

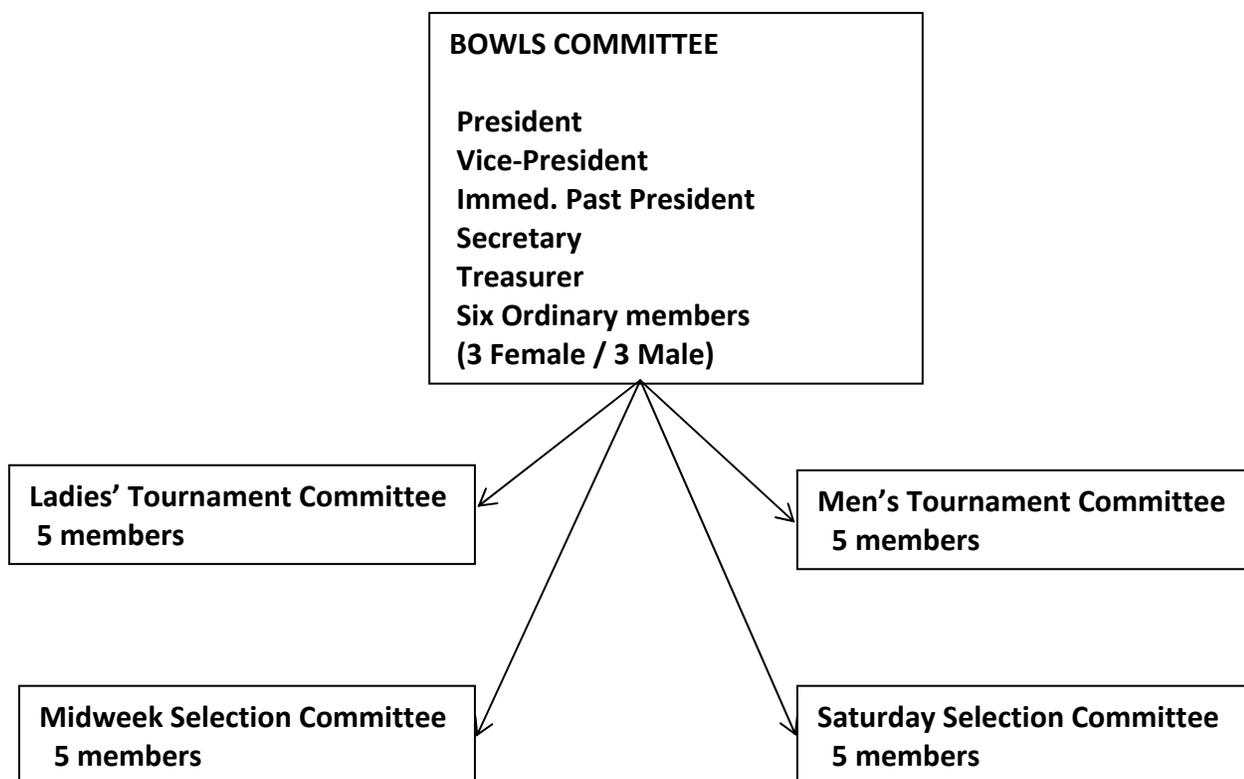


TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVES TO STREAMLINE BOWLS ACTIVITIES BY CONSOLIDATION INTO ONE BOWLS COMMITTEE.

THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL THEN LOOK AS FOLLOWS:-



How does this affect nominations and election to committee positions?

FULL Members and LIFE Members can stand for election to Club committee positions.
(Provisional, Junior, Honorary and Non-playing members are ineligible to stand.)

Who can vote in elections?

FULL Members and LIFE Members can vote in elections and at Meetings of the Club and its committees.

Pennant Selection Committees vacancies can be voted for by all FULL and LIFE Members

Ladies Tournament Committee can be voted for by all FEMALE FULL and LIFE Members

Men's Tournament Committee can be voted for by all MALE FULL and LIFE Members
(Provisional, Junior, Honorary and Non-playing members do not have voting rights)

How does this affect the annual meeting(s)?

The club will now only have one Annual General Meeting.

The order of proceedings for this meeting is yet to be discussed but will

(loosely) relate to presentation of the Annual report, setting of

honoraria, the election of the Committee of Management for next

season, then the election of the Bowls Committee, two Tournament

Committees and Two Selection Committees, General Business.

Nomination forms are now out on display in the clubhouse. As there are less office bearers required, it is important we don't sit back and expect somebody else to fill the positions. The club has been good to you so now is the time to give something back and make a difference. If you feel you have certain skills or knowledge the club could use, please put yourself forward and be a part of what promises to be an exciting year for the club next year.

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SENIORS.

Hints on how to liven up your idle hours.

To Maintain A Healthy Level Of Insanity.

