



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2012

WEE MARY THOMSON TURNS 90 ON 20 NOVEMBER 2012



May Matthews readies her bowls for a game at Rich River Bowls in May 2009

On Tuesday 20 November 2012 May Matthews reaches the magic mark of 90 years young. Born Mary Thomson in Leith, Scotland, May married Robert Matthews in Leith in 1942. They had a son also Robert. In 1956 some months prior to the Melbourne Olympic Games, they emigrated to Australia and settled in Boronia. Both Robert senior and Robert junior have sadly passed away. May has a brother still residing in Scotland, two grandsons and three great grandchildren aged from 7 to 18, here in Australia.

May's other brother, Charlie, since deceased, whilst on a visit to May in about 2002 suggested she take up lawn bowls as he had done after emigrating to South Africa. So he is to blame for our clubrooms to be filled with cackling laughter as May regales others with her many jokes and stories.

May played in club games and ladies pennant before changing to non-playing membership in the last couple of seasons. She loves the Casserole and Cards nights and revels in carpet bowls – playing at Underwood Seniors Club, Glengollan and at our club during the winter. She lives a busy life, driving herself to many social outings and carpet bowls days. Her grandchildren have to make appointments with her to ensure she is home when they need her.

Ho hum!! Little old lady is turning old. Read on this old bird lead another life.

May and her husband played competitive darts and during the 1970's May represented Victoria in interstate play in Melbourne, Newcastle and Burnie. Furthermore May, more than once, threw the magical "180", that is 3 darts into triple 20 in one turn – the equivalent of three resting touchers one after the other. The other magical number in darts play is a "9 darter". This means throwing exactly 501 with 9 darts. In match play one evening May was in line for a 9 darter and in her last throw she scored triple 19, double 19 before attempting a bulleye to finish. Her last dart missed the bull by the width of a wire.

May – all your friends at the club wish you the happiest and healthiest birthday and life ahead.

SPONSORS CORNER

The following are some of our many sponsors that keep our club financial. Keep them in mind when next you need to make a purchase, repair or just some advice.

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Andrew bowls with Upwey Tecoma.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR TOUCHER TOPICS – NOVEMBER 2012

During October we grieved with the loss of valued members Marianne Wolske and Alf Jackson, and Assistant Executive Secretary Joan Connan's husband Graham. Alf was a long time member of the club, a former President, and the instigator of the annual trip to Moama which has been enjoyed by many members over the years. Following these losses and the untimely demise of Robbie Ward, it is a salutary thought that we should be mindful of our own mortality and make the most of the friendships and activities offered by our club while we are still fit and able to do so.

The Executive Committee is currently reviewing the club Constitution. There have been several up-dates since the club became incorporated in 1985 but with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act to become law later this month it is an opportune time to review our Constitution and address some of the provisions, the interpretation of which has led to controversy among some of our members. An excellent draft Club Constitution has been prepared by the Solicitors of Bowls Victoria which ensures that the legal requirements of the new Act are complied with. It is also considered an opportune time to review the number of Committee positions required under our current Constitution which are becoming more difficult to fill each year. The draft Constitution provided by Bowls Victoria appears to be long winded (i.e written in legalise which may bamboozle us) in some areas but is written in such a way as to avoid misinterpretation.

The Executive Committee are of the view that we can modify this draft to meet the legal requirements while retaining the individuality of our club. It is proposed that the new Constitution would be circulated to members before a Special General Meeting is called, probably in February 2013, to consider its adoption.

The Cup Eve bowling and dinner has been well supported as has the Special Effort which is to be drawn at the dinner. We are fortunate to have had excellent prizes donated for the Special Effort, namely a set of Henselite bowls, a pair of ladies and gents watches, and a digital camera. We sincerely thank the anonymous donors of these great gifts and thank the members for supporting the Special Effort which will bring in much needed funds for the club. Another feature introduced this season is the sausage sizzle and dim sims being available after Saturday pennant. The ladies who prepare these timely morsels are thanked for giving up their time to see to our bowlers innermost needs. Your support of these initiatives, other club events and of our sponsors helps to provide the funds which are vital for the club to be able to keep our annual subscriptions and green fees at an acceptable level.

Peter Learmonth
Executive Director

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Roma and Bob Sands recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They married at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Box Hill on the 29th of September 1962

Bob's health has been poor in recent years, precluding him from bowls and pennant play. He says once his health picks up he has every intention of coming to bowl again.

LADIES PRESIDENT REPORT

October has been a sad month for our club with loss of members and past members.

Our sympathies go out to Joan Connan, Irene Jackson, the Wolske Family & Thelma Moore's family on the loss of their loved ones.

On a brighter note, lots of things are happening around the club at the moment.

This Friday, 9th November, we are having our Gala Day. This is one of our big fundraising days, so we would like as many people as possible to support it.

