



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2010

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

Review of Club Constitution

A small group of Executive Committee and club members is meeting regularly with the aim of reviewing our club's constitution. At its first meeting this group looked at the issues involved in aligning our club's constitution with the pro forma Constitution produced by Bowls Victoria.

At present our club has 3 committees running club activities. Two of these committees each has a further two sub-committees to select teams and run bowls activities. This structure calls for more than 50 committee members to fill the relevant positions. This means 1 in every 4 members is on a committee of some type.

The pro forma Constitution outlines a more streamlined club structure which is styled along business lines. This structure is radically different to our current club management structure.

Timeline

It is the view of this review team that if our new constitution is to be in place for next season then the club will need to have a minimum of two special general meetings of members to discuss suggested changes to the constitution and club structure. The first meeting would be a direction meeting where suggestions are aired, debated and then plans made to create the new constitution. The second meeting would vote on that new document. The first meeting would probably be in late November or early December whilst the second meeting would likely be held in February 2011.

Can you be involved ?

The next meeting at the club of the review group is on Wednesday 10 at 10 am. Chat to Peter Learmonth or Gerry Caira if you wish to become involved.

All club members will be advised of any special meetings. Their participation and opinions will be welcomed at these meetings.

VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE 2011/12

At the last Executive meeting 4 of our current office holders indicated that they will not be returning to those positions next season. Executive Director Peter Learmonth felt that club members should be aware of this situation so that interested people can talk about the work involved in these positions – so they can offer to perform the role next year. At this time the positions involved are Club Sponsorship officer, Executive Secretary, Admissions officer and Assistant Secretary.

Even if our club votes to change its constitution the task currently carried out by these people will need to be performed under any new club structure.

SPONSORS CORNER.

Here's one way to spend a nice relaxing morning even if the weather is not kind. It all revolves around Dorset Square. Starting upstairs in the Mall drop in to **Tinkers** for a browse at the half price watches and other giftware, oh, and don't forget the battery for that old watch that's been lying around you thought you might like to wear while the strap is still usable.

Pop downstairs and buy a beautiful crusty fresh loaf from **Michael's bakery** to enjoy a delicious slice or three when you get home, covered in lashings of butter and strawberry jam. Into the **newsagent**, say hello to Colin if he's there, pick up your paper and Tattsлото and maybe give Aunt Lil a pleasant surprise by sending her a birthday card. Browse the magazines too, there's something for every taste. Then it's six paces across to **Caffe Romano** where Sam is generally fussing about the coffee machine. One of his flavoursome flat whites with a caramel slice is just the ticket before venturing outside again.

Over the pedestrian crossing is **Bonny's Florist** where either Lisa or her mum will sell you a colourful bunch of flowers to brighten up the dining-room table. A little further along you'll pass **Priceline Pharmacy** whose name adorns the left sleeve of your new pennant shirt. This is a large pharmacy with well laid out shelves and worth a visit. Friendly people too. Nick hasn't displayed his framed shirt yet, he's waiting to re-decorate different areas, but you'll soon see it on the wall by his prescription counter.

If you have any new clothing that requires your name embroidered, **Lisa** is just along the way and if she is not busy (a rare thing these days), she loves a chat.

As you come out of her arcade you can check the movies at **Metro** without hauling yourself up all those stairs. If you like the exercise, there are comfortable seats at the top so it can be worthwhile.

Now you might suddenly find the numbers on your Tatts ticket are not too clear or you are having trouble checking the movies. Well up towards the top corner of the square you can call into **The Spectacle Site** and make an appointment for an eye check. Did you know it costs nothing? All done via Medibank. Can't ask for more than that.

So now it's home James where you continue this relaxed mode, feet up, newspaper on your lap, cup of tea in one hand, crusty sandwich in the other, dreaming of a win in Tatts, and taking in the beautiful aroma from your flowers on the dining-room table.

Surprise, surprise, **all persons or businesses mentioned above are ardent supporters of the Bowls Club.**

In the course of your relaxing walk you have shown them you care about them also and value their sponsorship. Don't be afraid to tell them you are a club member, if they don't already know you, they soon will. They are all very friendly and lovely people.

If you would like to show our sponsors you care a little more, I am retiring from the position of Sponsorship Co-ordinator at the end of this season and the club is currently looking for a replacement. It is such a satisfying position and you can do as little or as much as you feel necessary. Interested persons can see me anytime and I will walk them through my routine. A good starting point for anyone.

TELS TEASER.

