

About 100 members, past members and friends attended the Emu Point 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on Sunday 24 September.



After assembling on A green for a group photo, Men's Captain Allen Poor escorted the players onto B green to participate in a Spider hunt contest which was won by Kevin Crane. The first bowls of the new season were put down by Beryl Ballantyne, Joan Ward, Anne Flint and our three male life members Len Buktenica, Ray Lewis and Wally Mycock. It was then down to business with a game of 18 ends which was won by Tery Martin, Colin Anning and Ann Flint.



Bowlers searching for their bowls after the Spider Hunt



On the mat for the first official bowls of the new season. Beryl, Joan and Ann are in the foreground.



Len Buktenica, Ray Lewis and Wally Mycock putting down the opening bowls of the season.

Participants in the Social Competition.



Issy Mason



Jenny Martin



Des Foster & Tery Martin



Andy MacFarlane



Doug Wright



After the game, participants were offered the obligatory champagne and/or orange juice under the guidance of Phil Wegner and his team.



Reminiscing – Beryl Ballantyne & Joan Ward



President Jim Hyde made the welcoming remarks and then life member Wally Mycock had a few words about the history of the Club and proposed a toast to all members, past and present.



Jim Hyde



Wally Mycock



Len Bucktenica

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Allen Poor then presented a commemorative crest to Ladies' President Gwen Anning and Men's President Jim Hyde. He also gave a similar badge to all members. This was an incredibly generous contribution by Allen who gives so much to the Club.



An impressive 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake was wheeled out and ceremoniously cut by Mavis and Terry Arundel.



So, whether it be playing pennants, or organised social, or just having a roll with another member, we need to acknowledge each other, our members who play with good humour, enjoy each other's company and provide the welcoming atmosphere that allows others, especially potential members to want to become a permanent part of this Club.



Some of the hard workers behind the scenes in the kitchen.

There are numerous members we should thank for their contributions towards the Anniversary Day:

- Allen Poor for all his preparation for the day including the invitations, decorations and his badges.
- Wally Mycock for his many hours spent chasing up past members.
- All the ladies who provided food, and those who organised it all in the kitchen.
- June Mott and Di Buxton for preparing the tables and their decorations.
- Most of the photos in this newsletter were taken by Murray Martin. He has also organised the framing of one of his drone photos of members in front of the bowls arranged to make a 50.
- The members who stayed inside the Clubrooms to welcome past members, rather than partake in the day's play.
- Anyone else who I have missed mentioning.

It was also great to see past members who now play at other Clubs in town, but they still were happy to participate in the day's proceedings.

#### **Coming events:**

- Tues/Wed 3-4 October – Albany Men's Dollar Shot Carnival
- Wed 4 October – Ladies Club Pairs (Drawn teams, 9.30am start)
- Fri 6 October – Emu Point Ladies' Gala Day (if sufficient teams nominate)
- Sat/Sun 7-8 October – Men's Championship Pairs. (No organised Social Bowls on Saturday)
- Mon/Tues 9-10 October – Ladies' Kulin Classic