



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sadly this will be my last report for Toucher Topics as Executive Director. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made 2013-14 another successful one.

Firstly to the executive, I would like to thank you for the support you have given to the club and myself this season. A special thanks to John and Carol, who really keep it all going. Thanks to Elvie and Vin and their committees, also the tournament and selection committees. None of these jobs are easy, but everyone has worked hard and given their best.

The ladies of the club have again done a wonderful job with all our fundraising efforts. To Bob Williams and all the men who come along to the working bees, a fantastic job. Thank you to Graeme Greene, who probably has the hardest job as sponsorship officer and puts in so much effort.

It is hard to thank everyone, but most members contribute in some way. To ensure the future success of this club, we need this to continue.

I wish the club continuing success. I will be a member here next season, but not with such an active role.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy break.

Margaret Grossbard.

Vale Alan Baldwin.

As you no doubt know by now, Alan Baldwin passed away on April 8th aged 93.

Alan was a life member of Boronia Bowls Club and in his time, represented the club on bowls councils, coaching committees, and in many other capacities.

On the outside he was stubborn, opinionated, and sometimes aloof, but inwardly he was extremely generous, helpful, and a joy to bowl with. He had a marvelous sense of humour which could be smothered by his sense of officialdom and tradition. He was fiercely protective of his beloved Thalma.

There is no doubt he was missed when he moved to Warragul, and our thoughts are with his immediate family.

SPONSORS CORNER.

John Alan **BETTA** Home Living.

Need a new TV? Is your fridge/freezer warming up?

Ladies, help your man cook better meals by giving him the best kitchen appliances!

Remember John Alans' motto "*I guarantee to beat any price.*"

Well shop around and get some quotes then hold him to his word.

The best prices and service are to be found at John Alan **BETTA** Home Living, located in Knox Ozone. John Alan, a longtime friend and sponsor of Boronia Bowls Club.

Now here's an idea. Get a few friends together and take them down to **CLUB KILSYTH** for lunch or dinner. Great food, great atmosphere, and seniors meals are available for lunch or dinner with an extensive menu priced from \$11.90 for main meal.

Better yet, take your wife; it could be the biggest surprise she's had in years.

For bookings phone **9761 4233**. For only \$10 annual membership you can also eat and play at Club Ringwood in Oban Road.

Why pay more when you can enjoy a complete meal for less than \$15 at **CLUB KILSYTH**.

Do your friends find you hard to understand? Do you have sore gums after every meal? Maybe it's time to fill in some of those gaps or replace worn dentures.

Our friends at **BORONIA DENTURE CLINIC** have sponsored the club for as long as most of us can remember.

Situated in Dorset Road next to the RSL Club, **BORONIA DENTURE CLINIC** are experts at making partial or full dentures, and their after-sales service is second to none.

Say "hello" with a brighter, more confident smile with dentures from **BORONIA DENTURE CLINIC**.

OUR RECENT OVERSEAS TRIP by Margaret Grossbard.

We were very fortunate when Henry received an invitation from the Austrian Government to go to Vienna as their guest for a week in March. Because of the big distance we had to travel, we decided to include a couple of other places. Our first stop was in Israel. We spent five days in Jerusalem; it is the most amazing city. All the buildings are low rise and built of white Jerusalem stone. Stunning! It is a melting pot of many different religions and cultures. Contrary to what most people believe, everyone accepts the many religions. I have been fortunate to visit Jerusalem on a previous trip and been to all the places you learn about as a child; such places as The Church of The Holy Sepulchre, The Garden of Gethsesemne, The Old City, The Via Dolorosa, to name just a few. We also went to Jericho, said to be the oldest city dating back to 9000BC. It is described as the City of Palm Trees and is full of many archaeological sites.

