



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

I would also like to give a special thanks to the many volunteers who helped out with the following throughout the year:

Bob Williams and his team for their work around the club.

Graeme Greene and his support group in the bar.

Marg Bennett, Lesley McGregor, Graeme Greene and their group of helpers with Functions and Catering.

Pat Taylor and his helpers in running Barefoot Bowls.

Guy Wallace and his excellent work with the greens and their surrounds.

Once again Graeme Greene for his work with our Sponsors.

Dick McGregor and his team for their work with Boronia K12.

Brenda Degenhardt and her work in organising club events and functions.

The many members who work on the various committees within the club.

Some of you are probably aware that Graeme Greene is moving on to better pastures in Benalla. It goes without saying he will be sorely missed at the club, not only for his bowling skills, but his tireless work in many capacities. He is still around for a little while but I would like to thank him for his work and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavours. Good luck Graeme.

We have recently lost four of our members to other clubs. I would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours. We have also accepted six new members to our club as Social Members and Bowling Members. We will welcome them into the club over the coming weeks.

Great news to hear that Chick Lancaster is well on the road to recovery and we expect to see him around the club soon. See you soon Chick.

Congratulations to go to Jeff Edwards on the successful completion of the Club Coaches Course.

Once again wishing you all a great Christmas and good bowling.

Garry Wall
Director.

SAY HELLO TO A SPONSOR.

How many times have you had the opportunity to meet and greet one of our sponsors?

You need only to walk (or drive) to Dorset Square to sample some of the services they provide.

For instance, if you did walk you may need a session with Foot & Ankle Podiatry in Chandler Road, after which, a comfortable seat in Metro Cinemas could be just the remedy. If you didn't catch that, you can get your hearing checked at the Hearing Professionals at 178 Boronia Road, and if you can't see your way there, a call into the Spectacle Site may be the answer.

If you are having a really bad day, drop in to see Lisa at Lisa's Embroidery, who will embroider your name on to any garment, then at least you'll know who you are!

These are but a sample of the goods and services on offer, but if passing why not just drop in and say "Hello?" If you haven't tried it you will be amazed at the reception you get, they are all very friendly and would love to know that members of our club take the trouble to recognise what they do for us.

The bulk of our sponsors are located within easy walking distance in Boronia.

Others are in Ferntree Gully, Wantirna and Knox Shopping Centre. So do yourself and them a favour and just make contact. You could make new friends too.

Great to see those crafty ladies on Wednesday morning crafting away and all looking happy. They do a tremendous job for the club raising money, so why not join in any Wednesday for a coffee and chat. They all know their craft and some of them know how to chat!

The thing is - single women come home, see what's in the fridge then go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in the bed then go to the fridge.

Next time you are having your car serviced at Martello Automotive Services, (and he is a very good mechanic), tell him this one:-

The daughter asks her father, "Dad, there's something that my boyfriend said to me that I didn't understand. He said that I have a beautiful chassis, lovely airbags, and a fantastic bumper."

Her Dad replies, "You tell your boyfriend that if he opens your hood and tries to check your oil with his dipstick, I will tighten his nuts so hard that his headlights will pop out and he will start leaking out of his exhaust pipe."

Growing Old.

First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to zip up your fly, and then you forget to unzip your fly.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Firstly let me congratulate Ian McLean and Sam Trickey on winning their third straight men's pairs championship. Well done to Greg Johnson and Garry Overs on making the final.

The men's and ladies singles club championships are in full swing and this year there will be a different ladies champion. Garry (golden arm) Degenhardt is going for his third straight championship, can anyone stop him?

To those still involved I wish you good bowling, and to those who have played and lost I say thank you for participating and well done for having "had a go".

I look forward to marking in the men's final on December 3rd.

To date our pennant results have not been the best. Hopefully in the New Year things will change in our favour. Our midweek top side is in 2nd place on percentage and have yet to lose. The big test in the coming weeks is against Ringwood, and what a great challenge that should be!

Thank you to all players for your efforts thus far with a special mention to the members who play as emergencies. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Time rolls on towards the Christmas break. Don't forget to put your names down for the club Xmas dinner December 10th.

Christmas and the New Year is a time when families and friends get together and catch up. For those of you who visit family, friends, or take their holidays, I wish you safe travels. Please be careful on the roads, we want you back safe and sound ready for the resumption of pennant.

To all members I wish you a very happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Jeff Edwards
Bowls President

I realize we all grieve in our own way ma'am, but the crematorium staff did not appreciate the fireworks you put in your late husband's pockets.

FROM ACROSS THE GREENS

Was talking to Guy the other day and he is very pleased the greens are rolling so well. Most thankful that the warmer weather had arrived, even though temporarily, which will green up the surfaces and make his work more positive.

Went for a nice day out to Monbulk the other week, lovely place for a drive. To be honest, expected to watch the top side playing there; pays to read dates in fixture books not just the weekly sides!

Anyway, the following week we were privileged to be present at the aforesaid game, to watch a meritorious win by four shots. After dropping early shots, the gap gradually closed and at tea it was level pegging. With only four ends to play we were holding two shots when the heavens opened and the greens were quickly flooded. Just as quickly, when the rain had stopped, the carpet-like greens dried up, and we gained another two shots.

How about the second side winning away at Yarra Glen and the thirds just going down to Chirnside Park. A very good day for Boronia Bowls.

Came across Pat Walton in the Angliss Hospital. She'd had a knee replacement and was supposed to be in rehab but unfortunately copped a blood clot so was in medical instead. Apparently hasn't been able to anything the last twelve months and was so looking forward to starting rehab. Husband Brian was at her bedside as was her daughter.

