



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

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From the President

Hi Members

We should be though the trials by the time you read this, and into the new Pennant season. Many thanks to Graham Dodd for his work in getting the new selection protocols up and running for Wednesday and Saturday teams. A big thanks also to the selectors, especially those new to the job. I ask all members to support the selectors even though you may not always agree with their decisions. This of course goes for the Thursday ladies' selectors as well. A process has been instituted to let you air your grievances in a civilized manner and we ask you to please use that process. At no time should the selectors (including Graham and Bev) be treated with anything less than respect. They give generously of their time and members will be well aware of that. If you do have a problem or concern about selection, or any other aspect of club administration, feel free to raise it with the appropriate person and we will try to resolve the issue. If for some reason we are unable to help we ask you to do your best to live with whatever is concerning you and maybe even get over it. Now there's a thought!

Cheers for now and let's all enjoy the game and the Club.

Terry Onto

Coaches Corner

I would like to start off by welcoming all members and player group for the upcoming season, that as usual has come around pretty quickly!

Upon reflection of last season it was a very successful one, especially for the top Women's side whom I would like to congratulate on gaining promotion to the Premier 1 Division along with the Men's top side that were triumphant in conquering Brighton BC who were undefeated for the entire season but had no answers in both finals against Hawthorn, going down in all four rinks and

a sizeable margin in the Grand Final to the Hawks.

Shirley Blackwell and myself were delighted with the results in our first season at the Club.

However an even bigger challenge lies ahead for this season that will require even greater effort by the playing group to retain the positions in the Premier Divisions.

The Hawthorn BC is a great Club with fantastic facilities, greens and a good location to play bowls, being one of the bigger Clubs in the surrounding area that we should all be proud of, it is important to keep our player group and membership numbers and hopefully build on them which can be assisted if all the sides in our great Club can be successful also and achieve promotion with the overall goal to attain consecutive sides in the Pennant League, thus making Hawthorn an appealing Club for bowlers to be apart of, so I am asking for all of our player group to put in the extra effort that will be needed, in the form of practice on the green this season in a bid to realize this goal!

As most of you would have heard me say before, one of the best practice drills for overall improved performance on the green is the 48 Bowl Test which is still used by the Australian Squad and is quite easy to set up and do, Instructions and scoring sheets are available next to the Selected Sides white boards along with various other drills that are available!

Also players needing assistance regarding coaching or bowling issues need only see Shirley or myself for help.

Just remember "You Only Get Out What You Put In" & "Winners Are Grinners"

I would like to wish you all the best and good bowling for this season!

"Go The Hawks"

Steve Grant Club Coach/Selector

Vice President Men

I shall move from my view of good administration last month to professionalism. Now this is a good word for our scrabble man Graham Dodd. All grovelling aside I believe that he is setting the standard for professionalism at Hawthorn Bowling Club. If you are a selector or indeed a player, you would know the time and effort that goes into selection and communication. I believe our communication at Hawthorn is second to none.

Leading on from this is the excellent communication from our President. If you do not read his missives you can listen to him. Now I turn to the Schaefers. Brian's work is of a high standard, and sometimes, he does it standing up! After some discussions and emails with Maree I have found our Hawthorn Herald and her editorial skills to be excellent. (Yes I have learnt some things with my reporting).

Now professionalism may have nothing to do with your bowling, but again, it may. The scene has been set and our winning bowls will follow. Our coaching, practice and playing will all come to the fore in coming weeks I am sure.

Finally on a personal note I have found my friend Alan Harris to be our new strategist. When you are down 14 to 8, with 6 ends to play try something different, like long ends. Although the skipper may not agree our lead Alan says I am going to try it. Result we win the last 6 ends against Payneham to finish 16 – 14 up. Good bowling all.

Barry Hanna

Vice President Ladies

At this stage of the bowls season, the Ladies practice days are well attended by all members and for this I congratulate you all. We are now having skills practise and team games prior to lunch and most of the ladies stay on afterwards and again participate in team practice until 2 – 2.30 pm. There is a great feeling of unity amongst this group and augers well for the coming Pennant Season. The ladies have had two trial games so far – against Holdfast Bay and Kensington Marryatville. Our next trial is against Payneham on Thursday, 2nd October. This will be a test on Payneham's fast synthetic greens.

The group of five to six ladies who got together on a Thursday during the winter break donated approx \$250 towards the Club's coffers. Tina Burg taught several ladies to play Mah Jong and this became a very popular game. So much so, that Sylvia and Marion joined Tina playing at the Fullarton Community Centre on Monday mornings. Thank you Tina for your patience and great tutoring.