From Jerusalem we traveled to Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv is a vibrant, exciting city, situated on the Mediterranean Sea. It is also the economic hub of Israel. It is a modern city, full of beautiful restaurants, shops, and outdoor activities, but it also takes in the old city of Jaffa. Jaffa is an ancient port city, but is now a quaint arty tourist attraction. At no time did we feel unsafe in Israel, in fact a lot safer than in Melbourne. The only time we felt any hostility was in Bethlehem from a young Palestinian boy.

We then traveled south to the seaside town of Eilat for a couple of days before crossing into Jordan. We were lucky enough to have our own guide in Jordan. Our first stop was to a place called Wadi Rum, where we did a jeep ride through the most amazing landscape. Understandably it is also called The Valley Of The Moon. We were then treated to lunch in a Bedouin tent. There are still many Bedouin families living throughout Jordan.

On the next day we visited Petra, which is a world heritage site. It is totally breathtaking and overwhelming. It is half built and half carved into rock in a red sandstone landscape. However, you do need to be fairly fit as there is a lot of walking. We also visited another ancient city called Jerash. Not as many tourists go to Jerash as Petra, but it has some wonderfully preserved buildings. They still hold concerts in the ancient theatre. From there we traveled to the Dead Sea, stopping on the way at Mt Nebo. It was here, according to the bible, that Moses stood and looked across to the Promised Land. There are still the remains of a church and a monastery, which was constructed in the 4th century to commemorate the place of Moses' death.

It was then time to leave Jordan and travel to Vienna for the real purpose of our trip. Vienna is the most beautiful city, full of amazing buildings. It has the best coffee and cakes anywhere. Vienna is also the home of music and opera, and was home to a lot of the famous composers. While we were there we attended a reception at the town hall. The highlight however, was meeting the President Dr Heinz Fischer, at the Hofburg Palace. He is a charming man and certainly something special for us to remember. Sadly it was time to return home. We had a great trip, long flight home, but it is always nice to come home.

NOVICE SINGLES DRAWS LARGE CROWD.

In an entertaining and gripping final, Jim Arnott overcame the fun loving character yet totally committed attitude of Karen Barton, to win the novice singles 21-11.

The final score was not an indication of the closeness and changeable shot count. In one end the shot changed four times, each bowl replacing the shot bowl in turn, and all eight bowls ended up within two feet of the jack, something most bowlers would only dream about.

From the confident and purposeful stroll to the head, to the pensive return to the mat, and the focused, deliberate movement of the release, (oops, wrong bias) this was a game to be enjoyed. Hard fought and entertaining with immaculate draw bowls, both Jim and Karen can be proud of their efforts, and are to be congratulated on their obvious progress in the games.

TELS TEASERS.

A series of questions this month to give everyone a chance, and possibly to learn!

1. Name the sport in which neither the spectators nor participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards?
3. Of all vegetables, only a few can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S'.

SICKIES

Gerald Kligerman unfortunately fell and fractured his pelvis in several places. He is currently recovering in Bell Bird Private Hospital, Blackburn.

Ken Maloney is now resting at home and we hope to see him at the club soon.

Keith Scutt is still having difficulties after his carpal tunnel operation. He is in Knox Private waiting for his blood sugar and potassium levels to stabilize before undergoing an operation on his neck.

We wish all our sickies speedy recoveries, and our thoughts are with them.

REPORT FROM LADY PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

This is my last report as Lady President, our new system will be in place next season.

I hope you have all put your applications for committees in?

I want to sincerely thank everyone for all you have done for your club, everything helps no matter how small.

To all the committees who have served the club this last season, thank you all for a job well done.

Thank you to Guy for our greens. Thank you Guy.

To all our sickies, I hope you are all feeling better and will be back with us soon.

To all our travelers this year, drive carefully, have a wonderful time, and come back fit, happy, and ready for another season with us.

Looking forward to Moama trip and to seeing you all at Presentation Night. The list is up, please come and bring a plate for supper.

I am also looking forward to next season. We can only do better, I'm sure you all agree!

Look after each other, and remember Boronia is a great club with lots of wonderful people who are members.

