



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEB 2016

Welcome back from the Christmas/New Year break as we look forward to a promising finish to the pennant season. Good bowling to all.

The club Christmas party following the singles finals was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with great food and floor show. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

As previously advised we are in urgent need of finding a new Treasurer, as Bob Lancaster and wife Jan are moving to Mount Martha in early March. I know that all of our members who volunteer their services, by way of serving on committees, attending working bees or assisting at barefoot bowls etc, get a great deal of satisfaction from making a positive contribution to the workings of their club. We are totally reliant on these people to ensure the future of the club. If you are not currently contributing seek out a committee person and ask what you can do for your club.

The response to working bees in the week before Christmas was fantastic. The back green was top dressed with seven cubic metres of sand in one hour by 14 willing members, and they returned again on Christmas eve to top dress the front green with 3 cubic metres of sand in 40 minutes. An excellent effort and all that attended can be proud of their contribution.

Most will be aware by now that the club is distributing a medical emergency kit to members so that quick action can be taken in the event of a serious accident or sudden severe illness. If you have not received a kit please see Secretary Chick, and most importantly see that you complete and take the necessary action with the documentation.

We wish Lesley and Gary good luck in the Champion of Champions event-watch the notice board for dates and give them your support.

Jan Mclean

Executive Director



OLDER BUT GOLDER

Members (and friend) who will be celebrating birthdays in February include:

Jay Suibhan 2nd, Carol Ashmore, (Karen Barton) 11th, Barbara Browne 15th, Max Lyon 20th, Elvie Williams 21st, Irene Hunnam 27th, June Davis 28th.

All members wish you a very happy day and plenty more to come.

The Power of the Written Word.

Talking about birthdays, it has often been said that it's the thought that counts. This is so true today, in a world where written communication seems a thing of the past. Nowadays we converse mainly via e-mail, but even that is being left behind, certainly by the new generation, which is texting, calling, or sending photos on the smart phones. Us older buggers don't have fingers small enough or nimble enough to engage in rapid-fire communication, but it seems we do have something that the younger ones will never enjoy, the art of the written word.

See, if you receive a hand-written letter from a friend or family member, you know that the meaning comes from the heart. Somebody has taken the time to sit down and write to you, and that must bring a feeling of belonging, of warmth, and of immense satisfaction. It means somebody cares about you and is thinking of you.

Take for example birthday and Christmas cards. It's nice to receive them, but nicer still if the sender, even a family member, has written just a few words of their own and not relied on the printed words in the card. Of course there is as much joy, if not more, in giving rather than receiving, so why not add a few words of our own which say "I love you", "I care about you", "I'm still here thinking of you?"

Such is the power of the written word.

SAY HELLO TO A SPONSOR.

IF YOU HAVN'T ALREADY DONE SO, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH OUR SPONSORS, SO THAT WHEN YOU CALL ON THEM YOU CAN BE ON FIRST NAME TERMS. THIS CAN DO TWO THINGS: 1, YOU WILL BOTH ENJOY THE SOCIAL SIDE MORE, (A BRIEF CHAT ENSURES THE SPONSOR YOU ARE STILL IN TOUCH), AND 2, YOU ARE NOT UNDER PRESSURE TO MAKE A PURCHASE IF THE ITEM DOES NOT SUIT, AND THEREFORE YOU WILL NOT HESITATE TO MAKE A VISIT.

THE CLUB HAS SO MANY GOOD SPONSORS THANKS TO EXTRAORDINARY WORK BY GRAEME GREEN, OUR SPONSORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR, THAT YOU CANNOT GO THROUGH LIFE AND MISS THEM ALL.

A GOOD IDEA IS TO CHECK THE LISTING IN THE FIXTURE BOOK, SO THAT WHEN YOU ARE OUT SHOPPING OR LOOKING FOR THAT PARTICULAR ITEM, YOU WILL KNOW THERE IS A FRIEND WAITING TO HELP YOU OUT. ALL SPONSORS DESERVE THE CHANCE TO SEEK YOUR BUSINESS, THAT IS WHY THEY BECOME SPONSORS OF THE CLUB, BUT IF THEIR GOODS OR SERVICES ARE NOT TESTED BY MEMBERS THEN OBVIOUSLY THEY HAVE TO RE-EVALUATE THE VALUE OF THEIR SPONSORSHIP.

HELP THE CLUB, HELP THE SPONSOR, AND HELP YOURSELF BY SAYING HELLO TO A SPONSOR TODAY.

If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

Sad to hear Jack Kirby has been in hospitals for the last three weeks or so, and is now in a nursing home. Unfortunately Jack can do little if anything for himself, and his wife Norma cannot look after him anymore. After 63 years together it was only natural that Norma was extremely upset, but knows that it is the best thing for Jack.

Good to see Keith Scutt is home again although far from well. Being in and out of hospitals is no fun for him or Annette, so let's hope the numerous drugs he is taking can keep him stable, and that his problems will soon sort themselves out. You will have noticed Keith's new four-wheel drive zimmer buzzing around the greens, especially when there are meat-tray tickets to be sold!

Stuart Eastwood is in rehab at Arcare in Knox village. Although he still has limited use of his limbs, his mind is as sharp as a tack. He looks forward to returning to the bowling green, but under present circumstances, it looks like a long wait.

We wish all members suffering from ill health a pain-free and comfortable 2016.

Tels Teaser.

A sultan wanted to offer his daughter in marriage to the candidate whose horse would win the race. However, the rules of the race stated that the winner would be the one in last place. He didn't want the race to last forever, so he thought of a way to solve this. What was it?

The policeman got out of his car and the teenager he stopped for speeding rolled down his window.

"I've been waiting for you all day", the cop said, rubbing his hands together. The young man replied, "Well I got here as fast as I could".

When the policeman finally stopped laughing, he sent the young fellow on his way without a ticket.

FROM THE BAR

Mini lotto has resumed, and with your support, will continue until the end of the season. All proceeds will be used to purchase something for the benefit of the club and its members after pennant finishes.

FROM TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

There are many club games coming up, all of which are promoted on the notice boards. Please check the sheets and enter your names to make the games worthwhile.

Also please keep control of your teams for Smorgasbord and regular mid-week tournaments. If you are a member down, try to find a replacement and not rely on the committee doing it for you.

CRAFTY LADIES

This redoubtable group of ladies, (where are you guys?), are meeting every Wednesday morning between 9.00am and noon, twisting, poking, prodding, knitting, and cursing their way through many crafts, and enjoying it along the way. All members are invited to join, and all proceeds go to worthy causes. If you have a craft you'd like to introduce, here's an opportunity to share with others.

A chat, a cuppa, and a craft will wipe away those Wednesday morning blues.

MOAMA TRIP.

This fabulous get-away is on again this year and the notice will soon be up on the board so keep an eye out. Departure date is Monday April 25th returning on the following Friday. This popular and well organized week offers bowls, shopping, socializing and good food. Be quick to enlist as the sheet fills up pretty smartly.

For further enquiries contact Bryan or Lorraine Dennehy.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY.

<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

He made each candidate ride another candidates' horse. Each one would, of course, try to come in first, because in that way, the owner of the horse that a particular candidate was riding, would lose the race.

It was meal time during a flight on a British Airways plane.

“Would you like dinner?” the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row.

“What are my choices?” the man asked.

“Yes or no,” she replied.