We also need items for the craft stall, cakes & bottles. Let's make it a great day. Our Christmas Hampers have again been assembled by Margaret Learmonth, so thank you very much to her. Thank you also to all the ladies who contributed with items for the hampers.

We will be holding a fashion parade on Friday 23rd November at 11.30am, followed by a light lunch. Tillow Fashions have brands such as Black Pepper, Bonds & many others. They cater for sizes from 8-22. Bring your friends & family along to this one. List is in the foyer.

A scary thought, but Christmas is just around the corner. The list for the Christmas dinner will be up this week. Last year was a great night & we have the same caterers and entertainment. Make up a table or just come along and join another table.

Our after pennant sausages & dim sims are going very well. Thank you to the ladies, who are volunteering their time on a Saturday afternoon. We could do with some more volunteers, so if anyone can spare an hour or two on a Sat, it would be very much appreciated.

Finally our Tuesday Pennant are still achieving some great results. Keep up the good work,

Margaret Grossbard

Ladies Section President

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL BOWLS

6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

Open to all members, family and friends.

Come along and enjoy a friendly bowls to finish your working week.

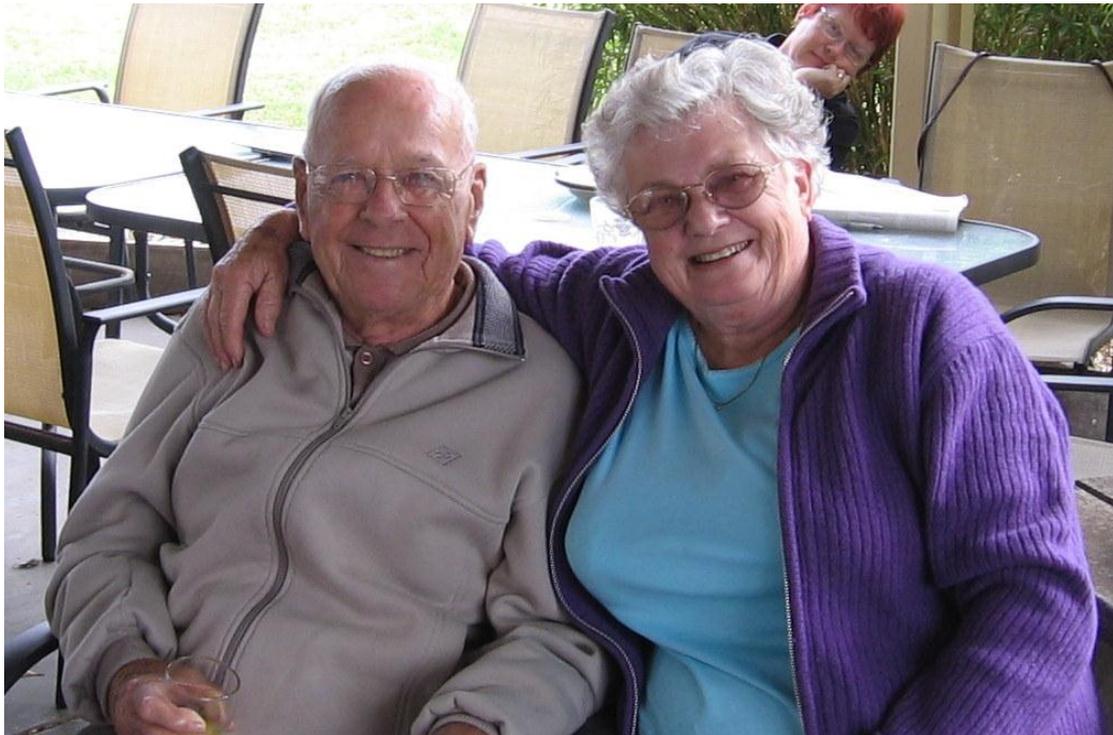
Sausage sizzle together with steamed dim sims are available prior to bowls.

The club's bar is open during the evening.

LEGIONNAIRE'S HATS

White Legionnaire style hats are now available from the bar at a subsidised price of \$5 each. The club received a grant from the State government for these items.

ALF JACKSON (21-10-1920 - 26-10-2012)



Alf and Irene Jackson pictured at Moama on one of the many trips they organised.

Alfred Francis Jackson was born at Ulverston, England where he met then later married Irene on the 8th of August 1940.

They emigrated to Australia in 1956, settling in Melbourne.

Irene and Alf have two daughters, six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Alf suffered a fall about two years ago, where he fractured his sternum and severely damaged his neck and back. From that time onward he was confined to his bed and Irene tended to his needs. In recent times his health deteriorated to the extent that he entered William Angliss Hospital then Royal Freemasons Centenary Lodge in Lewis Road where he passed away some five days after his 92 birthday.