Take care and have a wonderful winter.

Elvie Williams.

JOKE OF THE MONTH.

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor".

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous".

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor".

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool".

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

Last month Ray Bilton attended a course for “bowling arm excellence” at Glen Waverley. He has kindly shared this information with Toucher Topics, as most of the summarized points apply to all bowlers.

There are two basic delivery styles which can be adapted to suit the individuals needs and abilities.

1. Fixed delivery, where the body remains essentially still and the only motion is from the shoulder.
2. Forward delivery, where a step forward is included in the delivery technique.

Common delivery elements.

a. Finding the Line.

Jack.

From approximately two metres behind the mat and in line with the edge of the mat, a position should be taken up that allows the body and feet to effect a delivery along the centre line. Look at the spot for required length.

Bowl

From approximately two metres behind the mat, a position should be taken up that allows the body and feet to be pointing along the chosen delivery line. This choice should be based upon your knowledge of your bowls characteristics, condition of the green, and weather influences.

b. Position on the Mat: Re-enforcing the Line.

Upon approaching and prior to stepping onto the mat, a slight pause should be made so that the precise direction is achieved by placing the heel down first and rolling the foot exactly in the line of delivery.

To protect the green from any inadvertent damage, it is strongly suggested that the “direction” foot be on the appropriate side of the mat and the “support” foot be on the grass.

c. Finding the Length.

As in all other sports, if you want to be accurate in your execution, looking at your target is essential. Our eyes can flit between direction and target at an incredible speed thereby getting the information to the brain which then directs the muscles for appropriate action.

By looking in this manner down the chosen line at the jack (or bowl or position), both remain in focus and accuracy is ensured.

d. Variations of Length.

When the mat is moved for shorter or longer ends and there has been no change in playing conditions, the position of the feet should remain placed at the angle chosen for the required draw shot delivery. Minor adjustments to the angle of placement will be necessary for firm and positional shots or when the jack has been moved to another spot.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Saturday May 3rd ... Presentation Night

Saturday May 10th ... Annual General Meeting

Check the noticeboard for the start of indoor bowls.



OLDER BUT GOLDER

Birthdays for May.

Edith Whitehall 3rd, Vin Roche 7th, Danny McCarthy 14th, Annette Scutt 19th,
Ken Maloney 22nd, Mal Barrow 24th, Bruce LeGrew 27th, Barbara Kligerman 31st.

We wish all our birthday boys and girls a happy day with many more to come.

Son: "Dad, we're learning about prisms at school. They're fascinating."

Dad: "That's good son, because as a dyslexic black boy, you're bound to end up in one."

CLEANING ROSTER FOR MAY

TEAM NO. 10 27 April to 3 May	TEAM NO. 11 4 May to 10 May
Bruce & Lin Perry 97623202	Vin Hughes 97299001
David Inglis 97528498	Ian Ball 97625206
Ray Bilton 98011191	Kevin Hamond 401824076
Garry Overs 97202131	Robert Lancaster 97623558
Ron Marsh 97620634	John & Dot King 97796434
George Lynn 97583839	Pam Hughes 97299001

TEAM NO. 12 11 May to 17 May	TEAM NO. 13 18 May to 24 May
Derek Pitt 98011919	Graeme Ashmore 97587770
Tom Lucas 97788249	Royce Wardle 97238861
Olivia Lucas 97788249	Hans Eriksen 97623128
Bill Paus 97582316	Tony Buckingham 97621484
Alan Cobb 97299571	Chris Hoskin 97621484
Don Korver 97582278	Gwen Brown 97627617

Answers to Tels Teasers.

1. The one sport in which neither the participants or spectators know the score or the leader until the contest ends: boxing.
2. North American landmark constantly moving backwards: Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: asparagus and rhubarb.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: strawberry.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Three English words beginning with "dw": dwarf, dwell, dwindle.
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, ellipses.
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: lettuce.
9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with "S": shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.