



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER OCT 2015



LOCAL MEMBER HEIDI VICTORIA OPENS GREENS FOR SEASON 2015/16

With the flowing action and polished skill of an experienced bowler, Heidi Victoria releases the first bowl of the new season to open the greens to all Boronia Bowls Club members.

Anxiously watched by Executive Director Ian McLean for signs of divots, dents, and devastation, our local member of Parliament proved she was not only adept at delivering punishing put-downs to her political opponents, she could also deliver the goods on the bowling green.

So now fellow bowlers, it is up to you to enjoy the new season of bowls and do your best for your club.

WELCOME TO SEASON 2015/16 AND EACH AND EVERY ONE HAVE A SENSATIONAL YEAR.

Message from our Executive Director

Once again our new season got off to a great start with approximately 100 members attending our 60th anniversary opening day.

Local MP's Heidi Victoria and Nick Wakeling were joined by Mayor Peter Lockwood and Chandler Ward councillor John Mortimer for this milestone day. Our ladies once again did a great job with the decorating and catering, with daffodils once again donated by Yvonne Cowling adorning the tables.

The makeover to brighten up the club in an endeavor to attract more and/or younger new members is almost complete. A tremendous amount of work has been done under the guidance of Property Manager Bob Williams and many positive comments have been received from members, visitors, and neighbors. A big thank you to all who assisted in the various works.

The resurfaced back green is a credit to Guy, and will improve with every use, and it is complemented by the new surrounds completed under the guidance of Vin Hughes and an enthusiastic hardworking crew.

As endorsed at the AGM the height of the hedges was greatly reduced, and this has given passers-by a new aspect of the club, greater security of the car park, and better drying conditions for the eastern ends of the greens.

It is now up to the members to support these actions:

- We must do all we can to further improve our standings in pennant
- We must carry out our allotted/rostered duties
- We must support our generous sponsors. The Spectacle Site have upgraded their sponsorship to be a major sponsor, whilst Damian Degenhardt's logistic company have joined us as a major sponsor.

Enjoy YOUR club and participate in the activities to make it stronger.

Good bowling for season 2105/16

Jan McLean

Executive Director

THE ETIQUETTE OF BOWLS.

The dictionary definition of etiquette is:-

“unwritten code restricting professional men and women in what concerns interests of their brethren or dignity of their profession”.

In other words, treat others as you would wish to be treated.

This is especially so on the bowling green.

How often do you see a bowler walk across the back of the adjacent rink to get where he/she is going? Wrong; walk off the back of your own rink, do not intrude on the rink next door.

Some bowlers are still calling out or moving around after their teams bowl has come to a halt. Remember, you are only in charge of the mat until your own bowls have come to a stop. The mat then belongs to the opposition. Any movement or calling from either end is unwarranted and can result in the intervention by the umpire.

Rather than repeat what has previously been written on this topic, it might be appropriate to consider the ways in which to lose a game, after all, the opponent may not adhere to the laws of etiquette as you undoubtedly would.

Some examples of helping yourself to lose:

Allow your opponent to affect your game.

Choose the hardest possible shot to play.

Become upset when your team-mates do not perform successfully.

Don't consider the percentage chance of your chosen shot.

Wander all over the green between the playing of your bowls.

Distract yourself with idle chatter between or during ends.

Watch the team play their bowls from some point other than behind the mat or jack.

Allow bad feelings to enter your teams' communication during a match.

Choose the shot that risks unnecessary danger to your position.

Play narrow and fast while holding shot.

Ignore the bowl that is lying third.

Excessive alcohol consumption.

Please concentrate on relaxing and enjoying your game.

SPONSORS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

We have gained a major sponsor in The Spectacle Site who is sponsoring the second Sunday of the month event for the whole season

We also have retained Biggin & Scott, other larger sponsors are Nick Wakeling, JZ Motors, Garry Warren Motors, Le Pine Funerals, Bendigo Bank, and Kilsyth Club.

We also have gained new advertisers, You will; find them in our handbook, namely BSB Packaging, FTG tree Removals, Gully Gardening and Landcare, Hearing Professionals. Marks Quality Shoe Repair are sponsoring our Melbourne cup day event..

I also have been informed of an amount of money but have not been informed whether it is for Sponsorship or a donation to the Club.

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Ensure you check our handbook and where ever possible use our Sponsors. They are like everyone else and are struggling financially and need all the help they can get and we need their support.

TELS TEASER.

An electric train runs at 60mph heading south towards a wind blowing at 30mph.

What is the direction of the smoke from the train?

NEWS FROM ON AND AROUND THE GREENS.

All members and visitors must have noticed and appreciated the refurbishments to the clubhouse and surrounds.

Following is a quote from one of our life members sent to our Executive Director Ian McLean:-

“As a life member, I was honoured to attend the Bowling Club Open Day for 2015-2016, and would like to tell you how impressed I was with the amount of work that has been done by members in the renovations of the Club rooms. Everything looks sparkling fresh and bright, the tables all beautifully appointed, the table setting and the afternoon tea was a credit, congratulations to the ladies. I don’t remember the rooms ever looking as good as they do now, an absolute pleasure to be in.

Please convey my congratulations to all concerned.”

