



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

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Editor- Maree Schaefer

From the President

Hi Members. Far be it from me to state the obvious, but we are fast approaching Xmas. We look forward to seeing you and your partner at the Xmas function on 14th December so please put your names on the list if you plan to come so that we can get enough pudding ready...We also need you to play any matches you can in the club championships so we can progress to the finals. Many will, I think, enjoy the break from pennant bowls but regular practice during this time will be of value once pennant starts up again so do make sure you use the club facilities over this time.

I will no doubt see most of you before the end of the season but to cover everybody let me wish you and your families a happy holiday season and let us all come back in the New Year all fired up and ready to go get 'em!

TERRY ONTO

Men's Vice President -

Well here we are almost halfway through another season and the routine of running the Club is falling into place and the enormous effort of finding and co-ordinating the many volunteers that help is bearing fruit. It's said a hundred times but let's not forget that help.

I hope you are all enjoying your bowling but I know that always is not the case and generally that involves dissatisfaction with selection. Surprisingly everybody usually ends up playing at their true level of ability and that realization is, for some, hard to accept. Selectors discuss many contingences given the cards they are dealt and generally get it right. You will enjoy your bowls if you can compete and you can compete best amongst those of similar ability. Also remember if you a promoted somebody has to be demoted and so it goes.

Enjoy the break - **GEORGE**

Profile—Pam Buckerfield



MY STORY - PAMELA BUCKERFIELD (nee BURFORD)

I was born at the Henley Beach hospital on the 31st August, 1941. My parents Maureen and Alfred BURFORD moved to St. Peters when I was 2 years old. I have 2 older brothers and one 11 years younger than me. My father originally was an electrician and spent a lot of time in Yatala jail ...(doing the electrical wiring of course) !! He went on to establish a family business "BURFORD'S CAR RADIOS". Both parents were esteemed members of the St. Peter's Bowling Club.

I went to East Adelaide primary school, then on to Adelaide Technical High School where I completed a commercial course which prepared me for a secretarial career. Whilst I was at Adelaide Technical High School, I entered the girls' swimming championship races 2 years in a row, and was fortunate to win both. I recently was the

subject of a school project by our grandson Joshua and for some reason (unbeknown to myself) I went from a high school swimming winner to an "Olympic champion". Another highlight ?? at high school was being kept in for detention, for meeting the boys behind the bike shed. (I was the only one the headmaster recognised) ... so much for fame.

I entered the workforce at the age of 15 as a stenographer in the Engineering Department of the Royal Insurance Company. At age 20, I moved to G. & R Wills as secretary to the credit manager.

At 19 I joined the Water Ballet (synchronised swimming) and performed several times for the public at the City Baths and at Linnetts K.I. at the opening of their new swimming pool. Dawn Fraser was also invited to attend, and we all flew over to the Island at their expense.

I met my wonderful husband Max at the Wonderland Ballroom. After we married we built our first home at Vale Park where we had our 2 children, Grant and Debbie. We also had three cats, 3 dogs (over many years) and several aviaries of beautiful finches, canaries, Gouldian finches and quails. We now live at Wattle Park where we have various beautiful parrots flying free also possums and the occasional koala.

Our son Grant was chosen by his German teacher (along with two other students), to spend time living in Germany with a German family and to experience schooling as well as a white Christmas. He left home a 14 year old boy and came home (after 4 months) a young 15 year old youth with a passion for travel. He has travelled extensively and lives in the U.S.A. following his dream as a musician, composer and producer.

Our daughter Debbie had ambitions to become a singer, and was trained by Wally Carr. She had some great opportunities, singing on radio and in a talent quest. However she took on a greater role of wife and mother to our grandchildren, Joshua and Alicia.

I returned to working full time at the age of 40 and became secretary to the Director of Orana Incorporated, where I stayed for 16 years. Orana provides working facilities and housing (supported and independent) for adults with an intellectual disability. It was a very fulfilling job.

