



The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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COMING EVENTS

April 28th Cappo Bros Seafood day

Breakfast from 8.30am
10am start

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

We would be horrified if we were targeted like Boston. We have this sense that the world likes us - sports mad, a bit short on couth some of us but generally a friendly mob that no one could actually hate. So what makes us 'Us', or what we like to think is us. And is that image really 'us' anymore?

I had a job which took me all over the state working with industry and I went up in the air, underground and out on the water. I have been flown to Birdsville for lunch and I have done a two hour (was it really only 2 hours, seemed like ten?) stint around an abattoirs. Twice. So I think I have a fair idea of what we South Australians are like, the good, the bad and the ugly. I like us the way we are and I don't want fear imposed on us, especially our children.

I have favourite Aussies of course; the pilot boat blokes are two. I was working with the Ports Corp for a week, out and about, auditing their OHS. I was taken out on the pilot boat. The dog Nelson growled at me, the two blokes, both Bruce, stared out to sea and I thought that this was going to be a pretty awful hour. There is only one thing to say when one is in Port territory so I said it. "I am a Sturt supporter". They instantly came to life, rattling off all the Alberton/Unley games since the '70's, scores, umpires, the lot. When they drew breath they said that they had been going to just take me on the tea and scones run - up and back - but as I was from Unley, where did I want to go? I saw everything there was to see but they showed no mercy. When we went probably closer than allowed to a sub at Osborne, I remarked that it was already in the water as I had climbed over one at Cavan. Jeez, you people from Unley, they don't launch it like the b...Queen Mary you know. And so it went on. The stack on Torrens Island - you don't think we ever let people off do you? Jeez. Next day there was a phone call from the Outer Harbour. Tell that woman from Unley if she can get here in 14 minutes she can come with us when we take a pilot off. And tell her she hasn't got time to put her pearls on. The messenger looked blank, the Bruces never take anyone unless they are absolutely forced into it. How come?? I'm from Unley, I said. On the water then, level with the two tugs, everyone about their business. For a while I was on my way to New Zealand until the pilot signalled our boat and a rope ladder came over the side. So where is your safety now Rose? And here they had been telling me action only ever happened in the Port and the Outer Harbour at 2am in a raging storm. How does the pilot get off then, I asked? Over the side, they said. He's from Alberton.

Of course we will change, just like there aren't any Henry Lawson characters anymore but let's not lose that laconic attitude and cheerful disregard for authority. And please may we be a safe country. And please may the double blues get off the bottom of the ladder.

This is my last Herald, after 6 years as either contributor or editor. I am sure you will welcome a change and just think, no historical comment.

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT - WOMEN

MYRA MATERNE

Overall, the 2012-2013 bowls pennant season has been very successful for our Hawthorn ladies, despite it finishing on a slightly disappointing note. Thanks to our coach, Gary Davies, our Premier 2 side finished minor premiers and our Metro 1 side finished second. Unfortunately our Premier girls lost the grand final by one shot in a very closely contested game with Brighton. The overall standard of bowls at Hawthorn has improved immensely. Congratulations to all players. Gary's contribution by his motivating and positive coaching has been very significant and we will miss his encouragement and support next season.

The catering for the Ladies Country Carnival went smoothly. Our profits on the day were \$1129. Thanks to all who assisted and well done tournament manager Lesley Slattery. New cutlery and salt and pepper shakers have been purchased with the money we raised during the Centenary celebrations and this has completed our ladies' projects.

Congratulations to all the internal tournament winners and runners-up. The finals were very closely contested and some excellent and skilful bowling was demonstrated by the players. Club champion is Susan Jenkins and runner-up Fiona McGregor. Club pairs winners were Susan Jenkins and Jenny Whittle, runners-up Margaret Lamshed and Barbara Payne. Consistency winner was Susan Jenkins with Pene Bilsborough runner-up. Two bowl singles winner Anne Onto, runner-up Susan Jenkins. The Lois Simpson Plate winner was Jenny Whittle, runner-up Anne Onto. Most improved was Kaaren Firth.

