



# TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPT 2014

## WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME.

To the new season, to old friends, to new friends, to the joy of playing to your potential.

We wish everyone a happy and successful 2014/2015 season of bowls.

### Nick Wakeling MP opens the new season with a flourish.



On Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>, we were once again honoured by the visit of our favourite member Nick Wakeling MP to announce the opening of our greens for the 2014/15 season.

As is customary, Nick was invited to put down the first bowl of the season, and with extraordinary poise, footwork, and finesse, (as illustrated in the above photograph), he released a magnificent draw shot. Everything was correct, correct foot position, correct follow-through, correct bias, in fact had marker John McCarthy not “accidentally” kicked the jack back, Nicks’ bowl would only have been 15 feet through; a highly commendable effort for a first bowl on an unknown green.

**So now it is up to all of us to show what we can do to lift our sides to their rightful positions. Play your best and have fun.**



## **OLDER BUT GOLDER**

These members will be celebrating birthdays throughout September and October.

September 4<sup>th</sup> Keith Scutt, 9<sup>th</sup> Margaret Learmonth, Stuart Schmolling, 12<sup>th</sup> Pam Hughes, 18<sup>th</sup> Pat Edwards, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ian Ball, 24<sup>th</sup> Geoff Woodford, Graham Worthington, 26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Hamond, Pat Walton, 27<sup>th</sup> Geoffrey Turner, 28<sup>th</sup> Pat Harvey, 30<sup>th</sup> Terry Phillips.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Connan, Len Doddrell, 6<sup>th</sup> Frank Rennie, 10<sup>th</sup> Olivia Lucas, 13<sup>th</sup> Gerry Gommers, 14<sup>th</sup> Ross Clarke, 16<sup>th</sup> George Lynn, 17<sup>th</sup> Lin Perry, 20<sup>th</sup> David Inglis, 22<sup>nd</sup> John King, Lindsay Russell, 26<sup>th</sup> Doris Clarke, 27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Degenhardt, John McCarthy, 29<sup>th</sup> Jack Kirby, 31<sup>st</sup> Stuart Eastwood.

**Happy birthday to all and enjoy your day.**

### **Joke of the month.**

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices however that all of the monks are copying from copies no from the original manuscript.

So the new monk goes to the Old Abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up. In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives, in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years.

Hours go by and nobody sees the Old Abbot. The young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing, "We missed the R, we missed the R, we missed the flaming R," His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the Old Abbot, "What's wrong father?"

With a choking voice the Old Abbot replies, "The word was **celebrate.**"

## REPORT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

### **Welcome to season 2014/15.**

It was most pleasing to see such a great turnout for Opening Day, which augurs well for the new season.

There is much that has been done, with the upgrade of the kitchen over the break thanks to Vin, Bruce, Irene, Marg and Bob, whilst Gordon Menzies has been busy with our gardens, among the major items.

There is still much more to be done.

Our two main priorities I believe are:

- to restore the pennant sides back to the level expected of a great club such as ours. There are several avenues available to improve your bowling and you should take full advantage of the coaching available for the benefit of both yourself and the club.
- Our member numbers have decreased and we must all be alert to ways of increasing our membership and assisting with special projects aimed at reversing the trend.

The back green will be converted to tiff dwarf in December by our greenkeeper Guy Wallace. If he seeks a little assistance please give him your support. We will require member assistance to upgrade the surrounds.

The Committee of Management will be strenuously following up on the discrimination we face in obtaining similar Government grants to other bowls/sporting clubs. The present situation is most unfair.

In the meantime we must continue our endeavours with special fundraising efforts so that our reserves are held at a reasonable level, and subscription levels contained. We do not have any scope for members to dodge their rostered duties. Being on a committee does not absolve anyone from doing their cleaning duties etc.. We are all equal in this club.

Do not forget our sponsors, they are all great club supporters and deserve our support throughout the season.

I wish you all success, both on and off the green, in your endeavours to improve the standing of Boronia Bowls Club.

*Jan McLean*

## **REPORT FROM OUR BOWLS COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.**

Welcome back to all members and a special welcome to our new members. I trust that those who have been fortunate enough to travel North and elsewhere for the winter have enjoyed their travels and have returned home safely.

