



# TOUCHER TOPICS

## BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2011

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WELCOME**

At the opening of the new season I extend a hearty welcome to returning and new bowlers and trust that all may enjoy participation in the various competitions and social activities planned for the year.

Although some members may have been disappointed with the closure of the new tift dwarf green over the winter period, this action should ensure that we will benefit by having a good playing surface available from the commencement of the new season. Clubs who kept their new tift dwarf greens open over the wet winter are reported to have experienced significant damage which will impair the performance of their greens during the early part of the season. With further development of the tift dwarf root system we might look forward to the green being available for play next winter.

As voted on at the last Annual General Meeting, the club Constitution has been amended to recognise the unification of the RVBA and VLBA to form Bowls Victoria. There has been no change in the organisation and management structure of the club apart from the renaming of the former RVBA and VLBA Sections as the "Mens" Section and "Ladies" Section respectively.

Following the Government's revision of equal opportunity in sport, we will see a welcome return to "ladies only" pennant on Tuesdays. A ladies team has also been entered in Saturday pennant and ladies will be still eligible for selection along with the men in the traditional Saturday pennant competition.

With several retirements from committee positions at the end of last season I thank those who served the club well in the past and welcome those elected to fill the consequential vacancies and wish them a successful and fulfilling year while serving our great club.

Peter Learmonth  
Executive Director



## Casserole & Cards



### FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 6-30 PM

Put this date in your diary now. Come along for a fun night of crazy whist after a scrumptious casserole meal. You don't have to be a card sharp to play this game. We'll show you how. Prizes, raffles & lots of laughter included during the night. But wait there's more. Bring along a casserole and you get in for free. Look for the list in the foyer.

## **WHO'S WHO AT THE CLUB**

These people have taken on these important roles:

Executive Secretary **Beata Burian** Beata (Bee-art-a) is Ernst's wife, she is a non-bowler who volunteered for this position when no other members wished to take the position. Beata has been learning on the job during the winter. A significant task was to prepare the fixture book. Please treat her gently if this book has omissions or errors. Good luck Beata I am sure you will be given every help you need.

Admissions Officer **Manfred (Fred) Mohren** Fred is the man you see to pay your subscriptions. Subs are due now. Associate members need to advise the Executive in writing as to why they should continue to be given this concession.

Mens Section President **Bryan Dennehy** Bryan's first term in this position, he has big shoes to fill following Bruce Perry into this position. Bryan will continue to update the club's website boroniabowls.org. Good luck Bryan we know the members will follow your lead.

Ladies Section President **Margaret Grossbard** Margaret is also new to the president's role. The ladies are looking forward to her term especially now that they have recovered their "ladies-only" Tuesday pennant. Best wishes Margaret for a successful season.

Mens Section Secretary **Gary Senn** Gary has shown a serious commitment to his bowling and will similarly give this role his best. Amongst his duties is signing clearances for incoming and outgoing bowlers.

Ladies Section Secretary **Annette Scutt** Annette has been involved in many committee roles in her time at our club. She also signs inward and outwards clearances

Club Communications Officer **David Fletcher** Bowls Victoria notifies clubs through one contact at each club. David in this role then disseminates these notifications to the appropriate committee member.

Toucher Topics editor **John McCarthy** If you have an article, tale, yarn, joke (keep them clean) for our newsletter forward them to John (preferably by email at [pinevale15@hotmail.com](mailto:pinevale15@hotmail.com)).

## **SPONSOR THANK YOU**

The club now has a HD television thanks to our generous sponsor Nick Kokovitis who operates Priceline Pharmacy in Boronia. Nick has also displayed a framed club shirt on the wall in his pharmacy. Why not acknowledge Nick when you drop off your scripts. He loves a chat about the bowls club.

## **SPONSOR TESTIMONIAL**

In 2009 Club bar manager John McCarthy purchased a set of four new tyres from club sponsor Bridgestone Tyres. During this winter he was unlucky enough to, not once but, twice have a puncture. He took the tyres to Bridgestone to be repaired. On both occasions the manager Russell Hutton said the repair was free of charge because he had bought the set of tyres from Bridgestone. John now will tell anyone who needs new tyres to go to Bridgestone in Burwood Highway Ferntree Gully. Always mention you are a club member. Russell is a regular participant in our Sponsor's nights and enjoys his association with Boronia Bowls Club.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT LADIES SECTION**

A big welcome back to everyone after the long winter break. This will be an exciting year for our ladies with the return of Tuesday Ladies Pennant. We have entered three teams of twelve ladies. I expect the 2011-2012 season will see a renewed enthusiasm amongst our ladies after a few difficult years and hopefully this will bring success. It would be nice to again win a flag for Boronia. We now also have a Boronia Saturday ladies team. These ladies have been playing at FTG now for a few years, but this year will have them playing home matches at Boronia. They were very successful last year and I hope this success continues this season. I wish both the tournament and selection committees a great year. I welcome to the ladies committee some new faces and welcome back the ladies who were on it last season. Good bowling all, enjoy the friendship of the Boronia Bowls Club.

