



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEB 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT.

We have now reached the end of our pennant season. Congratulations to the Tuesday Pennant and the two teams who have reached the finals. What a great effort. Unfortunately our Saturday competition was not so successful. However we can only hope for better things next season. There are still plenty more events, so I would urge everyone to support them. Some of these days have been down a little on numbers this year, so come along and have a great day.

In the not too distant future, nomination forms will go up for next season. Please consider nominating for a position. The club will cease to exist if we can't get people to become involved. **DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE SAME PEOPLE!!**

I want to thank the people who came along to the working bee. A great job!

Continue to enjoy the rest of the season and all the club has to offer. I am taking a short break, so I will not have a report for the March Toucher Topics.

Happy bowling everyone.

Margaret Grossbard.

Spare a thought for our sickies this month. Ken Maloney is in rehab at Peter James. Ken suffered a stroke then had a heart attack while in hospital. He says he is on the mend so we hope to see him back soon.

Noel Comport had a fall last Saturday and was taken to William Angliss Hospital by ambulance. He has now been transferred to Box hill Hospital to have a pace maker fitted. We wish him well.

Graham Worthington was in hospital on Christmas Day and again on New Years Day, but is now resting back at home. He's had a rough time lately with wife Joan being very ill, and would love to receive visitors.

Nice to see Ron Marsh back at the club after illness. Stay fit Ron and good bowling.

SPONSORS CORNER

It's fair to say if you don't go to your friends funerals, they won't come to yours.

Now why would you visit **LePine Funeral Services** before your time? Well, pre-paid funerals are becoming more and more popular, and save you money. Do yourself a favour and find out more at **Le Pine**, you will be pleasantly surprised.

True story, ask Ian McLean. He broke his glasses and took them back to where he had purchased them in the appropriate spectacle case, a well known spec place in Knox City. They insisted they were not bought there and refused to even look at them, (he should have 'saved his time'!) So Ian decided to take them to our sponsor **Spectacle Site** in Dorset Square. Not only were they welcoming, but the glasses were fixed, the lenses were polished, and he had a 'new' pair of spectacles for \$40. That's what you call service. Ian will be going back there and so should we all.

Have you shopped at **Meat Lovers** yet? They are the butchers in Dorset Square Mall who have supplied all our meat trays for Saturday pennant. Those lucky winners will know the quality of the meat, and if you tell them you are from Boronia Bowls Club, they will tell you that we are the best sponsorship they have made. The number of members that have bought there has been well beyond their expectations, so thanks to you all, and let's encourage more meat shoppers to try them out. Unlike the big supermarkets, they will cut the meat you want, not just what is on display.

You could say, 'when it comes to used cars, it's hard to drive a bargain'. **J.Z.Motors** is the place to buy your used car. There is sure to be something from his excellent range of vehicles to suit.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Weds March 5thMinor 2-bowl singles. A popular event for those bowlers who have not played in the top side or never won a pennant flag.

Friday March 14thGood chance for newer bowlers to win a trophy. Still time to enter.

Thursday March 20th ...William Angliss Charity Shield, always a good day of mixed triples. Anyone can win this and receive the trophy on Presentation Night. Put names down now.

Sat March 22ndChandler Triples. You never know who you will be bowling with and always a chance to win this fantastic triples game. Entries now open.

April 28th to May 2ndMoama end-of-season trip.
An amazing week of bowls, fun, and socializing. The price of \$195 per person twin share not only pays for accommodation, but also Continental breakfast daily, three lunches and two dinners. Extremely well organized by Bryan and Lorraine Dennehy, you should ring Bryan on 9801 1261 for all enquiries.

The wife said to her husband, “drinking makes you so handsome and desirable sweetheart.” “What do you mean?” croaked old Bert, “I haven’t touched a drop tonight.” “No but I have,” she said.

JOKE OF THE MONTH.

My Little Satnav

I have a little satnav, it sits inside my car,
A satnav is a drivers’ friend, it tells you where you are,
I have a little satnav, I’ve had it all my life,
It’s better than the normal ones, my satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive,
“It’s thirty miles an hour” it says, “you’re doing thirty five.
It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake,
And tells me that it’s never safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is read and when it goes to green,
It seems to know instinctively when to intervene,
It lists the vehicles just in front and all those to the rear,
And takes this all into account, then specifies the gear.

I am sure no other driver has so helpful advice
For when we leave and lock the car it still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counseling, each journeys pretty fraught,
So why don’t I exchange it and get a quieter sort.

Ah well you see it cleans the house, makes sure I’m properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things and keeps me warm in bed.
Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then I could turn the damned thing off.

LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Hi Everybody,

Well the Pennant Season is over, except for one Saturday pennant game. Time is flying again!

Congratulations to the Tuesday pennant teams who are in the play-off. I sincerely wish them good bowling and good luck. We will all be cheering for you. Good luck also to Cyn Cairra and John McCarthy in their Champion of Champion play-offs.

