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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

QUIZ NIGHT 7PM BYO FOOD

A multitude of prizes and lots of fun. Read the paper, listen to the news or check out Adelaide Now this week in case there are current affairs questions. The tricky bit is being able to recall the facts. Brush up on all things that are typical quiz night questions – which means they might be anything. Anything that our erudite Quiz Master Oliver is likely to come up with. H'm.

MONDAY 11 MARCH

COMMUNITY CPS HAWKS DAY 9AM

A change of format this year as it is a Hawks Day, Pros and Ams from our club. Ask a couple of NightHawks to make up a four. Always a good day. At least we know already which club is going to win. C'arn Hawks.

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

What a crazy season this is! Longer than Tennyson's brook. Even Easter has a March date this year. Just as well there are no make-up days for every day missed for the Thursday competition because they have lost 4 days so far. They would still be playing by the start of next season. OK, not quite, maybe the winter solstice. And it is definitely not global warming because the other side of the world is freezing. Maybe the equator will become the temperate zone.

Then there is Queensland with more water than they know what to do with although the solution there is obvious. Just chock up the Top Half of the country; you don't need to be a rocket scientist to know that one. Despite a dry summer, our greens are looking great, many thanks to the Green Team. We expect a lot from that 'mowed to a miniscule height, rolled and walked on every day' grass.

The Centenary of Turning on the Lights was a great night and many people have suggested we have more night games. Just needs a few folk to organise. The lights of 2013, so far above the green, gave a feeble flicker as modern lights do when David threw the switch. The first lights were 9 feet above the ground so they could be reached by a ladder. They were in three rows and their brilliance was measured in candle power. So when Mrs Culley turned them on, poof, there they were, practically in the faces of the gathered throng. They can be seen in the club's 1913 photo taken on A Green and the image is now incorporated into the mural behind the bar.

Hands up those who feel fainthearted when asked to come up with a new password? Or user name? Or pin number? Imagine being faced with a whole new subdivision needing names, all at the same time. Jeffrey Street runs between Angus and Grange Roads. Mr Smart was the real estate agent in Hawthorn and he had a new son, Jeffrey. Easy. The son grew up to be an artist and a collection of his work is currently on show at Carrick Hill. Worth a look. And Jeffrey of street name fame? Living the good life in Tuscany, 91 years on.

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN

MYRA MATERNE

It has been a busy season with our Club Centenary celebrations and the World Bowls Competition before the Christmas break. Now we are certainly well into the second half of the 2012-2013 bowls season.

During the Men's Country Carnival, on February 4th, 5th and 6th, our ladies successfully catered for the lunches for the men playing 4's, singles, and pairs at Hawthorn. The meals were appreciated and very well received by the visitors. Our members who worked harmoniously and diligently in the kitchen to prepare and serve the food are to be congratulated on a job well done. I sincerely thank everyone for their cheerful cooperation and support. We catered for 139 meals at \$14.00 each and our profit after taking out expenses is \$1,100 which makes it a very worthwhile exercise. Some of our ladies also marked for singles matches on Tuesday 5th, which was very much appreciated.

We will be repeating this exercise during the Ladies' Country Carnival towards the end of March. We are also considering having another fashion parade at the end of the season. The assistance of the lady members will again be needed on these occasions.

The finals of internal Club tournaments will be played soon. Good luck and congratulations to all the participants. Thanks to Pene Bilsborough for organising these tournaments.

Best wishes to all for the remaining pennant games. I hope you enjoy them and notch up many more wins. Good bowling everyone and good luck to the Premier 2 side who will most probably be in the finals after Easter.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

Most of us have heard stories of how we came to have the particular type of Tiff grass in our greens. I had the good fortune recently to meet the man who brought it to Adelaide. He was the greenkeeper at Ascot Park when he went on an extended visit to the USA. In the course of his travels he visited a research institute in Florida and observed trial plots of various grasses.

At the time Tiff had already been introduced to Australia but he became interested in a version that he thought would be more suitable to Adelaide conditions. He obtained a small quantity which then travelled with him in his motor-home for the rest of his travels around the USA. He cared for it and brought it back to Adelaide and planted it in a two rink green at Ascot Park. (This green no longer exists)

Scarifyings from this were used to establish a lawn tennis court at a house not far from our club. In turn scarifyings from this court were brought to Hawthorn and introduced to our greens. So I guess when you hear people referring to our grass as "Ascot Tiff" that is a reasonable description.

