



SEPTEMBER 2013 "Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello members. This is probably the last Herald before the season commences so let me wish you all great success with your practice sessions and the trial matches, both internal and external. Shirley's advice in this newsletter makes good sense and is well worth taking note of. Whilst there is (and should be) a social element to everything we do at the Club, the purpose of practice is to get better at the game, ingrain our good habits and hopefully get rid of our bad ones, assuming that some of us have any (bad ones, that is). So again, good luck with practice and let's hope we all play to our skill level (or even better perhaps!). See you around the greens.

PROFILE INGRID ASHTON

I was born in KIEL, Germany on 5th July 1929 and enjoyed a very happy childhood with dedicated parents and grandparents. Unfortunately, when the war broke out in September 1939, I was attending Grammar School and due to the immediate bombing of the city the students (including myself) were evacuated to different parts of safer locations, eg, Rügen Island on the Baltic Coast, later on near Prague and then near Vienna.

My family home in Kiel was destroyed by bombing during a bombing raid which resulted in them moving to Wittenberge, on the eastern side of the River Elbe. I was not quite 16 years of age when I re-joined my family there. To my dismay the majority of males were conscripted which included 16 year old school boys.

Displaced persons from the east were arriving every day by train, which compounded our difficulties with food distribution and also accommodation. My school friends and I were involved as helpers most times for many hours. Sometimes we got up at 4am to queue for some food brought in by train, hoping

for bread. At one time the train brought in unrefined cooking oil not food, but we collected some of that and boiled it at home so it was useable.

Towards the end of the war the Russians were moving towards us from the East. The bridge over the River Elbe was blown up, destroying the only means of escape for many people. When the Russians occupied the town, life became even more difficult and we struggled on to obtain food to survive. A number of my school friends disappeared, allegedly taken by the Russian authorities, so I decided with a group of young people to go across the border to the Western Zone. This involved travelling on a coal train in freezing weather for a number of days until we came to the crossing. We then went into a staging camp where we were checked over. Once in the West things were much better and travelling easier.

Eventually I arrived in Kiel and stayed with my aunt and uncle and continued with my education until I applied to the British Control Commission for a job. On my first day, not knowing local idioms, my irate Supervisor said to me, 'take the BLOODY file to the Colonel' so I went to his office knocked on his door and said, 'here is the bloody file', which caused much amusement at my expense.

I met my husband, a serving British soldier, at Easter in 1948; we fell in love and married in January 1949. When my husband was posted back to England in 1950 I had my first experience of food rationing and other shortages. I had a three month old baby which helped to ease my welcome by my English mother-in-law.

Being married to a soldier meant a number of moves in Britain, Germany and to Malaya.

In 1967 my husband retired from the Army. We decided to immigrate to Australia, a decision we have never regretted.

Time to Smile!!

Who's got the shot ?

It's difficult, it looks up and down
Okay, then which one has second?

PLAN YOUR PRACTICE SESSIONS BY SHIRLEY BLACKWELL



The key to a good practice session is to know what you are going out there for, so set yourself a goal to achieve. Is it long ends, short ends, weight control, your delivery?

Unplanned practice serves little purpose if your true potential in the sport is to be realised.

I have seen so many bowlers out practising with three or four players, sometimes more, on one rink drawing to their favourite length end and playing that occasional weighted shot. That is no way to practice. They may have the game experience behind them, but not the individual skills required to consistently play the shots.

How many times have you been out there on the bowling green in the middle of a tough match trying to tell yourself to concentrate! I think we have all been through this many times. I can tell you this, the skills you are looking for won't materialise, unless you brought them to the venue with you when you arrived and that won't happen unless you practice them repetitively during training over and over again, until such time as you perfect the skills you require.

It is important when you do not have team training with your coach to practice on your own unless all participants are focussing on the same objective.

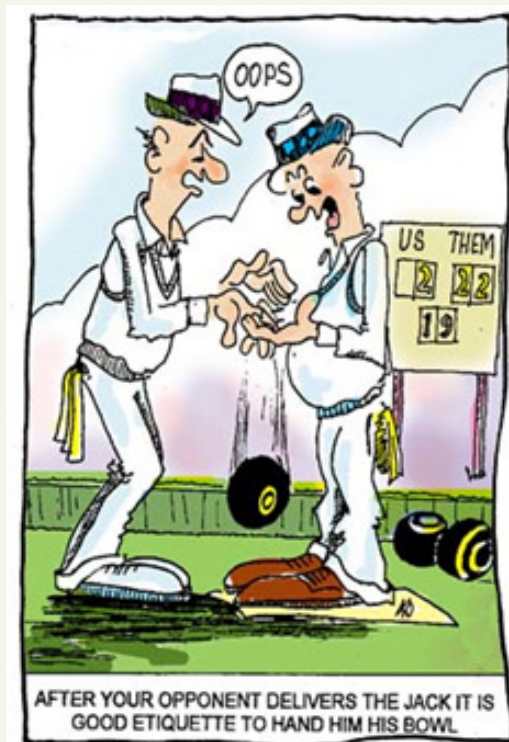
Concentration is born on the practice green, along with you timing, rhythm, and delivery. You should mentally treat your practice sessions as matches, concentrating on every bowl you deliver. It should then become second nature in a pennant match.

