



# TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 16

## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Nominations for Committee of Management and Bowls Committee will open in approximately one month and several incumbents have indicated they will not be seeking re-election. Please give serious consideration as to what you can do for your club. In a club that relies so much on the voluntary work of members it is very disheartening to have members say “I just want to bowl” when you ask for their participation in administering the club.

Following consultation with the Bowls Committee, cash payments for all championship events will cease effective from this current season. These payments were set up in times of almost twice the membership, but in current circumstances where there may be only five entries for a particular event, it is unrealistic to be paying prize money. We would be surprised if people were only entering for the money, rather than the honour of winning a championship event.

The timing and format of Presentation Night is also under review, brought about by the fact that about 40% of intended recipients don't bother to turn up. This has been an embarrassment on occasions when a sponsor has attended to do the presentation. A list will be put up shortly for members to indicate their intention to attend. Unless we get a number close to 80, consideration will be given to canceling this event.

New trophy cabinets are to be installed below the honour board – see separate article for sponsorship detail.

The club Christmas Party date has been set for Sunday evening 11 December 2016, and with this early advice we look forward to a greater participation by members.

Good bowling to those that will be participating in the finals and no doubt we will see the usual strong support from other members.

**Jan Mclean**

Executive Director

## **SPONSORS REPORT**

Are you interested in **purchasing** white goods and or electrical appliances?  
See Len at **John Alan BETTA Home living**. **They will give you a good deal. Their Phone No is 9800 2266**

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**The Spectacle Site offers good service and the care for eyecare.**  
**They have several sites : namely Dorset Square in Boronia, Ph 9762 2252**  
**Stud Park Shopping Stud Rd Rowville Ph 9763 4577**  
**Croydon North 425 Maroondah Hwy Ph. 9726 4043**  
**As well as The Epping Plaza and at Seymour.**

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**For great meals and good service don't forget the Kilsyth Club located at the corner of Canterbury Rd and Colchester Rd in Kilsyth South. I can recommend their meals and the service as I was part of a 30 person group there last month.**

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There are many minor sponsors who give us gifts and goods at a reduced cost, some of them are:

Boronia Cinema in Dorset Square, they give us numerous theatre tickets.

Quality Meats Shop 10/92-94 Boronia Rd Boronia, they supply the meat trays offered each Saturday.

Doncaster Sporting Goods.914A Doncaster Rd East Doncaster, they give us vouchers to the value of \$300.00 in various denominations and we also get 2 bowls bags. These are used in the various competitions.

I will be running a sponsors night in March and I will be looking for some assistance. Please check the notice board as I will need assistance.

As Sponsorship Co-ordinator I recommend our sponsors and I encourage you as our members to use our sponsors wherever possible. You will find their advertisements in our handbook. Remember the monies they pay lower the fees that you pay.

If any person is aware of a new sponsor get them to contact either myself or a Club Committee person.

Graeme Greene Sponsorship- Coordinator

Editors' comment: had occasion to visit The Spectacle Site in Boronia the other day and got chatting to Glen who has been there for about ten years. Asked him if many Bowls Club members came in, and he replied that yes but some do not say they are from the Club. He went on to say that he gives good discounts to members, so some of them are missing out.

Moral is: in order to obtain sponsors' benefits, **tell them you are from the Boronia Bowls Club.**

## **Presidents Report**

Hello everybody, it's been almost 12 months since I was approached to stand as Bowls President for the 2015/16 season, and over this past season I have learnt a lot about the club and how it runs, but most of all I have been lucky to have the assistance of members to help me through a steep learning curve as BP. I'll leave it up to you to judge how I have carried out the role, but hope that I have carried out the duties to your satisfaction. I would particularly acknowledge Lesley, Annette, Ian, Tony and Bryan for all their ongoing help and advice, thanks guys.

The clubs success to this point in the season for both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant has been a mixed bag of moderate success and some disappointments. With only a few weeks to go to the end of the season we are still hoping that the bowls gods will smile upon Boronia once again.

Many thanks go to our Tournament Committee for running all of our club events in such a professional manner. Barefoot bowls has continued to go from strength to strength giving those in our local community the opportunity to try bowls and possibly new members.

I wish to acknowledge our visitors to Boronia who come along each week to support our teams, most of our visitors are past members or on the sick list but still turn out to support us. Your ongoing attendance and support is very much appreciated.

Many of our club championship events are still to be played out, with some event draws not yet finalised. Again best of luck to all who have entered, but with the possibility of the club playing in finals, some events will most likely experience disruption. Please keep an eye on your draw sheet to make sure that you don't miss any draw matches.

Our back green has come on a treat and promises to be even better than the front over time. This condition is not just good luck but a result of extensive effort by members, Guy's ongoing hard work and perhaps a little help from mother-nature. Two great "Tiff" greens wow! Remember that the end of the pennant season does not mean the end of bowls with a number of events still to be played, so keep that fixtures book handy!

