



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

HOW WILL YOUR SEASON FINISH

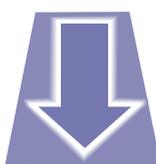


Is the road to the FINALS too steep?
Can our sides make it?



How many sides will play finals for possible promotion?

Our ladies who play in the combined team with Ferntree Gully on Saturday afternoons WILL play in the finals.



How many sides are facing possible relegation?

CLUB SECURITY

Our club gates , carpark, toilets and mat box are opened early every day to allow our bowling members access to the greens.

Many of our members have a key to the clubrooms (\$5 deposit to Executive Secretary Myra Le Grew). The key also opens the club bowls room in the greenside shed as well as the mat box, and gates.

On a couple of recent occasions our lock-up person has arrived at the deserted club soon before sundown to find the clubrooms open and or the bowls room in the shed open.

Can key holders please be responsible to lock these facilities as they leave so that club assets are not interfered with or stolen.

SPONSORS CORNER

Although the club is always open and welcoming to all sponsors, there have not been many occasions this season for sponsors to avail themselves of the clubs' facilities. Apart from their own sponsored events most sponsors find it difficult to come down, have a roll or a drink with members.

On Wednesday February 23rd, we are holding the second sponsorship trophy event, open to all club supporters. The trophy is currently held by Bridgestone Tyres and we are expecting a number of teams to play off this year. The event is designed to foster closer ties with those we don't often see and to give them a practical interest in the game. There will be a notice going up soon advertising the evening, and asking for members to help out on the green and maybe in the kitchen afterwards. As we are providing finger food during the presentation, members will be asked to bring a plate. **There is no income from this event, only goodwill and friendship.**

Just a couple of notes to conclude this article. Sad to see our friends at Summit Auto Accessories have closed down, (yet another \$2-type shop in its' place).

Bargains galore to be had at John Alan Retrovision. Now could not be a better time to replace that analogue TV for a digital version, before you are forced to, or to replace those old yellowing fridges and washing machines with the latest and cheapest whitegoods you'll find. Never mind the advertised price; stick the boot into Brendan or Len and get an even lower price. They are happy to help if they know where you are from, so tell them, BORONIA BOWLS CLUB.

By the way, while you are visiting Knox Shopping Centre, Escape Travel have moved near to Medicare, (no connection), so pop in and say hello to the girls and find the latest holiday information. They still have good deals on local and overseas travel for the coming winter.

TELS TEASER.

Ann is looking at a portrait of a gentleman. "He is not my father, but his mother was my mothers' mother-in-law," she says. Who is this gentleman?

BORONIA LADIES FEAST ON BLACKBURN GOODIES

Blackburn Classic Invitation Fours

On Sunday the 16.january four of our ladies competed in the Blackburn Classic Day. Gloria Spinks, Annette Scutt, Joy Curtis and skip Lesley Russell made up the team that played three games against 34 teams.

Our ladies won all games and won overall. They each received \$100 for their effort.

Well done ladies.

SUPERCOACH INVITATION

Each football season the Herald Sun runs a supercoach competition for football enthusiasts.

A number of our members have competed in this competition with their "super" teams.

Have we got 16 like minds to form teams and compete in a Boronia Bowls competition?

Yes "Richo" – you're invited (R U Computa literate dough).

Contact Santa or Baz if you are interested – you need a better than mug's knowledge of footy and access to the internet on a computer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We are saddened by the loss of Gerry Caira on 18th December. Since returning to the club Gerry had taken an active interest in club affairs and was Deputy Executive Director and serving on the constitution review committee. After coming out of hospital he put on a brave face and attended the club Christmas function. His funeral service was well attended by club members and Cyn must have been comforted to know that Gerry was held in such high regard by club members

The special meeting on 6 December to consider possible changes to the club constitution was well attended and there was some constructive feedback from attendees. Some major changes to the structure and operation of the club would be required if we were to adopt the model constitution suggested by Bowls Victoria and more time is necessary to fully explore the implications of those changes. Consequently nominations for club positions next season will proceed as per the current club constitution. As mentioned previously Executive Secretary Myra, Assistant Secretary Annette, Sponsorship Officer Terry and Admissions Officer Peter have announced their retirement and now sadly our Deputy Executive Director position is also vacant.

In order for the club to continue to function successfully these positions must be filled. Although it is understood that we all come to the club to play bowls I trust that members realise that the club depends upon the efforts of many volunteers I ask all members therefore to consider how they may be able to serve the club to ensure that we remain a viable entity,

The restrictions on the use of the tiff dwarf green have now been removed. Usage of the green had to be severely limited in order to ensure that we would have a top class green for next season. The green took on a yellow appearance due to attack by a "kilmo bug" and the couch roots were found to be not growing at the required rate. The limited usage allowed the green to be sprayed top-dressed and treated with trace elements to control the infestation and achieve desired root growth before approaching dormancy. Greenkeeper Guy is to be commended for his diligence in getting on top of the problem before irreparable damage occurred. We can now look forward to limited winter bowls and a first class green for next season.

All members are thanked for their patience and their forbearance during the period of restrictions.

