



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

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Editor- Maree Schaefer

From the President

I thought I might try to be a little less grumpy this month and offer a big thank you to all members who have contributed their time and effort into making the current season such a success for the club. I do not refer to our bowling success alone (although we have done rather nicely in that department) but to the continuing success of the club financially, to the maintenance of membership numbers, and in relation to the general feeling of goodwill which I see around the club at (nearly) all times. The period immediately following publication of selected teams may be a small exception to this general feeling of good will....

The level of contribution varies from member to member but however much you each put in it is always valuable and is much appreciated by those of us who are tasked with running the club. Very few make no contribution at all and nobody actually refuses to help when a personal approach is made.

Good luck for the remainder of the season and I look forward to seeing you around the club . TERRY ONTO

Ladies Vice President

Ladies Vice President Leslie Slattery reported the following to the February Board meeting relating to the Men's Country Carnival. 'Except for Monday and Tuesday morning when Adelaide experienced very high winds, the weather for the carnival was very pleasant. All the volunteers worked well and the meals and their friendly attitude was appreciated by the country men. The meals were well received and the men complimented us on the abundance and assortment of salads provided. Over the three days the ladies served 189 meals (players, visitors, officials and workers). We still managed to make a profit of approx. \$800 which I think is excellent. I have sent an email to all volunteers thanking them for their great effort.'

Profile—Graham Giles

I was the eldest of 6 children with 3 sisters and 2 brothers. With my father being a country policeman our early childhood days were spent in several towns around South Australia. First school was at Solomontown. Primary in Port Pirie then Berri Primary followed by Kingston SE Higher Primary School. The Headmaster here was our very own George Charlesworth's father who also was our English teacher. George considers that I was one of his father's very few failures. Also at this school was our present ladies coach Shirley Blackwell.

It was during this period I developed my affinity with the sea and crayfishing. I was always down at the jetty either fishing or talking with the fishermen on their boats. Occasionally I was allowed to go with them around their craypots on weekends.

After Kingston we moved to Saddleworth and I attended Riverton High for one year. Upon leaving school my father insisted that I complete a trade so off to Weapons Research Establishment at Salisbury to become a radio apprentice I went. At the completion of the apprenticeship I transferred to Woomera and stayed for about 18 months. Out of the blue I was offered a job back at Salisbury which I took and enrolled in Bachelor of Technology course in Electronic Engineering. My first subject was General Maths (because I had been proficient at maths in school I thought this would be a good starting point). What a shock when confronted by 'calculus' (I could spell it but that was all). Mid Year exam 1 — 12%. Exam 2 - 13%. (budding electronic engineer I think not). With the help of one of my superiors at WRE who became a tutor to me he was able to simplify calculus so well that a distinction was achieved in the final exam. Without his help I would have been another 'drop out' statistic. This emphasised to me how beneficial outside help can be. At the end of two years I had passed the 5 subjects I had sat for and it still remains that number.

Every year my annual holidays were spent down at Kingston crayfishing with my friend. I knew that I loved crayfishing but wasn't game to resign my job because I had 'security' in a government job. On the night of 10 o'clock closing of hotels in SA my friend was knocked over by a car and suffered extensive injuries. With two boats in the family his father went and skippered his son's boat and tied his own up. Back for my annual holidays my friend and I put his dad's boat back into operation with him steering with his plastered broken leg in a large plastic bag to stop from getting wet. At the dinner table one night his father suggested I resign my job and come down fishing. That was the catalyst required so resign I did. When I told my fiancée Lesley, I was very close to getting the ring back. We did get married that year and she moved to Kingston with the proviso that after twelve months we were to go back to Adelaide. (34 years and three daughters later we did just that). After our return to Adelaide and over a period of time five grandsons have been welcomed into our family.

I worked for 5 seasons as a deckhand then in 1972 we purchased our first boat (wooden cutter 33 foot long) then in late seventies a new fibreglass planing hull built out at St. Kilda (30 foot long with 250 horsepower motor) and finally in early nineties a new aluminium planing hull from Fremantle. (40 foot long with 450 horsepower motor. No problem being a ski boat.)

