



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER May 2016

This is the final Toucher Topics for the season and dedicated in parts to our wonderful women bowlers; but first a word from our Executive Director.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Whilst all formal bowls activities have been successfully completed the administrative activities continue.

Chick is very busy putting together the Annual Report following receipt of the many contributions from all the various committees. It is planned to have it available a few days before the AGM for those who wish to analyse its contents beforehand.

You will be aware that no nominations were received for Deputy Executive Director, Bowls Secretary, or one Tuesday pennant selector. Constitutionally you can be nominated from the floor of the AGM and if you are the only one so nominated you have the job. It would be preferable if any interested party/s were to speak to a member of the Executive/Bowls Committee beforehand so that they fully understand what their duties would entail.

Executive appointments of Bar Manager, Sponsorship Officer, and Maintenance Manager are made after the AGM. If you are interested in these jobs, or even assisting the appointed members, please speak to the present incumbents, Gary, Graham, or Bob

If you are going away before the AGM travel safely, otherwise we will see you on May 7.

Don't forget trophy presentations will follow the AGM

Jan Mclean
Executive Director

The membership of Boronia Bowls Club has declined over the last few years in spite of recent strategies to arrest the decline and encourage new members. The ladies are down to 30 something, but what an amazing bunch they are.

They have proved time and time again they are up to whatever tasks they are asked to perform. They work together so well and always appear to act in true harmony.

This was brought home so enjoyably in April, when almost all the ladies congregated at Crave Restaurant to celebrate the 80th birthday of one of their own. The atmosphere was happy, everyone was talking to as many as they could get around, and the lunch was a wonderful experience, particularly for the five men who were able to attend.

Brenda had quite a time and was overwhelmed by the fact that so many friends gathered to wish her well with cards and gifts and hugs and kisses. She wonders what all the fuss is about, as being a homely person, she has never been one to welcome the limelight.

This camaraderie is what makes our lady bowlers such a strong and potent unit. Everything they do for the club is done with a great spirit and without complaint. All clubs should be so lucky, and it is important that we understand and cherish the value they are to the club.

Brenda would like to take this opportunity to thank all her birthday lunch friends for their good wishes, and it is her greatest wish to be able to play bowls in some capacity next season.

Very sad to hear of the passing of Betty Coulson on April 20th. Betty had been a long-standing member, who in her prime, was one of the top lady pennant skips.

Our thoughts and condolences go to her family.

Sponsors report April 2016

During 2016 lost a couple of minor sponsors or advertisers however we gained a new major sponsor in The Spectacle Site.

We are still being supported by the regular minor and major sponsors but we may lose these supporters of our Club unless we support them. Many of these businesses and persons have supported us for many years either by an advertisement in our fixture book or an individual an organised events.

I urge all members to support our sponsors wherever possible.

Biggin & Scott Real Estate is our major sponsor for this past season and for them to continue we must use them whenever possible.

If we do not have property to sell at least promote them to your family your neighbours or anyone else who may need this product.

They handle all real estate in the City of Knox area. They also support and promote our Friday night "Barefoot Bowls" program.

Our other main support sponsors are:

Bendigo Bank The Spectacle Site Le Pine Funerals Hello World
GWS Mazda Club Kilsyth Nick Wakeling J.Z. Motors.
Marks Quality Shoe Repair

Tels Teaser.

A palindrome is a word or number that reads the same backwards as it does forward. Numbers such as 606 and 4334 are palindromes.

While driving his car, Bob observes that his odometer reading forms a palindrome. It displays the mileage 13,931.

Bob keeps driving. Two hours later, he looks at the odometer again and, to his surprise, it displays a different palindrome.

What is the most likely speed that Bob is traveling?

An interesting but little known fact.

The first testicular guard (box) was used in cricket in 1874.

The first cricket safety helmet was used in 1974, which means.....

It took 100 years for men to realize that their brains *may* also be important.

The Geography of a Woman

Between 18 and 22, a woman is like Africa. Half discovered, half wild, fertile and naturally Beautiful!

Between 23 and 30, a woman is like Europe. Well developed and open to trade, especially for someone of real value.

Between 31 and 35, a woman is like Spain. Very hot, relaxed and convinced of her own beauty.

Between 36 and 40, a woman is like Greece. Gently aging but still a warm and desirable place to visit.

Between 41 and 50, a woman is like Great Britain, with a glorious and all conquering past.

Between 51 and 60, a woman is like Israel. Has been through war, doesn't make the same mistakes twice, takes care of business.

Between 61 and 70, a woman is like Canada. Self-preserving, but open to meeting new people.

After 70, she becomes Tibet. Wildly beautiful, with a mysterious past and the wisdom of the ages. An adventurous spirit and a thirst for spiritual knowledge.

THE GEOGRAPHY OF A MAN

Between 1 and 90, a man is like North Korea and Zimbabwe; ruled by a pair of nuts.



OLDER BUT GOLDER

The following members are celebrating birthdays in May:-
3rd....Edith Whitehall, 13th....Gloria Spinks, 19th....Annette Scutt
19th....Marc Buis, 22nd....Ken Maloney, 24th....Mal Barrow,
27th....Bruce LeGrew, 31st....Barbara Kligerman.

We hope each and every one has a day to remember.

Congratulations to the following players who recently received their Super Veterans badges:-

Brenda Phillips, Jean Bell, Bill Paus, John King, Lindsay Russell.

There is a wealth of experience among those, and they have all served the club well over the years.