Players also need to analyse all practice sessions if strengths and weaknesses are to be defined. It is a good idea to keep a training diary and document your training. This will help determine your progress. If you would like some help in planning your training session contact your club coaches.

Remember how you practice over the season could determine how you will play in the match.

Good luck to all for the coming season.

Shirley Blackwell



LADIES' VICE PRESIDENT

The ladies are saddened at the passing of Jill McAuliffe. She has been a wonderful player and person for the Hawthorn Bowling Club. Her funeral was held on Monday, 2nd September 2013 and attended by many Hawthorn members.

The card day held on Tuesday 27th August was a huge success. The total profit was \$2000. The raffle and trading table combined raised over \$1000. A very big thank you to everyone who donated items and homemade goodies for the trading table. Also thank you to David Sutherland for his plant contribution (the orchids were lovely) and Jim Hughes who, with Kaaren, did a great job with the washing up. The ladies in the kitchen provided delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches and sweets. All I can say is well done each and every one who helped in some way.

The next event will be the Gala Day on Monday, 21st October 2013. Notices have gone out, but if you know of anyone who would like to enter a team please see Bev Ploenges or me and we will send them a form.

Once the Thursday Pennant draw has been released and the home game dates are known, I will be seeking the assistance of some men to wash up a few plates and mugs – so look out fellas, if I approach you with a smile, better have your excuses ready or you will be hooked. It would only be for approx 1 hour, depending on how fast you are and start time would be

12 noon. The ladies will really appreciate your help

Let's make this Season a really successful one – only promotions for all teams will do.

LESLEY SLATTERY



Jill McAuliffe



In Memory of Jill McAuliffe 1939 – 2013

Jill was a much loved and respected member of the Hawthorn Bowling Club who died unexpectedly on 24th August. Over 20 members of the Club attended her funeral on Monday, 2nd September.

Jill was born and grew up in Lameroo. She had two sisters, Nancy and Rosemary. Jill was a kindergarten teacher and married Des, also a teacher, in 1960. They had three children, Mandy, Cathy and Simon; eight grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

When Jill retired from teaching she took up the game of lawn bowls and was a member of the Hawthorn Bowling Club for 20 years. She was a selector for many years and represented the club at many gala days over the years. Jill's favourite position was a Lead and she played in the top division. Jill won the Club Pairs championship with Patricia Victorson in 1993-94. She also won the Mixed Pairs with Bill Booker.

Jill was always positive and encouraging. She participated in all aspects of the club functions. She never complained although she did not have the best of health in recent years.

Jill had a loving and close knit family who will miss her terribly.

Rest in peace Jill you will be sadly missed.

The Hawthorn Bowling Club members express their heartfelt condolences to Jill's family. **MARIAN POWELL**

INS & OUTS

Welcome to:

Graham Rosser from Reade Park
Fred Hines from Freeling
Wayne Bartsch from Holdfast Bay
Liz Gooda from Modbury
Denis Levy from Sturt

Correction: Steve Grant from Holdfast Bay

Transferring:

Chris Hart to Clarence Gardens
Greg McGregor to Toorak-Burnside

Not playing this season

Bevan Wilkinson
Bryan Sheldon

Vale

Jill McAuliffe passed away unexpectedly Saturday, 24th August. Please see tribute on this page.

NIGEL RYAN SPONSORS WINTER BOWLS

WINTER BOWLS SEASON 2013

This winter bowls season began in late April, about four weeks later than normal, mainly due to the World Bowls program. The weather was also a big influence during this season where we played 26 games but lost a record 12 bowling days due to rain and soggy greens. (A record which we are not happy with and did not want!!! - but very pleasing for our greenkeeper).

Despite the conditions we averaged 43 players each game played. Over 100 different players, including players from other clubs, interstate and even overseas participated in both Wednesday and Saturday bowls. Also participating were many brand new bowlers who have shown they are/will be very capable bowlers. Most of them have since joined the club and will be bowling in the 2013/2014 pennant season. I think regular bowlers at Hawthorn need to be a little concerned as quite a few could well be vying for our positions!

