



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

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From the President

Hello again to all members for the new year. I trust you had a good break and your will to win has been renewed. I know that I was well ready for the mid-season break as my results in the various club championships for the period showed. At least I think I made several people very happy.....Talking about that, please make sure that you are up to date with the playing of any events in which you are still alive and kicking.

You will read about a couple of things dear to my heart in the next few pages. First of all, why not think about becoming one of **they** (as in "look what **they** have done now"). New Board members are always welcome so feel free to put your hand up when the time comes.

I also thank all members who helped Alf Boyle with the running of the Under 25 State Championships over the Oz Day long weekend. We needed a bunch of markers and we were not disappointed, so thanks to you, to Bob Wadsworth as Umpire and to Alf (and Carol) for all the time they put in.

Thanks also to those who helped with catering, marking, umpiring/measuring, and organising of the Country Carnival in early February. We have a great volunteer ethic in our Club and it certainly helps me and Brian and the others on the Board.

Terry Onto



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Vice President—Ladies

Welcome to the first edition of the Herald for 2015. As usual I am sure you will find informative and amusing articles. The Thursday Pennant season has only four matches to play. The P1 team will be striving hard to win points to avoid relegation. M1W is still travelling along comfortably and M1C will win some more games. A busy couple of months are coming up for the Club and I urge ALL members to help where they can, We extend a big warm welcome to our newest Club member, Sue Coultas. Sue is an experienced bowler who plays at the top level.

Lesley Slattery

Vice President Men

PENANCE

Our penance for not getting our bowls close to the jack is borne out by the tables as at the end of the Wednesday and Saturday pennants for 2014.

Saturday		Wednesday	
Premier 1	9 th	Premier 1	7 th
1 East	4 th	1 South	8 th
2 South	10 th	1 East	2 nd
2 East	1 st	2 East	7 th
3 Central	7 th	3 East	9 th
3 SW	8 th		
4 East	6 th		
4 SW	7 th		

Now for 2015 we are off to only a fair start.

Our 8th side on Saturday has now reached five forfeits, so cannot continue under SA Bowls rules.

Wait for it – this now means we will have rotation for remaining weeks. The reason we initially put in eight teams was to avoid rotation but with more than twelve players out each week, that has meant the eighth team cannot play.

Good news is 2 East Saturday is still on top and will be promoted if we keep winning. Where as 1 East on Wednesday will probably finish second. Hopefully other sides will win enough rinks to avoid relegation.

My suggestion for bed time reading this month is 'Inclement Weather Policy' which has changed this year.

Finally, remember the fifth ingredient to any brilliant performance is luck! (Read next month for the first four ingredients).

Good bowling,

Barry Hanna

Practice on your Own

I always say that the best way to practice is on your own and in competition mode. Try this exercise and see how you go.

In game play you play an imaginary opponent over ten ends of singles. By consistently drawing within 2 mat lengths you will beat your opponent in this game play.

Good bowls will add to your score but any poor bowls will add to your opponents score.

You must keep the mat on the 2 metre mark then vary the length of each end using short, medium and long ends.

Play 2 F/H bowls then 2 B/H on each end to simulate a real game.

Play 10 ends offcourse using 4 bowls. You will need a score card.

SCORING :

Score one shot for each bowl that finishes within two mats length of the original jack position. Bowls that finish greater than 2 mats length score 1 shot for your opponent.

If you think that is too easy try getting your bowls within 1 mats length and scoring 1 shot, anything outside that your opponent scores 1 shot. That would be a good test for you.

Good luck.

Shirley Blackwell

We welcome into our membership Sue Coultas who has transferred to our Club from Brighton. Please introduce yourselves to Sue and make her feel welcomed.

Profile — Maggie Forbes

I am the youngest of three siblings of Laurence & Ivy Prosser and experienced an idealistic upbringing on their farm at Tintinara. Unfortunately, that all came to an end at age 12, I was sent to boarding school, Walford CEGGS and afterwards at Hales Business College.