Members, thank you for your participation in club events and your ongoing assistance with cleaning rosters, kitchen /catering duties, bar, sponsorship, opening & lockup, general & building maintenance(painting), handling of money, website updates, gardening, assorted working bees, generously driving other team members to away games and participation at all committee levels.

The Bowls Committee hopes that you have enjoyed your season with the club and that you will be renewing your membership for the 2016/17 season.

Good luck to all bowlers for the rest of the season.

Regards Jim

## **TROPHY CABINETS**

As part of the rejuvenation of the club rooms new quality material cabinets for the display of the perpetual trophies are in the course of construction on a materials only cost, courtesy of Sam Trickey.

The Committee of Management is aware that several members were disappointed at missing out as sponsors of the “yellow seats”. Accordingly, we are now making available sponsorship in whole, or part, of the three new trophy cabinets.

A plaque similar to those on the seats will be placed on the cabinets in recognition of the sponsorship.

The new cabinets will be located at the eastern end of the clubrooms below the club honour board and will provide much greater accessibility and viewing than the old cabinet above the servery window.

In proportion with the cost of the seats and cabinets total sponsorship of a cabinet would be \$350, half \$175.

Enquiries/offers to Chick Lancaster or Ian McLean

### **Plea from the Ladies.**

Please do not bring any more books to the club. We have more than we can possibly house, and even op shops are not taking books now. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past, but we have become inundated as the movement of books has slowed.

**Our favorite bar-maid Maisie Dodds** has recently had a small operation. At the time of writing she is still sore but recovering nicely.

The whole club wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back behind the bar soon.

**Congratulations to Lesley Russell and Gary Degenhardt** who both won their first Champion of Champions matches. We wish them continued success, and maybe a few more supporters would help.

**Congratulations also to Annette Scutt and Brian Carolan** for their winning of the Section Mixed Pairs final. By all accounts it was a very close game, requiring an extra end to separate them.

Boronia is getting good well-earned representation on the greens. Great stuff. Well done everyone.



## **OLDER BUT GOLDER**

The following members (and ex members) are celebrating birthdays in March. We wish them all a happy and restful day.

5<sup>th</sup> ...Heather Couples, 6<sup>th</sup> ...Brad Castle, Barbara Kwijas, 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> ...Chick Lancaster 12<sup>th</sup> ...Les Lucas, 13<sup>th</sup> ...Graeme 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, 25<sup>th</sup> ...Jim Arnott, 26<sup>th</sup> ...Gwen Brown, 27<sup>th</sup> ...Leigh McLean, 30<sup>th</sup> ...Ron Evans, 31<sup>st</sup> ...Bryan Dennehy,

## **Joke of the Month.**

When I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note so I could complain to my local MP about this security rubbish, I did just as she had instructed.

After the shrieking and hysterical remarks had finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

Nonetheless, I've been asked to shop elsewhere in future. They need to make their instructions a little clearer for seniors, I hate this getting older stuff.

## **Tels Teaser.**

Since my birth I have always had a birthday cake decorated with the appropriate number of candles.

To date I have extinguished 253 candles in all.

How old am I?

## DUTY ROSTER FOR MARCH.

<b><u>TEAM NO.3</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 4</u></b>	
<b>Keith Scutt</b>	13 Sept to 19 Sept	<b>Jim Arnott</b>	20 Sept to 26 Sept
Annette Scutt	6 Dec to 12 Dec	Robyn Jones	13 Dec to 19 Dec
George Bisset	6 Mar to 12 Mar	Craig Drill	13 Mar to 19 Mar
Max Lyon		Greg Johnson	
Brian McCristal		Graeme Greene	
Paul McAloney		Margaret Bennett	
		Gary Kiker	

<b><u>TEAM NO. 5</u></b>		<b><u>TEAM NO. 6</u></b>	
<b>Lindsay Russell</b>	27 Sept to 3 Oct	<b>Bob Lancaster</b>	4 Oct to 10 Oct
Lesley Russell	27 Dec to 2 Jan	Ron Evans	3 Jan to 9 Jan
Irene Major	20 Mar to 26 Mar	Sam Trickey	27 Mar to 2 Apr
Bob Williams		Len Doddrell	
Noel Dowler		Alan Horwood	
Royce Wardle		Patrick Taylor	

### **Answer to Tels Teaser.**

22 years, since  $1+2+3+4+\dots+22 = 253$ .

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Two Islamic State Muslims drove their Toyota Tarago over a cliff in Sydney last week. They both died.

Officers on the scene said it was an awful tragedy; a Tarago holds seven.

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The number 1 side in Saturday pennant will be playing in the finals for sure.

The number 2 side has an outside chance of making the finals.

Last year, a large support group followed our flag-winning side through the finals, and no doubt had a big impact on the result.

Let's see if we can do the same this year and bring another side home.

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All those eagle-eyed members will have noticed that repairs have been made to the club ceiling. These were carried out by the Ward brothers, Bazza and Whoosh, at no cost to the club.

Remember AWARD Plaster for any plastering needs no matter how small. You will get a great job at a very special price. Thanks guys.