Our greenkeeper Nigel Ryan (D & D Curators) approached us prior to the season commencing and kindly provided us with sponsorship money for the winter bowls season. A gesture which is greatly appreciated and we thank him very much. We decided that the best way to allocate prizes was to record all the games played and points allotted to players who won a game. This was done covertly with the prize winners being announced and presented with their winnings by Nigel on the last Wednesday and Saturday winter bowls.

Those winners were:

Saturday

- 1st Lorenzo DISSEGNA
- =2nd Paddy PISSANO
Steve MALONEY
- =4th Pam BUCKERFIELD
Clem CASE
Tom RUSHTON
Brian SCHAEFER

Wednesday

- 1st Glen DOW
- 2nd Fred GILBERT
- =3rd Harry LYNDON
Lorenzo DISSEGNA

On behalf of the Winter Bowls committee I would like to thank each and every person who supported the Club during the winter season. We hope to see you all again next season.

Many thanks to: VIC MAGOCH, ALAN HARRIS, & JIM HUGHES (apprentice) our friendly & efficient organisers.



Above: Nigel Ryan congratulating Lorenzo
Below: Vic, Glen, Harry (Wed. winners),
Nigel Ryan & Alan Harris.



TRAINING OUR FUTURE!

For many years the Hawthorn Bowling Club, like most bowling clubs, has been imparting to school students the skill of lawn bowls.

The lessons began in 1992 when a group from Mitcham Girls High School attended and since then numerous other schools including Cabra and Mercedes have participated. Urrbrae Education Centre has been our most frequent customer in recent years. Thanks to teacher, Paul Dumican, they have been coming to Hawthorn for about 10 years. The Year 12 students have taken PE as a subject and lawn bowls comprises a one term unit. The course covers 10 lessons and comprises all aspects of the game. This year they students are instructed by the following members from our Club – David Sutherland, John Whittle, Alan Harris, and Jim Bell. Over the years many other members have been involved.

For most of the students lawn bowls is a new experience and they find it a challenge. However, they usually learn quickly and are surprised and pleased when a bowl finished close to or touched the jack. Rivalry is very keen and with determination, skill and sometimes 'luck' even the 'best' bowlers get beaten.

The students are assessed by the teacher and the volunteer club members, so they have to take sessions seriously because the assessment counts towards their end of year marks. The club provides the equipment, greens, bowls, mats and personnel and the school is charged a nominal fee.

The students enjoy the challenge of playing bowls. We also look forward to the students coming to the Club and are usually pleased with their response and ability to improve their bowling skills.

When the centenary of our Club was celebrated in 2012 the teaching of students was acknowledged with a section of the mural above the bar comprising students from Urrbrae.

David Sutherland.

Our club owes much to these volunteers—Alan Harris, John Whittle, Jim Bell and David Sutherland for their valuable contribution in this area. . Not only do they assist students in learning the art of bowling but they are also active in other areas.

David Sutherland - key organiser for the student coaching program, our rose gardener and 'green roller' and many other tasks around the club

John Whittle - coaching new and old club members, HBC Security Officer providing keys to members for clubhouse, gates and kitty shed and the unenviable task of after hours call outs to club if security is an issue. John has also been a key supporter on NightHawks in past years, but is having a break this year.

Alan Harris - Winter Social Bowls convenor; Selector for Saturday Pennant season, and coaching new players on a regular basis.

Jim Bell is one of our newer members but with his coaching qualifications has jumped in with the student program and assisting other members who request help.

A HUGE thank you **to you and all volunteers** who contribute to the club. Simply put—if it wasn't for our volunteers we wouldn't have a club!! **EDITOR.**

OPENING NIGHT

Hawthorn Bowling Club opened its 2013-2014 season on September 5th with an evening function. Over 90 members attended. President, Terry Onto welcomed Martin Hamilton-Smith, State Member for Waite and all the members present and in particular the new members to the club. Martin Hamilton Smith officially opened the season, stating that lawn bowls was a game for all ages and it was pleasing to see these represented at Hawthorn. He then presented Pennant badges to the Premier 2 South Wednesday team who won the Grand Final in their division congratulating them on their achievement. They now move to Premier One level.

Newly appointed coaches, Steve Grant and Shirley Blackwell stated their goals were to improve the standing of all teams, but that would not be achieved without commitment and practices. Both emphasised the value of the 48 Bowl Drawing test and encouraged members to utilise it weekly.

The evening concluded with a lovely spread of 'finger food' organised by our very efficient and capable Social Committee. We thank the ladies for their generous support in this way.

NOMADIC HAWKS

Snippets about our trip to U.K.