Dulcie Phillis has moved to Whyalla-Norrie to live. Here she will be closer to her daughter. I had a phone call last week and had a great chat. She has been playing Bingo. I asked about Mah Jong but, as yet, she has not found a club or group to join. She asked me to pass on her good wishes to you all for the coming season.

Club coaches, Steve Grant and Shirley Blackwell, held a coaching session on Sunday, 28th September 2014, from 10 am – 1 pm. 18 men and women attended and it was a very informative session. Skill rinks were set up on D Green and everyone (I think) enjoyed the challenge.

Unfortunately it was very, very windy but it was an excellent learning curve.

Let's fly the flag high and make every game a winner.

Lesley Slattery

IMG Database

It may not occur this year, but certainly in the near future all of our bowls results will be done on-line. This year bowls results will be entered on-line, but as a safeguard results will still have to be faxed into Bowls SA.

To send results to the Newspapers, Clubs are encouraged to 'copy and paste' teams and results into an email. That means that information is in digital form and can simply be copied from the email and pasted into the newspaper.

Some things will be easier, but may take a few weeks to get used to.

Lesley Slattery and Brian Schaefer attended the first training session.

Benefits of the IMG STG partnership for bowls.

All associations on the one system; therefore making clearances from interstate simpler

Membership – reducing double handling and time of administrators and volunteers

Website – easy to use functionality for clubs

Competition management system – scores can be uploaded to the website instantly following completion of a match

Ability to create a complete bowls history of every member

Brian Schaefer

Profile— Barry Hanna

I was born and bred in Port Pirie the second son of four boys. I attended primary and then high school until completing leaving. I then started work at The Bank of Adelaide and worked in Pt. Pirie for one year, before being moved 35km away to Caltowie. After 18 months I was moved to Adelaide Head Office and worked in the Bill Department then Overseas Department. I had eight years in the bank before taking a job at Lensworth Finance, where I was promoted over seven years to Group Accountant. I had qualified as a CPA during this time, believing I would someday go into practice. I obtained my Tax Agents Licence. However I saw a job requiring the first Manager of CPS Credit Union, starting there with eight employees and \$2 million in assets, I retired 26 years later with 400 staff and \$4 billion in assets. During the latter years I was a Director with the national body for nine years and then a Director of CPS Credit Union for ten years.

As a CPA I became a Fellow in 1987 and received an award for meritorious service in 1997, having served on various committees during this time. I became State President in 2000. When I started work at CPS Credit Union I became a Justice of the Peace in 1973 and currently give my time as a volunteer at Burnside Council.

Outside of work I have always been a keen athlete winning distance races at school, then started umpiring at age 20 with SANFL. I retired in 1972 and received life membership of SANFLUA in 1973.

After watching SANFL matches for a few years I set myself a goal to run ten full

marathons and to get under the three hour barrier which I achieved on four

occasions. During this time I ran in many distance runs from half marathons to 12km City Bay, winning my age group eight times with a best time of 42 minutes.

I played competition tennis for many years and when I retired I started lawn bowls.

I joined Apex in my late 30's, the same year as Peter Radcliffe and I am now a Probus member.

With lovely wife Fay we have two sons, two granddaughters in Adelaide and the latest a five year old grandson in Sydney.

Fay and I started travelling to far north Queensland over 20 years ago to visit her sister (now deceased) and bought and sold properties in Port Douglas and Clifton Beach. We have gradually increased our time at Clifton Beach from one month to three months a year in our seaside apartment.

We have also spent a lot of time overseas, starting in 1980 and we have visited many places, some several times, for example Venice, probably our number one spot.

I am enjoying my bowls and I am happy with my many friends at Hawthorn.



Each mistake teaches you something new about yourself. There is no failure, remember, except in no longer trying. It is the courage to continue that counts.” — [Chris Bradford, *The Way of the Sword*](#)

Who braved the strong north winds on Sunday 28th September from 10.00am—1.00pm?

Steve Grant and Shirley Blackwell, our club coaches, generously and enthusiastically offered their time to help members with bowling questions, techniques, tips and tricks. It would have been easy to stay home considering the conditions, but the people who attended were treated to top quality advice, skill drills and even personal assistance. Their enthusiasm was contagious given that we bowled with and against the wind.

Thanks heaps to Steve and Shirley

Have you noticed?

We now have new place mats in the kitchen. Thanks to Brian Harmer for printing 200 copies and to Maree, Leanne and Brian (Schaefer) for laminating them.

