



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

Important notes from our Executive Director

Many call it a Christmas break after the last pennant game in December, however to many members it is “business as usual” to plan ahead for the remainder of the season and the year ahead.

Whilst nomination for Committee of Management and Bowls Committee will not be called for until March we need to urgently fill the position of Sponsorship Manager to liaise with our valued sponsors.

Graeme Greene has offered to fill the position of Bar Manager which will be vacated by Gary Degenhardt who will take a well earned rest after four years of providing an excellent facility and money earner for the club.

Graeme has done an excellent job liaising with existing sponsors and finding new ones and it is vital to the clubs finances and your membership costs that this good work continue.

This job could be shared, so please give serious thought to assisting YOUR club. Talk to Graeme about time required and how satisfying the job can be.

Don't wait until nomination forms go up before you start to think about what you can do for the club – have a look through our programme at the various office bearer positions and talk to the committee members about the different roles that you could fill.

Executive Director

Ian McLean

Congratulations to all those who entered club championship events, and to those who have either reached the finals or won them already.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

What on earth is happening to the top side? Last Saturday 18th, they put on a very ordinary display to be well beaten by Eltham 2, a side that were below us on the ladder, but compared to Boronia, played really well to deserve their win.

The previous week at Warburton, we could be excused the loss, but one point in two games is not enough, especially if we want to stay in division two. It is frustrating for supporters to watch a side with little enthusiasm, and seemingly not a care in the world. The limp high-fives and slumped shoulders at the change of ends were testament to that.

At the beginning of the season the side was doing so well and was a genuine contender for a place in the four. Now that chance has gone and we'll be battling to stay in the division.

So what has changed? Certainly the teams have experienced changes, due in part to absenteeism and results of the four rinks, but let me ask this; how many players in the top side recognise their weaknesses from the previous Saturday and do something about it?

It comes down to training. Training is setting up heads that caused problems, and putting down 40 or 50 bowls until it becomes second nature to draw close or play the shot required by the skip. This can be done on a Wednesday or Thursday with the help of our coach or by yourself, but it is a mistake to think it will be alright and you'll put down better bowls next time, because the way things are going, next time may be your last time.

There are some players in the side who know nothing else than to be enthusiastic, but that enthusiasm needs to penetrate the whole side, particularly when you are playing a younger, more boisterous side, or a side that gets on top from the start. Don't leave everything to the skips, they are human too and can have bad days, however nobody has a bad day where just a couple of bowls cannot be drawn into the head; any head. At this level, if you cannot put a bowl somewhere close to the jack, you either practise or play in another division until you can. Brutal to say but true.

So from now for the next two weeks, us supporters would like to see some real spirit; well-meant high-fives, no more drooped shoulders, and more talking. Encourage each other and get right on top of the opposition, and stay there. Good luck people, (yes that's part of the game, so no point in dropping your bundle if the opposition gets a lucky wick), go out there and **enjoy** it.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS

I required two fairly tall trees cut down out of a very small backyard, so I turned to the fixture book to see if there was anyone I could talk into giving me a very good price. As it turned out, it was only necessary to call Bruce Ajani at Ferntree Gully Tree Removals who, coincidentally, happened to be the poor guy who quoted the club for mulching half a carpark full of trees and branches. I say poor guy because he turned up in the dark to quote, and when he arrived on the day to do the job, was taken aback when he saw the enormous amount of wood to take care of.

Perhaps I should have said poor fool, but he learnt his lesson and came on a bright sun-shiny day to quote.

The job wasn't easy because there was no space in the yard to put any equipment and the trees were tight up against the fence. Fortunately, we have a neighbour who used to have four rusted out minis in his grass, so he allowed us to park the mulcher down his drive. One particular tree, a pittosporum, was more on his side anyway, so he'd be rid of that and have room for another mini!

Bruce came along with a chain saw and two younger guys who worked on the neighbours side, while he gradually cut the trees down and tossed them over the fence. When he'd finished, he poisoned the roots of the forgotten trees so they wouldn't sprout again, then cleaned the yard up. A first class job at very reasonable prices, (it pays to check your fixture book), and I can only recommend **Ferntree Gully Tree Removals**.

Pat and Jeff Edwards will once again be sponsoring the William Angliss Charity Day on Thursday March 16th in honour of John. This is a very worthy charity as many of us know, having had to visit the hospital for different reasons, and know how professional and friendly the staff are, so put your names down and enjoy a great day. This is also an opportunity for new members to have their names engraved on the Madge Dobson Trophy.

For all your optical requirements we suggest you give **The Spectacle Site** in Dorset Square first option. Tell Glen (part owner), you are a member of Boronia Bowls Club, and ask him what he can do for you. He was recently known, when the receptionist gave a price of \$72 for each lens, to intervene and offer the two lenses for \$72. Hard to beat we reckon.

Practise safe eating; always use condiments.

Schools Competition.

A quick thank you to all the members that attended the information night on Thursday the 16th February, a special thank you to Scott Nicholas from Bowls Vic as a guest speaker on Jack Attack.

At the present time we are working with 4 Primary Schools, to have their students attend some sessions of practice and tuition on Bowls, then move onto the Eastern Region Championships one of which will be held at Boronia on the 22nd March from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

We have a group from the K12 School in Boronia attending on the 23rd and 30th March, 20 to 24 students, their ages are 15 or 16 year olds, just the age to get them on board with Bowls.

The Club needs more members to assist on the days that the schools attend, so we can rotate people through and we don't have all the work load fall to the same people all the time.

