

Special mention must go to Jo Henderson, Club Limited President John Payne and the Board of Director's for their support, guidance and assistance in running the Bowls at Telarah Bowling Club. Men's Bowling Club President Paul Windon for being chief negotiator between the BoD and the relevant sporting governing bodies. Wayne Morrison once again has done a brilliant job as Treasurer and Ken Guy for auditing our books. Thankyou to Trish Ede for behind the scenes work in the office which most people do not realise takes place, Justin for the excellent preparation of the Greens & Surrounds and all the Ladies who have assisted throughout the year with food preparation which include Di Whittle, Julie Lee, Lou Darcy, Ellen Pursehouse, Lynne Hugg & Kathy Scholes. The operational aspect can also not take place without the Members of the Match & Management Committee's not already mentioned but include George Wahle, Noel Whittle & Doug Nean. Margaret Savertsen also deserves thanks for her time taken to help out by selling tickets in the absence of not only myself but committee members. Last but not least Thanks to Kim Forrest and the Kitchen Staff, Supervisors Irene & Ian and all the Bar Staff for help and assistance especially during Tournaments.

Remember Telarah Bowling Club has Social Bowls on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sundays combined with excellent BBQ facilities that allow for Social/ Corporate Barefoot Bowls Days. We still have the reputation as "the friendly club" and with increasing support we can only continue to grow for the benefit of all members.

Yours in Bowls

Allen Brown

Bowls Co-ordinator

Paul Windon – President

Telarah Men's Bowling Club

