



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Well another pennant season is condemned to history. For the Saturday sides it wasn't so good with the top two sides being relegated, and despite many difficulties, the third side just missed a finals place despite a good win on the last day. We can't fault anyone's effort on the green it's just that results didn't go our way, but that's sport. Still there's always next year.

The midweek sides fared much better with two sides making the finals, our third side gaining promotion and winning their section. They are a credit to the club. Congratulations to everyone.

Recently the club held its annual Madge Dobson trophy day which also doubles as the Angliss Charity Day. It was the eighth year that my family has sponsored the day and it was indeed a great success. In all \$800 was raised, a fantastic effort by everyone. We also had for the first time several employees from the hospital taking part and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, some even winning prize money. The good thing is that they all left with Application for Membership forms and are eager to take part in the up coming "Jack Attack" competition.

On behalf of my family I'd like to congratulate all prize winners, and thank everyone involved on the day for being so supportive of a great cause. See you next year.

By the time this is printed, the Chandler Triples will have been held (congratulations to the winners), and don't forget there is the Easter Cup and Presidents Day to follow, both well established tournaments. If you haven't put your names down yet then please do so.

It's that time of the year when nomination forms for office have been posted in the club. To have a say in how the club is run, what happens around the club, or even team selection, then please nominate for office. You may find that you enjoy it.

All for now,

Jeff Edwards.



AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

Birthdays for April.

April 4th...Camille Ball, Daniel Sherlock, 5th...Peter Croker, 7th...Ted (Darcy) Eccles, 12th...Jim Shannon, 13th...Greg Johnson, 16th...Sheila Bilton, 24th...Brenda Phillips, 25th...Patrick Taylor, 27th...Myra LeGrew, 28th...Camille Carter, 30th...Anthony Searle.

A big happy birthday from all your friends at the Club.

No-one is more cautious than a first-time parent. When our daughter was big enough to ride on the back of my bike, I bought her a little helmet and a special carrier with a seat belt.

The day of the first ride I put her in the seat, double-checked all of the equipment, wheeled the bike to the end of our drive, carefully looked both ways and, swinging my leg up over the crossbar, kicked her in the chin.

The Bathtub Test.

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director:-"How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?"

"Well" said the director, "We fill up a bath with water, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient, and ask him or her to empty the bath."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the teaspoon or the teacup."

"No," said the director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

FROM AROUND THE CLUB

Mini Lotto a great success story bar none.

A big thankyou from the bar staff (Garry D.) to all members who continued to support this fundraiser. \$900 was raised for the club this season over 20 weeks.

What a great effort and, indeed, a great initiative.

Further to that, the "bar crew", via Garry Overs, would like to thank everyone who supports the Club by purchasing from the bar. There have been many successful events and functions since Christmas. Four or five members manage the bar on these and other occasions, and are often working late into the night to ensure patrons get the service they desire. Also a big thankyou to Graeme Greene for all his efforts in running the bar.

On Wednesday March 18th, Boronia had the honour of hosting the final of the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Ladies singles. The finalists were Angela Bonutto from Vermont South, who had previously beaten our own Rosanna Riddington by one shot in the third round, and Gordana Baric, now playing for Mulgrave Country Club. It turned out to be a pretty lacklustre game, only coming alive when Angela made a temporary come-back in the middle stages. However, Gordana did what she does best and maintained the pressure by repeatedly drawing shot. In the end she won 25 shots to 14, and it must be said the marker and the umpire played their parts well.

Jeff has already given praise to the mid-week and Saturday pennant sides, but to a spectator, particularly of the top side on a Saturday, there are some very obvious clues to improving performance. In the last game against Mooroolbark at home, if there had been more bowlers who could actually draw, the result would possibly have been different, and maybe the side would have stayed in division 2. Far too often it was left to the skip to either draw the shot or play some other shot to win the end. On many ends there was not a bowl within 3 or 4 feet when it came to the skips' turn to bowl.