A passenger traveling by bus between Springvale and Mordialloc noticed that due to the heavy traffic, it took him 80 minutes to reach his destination at an average speed of 40 km per hour. On his return trip, he took the bus and it took him one hour and twenty minutes at the same average speed and with less traffic. Do you know why?

Presidents Report Men's Section

Hi everybody

The start of the Pennant season has been a stop start affair this season.

Rain has interfered a number times resulting in cancellation of games.

One bright event was that **all five Pennant sides won on Saturday 23rd October** resulting in the club shouting everybody a free drink. **Congratulations to all side members.**

Front Green

It has been gratifying to notice that since our new front green has opened that it has been running extremely well, as a result most members of the club have been practicing on the front green.

This has resulted in the green wearing quickly and the back green remaining in good condition possibly due to the lack of play on it.

Please be aware that our front green is still an extremely new green. Due to the failure of the first sprig planting it meant that we re sprigged the green over a month later than we would have preferred. We were extremely lucky that a reasonable grass cover was achieved prior to going into dormancy for the winter.

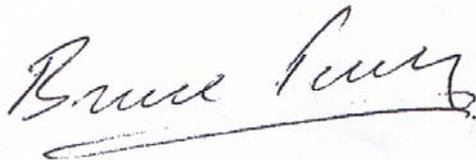
The cool weather at the start of the season has meant that the **Tiftdwarf has not come out of dormancy as quickly as we would have liked**, this has resulted in the front green wearing quickly due to constant use since the opening of the season. Ian Kerr our Greens Director and Guy our greenkeeper, have unfortunately needed to close the front green more often than we would like, to minimise wear on the green, fertilise the green, as well as providing the time and the opportunity for the green to establish a more solid mat covering.

At all times when you come to practice or play, please check the signs as to whether particular greens or rinks are closed, and then bowl only on the green or rinks which are open.

The large metal sign on the edge of the front green and a sign **placed on the edge or middle of the back green** will take precedence over any printed instructions which may be on the club window.

We would appreciate your cooperation.

Regards



Bruce Perry
Men's Section President

VLBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Triples Final

Congratulations to Kath Perryman, Irene Hunnam and Barbara Kwijas for winning Triples after a very tense game against Lesley Russell, Gloria Spinks, Wilma Paus

Gala Day is on Friday 12 November

This day is a major fundraising activity for our ladies. This year Joan Connan in her inimitable fashion is doing things slightly different. She is seeking donations from our RVBA members to build the collection and make this year's Gala Day most successful. So look out on Saturday fellows because will be there at pennant asking you to contribute to this worthy club fundraiser.

Postie Fashions day

The club is \$175 richer after a well-attended successful Postie Fashions Show on 25 October.

Joan Connan
President
VLBA Section

SAD NEWS



On Wednesday 3 November Merrin Allen passed away, succumbing to the debilitating illness, first diagnosed at the end of last season. Our heartfelt thoughts are for her husband Richard who has supported and nursed her as her body was tortured by the horrible symptoms she suffered. Members who played indoor bowls saw Merrin's loss of weight, were aware of her loss of speech, then her loss of strength to even play this gentle game. Merrin who had renewed her bowling membership for this season was forced to withdraw from the club without rolling a bowl on our new green.

All members who played with Merrin can remember the fun and joy she brought to our days. She was a valuable member of our Ladies pennant team and loved a laugh and a glass of champagne with her playing mates. Merrin was also a valued member of the Ferntree Gully Saturday pennant side which includes two rinks of Boronia bowlers.

Merrin was an enthusiastic member of our club, whose personality and bowling skill has been missed this season.

Dear Richard, all club members who have known and played with you and Merrin, are saddened by her passing. We wish to convey to you our deepest condolences. Our lives were enriched by the times we spent in the company of you and Merrin.

All our love to you and your family.

Boronia Members

TRY BOWLS DAY

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TRY BOWLS SEE YOU THERE



BORONIA BOWLS CLUB
5 MARIE ST
BORONIA 3155

21ST. NOVEMBER
2010
TIME 10.30AM TO 3.00PM

DRESS
FLAT SOLED SHOES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE

Remember Lawn Bowls is now a sport for all ages.
 for further information please ring
David Fletcher 97620179 Lin Perry 97623202

SEE YOU THERE

TRY Bowls Day is upon us again. Beata Burian has designed the new flyer and Brad Castle has printed 1500 of the posters for distribution, we thank them for their contribution.

These flyers are now being distributed to committee members and any other person who may be willing to distribute them in local letter boxes, please contact Bruce Perry if you would like to distribute them as you go on your morning walk.