After 34 years of thoroughly enjoying fishing I had seen many fishermen continue on for 'just one more year' and I knew that I did not want to go down a similar path so in 2002 I retired and we moved back to Adelaide living not far from the Hawthorn Bowling Club where I have been a member since that time. We have travelled extensively visiting a few 'different' places and hope to visit many more.

Life is about opportunity and you have to firstly recognise it and then be prepared to take the risk involved (after careful consideration.) Some people can, others for a variety of reasons are not prepared to chance it. This was reinforced to me at a reunion of my apprentice year colleagues when we were in our fifties. They were still working at WRE, had gone on to become engineers (obviously didn't have problems with calculus) but were hoping for a package so they could get out, not having enjoyed their working life as I had. If not for my Kingston friend's father making that statement at the dinner table I too would have probably had a less than fulfilling working life like these people.



Coaching tips

"Individual Practice Pays Off"

As Coaches, Shirley and I can't stress enough the importance of individual skills practice, commitment (time & effort) and the 48 bowls test. I would like to highlight two players I believe have shown what can be achieved with the right attitude and commitment in recent times, that did not go unnoticed with improved performances resulting in their promotion back to the Premier 2 side in Clem Case & Susan Jenkins, I would also personally like to congratulate both players on becoming this seasons Club Champions last week. A huge achievement that both players will no doubt treasure for some time! Well done!

I would like all players to make sure they read and retain a copy of the article that we could all read before the start of every season written by Shirley Blackwell in the last Herald titled ***Working as a Team***. It is one of the best articles I have seen and is not only true but an article that everyone should take on board. On the days when things haven't quite gone right, or the person next to you is rubbing you up the wrong way, remember the article and remember you are a TEAM,

I would also once again like to say a big thank you to Graham Dodd for organizing the weekly practice sessions on Tuesdays, I believe that he is getting a very good turn out every week from players obviously wanting to get together and improve their game. I strongly feel it has helped the club, playing group and we are seeing results at all levels. Thank you Graham & players who attend. Keep up the good work guys.

Let's all finish off the season strongly! **"Go Hawks"**

Club Coach, Steve Grant

Our Taylor Cup side being on top of the table played their last game of the competition Sunday night with a great win and all rinks up consolidating the top spot and now will play finals against the top Qualifiers in the other leagues in the following weeks!

Well Done Team! **"Go Hawks"**

The sale off Lions Club Christmas cakes and puddings resulted in a donation to our Club of \$118. Thanks to all those who supported this cause.



Date to remember—have you got your entry in?

Sunday April 13th - Cappo Seafood Day.

Overheard on the Green 1 March 2014

Andrew Bear (Skip) to Lesley Slattery (third): 'If you can come through here and take the kitty I will give you a kiss.' Lesley takes careful aim and misses by a whisker. The question is: Who was the most disappointed?

Men's Country Carnival

They start arriving at 8.15am from places as diverse as Streaky Bay, Wudinna, Berri, Mount Gambier, Point McDonald and many others. They are our fellow bowlers from the country here for the annual Country Carnival. And they have one thing in mind, WINNING, but they also will meet again friends and mates from previous years as well as having an enjoyable time. The camaraderie in the clubrooms and then on the green is palpable. The visitors enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and vegemite slices as they wait for the managers to call the cards for the first game in the sectional play. They will be required to play 3 games and then for some a further knockout game.

Organising the day starts early for our managers, Graham Giles and Randall Gerlach. They arrive at the clubrooms at 8am. Lesley Slattery and her band of helpers also arrive early to organise the early morning cuppa and eats and then go on to prepare the lunch which will be taken after the second game. And not forgetting the umpires Alf Boyle, Jackie Barber and Bob Wadsworth who also need to be present. Bar workers Terry and Anne Onto and Brian and Maree Schaefer, also arrive early on their rostered day, as the bar has to be open early for the players. A few indulge in a beer, but others are after an energy drink. Nigel (Greenkeeper) and Dave Sutherland have been at work early preparing immaculate greens for the players.

