



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

NIGHT PENNANT FINAL 7.30 PM TUESDAY 8 MARCH AT MITCHAM BOWLS CLUB

BORONIA'S NO.2 TEAM HAS WON ITS WAY INTO THE GRAND FINAL

The team is a mixture of experience and new bowlers.

Barry Ward, **A**ngelo Lia, **R**on Evans and **D**anny McCarthy are skips who play in our Saturday top side.

Troy Haartsen, **S**tuart Eastwood, **G**erry Gommers and **S**teve Castle also have played in the top 2 Saturday sides

Rob Ward and his son **M**ark have played Saturday bowls.

Steve Skinner, **S**tephen Lucas, **N**eil Ward, **G**lenn Knight and **G**reg Wheeler are social members with mainly Night Pennant experience.

Andrew Baum is a provisional member in his first season who followed his ex-cricketing mates to the club.

THE TEAM INVITES THE CLUB TO CHEER FOR THEM AS THEY PLAY AGAINST BLACKBURN.

PUT ON YOUR BORONIA COLOURS

OIL YOUR TONSILS

CHEER OUR TEAM TO A NIGHT PENNANT FLAG

SUPER VETS DAY

Super Vets Day has been cancelled this year

Bowls Secretary David Fletcher contacted Bowls Victoria to ask when Super Vets day would be held. He was advised that it had been cancelled.

When he queried why clubs had not been advised, he was told that BV didn't want to upset anybody.

SPONSORS CORNER.

Wednesday 23rd February was a special day for the club; it was sponsor night and 36 sponsor representatives turned up to play for the Sponsors Trophy.

Thankfully the weather was kind, except it did get quite chilly after the sun went down, but then most of the players were younger than those members who came along to help, some were even bowling in bare feet.

Those sponsors represented were:

John Alan Retrovision,

Prouds of Knox,

Garry & Warren Smith Mazda Service Centre,

Bridgestone Tyres,

Escape Travel Knox,

Club Kilsyth,

Wordofmouth,

Bonnys Florist,

Tinkers,

Foamex.

They all enjoyed their bowls and there were some bright looking prospects.

Afterwards the atmosphere in the clubhouse was as happy and warming as food supplied by members, backed up with dim sims and spring rolls supplied by **Kingsland Restaurant**, was eagerly consumed.

Two lucky people won \$25 meal vouchers from **Henrys Restaurant** and the trophy was won by one of the two teams from Foamex.

We would like to thank again those members who helped out on the night for making one of the most successful sponsor evenings ever.

A lot of interest is being shown by sponsors to visit the club on special occasions, and if we can keep this enthusiasm going it sure makes it easier next time.

How can we all help?

By visiting any of the above sponsors and talking about the night which they will remember for a long time.

Let's all help to keep the bond and friendships going by putting our sponsors in the front line when out shopping or just out for a stroll.

TELS TEASER.

Imagine you are a taxi driver and you are driving a 1978 yellow cab.

Your passengers are an older couple, and they want to travel six miles. You are driving at 40 miles an hour with the tank one third full, when, two miles into the trip, the tank is down to one quarter full.

Ten minutes later the trip is over.

What is the name and age of the cab driver?

TUESDAY PENNANT REVIEW

With one more round to play another season is nearly over.

Tuesday Pennant has been a struggle this season with all three sides finishing low on the ladder. With Unification our Pennant sides found themselves playing at a higher level which was always going to be a challenge. We did however welcome the change to our scoring system which enabled us to get some joy out of a winning rink even when the side was defeated. Perhaps next season we will also see the introduction of a final four.

Availability of players has fluctuated from needing to rotate players to asking for help from some of our men. Thanks guys.

Our third side have been asked to accept so many changes to their teams they have never been able to settle but to their credit they have never complained. As a result of these frequent changes and playing much stronger teams they will probably be relegated. The plus side is this will mean we will be more competitive and I am sure success will follow.

Our second side have experienced the same frustrations of playing teams who last season were playing in a higher division and will also be relegated.

We are still hopeful to retain our first division but again it has been a struggle.

With Unification there has been a definite trend by other Clubs to strengthen their sides by selecting men in their key positions at all levels. This has been a concern particularly in the lower divisions. We will need to reconsider our position next season unless changes are made at a higher level.