Cappo Bros Seafood Day is on April 28th. Come and support the club, enjoy breakfast and some casual bowls. Attendance at the Annual meeting on May 4th at 9.30 would be appreciated. A number of new board members will be elected. Show them your support and interest in club matters by attending.

I wish you a happy and fruitful off season. Come back with renewed energy and commitment in the 2013-2014 season.

VICE PRESIDENT MEN

RANDALL GERLACH

Well believe it or not this long drawn out season is coming to a close.

I hope all bowlers enjoyed their year both on and off the greens and also socially.

From my point of view this has been a very tough year, especially the Saturday competition and Selectors were under constant pressure to ensure they picked the best possible teams.

From a very early point in the season a majority of sides were under pressure to maintain their Division and this continued right through to the last game of season where the P1 side had an outside chance of staying in Premier 1, the 2nd and 3rd side also had to win at least one rink to guarantee they would stay in their respective Divisions and the 5th side (M3S) just held on by the skin of their teeth.

I did feel that while enthusiasm on the training track was good early in the year this dropped off markedly towards the end of the season when I would have hoped bowlers would have seen there was a need to dig deeper and work even harder on their games.

On the huge plus side was that the club was able to field 8 sides every Saturday and this would not have been possible without the significant contribution from Allan Harris who constantly begged, borrowed and stole to ensure this would occur. Thanks heaps Big Al from me, and I am sure that also goes for all the other members of the club.

Wednesdays however, was a different kettle of fish with our top side finishing in 1st position and winning the Grand Final last Wednesday. Our 2nd side finished 2nd, the 3rd finished 4th and the 4th side finished 7th, all very respectable results. In fact the 2nd side lost to the eventual premiers on their greens by only 2 shots towards the end of the season. With a bit of luck they could have won this game and the ultimate prize. I am sure this will only make them even more determined next year.

Below is a snapshot of the season's performances for both the Saturday and Wednesday competition:

SATURDAY PENNANT RESULTS

Team	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Position
P1	5	12	1	89	9 th
M1-S	9	9	1 Forfeit	138	5 nd
M1-E	7	11	-	125	8 th
M2-E	6	12	-	113	7 th
M3-S	5	12	1	113	8 th
M3-E	5	13		71	9 th
M4-E	10	8	-	119	4 th
M4-SW	9	9	-	111	4 th

WEDNESDAY PENNANT RESULTS

Team	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Position
P2S	14	1	1 Forfeit	246	Pennant winners
M1E	12	6	-	185	2 nd
M1-W	10	8	-	155	4 th
M2-E	7	11		124	7 th

My thanks go to all the Selectors on both Saturdays and Wednesdays who have worked tirelessly in trying to select the strongest and most balanced teams to represent the Hawthorn Bowling Club each week. While this can be a very thankless task these guys have gone about their roles in a very diligent and professional manner.

A special thanks goes to both our Chairmen of Selectors, Gary Mickan and Bill Booker. A huge amount of time has been put in by these guys in compiling and presenting statistics, posting teams, dealing with selection issues and overseeing weekly selections. Both Gary and Bill have done an excellent job and the club considers itself fortunate to have them hold their hands up, albeit not too high, to fulfil these roles. Many members may not be aware that these roles involve an enormous amount of their personal time which they give selflessly and in the interests of our club.

Lastly but by no means least, I would like thank our President, Neil Jenkins, for his enormous contribution to the Club over the last 3 years. Whoever takes over Neil's position will certainly have big shoes to fill. I will expand a little further on this at the upcoming AGM, but without his overall knowledge of all things bowls, I am sure the club would not have run as smoothly as it has done over the last three years.

I hope to see you all back on the greens next year determined to continue improving your game which will in turn result in improved club performances.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

Our greens have come through another season with flying colours. It is pleasing to note that Bowls SA has chosen our greens for the finals of Premier 1 and Premier 2 Saturday pennants. (Due to bad weather on Sunday 21st April the finals have now been postponed to Saturday 4th May).

We are gradually working our way around the greens to further improve their presentation.