The cards are called and the day's play starts. Graham and Randall now have time to watch a few games, Lesley and her helpers clear up, and begin preparations for lunch. The bar is quiet until the end of each game and then numerous players are after a drink. The break after each game is also a busy time for Graham and Randall as they enter results on the score sheets and then call the cards for the next game.

At around 1.00pm players begin coming in

for lunch. It has been set up in buffet style, with players obtaining their plate of meat and helping themselves to salads prepared by the ladies. A smooth operation results and players are more than happy with the spread prepared. The Bar also has been busy, but the busiest time is after the third game. Then many of the players can relax and enjoy a drink as they dissect the day's events, with some pondering on 'what might have been', but for that 'opposition's lucky wick' or 'my one short bowl'.

Hawthorn Bowling Club hosted a section of Fours on Monday 3rd, Singles on Tuesday 4th (thanks also to the markers from our club) Pairs on Wednesday 5th and Knockout Pairs on Friday 7th February. Monday was difficult with gusty winds most of the time; Tuesday was decidedly unpleasant as it was blowing a gale. That caused havoc with a number of players caught in traffic jams, one arriving nearly half an hour late. Wednesday was a pleasant day for playing as was Friday.

Compliments to all involved in hosting a successful round of the Country Carnival.

BRIAN SCHAEFER (SECRETARY)

Taylor's Cup

At the last minor round game played at Glenelg our Hawthorn side won 10-0. We finished on top of the table for Silver South, with 56 points out of a possible 70.

We now play in the semi-finals at Hawthorn on Sunday the 16th of March at 6.00.

Hawthorn will host 12 teams, with all 24 rinks in use. It will be a big night. Fiona will cater for food. (not just a BBQ).

I am looking for 6 markers & 2 umpires for this night. Could you please contact me, if you can help. Also it would be good if Hawthorn members could come along & support our players.

Hope to see you there. **Gary Mickan**

Hats off to you
Rick Owen!



As members may have noticed we have new table tops in the clubhouse. Most of the old top had varying degrees of damage, and to match all tops it was decided to renew the round tops as well. The 20 year old models served us well as will the new ones as long as “substantial spills” at the edges are wiped as soon possible. I would like to thank both Bob Wadsworth and Bernie Manser for their 8 hours “hard labour” in assisting me with the refurbishment.

New chairs to replace our aging chairs is being considered by the board.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have helped me as the House Manager over the last three seasons. I will not be standing for another term but will be pleased to assist the next manager/s in the future.

Regards, RICK OWEN HOUSE MANAGER

It should also be noted by members that Rick made and installed cupboards for the Ladies Locker room. His craftsmanship would not necessarily have been noticed by most members due to the location, but we thank him for his thorough and professional work. It is much appreciated—a very worthy candidate for the 'Hats off' award! EDITOR

GREENS—GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!!

Extracts of ‘Greens Report’ as presented to February Board meeting:

At last some warmth to get the grass growing. The downside is that our water bill will probably be greater than the budget estimate.

A Green: - This green has come up well after laser levelling last month (January).

B Green: - This green is playing well and is getting plenty of use.

C Green: -This green is holding up well but needs the renovation work planned for the end of the season. If the weather holds it will be taken out of play straight after the last Night Hawks game.

D Green: - This green has come back really well and is probably our most consistent surface. We are particularly pleased with the improvement on the western side. Rinks 23 & 24 are now little different from the eastern rinks.

BERNIE MANSER—GREENS MANAGER

At the February meeting of the Board:

- ♦ **it was reported that many members and visiting players have commented on the ‘better than ever’ greens. A big thankyou must go to Bernie our Greens’ Manager and Nigel our Greenkeeper and David Sutherland. Well done guys!**
- **Nigel’s contract has been renewed for two years.**

Congratulations!

