



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

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From the President

Here we are again at the end of the season. Unfortunately we have not been as successful this year as we were last year from a pennant point of view and our top Ladies' and Mixed Gender teams are hanging on by their respective fingernails as I write. Their survival is now pretty much down to others so as well as hanging on grimly we need to cross those fingers as well. Don't you love a mixed metaphor....

The AGM will be held in May and election of office bearers will again be a major part of that meeting. Our Secretary has indicated that he does not plan to stand for that position again so we will need someone out there to put up his/her hand for this very important job. Brian has been outstanding so you will have big shoes to fill but you will have help so please consider standing. We will also be looking again for Board Members and your contribution in that way as well would be greatly appreciated. There are always improvements to be made in the management and running of the Club and your input is always appreciated. You will each be given the opportunity to help implement any suggestions you may have. I am happy to do as much as I can but if I should happen to get run over by a rubbish truck you wouldn't want to be in the position of looking for five people to take over my jobs. I need your help and the Club needs your help.

The Board has considered appointing a paid person to take on many of the Club's administrative functions. If you have any thoughts or suggestions in that regard please let me or any of the current Board know.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our end of season dinner so please make the effort to be there. It will be a well-catered and inexpensive fun evening. What more could you wish for?

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club.

Terry Onto

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Vice President Men

Performance

Last month I said that the fifth ingredient to any brilliant performance is luck.

Now the first four ingredients:

1. Motivation
2. Concentration
3. Confidence
4. Communication

All of these factors are important in business life, but can be equally important on the bowling green.

Think about you and your team. In particular, I believe it to be of paramount importance for the skipper.

Yes, the ingredients of motivation, concentration, confidence and communication will go a long way to winning, then add a little luck.

We have an increasing number of super veterans in our club (over 80 years old) and a presentation of badges will be made soon.

Remember "Age is no barrier. It is a limitation you put on your mind."

A recent analysis of the age of our members has revealed that of 103 male members there are 60 members over 66 years of age. And of 45 female members there are 30 members over 66 years of age. Nothing wrong with older members (well, health wise there may be) but it is clear that we need more younger members. After watching the State under 25 year olds at our greens, I saw a wealth of young talent. Our only competitor was Michael Lodge.

I believe one goal for our club is to recruit more young players, and have a plan to keep them.

Je suis,

Barry Hanna

Ladies Pennant

The 18th Round (26th Feb) was a mixed bag of emotions. The Metro 1 West team, although on top for the whole season, had a forfeit from Lockleys. The team still fronted up in uniform for a photo shoot and had morning tea with coffee/tea and cake to celebrate

Premier 1 played against Brighton and both teams were determined to win. There were many spectators from both sides and the atmosphere reflected a grand final. It was a tough tussle for most of the game until Liz Gooda's rink did the unimaginable by scoring a 7 in one end. This sent a buzz across the whole team and one could feel the atmosphere lift for the HBC girls Finally we won two rinks to one and the joy was contagious.

The final analysis of demotion/promotion will not be known until the Major League Round Robin finals have been played.

The Metro 1 Centrals on C Green also put in a sterling effort winning their last match for the season. They had to play under difficult conditions with much of the noise from D Green challenging their concentration. Congratulations also on your win.

The three days of Men's Country Carnival went quite well and a big thank you to the ladies who worked tirelessly in the kitchen. Dishwashers (men) were few and far between.

The Women's Country Carnival is being held 23-25 March and getting volunteers will be hard. Quite a few ladies will not be available and hopefully some able bodied men will be available to help set up tables, serve lunches, clean up and wash dishes

Colin Herbert, former Hawthorn Bowling Club member from season 1989-90 to 2000-01, passed away on February 24th at the age of 96 years. He played 365 games for our club during that time.

Player Roles in Fours

Lead

- To place the mat at the discretion of the skip and deliver the jack as close as possible to a distance determined by the skip.
- Play draw shots close to the Jack, to lay a good foundation for the development of the head with the ideal outcome a close bowl & the other past jack.
- A lead should practice the art of delivering the Jack and perfect the basic shot of the game “The Draw Shot”

Second

- Should have the capability to draw to the jack or a position bowl as required by skip.
- A capable shot player and be versatile and competent in all facets of the game.
- Keep a record of the score on the card, keeping check with opponent after each end and see it is displayed progressively on the scoreboard (when playing at home)
- To double check the score at the completion of the game.

Third

- Should be a versatile and experienced player, being competent in playing all shots. Draw Metre on, Resting Shot, Controlled weight and the Drive.
- To direct the head as required by the Skip as arranged prior.
- Act as the measurer at the completion of the end if required and have a good knowledge of the rules of the game.

Skip

- The person leading the rink with good communication skills and encouragement for all players.
- To be a capable exponent of the game with good all round bowling skills, proficient in tactics and percentage game strategies.
- Direct the players to develop the head with a comprehensive knowledge of the rules.
- Should have the capabilities to get the best from the rink, never being critical.

