



TOUCHER TOPICS

BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2012

BORONIA'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

During the season each Saturday players in our 5 Open sides give votes after each game on the value each player in the rink has shown on the day.

These votes are returned to Mark and Barry Ward who count and collate them. Mark and Barry have sponsored this trophy since its inception. The award for the MVP in the first side is the Reg Lucas medal named in honour of a long-time club member and valued first bowler for many seasons.

At the final night after round 18 the standings are revealed and the final days votes are added.

The winners of the most valuable players are:

Fifth side	Geoff Turner
Fourth side	Peter South
Third side	Peter Stiff
Second side	Dot King
First side	Barry Ward (Reg Lucas medal)

It was recognized that some players move between sides during the season. Troy and Amy Haartsen donate a trophy each season for the player with the most votes gained from more than one side.

Haartsen Trophy winner Geoff Woodford.

TWO CHAMPS OFF TO STATE FINAL

Multiple Club Singles champions Annette Scutt and Leslie Russell paired together in the Women's State Pairs. On Thursday 2 February they won the final of the Eastern Ranges playoff and are now headed to Bendigo on Wednesday 11 April for the State playoff. Good Bowls champs.

On Friday 3rd Feb I turned off my computer and auction site, closed the paper and crosswords and decided to go to BBC to watch the regions Ladies Pairs Final. Annie and Leslie were to do battle with 2 girls from Monbulk. I arrived at the start of the 2nd end to see Boronia girls were leading 1..0. I then settled in for the next three hours and watched I think the best bowling I have ever seen. I have watched T.V, gone to watch interstate matches and watched numerous matches here. The draw bowling I saw today was 2nd to none and would have given many of our better men bowlers a big wake up. The weather was fine but getting hotter but nothing deterred the four girls from putting on a magnificent display. Congratulations to all four and best wishes to LESLIE and ANNIE in the state final. If they can repeat today's form they will go mighty close to winning the title.

Kevin Gamel

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The Club AGM is to be held earlier this year on Saturday 5th May. Nomination forms have been posted on the Notice Boards and nominations for all Office-Bearer and Committee positions close on 5th April. In clubs such as ours it is not unusual to hear of rumblings or whinging about what "They" didn't do or what "They" should have done. We should always be mindful that those members filling club positions are volunteers who give of their time, ability and energy to enable the club to function for the benefit of all members. If we think we could do a better job we should be prepared to commit ourselves to serving the club rather than criticising others which only has a divisive and destabilising effect within the club. So, if you are unhappy with the performance of any Office-Bearer or Committee Member, in the words of a great football coach, "DO SOMETHING" and nominate for that position so that the club may benefit from your input.

Several positions on the Committee of Management will become vacant, particularly those of Executive Director (I shall retire after 2 years in that position), Deputy Executive Director (Ernst Burian has indicated he will not re-nominate), Executive Secretary (Beata Burian who rescued us last year but has indicated she does not wish to continue), Property Service Manager (Graeme Ashmore has to relinquish this position due to his state of health), and Bar Manager (John McCarthy is retiring from that position). I thank these persons and other Office-Bearers and Committee Members who may be retiring for their services to the club. A sobering thought to remember is that although we all come to the club to play bowls, if the members are not willing to put their hand up to fill the various positions necessary to keep the club functioning effectively we would not have a club at all!

Peter Learmonth
Executive Director

OLDER BUT GOLDER

March

Barbara Kwijas (6th); Brad Castle (6th); Peter Marshall (7th); Bob Stace (9th); George Bisset (10th); Paul McAloney (10th); Bob Murray (10th); Les Lucas (12th); Graeme Ashmore (13th); Brian Carolan (13th); Ian Kerr (15th); Derek Pitt (18th); Wilma Paus (19th); Graeme Hockey (22nd); Marne Wynn (26th); Leigh McLean (27th); Barry Ward (27th); Bob Sands (29th); Ron Evans (30th); Bryan Dennehy (31st)

PRESIDENTS REPORT LADIES SECTION

February has been a huge month for our Ladies Section. We held our Classic Day, which was a great success, with 22 visiting teams. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a great day. A special thanks to some of the men who also helped on the day

Congratulations to Annette & Lesley for their win in the Eastern Ranges Group pairs & I wish them all the very best when they play in Bendigo in April. Congratulations also to Irene & Cynthia for reaching the semi finals in the Champion of Champion Pairs. Well done.

The minor singles has been completed. It was played off between Carol Ashmore & Irene Hunnam. Congratulations to Irene.

Our pennant season has concluded. Well done to the second side, who will be playing off against Eastwood Golf in the finals. Good effort to the other two sides. Thanks to the selection committee. Not an easy year for them, but they have done a great job.