'8' badges won by **Noel Allison's** rink in Metro 4S Round 8,
7th December 2013 against Somerton at home

Skip—Noel Allison
Third—Dawn Stoddart
Second—Mike O'Dea
Lead—Pam Buckerfield



'8' badges by Steve Grants' rink in Premier 2S Round 10, 11th January 2014
against Toorak/Burnside

Skip—Steve Grant
Third—Brian Starr
Second—Graham Giles
Lead—A Houston

Quiz night held on February 22nd was a **HUGE** success!

Dear Doddy & friends

Participants couldn't have said it much better than you have. The evening raised in the vicinity of \$1,500 Editor.

'Just wanted to say how great the Music Quiz night was last Saturday. All my guests were impressed with the smooth running, easy to understand & entertaining evening that the night was.

The host of the Quiz was superb and highly organized to make the tasks abundantly clear & fun!

Please convey our thanks to the Social committee for an excellent night.'

Best Regards Doddy & friends'

Thanks especially to Leanne, Marilyn, Pene and Ian Oliver for their excellent planning..

The 2014 AGM will be held on Saturday, 3rd May. Please consider how you can best support your club. You may wish to nominate to join the Board, or offer to be the next House Manager or Bar Manager and so on. The opportunities are just waiting for you! Nomination forms will be forwarded in due course, along with the other AGM documents.

Please note this date in your diaries.

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.

-- Winston Churchill

Ladies Championships

Pairs Final.

The first team; (in alphabetical order) Shirley Blackwell and Jackie Barber just scrapped through in their semi-final with a 2 point win over the indomitable pair of Margaret Lamshed and Barbara Payne.

The second pair vying for the 2014 title was Liz Gooda and Susan Jenkins. They had a nail biting finish. The pair of Pene Bilsborough and Bev Ploenges took their opponents to a 10 all draw on the final end. The extra end fell to favor Liz and Susan by 1 shot.

First end and stamping their authority early was Shirley and Jackie with three shots, adding two more to the tally in the next two ends.

A good straight drive by Liz on the fourth end resulted in four shots to start the challenge rolling.

The score was building and stood at 10-7 on the 8th end in Shirley and Jackie's favor.

Susan started the next end with a nice draw bowl. Shirley just touching that bowl to sit it down, but her next bowl, with a subtle wick, came to rest close to the jack. Liz again executed a terrific drive taking the offending bowl from its holding position but unfortunately clipping the nearby jack and sending it out to four opposing bowls.

Next end Jackie and Shirley capitalized on the misfortune of their opponents to put in some great bowls to make a count of four. A determined Susan whisked the jack away to hold shot by centimeters. Liz put in a well placed saver at the edge of the plinth expecting the jack to be under attack. A finely executed drive by Shirley left the jack standing but the shot bowl was gone giving the combination of Shirley/Jackie another four to add to their score.

The jack was pounded from all players over the next few ends, giving the majority of points to Shirley and Jackie. The score was 24 to 9, with four ends to go. The strong breeze became a major contender.

The "never say die" pair of Liz and Susan started a magnificent fight back winning the next three ends with a five, two and a three, making the score a healthier 19 to 24. The game was in its final throws. Jackie drew the shot.

Susan placed two bowls just behind. Liz added two more bowls within the area. Shirley's two bowls hung out on the edge of those. Jackie's first bowl sat tenaciously in the middle of the head. Susan took this as a challenge and pushed the shot bowl through giving her team a three up. Jackie's last bowl was the ultimate draw shot making a very difficult task for her opposition.

Not so, says Liz, who took out the obtrusive shot bowl with a great clean drive. The excitement was there, they had the required number to force another end!

Shirley dug in and replied with a S.W.I.G shot. (Second wood is gold)

Congratulations to the winners; Shirley Blackwell and Jackie Barber. Final score 24 to 20.

Singles Final.

The game between Liz Gooda and Susan Jenkins was a spectacular display of great draw bowling.

The first few ends saw both players placing their bowls within centimeters of the jack. Susan drawing two bowls beautifully inside of Liz's bowls to go to a good lead.

Liz was holding shot twice when Susan came in to the head and sat between Liz's bowl and the jack. The next end was the same with Susan this time pulling the jack away to claim another end.