This season promises to be quite eventful. First off is the change to one bowling committee. We have a strong combined committee eager to go however it will be a learning experience.

Over the winter season there have been some improvements to the kitchen. The bench tops and the hot water boilers have been replaced and the kitchen has had a lick of paint. Many thanks to the members involved.

Last season our teams in Saturday pennant didn't fare so well with relegation of our top 3 sides. This however gives us the opportunity to get back up there and win a flag in the process. Our midweek pennant sides did well with our top two sides reaching the finals, unfortunately we didn't get past the semi finals. Maybe this season. Go Boronia!!

This season we are giving members the opportunity to improve their game with a series of skills training sessions. Please get yourselves involved, you can only improve your enjoyment of the game.

Good luck and good bowling for the season.

*Bryan Dennehy*

President

Bowling Committee

We are looking for two gentlemen who are willing to visit the sick. Garry Degenhardt and Keith Scutt have looked after these positions admirably for several years and feel it is time for a change. Please contact either Garry, Keith or Bryan Dennehy if you can help us.

### COACHING TIP

Q: Should I practice many different types of shot in one session?

A: No. You must set practice goals so that real improvement and attainment of the goals is obvious to you. This is the only way to measure real success in practice.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE OFF-SEASON?

The beautiful new kitchen benches certainly give the kitchen a lift.....  
As do the new hot water dispensers, thanks to Vin Hughes for his expert installation.....  
And the great paint job, thanks to Irene Major, Margaret Bennett and Bob Williams.

You will have noticed also the necessary changes to the club gardens, and our thanks go to Gordon Menzies who has made himself right at home among the flowers and plants.

Carpet bowls raised about \$800 and provided many bowlers additional social contact and afternoons of fun. Thanks to Edith Whitehall and Pauline Edwards for their time and effort in running these events.

Winter bowls ran until the end of June which David Inglis did a great job organizing and running. Thanks David.

Tony Buckingham organized training sessions at Bayswater BC during August for all members. Thanks Tony and thanks also to Bayswater BC for allowing us to use their facilities.

On a sad note, several ex members passed away over this period including Eunice Irving, Rudi Prinz, Henk Ellemans, and John (Doonah) Harris. John was nicknamed Doonah because he always had every part of the rink covered.  
Our thoughts are with them and their families.

The annual Ferntree Gully Victoria Day Awards were held to recognize exceptional members of their organizations who made a significant difference to our community with their outstanding service and commitment. On behalf of the club, Bruce LeGrew accepted a certificate from State Member for Ferntree Gully, Nick Wakeling MP. Well done Bruce

Who was the member who loaned a talking book for his Northern escape but found that his new car would not accept the CD's? On his return he was seeking compensation because he had to talk to his wife instead!

And who is the Richmond fanatic who now has to work full time for a few more years because he bet against his beloved team playing in the finals? Don't know whether they were tears of joy or grief!

A formidable duo of Tony and Karen spent the time picking up the winnings from tournaments around the area. We believe they may be an entrant in the State Championships. Well done you two, and good luck.

Prince William said he didn't want the traditional fruit cake at his wedding. Prince Phillip said he didn't give a toss, he was still going.
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**This is a Who's Who or What's What for the month of September.**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> .....midweek pennant practice.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> .....1.00pm Mixed pairs (casual)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> .....pennant practice against Mooroolbark

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> .....11.00am Open Mixed fours.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> .....1.00pm Open Triples

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> .....1.00pm Mixed pairs

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> .....10.00am Club Pairs (round 1)

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> .....pennant practice against Ringwood

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> .....11.00am Matilda-Haartsen Cup (replaces Grossbard Trophy)**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> .....10.30am midweek pennant round 1.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> .....10.00am Club Pairs (round 2)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> .....11.00am Smorgasbord.

Obviously the Tournament Committees would like to see the greens full for all listed events, so please check the entry sheets in the foyer and add your name if you can possibly play.

**Remember the practice sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30pm and take advantage to improve your game.**

# **SPONSORS CORNER**

Remember our sponsors rely on us as much as we rely on them. Please try to visit them as often as you can and always let them know you are from Boronia Bowls Club.

## **THE SPECTACLE SITE**

A long-time sponsor situated in the heart of Boronia, THE SPECTACLE SITE bulk bills your eye tests and gives generous discounts to club members when the fixture book advertisement is mentioned.

