



# TOUCHER TOPICS

## BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEB 2015

### **From our Executive Director.**

The back green was converted to tiff dwarf in the latter part of December and Guy is very pleased with its progress. A working bee was required to assist with the spraying on of the sprigs and 23 (yes, twenty three) members turned out to ensure that the job was successfully completed. You are all to be congratulated for your commitment to the club. Irene Major, assisted by Dot King, provided a great spread for morning tea/lunch.

The Committee of Management also decided that the club rooms were in need of brightening up and, whilst work is still in progress, comments to date have all been favourable. These improvements to the clubs' facilities were considered essential so that we might appeal to a broader section of the community, and thereby increase our membership. There is no room for negativity amongst our members if we are to achieve this goal.

Numerous Christmas functions for outside organizations were held at the club and these provided a good financial boost to our funds. Secretary John spent considerable time getting these events over the line, a function that should be handled by others. The success of these functions, and others such as Bare Foot Bowls etc, depends on members volunteering to assist with catering and coaching. The monies raised helps to keep annual subscriptions down by as much as \$50 per head.

### **DID YOU CONTRIBUTE?**

It is never too late to volunteer. There are more bowls events to come involving outside groups, and we look forward to your involvement. All such events are a potential source of new members. If we burn out our willing workers this source of funds will dry up, and there is only one other way of replacing these funds!!!!!!

Whilst elections are some months away, it is not too early to obtain information as to how you can assist in the administration of **YOUR** club. Talk to a committee member soon.

Good bowling over the lead up to the finals, and for the remainder of the season.

***Jan Mclean.***

**PHENOMINAL 2 LETTER WORD** (submitted by B. Dennehy)

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or[v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does the topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing. A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP. And what about a tree? First you cut it down and then you cut it UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP.

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost ¼ of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with UP to a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP for now....my time is UP.

Oh...one more thing: what is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U P!

Did that crack you UP? Don't screw UP. Now I'll shut UP.



## **CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2015.**

Those fortunate enough to watch the singles championships this year, witnessed two magnificent games played by four of the clubs' best bowlers. Lesley Russell and Annette Scutt put on a thrilling contest, likewise Brian McCristal and Gary Degenhardt in the men's final.

The games were played simultaneously and both extremely close for the duration. At one stage the score was 11 all on both rinks.

In the ladies game Annette pulled ahead to 18-12 then 19-15 to hold a potentially winning lead. Lesley however, would not go away and scored a 3 to get within one shot. Another 3 to Annette, then Lesley drew to get to 22-20. The next end saw Lesley draw 3 shots to gain the lead for the first time in the match. Excitement was at fever pitch but seemingly did not affect the bowlers as Lesley drew a final 2 shots for a meritorious victory.

Both ladies deserved praise for a wonderful final, with both being gracious in victory and defeat.

In the men's it was still neck and neck at 13 all and 15 all. At 16-15 Macca was holding 4 shots for a match-winning lead, but Gary drew second shot with his last bowl to keep the score close. Gary hit the lead at 19-18 but there was no conceding by either player and they battled it out to 24 all, Gary missing the match by the umpires measure.

On the final end Macca was holding match by one shot with Gary having the last bowl. As it came down it was obviously going to be close, with an outwardly calm Macca watching from the markers' end. The bowl reached the jack, moved it, and knocked it far enough back to come to rest on a well-placed position bowl belonging to.....Macca.

Hearty congratulations to four very good bowlers for entertaining and nail-biting finals, played in excellent spirits which serve as a lesson for all.

## **Notice to all members/visiting players**

The club has recently gone through a review of our insurance policies and as part of this review we have changed our insurance provider.

Discussions taken place during the negotiation period has highlighted that we as a club need to improve our management in a number of areas primarily to ensure we are meeting the club's obligations for our insurance cover.

Therefore the executive team will implement/enforce the following policy's effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

### **1. Dog policy**

No dogs will be allowed on the premises UNLESS the owner has the dog on a lead and is in FULL control of their dog.

### **2. Smoking policy**

Smoking WILL only be allowed in the following three (3) designated areas.

These areas are located at

(1) the Marie street side between the side entry gate and our club room building and south of the concrete path, and

(2) the Marie street side between the two rinks near the water fountain within a 3 metre area of the water fountain

(3) on the carpark side between the carpark entry between the two rinks and the male toilet door entry.

### **3. Members personnel well-being duty of care responsibility policy**

In the event of a member having a hospital stay and/or has required a high level of medical treatment we request that the member obtain a medical clearance from their doctor before they consider to re commence playing bowls as it is in the best interest of the member and the bowls club.

To all members

These changes are important to all of us and therefore it is important for all members assist in supporting us in these changes.

Signed

Executive committee



## **OLDER BUT GOLDER**

**Birthdays for February;** if there are other Aquarians or Pisces People we have missed, please let us know in order that we have a complete list of members.

11<sup>th</sup> Carol Ashmore, 17<sup>th</sup> Daniel Price, 20<sup>th</sup> Max Lyon, 21<sup>st</sup> Elvie Williams,  
25<sup>th</sup> Magaret Grossbard, 27<sup>th</sup> Irene Hunnam, 28<sup>th</sup> June Davis.

