



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

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Editor- Maree Schaefer

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again. Well, we are at the first pointy end of the season. The next one is about three games from the end of the season! Good luck to all of our Wednesday and Thursday players this week and to our Saturday players next week. **Will that day ever come???**

Your Board (emphasis on **Your**) loves you and wants to do the very best by you. Clearly this is not possible at all times as people tend to see things at least a little bit differently from each other. If you have a matter which you would like to raise at Board level please either approach a Board Member direct and ask her or him to raise it at the next monthly Board meeting, or email details to the Club Secretary who will then either respond direct to you or will place the matter on the next meeting agenda for discussion or decision as appropriate. Not all issues can be resolved nor can all problems be solved but be assured that we will do our best on all issues that come before us. It is much better for harmony at the Club if issues are raised in the open rather than members mumbling unhappily amongst themselves. The other benefit of course is that all relevant facts come out when a problem is discussed and considered rather than each member having his or her own version of the "facts". Not as much fun perhaps but generally more beneficial to the Club in the long term.

PROFILE-RICK OWEN

.G'day! My name is Richard Owen. I was born in Port Lincoln in 1951. This short snapshot will read like an obituary only that it's written by me and I'm not yet dead. My dad like his father was an employee of the SA Railways, which meant for promotion, moving from town to town. We moved to Peterborough when I was seven and I learned quickly (and cautiously) how to set traps to catch and sell rabbits. One day my brother John and I caught 33 sleepy lizards (shingleback) and released our new pets into the back yard. Then we had to re-catch them and release them back into the bush as evidently dad said mum wasn't cooking tea till

they were gone! At Peterborough I began playing basketball and tennis, but had my first sporting success in winning the primary school yo-yo competition – the school yard roared!

When we moved back to Port Lincoln, I tried my hand at Hockey but what I was really good at was fishing and making teachers angry. My schooling was completed at Marion High School in 1968. I must admit I was a very average student, but won the woodwork prize.

As family history would suggest I also joined the SA Railways as a clerk in 1969. For a period of about nine months my railway career was interrupted by being 'called up' for National Service (1972) Wearing the green uniform it instantly made me aware of two facts; never volunteer and become invisible. Being 'hand-picked' to train at the Special Air Services (SAS) Regiment at Swanbourne, WA was perhaps my greatest military achievement. It was however to be a part of my clerical training, spending most of my time trying to type 38 wpm – no medals for that! In the late 70's I had a go at bicycle road racing with the Unley Club. Although I only managed to win a race I did defeat the current Australian and SA road champion, Alan Gill. I probably should point out I was in 'E grade' and he was about 23 minutes after me off scratch.

I met my wife Leanne many times before we were married in 1983. We played tennis together for Railways in the 80's, and yes she could beat me at tennis too! We have two lovely adult children Tim and Katie.

In 1996 I had become the Redundancy Officer with Australian National Railways and of course had to make myself redundant. Since then I have run a maintenance and cabinet making business. So if I'm not at the clubhouse you may well find me making projects in my work shed.

Leanne and I enjoy bowling together (most of the time), caravan holidays fishing, gardening and catching up with friends.

This year is my fourth at Hawthorn. I look forward to the 2013-14 season meeting, playing and working with our new members. And with the enthusiasm and effort that I have so far witnessed I expect a very successful season

RICHARD (RICK) OWEN – HOUSE MANAGER.

Coaching Tips from Steve



Hello to all the members of the Hawthorn Bowling Club,

I would like to start by thanking the Board and all the members at the Club for their friendly welcome and support thus far, this has made my return to Hawthorn as Club Coach/Selector very easy and personally very pleasing.

I would like to start by mentioning that I very much agree with Shirley Blackwell's very good "Practice Session" article in the last edition of the Herald, I too have noticed many players over the years week in and week out practicing without purpose! I can't stress enough, the importance of planned and structured practice sessions which are essential for improved player performance, mind set and overall confidence on the green!

I would like to compliment Graham Dodd for his time and effort in organizing a very good Tuesday structured practice session with a healthy participation also!

I would like to thank the Club for purchasing additional rebound disc practice system kits that you may have seen being used on the greens by Shirley, Graham Dodd and myself. The discs are a great tool for numerous practice drills from multiple drawing drills to the very important yard over shot and various other weighted shot drills, the kits also contain a number of skill drill diagrams, all of which will improve a players overall skill set.

I will speak to the Club this week about making one of the kits available for use by the playing group for individual practice.

I have observed many players participating in the 40 and 48 bowl test drills when at the Club which is very pleasing, as I have stated at the Club on numerous occasions, I believe this is the most simple and beneficial drill for overall improved player performance and is still regularly used by Australian squad players.

A friendly reminder especially for the P2 Squad **"Selection Criteria"** will be based on Player Trial & Practice Attendance - Individual Practice (48 Bowl Drill Slips) and Player Performance!

If the playing group is to be successful and prosperous this season it will all come back to individual practice, time and effort on the green!

I would like to wish the playing group all the best and good bowling, and an enjoyable season!