Our Saturday Ladies team have also had a successful year. They reached the finals, but unfortunately went down to Doncaster in very trying conditions, still a great result.

On the 15th March the Madge Dobson Trophy, William Angliss Charity Day will be held. It is sponsored by Pat & Jeff Edwards. It is a mixed day, so we need as many people as possible to play. We are also holding a cake stall, so we would like people to bring along cakes to raise money for the Angliss Hospital.

In conclusion, nominations are up for next season. Please think about nominating for a position. The club desperately needs to have more people volunteer to take on these positions.

Happy Bowling
Margaret Grossbard

PRESIDENTS REPORT MENS SECTION

Hi

The Saturday pennant season has drawn to a close. This season has seen a variety of results and I congratulate the 1st and 6th sides for getting into the semi finals. Unfortunately neither side advanced to the finals but they did themselves proud for their achievements.

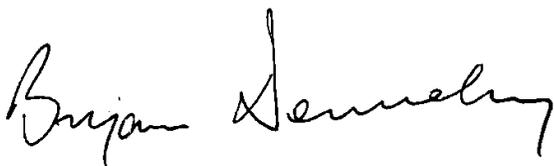
Tuesday pennant has also finished and congratulations to the 2nd side. They are in the semis on this Tuesday playing Eastwood Golf. Good luck in their endeavours.

Last Sunday Boronia hosted two sectional finals and we saw Oakleigh and Mulgrave CC win their finals. Both greens were running at 15 seconds and there were several comments that the greens were superb. Well done to Guy and Ian for their work in bringing the greens up to a high standard.

March is a busy month with several competitions happening including President's Day and the Chandler Triples. I urge everyone to be a part of these events.

I see also nomination papers appearing on the notice board. This is the time for you to volunteer to help keep this great club continuing. It doesn't run by itself, there are a lot of people putting in quite a bit to keep it going. Are you one of them? If not, why not. Time to put your hand up. This club has been going for 60 years this year and we want to keep it going for another 60.

See you on the green.



Mens Section President

AN IRISH GHOST STORY

This story happened a while ago in Dublin , and even though

It sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true. John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by.

The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John , desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door.... Only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on.

The car started moving slowly.

John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel.

John , paralysed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him. Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to the pub.

Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had. A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying... And wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night.

They, like John , were also soaked and out of breath.

Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other....

Look Paddy....there's that idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!!!!'

LAW OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

The possibility of meeting someone you know , increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

POEM OF THE YEAR

**The computer swallowed grandpa.
Yes, honestly it's true!
He pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured him completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
He must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandpa you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' him
And send him back to me.**

CLEANING ROSTER

1. Each team is on cleaning duty from the Sunday to Saturday inclusive for the duty weeks nominated.
2. Please note the dates in your calendar diary for these periods in which your team is on duty and contact your team leader when it is your turn to assist with cleaning.
3. Enquiries about roster operation to **KEITH SCUTT**. Thank you for your support and co-operation in helping out with this most important task

Name **Monday To Sun** **Name** **Monday To Sun**

<u>TEAM NO. 2</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 3</u>	
Bruce Legrew	26 Feb to 3 Mar	Keith Scutt	4 Mar to 10 Mar
Kath Perryman		Annette Scutt	
Noel Comport		George Bisset	
Irene Hunnam		Max Lyon	
Jeff Edwards		Troy Haartsen	
Gerry Gommers		Brian McCristal	
		Ken Maloney	
<u>TEAM NO. 4</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 5</u>	
Rob & Joy Curtis	11 Mar to 17 Mar	Lindsay Russell	18 Mar to 24 Mar
Peter South		Lesley Russell	
Stuart Eastwood		Graeme Hockey	
Ted Nicholas		Cyn Caira	
Greg Johnson			
David Treleaven			
<u>TEAM NO. 6</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 7</u>	
Angelo Lia	25 Mar to 31 Mar	Vin Roche	1 Apr to 7 Apr
Henry Grossbard		Ian Mclean	
Margaret Grossbard		Manfred Mohren	
Ron Evans		Les Lucas	
John Jennings		Keith Groenewegen	
Len Doddrell		David Alderman	
Alan Horwood			
<u>TEAM NO. 8</u>		<u>TEAM NO. 9</u>	
Bryan Dennehy	8 Apr to 14 Apr	Terry Phillips	15 Apr to 21 Apr
Lorraine Dennehy		Brenda Phillips	
Tom Bedohazy		Malcolm Barrow	
Alan Forster		Jack Higgs	
Graeme Turner		David Fletcher	
Barry & Mark Ward			