During our recent trip overseas, Maurice and I spent 9 days in U.K. We stayed with friends in Amersham, an outer leafy suburb of London, developed around the old English village of Amersham. From there we were able to enjoy many activities in the London area. We went up the Shard, the highest building in Europe, and enjoyed a 360 degree panoramic view of greater London. Our sightseeing also included a visit to The Churchill War Rooms and Museum, the Roman ruins and the International Rose garden at St. Albans, the show "Billy Elliott", a visit to the

Supreme Court, Evensong in Westminster Abbey, and a trip to Waddesdon Mansion one of the Rothschild family homes. A tour of Lord's Cricket ground was quite enlightening for me. The fact that the oval slopes by 8 feet from one side to the other seemed incredible to me. Also women's clothing determined to some extent the way cricket is played today. It started as a children's game with underarm bowling. Men took up the game and continued bowling underarm until women became involved. Because of their voluminous skirts, women could not bowl underarm. Sideways bowling, allowed for a while, eventually developed into the present overarm delivery. So that is how women's fashion influenced the game of cricket. The names of all Test match players who have scored a century on the Oval at Lord's are displayed on an honour board. It was noted that some of the world's champion batsmen have not succeeded in scoring 100 at Lord's. For instance Don Bradman's name was noticeably absent. As we were shown through the Long Room, which was being set up for a function, I smugly noticed that the cutlery looked the same as the new cutlery we have purchased for Hawthorn Bowling Club! After enjoying the panoramic view of the Ground from the new Media Centre I went down and cautiously placed one foot on the hal-lowed turf. I did not get evicted. Lunch in the Lord's Tavern was followed by a stroll through Regent Park. Being Spring the gardens were ablaze of colour. The colours of the flowers seemed so much more intense to me than in Australia.

The Wimbledon tennis championships were being played while we were there. One of the traditions associated with Wimbledon is queuing for tickets, so we decided to try our luck one afternoon at 4.00pm. On joining the queue we were issued with a dated and numbered queue card and received a Guide to Queuing booklet. This included a queue code of conduct. We did have very interesting conversations with other folk in the queue. We were led to believe that some life-long friendships have been made in Wimbledon queues. After a rain delay, we were able to enter the grounds for 5 pounds instead of 14 pounds. We saw 2 sets of a men's doubles match on an outer court, and then for another 5 pounds we were able to witness the final set (PTO)

and a half of a women's 4th round match on court one.

I made contact with the Welsh lady bowlers to see if there would be an opportunity to meet some of them. Gill Hughes was the Welsh Women's Bowling Association official who accompanied the team to Adelaide in December last year. She lives near Cardiff and we made plans to meet her when she had a free evening. We hired a car and dashed over to Cardiff from Amersham to have dinner with Gill and her husband, Michael. They picked us up at the hotel where we were going to spend the night and took us on a quick tour of Cardiff. About 10 years ago a barrage was put across the mouth of the River Taff and the muddy river flats have been transformed into a beautiful marina. The whole area has been enhanced with new buildings and old historic places have been refurbished. There is a beautiful new theatre made of copper, wood and slate and new Houses of Assembly. After this brief look at Cardiff, Gill and Michael took us to the Gwaelod Inn which was their favourite eating place a short distance out into the countryside. We spent a delightful evening with them. I was introduced to some popular Welsh food viz. laver bread which is a mixture of seaweed and oats. Believe it or not it was quite tasty. None of the other team members were able to come to Cardiff but sent greetings to Hawthorn. They are busy training and preparing for the Commonwealth Games. Gill intimated that several members of the team who came here were probably going to be replaced but Anwen was still the team leader and skip of the fours. I passed on my best wishes to them. **MYRA MATERNE**

NIGHTHAWKS

A big thank you for all the support given during the 2012-13 season especially to those who are having a break this year from their generous contributions. NightHawks is a valuable component of our club, not just financially but for being the training ground for our future pennant players.

Thank you to those who are continuing with their support or coming on board for the first time for season 2013-14. The sizzle roster has been sent out by email and one is displayed on the notice board. Please check the roster. If you are unable to work on the night you are rostered please arrange a swap and let Maree know. Maree will ring each Monday evening to remind the rostered members that they are on duty.

George Charlesworth has recently invited last year's teams and any new teams to register again for this season. The season starts 15th-16th October. It won't be long for all hands on deck.

Don't forget—we are a team of members who are doing our best for the benefit of the Club!

What does **Wednesday night dinners** and a 17th birthday party have in common?

On Wednesday, 21st August our numbers were swelled by Shane Newton's friends Rob Stuart and Anne Linnett (new members) and three of their children. To the surprise of one of the boys he was presented with a birthday cake for his 17th birthday and the 29 members present burst into song with Happy Birthday! Well done Shane!

A wide choice of main course was on offer from a delicious beef pie, a quiche, spaghetti bolognaise and a variety of vegetables and chips. For those who had room left we were offered mini magnums or drumsticks. Wednesday night dinners will be held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday in September.

Dinner on September 4th was also well attended with Steve Grant (coach) and his wife attending.