



TOUCHER TOPICS

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THE OPENING OF THE SEASON 2016/17.

Eyes focused along the aiming line, knees well bent, left hand on left thigh, palm up on release; you could be watching an experienced bowler taking apart the opposition in a major tournament, but no; this is the Honorable Heidi Victoria putting down the first bowl after opening the new season.

It must be said there was considerable pressure imposed on our MLA for Bayswater prior to stepping onto the green, but after a saturation of tips and coaching ideas from bowlers of various levels and skills, she confidently made her way to the mat whereupon she displayed her obvious talent for the game.

There will no doubt be many bowls put down during the season that will finish further from the jack, but from any point of view, the first bowl was a joy to behold.



Knox City Councillor-Chandler Ward John Mortimore, Honorable Heidi Victoria, Executive Director Ian Mclean, the Indomitable Lesley Russell, the unsinkable Garry Degenhardt.

All parties were participants in the Opening of the Greens Ceremony on Saturday 27th August, our two club champions playing their roles on the green to perfection. In the absence of our Secretary, the role of Master of Ceremonies was very well conducted by Bowls President Jim Arnott who began proceedings by announcing the apologies, mark of respect for departed members, and introduction of the official table. Our two guests made their addresses and it cannot be forgotten that Councillor Mortimore more than hinted at some good news regarding club funding. We can only assume that Knox Council have finally taken a serious and sympathetic look at self-funded clubs, and we look forward to news to that effect in the not too distant future.

The Opening of the Greens is an important and worthwhile event as it not only helps to bond key decision makers to the Club, it also welcomes many members back from long sojourns to warmer parts, and gives all members a starting date for when they can practise for the season ahead.

Good bowling everyone and enjoy a successful season wherever you may be bowling.

....and by the way, those members who are already using a bowling arm or those who feel they would like to give it a try, Garry Degenhardt has been through all the drama and practice to become very proficient in the use of an arm and is willing to give some coaching and pass on his knowledge. This is an excellent opportunity to learn for free and extend your bowling careers.

SPECIAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The official opening of the greens for season 2016-17 saw approximately 90 members in attendance to see Heidi Victoria, our local State Member for Bayswater, put down the first bowl, ably assisted by our current Club Champions Lesley Russell and Garry Degenhardt.

Our clubrooms were adorned with daffodils once again donated by Yvonne Cowling in memory of John, whilst our members, mainly ladies had done a great job with preparation and catering.

The winter months have seen bowls continue almost every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday through the great work of Edith, Irene, David and Ross. The fact that hardly a session was missed on the greens is fine recognition of the standard that Guy has our greens at.

A hand rail has been installed in front of the main door to assist those not so agile to navigate the steps. A generous donation from anonymous members has been received to help us reach a situation where we are compliant with regulations for the disabled- we still have a long way to go.

The new trophy cabinets have been installed at the bar end of the clubrooms. We thank Sam Trickey for the construction thereof at a cost of materials only and Gary Wall for donating the lighting which has a great effect. Funding for the materials was donated by members, along with part of the proceeds from the mini lotto run by Garry Degenhardt which effectively is from those who participated in this fund raising.

Your continued support of fund raisers, lotto, chocolates etc will be appreciated.

Thanks to Dick McGregor, we will be host to schools in the area for bowls coaching which hopefully will provide a source of new members. Please ask Dick what you can do to help.

Good bowling for season 2016-17.

Jan McLean

Executive Director

Sponsors Report

Once again our sponsors are similar to previous years as all the work on promoting Boronia Bowls Club led to very little response. I still need someone to step forward and give me some support and ideas in running the sponsors part of the Club.

I hope and recommend that we all use our existing sponsors and especially our "Major Sponsors" as the Club surely needs them to hang around as we are getting lower in numbers and costs and green keeping expenses are not dropping off or getting lower. We need the "MONEY".

Our Major Sponsors are:

Biggin & Scott Real Estate. They sell, lease, manage, and advise locals on other real estate matters in the Knox Area.

The Spectacle Site . Located in Boronia, Croydon and Rowville . As indicated are Optometrists and look after all types of eye sight problems or concerns a. Give them a call on 1300 773 274.

If you are not happy with any thing or deal don't go and use someone else please advise me and I will go to the top and sort any problem out.

To all members

If you as a member use a tradesman for any jobs or repair, ask your tradesman if they may be interested in advertising either in future copies of our hand book or with a sign on one of the spare spaces at the bowls club.

They can contact me on my mobile No 0409 380383 anytime and anywhere. I will try my best to meet requests.

JOKE OF THE MONTH



they're fascinating."

Dad: "That's good son, because as a dyslexic black boy, you're bound to end up in one."

Tels Teaser What is the least number of points required to win a "Best of Three Sets" tennis match?

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Thank you's

Firstly a big thank you to all the people who have been involved in keeping the club running over the winter break, in particular those assisting in running indoor carpet bowls on Tuesdays and the outdoor events on Wednesdays & Saturdays. As well to those members who have dealt with ongoing club issues throughout the winter break, with a special mention to **John McCarthy** for his efforts.

Teams

The clubs success over the last couple of seasons shows that we can still compete with most clubs in the District, however since the end of last season, a larger than normal number of members will not be available to play this season (**especially on Saturdays**) for various reasons. As a consequence the club has nominated three (3) Saturday teams, these will be playing in Division 2, 3 & 5. Tuesday it would seem remains popular and we have nominated 4 Midweek teams as follows, a Division 1 ladies only, and three (3) open teams in Division 1, 2 & 4.

