



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2010

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WELCOME TO SEASON 2010/11

The opening of the new bowling season will also see a new chapter in the history of the club with the opening of the resurfaced number 1 green. The sacrifice made in foregoing the use of the green for the latter half of last season should be adequately rewarded by having a quality tift dwarf green and its refurbished banks and ditches. In addition to the contract works, many hours were put in by our band of dedicated workers. Although the initial sowing did not give us a desired outcome, the resowing and the intensive watering program achieved a successful strike which now promises a quality green. Although it will be slow in initial stages we can expect a consistent paced playing surface as it settles down. All those members who were involved in the project are to be congratulated on the outcome which should allow the introduction of winter bowls at the end of the current season.

For those who are unwell it is hoped that you may be able to resume club activities as soon as you are able.

Good Bowling to All

Peter Learmonth
Executive Director

SPONSORS CORNER.

We are starting off a bumper new season with all the sponsors eagerly waiting to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Maybe you have been keeping in touch during the winter but we'd really like you to start now and say hello to as many sponsors as you can.

This season we welcome two new sponsors in Mr Muffler and Prima 7 Carpet Cleaning. Mr Muffler is in Scoresby Road almost opposite the Fire Station and is a licensed roadworthy tester. Hamish is your man and he does a shocking job on brakes...no, he does a great job on brakes and shockers. You may need to call for an appointment but all details are in the new fixture book.

Some of you may remember Rudi from Boronia Drycleaners. Well Rudi now has his own carpet cleaning business and what he doesn't know about cleaning carpets and stains you could brush under the doormat. Rudi has brought the clubhouse carpets back to life and will do the same for yours at a very, very reasonable price. Why not call for a quote, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Don't forget too, the three sponsors who helped us with the new shirts. You'll be seeing and hearing a lot more from them during the season.

Have a great season and let's make it a great one for all our supporters too.
Thank you.

TEL'S TEASER.

An easy one first up to stimulate the grey matter.

Question: Mrs Smith left on a trip the day after the day before yesterday and she will be back the eve of the day after tomorrow. How many days is she away?

Life in the Australian Army...

Text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga to Mum and Dad. (For those of you not in the know, Eromanga is a small town, west of Quilpie in the far south west of Queensland)

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of piss!! You don't even load your own cartridges, they comes in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozer.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter,

Sheila

Rob & Joy Curtis' Winter Wanderings

During our winter break Joy and Rob travel to Woodgate, Queensland. Woodgate is situated 50 kms South of Bundaberg and 30 kms east of Childers. There isn't much there except for a Caravan Park Hotel General store and Bowling Club. The bowling club has two eight rink greens sewn with Tift dwarf grass. The club is much the same as ours about 150 bowlers members and very friendly also. When we come up here we feel like were coming home to our club as the members are very friendly. They serve meals and have poker machines. The rinks have mechanically operated covers which they use mainly in the summer. We both bowl Friday mixed, Saturday men's and ladies on separate greens, both mufti and Sunday mixed whites, Ladies Tuesday and men's Wednesday. The other days we fish or go shopping. This year the weather hasn't been as warm as others, but much warmer than Melbourne. The park is full of bowlers and we make up half of the rinks. Happy hour on Mondays at 5pm in the caravan park and the discussion is mainly bowls. During our stay we join in the winter carnival a week of bowling ending with a nice dinner. They also have a Caravan park verses the Bowling club, we the caravan park, won last year. On another Sunday they have the shirts verses the skirts, unfortunately the skirts won.

Shortly after our arrival the club made a request for bowlers to go and support a nearby club that was struggling for entries in their carnival. They asked if any visitors would be interested, Joy and I volunteered; the club paired us with some visitors from Cohune. The couple were Yvonne and Ron Eckhardt, both retired school teachers. Ron and Yvonne were most interesting, for the past five years they have been volunteer teachers on outback properties and aboriginal communities.

On the day we traveled to a small bowling club called Isis Central Mill Bowling Club, 50 kilometres from Woodgate. The club was situated in the middle of a huge sugar cane plantation and alongside the sugar mill. They had a seven rink green and a four rink green. They have only a small membership and no lady bowlers. Bowlers came from Bundaberg, Bagara, Woodgate and Childers. The competition was fours, three games of eighteen ends a big day of bowling. Anyway at the end of the day we had won our three games and to our surprise we won the day, more surprisingly was the prize we won \$100 each, and there were plenty of other prizes. Although short of members they must have good sponsors.

We had a day out and ladies kept us in the games which were hard fought.

The fishing hasn't been as productive as the bowling. But the twenty kilometres of beach is very attractive for walking and driving along. We enjoy our stay here each year and have made some very good friends. Thanks to Lawn Bowls.