Just a reminder; at the end of this season Navy Blue is out, so if you are buying "New Year", buy white.

Our William Angliss Charity Day is on the 20th March this year. The list will be on the board in the foyer for everyone to put their name down if they wish to play. The day will be sponsored by Pat and Geoff Edwards again. Thank you so much Pat and Geoff.

I would like to thank everyone who has guided me and indeed, helped me this season, in my role as "Lady President", especially Heather Couples who has been an exceptional Vice President. Thank you Heather.

Indeed thank you to all the committees and members and everyone who has helped around the club. You all do a great job!

Also many thanks to Ray Bilton, Brenda Phillips and Gwen Brown for their sterling effort at every Saturday pennant sausage sizzle. We all appreciate their effort very much.

I wish you all good bowling and good luck in the club games.
Look after each other,

Elvie.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of the year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."

Irish police are handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like.

Police reveal that a woman arrested for shop lifting had a whole salami in her underwear. When asked why, she it was because she was missing her Italian boyfriend.

It's onward and upward for Boronia Bowls Club.

If anyone believes the club is in despair now that Saturday pennant results are established, then think again people. True, the top side will be relegated to division 3, the second side to division 4, and the third side to division 5. This is not the end of the world, this is the start of a revolution.

It can be quite depressing to listen to some members complaining about this and that, should have done this, shouldn't have done that, but every club has its' skeptics and knockers. The unfortunate part is that some people can be influenced by this negativity and so the disease spreads.

Look at it this way; next season the club is in an excellent position to enjoy a wonderful year of successes. The top side is definitely a division 2 side and will not languish in division 3. The second and third sides will find their own level, and with the possibility that some of the new and more enthusiastic bowlers will be in their midst, a new energy will emerge and propel these sides to new heights. These are the positives which we must dwell on despite the sooth-sayers of doom and destruction.

Have you also noticed a more vibrant social atmosphere around the club? Much of this is due to newer bowlers bringing a sense of fun into the place and bringing more and more people together. Enthusiasm is infectious, so after licking your wounds and re-energising for a new season, let's stick together and show what an amazing club us proud members belong to. WE CAN AND WE WILL.



OLDER BUT GOLDER

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH.

6TH...Barbara Kwijas, Brad Castle, 7th...Peter Marshall 9th...Bob Stace
10th...George Bissett, Paul McAloney, 12th...Les Lucas, 13th...Graeme Ashmore, Brian
Carolan, 15th...Ian Kerr, 18th...Derek Pitt, 19th...Wilma Paus, 26th...Marne Wynn,
27th...Leigh McLean, 29th...Robert Sands, 30th...Ron Evans, 31st...Bryan Dennehy.

Our best wishes for a happy and painless birthday to all the above.

MENS PRESIDENTS REPORT.

As the 2013-14 season draws to a conclusion, we have only our number 4 side with a chance of playing in the finals. I congratulate the players who have got the club to this position and wish them well in their endeavours to bring home a premiership pennant.

We may not have had the season we would have liked , but let's not linger too long licking our wounds, but start straight away to improve our game to give us the ability to be in the divisions that we know where we can be very competitive.

Congratulations to our Tuesday pennant ladies only, who finished top of the ladder, and our number one open who secured a finals berth with a last end win in the final pennant game. Best wishes to you all as you go through the final series on your way trying to secure the premiership pennants.

During the season we have had several requests for a demonstration of our umpires' equipment, and how it should be used correctly by thirds in all matches. The committee will discuss with the coaching panel and the selection committee, to determine the best way we can demonstrate how to use the equipment to ALL those who would like to improve their ability to measure correctly. Watch the notice board for further details.

As the season now starts to wind down, let's get behind our teams which will represent our club in the finals, and encourage them in their endeavours.

Vin Hughes

Tels Teaser

MNEMONICS

Thirty days hath September, April June and November,
All the rest have thirty one, excepting February alone,
Which hath but twenty eight days clear, and twenty nine days each leap year.

This is perhaps the best known of all mnemonics but there are many more besides. Which direction is East and which is West are easily remembered by thinking of the word 'we'. Stalactites hang from the ceiling and stalagmites rise from the ground.

Below are four more examples of mnemonics. Can you say what each will enable you to remember?

1. Richard of York gained battles in vain.
2. Mother very eagerly made jam sandwiches, under no protest.
3. No point letting your trousers slip half way.
4. Now I know a rhyme excelling, In hidden words and magic spelling,
Wranglers perhaps deploring, For me it's nonsense isn't boring.

15 minutes with Graham Worthington.

Ed.

So Graham, I know you were born in England but where exactly?

GW.

I was born in Northern England in Crewe, Cheshire, and the only other person I've met who was born there was Ken Latham.

Ed.

