



# TOUCHER TOPICS

## BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

Message from our Executive Director

Guy is very upbeat about the progress of the back green conversion to Tdiff dwarf as the new grass grows and spreads following a warmer spell of weather. The first cut confirms the success of the planting and certainly looks much better than another new green which was also recently cut.

Replacing of plinths, rebound surfaces, and the edging is well under way under the guidance of Vin Hughes, with at least 17 members present at a working bee to assist with the various tasks. The transformation in just half a day exceeded all expectations. As Property Manager Bob Williams reported, "It has been very encouraging to note the increased amount of members involved with these works, this looks good for our clubs future."

A big thank you to all who were able to attend, and once again to Irene Major who prepared a great morning tea for the workers BEFORE going out to partake in the Ladies Triples Championship.

Well done also to Marc Buis and his team who have almost completed an update of our club rooms. There has been widespread compliments from members, former members and visitors. The Committee of Management has decided to provide two car parking spots for those whose mobility requires a wheelchair or walking frame. **THESE SPOTS ARE NOT TO BE USED BY THOSE WHO MAY HAVE A DISABLED STICKER BUT WHOSE MOBILITY DOES NOT REQUIRE A WHEELCHAIR OR WALKING FRAME.**

At the A.G.M. the Committee of Management will be presenting to the members a Strategic Plan for the club covering the next 5 years. It is quite detailed and copies will be available to members well before the A.G.M. date. It details a proposed way forward for the club but once again it requires the full support of ALL members to implement.

Although the club site is no longer in Nick Wakelings' electorate following a redistribution of boundaries, Nick continues to support the club and is pursuing our case, which is before the State Sports Minister, to remove the discrimination that prevents us from qualifying for Government grants. It is pleasing to be able to report that the new State Member for the clubs' electorate, Heidi Victoria, has also added her support to our case, as have Federal M.P.'s Jason Wood, in whose electorate the club and several of our members are located, and Alan Tudge, in whose electorate 90% of our members reside.

May the remainder of the season be successful both on and off the green.

**Jan Mclean**  
Executive Director.

# **SPONSORS CORNER**

## **BENDIGO BANK BORONIA**

One of our main sponsors is the Bendigo Bank at Boronia. They manage the Clubs finances and as well as this they sponsor the monthly third Monday triples for the whole season.

They have also been responsible for arranging and I guess financing a grant for a serious sum of money which the Club has used to purchase several more of the yellow aluminium seats. We are awaiting resources to install them.

So if you need financial advice or just a spot to hide some cash go and see Jayne and her people at the Bendigo Bank. They are located at the corner of Dorset and Boronia Rds. Jayne and her new financial person will be at the club for a quick chat on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Other minor sponsors are:**

**Jacksons Hardware and Garden Supplies** located at 2 Alchester Cres Boronia. Ph. 9762 3622

For all your hardware and garden supplies.

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Dean is located at Shop 1A 432-436 Mitcham Rd Mitcham.

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Yesterday I had an appointment to see the urologist for a prostate exam. Of course I was a bit on edge because many of my friends have either gone under the knife or had alternative treatment.

The waiting room was filled with patients. As I approached the receptionists' desk, I noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a sumo wrestler. I gave her my name.

In a very loud voice the receptionist said, "YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at me, a now very embarrassed man.

But as usual, I recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied, "NO, I'VE COME TO ENQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS."

The room erupted in applause. DON'T MESS WITH OLD RETIRED GUYS!!!!



## DINING OUT WITH A DIFFERENCE

Our editor has requested an article about a night out which Keith and I shared recently with our card playing friends, Bryan and Lorraine, Lesley and Lindsay and Rob and Joy Curtis.

Having pooled our money from our weekly card nights with the Russells and the Dennehy's, we don't play for money by the way; Lorraine had this brilliant idea that we have dinner on The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant. We couldn't leave the Curtis's out as we still try and catch up with them a few times during the year for a game even though they have deserted us for life on the coast.

Having decided this was a great idea and with some difficulty setting a date suitable for all, we then had to make a decision about how we would get into town without anyone having to worry about a booze bus pulling us up on the way home.

Lorraine to the rescue again and she arranged for a 7 seater "people mover" to pick us up and bring us home. What a great idea that was as we sat comfortably in the back and tried not to discuss bowls too much in deference to Lorraine who does sometimes get a little tired of hearing about our highs and lows on a Tuesday and Saturday.

