



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER NOV 2015

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Congratulations to Guy for getting an “A” rating for BOTH greens after a recent inspection by Bowls Victoria. To obtain an “A” rating for such a new green is just reward for the time and effort put in, not only by Guy, but by Vin and all the volunteers who gave of their time with the banks etc. as these are also part of the grading.

Speaking of volunteers, what would our fees be to play on great grass greens if it wasn't for member support.

Graeme Greene does an excellent job keeping in touch with local businesses who donate several thousand dollars each year. Graeme needs support in this important role. Is there someone among our members who can give some of their time to assist Graeme?

This is but one of the many vital roles that keep the club going, and it is important to have some sort of succession planning in place. If you think you can help in any way, please contact a member of the committee and/or the person presently filling that role, e.g. secretary, treasurer, bar manager etc..

Jan Mclean

Executive Director.

From the Bar Manager.

A big thanks to all those supporting our mini lotto fundraiser which is available from the bar. Proceeds will be used to purchase something worthwhile for our clubs' benefit.

Also from the bar we still have a limited number of white legionaires hats with club logo for just \$5.00

VALE TOM BEDOHAZY

October saw the departure of yet another older bowler in the form of never-to-be-forgotten Tom Bedohazy. I joined the club the same year as Tom in 1990, and remember playing a competitive game of fours with him at Croydon club in 1991. Tom was our skip, (I suspect he didn't step back quick enough), although he was never backward in coming forward. The remarkable thing about the first end on this "new" mat surface was that the three of us, (no names please!), all put our two bowls in the ditch. Change of ends, Tom didn't say much other than to shrug his shoulders, only to put his first bowl into the ditch also. Fortunately he kept his second on the green, saving us the embarrassment of losing an eight on the first end.

Tom had a Hungarian background and loved traveling to Budapest to visit family. He was extremely knowledgeable and well educated, and a good team member for the trivia nights. He took up the Treasurer position in 1991 to 1993 and served the club well. Later, from 1997 to 1999 he was RVBA President. Then in 2003 he became Executive Director until 2005 so there was no doubting his commitment to the club. In both committee and in general conversation he got his point across due to his penetrating, mega phone-like voice. Never one to shy away from an argument, he overpowered most other speakers because he was always right. In truth, I don't believe he was close to many members but he was a good and reliable friend to have.

Tom enjoyed his bowls, but later developed eye problems and other health issues, which brought an end to his bowling career. He will be remembered fondly by those of that era, and there would always be a story told about "good old Tommy."

He served the local community well, enjoying his many years at the Basin Theatre, and as a long-time member of the Lions Club.

He leaves behind a son Tim, a daughter Dani and three grandchildren. Toms' wife Keiren passed away several years ago.

A Muslim bloke I work with was bragging he had the entire Koran on disc. Being interested, I asked him to burn me a copy. Well, that's when it kicked off!

SPONSORS REPORT

There are some new sponsors this year so make sure you use them if at any time you need that type of service.

Gully Gardening & Lawn Care is listed on Page 10 His contact is 0413 091264

Ferntree Gully Tree Removals advertisement is on Page 5 His contact is 0418 374456

Quality Meats at 10/163 Boronia Rd Boronia .Supplier of the well appreciated meat trays.

Formerly Quest Apartments they are now Quality Inn & Suites at 137 Mountain Hwy Wantirna for that extra accommodation.

A Grade Medical Centre at 8 William St Lilydale east. General and Family Practice.

Marks Quality Shoe Repair, 73 Station St Ferntree Gully.

Hearing Professionals, Suite 2 178 Dorset Rd Boronia. Call them on 1300 7608 108 for any hearing problems or support.

Don't forget our major sponsors.

They are Biggin & Scott at 88 Boronia Rd Boronia Ph 9761 2277 for all your Real Estate needs.

The Spectacle Site, Shop 2 Dorset Square Boronia.

Some of the sponsors from last year have ceased their sponsorship, namely Mitcham Mobility, which has closed. Ferntree Gully Hyundai, and Tinkers have dropped their sponsorship.

Anderson Partners Legal Practitioners are the sponsors at the next Smorgasbord.

They are located at 1045 Ferntree Gully Rd Ferntree Gully 3156.

The Spectacle Site is a major sponsor of the regular 2 Bowls Triples on the second Sunday of the month.

Support them by using their service and also by playing in their Competition.. Arrange a team or enter a sing entry. Give Tony Buckingham a call.

Joke of the Month.

.....IF YOU MARRY A SCOTTISH GIRL.....

Three friends married women from different parts of the world.

The first man married a Greek girl. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man married a Thai girl. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day he saw that his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a girl from Scotland. He ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawns mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. The first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything either, but by the third day some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. He still has some difficulty when he urinates.....