Irene Jackson.

BARE-FOOT BOWLS BECOMES A HUGE SUCCESS STORY.

The people who instigated the Friday night bare-foot bowls could hardly have imagined the astonishing growth it has seen over the last year.

During the past season, this event has raised around \$5000 for the club, which equates to a \$50 saving on subscriptions plus additional turn-over for the bar.

To keep this important night going, more help may be required from time to time, so we should all put our best bare foot forward, toe the line, and help whenever we can. This could also be part of our recruitment strategy too.

ON BEHALF OF SELECTORS.

Traditionally, very few members give a toss about their selection committees, but after witnessing the struggles they had finalizing sides for pennant practice, we’re sure some people would sympathize. So many still on holiday and then some pulling out at the last minute, it’s no wonder most of the selectors don’t need to visit a barber; they are pulling their own hair out.

Now that everyone is back from jaunts across Australia and overseas, let’s honour the commitment we made to play pennant so the best sides can be selected and success can be achieved.

WHO WAS IT WHO CAUSED IAN McLEAN’S TV TO EXPLODE?

PAST MEMBERS DEPART.

The following past members who have not previously been acknowledged, passed away in the off-season:-

Les Moxon – will be remembered for his hot curries and his comical dancing of the macarina.

Yvonne Eriksen – a former past Club Champion.

Graeme Hockey – a gentleman bowler and son-in-law of the late Thelma Moore.

Bob Simpson – all around nice guy who loved his bowls.

Eunice Irving – another top lady bowler and winner of many trophies.

We also acknowledge the passing of **Joan Worthington**, wife of the late Graham.

It is inevitable with our demographic, that friends and colleagues will leave us from time to time, but life goes on and we have wonderful memories to share. Our thoughts are with the families of those above.



OLDER BUT GOLDER

The following are celebrating birthdays in October. We wish them all a happy and restful day.

2nd Joyce Fankhauser, 3rd Joan Connan, Len Doddrell, 6th Frank Rennie, 10th Olivia Lucas, 13th Gerry Gommers, 14th Ross Clarke, 16th George Lynn, 17th Lin Perry, 20th David Inglis, 22nd John King, 22nd Lindsay Russell (OBE), 26th Doris Clarke, 27th Brenda Degenhardt, 27th John McCarthy, 29th Jack Kirby, 31st Stuart Eastwood.

We all wish Stuart a speedy recovery so he can visit the Bowls Club again.

HAVE A LAUGH.

After every flight, pilots fill out a form known as a “gripe sheet” to tell mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics fix the problem and then document their repairs on the form.

Here are some actual problems submitted by the pilots (marked with a “P”) and the solutions recorded (marked with an “S”) by maintenance engineers, who by the way, have a sense of humour:

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Left inside main tyre almost replaced.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: Suspect crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you’re right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed in cockpit.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a chimp pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from chimp.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on backorder.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR OCTOBER.

<u>TEAM NO. 5</u>			<u>TEAM NO. 6</u>		
Lindsay Russell	9762 5695	27 Sep to 3 Oct	Robert Lancaster	9762 3558	4 Oct to 10 Oct
Lesley Russell	9762 5695	27 Dec to 2 Jan	Ron Evans	9800 1747	3 Jan to 9 Jan
Irene Major	9762 4424	20 Mar to 26 Mar	Sam Trickey	9762 9306	27 Mar to 2 Apr
Bob Williams	9762 4424		Len Doddrell	9758 8507	
Noel Dowler	9762 7121		Alan Horwood	9800 2761	
Royce Wardle	9723 8861		Patrick Taylor	9762 1660	
<u>TEAM NO. 7</u>			<u>TEAM NO. 8</u>		
Ian Mclean	9801 3960	11 Oct to 17 Oct	Bryan Dennehy	9763 9898	18 Oct to 24 Oct
Frank Cleven	9762 1868	10 Jan to 16 Jan	Marne Wynn	9762 6264	17 Jan to 23 Jan
Ria Cleven	9762 1868	3 Apr to 09 Apr	Graeme Turner	9763 5214	10 Apr to 16 Apr
Margaret Woodford	9729 7995		Stuart Schmolling	9762 5456	
Marc Buis	9752 7002		Jim Shannon	9729 4283	
Les Lucas	9762 1876		Tony Buckingham	9762 1484	
<u>TEAM NO. 9</u>			<u>TEAM NO. 10</u>		
Terry Phillips	9761 3057	25 Oct to 31 Oct	Bruce & Lin Perry	9762 3202	1 Nov to 7 Nov
Brenda Phillips	9761 3057	24 Jan to 30 Jan	David Inglis	9752 8498	31 Jan to 6 Feb
Daniel Price	9762 0486	17 Apr to 23 Apr	Ray Bilton	9801 1191	24 Apr to 30 Apr
Ross Clarke	9801 1245		Garry Overs	9720 2131	
Dennis Sawyers	9884 1003		Eric Middlemiss	9887 1246	
Gwen Brown	9762 7617		George Lynn	9758 3839	

PLEASE HELP YOUR TEAM WHEN REQUESTED.

Answer to Tels Teaser.

There is no smoke coming out of an electric train.