This is obviously not good enough if pennant is to be taken seriously, so the objective should be to draw one bowl within two feet of the jack every time, and the other in a usable position. **This means hours of**

practise on your own. Just think what a difference it would make to your team. A lot of fairly new bowlers seem to like to play up-shots rather than concentrate on drawing to the jack; guess which bowler is more likely to win a singles game?

Hopefully now, the sides have found their current level, and can concentrate on finishing the season in the top four.

Sad news about Bruce Perry contracting a staph infection, but as John Se-mailed, he is soon due to return home from hospital. We are all looking forward to seeing you back at the club Bruce, so hurry and get better.

Last month, Wilma Paus celebrated her 80th at Mulgrave Country Club surrounded by family and friends. It turned out to be a well kept secret by husband Bill, as she thought it was just the two of them. Nice place to go for a meal as the food was excellent and the service impeccable. Congratulations Wilma on achieving your OBE.

The bowls season has not ended this month, there is still Open Triples, Ron Eastlake Trophy, Mixed Pairs, and another Smorgasbord. Then there is the Moama Trip, for those who have not enjoyed this long-standing end of season bowls extravaganza, there is much to look forward to. Every bowler should try it at least once if they are available. The week after the AGM indoor bowls will start with Edith once again pulling the strings. She does a wonderful job and these Tuesday afternoons are good fun. If you haven't managed to get along, give it a try, you'll enjoy it. Weather and greens permitting, it is intended to run a Winter bowls programme, so keep your eyes on the notice board. Last year it went to early June, so there is plenty of time to brush up on your weaknesses. The Crafty Ladies have been at it all year and will continue with their arts and crafts right through the Winter. All are welcome for a chat, and perhaps even participate in one of the crafts. These ladies do a terrific job adding much needed finances into the club coffers. Every Wednesday morning you will meet them in the clubhouse.

Brenda and Terry Phillips quietly celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on the 27th last month.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR APRIL

TEAM 12

April 1st to 7th

Stuart Cripps
Bryan Dennehy
Brian Carolan
Max Lyons
Rosanna Riddington
Mavis Simpson

TEAM 13

April 8th to 14th

Chick Lancaster
Patrick Taylor
Stuart Schmolling
Peter Marshall
Jean Bell
Barbara Kligerman
Scott Nicholas

TEAM 14

April 15th to 21st

Jeff Edwards
Garry Degenhardt
Hans Eriksen
Brian McCristal
Brenda Degenhardt
Gillian Dyson
Dot King

TEAM 15

April 22nd to 28th

Garry Overs
Allan Cobb
Margaret Connell
Margaret Carty
Gwen Brown

Thankyou all for the effort to keep the clubrooms and surrounds looking bright and cheerful, an inspiration to our visitors.

Why do banks charge a fee for insufficient funds when they already know you're broke?

JOKE OF THE MONTH



An out-of-breath 7 year-old girl ran up to her grandfather who was tinkering in his workshop, and confronted him with the universally dreaded question, "What is sex?" He was surprised she'd ask such a question at her age, but thought if she's old enough to ask, she's old enough to get a straight answer. He wouldn't shirk his responsibility.

Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to describe to her all the variations of human sexuality he could conjure, careful to impress on her the joys and responsibilities of intercourse and procreation.

When finally Grandpa was done pontificating, the little girl stood frozen as though nailed to the spot, and looked at him with her mouth open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing she was overwhelmed, he asked what caused her sudden curiosity. His grand daughter shook off her reverie and replied, "Grandma says dinner will be ready in a couple of secs!"

As this is the final Toucher Topics for this season, there will be no "Tels Teaser" or "Who Am I."

The answer to last months "Who Am I" is the one and only Peter Learmonth. My, what an interesting life he's enjoyed.

Toucher Topics is produced mainly to inform, and hopefully to amuse members. We thank all members who have contributed during the season, without you there would be no TT and we'd all be sad about that wouldn't we? We will kick off again with the opening of the greens, when all contributions will be readily accepted.

We would like to wish all members a happy and productive off-season, and look forward to watching the bowls next season with everyone doing the very best they can for the club.

How do those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?