



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

Care of our greens

Bowls Practice

Executive Committee resolved that all practice should be conducted using the pegs as middle markers rather than the rink numbers. Practice direction varies according to which day of the week you are using the green. The direction of play is displayed on the board attached to the front of the clubhouse.

Delivery of bowls

Considering the huge expense our club has incurred in changing our front green over to summer grass, the Executive Committee is concerned that all of our members try to deliver their bowls without causing damage to our greens. If a bowler is consistently observed damaging the greens during their delivery they may be asked to use a dump mat for further play on that day. The club is making attempts to purchase appropriate mats so they are available when required.

The dumping of bowls is a contentious issue amongst bowlers. If you believe that you have a problem in this area of your game, the club is supportive and suggests that you approach our coaches to help you improve your bowls delivery.

If you believe a player is damaging the green during a game, you should report the matter to the umpire, team manager or tournament committee member in charge of play on that green. Players should not be telling other players they are damaging the greens. The person in charge should observe the player's delivery and then advise them about damage if it occurs or in the final instance direct that the player use a dump mat for further play.

Sitting on the bank

During recent mixed games a number of players were seen sitting on the banks of the green before or after their involvement in play. The club does not want any people sitting on the banks of our greens. The main issue with this practice is that their feet are often on the edge of the green and over time this may cause damage to this area of the surface.

Smoking/Passive smoke

Under RVBA policy no player or official is allowed to smoke on the green. At our club no person is allowed to smoke on the greens or inside our clubrooms including rest rooms, locker rooms or toilets.

The Executive requests that all smokers be aware of other people around them whilst they are smoking. Some members are annoyed by passive cigarette smoke. Smokers please consider other people when you have a smoke.

SPONSORS CORNER.

Let's talk cars.

Did you realize we have sponsors who can cater to pretty well every need of the motorcar owner?

If you are considering a new or used car, you can check out **Ferntree Gully Hyundai** and while you're down that way, **JZ Motors** is just down the road. We also have **Garry & Warren Smith Mazda**, although strictly speaking, it is the service department that sponsors our club.

Having decided that you wish to purchase another vehicle or indeed stay with the one you've had since you originally took to the roads, we are lucky to have several service options, depending on your cars' needs. Along Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully there is first of all Garry & Warren Smith Service Centre right next to Ferntree Gully Honda. They not only service Mazdas but any make of car, and you will be given a loan car if you are unable to get home via public transport. We will be seeing much more of Brett McAlister this year as Mazda are not only sponsoring our new pennant shirts, but providing goods for other events. Further along the highway just past Dorset Road is **Martello Automotive Services**. The older club members will remember Neil Martello who sponsored the club for many years. The operation retains his name and still sponsors the club. Enio does a fantastic job and really looks after our members providing he is aware of your membership.

On up the hill, **Bridgestone Tyres** appears on your left. Now don't think they are simply tyre people, they provide many more services. Russell has a team of highly qualified mechanics who will love your car as much as you, in other words treat it as their own. You should check the fixture book for a complete list of services. If you only need individual parts fixed, there is no need for a complete service, and this may mean cost savings.

Similarly our new sponsor, **Mr Muffler**, in Scoresby Road, carries out mechanical repairs and indeed provides licensed roadworthy certificates.

If it is parts you require, go no further than **Summit Auto** in Dorset Square near the cinema complex. Greg and Kathy carry a vast range of parts and accessories and often have specials on show, but you have to drop in to check. Providing you say you are a club member you will automatically receive a 10% discount, as you will at Mr Muffler.

So you see we are well supported by the auto industry so perhaps we should give a little bit back whenever we can. Remember these people are all still under financial pressure yet still give to the club.

This month's Smorgasbord sponsor is **Escape Travel Knox**. The staff there have always been willing to help us out with travel plans etc. so please give them a good hearing. You may not get away this year but next winter, to avoid another prolonged cold spell, it might be an idea to see what is on offer both here and overseas. If you plan to use an **APT holiday**, this can be booked through Escape Travel and you will still receive all the discounts on offer. Jade will have just returned from an information gathering trip to Rome, so they are continually updating.