Team Selection

The task of selecting teams for both sat and midweek is never easy, I would urge you all to support the new selection committees with their challenging task this season.

If you are unhappy with where you are selected, please speak to your respective chairperson of Saturday or Tuesday pennant for clarification.

Coaching

At this time the bowls committee are still not in a position to nominate a person/s responsible to running the clubs coaching program for the season. If you feel you are able to contribute time to this issue please speak to me.

This season our club will be involved with the **Bowls Victoria school bowls program**. This program will introduce young people from our local schools to our sport. I encourage all members to get involved with this program when it gets going here in early September.

Aggrieved Members

From time to time some of you **may** become disenchanted with the club If you feel aggrieved about anything please approach me to discuss the matter. I cannot promise I can fix your concern, but I'll do my best to resolve your issue.

Jim Arnott.

Bowls President

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUB

It was very sad to learn of the passing of two of our former members Robert Harvey and Robert Kohler.

It was a full house at Heritage Funerals on Friday August 26th for the celebration of the life of Robert Harvey. Well known to many of us, he was an accomplished bowler who regularly enjoyed his game until his illness prevented it. Bob continued to attend the Club when possible to watch his colleagues and enjoy their wins and console their losses.

Bob was appropriately farewelled by members of his lodge. Our thoughts are with his family especially his wife Pat, also a member of the Club.

Bob Kohler has a long connection to the Club, at one time being a top skip, and with his wife Mavis making a formidable pair. They used to love holidaying on the Gold Coast and were very generous with their hospitality. Many will remember Bob as a sometimes feisty player, but he was good at heart with a good sense of humour. Both players will be missed.

Hello to all members and partners who are struggling with health issues. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

With the help of the income from Angliss Charity Day, Eastern Health purchased Symbio for Theatre Education purposes. The Symbio is a small piece of equipment that enables the Theatre educator to simulate about 12 different kinds of heart rhythm problems. With the Symbio, staff are trained to identify the problem and be confident in what to do. This includes medications to prepare, and clinical tasks to perform in order to save lives. In the past the Angliss has had to rely on borrowing this piece of equipment from other campuses.

Our "Crafty Ladies" have been at it again. This time they have donated a pie warmer to the Club, all from the sales of their hand-made items. It just goes to show it's not all coffee and chat on a Wednesday morning! Well done ladies you're an inspiration. If anyone would like to join in, simply turn up any Wednesday morning to 12 noon.

There will be no BBQ this pennant season but sausage rolls, party pies and dim sims will be on offer.

Graeme Greene has donated an electric fry pan for club use, sale, or raffle. Thanks Graeme, very generous of you.

Strange chorus from Scottish Bar in Rome

During our winter break one intrepid member flew to Europe along with a chorus of ladies.

He enjoyed the sites and the sights of Venice he told his jealous fellow members over a beer.

However by the time he reached Rome whilst he enjoyed the coffee bars, shying away from the strong black coffee, he sipped a cappuccino.

By this time, too, he was tiring the constant shopping expeditions his travelling partners were taking him on.

Sipping his coffee at a Roman shop he spied a Scottish bar across the road.

He slipped in the door and ordered a pint of this establishment's best Scottish beer from the bar's hosts – Guiseppe and Maria.

Our man of the world spied on the pub's wall, a flat screen TV showing cable sports shows.

He checked with Maria if the channel screened AFL football matches.

Sure enough, there was a game on the next day and his beloved team was playing in it.

He charmed Maria into allowing him to see the game in the bar – she even put a sign on the board that the game would be screened for the group of travellers.

So before noon the following day the entourage settled into the Scottish bar to watch their side play at the MCG.

Typically the side played poorly in the first half, but picked up their game in the second half to win the match.

People in the centre of Rome were then treated to a mob of Aussies in a Scottish bar singing **“We’re from Tigerland, a fighting fury etc.”** Luckily the Coliseum is now a ruin or we may have had some plucky Tigers being thrown to the lions.

Welcome back to Boronia our Intrepid Traveller





AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

This month we are highlighting birth dates for September and October, here they are:-

SEPTEMBER

Keith Scutt 4th
 Margaret Learmonth 9th
 Stuart Schmolling 9th
 Pam Hughes 12th
 Jim Toal 15th
 Pat Edwards 18th
 Ian Ball 23rd
 Yvonne Cowling 23rd
 Kevin Hammond 26th
 Geoff Turner 27th
 Pat Harvey 28th
 Terry Phillips 30th

OCTOBER

Joyce Fankhauser 2nd
 Len Doddrell 3rd
 Frank Rennie 6th
 Olivia Lucas 10th
 John King 12th
 Gerry Gommers 13th
 Ross Clarke 14th
 George Lynn 16th
 Lin Perry 17th
 David Inglis 20th
 Lindsay Russell 22nd
 Doris Clarke 26th
 Brenda Degenhardt 27th
 John McCarthy 27th
 Jack Kirby 29th
 Stuart Eastwood 31st

We wish all birthday girls and boys a really happy day.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

John McCarthy	Team Leader	28 August - 3 September
Heather Cupples	Team Leader	4 September - 10 September
George Bisset	Team Leader	11 September - 17 September
Peter Learmonth	Team Leader	18 September - 24 September
Noel Dowler	Team Leader	25 September - 1 October
Sam Trickey	Team Leader	2 October - 8 October
Ian Ball	Team Leader	9 October - 15 October
Bryan Dennehy	Team Leader	16 October - 22 October
Ross Clarke	Team Leader	23 October - 29 October

Answer to Tels Teaser:

48 points. It takes 4 points to win a game so to win 2 sets requires $2 \times 6 \times 4 = 48$