Club Coach/Selector

STEVE GRANT



The Jim Branford Memorial Trophy

The **Jim Branford Memorial Trophy** was donated by Bob Wadsworth and Andrew Kleinig in memory of their close friend Jim Branford who died from Motor Neurone Disease on 17 August 2005.

Jim and his family moved to Adelaide from Port Lincoln in 1981. He was outstanding in many sports and when I introduced him to bowls in a "father and son" night at Ascot Park, where I was a member, he quickly mastered the sport and became a member of Ascot Park quickly moving into their top sides.

Jim followed me to Hawthorn at the beginning of the 2001/2 season and was a member of the One Red side throughout the season. During this season he was selected to join the State squad but due to earlier being diagnosed with MND he was unable to take up this honour. Hawthorn continued in One Red for the 2002/3 season and despite the increasing advancement of his disease he continued to hold his position as a leader in the top grade. His determination and love of the game and the loss of strength in his right arm forced him to change to bowling with his left arm. He maintained his position for the rest of the season.

Records show that Jim played 63 games for our club on both Saturday and Wednesday, winning 30, losing 29 and drawing 4 and it is interesting to note his team skippered by our immediate past President Neil Jenkins won 5 of their last games losing the other 2 each by one shot. Jim played as leader bowling with his left arm.

Following Jim's death Bob and I wished to commemorate our great friend and his love of bowling, and as he had been a member at Ascot Park and Hawthorn we decided it was appropriate to donate a trophy to be known as "The Jim Branford Memorial Trophy" for annual competition during the trial period of both Clubs.

The first competition was held during the trial games of 2005/6 season and was won by Hawthorn. Ascot Park held the trophy for the next six seasons but Hawthorn convincingly won the annual competition on Saturday 29th September by 72 shots.

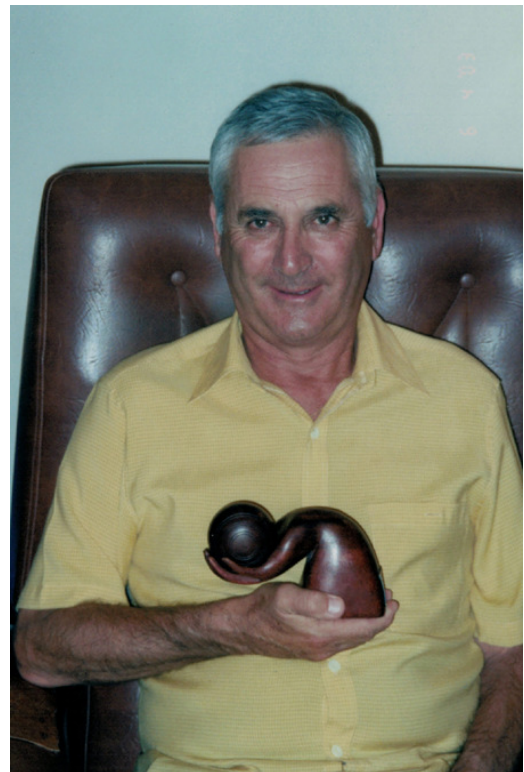
Jim was a great club man at both Clubs and this trophy is a fitting tribute to his bowling ability and determination.

Helen, Jim's widow, wishes to sincerely thank members of both Clubs for their generous financial support given annually to MND for their ongoing research into this disease.

ANDREW KLEINIG



President, Terry Onto
proudly holding the trophy.



Jim Branford

Most Valuable Club Member 2003

A word from OUR House Manager



Clubhouse Presentation

'Help' The high standard of our clubhouse presentation, including tidiness, hygiene and facilities are all made possible by our volunteer helpers. So I am more than pleased to welcome our new members and relay that our 'club policy' is that all pennant members, not currently undertaking club duties, are required to assist in helping in maintaining a presentable clubhouse.

We do have contract cleaners who do a general clubhouse clean on Monday evenings each week. However, due to the high level of usage including NightHawks on Tuesday and Wednesday nights the clubhouse needs almost daily cleaning.

Duties

Prior to Pennant matches on Wednesday and Saturday three players are chosen by the Selectors to undertake Duty 1, 2 or 3. (Duty 1 the clubhouse, Duty 2 the toilets & kitchen, Duty 3 the verandas and grounds) Their name on the selection board will have next to it Duty 1, Duty 2 or Duty 3. As a general rule members need to commence these duties by 9.30am on the Pennant day. The duty requires about 30 minutes of your time. (If for some reason you are unable to undertake your duty on the day designated, you are required to arrange another member to fill in or substitute for you)

Beyond Duties

Your support in this will only be required once or maybe twice for the season. The list of duties is on the notice board next to the Saturday and Wednesday Pennant teams. The Thursday Women's Pennant day duties will also be assigned by the Selectors.

As a member of Hawthorn Bowling Club I would also be pleased if you would treat the clubhouse as your own. So if you/we need something done please ask me for help or indeed find the key to the paper dispensers and refill them, wipe up a spill on the floor or wipe down a messy table.

For those new members not familiar with the duties or whereabouts of cleaning products/consumables, please just see me.