Steve Grant

***The Board is pleased to announce that Shirley Blackwell
has been reappointed as Ladies' Coach for season 2015-16.
Congratulations Shirley!***

Young Guns Blaze—

‘The big performance of the day came from Under 25 State representative, Michael Lodge who was given his first Skipping birth of the year against the experienced Rhys Taylor, Lodge played well in his rink’s excellent 31-20 win.’

‘Michael Faehse was the second Hawk Skip to take the points after a 24-19 defeat of Gary Meekcoms.’

Article in Messenger, February 4th.

Profile — Jens Peters

I was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1942 and my parents and I migrated to Australia in November 1953, transferred to Bonegilla camp (Albury) and in early '54 to Finsbury (Grand Junction Rd) migrant camp, bringing with us some 11 wooden crates containing all our belongings including electrical appliances, tools and a refrigerator. I attended Mitcham primary after moving to Princes Rd where we rented two rooms and a shared bathroom with the landlady in Princes Rd. Dad later started the first of three lawn mowing rounds and we moved to Belair then into our first house in St Marys from where I attended Marion High. At the beginning of my 4th year my parents decided to move to Perth so we drove across the Nullarbor (dirt road then from Pt Augusta) in a VW with trailer and German Shepherd dog. The pack rack broke & was repaired in Wirrulla, we ran out of petrol before Eucla, but we eventually got there.

We returned from WA at the beginning of 1961 to a rental house in Beaumont and I started at National Cash Register (NCR). My parents then built a house in Greenhill and I was transferred to Whyalla where I worked on cash registers and accounting machines on the west coast. It was in these years I first met Dianne through family friends, but I decided to follow my parents back to Germany for two years in 1967.

Returning in early 1969 I met up with Dianne and we started dating more regularly. By 1970 I was back at NCR and Di and I married in January 1971. We bought our first house (a bungalow) in Glenunga at that time. The neighbours were wondering when we were going to move in with our furniture, but we had none, just a car each.

Thus began an interesting time for me at work with the beginning of electronics into cash registers and NCR entering into retail systems. With that I had many interstate trips for equipment training as NCR conducted all its own training in house. Some of these systems were later installed in supermarkets, Target, Venture Stores & David Jones.

In 1973 our son Andrew was born, followed two years later by daughter Ingrid, so I must have been home at some stage.

Beginning in 1980 a new product came to NCR Australia – Automated Teller Machines, so I changed direction within NCR and this became my future. First large installations in SA were with Bank SA followed by many other financial institutions. In the following years I was involved in many projects including an analysis of ATM performance for the CBA's Australian large network which had a mix of NCR & IBM machines.

As these machines evolved, and I had already done some instructing on earlier ATMs, the company sent me to London and our factory in Dundee, Scotland in 1990 for instruction on the latest ATMs (with another update 4 years later), these

schools usually had 8 to 10 students who came from all over the world.

I was able to take a week travelling through Germany on my own after the first school, including a visit to Colditz Castle in what was the old GDR.

I was then the instructor for Australia for ATMS, running training schools that would last two weeks, all done in our North Sydney office or our Turella workshop. Through this I got to know many of our technicians from Australian cities and our extensive country network. The feeling in those years were that the staff at NCR considered themselves to be part of a large family.

As far as I was concerned, I could not have had a better job – I enjoyed the work, got to meet so many people and did a lot of travelling within the state and interstate.

After 25 years at Glenunga and having extended the house twice we sold it and bought a modern 2 storey house in Dernancourt. Over the preceding years NCR had lost a lot of business and contracts, so consequently many redundancies and much downsizing was happening. My time was up at NCR the week after the twin towers came down in New York in 2001 when my Sydney manager unexpectedly walked into the door and made me redundant. I had been in the position as ATM support specialist for some 2 years then, assisting technicians in the field over the phone with their parts questions and technical problems.

Because of the contacts I had in the industry I was able to resume with contract work for a couple Sydney companies, one of which later turned into a full time position. I finally resigned that position, but still working at home repairing the cash containers for ATMs.

When the fulltime work ceased, retirement was on the horizon, so we joined Hope Valley Bowls Club. Our first overseas trip was also Dianne's first, allowing us to visit relatives in Hamburg after a Rhine Danube river cruise.

With Dianne having baby sitting duties at our daughter's house in Lower Mitcham, it was a long trip to and fro, so after much searching we found our ideal house also in Lower Mitcham. So now our grand children are only three streets away. After 13 years in Dernancourt we were pleased to move into a house that is now more suited to us and were able to join Hawthorn Bowling Club, moves we have not regretted.