Irene and Alf met when she was sixteen years old. She recalls shopping in Ulverston one day when she smiled at this fellow standing outside a shop. Sometime later the same fellow, Alf, rescued Irene when she fell on a slippery grass slope whilst walking her dog. From that time on they became constant companions.

Alf served two seasons as Men's Section president. He played pennant bowls for many seasons. He and Irene were involved the running of monthly dinner dances which ran for many years and raised much needed funds for the club.

For 29 years Irene and Alf organised end of season trips, firstly to Barooga, then Corowa and then Echuca-Moama. Many current and former club members have enjoyed these trips away. They continue today using the formula that Alf and Irene created.

Irene will celebrate her 91st birthday on 9th of November. She is content that Alf is no longer in the extreme pain he suffered prior to his passing.

MEN'S PRESIDENT REPORT

It's a busy time at the club. Lots of things happening. We're well into the Club Singles and congratulations to Barry and Troy on their success in the Pairs.

A great night was had at our sponsors, Kingsland with about 70 attending and feasting on the sumptuous banquet prepared by our hosts, Kevin and Bonnie. Thank you to Bruce Le Grew and Bob Lancaster for their help in the organisation. Maybe we will do it again early in the new year.

Christmas is looming and before we know it, it will be upon us. Our Christmas Dinner on the 7th December is just around the corner. Plenty of things to get ready and another year has disappeared.

Barefoot Bowling is off and running albeit a little slowly. Maybe with some warmer weather the numbers will grow. There is plenty of enthusiasm in those that attend and everyone end up having had a good time. If you're not doing anything on Friday night, why not come down and participate. No cost for members and we could always do with a little help to run the night. Barefoot bowling is a great way of introducing new bowlers to the game and ultimately, new club members.

Pennant is well under way and the sausages and dim sims are proving to be very popular. Visitors are staying back and having a snack as well as a drink, and the opportunity to talk about how well/bad they played including the end that if only they had picked up the jack. So close!!

Many thanks to David Alderman and Graeme Greene on their donations of Steamers to heat the dim sims. This is a good example of what being a participating club member means. Thank you both.

Good bowling



Bryan Dennehy
Men's President

CLUB SINGLES FINALS

Sunday 2 December 2012 is the date of our singles finals.

Come early to see our ladies final at 10 am.

Enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch, then relax as the men do battle about 1 pm.

Bar will be opening during licence times.

OLDER BUT GOLDER

October Errata Joan Connan was born on October 5

November

Alan Baldwin (1st), Ron Marsh (2nd), Irene Jackson (9th), Cynthia Caira (11th), Rob Curtis (15th); Shirley Gardner (16th); Betty Cornish (17th); Dot King (18th); Peter Stiff (18th); Whoosh (aka Mark Ward) (19th); May Matthews (20th); Mavis Simpson (21st)



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 7 December

List in foyer

\$25 per head fully catered dinner.

(That jolly fat bloke is on his way)



CLEANING ROSTER 2012-13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sun To Sat</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sun To Sat</u>
<u>TEAM NO. 12</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 13</u>	
Derek Pitt	4 Nov to 10 Nov	Graeme Ashmore	11 Nov to 17 Nov
Ernst Burian	10 Feb to 16 Feb	Royce Wardle	17 Feb to 23 Feb
Tom & Olivia Lucas	11 May to 18 May	Tom Pieters	18 May to 25 May
Bill Paus		Hans Eriksen	
Alan Cobb		Geoff Turner	
Don Korver			
<u>TEAM NO. 1</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 2</u>	
John McCarthy	18 Nov to 24 Nov	Bruce LeGrew	25 Nov to 1 Dec
Brian Carolan	24 Feb to 2 Mar	John Cupples	3 Mar to 9 Mar
Don Edwards		Heather Cupples	
Cheryl McCarthy		Irene Hunnam	
Bradley Castle		Jeff Edwards	
Gerry Gommers		Myra LeGrew	
Peter Croker		Noel Comport	
<u>TEAM NO. 3</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 4</u>	
Keith Scutt	2 Dec to 8 Dec	Rob & Joy Curtis	9 Dec to 15 Dec
Annette Scutt	10 Mar to 16 Mar	Stuart Eastwood	17 Mar to 23 Mar
Max Lyon		Greg Johnson	
Troy Haartsen		David Treleven	
Brian McCristal			
Paul McAloney			
<u>TEAM NO. 5</u>			
Lindsay Russell	16 Dec to 22 Dec		
Lesley Russell	24 Mar to 30 Mar		
Irene Major			
Bob Williams			
Graeme Greene			
Noel Dowler			

WARNING

Myra Le Grew has purchased a new mobile phone.

So if you receive any calls from MYRA you can safely answer them.