



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As mentioned in the last edition of Toucher Topics, Executive Secretary (Myra), Assistant Secretary (Annette) and Sponsorship Officer (Terry) have announced their retirement from the Executive Committee at the end of this season and members are asked to consider nominating for these key positions in the management of our club.

Bowls Victoria has issued a draft Constitution for clubs following the amalgamation of the VLBA and RVBA. A Special General Meeting on Monday 6th December has been called to seek members' views on possible changes to our own Constitution along the lines suggested in the draft such as smaller committees, equality of membership and the setting of fees by the Executive.

Our current Constitution has worked successfully on a two-tier system of Executive Committee to look after non-bowling matters and two separate committees to look after bowling matters. This structure has served us well but requires 56 elected committee positions to be filled each year. Should we consider a new management structure which would require a smaller number of members to serve on committees?

Another matter of concern to some members is the requirement to pay a large lump sum fee at the start of each season. The categories of membership allow lower fees to be paid by members unable to make full use of the greens, but limits the rights of Social Members to hold office in the club and to play in pennant teams. An alternative system of all members paying a basic fee plus green fees would remove the need to pay such a sum up front and would allow all members to be eligible to hold office and to be selected in pennant teams.

There may be other matters which members may wish to discuss so please come to the Special General meeting so that you may be kept informed and have the opportunity to express your views on possible changes to the Constitution.

Peter Learmonth
Executive Director

CLUB SINGLES' FINALS

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

10 AM Ladies Final between Lesley Russell and Margaret Grossbard

Followed by Sausage sizzle lunch (Please enter your name on the list in the foyer if you are attending for lunch so that we can cater accordingly).

1 PM Mens Final between Angelo Lia and Troy Haartsen

Our Presidents and their tournament committees encourage everyone to come and see our new champions crowned.

SPONSORS CORNER.

Christmas comes but once a year and when it comes you have no idea what to buy your spouse, right? Well ladies, here are a few ideas which may help you, something different and therefore a surprise. BORONIA MALL NEWSAGENCY has a surprising amount of gift ideas so why not take a browse when you next venture into the Mall? While you are there, have a look upstairs in TINKERS. They have nice giftware specifically for that man who has it all.

Why not take a trip to Knox City, but beware he may like to join you because Saturday pennant is no guarantee he'll be playing bowls, and pop into PROUDS for a voucher so that he can buy what he wants. Then trot over to Knox Ozone to where JOHN ALAN RETROVISION is located and sample a great variety of potential gifts, and at great prices too since the rise of the Australian dollar.

If he likes to tinker with the family car, try SUMMIT AUTO in Dorset Square for some really good ideas. This is quite a large store and they have specials monthly too. Well worth a visit. Then there is always JACKSONS HARDWARE AND GARDEN SUPPLIES in Alchester Village, they carry a nice range of goods for the handyman or the gardener. Remember too that all our pharmacy friends have a good range of gift items. We are supported by BORONIA VILLAGE PHARMACY, GUARDIAN PHARMACY, and PRICELINE PHARMACY. Another suggestion would be a voucher from METRO CINEMAS so *he* can take *you* out.

If that doesn't work you can always resort to Liquorland.

Of course ladies, if he doesn't hear you wish him a merry Christmas, whiz him off to WORDOFMOUTH for a hearing aid fitting. If he still frustrates you, buy his favorite flowers from BONNYS FLORIST, drive him down to LE PINE FUNERAL SERVICES, put him in a box and place his flowers on the top. Maybe then you'll have a happy Christmas.

Surprise, surprise, guess how many sponsors you've made friends with?

RVBA SECTION PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone

The Saturday pennant season has been a disappointment so far, with a number of our games being cancelled or abandoned due to rain. All we can do is make the best of each week that we actually compete.

Ladies and Men's Club Singles Finals

All participants have played hard fought games to reach the finals so we can look forward to a day of entertaining bowling.

We are looking forward to having a large number of spectators for each event

I know that we all wish the contestants the very best for the day.

No1 Green

I am urging all members to be patient regarding the use of our new Tiftdwarf green. Unfortunately the green closed sign has been used a number of times, but remember that it is a new green and will certainly need to be nursed along this year until it is fully established. It is better to close it occasionally, than bowl on it regularly which could result in killing off the new grass.

On behalf of the RVBA Section committee and myself, we wish you all a safe Christmas and a Happy New year

Regards

Bruce Perry

RVBA Section President

VLBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gala Day

Congratulations to everybody for their work to make this day such a success. Thanks to the volunteers in the kitchen and on the stalls. Next year we will increase the team entry fees as there was much discussion that they were too cheap.

Wet Smorgasbord

On Sunday 28 November, even though nobody bowled a bowl we had a good turnout of members and visitors to enjoy the lunch prepared by our enthusiastic crew.

Christmas hamper raffle

Ticket butts and monies need to be returned and put down the chute before our dinner on December 10th as the raffle is drawn that evening.

Christmas Dinner

Final numbers will be given to caterers next Monday 6 December, so put your name on the list for this night, if you haven't already. Payments need to be put down the chute in the wall under our life members' photos.

Aprons

Please return any club kitchen aprons as soon as possible our stocks are very short.

Club Fours

Our Tournament Committee has used a new single entry format for this event this season to encourage more interest and participation. Good luck everybody.

Club Singles Final

Good luck and good bowls to both Lesley Russell and Margaret Grossbard who contest the singles final at 10 am Sunday 5 December.

Three winning teams on 30 November

Our three pennant sides had wins last Tuesday. It was wonderful to see all those smiling faces in the clubhouse after your successful day.

Joan Connan
President
VLBA Section

TELS TEASER.

My uncle Raphael bought a coin in the flea market for 10 dollars. The coin has the head of Emperor Augustus and is dated 27 B.C. The other side is illegible.

It is a fake however. What proves that it is not a true ancient Roman coin?

OLDER BUT GOLDER

December

Noel Comport (1st), Ian McLean (6th), Graeme Turner (9th), Graeme Smith (14th); Richard Allen (15th); Maisie Dodds (19th); Marion Lee (23rd); Jack Higgs (25th); Bob Kohler (28th)

TELS TEASER.ANSWER:

If it were an authentic coin, it could not have B.C. (This system was created after Jesus died, not before he was born.)

CLEANING ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>
<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	
<u>TEAM NO. 6</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 7</u>	
Angelo Lia	26 Dec to 1 Jan	Vin Roche	2 Jan to 8 Jan
Henry Grossbard		Ian McLean	
Margaret Grossbard		Max McNaughton	
Ron Evans		Les Lucas	
John Jennings		Keith Groenewegen	
Len Doddrell		David Alderman	
		Manfred Mohren	
<u>TEAM NO. 8</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 9</u>	
Bryan Dennehy	9 Jan to 15 Jan	Terry Phillips	16 Jan to 22 Jan
Lorraine Dennehy		Brenda Phillips	
Tom Bedohazy		Malcolm Barrow	
Alan Forster		Jack Higgs	
Paul Talbot		Sid Styles	
Barry & Mark Ward		David Fletcher	
Graeme Turner			