TELS TEASER.

Something a little trickier this time.

Solve the clues below.

The answers have something in common.

1. A note.
2. Legends.
3. More coloured.
4. Iranian monarchs.
5. Spinner.
6. Machine part.
7. Canoe.
8. Even.
9. Municipal.
10. Radio waves.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT MEN'S SECTION

Hi everyone

Well we are at the start of another Pennant Season; no doubt we will all look with interest at the approach of the Selection Committee, in their selection of the pennant sides for the coming weeks.

This brings me back to general comments I made at our recent Pie Night.

Club Success

We **ALL** want to succeed, and the task of success does not fall completely on the shoulders of the Selection Committee to achieve this end.

Regardless of the team we are selected to play in, we should put in our own individual effort to ensure that our team/side achieves success.

There are many ways that we can look to improving performance, some of them are:-

- * Practice individual/group.
- * Mental approach.
- * Looking at developing a game plan, and evaluating the result.
- * Other approaches which you will no doubt let me know about.

Practice

I don't know of any sporting endeavour, where there is no need to practice, to lift the level of Individual and Team performance.

Practice may take many forms for individual players:-

- * Playing Wednesday pairs.
- * Playing club social games.
- * Playing in club championship games.
- * **Playing good quality mid week games** such as Monday/Wednesday triples at our club and/or other venues.
- * **Specific skills training.**
- * Practicing on our designated Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- * Practice at other times during the week, as well as Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Any practice is good practice, but if we are looking to improve our pennant performance specific skills practice as an individual or team, combined with good quality competition games both at our club and at other venues must certainly go towards improving our own and other club member's skills under competition conditions.

Mental Approach

Many of us perhaps put in the practice during the week and can demonstrate that we have good bowling skills; however the other difficult aspect to the game is performing under pennant game pressure. This is where our mental toughness under competition conditions comes under question.

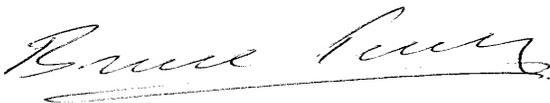
We have a number of senior skippers and players in the club who seem to be able to ignore the pressure of the shot they need to play, and come up with a winning shot under extremely difficult conditions.

There are at least a couple of ways of improving this aspect of your game:-

- * Play more high quality games against good opponents.
- * Practice with team mates during the week, and specify the shot/s you are intending to bowl.
- * Contact any of our coaches for assistance in this area.

I am looking forward to the coming season; I hope you all are as well.

Welcome to our new members and I hope you enjoy bowling with our club and enjoy the social aspect as well.



Bruce Perry
Men's Section President

SIR GEORGE KNOX TROPHY

On Monday the 27th September 2010 a group of our bowlers attended Parliament house to compete for the Sir George Knox Shield. The teams were as listed below :-

Alan Horwood	Leigh McLean	David Treleaven
June Davis	Manfred Mohren	Margaret Carty
Kath Perryman	Stuart Eastwood	David Fletcher
Mal Barrow	Rob Ward	Pauline Edwards
Side Manager Rob Curtis.		

The group travelled by bus to Parliament House together with teams from Fern Tree Gully, Waverly Golf and Waterford Park. The greens were heavy but improved on other years. After morning tea the games commenced with Boronia winning their first two games.

Unfortunately after lunch the weather turned and we were unable to complete the last round of games. Each game was decided by the total shots up, with the winner decided by the aggregate of total shots up for the day. The Boronia teams did not lose a game and retained the shield for the third year. The Club was congratulated by our host Nick Wakeling, who awarded the best aggregate score to the team skipped by David Treleaven.

Although the weather was against us the games were played in good spirit on greens that became heavier in the wet conditions. The meals were excellent and everyone enjoyed the tours over Parliament house during breaks in their games.

The shield and the best aggregate award will be presented, by Nick Wakeling at our club during some future event.

Well Done BORONIA.

TELS TEASER. ANSWER: They are all palindromes.