Two men who have always been there as our support base are Ian McLean and John King ensuring the score boards and the kitchen were taken care of. Thanks also to Keith Scutt who has attended the Bar, enabling us to drown our sorrows or celebrate a win on the odd occasion.

Annette Scutt

(Chair Person of Selectors)

VLBA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies Classic Day

Congratulations to all involved for making this day outstanding. It is difficult to revive events once they lapse, but with the grand effort Margaret Grossbard put in we had near full greens.

The day went like a "bomb", everyone put in and the event even made a profit. WELL DONE ALL!

Flood Appeal

The club donated \$510.25 to the Salvation Army Victorian Flood Appeal.

Congratulations to all winners and losers

I want to congratulate all participants both winners and losers in our club and district tournaments

Commiserations to Ladies Composite Team

Sadly the Ferntree Gully/Boronia composite team lost their grand final at Alphington on 26 February. Well done on a fine season ladies.

End of Season Dinner

April 19 at Natalie's Restaurant - our end of season outing - is your name on the list in the foyer.

My **President's Day** is Tuesday 29 March

Joan Connan

VLBA Section President

SELECTION REPORT FOR SEASON 2010/2011.

Where has the season gone? It has been 7 Months. With a fair bit of work on our part, we selected for 18 rounds and only played 12. Firstly a thank you to my compatriots Max, Barry, Les and Vin who consistently turned up on Monday's to do the impossible, to make everybody happy.

I must not forget our side managers, T.Haartsen, B.Dennehy, G.Woodford and G Turner, who did there Thankless task week after week and returned the paperwork to me with no complaints.

Furthermore thank you to a number of members who filled in, usually at short notice, to cover for our sick and otherwise indisposed players.

Following a brief summary as how we finished up:

First side, finished in a credible **6th** position, last November the outlook was rather gloomy, followed with a big surge and finished with a chance to reach the finals. Next year?

Second side, finished **4th**, rather fortunate even after losing the last 2 matches. Played Sunday 20-Feb, against Vermont South, and lost with the score of 84-99.

Third side, finished **third** on the ladder. Well done. Unfortunately lost to Heathmont on a fast bent grass green. Scores 67-118

Fourth/Fifth side finished in **seventh** position and avoided relegation! A bit disappointing at the latter stage. It started so promising.

Here are a few Statistics: **96** Members participated and of those, **46** played each round

I have available two spread sheets; they will be displayed in the clubhouse. Firstly a record of all participating players in alphabetical order with Round no. Side Played/Position and Final score of your team. On the right side of the sheet, a summary of matches x side and indication of those played all matches.

Second Sheet on display is made up from the popular assessment sheets and change-over cards.

First row, names of all skips in their particular sides. Second row, assessment figures supplied by the individuals, second row, result figures, third row Change/Over score, fourth row Final Score. Result figures are assessed from the Change/Over cards and the score cards end by end.

A Summary of win/loss/draw games, plus total scores at the end of the sheet.

Note; **Peter Learmonth** in the third side, **8** wins from **8** games with result fig. of **+102**, excellent.

If confused, please feel free to ask.

Bill Paus

Chairman-Selection committee

BORONIA BANDITS STRIKE GOLD AT LILYDALE BOWLS CLUB

Eight Boronia Lady bowlers recently relieved Lilydale Bowls Club sponsors of first and third prize at the club's Classic day.

Lesley Russell, Annette Scutt, Gloria Spinks and Marg Connell filled their handbags with first prize, whilst Pat Walton, Leigh McLean, Barb Kwijas and Irene Hunnam were happy with third prize.

Beware these rinks are looking for more booty.

PRESIDENTS REPORT MEN'S SECTION

Hello Everybody

Well another Pennant season is over, it was certainly one to remember, particularly the weather, no really hot days to contend with and six washouts for the season, and this certainly put the pressure on every game.

Overall we did quite well. Our first side started slowly but put in some excellent performances towards the end of the season finishing sixth, so avoiding relegation. Our second side finished fourth and the third side finished a very creditable 3rd. Unfortunately both sides went down in the first semi final; this probably exposed our weakness for playing on faster greens.