COUNTRY CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 2015

Once again Hawthorn BC participated in the Mens' Country Carnival by hosting sectional games for Fours (Monday), Singles (Tuesday), and Pairs (Wednesday). These were followed by the Pairs Knockouts on Friday. The events at Hawthorn BC were organised by Graham Giles and Randall Gerlach and apart from a couple of minor hitches we managed to complete the four days relatively unscathed and will possibly "apply" for our positions next year knowing that we will be competing against a long list of applicants for the positions.

These events are not just run by two people. Firstly, we have Nigel and Dave Sutherland who prepared three greens everyday for which the players were most appreciative. Secondly, we have the Ladies in the kitchen led by the "Sandery Sisters" viz. Beverly and Lesley who prepared each day a meal that was enjoyed by the players. Thirdly, on Tuesday we required markers for 39 games which our members filled. Our umpiring was capably handled by Alf Boyle, Jackie Barber and Graham Dodd. Lastly, we have the people of the club who operated the Bar and generally kept the clubhouse clean along with Jack Cronshaw and Cedric Williams who manned the barbecue. To everybody who assisted to make this week successful our gratitude goes to you all and thank you very much for your help.

Special thanks to Randall who had to put up with me for the four days for his time and effort. His value lies in the fact that the minor hitches mentioned earlier were made after he had left for home. What does that tell you about my capabilities.

The days may be long (especially the Friday Knockouts) but when you see how appreciative the players are to be at our club for the events it makes the time and effort worthwhile.

GRAHAM GILES

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True story

The previous Chairman of Selectors (I won't mention his name), visited the club to test out his bowling skills after an absence for some weeks due to a fall. He hopped into his car to go home, but the key would not turn in the ignition. He returned to the Clubhouse to ring the RAA. The Secretary's wife (I won't mention her name either) asked if she could try to start the car to which he willingly agreed. She put the key in the ignition, wriggled the steering wheel, and Bingo, the car started and the call to the RAA was cancelled. I know you are a good sport Gary and won't mind me telling the tale. Maree

Congratulations to Joy & Alex Kirk on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Joy and Alex Kirk celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 1st February, 2015.

Joy is a Life-time member of Hawthorn Bowling Club and the oldest serving woman of the club.

Alex worked for the Bank of NSW—now Westpac. Alex and Joy started off in Walgett, north West New South Wales—then Coonabarabran, Sydney, Canberra, Hobart, Launceston, back to Sydney. They came to SA to Naracoorte for 18 months, then to Port Lincoln and finally to Adelaide — 40 years later they are still in SA.

Joy and Alex have been very blessed with their family and are looking forward to another 10 years together.

Joy's impressive club history:

President of Women (5 times);

1990, 1991, 1996, 2004-5. 2005-6.

(NB the title was changed to Ladies Vice President after the Ladies' and Men's Club combined)

Joy was made a Life member in 2001

Joy won the Women Champion Pairs five times :

1989-90	with L Giles
1991-92	with L Giles
1995-96	with J Becker
1998-99	with J Becker
2006-7	with E Rivero

A record to be proud of and hard to surpass.

Well done all round, Joy.



Alex & Joy with their four grown up children.



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

Brian	Jenkins	1
Brian	Schaefer	4
Philip	Harris	9
Jenny	Whittle	13
Lesley	Slattery	15
David	Jones	17
Randall	Gerlach	18
Bev	Allison	25
Geoffrey	Beare	25
Murray	Evans	27
Ian	Oliver	28
Terry	Onto	28
Jim	Hughes	31

Claridge Seafood Classic—Sunday 12 April

Behind the scenes the organisational cogs are turning with increased momentum. A team of Claridge representatives, headed by Mike Claridge, visited the club to check our facilities. They were impressed with them and also our advertising actions to date. In the club place mats and table display holders are in the making. Red, red/white and white serviettes will brighten up the rooms. Claridges will display a car and a large sign will be placed on the fence. There will be flags flying and other promotions.



Various members have offered to volunteer and the barman is already thinking about the drinks requirements. Wine Direct is also supporting us again with table wines and Phil Hoffmann are also in on the act.

Marilyn Gerlach, with her usual professional and methodical approach, has breakfast and lunch plans already underway. For \$25 per person you will get breakfast, lunch, fun, frustration and joy on the green all rolled into one.

We are expecting to have 40 teams playing on the day. The place will be buzzing! So far we have 33 teams and more in the pipeline to be confirmed this week. Just imagine 20 long & round tables full of people for breakfast.

A special thanks to those who have actively promoted the event. Share our enthusiasm! You will have a fun day.

It's all GO from now on!!

Maree Schaefer

Tournament Planning Coordinator.



Date to remember

Join your fellow bowlers for a night of convivial socialising as well as recognising Penant winners, Club Champions & Super Veterans.

Date Saturday 14th March. **Time** 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Cost \$15 (includes meal & free drink on arrival)

Meal Chicken with Salads **Dessert** to follow

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