



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2009

On Christmas evening 2008, long-time, much loved club member Norma Pitt lost her battle with cancer. Her family asked that their thanks be conveyed to all members.



Thank you to the Boronia Bowls Club

Derek, Kathy and Anthony would sincerely like to thank ALL the members.

Norma loved Christmas and as hard as it was for her through the suffering, waited until Christmas day. She was a very, very strong woman.

Norma dearly loved to play bowls and to be with the people she met playing at the club. So Thank you for being there for her.

We would like to thank you for all the kind donations made to the Cancer Council in Norma's name, apparently over \$1,000 was donated. This is a great effort in these very hard times and Norma would have been proud of this achievement made by all her friends.

A special thank you to all the members who organized the refreshments at the club after the service, it was a great load off the minds of the Pitt family, A fantastic job that we couldn't have done without YOU!!

Once again thank you to ALL at the Boronia Bowls Club for your care and support.

Derek, Kathy and Anthony Pitt

SPONSORS CORNER

At the time of writing the temperature is sitting on about 44 degrees, (112 in the old scale), and although we have all been advised not to venture past the front door, one of the most comfortable places to be is the air-conditioned shopping centre.

A trip to Knox can be particularly fruitful during the so-called credit crunch, because shop keepers are desperate to sell and are open to bargaining.

You could start with a visit to **ESCAPE TRAVEL** and meet the new manager Jade Webb. She is a very friendly person who has many “specials” on at the moment, both nationally and internationally. So if the weather doesn’t suit you this week, why not get away for a few days until it changes? At least have a chat and see what’s on offer.

You could then move further into the centre and drop in to **PROUDS** where Rod Clarke or his bevy of ladies will make you equally welcome. The prices of jewellery here are always good but again, right now is the time to get an even better bargain. You can buy a wall thermometer in case you didn’t believe it the first time, lovely “bling” for the ladies, clocks and ornaments. Mention Collingwood and Rod will give you an extra discount, especially if they are lucky enough to win!

If you then like to saunter out the back into the Ozone, perhaps after your fourth cup of coffee and muffin or vanilla slice, the guys in **JOHN ALAN RETRAVISION** will be waiting to sell you white goods etc. at prices you would not believe. If you were lucky enough to find some of Kevin Rudd’s’ handout in your bank account and you would like to update your old washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, rangehood, or whatever, this is the place to go. See Len Gardner for better than Good Guy prices, and if you don’t know any of the above-mentioned people, tell them you are a member of Boronia Bowls Club and we’ll all get the same deals next year. It really is up to you. So happy shopping in comfortable surroundings, and tell us of your good experiences.

Meanwhile back in sunny downtown Boronia, there are many good films on at the moment, so why not pop into **METRO CINEMAS** and check the times. Jane will serve your every need in air-conditioned comfort, so once again you can enjoy the extreme weather conditions.



Tels Teaser.

What is the longest word that can be typed on the top row of a typewriter?

RVBA Minor 4 Bowls Singles Final – The Battle of Ages



Jarrold Pepper

Peter Learmonth

Bill Nicholas

In the red corner with his red Taylor Vectors and his trusty Bowling Arm is our Super Veteran Bill Nicholas. This wily old fellow has beaten all his challengers and earned his position in this final. With two weeks to plan his training and practice routine, Bill has been spending each spare minute at the club honing his delivery and practicing all lengths of play.

In the black corner with his black Dreamlines is Jarrod Pepper. Together with wife Lindsey he is expecting his first child next month. His new career as a personal trainer keeps him fit and healthy but limits his practice time.

Bill wins the toss and chooses a long end to start the game. A streak of red zips down rink 4 and his bowl stops close to its target the yellow kitty. Bowls are played in turn and Jarrod runs up the green after his last bowl to find he has won the end by 1 shot.

The next 6 ends are played in this familiar pattern with Jarrod leading 4-3.

A change then comes over the game as Jarrod scores, 2 then 3 then a pair of twos. He has shortened the length of the game – short to the ditch and is playing well. His cries of “Come on Jezza” encourage his bowls – they must have heard him because the crowd of about 40 members and friends certainly did. Bill however turned down his hearing aid and focused on his challenge.

Bill wins the next to ends as the smell of barbequed sausages permeates the rinks. Alas he scores only 1 shot on each end.

Jarrold wins three ends in a row to reach 17-5, before Bill replies with a 2 shot end.

Jarrold wins the next 2 ends before handing Bill the mat with the score 20-7. The wily fellow puts the pressure on his younger opponent with a resting toucher on a full length end. Jarrold answers this bowl by drawing the kitty from Bill's bowl and holding game. Bill tries to retrieve the shot but misses out. Jarrold wins without releasing his last bowl.

Well done fellows you played an excellent game which entertained the crowd.

Marker RVBA President Peter Learmonth did a flawless job.

Bill there are only 364 days till next year's final so you can practice and ponder tactics for next year's challenger.

Jarrold you as winner have played yourself into Open company – well bowled.

