

## A new year, a new and enthusiastic Board!

We wish to thank past and continuing Board members for their valuable contribution to the Club during their service on the Board. I particularly wish to thank Rose Mitchell's contribution as the retiring Editor of 'The Herald' and her dedication and perseverance in producing the history book for our Centenary year. Many a late night and burning candles at both ends resulted in a fine publication.

As the new Editor I am open to positive suggestions. It is intended that this be a monthly publication, but if there is not enough information, especially in the winter months, it may be bi-monthly. It will be an evolving process. I want to make the publication meaningful to our club members.

**Maree Schaefer**

Let me introduce to you our newly elected, keen as mustard, incoming President Terry Onto.

## Introducing our President: Terry Onto

I was born in England and lived in Victoria for most of my life after immigrating as a \$20 Pom at a very tender age, and initially trained as a lawyer.

Anne and I moved to SA a little over three years ago to be near the grandkids, after Anne retired from full-time work. We had played a few games of bowls in Victoria but only took it up seriously once we moved here. We literally wandered into Hawthorn one Saturday afternoon late in the year (2009) and were accosted by Jan Lind and Bob Wadsworth. We signed up and played NightHawks almost immediately and joined HBC soon after that.

I like to get involved in things and nominated for Secretary when that position became vacant. I enjoyed my time as Secretary and got to know everyone in the Club as a result. Anne Wehr (previous Secretary) warned me about that! When Neil Jenkins indicated that he did not intend to re-nominate as President I put my hand up and the rest is history.

I see Hawthorn as a friendly and financially successful club and somewhat of a force within the bowls world of metropolitan Adelaide. My aims are to see the Club continue down all of these tracks, to give our membership the opportunity to bowl at the best level their skills and ambitions will allow, and to maintain the amenity of the Club at a level where we can all enjoy the facilities. I also want our members to maintain and enhance the friendships that have been made within the club, in some cases quite recent friendships and in other cases over many years. I see us as being more than a club for bowlers although that is of course the principal reason for our existence. We

### Board Members 2013-14

Terry Onto	President
Brian Schaefer	Secretary
George Charlesworth	Men's Vice President
Lesley Slattery	Ladies Vice President
Anne Onto	Treasurer

#### **Board Members**

Peter Radcliffe  
Leanne Owen  
Gary Mickan  
Maree Schaefer

#### **Ex Officio**

Bernie Manser	Greens Manager
Rick Owen	House Manager
Michael Faehse	Bar Manager

provide social opportunities both for our members and for members of the wider community, and that is all to the good.

I believe that the level of volunteering within the Club is great and is a major reason why we are able to enjoy our membership at Hawthorn. I hope that will continue, and that the Board will be able to call on you all as necessary to allow the wheels to keep turning (rather than having them fall off.....) We have some new faces on the Board this year and I know they are there to do the best for the Club and the membership, as previous Boards have done. I am looking forward to a really good year for the Club and I look to all of us to enable that to happen.

## Snippets - from the Board

The Board held its first meeting on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. We were hit by a big agenda and the new and continuing members were all eager to share their ideas. Some interesting points for your information include:

- Chairpersons of Selectors. Elected were Graham Dodd - Wednesday, Gary Mickan - Saturday and Bev Ploenges – Thursday. Anyone wishing to be a team selector for any of these days is to have their nomination in by the end of May.
- Coaching. The Board agreed in principle that we need a professional coach/es. Bernie Manser, George Charlesworth, Lesley Slattery, Alan Russel and Gary Mickan are further investigating this possibility.
- NightHawks. Discussion centred on key staffing for the running of NightHawks and the question of how we can involve the NightHawks more inclusively into the club.
- Management Plan. All members serving liquor will be required to undergo some training and information sharing as required by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Commissioner
- Hiring Club room for functions – formal contracts and guidelines for the hire of the clubrooms.
- Emergency contact details. As a duty of care to our members it was decided that an optional request for emergency contact

details be included on the 'Commitment to Play' form.

- Community Raffle – 140 raffle books were issued. There are 30 to be returned ASAP. It is pleasing to note that the profit to the Club is in the vicinity of \$2,800. A hearty thank you to all those who supported this venture so generously.

## Reports

### Welcome to our new Women's Vice President, Lesley Slattery

We welcome Lesley Slattery as our new Women's Vice President while thanking Myra Materne's energetic, untiring and loyal commitment to the Club during her time as Women's Vice President.

Lesley is very knowledgeable regarding bowls matters and we look forward to supporting her in her new role.

#### **From Lesley**

*Hi Ladies, this is my first contact with you all since the AGM. I hope you are all enjoying the winter break.*

*A couple of things need to be thought about in the coming months. One is, we want to enter a third team in the Thursday Pennant competition. At this stage we have 32 ladies who have committed themselves for this day. We would love to have 4 or 5 more to fill all teams without calling on the men for assistance (although they enjoy playing). So, if you are playing bowls at other clubs during the next couple of months and hear of anyone who is contemplating changing clubs or if you know someone who has recently retired or work part-time, get their phone number and forward to Bev Ploenges or myself and we will follow-up.*

*Secondly, our Card Day is being held in August and I would like you to think about items for the trading table and raffle. The trading table has been very successful over the past years and we are hoping for the same results this year. Also home cooked goodies (ingredients to be included) and plants are great money raising items.*

*I wish to thank Maree Schaefer for putting her hand up to be editor of this newsletter. It is a time consuming job but I am sure she will excel. Until next time, **Lesley***

## Winter Social Bowls – Alan Harris

Winter Wednesday and Saturday social bowls is up and running and off to a fantastic start. The weather has been favourable with between 40-60 players supporting the days. The 12.30pm prompt start ensures the games are completed around 4.00pm and players beat the cold evening breeze that sets in on a regular basis.