One of the requirements is that all those helping out have a Working With Children check, it is not arduous and it costs nothing to apply, all you need is a passport photo register on line and then submit it to the post office. We will be running another introductory coaching course as well, dates to be advised.

Look out around the Club for information on Quicka Bowls, this will be starting up on the 1st April, for an 8 week period on a Saturday.

Dick McGregor

Our thanks to Dick for all the time and effort he puts in to keep the schools programme running.

How to maintain a healthy level of insanity in retirement:
Go to a large department stores' fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here."

From our Bar Steward.

We like to offer our members and visitors the extra service of lending stubby holders to keep drinks cool.

Unfortunately many don't find their way back!

If you have any spare holders that you don't need, they would be most welcome at the bar.

Thanks to everyone who supports the club by purchasing from the bar, and participates in our mini-lotto.

Chocolates will return when the weather cools.

Regards from the bar crew.

From our Tournament Director.

The entry sheet is now up for Presidents' Day Saturday April 8th. The format is five person mixed medley teams, so although the event is over a month away, you'll need to get in quick before someone picks the person you wanted in your team.

This is always a great day with wonderful afternoon tea, and of course, your team may well pick up the Presidents' Cup.

Entry form for the Easter Cup will be on display on March 10th, and will be played on Saturday 15th April, not Sunday as per the fixture book.

Please get your names on the sheets as soon as you can.

Tels Teaser.

A camp cook wanted to measure four litres of water out of a jug, but he had only a five-litre and a three litre container.

How did he manage it?

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

From our Crafty Ladies.

The craft sessions will continue throughout the off-season, currently on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 to midday. As the weather gets colder, sessions will commence at 9.30 am.

These ladies are doing extraordinarily well and raising money both from their work and from donations, to purchase necessary items for the club. Why limit it to ladies?

There must be men out there who excel with their hands!

News from around the Traps.

At last!.....Cyn Caira has met her match, and after much prognostication and conferring with SP bookmakers, has finally wed her new man George. The ceremony was held on Saturday 11th March with a reception at the club. Cyn now has a double-barreled surname that we cannot spell let alone pronounce, but we all wish her and George a long and happy marriage together.

Thanks to those members who prepared the setting for this event.

Robyn Jones and Carol Ashmore both recently celebrated their 60th and 70th birthdays (in that order), at Club Kilsyth.

Both enjoyed the lunches surrounded by friends, and the big news was that Robyn and Jim will be getting engaged. 'Nuff said; Jim is our President and deserves our respect. Good on yer both.

Joke of the month.

Three Aussie blokes working up on an outback mobile phone tower: Mongrel, Coot, and Bluey.

As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away Bluey says, "Well, bugger me, someones got to go and tell Coots' wife."

Mongrel says, "OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it."

Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of beer.

Bluey says, "Where'd you get the grog Mongrel." "Coots' wife gave it to me,"

Mongrel replies.

"That's unbelievable, you told the Missus her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?" "Well not exactly." Mongrel says.

When she answered the door, I said to her, "You must be Coots' widow."

She said, "You must be mistaken, I'm not a widow." Then I said, "I'll betcha a case of beer you are."

Aussie blokes are good at that sensitive stuff!



AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Our very best wishes for memorable birthdays for the following members:

March 5th..Heather Couples, 6th..Barbara Kwijas, 7th..Peter Marshall, Richard McGregor, 8th..Frank Cleven, 9th..Ria Cleven, 10th,..George Bisset, Stuart Cripps, Paul McAloney, 11th..Malcolm Lancaster, 13th..Graeme Ashmore, Brian Carolan, 14th..Noel Dowler, 18th..Derek Pitt, 19th..Wilma Paus, 20th..Sheila King, 25th..James Arnott, Donald Edwards, 26th..Gwen Brown, Robert Williams, Marne Wynn, 27th..Leigh McLean, 31st..Bryan Dennehy.

Congratulations to Stuart Cripps on winning his first 100-up trophy.

Answer to Tels Teaser:

He filled the three litre container and poured it into the five. Then he filled it again and poured it into the five until the five was full. That left one litre in the three. Then he emptied the five and poured the one litre that was in the three, into the five.

Then he filled the three and poured it into the five, making four litres.

My wife was standing naked, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible: I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight is damn near perfect." That's when the fight started.....

CLEANING ROSTER FOR MARCH.

TEAM 2

Dates for the Diary

Heather Cupples Team Leader	4 September - 10 September
Graeme Ashmore	27 November - 3 December
Richard McGregor	5 March - 11 March
Jeff Edwards	
Stuart Cripps	
John Robinson	
Michael Holman	
Carol Ashmore	
Elvie Williams	

TEAM 3

Dates for the Diary

George Bisset Team Leader	11 September – 17 September
Max Lyon	4 December - 10 December
Brian McCristal	12 March – 18 March
Peter Stiff	
Paul McAloney	
Aaron Woods	
Annette Scutt	
Gillan Dyson	
Robyn Jones	

TEAM 4

Dates for the Diary

Peter Learmonth Team Leader	18 September – 24 September
Jim Arnott	11 December – 17 December
Craig Drill	19 March - 25 March
Greg Johnson	
Graeme Greene	
Gary Kiker	
Margarete Bennett	
Christine Chalmers	
Rosanna Ridington	

Please ensure you know the days events are being held, and get the clubhouse nice and clean especially for those days.

THANK YOU.