And what was your first job?

GW.

Well Crewe is the main railway junction so it was only natural I should work in the railway workshop. I started as an apprentice fitter and tuner until I was 21, then a full blown fitter and turner till 31 when I left England. Actually when I left, I was what you might call a wheel turner, building up the flanges on train wheels to keep them on the tracks.

Ed.

I take it you were married when you came to Australia?

GW.

Yes, it was in 1958, I had a wife and two children, one 6 and one 12 months. We came out on the Fairsky and enjoyed a great 4 weeks holiday.

Ed.

Did you have a job to come to?

GW.

No. We landed in Williamstown and stayed in a hostel. After a couple of days I got a job in the Newport railways repair shop. The pay was shocking, only 32 pounds a fortnight to bring up a young family, so after two months I went to the oil refinery nearby and was taken on as an instrument fitter. This was for the shut-down period only to get the instruments ready for start up. I often found myself 200 feet up with no real support and only very small steps to climb on. For that however, I got 50 pounds a week, so much better off. After that I worked for a short time in the Williamstown shipyard, up cranes one day and down in dry dock the next.

Then I worked at making the attachments for petrol pumps to make them self serve, particularly for rural areas.

Ed.

Graham I know you pretty well, and you've always been an exacting type, especially with your hands, almost a perfectionist.

GW.

That's how I got a job in a screen printers. I saw a position advertised for a leading hand printer, and because I was able to also fix the machines, I was given the job. I was told I would have 4 ladies to look after on different machines, but it turned out to be 14. It was mainly silk screen printing on bottles and containers.

Ed.

How did you come to live in Boronia?

GW.

We built our current home and moved in New Years Day 1960. I was working in maintenance at Fibremakers in Bayswater.

Ed.

How did you meet Joan then?

GW.

I had one daughter born in Australia and she was 9 years old when her mother died. I'd known Joan through her husband Frank, who I used to work with at Fibremakers. At this time he had passed away 4 years earlier, and Joan and I found ourselves together at a bowls presentation dinner. I took her home, kissed her goodnight, fell in love, and saw her every night until, within 6 months we were married. I inherited 4 more girls so had a family of 6 girls and a boy.

Ed

So how did you get to come to Boronia Bowls Club?

GW.

I'd been playing bowls at Fibremakers and won the club championship 10 times. They were getting fed up with me so I came to Boronia because it was also closer to home. I've been in two singles finals and was also mens' almoner for ten years.

Ed

In retirement what do you like to do?

GW

Well I received an invalid pension at 57 with emphysema. It's getting worse so cannot do much. I liked gardening and of course bowls. I also used to make a lot of paper tole, but Joan would give them away faster than I could produce them.

I would like to bowl again if I ever get better.

Ed.

Graham, I hope we will see you at the club and bowling again soon. Thanks for talking to me.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR MARCH.

Name	Sun To Sat	Name	Sun To Sat
TEAM NO. 1		TEAM NO. 2	
John McCarthy	18 Aug to 24 Aug	Bruce Legrew	25 Aug to 31 Aug
Brian Carolan	17 Nov to 23 Nov	John Cupples	24 Nov to 30 Nov
Don Edwards	23 Feb to 1 Mar	Heather Cupples	2 Mar to 8 Mar
Cheryl McCarthy		Irene Hunnam	
Brad Castle		Jeff Edwards	
Gerry Gommers		Myra LeGrew	
Peter Croker		Noel Comport	
TEAM NO. 3		TEAM NO. 4	
Keith Scutt	1 Sep to 7 Sep	Stuart Eastwood	8 Sep to 14 Sep
Annette Scutt	1 Dec to 7 Dec	Jim Arnott	8 Dec to 14 Dec
George Bisset	9 Mar to 15 Mar	Robyn Jones	16 Mar to 22 Mar
Max Lyon		Craig Drill	
Troy Haartsen		Greg Johnson	
Brian McCristal		Mark Westley	
Paul McAloney			
TEAM NO. 5		TEAM NO. 6	
Lindsay Russell	15 Sep to 21 Sep	Margaret Grossbard	22 Sep to 28 Sep
Lesley Russell	15 Dec to 21 Dec	Henry Grossbard	29 Dec to 4 Jan
Irene Major	23 Mar to 29 Mar	Ron Evans	30 Mar to 5 Apr
Bob Williams		John Jennings	
Graeme Greene		Len Doddrell	
Noel Dowler		Alan Horwood	

Answer to Tels Teaser.

Mnemonics.

1. Initial letters give colours of the spectrum; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.
2. Initial letters give planets in order from the sun; Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto.
3. Initial letters give the ruling houses of England; Norman, Plantagenet, Lancaster, York, Tudor, Stuart, Hanover, Windsor.
4. The number of letters in each word coincides with pi to 20 decimal places;
3.14159265358979323846
(Got it?)