Many new players are joining and of course are at different stages of their progress. I am confident all of them will play an important role in our Pennant teams this coming season.

There is no question this is the time of the year to start bowling. Help and coaching is available at no charge and new players have several months to develop style and technique before the Pennant season starts. So if you have friends or family interested in bowls now is the time to start.

Our greenkeeper Nigel Ryan with David Sutherland are doing a great job providing the bowlers with fantastic greens which are a delight to play on. ***In addition Nigel through his company D & D Curators is sponsoring the Wednesday and Saturday social bowls.*** This is a very generous sponsorship which has given us the opportunity to introduce for the first time a Wednesday and a Saturday end of season reward. It will be in the form of prize money and will consist of a \$125 first prize, \$75.00 second prize, \$50 for a third prize and \$25 for fourth place. The rules are simple, the player who wins the most games in the winter season collects the prize money. This rewards the people who attend every week. The prize money and its distribution is the responsibility of Alan Harris and Vic Magoch. As they pick the teams and run the social bowls they have elected to become ineligible to qualify for any winnings. It has been rumoured however they expect to make up for their ineligibility from bribes and incentives likely to come their way from players who want to be paired with the ‘Hot Shots’ – just joking of course???

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eunice Quast for her support. She is always the first to arrive to answer the phone, set up the coffee table and run the raffle.

A recent Saturday highlight for organisers and players was Barry Whittle re-joining the organising table and assisting in getting a large number of people onto the green on time. Barry has been out of action for months through ill health and it was a joy to see him back in action.

Remember our aim is to have fun, don't be too serious, make changes to your game if appropriate, practice new shots and ***have fun*** socialising at the completion of the game.

In finishing let me say, we like to know if you are available to play on any given day by 12 noon.

Enjoy the season and bowl well. Alan Harris, Vic Magoch and Barry Whittle (when fit).

## Social Committee

Cappo's Seafood Day was a very successful day for the Club with a \$3800 profit for the Club (bar and raffle included). Marilyn Gerlach and Leanne Owen were in charge of the catering for the day and put in many hours of hard work the day before and the day of the event. A special thanks to Marilyn and Leanne and to all the people who supported them in the kitchen and with serving. Many compliments were received regarding the food and service. A job well done ladies and a great team effort!

Also, we catered for the Men's Grand Final Day. The designated day was cancelled due to rain and so it was rescheduled. We made a profit of \$800 – another pleasing effort. Thanks again to all who helped make this day another success.

## **A record to be broken!**

As you are all aware Glen Dow managed to clock up 1000 (plus some by now) games in his playing career, but not to be outdone David Sutherland has also attained the 1000 game total. Congratulations to David and Glen for their wonderful achievements. It will be a hard act to follow but undoubtedly there could be one or two more challenging the record!!

## **Intrepid Hawks**

On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May seven members played at Wallaroo for 3 bowl triples. This was initiated by Maree Schaefer mainly out of curiosity regarding the indoor bowling scenario. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The Wallaroo people were very friendly and welcoming. We plan to go again on the weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May eight members went to Mt Barker to play pairs. This was another carpeted surface. We plan to play there again on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions have been made to play at Payneham one week and perhaps Port Elliot.

There has been considerable interest in playing at other clubs during the winter months. We are mindful that we do not plan to play on days which would clash with our Club's social days Wednesday and Saturday, resulting in taking support away from our Club. The experience is certainly

good for camaraderie and rapport between each other. Many people have expressed interest in this concept and are welcome to contact me if you wish to be included on an email group list so I can let you know what is planned in the future.

My details are Mob 0427933109 or [bmschaef@tpg.com.au](mailto:bmschaef@tpg.com.au). Maree Schaefer.

## **Nomadic Hawks**

As many of us do the Nomadic thing you may wish to share some of your experiences. Please feel free to submit an article to be included in our Newsletter.

Brian and I went to Coffin Bay for a week's holiday to go fishing. In between me hitting him with a fish as I delivered it to the deck he got his hook caught in my hat. Apart from that we had a wonderful time catching 49 fish on the last day. By the way there's nothing like fresh oysters straight from the sea!

## **In the Headlines**

Rose Mitchell is again featuring in her role as historian this time as a Mitcham Heritage Research volunteer who is encouraging her grand-daughter to get involved in capturing and preserving local history in the Mitcham area. This time it is at the Mitcham Girls High School which Rose attended in the 50's. To see the full article please see the Mitcham & Hills Messenger May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. by Marjorie Moore**

*Maree Schaefer - Editor*