Casseroles and Cards Night

Rob & Joy Curtis and Bryan & Lorraine Dennehy run Cards and Casserole Nights.

Next Casseroles and Cards Friday 24 September – list will be in foyer.

We know it clashes with pennant practice but it is going ahead anyhow.

LADIES AND MEN'S SECTION PRESIDENTS WELCOME

A warm welcome to all members old and new, fit, healthy and ready for the season 2010 – 2011.

Members are drifting back from their holidays further north or overseas, others are starting to call into the club to see how the new green is progressing and Winter bowling at other clubs is almost finished, so we can expect our members to return to the fold very soon.

During the winter season we were saddened with the passing of two long time members of the club John Edwards and Bill Magill we will miss them both.

We would like to thank **Guy, Ian** and the **various working parties** who have worked throughout the winter period to complete the outstanding work on our Tiftdwarf green, and ensured that both greens will be ready for the start of the season.

Lindsay Russell has been doing some painting in the clubrooms in recent times, and we have had a large working bee which has given the club rooms a general clean up prior to the start of the season.

Well done to you all.

PENNANT INFORMATION

This will be an exciting and challenging season for both sections and the selection committees will be working hard again to fill the sides each week.

The **Ladies section** will be entering **three** pennant teams this year. Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

The **Men's section** will be entering **five teams** in Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

The club is also entering **two teams** in the **night pennant** competition again this year.

The recently established **Bowls Victoria** has also been working on establishing the new administrative procedures, which we will be operating under in the season 2011 – 2012. Bowls Vic are now putting out a weekly newsletter which will be on the notice board in the foyer, or members can access the newsletter on the Bowls Vic website www.bowlsvic.org.au.

Again welcome back and we are looking forward to meeting you again at our Opening of the Greens function on Saturday the 28th August, see you there.

We wish you all a healthy happy and successful bowling season.

Joan Connan
President
Ladies Section
Boronia Bowls Club

Bruce Perry
President
Men's Section
Boronia Bowls Club

VLBA SECTION PRACTICE GAMES

14 September

Div 1 Ferntree Gully at Boronia
Div 2 Ferntree Gully at Ferntree Gully
Div 3 Ferntree Gully at Ferntree Gully

21 September

Div 1 Lilydale at Lilydale
Div 2 Lilydale at Lilydale
Div 3 Lilydale at Boronia

TUESDAY PENNANT

Round 1 5 October

Div 1 Lilydale – **Home**
Div 2 Glen Eira McKinnon 2 – **Away**
Div 3 Bayswater 2 – **Home**

Round 2 12 October

Div 1 Heathmont - **Away**
Div 2 Bayswater - **Home**
Div 3 Waverley Golf 2 **Away**

RVBA SECTION PRACTICE GAMES

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

Put your name on lists in foyer

4 September

Interclub practice

11 September

Boronia 1 away at Bayswater
Boronia 2 Bayswater at home
Boronia 3 away at Bayswater
Boronia 4 Bayswater at home

18 September

Boronia 1 Upwey Tecoma at home
Boronia 2 away at Mount Waverley
Boronia 3 Mount Waverley at home
Boronia 4 away at Upwey Tecoma

24 September FRIDAY evening 7 pm

RVBA Charity Day

Boronia 1 Bayswater at home
Boronia 2 away at Bayswater
Boronia 3 Bayswater at home
Boronia 4 away at Bayswater

25 September AFL Grand Final Day

RVBA Charity Day

Interclub practice to be announced

SATURDAY PENNANT

Round 1 - 2 October

Div 2 Sect 5 Mulgrave CC 2 **Away**

Div 3 Sect 4 Vermont South 2 **Home**

Div 4 Sect 5 Bayswater 3 **Away**

Div 5 Sect 5 Upwey Tecoma 2 **Home**

Div 7 Sect 6 Heatherdale 6 **Away**

NIGHT PENNANT

Boronia has entered two teams

Comp starts on Tuesday 9 November 2009 at
7.30 pm

All bowling members (male or female)
including Social members are eligible

List in the foyer

We need new players

Two loved club members passed away during our winter break.

John Edwards passed away on 5th June after a long painful illness.

John together with his loving wife Patricia joined our club more than 20 years ago. They migrated to Australia after John had retired in Wales to be near their son Jeff and grandson Matt.

Jeff joined the club last season and members were chuffed to see John and Pat beside the green as Jeff participated in the two bowl and other new bowler events towards the end of the season.

Long-time bowlers will recall John's unique bowls delivery – he always bobbed up and down as he was about to deliver his bowl.

John was a proud member who loved our club. He is missed by all.

Bill Magill passed away on 8th July after a long struggle with emphysema.



