



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

Presidents Report – Toucher Topics 2017

I hope you all have had a great Xmas break and are in good health for the final half of the season.

Results for the clubs Saturday and Tuesday pennant teams (to mid season), again show that the club is competitive both at home and away but further improvement will be needed to secure any final positions.

Thanks Santa for keeping all the spreadsheets up to date so members can see how their teams are performing on the ladders.

Well done to those members who are putting in additional practice to improve their own individual game and help their teams overall performance and results.

Thanks again to Tuesday and Saturday's selection committee's for their time and effort so far this season. Keeping players happy is not easy. With the recent advent of rotating players in our Sat third side this process is even more challenging.

Please remember that many of the changes made each week are made as a result of some members not being available to play due to illness or other commitments. Selection of teams should always be made with the team's best interest not the individual.

Both of our greens are in fabulous condition, however with the recent rains over xmas they are both a bit slower than usual. Most of you would be aware that the back green was top-dressed just before the Christmas break, thank you to those involved in that working bee to carry out this work and other tasks on the property.

A big thank you to all members associated with the successful running of all competition events so far this season, this also includes Friday night barefoot bowls, another great effort from everyone involved.

Congratulations to all players who have already played in and won club championship events, and best of luck to those who have entered upcoming events, yet to be played. Keep an eye on the notice board for further club events. Please note that if events are not well supported they could be cancelled. A big thank you to both the Ladies and Men's Tournament committee's for their work so far this season in running these events.

To members who still choose to light-up, please note that two areas are now signed as smoking areas. They are located near the small entrance gate and next to the weather station box. Each location also has a black swing lid bin filled with sand for your butts. Your co-operation in using these areas is appreciated. The area under the awning in front of the clubrooms is a non-smoking area.

Good bowling everyone, I look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year.

Regards *Jim*

Vale Lex Hardie.

On 14th December last year, we all lost another gentleman ex bowler in the form of Alexander "Lex" Hardie. Born in Scotland in 1927, he had a heart the size of a full blown pipe band, and was a doting father and grandfather.

Lex joined the Merchant Navy as a fifteen year old and served during the second world war from 1940 to 1945. His ship was blown up during this time and Lex was lucky to survive. Many of his colleagues did not.

When he came to Australia he had many jobs; firstly a linesman and even had his own carpet cleaning business. But he is better known for his love of bowling. Always ready with a joke and a laugh, but equally capable of shooting you down if you did or said something he didn't like. He was nevertheless, always a friendly and welcoming soul, and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his many bowling friends and family. RIP LEX

Sponsors Report February 2017

Well Christmas and New Year are over and we are back to the normal again. I hope all had an enjoyable and safe break.

If you get any information on a possible new sponsor please advise me or any Committee person. We need as many sponsors and supporter as possible.

Remember our sponsors assist in keeping the Bowls Club in existence. Please support them.

Here are a few more sponsors.

Jeff Zanninelli from JZ Motors of 1100 Burwood Hwy Ferntree Gully is one of our regular sponsors and his company has supported us for many years.

He offers high quality used cars and 4 wheel drive vehicles and has a great array in his yard. They are next to Le Pine Funerals at the Gully.

Contact details are Ph. 9752 2799 and Mobile is 0412 079 062.

To get your name on your Club shirt or jacket call at **Lisa's Embroidery at Shop 3 AEC Arcade 218-220 Dorset Rd Boronia.**

She does embroidery on all types of clothing, caps, towels, badges, and monograms. Lisa's Ph. No is 9762 7056.

Another sponsor who will help you with any Wills & Estate matters, conveyancing, or retirement village documentation or advice on these matters is **Anderson Partners at 10033 Burwood Hwy Ferntree Gully.**

For contact and appointments their Ph. No is 9753 5001.

DSG or Doncaster Sporting Goods of 914A Doncaster Rd East Doncaster are suppliers of all the necessary equipment for Bowlers. They support us by giving appropriate equipment that we use in our fund raiser competitions and prizes. The more our Club members spend at this business the more equipment and vouchers they donate. Support them. Their contact number is 9848 7387

A little boy was lost, so he went up to a policeman and said, "I've lost my Dad."

"What's he like?" asked the policeman.