1. At lunchtime, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hairdryer at passing cars.....watch 'em slow down.
2. On all cheque stubs write "for marijuana".
3. Skip down the street rather than walk and see how many looks you get.
4. Order a diet water whenever you go out to eat, with a serious face.
5. Sing along at the opera.
6. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream "I won, I won".
7. When leaving the zoo, start running towards the car park yelling, "Run for your lives, they're loose".
8. Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go".

And the final way to keep a healthy level of insanity:

9. Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.

Vale Gordon Higginbottom.

One of our past members passed away this month. For those who remember Gordon, he will be fondly missed.

15 MINUTES WITH GLORIA SPINKS.

Ed.

So tell me a bit about your early childhood.

GS.

Well, I was born in Hawthorn in 1928 but later moved to Swan Street Burnley, and then again to Type Street Richmond where we lived for many years. I went to Hawthorn West State School “over the bridge”.

Ed.

Did you have any brothers or sisters?

GS.

I had one brother who later married and went to Darwin where they stayed and eventually died. His daughter Kim is my only close relative. We keep in touch and I have been up there to visit a few times.

As kids, my brother and I went camping a lot with our parents, fishing, I’ve still got my rods, and rabbiting. Camping in those days was tents, flies, and smoke. We used to often go down to Point Leo amongst other places.

My brothers’ best mate right through school was Steve Vizards, father Godfrey. He and I learned piano from the same teacher. She came to my place first then cycled up to Godfreys. Then in my late teens I went to ballet school at Borovanskys’ Ballet Academy. At that age it was all too late for ballet!

Ed.

What did your father do for a living?

GS.

He was a tailor and made very fine suits. Mum was also a good seamstress. They made all the clothes for my wedding. When they died on me, I couldn’t even sew a button on, but I soon learnt.

Ed.

Now when you left school, did you find work?

GS.

Well I went to Zerchos’ Business College, then went to work at Henry Berrys, suppliers for bakers and butchers supplies. Later a friend asked me to change jobs as this company needed a person for general typing. That was the Rootes Group in Fishermans Bend.

They sold Humbers, Hillmans, Sunbeam Talbots etc..

By now my parents had bought their own home in Boxhill North, so I was traveling on two buses and a train to work.

Ed.

So how did you meet your husband-to-be Frank?

GS.

A chap in the office got a few of us to go out one night to the Richmond Rowing Club where he was a member. I got chatting to a nice looking guy called Frank Spinks who was a member of the Banks Rowing Club. I asked him if he danced, he said "a bit" but he wasn't fussy about it, so I got him up doing the tango. About two years later we got engaged, married in Our Lady of Victories Church, (I was 30, he was 34), and lived in our own little house in Forest Hill.

After about 2 years, the bank posted Frank to Warrnambool, so we sold up and moved there to live. We both joined the local theatre group and it didn't take long before Frank became both secretary and scene shifter. If I wasn't on the stage, I was doing make-up and props. Then we had another move, this time to Kerang, where again I joined the theatre group and also did a bit of oil painting. Frank became secretary of the Turf Club and "dabbled" in bowls and golf. After about five years we moved to Loch in East Gippsland where land was donated to form a bowling green.

Ed.

So that was your introduction to bowls, but how did you come to Boronia Bowls Club from Loch?

GS.

Well because the new green at Loch was very slow at first, we were allowed to use the green at Lang Lang. There I met a lady bowler named Chris Pope who used to be secretary at Boronia and one of its' foundation members. When Frank was moved back to Collins Street branch, we had to move back to Melbourne and Chris suggested we look for a house around the Boronia/Heathmont area. We decided to join Boronia but had rented a flat in Box Hill, so there was a fair bit of traveling for us both.

Ed.

You are the longest serving lady bowler at Boronia, tell me a bit about your history there.

GS.

I joined in 1972 and spent 27 years in the top side. I was also the first lady full member. In those days we were all associate members, but things were changing and I applied for full membership and was successful. I was on the Tournament Committee with Lucy because she wanted somebody to print the envelopes etc.. I was also on other committees but always an Indian, never a Chief. I spent a lot of time in the kitchen too, always seemed to be in the kitchen.

Frank died in 1995 at 71, and three months later I was part of the team that won the State Fours. I always thought that was meant to be because it gave me a big lift. I won a few Ladies Classic Days. I remember one time I was playing third in a team skipped by Lola Whiteside, Leslie Russell second, and Dot Overbeck lead. We won the Classic and a bit of money so we decided to go into town on the train. On the way back we had to get the train at Parliament station. You know the escalators at Parliament station are very long and very steep, and both Leslie and I were that worried about going down them that I asked a guy to help us out. We ended up going down backwards with the guy standing

below us to prevent us falling. The other two at the bottom of the escalators were laughing their heads off.

Ed.

Finally Gloria, with all that you've done, do you think much about the future?

GS.

I'm not ready to sit around playing bingo yet. I have macula degeneration which stops me doing certain things, but when I get concerned about the future, do you know who pulls me through? Andre Rieu. I belong to the Victorian Andre Rieu Friendship Group and we go out once a month. I have met him three times, I'm a tragic. When I get home I put him on and all is well.