One of our newer bowlers, Garry Wall, has been looking after our electrical requirements at the club lately, and although Garry has his own business called GREATER ELECTRICS, has been volunteering his time free of charge.

Garry lives in Boronia, so a phone call to 0418 362 900 would fix all your electrical needs in good time and in good spirit.

Which couple have recently become great grandparents for the first time?

John McCarthys' mother passed away on October 16th. On the 7th John found this poem among his mothers' papers.

Wouldn't it!

Wouldn't it be marvelous if TV ads came true,
And the soap that you were using made your clothes come out like new!
If you bought that new deodorant at just the teeniest price,
And FLASH! You're found outside the church, and being showered in rice.
Or in the twinkling of an eye, you're somehow standing there,
With the handsomest of escorts and jewels in your hair.
Wouldn't it be wonderful if TV ads were right,
And a certain type of blanket made you sleep all through the night!
If stockings didn't wrinkle, and they gave your legs such shape,
That every handsome male in sight would simply stand and gape.
Wouldn't it be lovely to be told that you look younger,
For such compliments I surely hunger.
But though I use the magic soap that makes the magic sud,
I never look younger, though the adverts swore I would.
A certain type of toothpaste makes a halo round your head,
It brings a ring of confidence, or so the adverts said.
You breathe into your escorts face...
But if you've eaten onions, I wonder would he care?
Wouldn't it be great if burning fuel saved you money,
And taking certain fizzy drinks made life all bright and sunny.
If banks could really help you when things were getting tight,
And the teller at the counter hailed your presence with delight.
And if you had a throbbing head and one small tablet took,
Before the thing got down your throat, the headache took its' hook.
Well I'd better knock off moaning of advertising fads,
And watch my favorite serial.....sandwiched in between the ads!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McCarthy family.

Bruce LeGrew lost his remaining brother Laurie in October.

AN EIFFEL OF PARIS.



Ah Paris; city of love, and the end of a fantastic European River Cruise. I was never going to Paris and not go up the Eiffel Tower, but standing underneath this 300 metre high structure built in 1889, that old phobia kicked in and the knees started to quiver. A fear of heights has prevented me doing many things, but here I was, at the foot of another ambition, but this time with a determination to overcome .

The tour party was lining up to enter the lift that would take us to the dizzy heights of the second level, so I quickly scanned the massive concrete mounds that anchored each of the four legs of the tower, to ensure there were no cracks, and inspected the iron legs for rust, and being satisfied, joined the back of the line.

As a tour party, we had the privilege to jump the always lengthy queues of daring locals and visitors. Unfortunately as we piled into the lift, I discovered there was a maximum number allowed each time. As I didn't understand everything the lift operator was saying in his native tongue, but was acutely aware that he remained outside the lift, I feared that we might be overloaded and not know. The only redeeming fact was that if anything happened, I would not be alone.

There was little time to think any more, as the lift took off at a pace calculated to push any thoughts of vertigo back down to your stomach. In no time at all we came to a surprisingly gentle stop and I knew I had made it. Even if I stayed in the lift, I could always say I had done it, however, on creeping out into the daylight, it was almost impossible to see the edge of the tower. I was surrounded by shops and restaurants, and even the floor was

tarmac just like the roads. With confidence at an unexpected high, I walked out of the centre of the tower towards the side, only coming to a stop a couple of metres from the edge before the urge to make that giant leap engulfed me. I should not have worried because there is thick wire netting surrounding the platform, high enough to stop you going where others have gone before. The views of Paris through the lens of a camera are mind-blowing, and I would have been forever regretful had I not ventured up. Even now, when I look at the pictures of tiny little people down below, my knees almost give way, but they will be magical memories for a lifetime. I DID IT.



OLDER BUT GOLDER

These members and ex members are celebrating a birthday in November.
Do you remember them?

2ndRon Marsh, 9thIrene Jackson, 11thCynthia Caira,
14thGordon Menzies, 16thShirley Gardner, 17thBetty Cornish,
18thDot King, 18thPeter Stiff, 21stMay Matthews,
21stMavis Simpson.

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OUR MEMBERS.

Son: “Dad, we’re learning about prisms at school. They are fascinating.”
Dad; “That’s good son, because as a dyslexic black boy, you’re bound to end up in one.”

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

There is plenty of activity apart from the usual pennant games.

MONDAY 2nd 2.30pm CUP EVE MIXED BOWLS followed by dinner.

TUESDAY 3rd 10.30am 4-PERSON MIXED MEDLEY (Cup Day)

FRIDAY 6TH 10.00am GALA DAY (This is a major fund-raising day for the ladies; come along and buy cakes, tickets, books etc. to help out).

SATURDAY 7th CLUB PAIRS FINAL (always a good game).

FRIDAY 13th CLASSIC DAY OPEN FOURS get in quick, great competition.