Margaret Grossbard

### **A THOUGHT FOR TOUCHER TOPIC.**

#### **An afternoon at the carpet bowls.**

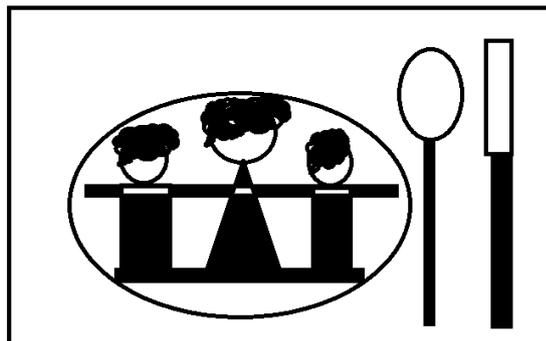
Picture five ladies sitting on chairs, all in a row, waiting for their turn to bowl.

One lady turns to the others and strikes up a conversation:

*'I had my grandchildren for lunch yesterday'*

The lady at the end of the row replies:

*'That's nice, **DID THEY TASTE GOOD?**'*



### **HONORARIA**

Following a motion moved at the club's Annual General Meeting, the Executive committee reviewed the honoraria paid to some of our office bearers. The committee set the honoraria as:

Executive Treasurer	\$600 per annum
Executive Secretary	\$600 per annum.
Bar Manager	\$500 per annum
Greens Director	\$500 per annum.

These amounts were paid to the relevant office-bearers for the 2010/11 season.

### **THANK YOU**

Edith Whitehall and Pauline Edwards for running Indoor Bowls during the winter.

Fred Mohren and Edith Whitehall for running Saturday bowls during the early winter.

Bruce Le Grew for preparing tasty soups for the winter bowlers.

Les Lucas and his disciples, Gary Senn and Ted Nicholas, for his excellent coaching sessions every Sunday at Boronia then Bayswater.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT MENS SECTION**

Welcome back to all members, old and new. I trust that those who have been fortunate enough to travel North and elsewhere for the winter have enjoyed their travels and have returned home safely.

We are busy getting ready for the 2011-2012 pennant season which will see some changes.

First is the change in Pennant games from 25 to 21 ends. This will result in earlier finish times. Second is the abolition of the afternoon tea break as we know it. We do have to stop for a break and we are in the process of deciding what format that will take.

This season we are looking at ways to improve bowlers performances and, with that in mind, we have appointed Les Lucas as Pennant Director. Les will be running a training program which will enhance bowler's skills and lead to more enjoyment of the game.

We have entered 5 pennant sides for this season and I wish all bowlers a healthy and successful bowling season.



Bryan Dennehy  
President Mens Section

## **PRACTICE MATCHES**

Please check notice boards to record your availability for these games.

The fixture book, when available, has information about these matches.

## **PENNANT PRACTICE 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

Starting at 12 noon we'll begin with a sausage sizzle followed by a short discussion on the aims & directions we want to achieve for the coming season.

Put your name down on the list in the foyer.

Remember, the first Saturday pennant game is on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**.

## **OLDER BUT GOLDER**

### **100 YEARS YOUNG**

Congratulations to Thelma Moore who celebrates her century on Monday 29 August. Remark your crease Thelma and settle in for many more.

### **HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup>**

Margaret Carty had a special birthday last week. I hear she celebrated this occasion with some members. Keep on bowling Margaret.

Marguerite Connell celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> on June the sixth. I am sure she enjoyed her day.