My first job was as assistant to the Investment Manager of a Finance Company. I then moved on to the Travel Industry and retired from there in 2008 after many exciting experiences such as taking a group of 50 people to China in 1978. It was 6 months after China had opened its borders to tourist groups. We travelled by train from Beijing to Guangchow (Canton) via some very interesting places which I doubt tourists would visit today, especially as it was pretty dangerous travelling by coach on very narrow and scary mountain roads and there was only cold running water at the hotel on the top of the mountain which was Mao's summer residence. Coming down the mountain was ok as on inside as long as the brakes didn't fail. Going up on the outside was a bit disconcerting when you saw the wrecks in the ravine below. Four months before the China Trip, I visited India with a group of travel agents and one of the highlights was travelling to Kashmir. This place was my Shangrila. Unfortunately it is now not safe to travel there.

I would often be offered educational trips overseas which I took but probably the shortest trip was taking a group of travel agents to San Francisco for the weekend.

Andrew and I married in 1984 and I immediately became a stepmother to his two girls, Toni & Jacqui, now aged 44 & 41. Our son Tom is now 26. We spent many family holidays camping at the ocean on the Coorong until in 1987 we built our holiday home on Thistle Island and the summer holidays were then always spent there.

In 1999, Andrew gained his private pilot's licence and that's when some new adventures began for us so in 2001 we flew to Broome to buy a Cessna 172 and flew it home. Flying from Canarvon to Meekathara, we experienced unexpected turbulence jumping 500 ft then dropping 500ft. At Meekathara, the pilot of the flying doctor plane was heading to Perth so offered his car & house for us to stay overnight but we decided to fly onto Kalgoorlie and thank goodness no more unexpected tur-

bulence. After two days, we continued onto Forest (population 2 people and 1 dog) and had lunch with these people. Magnificent bitumised runways as Ansett & TAA had to land their aircraft to refuel to and from the West.

In 2003 Andrew flew us to Alice Springs, Katherine, Kununurra and Darwin. The airport in Katherine is Tindall and is an airforce base so when we took off from Tindall we followed two F118's. What a fantastic sight and noisy. Andrew had mentioned to the air traffic controller that we were following the Victoria Highway to Kununurra so when we were in the air the air traffic controller says "so you are IFR" (instrument flight rating). Andrew says "no I'm VFR" (visual flight rules). The air traffic controller says "no you are IFR - I Fly Roads". We laughed all the way to Kununurra.

In 2004 Andrew, Tom (14 yrs) and I travelled through Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon & Cyprus by plane, boat, train, ferry and car. It was a wonderful trip and an excellent

experience for our son Tom especially when he partook in a quad bike tour and dinner with the local Bedouins in their tent on the first day we arrived in Sharm el Sheikh. He was supposed to return at 6.00pm and eventually arrived back at 8.00pm giving us a few anxious moments.

Since retirement in 2008, we have continued our travelling from the Antarctic to the Arctic and in between. We have also flown up to Innaminka, Birdsville and Lake Eyre while in flood and camped alongside Coopers Creek in our swags.

I started bowling in May 2013 and joined the Hawthorn Bowling Club in September 2013. I enjoy the game very much. The club members have been most welcoming.





Paddy celebrates his 80th!

Our ever affable member, Paddy Pisano was pleasantly surprised when his daughter, Lisa and grandson arrived at the club on Saturday, 17th January, with a huge 80th birthday cake. The members heartily sang happy birthday to Paddy before enjoying the delicious cake.

Members who celebrated birthdays in January:

Lois	Simpson	3
Frank	Pedretti	5
Joe	Grieve	6
Graham	Dodd	13
John	Whittle	16
Penelope	McTaggart	17
Michael	Faehse	18
Susan	Jenkins	20
Kaaren	Firth	24
Paddy	Pisano	24
Dawn	Pitman	25
Trish	Cook	26
Rex	Curtis	29
Fiona	McGregor	29

Members celebrating birthdays in February. We hope you enjoy your special day :

John	Lucas	2
Andrew	Forbes	4
Liz	Gooda	5
Gary	Mickan	8
Rebecca	Arbon	13
George	Charlesworth	15
Graham	Rosser	18
Brian	Stanley	19
John	Holland	20
Jens	Peters	20



Christmas Breakup

Saturday evening December 20th and 92 members and partners gathered at the clubrooms, not only to celebrate the festive season, but also for a night of socialising with fellow bowlers,...and maybe win one of the many fabulous raffle prizes which were organised by Maree Schaefer and Di Peters.