DUMPING YOUR BOWLS

There is now a Bowls SA Law about dumping your bowls, but what is dumping? Rob Judson, a highly respected coach in Queensland suggests that clubs need to develop a definition and process for handling dumpers. I guess we can all spot the big dumpers, but given the lack of definition beware of umpires at other clubs taking a hard line on what constitutes dumping. If you dump your bowl on delivery the Umpire of the Day is entitled to give you a verbal warning. If you continue to dump you may be asked to stop playing and your team will forfeit points.

If you know you are dumping, or someone tells you that you are, please seek advice from a coach and maybe even consider using an arm. Many clubs are now being observant of this law, particularly those with synthetic greens. If anyone has played at Gawler in the last year or two, you will have

seen what dumping can do to an artificial green. It was even mentioned to me at Payneham by their Umpire of the Day, that some of our players were dumping and that I should talk to them.

I would be happy to discuss any umpiring laws with anyone.

JACKIE BARBER

International Technical Official

Membership

In

Spencer Langman from Toorak-Burnside

New

David Robertson

Out

Clem Case to ??

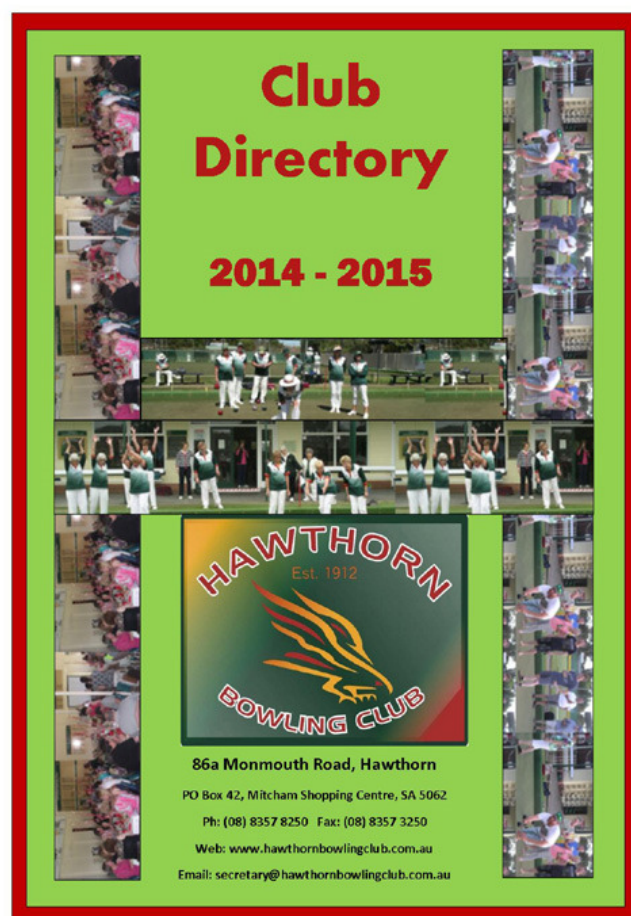
Stuart Lea to Adelaide

Club Directory

This season the Board decided not to proceed with the old format of the Events Calendar, which required a lot of work by Brian Harmer, in particular collating the monthly section. Rather, the club is producing a Club Directory containing an 'Introduction to Hawthorn' which will be especially beneficial to new members as well as containing useful information for long standing members. The Directory will still contain information of club officials; winners of championships; other material; and more importantly contact details of all members. Thanks to Brian Schaefer and Terry Onto for putting the innovative 'Introduction' section together. Thanks to Brian Harmer, who once again has agreed to print the Directory.

A special thanks to Brian Schaefer for designing the new cover and collating the information therein.

Contact details are accurate at the date of publication. If there are subsequent changes please inform the Secretary.



Introducing our new Bar Man

"You will have seen a new helper behind the bar. His name is Gary Sun and he has come to us through a Commonwealth Government back to work scheme. He will work for us as needed and at the moment he is doing good work on Wednesday and Saturday penant days. We are hopeful that he can also help with cleaning duties and this will be managed by Trish Cook our newly appointed House Manager. Thanks for the good will you have already shown Gary."

Season Opening

& Information Evening, 6th Sept.

it was the perfect day for our Season Opening Day. The sun was shining with a maximum temperature of 20.9 at 2.00pm and there was a hint of a breeze which wooed over 70 plus members to support the club's Season Opening Day and Information Evening.

Clem Case (last year's Men's Club champion) did the honour of rolling the first official bowl for the season. Unfortunately Susan Jenkins was unable to do the honours on behalf of the ladies as she was not well enough.