I would love to help you help! -Rick Owen

Care of our greens:

Recently a ruling was issued by Bowls SA on "dumping" bowls and the effect it has on greens. Their ruling was issued because of permanent damage to carpet greens by bowlers dumping their bowls. I didn't think that it is a serious issue for our Club. The small marks made by most bowlers quickly repair themselves and rarely cause bowls to deviate.

Unfortunately someone bowling a short end on rink 24 yesterday managed to "dump" hard enough to create indents that required repair by Nigel. Dumping includes dropping bowls onto the green when standing on the banks at the start of a game.

If this had occurred in a match the player involved could be sanctioned under the new ruling.

I encourage anyone who needs to "dump" to be able to bowl, to talk to Alf Boyle about trying out a "bowling arm".

Nigel is doing a great job looking after our greens so I ask that we all respect our greens and his efforts by not "dumping" or lobbing bowls from the bank onto the green.

BERNIE MANSER - GREENS' MANAGER

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

At the end of August, the Social Committee members, comprising Marilyn Gerlach, Trish Cook, Pene Bilsborough, Maria Raymond, Ian Oliver and Leanne Owen got together to discuss, and decide upon some functions for the coming season. So, out with your diary!



Saturday December 14th – *Christmas Dinner* - Join your fellow bowlers for a lovely main course followed by sweets - also a visit from someone very special!

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!

In addition The Social Committee will be catering for:

Saturday December 7th – Private function for the Memorial Hospital.

Date to be advised. *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.

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

UMPIRE! UMPIRE!

Over several weeks in August and into September Alf Boyle conducted the training for the Umpires course. Peter Castle, Shane Newton, Terry Onto, Brian and Maree Schaefer and Bev Ploenges plus 3 others from other clubs undertook the Level 1 course while Bob Wadsworth undertook the Level 2 course from our club.

We all passed our written and measuring exam with flying colours. All results for the both exams were over 90%. So, when you call out UMPIRE next time you may be surprised to see someone **new** doing the good deed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL for giving up your time and

A BIG THANK YOU

ALF BOYLE

for your
patience,
endurance
and help.

HOW WE ESCAPE THE COLD



Ever since our daughter Christine and her husband came back to Australia in 1997, after spells in England and Hong Kong, we have sought relief from the Adelaide winters every year by visiting them in Brisbane for a few weeks. This has, except for one year, entailed driving to and from Brisbane. In 1999 we descended upon them via Tennant Creek and Townsville but, otherwise we have followed more direct routes, albeit that they are different each year.

Each holiday involves three or four weeks of stop-overs either coming or going. We don't class ourselves as the traditional grey nomads as we don't pull a caravan and we don't play bowls along the way. We choose park cabins and the occasional motel. We do have a few favourite spots, two in particular where we are inclined to spend three or four nights, are Umina Beach in the Gosford region of New South Wales near the mouth of the Hawkesbury River, and Darlington Beach, north of Coffs Harbor. Both these beaches provide for what we like doing – walking long distances on clean, firm sand – away from it all!

This year the chosen route took us through Melbourne and Lakes Entrance and up the N.S.W. south coast to, guess where? – Umina Beach. From Woolongong to beyond Sydney nature gave us the mother of all rainstorms, particularly through the suburbs of Sydney. Our stops from Lakes Entrance were at Narooma and Kiama. Next stage was to Darlington Beach with a two day break at Port Macquarie calling on old friends now living there. The final stage to Chapel Hill, in Brisbane's western suburbs was, as usual, covered in a day - 2,700 kilometres on from Adelaide. As always, it was great to spend time with our family including a lovely granddaughter now fifteen almost sixteen.

During our two weeks at Chapel Hill, we took in a weekend at Noosa, staying with old friends from our working days at Keith and Bordertown. On the return trip to Adelaide, we stayed for a couple of days at Armidale with another couple from the Keith days. You might imagine the reminiscences that were wonderfully exchanged on those visits.

The trip home from Armidale included two nights at Dubbo, taking the Western Plains Zoo, with single stops at Narrandera and Balranald. We think we know the way now, but never tire of it.

NOEL AND BEV ALLISON

A word from the Editor. I am planning to have monthly profiles—two male profiles followed by one female in proportion to membership. If you would like your profile published please see The Editor..

Travel or other significant events in members lives will also be considered. I intend to keep the publication positive and informative. It is at my discretion if a submission is not published.

MAREE SCHAEFER EDITOR.

MEMBERSHIP 2013 –14

As at October 6th

Full members

Men 95

Ladies 41

Associate 4 Men

Student 4

Junior 2

One and a Half Rinks from one family!!



What a great photo of a lovely family group—the Kaufer family. Who do you see on the greens Saturday mornings before a Pennant game and then again on Sunday mornings—of course the Kaufer family.

Mason & Preston (twins) are not only our youngest members but are also in the State U18 squad. We all admire your dedication and support of the club. We wish you all the best for the coming season. (Ed.)

MEMBERSHIP IN & OUT

Out

John Whelan to Toorak/Burnside

In

Dawn Stoddart from Beaumont

Kevin Richards (returning after a short absence).

Ron Jones is well on the road to recovery and is again looking forward to rolling his bowls on the green again. Good to see you looking better Ron.

NEW CLUB SPONSOR



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