



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPT 2013



The new season is off and running and our picture shows Nick Wakeling holding the bowl with which he started it all. Nick is flanked by our two singles champions, Annette Scutt and Brian McCrystal, together with Executive Director Margaret, Ladies President Elvie, (in the shadows), and Mens' President Vin.

The Opening of the Greens on Saturday August 31st was a friendly affair, catching up with our mates and meeting new members, but there was nothing usual about the ceremony itself.

Neither invited dignitary was present at the appointed time and Executive Director Margaret was forced to re-arrange the programme. All speeches were over by the time Nick Wakeling made his entrance, but he promptly apologized for his lateness caused by unforeseen family problems. He was, however, delighted to be there and was then given his chance to demonstrate his prowess on the green. Following a wayward first bowl, he remembered the term "correction" and what it meant by sending the next one very close to the jack.

A special thankyou was given to the ladies who prepared the lovely afternoon tea.

Now that we have spent time in hibernation over the winter, perhaps it is appropriate to exercise the linguistic side of the brain and try to understand the vagaries of our beautiful language. 'Tain't so squeezey!

You think English is easy?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear..
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it – English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France . Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig..

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. – Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?

JOKE OF THE MONTH.

After being married for 30 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for a while then said, "You're an alphabet wife.....A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K."

She asks, "What the heck does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous, and Hot."

She smiled happily and said, "Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I,J,and K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving his testicles.

Tels Teaser

Which are the odd words out in these two lists?

A	B
MILE	SAGE
RACED	SASH
AMPLE	SAXE
OPEN	SCAN
PANES	SCAR
	SEAR

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.

BRIDGESTONE Tyre Centre

1/876 Burwood Highway Ferntree Gully

Phone 9758 1633.

Ask for Russell for all your Tyre and Mechanical Services.

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Phone 9752 2799 Mob 0412 079 062

Quality used cars.

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For personal service ask for Jeff.

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157 Boronia Road, Boronia

Phone 9762 2477

Call in and see Nick or Patrick for all your medication or advice on usage.

They are only too pleased to help.

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8 Thomas Street Ferntree Gully

Phone 9758 5860

FOR QUALITY CAR CARE. Complete car service or tuning.

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“we care for your eyes”

Shop 2 Dorset Square Boronia

Phone 9762 2252

Needing specs, remember 10% discount for Boronia Bowls Club members.

When you visit our sponsors ALWAYS tell them you are from Boronia Bowls Club.

Executive Directors Report.

FACTS AND MYTHS

We are now all getting back into the swing of bowling again. However, it has not taken long for many rumours to start circulating around the club. Most of these rumours are inaccurate and without foundation.

Let me dispel some of these myths. Firstly, that the club has a lot of money in reserve and refuses to spend any of it. It is true that the club has money invested with the Bendigo Bank. We have used some of these funds for the replacement of the front green, equipment, and the sheds in the last few years. We need to keep the rest of these funds in case any other capital works are required or there are any unexpected expenses. This is called good economic management.

The second myth is that the club has no funds and is struggling to survive. The club is in a healthy position. Certainly our expenses have increased, so we are always looking for ways to increase income. Last season, with the introduction of some extra fundraising events, we were able to do this. All of this was reported in the Annual Report. We have also been fortunate to receive some grants in recent times. These have allowed us to purchase the outdoor furniture, bowling aids, a comprehensive first aid kit, and the new defibrillator. We are always looking for ways to benefit the club and our members, and we work continually with council and state government to access these grants. Take no notice of these rumours. They are mischievous and divisive.

The Executive endeavours to keep all of our members informed of anything happening in our club.

Moving on to other matters. Graeme Greene has taken on the difficult job as sponsorship officer. This is a difficult task, so we all need to support our sponsors so they get something in return. Please put all your receipts in the sponsorship box. At the end of the season we will tally them and let the sponsors know how much we have spent with each one. Also tell them that you are from the Boronia Bowls Club.

One of our sponsors, Harvey World Travel, organized a group to do a cruise around the Pacific Islands last May. This was a great trip and they would like to do it again. This will be of benefit to the club and is not restricted to club members. If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will give you the details.