### **August**

John Cowling (9<sup>th</sup>); Robert Harvey (10<sup>th</sup>); Amy Walsh (15<sup>th</sup>);  
Max McNaughton (20<sup>th</sup>); Bob Lancaster, Jeff Edwards (15<sup>th</sup>); Marg Carty (80 on 17<sup>th</sup>);  
Robert Ward (17<sup>th</sup>); Bill Paus (22<sup>nd</sup>); Lex Hardie (22<sup>nd</sup>); Ken Graham (22<sup>nd</sup>);  
Bruce Perry (24<sup>th</sup>); John Jennings (25<sup>th</sup>); Doug Smith (28<sup>th</sup>);  
Thelma Moore (100 years 29<sup>th</sup>); Alan Cobb (30<sup>th</sup>)

### **September**

Keith Scutt (4<sup>th</sup>); Margaret Learmonth (9<sup>th</sup>); Pam Hughes (12<sup>th</sup>); Pat Edwards (18<sup>th</sup>); Kevin Hamond (20<sup>th</sup>);  
Marianne Wolske (21<sup>st</sup>); Les Moxon (24<sup>th</sup>); Graham Worthington (24<sup>th</sup>); Geoff Woodford (24<sup>th</sup>); Pat Walton  
(26<sup>th</sup>); Geoff Turner (27<sup>th</sup>); Pat Harvey (28<sup>th</sup>); Tom Bedohazy (29<sup>th</sup>); Terry Phillips (30<sup>th</sup>)



**2004 - Two Friends – Two Champions, Joan Shegog and Ron Eastlake sharing a beer in front of the honour board which records their victories.**

## **JOAN SHEGOG**

**Joan sadly died during the winter. This eulogy from her funeral is reproduced with the love and permission of her family.**

Joan always said that she never wanted a sad funeral – that “for a Catholic, death was a promotion” – and from these words we can gain some measure of the woman we are remembering today; a vibrant woman of strength and energy, a woman of determination, a woman of integrity and honesty, a woman who had strong opinions and a deeply personal sense of justice and family loyalty.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1931, Joan Moore was born at Rosedale in Gippsland, the second youngest of eight children. Not long after her birth, the family moved to Heyfield where Julie, her youngest and now only surviving sister was born. After the death of their father in 1935, another move took place, this time, to Box Hill in outer eastern Melbourne. As was the custom in those days, a furniture van was used – but not only the furniture was transported in the back of the van. Joan and her brother Blue, together with their dog Spot also travelled in the back of the van. It would have been a long ride jiggling around in the back of the van – without seat belts!!

Joan loved learning: she completed Grade 8 at St Francis Xavier’s Primary School in Box Hill. In those days Primary School was the only education most students received, but Joan was encouraged to continue at secondary school – which she did. She completed her secondary education at the Box Hill Girls’ Technical College, and was Dux of the School. She then went on to Stotts Business College and was also Dux of the College. Given another time and more equal opportunity, she would probably have excelled at University. However, she got a terrific job and worked with the Taxation Services as a stenographer and eventually became Personal Assistant to the boss.

Sport figured strongly in her leisure activities during her post school years. She loved playing tennis and netball – basketball as it was called in those days – and in later life was an icon at the Boronia Bowling Club for twenty-five years. She was Club Secretary, she was on the Selection Committee, did her time in the kitchen, and was Club Champion one year and Runner Up the next. She and three other team members scored an 8 this year and this is the first time that has happened at Boronia Bowls Club.

As a young woman, Joan attended all the local dances with her brother Blue, and there were plenty of dances in those days. With him she won Belle of the Ball at the Box Hill Town Hall decked out in one of the beautiful gowns her mother made – and her mother made all of them!

The Heyfield Butter Factory was the next significant place in Joan’s life. She had never lost touch with the Heyfield family members and it was while she was working at the factory that she met a milk tanker driver called Jim Shegog. She really liked him and their romance blossomed. However, Jim was somewhat older and this caused some opposition to her desire to marry him. Her determination was seriously put to the test but as she proved to us ‘you cannot interfere with love’ -and she was a woman of determination. They were married in 1953.

During the next three years the Shegog family welcomed the arrival of Michael in 1956 and Leanne four years later. While Jim worked as a logger he was sometimes unable to make his way out of snowbound situations or truck breakdowns leaving Joan at home in Cowwarr with the children for sometimes weeks at a time with no telephone nor car. Her saviour was her sister Eunie who lived nearby and was able to take her shopping weekly. However difficult this time was for Joan, the loneliness, the making do, the thinking on her feet were all traits that were to stand her in good stead throughout her life. Some

decisions she made on her own were less than popular as demonstrated by Jim returning home to find one of his valuable truck tyres had been exchanged for a box of apples at the suggestion of a travelling salesman. Jim certainly wasn't too impressed to know he'd lost a damn good tyre to a case of apples!