I have been a member of the Kensington Park Red Cross Branch for over 10 years as Vic-President and Treasurer. I was also a member of Highbury Lions for 5 years. I enjoyed the friendship of the Lions but resigned to join the Hawthorn Bowling Club after being "spotted" along with Sonya Brown at Night Owls (think they wanted Sonya but had to take me on as well) !!!

Max and I have travelled extensively overseas and within Australia, and are planning a holiday for our 50th wedding anniversary next April, taking our small but treasured family with us on a cruise...AFTER bowls season is finished of course !!!

Coaching tips from Steve

Leaders Tips

“Leaders DO NOT need to have the SHOT” but more importantly need Bowls in the Head and “Effective Bowls”. They need to BELIEVE they can win the game with their performance as it is so often TRUE!

1) Always have Positive weight with your first bowl “Especially on Slow Greens” as a bowl finishing behind the jack is an effective receiving position bowl and easier to correct from. This will eliminate the majority of short bowls played and often, the result of a dead draw shot finishing short. The positive draw will be close to the jack if short, increasing the chances of one bowl close and one behind. The ideal result to be achieved is 18” short to 3ft behind – in normal conditions.

(Short Bowls are often followed by an under pressure over correction resulting in neither bowl being close.)

2) The length of end and mat placement are essential. Many games are often won and lost when the end length has not been achieved. Be aware of your skipper’s preference of the mat placement also. An effective jack roll is within 3 ft short or long of the desired spot on the green (basically a 6 ft. circle).

Leaders should practice rolling the jack on a regular basis to achieve consistency in this very important aspect in a game.

3) Take the time to sum up the length of end! Is it longer or shorter than the last end played? Also be aware of wind conditions, side, tail or head wind! (very basic but often over looked in a pressure game play situation).

4) Hand to be played or changing hands: playing the narrow hand is not always the best option as the wider hand can often be the kinder hand to play! Always communicate with your Skipper in regards to which hand to play and if you think a change will improve your performance as most Skippers will be accommodating.

5) Unnecessary second bowl line corrections are often made by leaders resulting in ineffective bowls due to over correction. Basically if a Leader’s first bowl finishes on the line or a bowls width either side of it, weight is the only correction needed! This seems to happen more frequently when a leader’s 1st bowl is within 12 inches of the jack or when the opposing leaders bowl is perceived to be in the draw line.

6) Leaders should not be concerned about disturbing their close bowl or jack as your teammates and opposition should be trying to achieve just that and will in most cases by the completion of the end!

Leaders must have the confidence and positive mindset to change the weight only and play a receiving bowl when close to the jack with their first bowl. To change the line will only serve to create a negative mindset and inhibit self confidence in their ability to repeat the same line.

7) The perceived bowl in draw line can be avoided with the correct line and weight when trying to achieve a close bowl and not a toucher!

Most importantly things to remember when playing in any match situation or in any position: keep your pre shot routine the same as you practice, play the intended shot only, and go through your normal process when playing a bowl. Do not let the current match scores or situation and pressures at hand influence your ability to play the shot, as this will most often result in a poor outcome and is the most common reason for ineffective shot play at critical times during match play. I know it is easier said than done but keeping your mind free of any unhelpful influence will only assist any player’s performance.

All the Best & Good Bowling,

Kind Regards from the Club Coach **Steve Grant**

NightHawks -

The first part of the season is nearing the end for the Christmas break. Since the season's start we have had some interesting times, especially the night the power went off. Another night was extremely windy and on the cold side but that did not deter our players from facing that challenge either..

We are taking this opportunity to thank all those who supported the successful running of NightHawks so far, particularly the coordinators George Charlesworth and Maree Schaefer. However, without the support of the bar workers the sausage sizzle cooks; the ladies (who have been a new addition to the crew); the people on the desk with George and the coordinators who account for the money and help out where required and keep a general overview of the proceedings; Peter Radcliffe who keeps the finance records and our Treasurer Anne Onto and the wonderful support of our President Terry Onto; it would not be the success that it is.