We wish all our birthday girls and boys a spectacular and memorable day.

**VALE GRAHAM WORTHINGTON.** (September 24<sup>th</sup> 1927 – January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015)

Those that were able to attend the Service of Thanksgiving for Graham at St Pauls Anglican Church on January 8<sup>th</sup>, would probably not have been surprised by the large congregation.

Graham was a good friend to many and a loyal club member. In his heyday Graham was possibly the best lead bowler in the club, and never wanted to play in any other position. He was part of the side that took us into the first division, and was twice a finalist in the Club Championship.

He was a regular nice bloke and a thorough gentleman who will be missed by us all. Our thoughts are now with his sick wife Joan and their six daughters.

If you know someone who has missed out on a copy of Toucher Topics, please let them know it is available on our website [www.boroniabowls.org](http://www.boroniabowls.org). There will be fewer printed copies in future as we, belatedly, enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS FEATURED THIS MONTH, BUT WE ARE ONCE AGAIN REMINDED THAT ALL SPONSORS (AND THE CLUB), NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY TIMES EACH IS USED.**

**THEREFORE PLEASE ALWAYS TELL ANY SPONSOR, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR HOW SMALL, THAT YOU ARE A PROUD MEMBER OF BORONIA BOWLS CLUB. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ENABLE US TO KEEP SPONSORS. IT IS FAR EASIER TO LOSE ONE THAN TO GAIN ANOTHER.**

**REMEMBER TO CONSULT THE LIST OF SPONSORS IN YOUR FIXTURE BOOK WHEN OUT SHOPPING TO ENSURE YOU CALL ON THEM FIRST. WE HAVE A LARGE AND VARIED NUMBER OF SPONSORS WHO ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO MEET CLUB MEMBERS.**

Broken pencils are pointless.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



January: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>..CLUB TRIPLES    Friday 30<sup>th</sup>....CARDS AND CASSEROLE

February: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>..MINOR 4-BOWL SINGLES.....CLUB FOURS (round 3 & final)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>..OPEN TRIPLES....Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> CLUB TRIPLES (round 2)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>...BAREFOOT BOWLS.....Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>..OPEN MIXED FOURS.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>..CLUB TRIPLES....OPEN 2-BOWL SINGLES (rounds 1&2)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>..CLUB TRIPLES (men rounds 1&2).. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> FINAL

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>..PROPORTIONAL 100-UP

**BAREFOOT BOWLS EACH FRIDAY AT 6.30PM**

### JOKE OF THE MONTH.

A very pretty young speech therapist was getting absolutely nowhere with her Stammerers' Action Group. She had tried every technique in the book, but still they stammered and stuttered.

Finally, totally exasperated, she said, "If any of you can tell me where you were born, without stuttering, I will have wild and passionate sex with you until your muscles ache and your eyes water."

The Englishman immediately piped up, "B-b-b-b-b-irmingham" he said.

"That's no use Trevor" said the speech therapist, "Who's next?"

The Scotsman raised his hand and blurted out, "G-g-g-g-g-g-lasgow."

"That's no better either Hamish."

"Now how about you Paddy?"

The Irishman took a deep breath, counted to five and eventually blurted out, "London."

"Brilliant Paddy" said the speech therapist, and immediately set about living up to her promise.

After 15 minutes of exceptionally steamy sex, the couple paused for breath and Paddy said, "d-d-d-d-d-d-erry."

<b><u>TEAM NO. 9</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 10</u></b>	
<b>Terry Phillips</b>	26 Oct to 1 Nov	<b>Bruce &amp; Lin Perry</b>	2 Nov to 8 Nov
Brenda Phillips	25 Jan to 31 Jan	David Inglis	1 Feb to 7 Feb
Daniel Price	19 Apr to 25 Apr	Ray Bilton	26 Apr to 2 May
Ross Clarke		Gary Overs	
Dennis Sawyers		Ron Marsh	
Gwen Brown		George Lynn	

<b><u>TEAM NO. 11</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 12</u></b>	
<b>Vin Hughes</b>	9 Nov to 15 Nov	<b>Derek Pitt</b>	16 Nov to 22 Nov
Kevin Hamond	8 Feb to 14 Feb	Glen Knight	15 Feb to 21 Feb
John & Dot King	3 May to 9 May	Tom & Olivia Lucas	10 May to 16 May
Pam Hughes		Bill Paus	
Hans Eriksen		Alan Cobb	
		Don Korver	

<b><u>TEAM NO. 1</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 2</u></b>	
<b>John McCarthy</b>	31 Aug to 6 Sept	<b>Graeme Ashmore</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	

**THE ROSTER INDICATES ALL FEBRUARY DATES.**

**Remember, we are always looking for suitable items of interest to our members, and if you are willing to make submissions, published comment, or photographs, please contact the editor Terry Phillips.**

**Monthly deadlines are always the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

**Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate.**

**When I said white, they gave me a lecture on the benefits of brown bread for 30 minutes.**

**I think they were Hovis Witnesses.**