Our driver dropped us off at the Casino which is only a short walk to where the tramcar departs. Actually they had 3 tramcar restaurants and we were in tramcar number 3. As the name suggests the interior reflected a Colonial décor but was very comfortable and at no time did we spill our drinks which were filled as soon as they were emptied. These were delivered by our host

Antoine who, along with his table waitress, Maryanne and chef Gary, did a fantastic job.

There are three different times available to dine, lunch, early dinner and late dinner. We chose the middle option which saw us seated by 6.45pm and nibbling on a choice of 2 dips along with your choice of champagne, wine and even spirits after dinner. You could of course have a variety of soft drinks or water. The main meal was a choice between beef and chicken, both of which were delicious. Each of us was then served a tray with 2 different sweets and they were extra delicious.

While we dined, the tramcar wound its way through South Melbourne, Middle Park and St Kilda before making its way back again. Some of the guests not surprisingly were tourists. Rob was called upon to take photos for a couple from America who were enjoying their time in Melbourne.

All too soon it was time to get back in our hire car and head home with Lesley and I hoping our 3 glasses of champagne would not affect our bowls the next day. I wasn't the one who had a glass of Baileys as well by the way. Poor Rob and Joy had to drive home but I think they would agree it was a great night out and we would recommend it to any of our fellow bowlers who are looking for dinner out with a difference.

Annette Scutt

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## **OH, TO BE POLITICALLY CORRECT!!!!**

The British Penny – European Union Directive No. 456179.

In order to bring about further integration with the single European currency, the Euro, all citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase “spending a penny” is not to be used after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

From this date onwards, the correct term will be “Euronating.”

It is hoped that this will be a great relief to everyone.

## REPORT FROM OUR BOWLS PRESIDENT

The pointy end of the pennant season is looming and it seems that this season has seen a vast improvement on the last. In Saturday pennant, our two top sides are looking good for a finals berth while our top side in Midweek pennant have well and truly finished on top. I wish all bowlers in these sides the best of luck in the coming weeks and look forward to a successful finish to the season. To the other sides, you have done your best and we can look forward to better results next season.

The back green is looking better each day and we can look forward to playing on it next season. Guy together with a band of volunteers has done a magnificent job with the resowing of the green and upgrading of the banks. I wouldn't be surprised if the back green becomes our No 1 green.

Inside the clubhouse, the decluttering and upgrading is moving along nicely and Marc Buis has to be thanked for his tireless efforts together with Sam Trickey with his great job on the facelift of the bar. Another television set is to be installed in front of the kitchen and linked to the one opposite the bar. These in turn will be linked to a computer and eventually we will have a Power Point presentation running to keep us updated in all club matters together with helping to give our sponsors a bit of advertising.

Barefoot bowls on Friday nights is going along very nicely and I would like to thank the team of volunteers for their efforts in welcoming and looking after all the visitors that have come along to learn about and enjoy the great game of lawn bowls.

Once again, the best of luck to all our bowlers in the finals and also those bowlers competing in the remaining club championships.

Good bowling

**Bryan Dennehy**

President.

A businessman, disappointed in his career, decided to volunteer for the first brain transplant. A brilliant surgeon offered him a choice of three samples from his brain bank: one from a leading brain surgeon at \$1000, one from a leading research scientist at \$1000, and one from a retired politician at \$5000.

He enquired why the last one was so much dearer.

"It's never been used," said the brain surgeon.



## **OLDER BUT GOLDER**

March seems to be a favourite month with all these members enjoying birthdays:

5<sup>th</sup>: Heather Couples, 6<sup>th</sup>: Barbara Kwijas, Bradley Castle, 7<sup>th</sup>: Peter Marshall, 8<sup>th</sup>: Frank Cleven, 9<sup>th</sup>: Ria Cleven, Bob Stace, 10<sup>th</sup>: George Bisset, Stuart Cripps, Paul McAloney, 11<sup>th</sup>: Malcolm (Chick) Lancaster, 12<sup>th</sup>: Les Lucas, 13<sup>th</sup>: Gaeme Ashmore, Brian Carolan, 14<sup>th</sup>: Noel Dowler, 15<sup>th</sup>: Ian Kerr, 18<sup>th</sup>: Matilda Haartsen, Derek Pitt, 19<sup>th</sup>: Wilma Paus, 20<sup>th</sup>: Sheila King, 22<sup>nd</sup>: Graeme Hockey, 25<sup>th</sup>: Jim Arnott, 26<sup>th</sup>: Gwen Brown, Bob Williams, Marne Wynn, 27<sup>th</sup>: Leigh McLean, 30<sup>th</sup>: Ron Evans, 31<sup>st</sup>: Bryan Dennehy.