When Jim heard of a job offer in Melbourne working for Ansett, he and Joan grabbed the opportunity to start their life afresh in a place where their family would have more opportunities and offer them all a brighter future. So, with all their worldly possessions on the back of a trailer, the Shegogs arrived in Little Gold Street Brunswick. What a shock!

The wide open spaces of the countryside to an inner suburban town, to the sounds of the trams going down Sydney Road, the comings and goings of factory workers, and the multi-culturalism prevalent and so evident at this period of time in Melbourne's history.

Joan was a woman of determination, and she was determined she and Jim, Michael and Leanne would live in their own home one day – and sooner rather than later. To this end, she got a job at Darrel Lea's in the city. I would have loved to have seen her with the big bow around her neck and the jazzy little smock the assistants used to wear – coming home on the train!!

However, Joan would have worked regardless; she believed she had good skills and was able to make a contribution wherever she was. She had an incredible work ethic and worked until she was 70.

When you've been as determined as Joan was to own your own home, when you get it, you don't leave, and after Joan and Jim moved to Boronia in 1964, she remained at 8 Janet Street for forty-seven years – content and happy with her lot in life. She was a simple cook, but loved good food. Leanne tells me you had to stand up to eat her sponges. Phillip Graves can attest to her little cakes hot out of the oven on a Sunday morning. Her garden was her delight and not to be tampered with; Jim didn't know mollis azaleas lost their leaves and earned Joan's wrath when he removed one 'because he thought it was dead'. Holidays were very important to Joan – beach holidays at San Remo; water skiing at Glenmaggie; trips with Jim, culminating in one of the happiest times of their lives when they travelled around Australia with the caravan and the Pontiac. She loved these experiences particularly those involved with the Outback – getting to know Australia – the people – the land – places whose names she'd read about – places full of the history of her country. And of course, she'd read about them forever; as I said before, she loved learning and found out so much from books. She was an avid reader and she believed "You're never lonely if you have a book" – or as we all know – a crossword to complete. She loved them and enjoyed the challenge they gave her even up to her final days.

After Jim died, she said she wasn't going to be a wailing widow – for her, life offered too many riches. During their life together, as well as working full time, she had been involved with the Parish Fete for years on the cake stall and after her retirement took on the toy stall – scrubbing, dressing, refurbishing outworn toys, bringing new life into toys for other girls and boys. She became more heavily involved in the Bowls Club; the Elderly Citizens and the Council for the Ageing also benefitted from her keen interest in and attention to detail. She strongly believed that a person should give back to their community and because she believed in it, she had to do it. She wasn't a person who expected others to do what she wasn't prepared to do. And she definitely liked to have an opinion and wasn't afraid to express it - sometimes regardless of the consequences.

Twenty one years without a partner is a long time but Joan believed she'd had the best so was never worried about finding another partner. Jim had been her strength – he had helped raise her up so she could stand on mountains; he helped raise her up to walk on stormy seas; she was strong when she was on his shoulders; and he raised her up to more than she could be. She has returned to him as she knew she would one day and has now been promoted to life with him. We love you Joan – Travel well

# **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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Monday To Sun</u>
<b><u>TEAM NO. 1</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 2</u></b>	
<b>Gary Degenhardt</b>	21 Aug to 27 Aug	<b>Bruce Legrew</b>	28 Aug to 3 Sept
Brenda Degenhardt		Kath Perryman	
Don Edwards		Noel Comport	
Brian Carolan		Irene Hunnam	
Bradley Castle		Jeff Edwards	
Gerry Gommers			
<b><u>TEAM NO. 3</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 4</u></b>	
<b>Keith Scutt</b>	4 Sept to 10 Sept	<b>Rob &amp; Joy Curtis</b>	11 Sept to 17 Sept
Annette Scutt		Peter South	
George Bisset		Stuart Eastwood	
Max Lyon		Ted Nicholas	
Troy Haartsen		Greg Johnson	
Brian McCristal		David Treleaven	
Ken Maloney			
<b><u>TEAM NO. 5</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 6</u></b>	
<b>Lindsay Russell</b>	18 Sept to 24 Sept	<b>Angelo Lia</b>	25 Sept to 2 Oct
Lesley Russell		Henry Grossbard	
Graeme Hockey		Margaret Grossbard	
Cyn Caira		Ron Evans	
Graeme Greene		John Jennings	
		Len Doddrell	
		Alan Horwood	