Congratulations to Annette Scutt and Brian Carolan for representing the club in the State Mixed Pairs in Bendigo. Sadly they went down by only four shots in the first game after playing some good bowls, but at state level the standard is beyond what we know at Boronia, from teams that are continually in coaching programmes and spend hours in training. Nevertheless both Annette and Brian proved terrific ambassadors for our club. (After experiencing car problems on the way up, could Brian have been concerned as to whether he'd make it home?)

Rumour has it there's an impending wedding later in the year for one of our well-loved members!!!!!!!

THE SUCCESS OF CRAFTY LADIES

Since February 2015, we, the crafty ladies, club members all, have been extremely busy.

Apart from creating other articles we have transformed many plain hessian shopping bags into works of art.

Our handicrafts table has also displayed, amongst other things:

- Edith's lovely themed knitted dolls,
- cute knitted slippers in the minions theme,
- all sizes and shapes of teddies,
- stylish aprons and peg bags,
- natty crocheted tea towels,
- small quilted bags for things electronic and
- soft and warm heat bags.

Club members, visiting bowlers, barefoot bowlers and visitors have all shown their appreciation for our handiwork. They have purchased items they liked and:

OUR CLUB HAS BENEFITTED.

A new rotary vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the club (this machine is much lighter and simpler than the bulky cleaner you see Lindsay and other cleaners hauling behind them). We raised over \$350 last Gala Day and we have money put away to spend on a worthwhile cause for the Club at a later date.

The Crafty Ladies meet each Wednesday morning at about 9 am in the Club Room.

YES we intend to continue each week during the winter bowls break.

Come along, share a warm drink and a yarn whilst you craft another masterpiece (not compulsory).

Once again ladies, you've done us proud. See what a simple idea and a couple of enthusiastic participants can achieve. Cheryl McCarthy and Heather Couples have persisted, and it has paid off. Next season, when everyone is back home safely, there will be a demonstration of paper tole craft. It is hoped this would bring a few new people into the Wednesday morning nosh up, sorry, warm drink and a yarn and perhaps a masterpiece.

Now you've cottoned on to the thread of my yarn, needless to say.

Answer to Tels Teaser.

55mph. The next palindrome that the odometer can display is 14,041. To reach this value, Bob will have to travel 110 miles. If it took him two hours to reach this point, his average speed would be 55mph.

All other palindromes would have required too many miles to produce a logical speed. For example, the odometers next palindrome is 14,141.

From this you can calculate an average speed of 105mph, highly unlikely unless you're a hoon driver!

Recruitment.

As mentioned before in this newsletter, the membership numbers are still gradually diminishing. It used to be said we need more ladies, but the time has come when we need more members stop. Obviously the more members you have, the more can be achieved because the income rises, and we wouldn't have to rely on additional fund raising. The usual thinking is to promote the game of bowls to all local sporting clubs, because after all, bowls is a game that can be played at a much greater age than any other.

Have you, however, ever thought of asking your neighbours if they would like to come along one afternoon and have a try? Now that the emphasis is on losing weight and staying reasonably fit, it's not difficult to suggest the game of bowls might just fit the bill.

The people who run the Friday bare-foot bowls have done a spectacular job, but the new members are just not there that their hard work demands. It would be nice to recruit younger members, but those retirees in your street, looking for something different, might just be interested.

As the rostered cleaning finishes before the end of the month, there is no reminder this month. A big thank you to all members for their willingness to assist and keep the clubhouse looking nice and clean. If there are any changes to be made for next season, let it be known to any office bearer so that the new roster can be published early.

An Irishman was drinking in a bar in London, when he gets a call on his phone. He orders drinks for everyone in the bar as he announces his wife has just produced a typical Irish baby weighing 25 pounds.

Nobody can believe that any new baby can weigh in at 25 pounds, but the man just shrugs, "That's about average up our way fellas. Like I said, my boy's a typical County Clare baby boy."

Two weeks later the man returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say you're the father of that typical Irish baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth aren't you? Everybody's been making bets about how big he'd be in two weeks, so how much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers "17 pounds."

The bartender is puzzled and concerned. "What happened, he was 25 pounds the day he was born?"

The father takes a slow swig on his Jamieson Irish whisky, wipes his lips on his shirtsleeve, leans into the bartender and proudly says, "Had him circumcised!"

Little Johnny was in the classroom bored to the back teeth on a Friday afternoon, and the teacher decided to have a game for the kids to get them thinking.

"OK class, now I'm going to say a famous quote, and the first person to tell me who said that quote, can have Monday off. Who is credited with writing the phrase "To be or not to be, that is the question?" asked the teacher.

Little Pham Lam Nguyen at the front of the class called out "Shakespeare!"

"Well done," said the teacher, "You can have Monday off."

"No thank you miss. I am of Vietnamese origin, and it is our culture to study as hard as we can, so I will be here on Monday studying hard," said little Pham Lam Nguyen.

"Well OK," said the teacher.

"The next quote is "I had a dream!" Little Fri Sum Kat also at the front, yelled out, "I berieva it was Martin Ruther King."

"Well done," said the teacher, "You can have Monday off."

"No thank you miss. I am of Chinese oligin, and we also do not take time offa school. Education is evelything to us so I will be in Monday studying hard too," said little Fri Sum Kat. "OK," said the teacher.

Then she heard a voice from the back of the classroom, "F*#^ing Asians.

"Who said that?" yelled the teacher in an angry tone.

"Donald Trump," yelled little Johnny, "See ya Tuesday!"

Have a fantastic Winter break everyone.