Our greens have survived some extreme heat and are playing as well as most greens around. There was a lot of positive comment from bowlers during the Country Carnival.

We still intend to laser level a green as soon as pennants finish. A final decision as to which will be done has not yet been made but D Green is the probable one at this stage. We will, at the same time, also look at installing the plinths on the Eastern & Western sides of this green. There is a noticeable fall away on the Western side where we installed the root barrier.

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

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

THURSDAY WOMEN

BEV PLOENGES

With 5 games to go, the ladies are in a very strong position on the Premiership Ladder.

Premier 2S--Top --- Hawthorn 104pts with Brighton not far behind with 95pts

Metro1W -2nd ---Pt. Noarlunga 107pts with Hawthorn next with 91pts.

Metro 2SW --- Our composite side, Ascot Park/Hawthorn are having creditable results with the Hawthorn rink performing well.

Gary Davies (coach) has moulded players into a very competitive and mentally strong group. Now the challenge is to keep working hard and focused for the rest of the season.

Unfortunately we cannot control the weather. Four games have been cancelled due to heat and rain. We could have missed another game due to rain, but thank goodness for our great greens. Nigel declared them open and the girls played in the rain for half the game and then in sunshine. All divisions were home and we all won. The Hawthorn spirit lives on.

SATURDAY OPEN SELECTION

GARY MICKAN

The number of pennant bowlers available each week has steadied at about 116. We need 112 to fill 8 teams, so there will be some rotation of players in the coming weeks. Selectors have exact records of players who have not played and we will aim to ensure that everyone is fairly treated with rotation.

Pennant results are still below average as at week 11. The best placed team is Metro 2E at 6th. We need a big effort to get out of the relegation zone in all grades.

The internal tournaments are going OK. If you are still alive in a competition, please ensure that the final is played by mid-March.

The Taylor Bowls Super Challenge is over for Hawthorn this year. We won 5 of 8 games and finished 4th in our division of 9 teams.

There is no pennant bowls on the 9th of March (Adelaide Cup holiday) and the 30th of March (Easter). The last pennant game is on the 13th of April.

HBC NOTICE BOARD

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Congratulations to Glen Dow on playing his 1000th pennant game. Wow. Thank you to Noel Allison and his infallible statistical know-how.

Board members

Neil, Myra and Randall were asked to stay on last year as office bearers for continuity during the whole of the centenary year which they did and their commitment was appreciated. They can be nominated again this year if they wish. There will definitely be one committee vacancy including the Hawthorn Herald Editor. Four members make up the committee and have some responsibility in the club so all activities can be reported on at Board meetings. As usual, nomination forms will be available at the prescribed time before the AGM in May. No rush but have a think about it.

HAWTHORN FUNNIES (OK maybe not actually funny)

The Advertiser April 9th 1862

It will be seen by an announcement in our advertising columns that the usual fortnightly meeting of the South Australian Debating Society will be held this evening at Aldridges Shades at 7.30pm. The subject for discussion is "Are Executions publically conducted more conducive to the Suppression of Crime than when privately performed?" Mr E. Ward will open the debate in the affirmative of the proposition and Mr E. Sabine will support the negative."

Adelaide's first hanging was from a tree but the founding fathers had not added a professional Jack Ketch to the 'must have' list when setting up the SA Company. The result was pretty awful with the crowd standing by for three tries, two by the hangman who then took off and the last by a few able bodied men in the crowd. Imagine going home to your tent in the sand hills and saying "Hi honey. I'm home" and the little woman saying "How was your day dear?" Nearly as bad, but not quite, as describing how others in your rink lost the match.

The Advertiser February 18th 1913

A movement was begun in Unley a few weeks ago in favour of setting apart reserves in the municipality for the benefit of the rising generation and of posterity. At a public meeting of citizens held subsequently it was unanimously resolved that steps should be taken to provide open spaces for recreational purposes and children's playgrounds and a committee was appointed to advance the movement.

Eat your heart out, Unley. Hawthorn already had not only a huge recreation area complete with an oval and tennis courts but a fantastic bowling club WITH LIGHTS. However, it was good to see civic minded folk in Unley but clearly they lacked the dynamic leadership of the Hawthornites. What they did get right was the footy club who over the years would generously give other clubs the thrill of premierships and not rudely hog it like some. Such a period has recently occurred but is now over. No more Mister Nice Guys. The Double Blues for 2013.