



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2009



Runner-up Annette Scutt with 2008/9 VLBA Singles Champion Lesley Russell

On a cool and cloudy Sunday morning Lesley Russell scorched the greens with a masterful display of pressure bowling. Our new champion sped to a lead of 14 shots to 4 early in this contest. Annette used all her guile and skill to try and edge back into the contest but was thwarted by Lesley's attacking bowls. In many of the final ends of this contest, Annette was holding one or more shots before Lesley converted to her advantage and ultimate victory. The final margin 25 – 16 was a true tribute to Lesley's bowling on the day. Well done Champ!



Runner-up Keith Pepper with marker RVBA President Peter Learmonth and 2008/9 RVBA Singles Champion John Cowling

This contest began as the blue sky emerged from the clouds and a warm sun illuminated the front green. The wily old fox John Cowling burst from the mat to forge an eight shot lead in this final. His challenger then showed that he was up for the fight. To cheers of "Go Cocko" from son Jarrod, Keith fought back to take a 9 – 8 lead before he produced some masterful bowls to get to 13 – 9. After taking some deep draws on his gaspers and a timely glass of water, John focused on his bowls to pressure his young challenger. The score reached 23 – 13 in John's favour before Keith was able to gain more shots. Keith was able to get his score to 19 before an unlucky, untimely tickle of the kitty conceded the game to his opponent.

John Cowling is champion for the EIGHTH time. Well done El Supreme!

SPONSORS' CORNER

Boronia Drycleaners is situated on the “wrong” side of Boronia Road . If you are leaving the club it is on the left hand side, but if you are in the Mall or Dorset Square or the Junction Shopping Centre, then you have to cross the road. Mind you, if you have dry cleaning, repairs, or alterations to be done, it is well worth the hazardous crossing into the safe haven managed by the ever-so-friendly Rudi or Anika.

The price for dry cleaning three pairs of slacks has skyrocketed to \$18, a minimal cost for quality work you must agree, and who wants to turn up to a function looking as though you’ve been working overtime for Martello Motors or Bridgestone Tyres?

And ladies, if you have that extra piece of finery you used to wear at the local dance hall and you want to re-embrace those heady days, Boronia Drycleaners will take good care of everything for you. Even if it’s leather or suede they do a terrific job. And just to smarten up the home, you might like to have the curtains dry cleaned too.

Hopefully one day, we will see the Mariani’s at the Club, but in the meantime for friendly and personalized service with all your dry cleaning needs, be sure to visit **Boronia Drycleaners** first

Ever had to change the locks at home or office? Do you require locks on your windows? How about a keysafe outside so you don’t get caught short? For all these and more, **Eastern Suburbs Locksmiths** is the place to go. See Neil and the boys for expert advise and consultation. Quick repairs to existing locks is another service offered.

Security these days is becoming quite a high priority, and it helps to give comfort to be able to speak to someone knowledgeable.

If you have any qualms at all about security in your home, pay a visit to **Eastern Suburbs Locksmiths**, located in Dorset Road quite near the CBA.

Eastern Suburbs Locksmiths have supported the Club for many years now and we must support them in return to keep them coming back.

Again this is a small business offering friendly and professional services to the local community through the Bowls Club, so please remember to think of them first when the need arises.

Tels Teaser.

A kangaroo word is one which carries within it a smaller word which is a synonym; e.g destruction – ruin.

Find the synonyms within the following words; all letters are in the correct order.

1. BLOSSOMS.
2. EVACUATE.
3. ENCOURAGE.
4. CALUMNIES.
5. PERIMETER.
6. RAPSCALLION.
7. CURTAIL.
8. PRATTLE
9. PERAMBULATE.
10. JOVIALITY.
11. REGULATES.
12. SPLOTCHES
13. MATCHES.
14. CONTAINER.



VLBA President's Report January 09

After the Christmas break it was good to see so many bowlers turn out for Pennant Practice and keenly await the resumption of the Pennant Season. Our A1 and A2 sides are not out of contention for participation in the Pennant Finals and our B1s are holding their own so keep up the good work, Girls.