NightHawks is such an important component to our club both financially and offering the community a fun night, so we also thank the teams that support our club and come to enjoy our hospitality.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and New Year with your family and friends and look forward to continuing our hospitality when the second part of the season commences on Tuesday 14th January & Wednesday, 15th January.

Thanks again for your great support. A job well done!



Alan is a member who gives unstinting, and enthusiastic support to the Hawthorn Bowling Club. Many beginner players have found him, as their first contact with the club, a welcoming and helpful figure. Many times when a beginner player makes contact with the club he/she is referred to 'Alan Harris' He has performed for many years, the often difficult task, of selector of the lower teams for Saturday penant play. This latter job of course also included the onerous task of finding players to make up the required numbers for Saturday, usually at very short notice. He also gives time to school coaching assistance which is also very much appreciated.

Alan recently relinquished his role as Selector to focus more on his bowling.

Therefore **Hats Off** to Alan Harris.

Christmas Dinner

The Social Committee is planning to hold the Club

Christmas Dinner on **Saturday December 14th**

Join your fellow bowlers for a lovely main course followed by sweets -

also a visit from someone very special.

Please put your name on the list in the clubhouse on the free standing board.

Partners and friends are most welcome.



Dates to remember

The Social Committee will be catering for:

Sunday February 9th–FLAB (Fun Late Afternoon Bowls) A late afternoon of bowls for members, friends, nighthawks followed by a barbeque, salads and sweets - Prizes for the winners - Fun games along the way - Raffle.

Saturday February 22nd – *Music Quiz Night* hosted by Steve Maloney from Oakbank. Many of you would know Steve from playing Social Bowls during the winter months. This promises to be a fun night, so get out your vinyl / cd's and brush up on your music knowledge. A hint – 50s', 60's and 70's seem to be Steves' favoured eras!

Monday March 10th – Pro-Am Tournament and

Sunday April 13th - Cappo Seafood Day.

Thank you to all the members who nominated to help with catering. We would like to share the load, and many hands make light work! We will be in touch!

LEANNE OWEN - Social Committee

**The next edition for the Herald will be
in February 2014.**

Ladies Strike Gold!

On Friday, 15th November four of our ladies entered a team to play at the Kensington/ Marryatville Gala Day They were:

Pam Buckerfield - Skip
 Di Peters— Third
 Marian Powell—Second &
 Sonya Brown - Lead.

They knew they were all bowling well and won their two games. They were hopeful that they would at least be runners up. When the runners up team was announced they felt very disappointed and thought they would then check where they did come after all. However, to their surprise their team was then announced as the **WINNERS**.

CONGRATUATIONS AND WELL DONE LADIES.



L-R Marian Powell, Di Peters,
 Sonya Brown & Pam Buckerfield.

Please note: If any of our members has an exciting win at a special event or tournament please let the Editor know so that you too can go down in history!!

Who has heard of the word **PUNOGRAPHY?**

I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any-time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.



Membership 2013 –14

Bruce Leslie—New
Carol Boyle from Holdfast Bay
Anne Wehr -Social Member
Pam Bowling—Social Member
Robert Prosser—New

Congratulations to Mason and Preston Kaufer

Last month Mason and Preston Kaufer were presented with their Under 18 State Squad tops by none other than Carole Boyle (Alf's wife).

Well done boys! We all know how much practice and dedication you give to the sport.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS
FROM ALL US HBC MEMBERS!

We look forward to hearing of your progress.



Preston (left) and Mason (right) Kaufer
with Carole Boyle (middle)!

Heard on the green

Player 1. I don't like those white bowls!

Player 2 Why not?

Player 1. Because it's too hard to tell which one is the jack!

If you hear something comical on the green please feel free to let the Editor know.

The Board Members would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas with your friends and loved ones.

We especially welcome our new members who have joined this year and ask our existing members to continue the tradition of Hawthorn as a welcoming and friendly club.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year refreshed and ready to make the second part of the season as successful as possible.



Thankyou to those members who gave me encouragement, positive feedback and cooperated with articles during 2013.

Maree Schaefer, Editor.