A MEMORABLE BIRTHDAY FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT THE CLUB.

### **Other anniversaries.**

March 26<sup>th</sup>, Tom and Olivia Lucas celebrate 51 years of wedded bliss.

March 27<sup>th</sup>, Brenda and Terry Phillips celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss.

### **Our thoughts also go to:**

Keith Scutt due for another operation to correct nerve pains and other ailments. Hope this finalises your treatment at last Keith, and you can enjoy a pain/pill free existence again.

Gordon Menzies who unfortunately, in the process of writing off his car, suffered painful bruising and chest ligament problems. After two weeks enforced "holiday" Gordon is now back doing the things he likes; bowling and tending the gardens.

Peter Stiff had a nasty fall and is nursing a black eye and cut on the forehead which required 3 stitches. He is currently at home recovering.

As somebody once said: "I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks."

### **FROM THE GREENS KEEPER.**

This was written in January but Guy says he is more pleased with the results since then.

“The back green has undergone resurfacing works with the conversion from bent grass to tiff dwarf in December, with the planting of sprigs on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

After a few minor setbacks with the strong winds blowing off the covers earlier than planned, the green is now progressing well with improvement on a daily basis.

Over the Summer/Autumn period it will be fertilized regularly to obtain a good grass cover, which will hold us in good stead for the green to be playable next season.”

*Good news for those who have been playing at Bayswater this season!*

### **TELS TEASER**

Some nine-letter words consist of three three-letter words, for example, woebegone/woe beg-one. You have to use all the three-letter words below to form five nine-letter words.

ATE BED DEN OFF SEA  
BAR BIT DID ONE SON  
BAT CAN HER RID SUN

Answers on back page.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

# Boronia Bowls Club Crafty Ladies



## Wednesday morning 9 to 12am

Boronia Bowls Club has started a morning every Wednesday where ladies who enjoy sewing, patchwork and craft (or even just a chat!) get together at the clubroom.

Participants pay \$2 for the use of the facilities and for morning tea/coffee and can come at any time during the 3 hours.

Participants can:

- Work on their own projects at their own pace **OR**
- Create items to sell at the club, proceeds going to the club **OR**
- Create items for charity (toys, baby clothes, rugs, quilts etc).



If participants don't have their own project to work on we have some suggestions and instructions! Cheryl McCarthy and Jill Dowler have a list of requirements to bring along to make a serviette holder, decorated shopping bag and crocheted t-towel shown above.

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

Both mid week and **Saturday pennant finals** are being played during March. If we still have sides progressing, let's get together and give them our full support. (no clackers during the games please!)

**Club championships:** mixed pairs, proportional 100-up, and minor 2-bowl singles are being played. Keep your eyes on the noticeboards for these.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> come and support the finalists in the **Open 2-bowl singles**. Starts at 6.30pm and promises to be exciting.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> **100-up final**. Always an interesting event. Did the higher handicapped bowlers get through, or will there be another new face among the trophy winners?

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> start of the **Ron Eastlake Trophy**. Still time to enter. Great tournament.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> **Madge Dobson Trophy**, William Angliss Charity Day. Sponsored by Pat and Geoff Edwards, this year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Johns' passing so they have kindly elected to **double the sponsorship**. Therefore let's all support the day and see how much we can raise for this very worthwhile cause.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> SMORGASBORD. Numbers have greatly diminished over the last 2 years and as there is only one more in April, if you are not playing this season, why not join in next year and enjoy a great day of bowls with excellent lunch. Remember there will be two magnificent greens to play on so there is really no excuse.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> one of our longest running social events, the **Cards and Casserole** nights. Even if you cannot play cards you probably will be a winner. The meals are some of the best home cooking you will find anywhere.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> CHANDLER TRIPLES. Keep your eyes on the board for this one.

The annual **Moama trip** is coming up soon but we believe it may already be full. If you missed out this time, be sure to get in early next year. A great break from Melbourne, a pleasant mix of friendship and bowls.

**CLEANING ROSTER FOR MARCH.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sun to Sat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sun to Sat</b>
<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	

<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			

Answer to Tels Teaser.

The words are: CANDIDATE, BARBITONE, SUNBATHER, BEDRIDDEN, OFFSEASON.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.