The President, Terry Onto, welcomed all present and invited Graham Dodd the Chairman of Selectors to inform the players on the new selection panel for Wednesday and Saturday and the criteria's which all players will need to note. He emphasised that the Premier 1 sides in Wednesday and Saturday competitions must endeavour to consolidate and improve their positions while the Wednesday and Saturday Metro 1 sides push hard for promotion into Major League (old Premier 2), while all the other sides need to finish as high as possible, particularly Saturday Metro 2 side to get back into Metro 1. The quote of the day, I must say, was,

I don't give a rats if you don't come out to organised practice as long as you practice

Graham Giles has been appointed Players' Advocate for any player who feels they need to air their case.

Graham Dodd ended his talk with the following challenge to all,

'More Consistency and More Efficiency.

Let's show him that we can rise to the occasion.



Graham Dodd in full swing!

Terry Onto then introduced and invited the Mayor of Mitcham, Mr Michael Picton, to officially declare the season open.

Leanne Owen, Margaret Lambshed & Trish Cook provided a variety of tempting finger foods to sate our appetites while players continued to enjoy the ambience of the day with their favourite drink in hand. A big thank you to them as it was noticed they put in many hours of work to only see the food disappear in a flash before their very eyes. Thanks also to Marilyn Gerlach who helped serve and also did dishes along with Jens & Di Peters and Lance Grimwade.



2014 Winter Bowls

The 2014 winter bowls commenced on Wednesday 12 March 2014 immediately after the Pennant Season finished. Saturday started a little later on 22 March 2014. An earlier start compared to last year where World bowls was involved.

During the course of the season, a variety of over 100 bowlers played on both Saturdays and Wednesdays. Although most were from Hawthorn, we did have guests from other Clubs and Graham Bartel who again visited us from England. Special recognition is given to Steve Maloney our hills visitor who has played winter bowls at Hawthorn for the past five years.

Despite losing a total of seven days to weather, and one due to finals being played, the season has been very successful. We played 42 games and averaged 44 players per game. A huge thank you to the core group of about 30 players who played on most days.

Bill Booker and Alan Harris were again available to provide coaching to seasoned and new players prior to bowls each day.

The format was three bowl pairs and two bowl triples on Saturdays with 2x4x2 pairs being played on some Wednesdays. After two games of 13 or 15 ends, winners are identified and prizes awarded accordingly. All monies raised from winter bowls are contribution to Club funds. Not to the Vic Magoch Benevolent Fund as some may think!!

The wrong bias tin this year got plenty of use with people regularly contributing. Even though Alan embarrassed each and every person who bowled a wrong bias, all monies "donated" will go to a very good cause, - the Little Heroes Foundation to help support kids with cancer.

Nigel Ryan of D & D Curators again provided us with lovely greens to play on. He also provided sponsorship to us for both the Saturday and Wednesday winter bowls. Again many thanks to Nigel.

On 3 September Nigel presented the Wednesday winners with their prizes. The winnings were based on games won during the season. The winners were:

Wednesday 1st Jim Philpot
=2nd George Charlesworth, Joe Grieve, Trevor Strudwick

Nigel was unable to attend on 6 September to present the Saturday winners with their prizes. A very worthy Dave Sutherland did that in his stead. The winners were:

Saturday 1st Joe Grieve
2nd Ian Brown
=3rd George Charlesworth, Lorenzo Dissegna, George Metschke, Paddy Pisano

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated during the 2014 winter bowls. Not only did you help the Club but playing bowls can only improve your bowling.

It is good to be able to rely on others to help us. Anyone that was asked to help from time to time did so without compunction. Special helpers were:

Greens - Dave Sutherland
General - Lois Simpson
Wheel - Alan Harris, Rex Curtis and Rob Geelen

Hope to see you on the green

Winter bowls convenors — Alan Harris & Vic Magoch



Achievers announced 2013-2014



Saturday Pennant

Top Skipper & Top Individual Score	Brian Jenkins
Runner-up Individual Score	Bernie Ward
Runner-up Skipper	Barbara Payne

Wednesday Pennant

Top Individual Score	Brian Harmer
Runner-up Individual Score	Ian Brown
Top Skipper	Steve Grant
Runner-up Skipper	Michael Nimon

Thursday Pennant

Top Skipper & Top Individual Score	Liz Gooda
Runner-up Skipper	Lorna Gallagher
Runner-up Individual Score	Pene Billsborough

A special thanks to Noel Allison who has tirelessly recorded the results.

“It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.” — [Franklin D. Roosevelt, *Looking Forward*](#)