Ed.

Thanks for talking to me Gloria.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Saturday March 29thmixed social bowls 1.00pm start.
(support your Tournament Committees and make this a successful day.)

Tuesday April 1stPresidents Day (open to all bowlers)

Wednesday April 2ndOpen Triples

Saturday April 5thPresidents Day (expect all male bowler to attend, ladies welcome.)

Sunday April 6thMixed Medley. (fun day, teams of five required)

Sunday April 13thOpen Mixed Pairs.

Saturday April 19th Easter Cup. (mixed triples, prestigious day)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE RECENT TROPHY WINNERS.

Mens Triples: Gary Degenhardt, Bruce Perry, Greg Johnson.

Mens Fours: Vin Hughes, Gerry Gommers, Gary Overs, Stuart Eastwood.

Mixed Pairs: Annette Scutt, Gary Degenhardt.

Open 2-bowl Singles: Troy Haartsen.

Minor 4-bowl Singles: Peter Croker.

Madge Dobson Trophy: Peter Croker, Alan Horwood, Peter Marshall, Robyn Jones.

Chandler Triples: Les Lucas, Derek Pitt, Cheryl McCarthy.

TELS TEASER.

Some numbers have a certain feature which does not occur with any other number. Three examples are given below:

- A. What feature is peculiar to the number four?
- B. What feature is peculiar to twenty?
- C. What feature is peculiar to forty?



OLDER BUT GOLDER

Only a very few birthdays this month. If your birthday is in April and you have missed out, let me know and you will receive a special present in the next Toucher Topics.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS.

7TH Ted Eccles (now 91), Pauline Edwards.

13th Greg Johnson, 24th Brenda Phillips, 27th Myra LeGrew.

Happy birthday from all your friends at the club.

MENS SECTION REPORT.

Well another season has come and gone and our thoughts now turn to our Winter get away. Although the season was not as good as we would have wished for, we should all be thankful that we are still able to enjoy the companionship we have in our club, winning is not everything but I agree it does help.

I trust everyone will have an enjoyable break and return fit and well and ready to represent our club in the 2014-15 season.

To all members who throughout the year have given up their time to make our club the club it is, thank you. Any club is only as good as the members, and I do believe our club is among the best, and I trust it will remain this way for many years to come.

You would be aware that there has been a change to the operation of the club with the combining of the bowls committees into a single committee. The Executive believe this will make the operation of our club more efficient. It has become apparent that the club has become top heavy with committees, and this change should alleviate the problem.

Have an enjoyable break, if you are traveling travel safely, if not stay warm, and I look forward to meeting with you all again when the new season begins.

Vin Hughes.

MEN ON BOARD.

Recently three of our members and their wives took a 13 day cruise to New Zealand. Although nothing has been said except the weather was great, the seven days ashore were fantastic, and what happens on board stays on board, from the looks on Marc and Alans' faces, (Ron has not been seen yet), whatever happened on board would not be printable anyway!

Suffice to say that when the wives are happy, the guys are happy, and we are so glad you all had a wonderful time and good to see you back well and in good spirits. (Maybe there is a clue there?)

Hearty congratulations to Amy and Troy Haartsen on the birth of their baby girl Matilda.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR APRIL.

TEAM NO. 5	15 Sep to 21 Sep 15 Dec to 21 Dec 23 Mar to 29 Mar	TEAM NO. 6	22 Sep to 28 Sep 29 Dec to 4 Jan 30 Mar to 5 Apr
Lindsay Russell Lesley Russell Irene Major Bob Williams Graeme Greene Noel Dowler		Margaret Grossbard Henry Grossbard Ron Evans John Jennings Len Doddrell Alan Horwood	
TEAM NO. 7	29 Sep to 5 Oct 5 Jan to 11 Jan 6 Apr to 12 Apr	TEAM NO. 8	6 Oct to 12 Oct 12 Jan to 18 Jan 13 Apr to 19 Apr
Vin Roche Ian Mclean Margaret Woodford Marc Buis Keith Groenewegen		Bryan Dennehy John Robinson Marn Wynn Alan Forster Graeme Turner Stuart Schmolling	
TEAM NO. 9	13 Oct to 19 Oct 19 Jan to 25 Jan 20 Apr to 26 Apr	TEAM NO. 10	20 Oct to 26 Oct 26 Jan to 1 Feb 27 Apr to 3 May
Terry Phillips Brenda Phillips Mal Barrow Daniel Price David Fletcher		Bruce & Lin Perry David Inglis Ray Bilton Garry Overs Ron Marsh George Lynn	

Answer to Tels Teaser.

- A. It is spelt with the corresponding number of letters.
- B. It starts with the corresponding number letter of the alphabet.
- C. Its letters are in alphabetical order.

A total of \$516 was raised on William Angliss Charity Day, a fantastic effort from the few who participated. Thank you.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, then it dawned on me.