B Green has been laser levelled,

D Green had a tree root barrier installed on the western side, the plinths have been replaced on the eastern and western sides, and next week it will be laser levelled,

C Green has been selected for the Premier 1 final, and

A Green is running well.

During winter D Green will be out of play and social bowls will be held on A, B, and C Greens.

Depending on the length of the break next Christmas another green will be levelled then.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

THURSDAY WOMEN

BEV PLOENGES

Our positions for the end of 2012-13 pennant are:-
PREMIER 2S -MINOR PREMIERS. Last season we finished 5th, Gary Davies. in his 2nd year as the Women's Coach, has moulded us into a hard, dedicated and disciplined group of players (in all divisions.) all willing to listen and learn and not afraid to take advice or to change if needed.

After winning the 1st semi at home, the next step was the Grand Final. We were all very well prepared by Gary - a team of 12 ready to do battle but unfortunately there must be a winner and a loser. Hawthorn lost by 1 shot. We would like to thank all who came and supported us during the finals especially going to Modbury. The players should be very proud of themselves and not dwell on the loss, but think of the wonderful journey we have had this season.

METRO 1W 2nd on the Premiership ladder. In 2010/11 this division was in Metro 2S when they came 2nd and were promoted to Metro I. Under Gary's guidance

over the last 2 seasons they have finished 2nd this season. A terrific effort; once again a hard dedicated group of players. Thanks to the men who played when needed, it was very much appreciated.

METRO 2S. Our Composite side with Ascot Park. We had 6 Hawthorn players, 1 rink all Hawthorn with 2 girls playing in an Ascot Park rink (not for the whole season). Our girls all played well and did Hawthorn proud. It is not easy playing in a composite side, as you lose some of your own club's comradeship. The selectors really appreciated the girls playing and will be working very hard to have a 3rd division, but it is BowlsSA's decision to have a 2 rink (8 players) division. The more players we can get for Thursday the better.

The sad news is the women will be losing Gary as their coach for the 2013/14 season. Other commitments and now living at Valley View,(too far away) has forced this decision. We wish him all the best.

Congratulations to all our Club Tournament Winners. Enjoy -everyone will be trying to beat you next season.

The Selectors thank players for their support and co-operation during the season.

In closing I wish to thank Myra, our Vice President, on a job well done over the last 3 years. It has been a pleasure working with you, a lot of laughs, a bit of stress and good fun. To the selectors, thanks- a bit bumpy at times but a lot of laughs too.

WHAT A GREAT SEASON. ENJOY WINTER, AS THE HARD WORK BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER.

SATURDAY OPEN SELECTION

GARY MICKAN

Well, it has been a long season. We started trials on 5/9/12 and finished our last pennant game on 13/4/13. The program is out for 2013/14 season and it looks like it is back to normal.

Our results were not what we had planned. Unfortunately the top side will be demoted, as well as M3E. Finishing positions were:

P1 - 9th, M1S - 5th, M1E - 8th, M2E - 7th, M3S - 8th, M3E - 9th, M4E - 5th & M4SW - 4th. I would like to thank my fellow selectors for their efforts during the year. It is not easy, trying to keep 130 members happy. A special mention must go to Alan Harris for his persistence in finding players each week. It is a credit to him that we did not forfeit any game this year, despite some weeks, where missing numbers were up to 26.

Nominations for selector positions will be advertised in early May. I encourage members to think about putting their name up.

Congratulations to winning members of our internal tournaments. The Championship events were won by Fred Gilbert (Singles) and Bill Booker and Chris Hart (Pairs). Good luck in the Champion of Champions, if you enter.

Have a restful winter.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

LEANNE OWEN

On 17th November, 2012 the Welsh women's team arrived in Adelaide and were treated to a dinner at our Club, prepared by the Social Committee and helpers, under the expert guidance of Marilyn Gerlach and Trish Cook. Rave reviews were received from the Welsh Team after consuming Marilyn's wonderful pavlova! They took the remains of the pavlova back to the hotel and bought fresh raspberries to go with it. The following day after a short practice the Welsh women players enjoyed a barbecue and salads, followed by sweets.