We are saddened at the loss of Norma Pitt on Christmas Day, her acceptance of what she knew was inevitable was an inspiration to her family and all her friends. Norma will be long remembered for her deep involvement in club activities and the cheerfulness which endeared her to all who had contact with her.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with those who are not enjoying the best of health, particularly Margaret Rost and Elvie Williams who are going through difficult periods at the moment.

The 2008 Christmas hamper raffle raised \$839 and the Gala Day \$1546. Thanks to all who donated items and worked so hard on these two splendid efforts. The winners of the Christmas raffle were:-

1st Prize – ticket no 2748 – G Castle

2nd Prize – ticket no 1150 – E Wolske

3rd Prize – ticket no 3143 – Joan Anderson

The Christmas Dinner Dance was well attended and thanks to all who helped make it an enjoyable evening.

I wish all good bowling for the rest of the season.

Margaret Learmonth President VLBA Section

RVBA President's Report January 09

At the start of the new year I hope that all will return to pennant and our other competitions with renewed enthusiasm to maintain our tradition that Boronia is a proud and happy club.

Before the pennant recess our top two sides were in strong contention to participate in the pennant finals and the other sides were consolidating their positions within their Divisions. It is pleasing to see that in spite of the many changes forced upon the selectors each week, each side has been able to maintain its competitiveness and the players and selectors are to be congratulated on their efforts in this regard.

Members will have noticed several improvements around the greens recently with the provision of new rink scoreboards, new main scoreboards and new rink mats, the latter being sponsored by Club Kilsyth. These improvements together with the addition of another rainwater tank have complemented our splendid grass greens and as one member put it – “We now really look like a bowls club”. We thank the Executive Committee for approving the requests made by members for these improvements.

With the continuation of the water restrictions and the advent of hot weather it is now more important that we respect our greenkeeper's request to minimize walking on and standing on the green unless delivering a bowl or directing the head. Our bent grass is very susceptible to heat stress and will be quickly damaged if we do not minimize our movements on the green especially in periods of hot weather. At this stage both greens are standing up well, thanks to the care and attention of greenkeeper Guy Wallace, Ian Kerr and Bruce Le grew who stepped in when Ian was unwell.

Our Club Championship this season was again won by the evergreen J.C. from Keith Pepper. John and Keith are to be congratulated for their fine exhibition of bowling in the final, and all the other contestants are commended for their improved efforts, particularly Jarrod Pepper who has made great progress by reaching the semi-final since winning the Ron Eastlake Novice event last season.

Other significant events in December were the presentation of OBE's to Ken Maloney and Peter Stiff by RVBA Councillor and Group Chairman Les Baker, and the presentation of the Sir George Knox Perpetual Shield which the club won on the 2008 Parliamentary Bowls Day organized by Ferntree Gully MP Nick Wakeling.

A hearty welcome is extended to Dennis Mitchell who transferred from Bayswater, and new members Andrew Gosden and David Inglis. I trust that you will all enjoy a long and happy association with our great club and I wish all members “Good Bowling” for the remainder of the current season.

Peter Learmonth President RVBA Section

Social Activities – Lists on Wall in foyer

Casserole ‘n Cards Night

6.30 pm Friday 23 January

Join Club Members and Visitors for tasty casseroles followed by games of Crazy Whist.

“I can’t play cards” – do you know the 4 suits – you can play Crazy Whist

“I don’t know anyone going” – come along and meet us – you’ll know many by the end of the night.

The bar is open.

After Pennant Dinner

Vindian Restaurant

7 pm Tuesday 24 February

\$22 per person

Put your names on list in foyer

Moama Trip

If you wish to take the trip to Moama in Late April a list will be up soon on which you can record you interest.

This trip has been run for many years by Alf and Irene Jackson.

Members and friends have stayed at a Moama motel and enjoyed three days of bowls at Rich River and Moama as well as meals and other activities arranged by the organizers.