After feasting on prawns, ham and turkey, members relaxed and socialised for a period before tucking into the tasty dessert of either Christmas pudding or Berry Trifle prepared by our very capable Marilyn Gerlach and her team of workers, Leanne Owen and Maggie Forbes. They put in many preparation hours and we thank them sincerely for their effort. Make sure you do not miss out at the end of this year,...and lets see if we can reach the 100 and why not be ambitious and go for 130 guests. Be an active part of the social aspect of the club.

Brian Schaefer



NightHawks Coaching

On Sunday 18th January was our last session for Nighthawks coaching for the season. Ten people

attended. At the completion of the session they were advised about our social bowls starting after pennant and all indicated their intention to play and several would like to play pennant next season.

Overall I feel the coaching program was very successful. Already some are playing pennant and I expect their will be more in the future especially after playing a season of social bowls. I would like to thank all the coaches that helped me out throughout the program and especially John Whittle who was there to help out with the last two sessions.

Shirley Blackwell.



AGM not far away—May

Here's your chance to be a mover and shaker.

Think about your skills and how you can contribute to the club.

Which culture model do you prefer?
Too few do too much; or Many hands make light work?

Don't forget :
We are all volunteers.

Under 25 State Championships

Hawthorn Bowling Club had the honour of hosting the Under 25 State Championships over the three days of Australia Day long weekend.

By 8.30am on Saturday the eager players came flooding in the doors with their respective support groups. Alf Boyle, the Manager of each day, was checking off their names as they arrived. Maree Schaefer was taking lunch orders as required and Anne Onto was behind the bar ready to meet the players needs, be it soft drink, a chocolate bar or Gatorade drink. After lunch Carol Boyle, with a professional touch, authority and precision, organised the players for the photo shoot!

Alf said in his welcome to the players ' it is great to see such young talent in the sport of bowls and that it augured well for the future of bowls.

Thanks to all of our members who assisted with marking; to Bob Wadsworth for umpiring, to Nigel and David for getting the greens ready and to anyone else who helped make the three day a success. John Bevin, the Messenger Sport Journalist also fronted up to get to see the best of talent rather than 'stay home and do the painting'. A special thanks to Alf for managing the three day event.

Another job well done!



New Club Sponsor



We welcome aboard our new club sponsor Claridge Holden, Unley. Thanks to their sponsorship (as negotiated by our President, Terry Onto) we are able to continue with our Seafood Day Tournament, It will be known as:

Claridge Seafood Classic

A Classy Registration form and table top promos has been designed by Brian Schaefer. Our enthusiastic committee has emailed all prior participants as well as Clubs as far north as Alford (north of Kadina) down to Goolwa and across to the clubs in the hills. We have also sent out Registration forms to these clubs by post. Many of us have already taken advantage of the opportunity to send out the Registration form (as sent to you by the Secretary) to our personal contacts. Thank you for those you have done that and we encourage you to do the same.

We are aiming to attract 42 teams. This is achievable with your support. Many of you have already indicated that you will promote the day to your personal bowling contacts and we thank you for that.

As in previous years Marilyn Gerlach will head up the kitchen team. Nothing is too much trouble for Marilyn and nobody will be disappointed. For those who do not like sea food be assured that you will also be catered for. Please indicate on the registration form your requirements.

And finally if you haven't seen the registration form yet here is the address from our website.

<http://www.hawthornbowlingclub.com.au/promos/A4%20ClaridgeSeafoodClassic.pdf>

We also acknowledge Phil Hoffman Travel and Wines Direct who are continuing their sponsorship for the event .

Maree Schaefer

Tournament Planning Coordinator.



Sponsors

Please mention that you are from Hawthorn Bowling Club when you are supporting any of our sponsors. This way our sponsors can be assured that we are supporting them too!

Hawthorn Meats new owner, Andrew (Andy) Lott, is continuing the sponsorship with our club. Please visit his store to see for yourself the quality and competitive prices of his goods. More importantly introduce yourself and let him know that you are from the Hawthorn Bowling Club.



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