1. Minim.
2. Sagas.
3. Redder.
4. Shahs.
5. Rotator.
6. Rotor.
7. Kayak.
8. Level.
9. Civic.
10. Radar.

A Well-Planned Retirement

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees were £1 for cars (\$1.40), £5 for buses (about \$7).

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the Zoo Management called the City Council and asked it to send them another parking agent. The Council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the Zoo's own responsibility. The Zoo advised the Council that the attendant was a City employee. The City Council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the City payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain (or some such scenario), is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed completely on his own; and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day for 25 years.

Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars! And no one even knows his name.

VLBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Joan Connan expressed her pleasure at seeing so many rinks of bowlers on our greens for the recent smorgasbord event. She said it was wonderful that so many teams had entered after last season's split days whilst our new green was been made.

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

60 Royce and Lola Wardle celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 14 October 2010

They married on 14 October 1950 at the Church of Christ at Warracknabeal, close to where Royce farmed 8 miles out of Brim. Two daughters and a son were born. In 1974 the family moved to Geelong after the farm was sold. They lived there until 1988. Royce retired in 1994 from his position with Dunlop Industrial Sales. They moved into the Cherry Tree Grove Village at Croydon soon after. Royce has been a member of our club for many years and also enjoys his golf game each Friday. Congratulations Lola and Royce for this milestone in your life together.

WHAT DID YOU DO ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?

Pat Walton celebrated her 70th in the club kitchen doing her duty for our Smorgasboard bowlers.

Joan Connan thought a gentle day's bowling would be nice for her 80th. So after 36 ends of mixed pairs she sauntered home a winner looking towards a semi- final date later this month.

Gerry Gommers has decided to RETIRE for his 67th birthday. We may see more of this member on our greens.

OLDER BUT GOLDER

October

Max McKoy (2nd); Joyce Fankhauser (2nd); Joan Connan (3rd); Len Doddrell (3rd); Frank Rennie (6th); Kath Perryman (8th); Olivia Lucas (10th); Keith Groenewegen (12th); John King (12th); Gerry Gommers (13th); Glenn Knight (13th); Henry Grossbard (14th); Steve Skinner (14th); George Lynn (16th); Lin Perry (17th); Theo Homburg (19th); David Inglis (20th); Joan Shegog (21st); Ken Herdman (22nd); Lindsay Russell (22nd); Doris Clarke (26th); Brenda Degenhardt (27th); John McCarthy (27th); Jack Kirby (29th); Stuart Eastwood (31st)

WHO HAS THE MAT

Prior to the commencement of play in pennant the home side manager tosses a coin, the away manager calls and then the winner of the toss decides whether they want to keep the mat or not. For the first end all teams in the side will comply with this decision. In club championship games the skips toss for the mat and the winner makes the decision.

The winner of any end has the right to keep the mat or give it to the opposition. The opposition cannot refuse to take the mat.

In the event of a dead end or a no-score end the mat is retained by the team that held the mat for that end.

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. 7</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 8</u>	
Vin Roche	3 Oct to 9 Oct	Bryan Dennehy	10 Oct to 16 Oct
Ian McLean		Lorraine Dennehy	
Max McNaughton		Tom Bedohazy	
Les Lucas		Alan Forster	
Keith Groenewegen		Paul Talbot	
David Alderman		Barry & Mark Ward	
Manfred Mohren		Graeme Turner	
<u>TEAM NO. 9</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 10</u>	
Terry Phillips	17 Oct to 23 Oct	Bruce & Lin Perry	24 Oct to 30 Oct
Brenda Phillips		Ray Bilton	
Malcolm Barrow		Garry Overs	
Jack Higgs		John Anderson	
Sid Styles		George Lynn	
David Fletcher			
<u>TEAM NO. 11</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 12</u>	
Vin Hughes	31 Oct to 6 Nov	Derek Pitt	7 Nov to 13 Nov
John & Dot King		Ernst Burian	
Kevin Hamond		Tom & Olivia Lucas	
Robert Lancaster		Alan Cobb	
Robert Simpson		John Jennings	
		Doug Smith	