I would like to thank the members who came along to both venues, to provide both moral and vocal support for our teams.

Our Night Pennant number two side have quietly gone about their business of winning games throughout the season. These efforts have been rewarded by them playing in the Grand Final next Tuesday night. Unfortunately at the moment we are not sure where the final will be played but John McCarthy will put up a sign advising us of the location.

If you can go along in full club uniform and support them, it would certainly give our boys a boost; we all wish the team well and look forward to them bringing home the flag.

Club Championships

Remember there are still a number of club championships to be completed, keep an eye on the draw sheets for the date you will be playing, as there have been changes due to the pennant finals series.

Member Survey 2011-2012

Our Selectors are already looking towards next years competitions. To assist their deliberations they have come up with a **Member Survey document** which they would like every member to fill in. The survey documents will be located in the foyer for the men and in the ladies lounge for the ladies; it should only take a minute of your time to fill in.

Please make the effort and ensure that you have an input.

I have included a sample section of the document, along with a sample response below.

Sample Only

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
LYON	MAX
MOHREN	MANFRED
PERRY	BRUCE
PERRY	LIN

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Member Survey 2011-12				
Please tick sections you are interested in				
Saturday Pennant 2011/2012	Tuesday Pennant 2011/2012	Tuesday Night Pen 2011/2012	Social Apr/Aug 2011	Saturday With FTG 2011/2012
x		x	x	

Bruce Perry
President Men's Section

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL BOWLS

The last two Friday evenings the club has held social bowls for members and any interested visitors. The evenings have been well attended and participants have enjoyed their bowling and the club's bar. Stephen Castle has run the nights along the lines of 40/40 where players enjoy two bowl triples and change positions during play. Games start about 7 pm. Arrive by 6.30 please so that teams can be organised.

MVP - MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

At the Saturday Bowl's dinner on Sunday 20 February, Mark & Barry Ward (who sponsor the MVP trophies) finalised the counting of votes in each side's Most Valuable Player award.

The winners were:

Reg Lucas Medal (1 st side)	Terry Phillips
MVP 2 nd side	Carol Murray
MVP 3rd side	Max Lyon
MVP 4th side	Rob Ward
MVP 5th side	Geoff Turner

George Bisset won the trophy donated by Amy and Troy Haartsen for the player who has scored the most votes having played in more than one side.

TELS TEASER ANSWER:

At the beginning of the question it says that you are the cab driver. Therefore the answer is your name and age.

OLDER BUT GOLDER

March

Two members are celebrating "noughty" birthdays – Congratulations Peter Marshall (80) and Barb Kwijas.

BARBARA	KWIJAS	6 th
BRADLEY	CASTLE	6 th
PETER	MARSHALL	7 th
ROBERT	STACE	9 th
GEORGE	BISSET	10 th
PAUL	McALONEY	10 th
BOB	MURRAY	10 th
LES	LUCAS	12 th
GRAEME	ASHMORE	13 th
BRIAN	CAROLAN	13 th
IAN	KERR	15 th
DEREK	PITT	18 th
WILMA	PAUS	19 th
GRAEME	HOCKEY	22 nd
MARNE	WYNN	26 th
LEIGH	McLEAN	27 th
BARRY	WARD	27 th
ROBERT	SANDS	29 th
RON	EVANS	30 th
BRYAN	DENNEHY	31 st

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	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	
<u>TEAM NO. 4</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 5</u>	
Rob & Joy Curtis	13 Mar to 19 Mar	Lindsay Russell	20 Mar to 26 Mar
Peter South		Lesley Russell	
Stuart Eastwood		Graeme Hockey	
Ted Nicholas		Cyn Caira	
Greg Johnson		Graeme Greene	
David Treleaven			
<u>TEAM NO. 6</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 7</u>	
Angelo Lia	27 Mar to 2 Apr	Vin Roche	3 Apr to 9 Apr
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	10 Apr to 16 Apr	Terry Phillips	17 Apr to 23 Apr
Lorraine Dennehy		Brenda Phillips	
Tom Bedohazy		Malcolm Barrow	
Alan Forster		Jack Higgs	
Barry & Mark Ward		Sid Styles	
Graeme Turner		David Fletcher	