Our Christmas dinner held on 15th December 2012, was well attended by our members and also by a very special guest! Just for something different, it was decided to change the seating arrangements and form a U shape. Someone suggested at the last minute that it looked very much like a Board Meeting set up! Some quick manoeuvring of chairs to both sides of the table, created a more desirable effect, and from the comments received, everyone enjoyed the arrangement and also the food.

The Quiz Night held on February 23rd 2013, proved to be a great success. With combined takings from ticket sales and the raffle we raised well over \$2,000.00. Our Quiz Master Ian Oliver did a superb job on the night, and judging by the laughter everyone enjoyed themselves. It was wonderful to have such fantastic sponsorship from our local businesses. They have all been aptly thanked by the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation for their contribution.

On Sunday 21st April, we had planned to host the Open Gender Pennants Grand Final Event. Due to bad weather this has now been postponed to Saturday 4th May. The Club will be having a barbecue running throughout the day and the Social Committee are making sandwiches and cake for sale. The teams will be provided with nibbles after the game.

On Sunday 28th April, the Social Committee are attending to the catering on the Cappo Seafood Day. We do hope we can follow the excellent work carried out in the kitchen in previous years by Lesley, Bev and their band of helpers.

The Social Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the help and support given to them by members throughout the season.

SPONSORS

PETER RADCLIFFE

We are very appreciative of those who support our club in cash and kind. It has been a very active year and we gained four new sponsors - Ben Sharpe Unley Park Dental, our own Darryl Liew JL Hooker, D & D Curators Nigel Ryan and local MP Martin Hamilton-Smith.

Again our tournaments were well supported by Community CPS, Wine Direct, Cappo Bros, Phil Hoffman Travel, Alfred James Funeral Homes, Olga's Fine Foods, West End Brewery, Edinburgh Hotel and Bakers Delight. Some give products so I hope I have mentioned them all.

Let's not forget the contributions from CMI Toyota who fund our bowls decals, Cimarosti Brothers meat deals for Night Hawks, Sports Centre who assist with our clothing, The Promo Place with Night Hawks and Neil Jenkins through his business Hawthorn Plumbing. Add Jack High, Adelaide Digital Hearing Solutions and Domain Mitre 10 and we have twenty one sponsors.

Check the sponsor's board and have a look at who supports us when looking to make a purchase

Negotiations are under way for Phil Hoffman Travel to sponsor our 2013 season of Night Hawks.

Nigel Ryan, our greens keeper through his company D & D Curators will sponsor winter bowls.

If you come across a potential sponsor please let the Board know.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

GARY MICKAN

The Club was successful in obtaining grant funds of \$3,500 in Sept 12 and \$5,500 in March 13. These funds will go to improving our club. We are also applying for a grant of \$10K for the replacement of tables & chairs. The decision on whether we are successful will not be known until October 13.

HBC NOTICE BOARD

HAWTHORN MEMBERS UMPIRE COURSE

An Umpires Course will be conducted for members of the Club to be ready for the next Season 2013/14.

It is essential that participants read the New Law Book prior to attending the course. (For those needing a new book at the cost of \$11 each see Terry)

The Tutorial will be conducted over 8 sessions including a simple written test and equally simple on greens measuring test. There will be some "homework" to be completed during the tutorial.

Cost of the course is \$11.

The dates for this Tutorial are as follows:

Tuesday August	6 th	7-00 pm until 9-00 pm	
	13 th	
	20 th	
	27 th	
Tuesday September	3 rd	
Sunday	10-30 am	8 th	ON GREEN TUTORIAL
Sunday	10-30 am	15 th	25 Question Exam in the Club room
Sunday	10-30 am	22 nd	On Green Exam.

Since joining the Club in January of this year I sincerely believe it would be advantageous for all current Umpires/Measurers to participate in the Greens Tutorial on the 8th to hone their skills ready for the season.

Alf Boyle
International Technical Official & Tutor.