Joke of the Month

This takes place in the UK.

A tourist walked into a Brighton curio/antique shop.

After looking round for a while he noticed a very life-like bronze statue of a rat. It had no price tag, but it was so striking he decided to buy it anyway.

He took it to the owner and said, "How much is this bronze rat?" The owner replied, "It's 12 pounds for the rat and 100 pounds for the story."

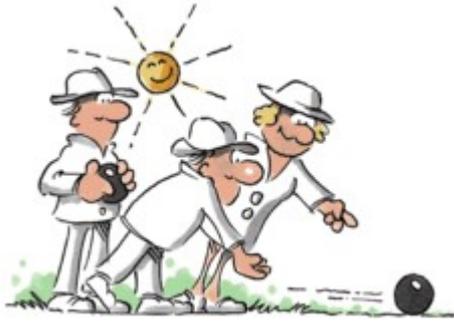
The tourist gave the owner his 12 quid and said, "I'll just take the rat, you can keep the story."

As he walked off down the street he noticed that a few rats had crawled out of the sewers and begun following him. This was a little disconcerting so he started to walk a little faster, but within a couple of blocks the swarm of rats had grown to hundreds, and they were all squealing and screeching in a very menacing way.

He increased his speed and ran on towards the beach, and as he ran, he looked behind him and saw the rats now numbered in their millions, and they were running faster and faster. Being very concerned he ran along the pier and threw the bronze rat far out into the water. Amazingly, the millions of real rats jumped into the water after it and were all drowned.

The man walked back to relate all this to the shop owner who said, "Ah, you've come back for the story then?"

"No," said the tourist, "I came back to see if you've got a bronze Muslim Fundamentalist Cleric, a couple of immigrants, a poof, and anything French."



AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

As the next issue of Toucher Topics will be February, we are this month honouring both Sagittarians, Capricornians, and a few Aquarians.

December birthdays:- 1st...Noel Comport, 3rd...Verma Fester, 6th...Ian McLean, 9th...Graeme Turner, 14th...Graeme Smith, 15th...Irene Schmolling, 19th Maisie Dodds, 22nd...Jodie Hirst, 23rd...Marion Lee, 30th...Garry Strachan.

January birthdays:- 6th...Fred Wilson, 8th...Cheryl McCarthy, Margaret Woodford, 10th...Ray Bilton, 11th...Jean Bell, 15th...Maureen Bates, 17th...Brian McCristal, 20th...Paul McAloney, 21st...Frank Clarke, 22nd...Peter Learmonth, 27th...Irene Major, 31st Robyn Jones.

We hope you all have a memorable day and be none the worse for being a year older.

Who am I?

1. I was born at Euroa in July 1942.
2. I worked on the family farm until I was 18.
3. I played football with Berwick Football Club.
4. I was on the committee that started and formed the Templeton Tennis Club.
5. My family history leads back to Napoleon Bonaparte's army. A direct relation was one of his generals and I am in possession of hand-me-down items of war. I own a Napoleon Bonaparte French Medal of Honour among other items dating back over 200 years.

Answer to last months **Who Am I:-** Carol and Graeme Ashmore.

TELS TEASER

The workers in my factory realize very well that in order to fit themselves for a modern industrial world they must compete. The latest competition I have organised has been a running-backward race, in which Alf, Bert, Charlie, Duggie and Ernie, have been trying to see who can move fastest in the wrong direction.

Duggie beat Bert by as many places as Alf beat Charlie, and Bert beat Charlie.

Ernie was not first or third, and Bert was not second.

Find the order in which they came in the race.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR DECEMBER.

<u>Dec 3rd to 9th</u>	<u>Dec 10th to 16th</u>	<u>Dec 17th to 23rd</u>
Barbara Kligerman	Gary Degenhardt	Garry Overs
Chick Lancaster	Jeff Edwards	Craig Drill
Patrick Taylor	Hans Eriksen	Allan Cobb
Stuart Schmolling	Brian McCristal	Margaret Connell
Peter Marshall	Brenda Degenhardt	Margaret Carty
Jean Bell	Gillian Dyson	Gwen Brown
Scott Nicholas	Dot King	

Thanks to all those members who carry out this important duty without complaint, and help keep the clubhouse and surrounds looking fresh and clean. Boronia Bowls Club sits in an enviable situation surrounded by a backdrop of hills. Compliments are heard each week, and it is you who enhance its beauty.

Answer to Tels Teaser.

Suppose Ernie was second. Then Duggie would have to be first. But if Bert was third, Alf and Charlie would have to be fourth and fifth, so that the difference between Duggie and Bert would not be the same as the difference between Alf and Charlie. It can similarly be seen that it is not possible Ernie to be fourth, and as Ernie was not first or third, he can only be fifth. Bert was not second therefore Duggie must have been first, Alf second, Bert third and Charlie fourth.

Complete solution:- 1. Duggie, 2. Alf, 3. Bert, 4. Charlie, 5. Ernie.

Congratulations to anyone who came up with the right answer.

HAVE AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS EVERYONE, AND GIVE A THOUGHT TO THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO ARE NOT IN SUCH A FORTUNATE SITUATION AS OURSELVES.

PERFORM ONE GOOD DEED A DAY AND YOU'LL BE PUTTING A SMILE ON THE FACES OF LOADS OF PEOPLE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW. IT'S SUCH A GOOD FEELING.