"Beer and women," answered the little boy.

What is a bowl? That is the question

During the World Championships in Christchurch (December 2016), the World Bowls Laws Committee (WBLC) met to discuss any proposed changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. It was proposed to alter D2 which described what is required on a bowl (grooved rings), both on the bias (small side) and the larger non bias side.

There are only two sides to a bowl. Since the laws require that one side (the bias side) is identifiable by small grooved rings surrounding its centre it was thought that there is no need to have a means of identifying the other side (the non-bias side).

Simply put, a bowl now only requires grooved rings on the (small) bias side.

The WBLC now state the requirement of the large groove rings on the non-bias side be removed. These changes will now allow for manufacturers to customise the size of distinguishing marks on the non-bias side of the bowl.

It is important to note that these law changes do not have an effect on how the game is played, nor does it affect the bias of the bowl. This amended Law D2 has no impact on any bowls already manufactured.

These Law changes were immediately introduced by WB, and will come into effect as of January 1, 2017 in Australia.

As these Law changes do not affect how the game is played there will be no re-print of the Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark 3rd Edition 2015, however, there will be edits made to the BA's Bowls Rules app.

There are **NO** changes to the laws regarding the application of stickers.

By John Roberts, Bowls Victoria Umpiring Committee Chairman

Phew - and I thought they made law changes just for something to do. This is obviously a vital change in the laws of bowls; I even had nightmares about scraping off all the big rings on my bowls, but as the last line brings us great relief from such a task, remember.....

"There are no changes to the laws regarding the application of stickers."



AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY.

It seems February was not a particularly productive month, so the following five members are all very special.

11th.....Carol Ashmore. 15th.....Barbara Browne 20th.....Max Lyon
21st.....Elvie Williams 27th.....Irene Hunnam.

Bless you all and enjoy your birthdays.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Tels Teasers

Two little teasers this week; see how you go without looking at the answers over.

1. If on February 28th you go to sleep at seven o'clock at night and you have set your alarm clock to wake you next morning, assuming you sleep soundly all the time, how many hours sleep will you get?
 2. What is the closest relation that your mothers' brother-in-law could be to you?
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A reminder for February Duty Roster.

Team Leader	Dates
Ross Clarke	Jan 29 - Feb 4
Bruce Perry	Feb 5 - 11
Vin Highes	Feb 12 - 18
Bill Paus	Feb 19 - 25
John McCarthy	Feb 26 - March 4

THANK YOU ALL FOR CARRYING OUT THIS IMPORTANT TASK.

COACHING IS ALIVE AND WELL.

Well, there has been a slight hiatus because Tony has been frothing up the Tasman. Do not forget for all those bowlers who wish to push themselves a little bit further, Tony Buckingham is your man, and he will make himself available, so please turn up, better still let Tony know you will turn up, and use the expertise he has to offer. Maybe you are a skip and you want one of your team to practice certain shots, or maybe you have ambitions to lift your game to a higher level. Whatever you have in mind, Tony can watch your delivery and advise some improvement, or he can give a few simple exercises you can practice on your own.

He is available, so why not use him for both your own benefit and the clubs'?

NEWS FROM THE BAR STEWARD.

Did you enjoy the bags of chocolates you bought from the bar for \$2 last year? Well hats off to Irene Major for coming up with the idea, and to her and Bob Williams for supplying the chocolates. They made over \$700 for the bar. There will be no more this season because of the heat. Nobody wants to put their fingers into a bag of liquid chocolate?

Another initiative from the bar is the weekly LOTTO which was Gary Degenhardt's suggestion. This also made \$700 and proves that little things can make big money if someone is prepared to run with it.

Thanks to these people, the bar is becoming an extremely profitable enterprise for the club. Anyone with fresh ideas should talk to Gary before the end of this season.

Answers to Tels Teasers.

1. One hour. The alarm would have gone off at eight that night.
 2. Your father.
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Cars were backed up for miles. Finally a police car arrived.

The policeman got out of his car and walked to the lorry's cab and said to the driver "Got stuck, hey."

The lorry driver said, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of diesel."

Have a great second half of the season, and show those opponents what Boronia bowlers are really made of. Good luck.