The next thing is **to invite any of your family and friends to come along on the day**, to try the sport of bowls, as well as enjoy the friendliness and hospitality of the club.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist in getting people on the green when they arrive.

David Fletcher has a list on the RVBA board in the foyer; please volunteer either a morning or afternoon shift to ensure this is a successful day.

Bruce Perry
 Men's Section President

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS

90TH

Life Member **ALAN BALDWIN** was 90 years young on 1 November.

Life Member **IRENE JACKSON** is turning 90 on 9 November. Husband Alf is hoping there are crackers left over from Guy Fawkes Night so Irene's day goes off with a bang.

OLDER BUT GOLDER

November

Rob Curtis (15th); Shirley Gardner (16th); Dot King (18th); Peter Stiff (18th); Jack Holstein (19th); Whoosh (aka Mark Ward) (19th); May Matthews (21st)

WELCOME TO NOAH LEE

Last Saturday 30 October at 6.20am Angela and Sheridan Lee welcomed their new son Noah. Proud Nanna Beata Burian and Grandad Ernst are beaming with this news. They have been busy however as they expect another grandchild in the next few days to Angela's sister.

Is it a co-incidence that 2 and a half inches of rain fell at the club on Saturday and early Sunday? It has rained every day since Noah arrived.

SUCCESSFUL BOWLING

Last month five or six pairs of Boronia bowlers competed in Ringwood's monthly pairs event. Three pairs managed to leave with prize money in their pockets. Les Lucas & Ron Evans won the day, Bryan Dennehy & Rob Curtis were runners-up whilst Stuart Eastwood & John McCarthy won best 2nd game.

The following Monday at the Boronia Triples visitors from Chirnside Park and two Lilydale rinks walked away with the spoils.

TELS TEASER.ANSWER:

He took the same time in both cases, because 1 hour and 20 minutes equals 80 minutes.

TRACTOR

Paddy is passing by Mick's hay shed one day when through a gap in the door he see Mick doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old red Massey Ferguson. Buttocks clenched he performs a slow pirouette and gently slides off first the right welly, followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move lets his brace fall down from his shoulders to dangle by his hips over his corduroy trousers. Grabbing both sides of his check shirt he rips it apart to reveal his tea-stained vest underneath and with a final flourish he hurls his flat cap on to a pile of hay.

"What on earth are you doing Mick?" says Paddy.

"Jeez paddy, ye frightened the livin bejasus outta me" says an obviously embarrassed Mick, "but me and missus been having some trouble lately in the bedroom department, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor."

And now a little frivolity

She spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table by candle-light, put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimp shells dipped in caviar into the hollow of the curtain rods.

She then cleaned up the kitchen and left. When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days.

Then slowly, the house began to smell.

They tried everything; cleaning, mopping and airing the place out.

Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steam cleaned.

Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked!!!

People stopped coming over to visit.

Repairmen refused to work in the house.

The maid quit.

Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house.

Word got out and eventually even the local Realtors refused to return their calls.

Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going.

He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day.

She agreed and within the hour his lawyers delivered the paperwork.

A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home.....

And to spite the ex-wife, they even took the curtain rods!!!!!!

EDUCATION...

A man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he is going. "I'm on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human body." The policeman asks, "Really? And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?" "My wife!" comes the reply.

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. 13</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 1</u>	
Peter Learmonth	14 Nov to 20 Nov	Gary Degenhardt	21 Nov to 27 Nov
Margaret Learmonth		Brian Carolan	
Tom Pieters		Bill Paus	
Hans Eriksen		Gerry Gommers	
Geoff Turner		Bradley Castle	
Gary Senn		Stephen Castle	
Royce Wardle			
<u>TEAM NO. 2</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 3</u>	
Bruce Legrew	28 Nov to 4 Dec	Keith Scutt	5 Dec to 11 Dec
Kath Perryman		Annette Scutt	
Graeme Ashmore		George Bisset	
Irene Hunnam		Max Lyon	
Jeff Edwards		Troy Haartsen	
Robert Sands		Brian McCristal	
Noel Comport		Ken Maloney	
<u>TEAM NO. 4</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 5</u>	
Rob & Joy Curtis	12 Dec to 18 Dec	Lindsay Russell	19 Dec to 25 Dec
Peter South		Lesley Russell	
Stuart Eastwood		Graeme Hockey	
Ted Nicholas		Gerald Caira	
Greg Johnson		Cyn Caira	
David Treleaven		Graeme Greene	