SATURDAY 21st FAIRWELL DINNER FOR KAREN (names on board)

THURSDAY 19th SIR GEORGE KNOX TROPHY

Bus leaves for Parliament House at 8.00am. Great day for those who have never participated in this event. Boronia currently holds the trophy.

Remember Barefoot bowls is on every Friday evening starting at 6.30pm.

TELS TEASER.

I have to ferry three animals across a river, a tiger, a hippo, and a lamb. The boat will only take two, myself and one animal. I cannot leave the tiger and the hippo together because they will fight. I cannot leave the tiger and the lamb together, but I can leave the hippo and the lamb.

How do I get them across? (answer back page)

Karen Barton is leaving us this month, going back to New Zealand for three years. No more exuberance of youth, no more rattles, no more sparkles; the place will never be the same.

We thank Tony for submitting the following article:

Karen to leave us.

Her story so far.

Born 11th Feb 1975 in Taupo New Zealand and lived there until she was 13, then moved to Mt Maunganui. She left school at 16 to start an apprenticeship in small motor spare parts at a Marine Centre.

After Six months was made redundant, so started two training courses in computers, data entry and publishing.

This allowed her to apply for a polytechnic (Tafe) course in certificate in Business computing and an advanced certificate in business computing.

After two years at polytech it was time to find a job.

First she tried home schooling children in computing, cleaning handbags and hair dressing. As an eighteen year old, it was not easy finding a job in a small town. The only other way was to travel to Auckland, two and half hours away.

Karen applied for a number of Jobs, including a receptionist at a brothel (ask her about that one).

Eventually getting a job with an accounting firm, that lead to a job with MYOB in Christchurch. This was the start of her travelling.

Her next move after five months was to Melbourne, still with MYOB in May 2000.

After 3 years of Melbourne she packed her bags and headed for England, but instead of working decided to travel Europe for three months before heading home to Aussie.

Five years later saw her off again on holidays, this time to Canada and Alaska for six weeks.

Karen's bowls actually started in in Te Puke on the North Island when she was working at the accounting firm. It was like our carpet bowls but she also dabbled in Golf, tennis, badminton, volleyball and touch rugby.

Karen's other hobbies are cross stitching, scrap booking.

BUT now the girl is going back to Napier on the North Island on 22nd Nov. with her company, MAGIQ Software.

Her plans in the near future are to have her apartment built so when she comes back in 3 to 4 years she will have somewhere close to Boronia Bowls Club, so she can come back and stir us up some more.

Whilst in Napier, Karen will continue to bowl at the Bluff Hill bowls club and has entered the New Zealand championships to be held over the Christmas - New Year week. Before she leaves she is also competing in the Victoria championships at Shepparton in the singles, ladies triples and the mixed pairs.

We wish her well in her endeavours and look forward to hearing the clackers going off with her well known GO BORONIA as the pennant team takes on the opposition.

GOD HELP US!!!

CLEANING ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER.

<u>TEAM NO. 9</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 10</u>	
Terry Phillips	25 Oct to 31 Oct	Bruce & Lin Perry	1 Nov to 7 Nov
Brenda Phillips	24 Jan to 30 Jan	David Inglis	31 Jan to 6 Feb
Daniel Price	17 Apr to 23 Apr	Ray Bilton	24 Apr to 30 April
Ross Clarke		Gary Overs	
Dennis Sawyers		Eric Middlemiss	
Gwen Brown		George Lynn	

<u>TEAM NO. 11</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 12</u>	
Vin Hughes	8 Nov to 14 Nov	Derek Pitt	15 Nov to 21 Nov
Kevin Hamond	7 Feb to 13 Feb	Rob Lowe	14 Feb to 20 Feb
John & Dot King	1 May to 7 May	Tom & Olivia Lucas	8 May to 14 May
Pam Hughes		Bill Paus	
Hans Eriksen		Alan Cobb	
		Gary Wall	

<u>TEAM NO. 1</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 2</u>	
John McCarthy	30 Aug to 5 Sept	Graeme Ashmore	6 Sept to 12 Sept
Brian Carolan	22 Nov to 28 Nov	Heather Couples	29 Nov to 5 Dec
Cheryl McCarthy	21 Feb to 27 Feb	Jeff Edwards	28 Feb to 5 Mar
Gerry Gommers		Stuart Cripps	
Peter Croker		Stuart Eastwood	
Chick Lancaster		Richard McGregor	

Answer to Tels Teaser

1. I take the tiger across.
2. I return alone.
3. I take the hippo across.
4. I return with the tiger.
5. I take the lamb across.
6. I return alone.
7. I take the tiger across.

Try this one.

One candle is guaranteed to burn for six hours, the other for four hours. They are both lit at the same time. After some time, one is twice as long as the other. For how long have they been burning?