



TOUCHER TOPICS

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Welcome to the Christmas season and may you relax, enjoy, and come back totally refreshed and revved up to go. Good luck everyone.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

As we draw near to the end of the year, it's time to reflect on our season so far. All our mid-week and Saturday sides have recorded wins thus far, with our top two Saturday sides well placed to continue their challenge for a top four finish in the new year. This means finals could again involve Boronia.

Of our four mid-week sides the top three are well placed going into the new year, with a top four finish a possibility for Boronia. GO BORONIA.

Congratulations to our new women's and men's club champions Gwen Brown and Garry Overs. They both had to overcome former club champions to win their finals, and will now have their names added to the club honour board.

Commiserations to the losing finalists, Rosanna Riddington and Brian McCristal, but many congratulations to them both on making their respective finals.

As President I would like to make the following observations: smoking, carrying lighted cigarettes, or drinking, is not allowed on the greens.

Members should be aware that bowls apparel should bear the Bowls Australia logo not only for pennant, but also events where "bowls attire" is stipulated. It seems some of us need reminding about this.

This report will be published after the Christmas dinner. To all those members involved in any aspect of its planning and organisation, my sincere thanks to you all. I trust it was a successful evening, and pennant wins on the day were also celebrated.

Christmas is a time for visiting family and friends, and for some of us it means travelling some distance by road. Please do not drink and drive and please rest when fatigued. We want you back in the New Year safe and sound and eager to gain more wins for Boronia. Wherever and whoever you visit, I hope you enjoy the company, the food, and drink, (in moderation).

I wish everybody a happy, safe, and enjoyable festive season, or as we say in Wales:-

NADOLIG LLAWEN A BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA.

Jeff Edwards

Around the greens.

Club Championships.

What a great season of singles we had, so many close games, some down to the wire at 24-all, finger-nail-biting stuff. When it seemed the win was in the bag and the Championship within grasp, the other bowler would catch up, overtake, and go on for the win. It is so good to see a new era of bowlers coming through, the Club will certainly benefit.

In the doubles too there were some exciting moments. Take this game for instance, submitted by David, one of the participants:- Jim/Jim vs Peter/David.

“The match started evenly for the first few ends with Peter/David slowly inching in front and go out to a 6 shot lead as the game progressed. Then the Jim/Jims hit back. They scored a 5 then a 2 to hit the lead, then won the next few ends to out to a 6 shot lead with only 2 ends to play.

The bowling was good all day, very tight ends with the advantage changing throughout most ends. It was a very good match to play in.

Peter/David scored a 2 on the second last end leaving them 4 shots behind coming to the last end. They were holding but not enough to claim a draw until Peters last bowl which came into the head with a bit of weight, and when the dust settled they were holding 4 shots. Jim Shannons’ last bowl could not change the situation, which meant a draw after the 18 ends.

An extra end was needed to decide the match, again a very tight head with the advantage changing throughout. It came down to the last bowl of the day, but with all bowling completed, there was no decisive winner. The measure came out but still could not confirm a winner. The umpire was called for finer measurement and by the barest of margins, Peter and David were declared the winners.”

That was only one of many close contests which culminated in the crowning of two new club champions. This is good for the Club and also for Championship entries in future, so congratulations to Gwen Brown and Garry Overs. Both finals were great to watch if you appreciate good bowls, and it is to be hoped many more spectators will turn up next year.

Finals day on Sunday December 2nd was an outstanding success. In a party-like atmosphere, everyone was able to purchase hot dogs, (onions on the bottom!), professionally cooked on the BBQ by Sam Trickey. Ian McLean was taking care of the extra bread and the money, (old bankers never die!) and our thanks to all who worked behind the scenes to make this a memorable day.

Paddy the Punter cleaned out the bookies, and his friends were soon pressing him to divulge his system.

“I’m superstitious and I watch for omens,” said Paddy.

“On the way to the races I took a number 5 tram. It made 5 stops on the way, and it cost me \$5 to get into the track. It was three fives telling me something, so I added them up. 3 fives are 16, so I backed number 16 and it won by a street.”



Should've gone to Spec Savers! Sam having a heavy day on the BBQ. Good job mate.



Two confident looking competitors prior to the match. They put on a great show in front of too few spectators.



...and two rather relieved competitors after their final. Could you ever pick the winner from this picture?



Some even brought their own seating in anticipation of a huge crowd. Given the right leg has not properly mended yet, he looks fairly comfortable. Welcome back Bryan.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Again thanks to all those who helped put this event together, from laying the tables, organising the raffles, and preparing the pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, but to name a few.



The varied menu with roast lamb, pork, and beef, as well as seafood to die for. Unfortunately by the time the last members were served, the roasts had dwindled to just a few pieces.



...however the "band" kept the good times coming, and many people on their feet....



...including this lovely couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.



Of course Father Christmas flew in to sprinkle his lollies and wish everyone a happy ho, ho, holiday. Mother always told me not to trust a man in a red suit! This year a pink fairy also made an appearance.



Word spread quickly....Father Christmas is carrying on with the Pink Fairy!



AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

Birthdays for January.

4th...Lesley McGregor 6th...Fred Wilson 8th...Cheryl McCarthy, Margaret Woodford
10th...Ray Bilton 11th...Jean Bell 15th...Maureen Bates 17th...Brian McCristal 21st...Frank
Clarke 22nd...Peter Learmonth 27th...Irene Major 31st...Robyn Arnott.

We wish all members, past and present, many happy returns, and enjoy memorable birthdays with your families.

JOKE OF THE MONTH



An 86 year old man went to his doctor for his quarterly check-up. The doctor asked him how he was feeling and the 86 year old said, "Things are great and I've never felt better. I have a 20 year old bride who is pregnant with my child, so what do you think about that doc?"

The doctor considered his question for a moment and then began to tell a story.

"I have an older friend, much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season. One day he set off to go hunting. In a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun. As he neared a lake, he came across a very large male beaver sitting at the water's edge. He realised he'd left his gun at home and so he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature. Out of habit, he raised his cane, aimed it at the animal as if it were his favourite hunting rifle, and went 'bang, bang'. Miraculously, two shots rang out and the beaver fell over dead.

Now what do you think of that?" asked the doctor.

The 86 year old said, "Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that beaver".

The doctor replied, "My point exactly".

What do Kermit the Frog and John the Baptist have in common?
(Their middle name!)