VLBA Minor Singles Final

Carol Ashmore and Rhonda Solomon played a very long and competitive final in the club's VLBA Minor Singles. The scores were close all the way through this game. Marker Joanne Vryens helped players with their queries about bowl positions in the head.

After the game both Rhonda and Carol said they were most nervous when they commenced the last end of the game, when either player could win the game. This was a long end, away from the clubhouse, on the near 15 second green.

Rhonda won this end and the title (she was runner-up last year).

Congratulations Rhonda and Carol on an excellent bowling exhibition.

RVBA 100 up Final

John Cowling overtook Bill Paus in the last end to win our 100 up final.

Well done John and Bill



Boronia's VLBA A1 rink of Lesley Russell, Pat Harvey, Brenda Degenhardt and Wilma Paus scored the magical eight shots during their recent pennant match against Croydon

Not to be outdone RVBA Division 4 rink of Dennis Mitchell, Bob Sands, Ron Evans and Graham Worthington also scored an eight against Heathmont on 21 February.

RVBA Reg Lucas Medalist

Robin Shaw has won the Reg Lucas Medal as our top side's most valuable player (MVP) as voted by the opposing skips each week in the pennant season.

Jack Kirby and Troy Haartsen tied for the second side's MVP.

Bill Paus was the MVP for the third side.

Max McNaughton was MVP for the fourths.

Geoff Woodford was MVP for the fifths.

Sid Styles won the award (donated by Troy & Amy Haartsen) for the player who scored most votes in more than one side.

RVBA finals

Boronia's First side plays Ashburton at Ashburton on Saturday 28 February.

After a successful Saturday the Sectional final will be played at Glen Waverley on the next day – Sunday 1 March.

Boronia is hosting the Division 4 Section 5 final on Sunday 1 March.

Group 13 Mixed Pairs

The first round of the Group 13 Mixed Pairs will be played at Boronia and Glen Waverley on Wednesday 25 February at 7 pm.

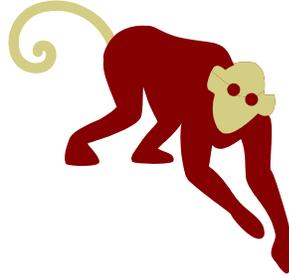
Six Boronia teams have entered this competition. We wish them good bowls.



Birthday List

These members were born in March:

Brian Carolan, Brad Castle, Barbara Kwijas, Bob Stace, George Bisset, Les Lucas, Ian Kerr, Derek Pitt, Wilma Paus, Barry Ward, Leigh McLean, Bob Sands, Ron Evans



CANNON BALLS !!! DID YOU KNOW THIS ?

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships.

But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen.

Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass - hence, Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey. And all this time, you thought that was just a vulgar expression, didn't you? You must send this fabulous bit of historical knowledge to at least a few uneducated friends.



May Matthews' Monthly Message

What's the difference between a rich Scotsman, a poor Scotsman and a dead Scotsman?

A rich Scotsman has a canopy over his bed.

A poor Scotsman has a can o' pee under his bed.

A dead Scotsman canna pee at all

Tels Teaser.Answer: typewriter.

SMILE

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes, I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine. Take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends.

But, thank God,
I still have my driver's licence.

I felt like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to go to a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

THE SENILITY PRAYER:

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.



SEVENTEEN ONE LINERS TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
2. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them
3. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
4. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
5. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
6. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
7. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
8. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
9. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
10. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
11. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
12. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
13. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
14. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
15. Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
16. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
17. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on.



Super Market Queues!

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?' Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

APRONS

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - except love.



THE ITALIAN TOMATO GARDEN

An old Italo-American man lived alone in the country. He wanted to dig his tomato garden, but it was very hard work as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son & described his predicament.

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty badly because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me.

Love, Dad

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

Don't dig up that garden.

That's where I buried the bodies.

Love, Vinnie.

At 4 a.m. The next morning, FBI agents & local police arrived & dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man & left.

The next day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

Go ahead & plant the tomatoes now.

That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you, Vinnie

**Our Night Pennant season is coming to a climax
Bragger's Rights Cup Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 7.30 pm**



Will Boronia 2 retain its “Bragging Rights”?

Outrageous and Out-spoken Spectators are Welcome.

Which team is really Boronia's “No.1” Night side?

Format

- Each rink will play a set of 5 ends against each rink in the other side.
- The jack does not need to be centred. It can be played wherever it finishes on the green. (legal length rule applies)
- No dead ends – re-spot jack on the 2 metre mark on the side it went out of bounds.
- Skip nominates a power play end, if his team wins the end they score double the number of shots won. Both skips can nominate the same end as a power play, the fifth end in a set is a power play for a side where no nomination is made.

Before each subsequent set of 5 ends each rink will change its order – skip to lead, lead to second, second to third and third to skip. Original SKIP retains and completes card for rest of night

Two points for each win in a set

One point for a draw in a set

If points even at end of 20 ends then shots will decide winner.

If still a tie then all players will spread to sides of green and bowl one bowl each simultaneously to a jack rolled on the green. Closest bowl to jack wins.