Congratulations

Ian and Aileen Kerr celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 28 February 2009

Life Member and former Club President Wally Fankhauser died on 29 October 2008

This article was recently printed in the Knox Leader

Here are some facts about Wally which were revealed by his daughters Gwen and Joan during his funeral service:

Wally's father bought 44 acres on the corner of Burwood Highway and Cathies Lane Wantirna in 1903. He cleared the land and made a living selling the timber for ovens.

Wally was born in 1909 and 3 brothers and 5 sisters followed him.

One of his earliest memories was telling his mother "Mum I saw a motor car today." Burwood Hwy was a one track gravel road and pretty rough. Mountain Hwy or Bayswater Road as it was then wasn't made at all and was a sea of mud in the winter and a cloud of dust in the summer.

He went to school in Wantirna starting in 1914.

One day he came home to find his mother crying – her younger brother had been killed in the war in France. Her family lived in Doncaster and one of her family had to ride over on a horse to tell her – that was the only means of transport.

Wally attended Melbourne High School and completed his Intermediate Certificate before working with his father on the orchard.

Motoring had taken off by the 1920's however in the winter the roads would be flooded and Dandenong Creek would come up. The local boys would take a horse down to the creek and pull stranded cars from the creek at 10 bob a time.

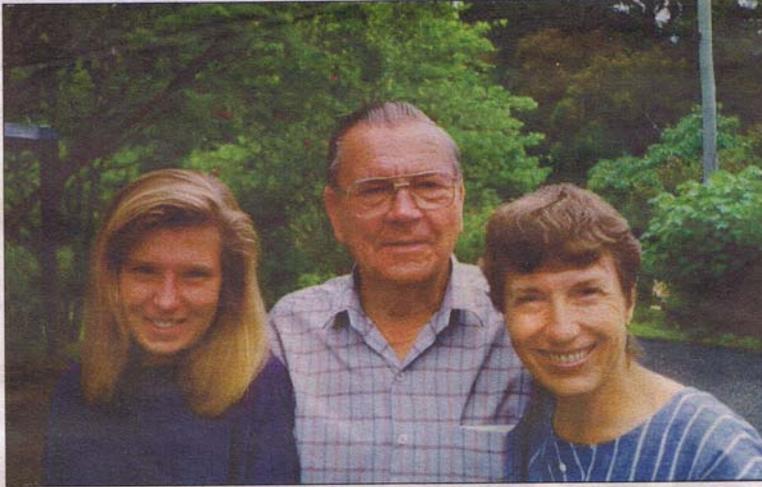
About 1919 there would have been about 4 or 5 houses on the northern side of Burwood Hwy between Dandenong Creek and Stud Road. Stud Road corner where Knox City is, was a swamp which was eventually drained.

Until about 1929 all the fruit from the orchard was carted by horse and wagon. It was Wally's job to load the wagon and take it to Blackburn railway station which was the central loading station. The old horse was slow and it would be dark by the time he got home. The water and electricity came to Wantirna in about the 1940's

They had the first phone in the area it was originally connected to the Hawthorn exchange, then Canterbury then finally Vermont.

Obituary

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Well-known and loved Knox resident Wally Fankhauser, pictured with his granddaughter Johannah Wilson and daughter Gwen Wilson.

Orchardist dies at 99

THE son of a Wantirna pioneer has died at the age of 99. Born in 1909, Walter 'Wally' Fankhauser worked his father's apple and peach orchard near Cathies Lane in Wantirna until he retired in the 1960s.

His father planted the orchard "from virgin bush", and the land now forms part of EastLink, according to his daughter Gwen Wilson.

Mr Fankhauser went to Melbourne High School, where he met his wife Grace.

The couple worked in an orchard in Officer,

Gippsland, for a short time before moving back to Wantirna.

Mr Fankhauser was well-known in Wantirna for his roles as secretary of the Eastern Metropolitan Fruit Growers Association and president of Wantirna Co-operative Coolstores.

After retirement, he and his wife, Grace, moved to Boronia, where they lived for 30 years, spending much time at the Boronia Bowling Club where Mr Fankhauser was a life member and president.