Let's all work together for the continued success of this great club.

Margaret Grossbard

* Keep a look out for the **Cup Eve mixed bowls** on Monday November 4th. Followed by a dinner, this is sure to be an event that brings a lot of joy, disappointment, but most of all, togetherness. Notice on board soon, bring your friends along too.

FROM THE BAR

There are a few white legionnaires-style caps still available from the bar. These caps are ideal for sun protection, flap up for use as a normal cap, or flap down to protect ears and back of the neck. So if you are standing out in the scorching sun for hours, or camel riding through the interior, these caps are for you.

At the sensational subsidized price of just \$5.00 they won't last long, so be quick. Also available are cooling cloths at the very reasonable price of \$15.00. A useful addition to your bowls bag.

FROM THE COACHES

There are now a good variety of bowling arms available for loan to club members. If you are considering the use of an arm for legitimate reasons, this is a good opportunity to practice until you find one that is suitable for your size and ease of operation.

There will be a register of users, and to obtain an arm you should see either Terry Phillips or Carol Ashmore.

We also have available for loan, two "steady sticks" for those bowlers who need to use a fixed stance.

Free coaching begins Wednesday October 16th.

COACHES TIPS

By necessity, there are many new skips, thirds and markers, in club games and tournaments. Bowling etiquette demands that you stand about one metre to the side of the jack and two metres behind. As a common courtesy to bowlers on the mat, you should stand still and not talk until the bowl has been delivered. Every effort must be given to ensure bowlers are not distracted during their delivery.

Congratulations to Troy and Amy Haartsen on the imminent arrival of their first child. This comes after many heartbreaks, so we wish them both well. Under the father/son, father/daughter law as practiced by the club, we can look forward to a new crack bowler down the track.

Answer to Tels Teaser

A. OPEN. The rest are tree anagrams – lime, cedar, maple, aspen.

B. SASH. In the others, the letter "s" can be moved to the end of the word to form a new word in the plural.

LADIES PRESIDENTS' REPORT.

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all fit and well and not working too hard!!!

I hope you are all going to enjoy the coming season and I wish you all good bowling.

Please don't listen to rumours, our club is doing fine, just support our fundraisers.

Our Card and Casserole night coming up is a good fun night, bring your friends, and if you bring a casserole you won't have to pay.

Also Barefoot Bowls is about to start soon, come along to that also.

Look after each other, bowl well, and be good.

Elvie Williams

MENS PRESIDENTS RERORT

As we prepare for the coming season starting October 5th, the playing of the round robin practice matches will determine the formulation of the pennant sides. Again we will be looking to improve individual bowlers' performance which will enhance their skills and lead to a greater level of satisfaction in the games they play.

This season we have entered 4 pennant sides, and with the number of bowlers who have left our club, many players will have the opportunity to bowl in higher divisions than they have in years past.

Remember our coaching panel, YOUR coaching panel is available to assist anyone wishing to improve their ability.

The Executive Committee along with the Mens' Committee made the ruling that NO visiting club will be allowed to practice on the greens between 11 – 12 am on the day of pennant.

On pennant day the kitchen will be out of bounds to all visiting players.

Please ensure the kitchen and pantry doors are shut at all times when there is no-one in the kitchen. The urn will be set up on pennant day with paper cups, tea bags, coffee, sugar, milk, and a small amount of biscuits for those players who would like a hot drink prior to pennant.

When practicing during the week, all players must use the boundary pegs as the centre of the rink, to avoid excessive wear to the green.

I trust all bowlers will have a most enjoyable season, and remember you will only get out of it what you put into it.

Vin Hughes

At the time of writing, Vin is in hospital with prostate problems. We all wish him well.

The Pizza Club continues and it looks like John McCarthy will be fleecing members for the benefit of the Royal Childrens Hospital

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SEPTEMBER –

Monday 19th – WORKING BEE. All able bodied members are invited to assist with the removal of dead shrubs, hedge clipping, and general maintenance
Bob Williams is in charge and will allocate jobs according to your ability.