They have the latest technology in lens manufacture and perform repairs on the spot. So, if you see two jacks when only one has been rolled, make an appointment for an eye test. It will cost you nothing for your peace of mind.

## **KINGSLAND CHINESE RESTAURANT**

Love or just like Chinese food? You'll absolutely adore it at KINGSLAND. Owner and chef Kevin and his wife Bonnie get great satisfaction making sure everyone leaves happy by serving up the most delicious recipes and giving great service. It's a lovely dining experience just down Boronia Road from the club, and you won't meet a nicer couple.

Fast take-aways too and home delivery if required.

For fine Chinese cuisine, go to KINGSLAND first, then compare.

## **EASTERN SUBURBS LOCKSMITHS**

For all security solutions EASTERN SUBURBS LOCKSMITHS is our first choice. Very friendly and knowledgeable people, the service second to none. Conveniently located in Dorset Road just down from CBA, you can discuss security of doors and windows, have your locks repaired, and even look at safes if you need to go that far.

For on-site recommendations and fittings you really can't go past EASTERN SUBURBS LOCKSMITHS.

## **TINKERS**

Although now only working out of Mountain Gate Shopping Centre, the very friendly and helpful Alex and his company TINKERS, is continuing to sponsor our club and we would urge members to make the worthwhile short trip soon.

There never was a better deal on big brand watches, and all watch and jewellery repairs are undertaken with meticulous efficiency.

Many other sales and services are available at TINKERS located next to CBA, it is just a matter of making the effort to save money.

If you prefer, check them out beforehand on the web at [www.tinkers.com.au](http://www.tinkers.com.au), you'll be so glad you did.

## CLEANING ROSTER FOR SEASON Sunday 31 August to Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May

1. Each team is on cleaning duty from Sunday to Saturday
2. Please note the dates in your calendar/diary and contact your team leader when it is your turn to assist with cleaning.
3. Enquiries concerning rosters 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
<b><u>TEAM NO. 1</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 2</u></b>	
<b>John McCarthy</b>	31 Aug to 6 Sept	<b>Bruce LeGrew</b>	7 Sept to 13 Sept
Brian Carolan	23 Nov to 29 Nov	Heather Couples	30 Nov to 6 Dec
Cheryl McCarthy	22 Feb to 28 Feb	Jeff Edwards	1 Mar to 7 Mar
Gerry Gommers		Stuart Cripps	
Peter Croker		Stuart Eastwood	
		Patrick Taylor	

<b><u>TEAM NO.3</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 4</u></b>	
<b>Keith Scutt</b>	14 Sept to 20 Sept	<b>Jim Arnott</b>	21 Sept to 27 Sept
Annette Scutt	7 Dec to 13 Dec	Robyn Jones	14 Dec to 20 Dec
George Bisset	8 Mar to 14 Mar	Craig Drill	15 Mar to 21 Mar
Max Lyon		Greg Johnson	
Brian McCristal		Graeme Greene	
Paul McAloney		Margaret Bennett	

<b><u>TEAM NO. 5</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 6</u></b>	
<b>Lindsay Russell</b>	28 Sept to 4 Oct	<b>Bob Lancaster</b>	5 Oct to 11 Oct
Lesley Russell	28 Dec to 3 Jan	Ron Evans	4 Jan to 10 Jan
Irene Major	22 Mar to 28 Mar	John Jennings	29 Mar to 4 Apr
Bob Williams		Len Doddrell	
Noel Dowler		Alan Horwood	
Royce Wardle		Graeme Ashmore	

<b><u>TEAM NO. 7</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 8</u></b>	
<b>Ian McLean</b>	12 Oct to 18 Oct	<b>Bryan Dennehy</b>	19 Oct to 25 Oct
Frank Cleaven	11 Jan to 17 Jan	Marne Wynn	18 Jan to 24 Jan
Ria Cleaven	5 Apr to 11 Apr	Graeme Turner	12 Apr to 18 Apr
Margaret Woodford		Stuart Schmolling	
Marc Buis		Jim Shannon	
Les Lucas		Tony Buckingham	

These are for September and October only.

My girlfriend wanted to get married in a castle, so I thought I'd do the right thing and make her happy. Didn't see too many smiles though as we bounced around in there.