The couple had two daughters, Joan and Gwen, and loved spending time with their five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr Fankhauser saw a lot of changes during his life, including when water and electricity first came to Wantirna in the 1940s, and his family had the first telephone in the area.

He later moved to Glengollan Village in Ferntree Gully after Grace died.

He died on October 29 this year.

Thank You

1.

Dear Members,

Pat & I wish to thank you for the telephone calls & "Get Well" wishes received over the last six months.

Special thanks to all who ferried us to Box Hill Hospital during my six weeks of Radiotherapy there. This was of great assistance to us.

Thanks also to the "Ferrymasters" Bruce & Myra for drawing up the rosters.

I hope to see you on the Greens sometime soon.

*Sincerely,
John Edwards*

2.

Jim Hughes died in November after a long illness. On Thursday 13 November the after service refreshments were held at the club.

Jim's family appreciated this and asked that their thanks be forwarded to the members of the Club for making it possible.

Many members attended Jim's funeral service and were among the 120 people who partook of the refreshments.

The Club, once again thank all the helpers in the kitchen and the bar for volunteering to assist on this day.

Birthday List

Happy Tidings to these members (beware of John Cowling he only wants \$2 birthday tax for the Pizza Club collection)

These members were born in January:

Alan Forster, Fred Wilson, Ray Bilton, Len Moore, Maureen Bates, Cheryl McCarthy, Brian Macca Richo McCristal 50 on 17th, Rob Trinnick, Peter Learmonth, Angelo Lia

February birthdays:

Mavis Kohler, Joy Curtis, Elvie Williams, Irene Hunnam, Margaret Grossbard

HAVE A LAUGH

3 women in a Sauna

Three Women, two younger and one senior citizen were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound. The young woman pressed her forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at her questioningly. "That was my pager," she said "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm." A few minutes later there was a ringing sound. The second young woman lifted her palm to her ear. When she finished, she explained, "That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand."

The older woman felt very low-tech. Not to be outdone, she decided to do something just as impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. She returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear-end. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her. The older woman finally said...."Well, will you look at that ... I'm getting a fax!!"

Pizza Club

Future activities:

Bad Taste Tie night
Pizza Club Pairs

Come and join in any Thursday
after pennant practice for Pizza,
drinks and laughs

Pennant Standings

ladders at Sportingpulse
VLBA

A1 currently in **3rd** place one win behind top

All remaining games are against sides below Boronia on the ladder

A2 currently in **2nd** place one and a half wins behind top

Assuming good prior results our game at home against top side Mulgrave may determine our final position

B1 currently in **5th** place only two wins behind top

Good performances home and away in the last 5 games will complete the season.

RVBA

Div 2 Sect 5 currently in **5th** place 7 points behind **4th**
Must win majority of last six games to earn a finals match

Div 2 Sect 6 currently in **4th** place 13 points ahead of **5th**
Must continue its good form to ensure a finals match

Div 4 Sect 5 currently in **6th** place 19 points behind **4th**
Its destiny is in its own hands as it plays 4 teams above it in the run home

Div 5 Sect 5 currently in **8th** place 13 points ahead of **9th**
Must beat some teams above it on the ladder to consolidate its position in this section

Div 7 Sect 5 currently in **6th** place 25 points below **4th** and 19 points above **9th**
3 home wins is this team's target together with good away performances

Night Pennant

ladders at www.hrbc.org.au

Section 2 currently in **4th** place 15 points below **1st**

Plays all sides above it in run home – good wins may get them a semi-final

Section 3 currently in **6th** place 32 points below **2nd**

This team's strategy is to focus on retaining the Bragger's Cup when it is contested in March

Tel Teaser Answers :

1. Blooms, 2. Vacate,
3. Urge, 4. Lies, 5. Rim, 6. Rascal, 7. Cut,
8. Prate, 9. ® Amble, 10. Joy,
11. Rules,
12. Spots, 13. Mates,
14. Can/Tin.

Children's Science Exam
Kevin Gamel offers these

real children's science exam answers...

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery. (The kid gets an A+ for this answer!)

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean? (I do love this one...)

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian Section.'

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?'

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.