OCTOBER –

Sunday 13th – OPEN MIXED FOURS. More teams required to keep this a successful event. Also require members to set up the tables and prepare the salad for lunch. This is not just a ladies function, but once shown the routine, can be done by male members too. Depending how many volunteers come forward, the club may need your help only twice in the season. Please see Bruce LeGrew for information.

Thursday 17th – JACKPOT TRIPLES. This was cancelled in September because of lack of numbers. This is a triples tournament for all members, the difference being that a jackpot, from a small part of the minimal entrance fee, can accumulate to a healthy pay out. This event is replacing the monthly Interclub, so give it a try.

Friday 18th – BAREFOOT BOWLS starts. See list in foyer.

Sunday 20th – TRY BOWLS DAY. Help potential new bowlers learn about the game. Notice to be in the foyer.

Friday 25th – GALA DAY, notice in ladies lounge.

THE CLUB NEEDS YOU.

The after pennant sausage sizzle and dim sims has been a good earner for the club. Last season this important task was carried out each week by a small group of ladies, most of whom are unavailable this season. The sausages are cooked on the BBQ so not difficult, and if there are any men not playing pennant and are able to assist with the cooking, selling, and money collection, please come forward soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ashy, Olivia, and Elvie, on winning the Grossbard Trophy.



We were fortunate to have three representatives from the Bendigo Bank attend the official opening of the greens. Jane, Eliza, and Tom presented the club with a cheque for \$2,300.00 to purchase a defibrillator. This life saving equipment was obtained through a grant applied for last season. Training will be provided to our members on the correct use of this equipment. Our thanks go to the Bendigo Bank and also to Carol Ashmore for all her efforts in obtaining this grant.



OLDER BUT GOLDER

October birthdays.

Joan Connan 3rd, Len Doddrell 3rd, Frank Rennie 6th, Olivia Lucas 10th, Keith Groenewegen 12th, John King 12th, Gerry Gommers 13th, Glenn Knight 13th, Henry Grossbard 14th, Stephen Skinner 14th, George Lynn 16th, Lin Perry 17th, David Inglis 20th, Lindsay Russell 22nd, Harry Rusiecki 23rd, Mark Westley 25th, Brenda Degenhardt 27th, John McCarthy 27th, Jack Kirby 29th, Stuart Eastwood 31st.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR SEASON 18th August 2013 - 24th May 2014

1. Each team is on cleaning duty from Sunday to Saturday.

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.

3. Enquiries about roster operation to **Keith Scutt on 9761 0206**. Thank you for your support and co-operation in helping out with this most important task.

Name	Sun To Sat	Name	Sun To Sat
TEAM NO. 7		TEAM NO. 8	
Vin Roche	29 Sep to 5 Oct	Bryan Dennehy	6 Oct to 12 Oct
Ian Mclean	5 Jan to 11 Jan	John Robinson	12 Jan to 18 Jan
Margaret Woodford	6 Apr to 12 Apr	Marn Wynn	13 Apr to 19 Apr
Marc Buis		Alan Forster	
Keith Groenewegen		Graeme Turner	
		Stuart Schmolling	
TEAM NO. 9		TEAM NO. 10	
Terry Phillips	13 Oct to 19 Oct	Bruce & Lin Perry	20 Oct to 26 Oct
Brenda Phillips	19 Jan to 25 Jan	David Inglis	26 Jan to 1 Feb
Mal Barrow	20 Apr to 26 Apr	Ray Bilton	27 Apr to 3 May
Daniel Price		Garry Overs	
David Fletcher		Ron Marsh	
		George Lynn	
TEAM NO. 11		TEAM NO. 12	
Vin Hughes	27 Oct to 2 Nov	Derek Pitt	3 Nov to 9 Nov
Ian Ball	2 Feb to 8 Feb	Tom & Olivia Lucas	9 Feb to 15 Feb
Kevin Hamond	4 May to 10 May	Bill Paus	11 May to 17 May
Bob Lancaster		Alan Cobb	
John & Dot King		Don Korver	
Pam Hughes			