Peter Learmonth
Executive Director



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS

1 st Prize	Richard Allen
2 nd Prize	Sheila King
3 rd Prize	Bill Martin

VLBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies Classic Day

Our Classic Day is to be held at the club on Wednesday 9th February. At this time we expect to have 20 teams in this annual event.

Flood Appeal

At time of printing the flood appeal collection stands at \$510.25 and I will be asking the Executive to top up this amount prior to our donation being sent off.

Champion of Champions

On Thursday 27 January our champion Lesley Russell was successful in the first round of the Champion of Champions playoffs. On Friday she lost a close semi-final when her opponent picked up 3 shots when the score was locked on 23 all. Congratulations Lesley on your outstanding bowling.

Welcome

Provisional member Maureen Haymes competed in her first pennant game this week. Welcome to our team Maureen.

Completion of Club Events

Mixed Pairs

Dot King along with George Bisset were successful in the mixed pairs beating Joan Connan and Gerry Gommers in a hard fought final.

Club Fours

Dot King's team of Margaret Carty, Pauline Edwards and Cheryl McCarthy won our club fours from Annette Scutt's team of Joan Connan, Irene Hunnam and Marne Wynn. Our newer ladies were complementary of this year's format where the rinks were chosen from single entries rather than self-selected as they have been in previous seasons. Cheryl bowled brilliantly there was always one or more of her bowls in the count.

End of Season celebration - meeting after pennant on 1 February.

Could our members please stay back after pennant next Tuesday to discuss where and how we should celebrate the end of our pennant season.

Joan Connan
VLBA Section President

WHAT IS BOWLS 40/40

Bowls 40/40

Check notice board in foyer – ask Steve Castle or Bruce Perry

RVBA SECTION, PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Everybody

Welcome back after the Christmas and New Year Festivities, to our Pennant, Club Championships and social bowling calendar.

Champion of Champions

Troy Haartsen our **Club Singles Champion**, will fight out the **Champion of Champions** event to be held at **Glen Waverley Bowls Club** this coming **Sunday** at **10.00am**. We all wish you the best Troy, in this prestigious event.

Club Championship News

News hot off the press is that Ted Nicholas played the final of the 100 Up against John McCarthy on Thursday night and won. Congratulations from us all Ted, you managed to beat some big names along the way, and you have certainly put in plenty of work to continue developing your bowling skills.

Pennant

With four games to go our 1st side is starting to move up, the 2nd side is managing to hold on to 4th position and the 3rd, 4th and 5th sides all have opportunities to improve their positions by the end of the season. All sides will need to keep up the pressure till the end of the season, good luck to you all.

Night Pennant

Night pennant has been going fairly well this year and our second side certainly has a chance of being in the final series if they keep up their winning form.

This has also been a chance to introduce a couple new bowlers to the sport Andrew Baum and Don Edwards

Super Vets Badges

I would like to bring to the attention of our members that on **Wednesday the 2nd of February (Wednesday Triples Day)**, we will be making presentations of OBE badges to Peter Learmonth, Peter Marshall, Ken Graham and Gerald Kligerman, during our afternoon tea break.

We will have a region Councillor in attendance to make the presentation.

Greens availability for Practice

You may have noticed that the yellow sheet on the club window which detailed when the Number 1 green was available for practice has gone. This means that the green is available for practice as detailed on the board on the north wall of the club. If greens or rinks closed signs are erected again at any time, please ensure that you practice elsewhere until they are reopened.

We still have a number of club championships to be completed, good luck to everyone who is competing.

Regards



Bruce Perry
RVBA Section President

TELS TEASER ANSWER:

The man is Anns' uncle.

OLDER BUT GOLDER

January

Maureen Haymes (1st) Robert Simpson (1st) Alan Forster (2nd) Fred Wilson (6th) Cheryl McCarthy (8th)
Margaret Woodford (8th) Ray Bilton (10th) Maureen Bates (15th) Tom Pieters (16th) Brian McCristal (17th)
Peter Learmonth (22nd) Angelo Lia (25th) Robyn Jones (31st)

February

Ted Nicholas (5th) Adrian Kubik (6th) Hazel Tomlinson (9th) Mavis Kohler (10th) Carol Ashmore (11th) Joy
Curtis (15th) Gary Senn (18th) Greg Wheeler (18th) Max Lyon (20th) Margaret Grossbard (25th) Beata Burian
(26th) Irene Hunnam (27th)

CLEANING ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>
<u>TEAM NO. 11</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 12</u>	
Vin Hughes	30 Jan to 5 Feb	Derek Pitt	6 Feb to 12 Feb
John & Dot King		Ernst Burian	
Kevin Hamond		Tom & Olivia Lucas	
Robert Lancaster		Alan Cobb	
Robert Simpson		John Jennings	
		Doug Smith	
<u>TEAM NO. 13</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 1</u>	
Peter Learmonth	13 Feb to 19 Feb	Gary Degenhardt	20 Feb to 26 Feb
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	27 Feb to 5 Mar	Keith Scutt	6 Mar to 12 Mar
Kath Perryman		Annette Scutt	
Graeme Ashmore		George Bisset	
Irene Hunnam		Max Lyon	
Jeff Edwards		Troy Haartsen	
Robert Sands		Brian McCristal	
Noel Comport		Ken Maloney	