(This tribute to Bill was drawn by his grand-daughter and is reproduced with permission of Yvonne Magill.)

Bill joined our club about 14 years ago.

Bowls was a love shared equally with pigeon racing for Bill. He would only commence pennant when the pigeon racing season had finished.

Bill was a member of our 2nd division side which lost the Division Grand Final before finishing third the 2nd Division State Playoffs and competed in Division One in 2005/6. He finished his career as an Undefeated Skip – winning all four games he played as skip in our second side before returning to the firsts to finish the season.

In recent years Bill played third to Jack Kirby, a formidable combination, Bill learned to bark back when Jack uttered a typical snarl and the rink enjoyed some good wins together.

Bill enjoyed playing in open pairs and triples each month at Ringwood and Heathmont.

The edge in these contests stirred Bill's competitive juices.

We miss you Bill.

OLDER BUT GOLDER

June

Leon Gemmell (1st); Vin Hughes (3rd); Shirley Barrow (4th); Royce Wardle (4th); Gill Dyson (5th); Marg Connell (6th); Lesley Russell (9th); Helen Aston (10th); Hans Eriksen (10th); Hilary Broadwell (20th); Garry Overs (20th); David Treleaven (26th); Betty Coulson (27th)

July

Troy Haartsen (2nd); Steve Castle (5th); Kevin Gamel (7th); Fred Mohren (12th); Shirley Moxon (17th); Gerry Kligerman (20th); Sid Styles (20th); Don Korver (21st); Sheridan Lee (22nd); Alan Horwood (26th); Tom Lucas (27th); Fred Wolske (28th); Garry Degenhardt (31st)

August

John Cowling (9th); Robert Harvey (10th); Amy Walsh (15th); Max McNaughton (20th); Bob Lancaster (70yrs old on 21st); Jeff Edwards (15th); Robert Ward (17th); Bill Paus (22nd); Lex Hardie (22nd); Ken Graham (22nd); Bruce Perry (70yrs old on 24th); John Jennings (25th); Doug Smith (28th); Thelma Moore (99 years 29th); Alan Cobb (30th)

September

Keith Scutt (4th); Margaret Learmonth (9th); Debbie Lowe (10th); Pam Hughes (12th); Pat Edwards (18th); Peter Broadwell (20th); Kevin Hamond (20th); Marianne Wolske (21st); Gerry Cairn (24th); Les Moxon (24th); Graham Worthington (24th); Geoff Woodford (24th); Pat Walton (26th); Geoff Turner (27th); Pat Harvey (28th); Tom Bedohazy (29th); Terry Phillips (30th)

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

60 Ken and Julia Herdman celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 2nd September 2010

70 Alf and Irene Jackson celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 10th August 2010

TEL'S TEASER ANSWER

Answer: Three days and two nights. She left yesterday and will return tomorrow.

CLUB WEBSITE AND ARTICLES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

Bryan Dennehy is our "WEB MASTER". Check out our club at boroniabowls.org.

Have you some news, jokes, stories fit for Toucher Topics. John McCarthy is the editor.

Email him at touchertopics@boroniabowls.org

CLEANING ROSTER

1. Each team is on cleaning duty from the Sunday to Saturday inclusive for the duty weeks nominated.
2. Please note the dates in your calendar diary for these periods in which your team is on duty and contact your team leader when it is your turn to assist with cleaning.
3. Enquiries about roster operation to **KEITH SCUTT**. Thank you for your support and co-operation in helping out with this most important task
. NB ROSTER IS NO LONGER LINKED TO LOCK-UP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>
<u>TEAM NO. 1</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 2</u>	
Gary Degenhardt	22 Aug to 28 Aug	Bruce Legrew	29 Aug to 4 Sept
Brian Carolan		Kath Perryman	
Bill Paus		Graeme Ashmore	
Gerry Gommers		Irene Hunnam	
Bradley Castle		Jeff Edwards	
Stephen Castle		Robert Sands	
		Noel Comport	
<u>TEAM NO. 3</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 4</u>	
Keith Scutt	5 Sept to 11 Sept	Rob & Joy Curtis	12 Sept to 18 Sept
Annette Scutt		Peter South	
George Bisset		Stuart Eastwood	
Max Lyon		Ted Nicholas	
Troy Haartsen		Greg Johnson	
Brian McCristal		David Treleaven	
Ken Maloney			
<u>TEAM NO. 5</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 6</u>	
Lindsay Russell	19 Sept to 25 Sept	Angelo Lia	26 Sept to 2 Oct
Lesley Russell		Henry Grossbard	
Graeme Hockey		Margaret Grossbard	
Gerald Caira		Ron Evans	
Cyn Caira		John Jennings	
Graeme Greene		Len Doddrell	
		Alan Horwood	