A few wayward bowls made the spectators believe that this pair was human after all and then a great resting toucher by Liz saw a repeat of the previous end and at the 7th the score was 13-3 in Susan's favor.

11th end and Liz went for a drive at Susan's three compacted bowls splattering them to the back of the rink but the score for the end remained two down for Liz.

Liz started a comeback on the 14th end scoring a 4, 2 and 2 in the next three ends.

On the 17th Liz again was holding two brilliant bowls only to have Susan draw the ultimate.

Three more ends and the score was 24 to 20.

A battle of the draw ensued with Susan just holding shot and game with Liz having three seconds.

A comment from Liz of "what the heck" saw a magnificent drive just shaving the whiskers off the shot bowl.

Final score Susan 25- Liz 20. **Congratulations Susan!**

Pene Bilsborough

The Club Championship Singles was won by Clem Case. He defeated Steve Grant The Club Championship Pairs was won by Alan Russell & Andy Houston They defeated Steve Grant & Wayne Bartsch.

The "B" grade singles was won by Daryl Kaufer. He defeated Ian King. The mixed pairs final will be fought out between Fiona McGregor & Frank Pedretti against Anne & Terry Onto. The 2 Bowl & Consistency singles are still at the semi-final stage. We should have winners next week." Gary Mikan.

Obituary for Anne Wehr by Rose Mitchell

Anne remained a country woman at heart all her life. She had always played sport so when she relocated from Kadina to Adelaide, she joined Hawthorn Bowling Club, played tennis and was an active member of Rotary. A great cook, her tiramisu was to die for. She came to live in Highgate after her children were all settled in country South Australia. She joined Hawthorn Bowling Club in 2002 and was a valued secretary from 2008-9; 2009-10; and 2010-11 seasons (3 years) and in doing so encouraged some of the clubs current top bowlers and great club members to join Hawthorn. Anne preferred to have fun playing bowls and was keen to continue to play social games on Friday mornings and was planning to participate in night owls next season.

She had a farm at Kadina and travelled back and forth every week. The land was leased but the house and garden, mostly fruit trees kept her busy and it was important to her and something which she did not want to give up. Those who went to the Kadina and Moonta Gala days with Anne will never forget the great times. Success was varied. One year the HBC team won; another year, it was terribly windy as only Yorke Peninsula can be and the Bute opposition scored an eight simply because not one of HBC's bowls was in play. Seven on the bank, the remaining one had joined up with the next rink. The team was of course not going to tell anyone back at Monmouth Road but the men's country carnival was the next week and some Kadina chaps had a good story to tell.

While she had many interests, her family was the core of her life. Two sons and a daughter and seven grandchildren, they made Anne's Highgate home theirs when in town or on weekends when at boarding school and nothing gave her more pleasure than to cook for them. She followed all the grandchil-

dren's sports and regularly drove amazing distances to watch them play.

She was a good friend, always there, quick to help, and always ready to take off for a few days if someone would come with her. Her sudden death shocked all who knew her.

Vale Anne, you will be sadly missed.

Thanks Rose for writing this article for us from your hospital bed. It is most appreciated.

Four ladies from our Club attended the Memorial Service on 28th February held at Kadina in the Wesley Uniting Church. \$50 was donated from HBC to the Cancer Council SA, the nominated charity by Anne's family.

Editor.

Our condolences go to Michael (Mick) O'Dea & his family on the sad passing of his much loved son Tim on 22 February 2014.

Tim's life (34 years) was celebrated in St Bernadette's Church by Fr Leon Quinn 28 February 2014. He was a unique individual dearly loved by his extended family. He loved life and lived it to the full.

Smoking Policy

The Club is currently working on a NO SMOKING policy as suggested by the SA Government and Bowls SA as well as liaising with the Mitcham Council. The policy will apply on July 1st. The suggested policy is as follows:

The Hawthorn Bowling Club policy requires Outdoor spectator and seated areas to be smoke-free.

Outdoor food/drink outlets to be smoke-free

Other congested outdoor areas to be smoke-free.