

FROM: Port Macquarie City Men's Bowling Club

DATE: Week ending Sunday 7th August 2016

The home of the Port City Koalas

Dress code for social bowls is club uniform/creams or clean smart casual, with collared shirt and neat shorts/slacks.

Bowls Facebook page – have your say! Click on “bowls” on the club web site (portcity.com.au). Scroll down to the bottom of that page and click on “bowls news”

A reminder that Port City greens and spectator areas are smoke free.

I thought I would begin this week's report with a brief summary of the grade 5 state pennant final played at Harbord Bowling Club.

The bus left the club on time at 7.30 on Friday morning. After a short stop at Heatherbrae for “pie and coffee” we arrived at Harbord in time for lunch. Green space had been allocated for 2-4pm for roll up and bonding. Harbord did a great job at hosting the finals, with a BBQ running all days, pizza and rolls available, plus drinks at member's prices and lots of “Helpers”

Saturday morning, after an opening ceremony worthy of the Olympics, “let the games begin”. Our first game was against Lismore Heights, and from the very first bowl the Koalas dominated, going on to win 10-0 (82-49). The afternoon game we came up against Pennant Hills who proved much tougher competition. A magnificent knock from the “Major's” rink saw the Koalas prevail 8-2 (73-62).

The Koalas went to bed leading the section.

The final sectional game on Sunday morning was against the “Ghosts” from Campbelltown City. After heavy overnight dew the green was fairly heavy. The “Ghosts” adjusted to the green better than the Koalas and despite a great effort from “steady Eddie's” rink the Koalas went down 1-9 (44-57).

The winner of the section was Pennant Hills with 2 wins , 21 points. The Koalas were runners up with 2 wins, 19 points. It was a great achievement to win the district, zone and make it through to the state. Port City can be proud of their efforts. For interest Towradgi (near Wollongong) won the grade 5 pennant flag defeating Engadine in the final

Congratulations to all 12 players, reserves, manager (ess), coach Greg Keft, not forgetting the M.C's for the weekend, President Paul Brady and board rep Leigh Hardingham, who kept us informed and amused. There are many stories that could be told (just ask “Biscuits”), but what goes on tour stays on tour.

The Zone 14 championship finals for 2016 will be held at Lake Cathie this weekend 13/14 August. Port City are well represented.

Triples: Jack Lewis, Phil Baker, Danny Barrett play Urunga.

Senior Pairs: Ken Paulsen, Bryce Stewart play Sawtell

Fours: Bryce Stewart, Danny Barrett, John Hrabak, Ken Paulsen play Park Beach.

President Reserve Pairs: Nathan Horton, Don Ramsay play Scotts Head.

The men's major singles for 2016 is carded for Sunday 14th August (subject to player availability).

Danny Barrett V Callum Murray and Phil Baker V Jack Lewis.

Entries are open for the 2016 major/minor pairs and close Monday 15th August. Rounds 1 and 2 to be played on or before 28th August.

The Pat Geary Shield is being played this weekend (6/7 August) at Helekulani. Port City players picked to represent zone 14 are Phil Baker, John Hrabak, Jack Lewis, Callum Murray and Bryce Stewart.

Nominations are open for the travelling bowlers management committee and close on 12th August. The AGM will be held on 21st August followed by bowls.

By the time most of you read this the "new" club will have opened. Come and have a look at the new extensions and refurbishment and support the "new" club. A successful mother club will mean a successful bowling club.

A new date has been set for the prawn & chicken night. (let's hope the prawns turn up this time !). It will be held Thursday August 18th at 6pm.

A sheet and information is on the board for the upcoming 2016 club challenge which is due to start in September.

Don't forget the men's meat raffle every Friday, tickets available from 5pm with the draw at 7pm. Ask for our special deals when buying tickets. Meat trays are proudly supplied by Wiggly Tail Butchery.

Remember to check out "latest bowls news" blog for news and happenings at clubs around our district. Also bowls tab on the Port City web site

Free coaching is available on Saturday and Sunday mornings (bowls provided). Contact the bowls office for details

Social Bowls:

The inclement weather on Wednesday and Thursday saw social bowls cancelled.

Friday:

Winners (\$15): Bob Kemp – Brian Sharman. Consolation (\$7) Brian Crewe – Bill Grant.
Don Ramsay missed the \$600 jackpot

Sunday:

60 bowlers today
The \$100 jackpot did not find a home.
Lucky envelopes to-
M. Firth, I. Code, H. Durrant, L. Scholz, K. Dalton and W. Dawe.

Raffle winners-

G. Connell, Nev Schwartz and K. Giblin

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Cheers
Colin Halls