



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

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Editor - Maree Schaefer

From the President

Here we go again. The pennant season is upon us and most are well down the track of 'practice', aiming of course toward 'perfect'. Good luck with that!

The trials have gone pretty well I think although not without some hiccups of course. These games take a deal of organizing starting with contacting other clubs and including the catering function. All very tricky...

The trials have been set up as such with a number of players being put into different teams, rinks, and playing positions from those occupied last year. The other variable was that many of our regulars take holidays at this time of year so that we were not selecting from a full list. Now however we will be selecting to win so it all can be expected to be a tad more predictable.

I have seen many of our members undertaking personal practice and our formal practice sessions are also being well attended. Practice by itself however does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect. If you have identified any problem areas with your game please make contact with any of our coaches, including of course Shirley and Steve, so that you practice the correct technique. These guys can also help with drills to work on your weaknesses (if any....).

Bearing in mind that the game does have an element of luck involved we might do well to remember Greg Norman when he said that 'the more I practice the luckier I get'.

Terry Onto

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LAWN BOWLS

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Vice President - Men

After hibernating in Queensland for three months I have returned to the Adelaide spring!

More importantly I have returned to the Hawthorn Bowling Club, where I believe we are preparing for a very eventful year.

The Board is ready for the challenges ahead, as we expect are the players.

I was pleased to see our revamped kitchen and new bar fridge. Members and guests should appreciate these new facilities.

The Selection Committee with our new Chairman, Trevor Strudwick, has the spark, to get our best team on the park.

As I write this, we have trials underway and with some new players and some old players (getting older), teams are beginning to form, hopefully for the best results, once pennants get underway.

Thanks to our coach Steve Grant and others, our recruiting has been very good. Our top side has a lot of new faces, which puts pressure on our existing players to perform. Competition for positions is always a healthy sign.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a stalwart of the Club David Sutherland, a long serving bowler and greenkeeper. After a heart scare, I expect that he will be back at the Club performing his duties when this goes to press.

Barry Hanna

Vice President Ladies

As we begin to plan and prepare for 2015/2016 I give a big pat on the back to all the ladies for organizing a successful Games Day event held 25th August 2015. (Brilliant work ladies)

I trust you all enjoyed the winter break and are ready for the new season.

Jackie Barber, Hawthorn Club Umpire Coordinator, has been busy for the last two Sundays in September training new Markers and Measurers, making sure Hawthorn is ready for the Pennant Season. Thank you Jackie and team for giving up your weekends. Saturday called for a measurer, Jens smiled and said 'that's me': first measure and perfect. You have a good team Jackie well done.

The 15th Australian Masters Games will be played in Adelaide 4th-9th October 2015. To all our club members taking part 'good Bowling' but most of all have fun, be awesome!

Ladies Club Tournament nomination forms are available in the ladies locker room, the closing date is Thursday 22nd October 2015.

The Ladies Locker room is looking very sad. Will you please take a look in the big cupboards at the end of the locker room. What's in there may be yours and could go in your own locker. Why do I ask this? It's clear out time and we need to take ownership of many lace table cloths and make room for past history photos. This will happen Tuesday ,20th October after Practise. Thank you, if you would like to help. Remember 'many hands make light work' and you can have a tea break when finished. I am anticipating an hour at the most.

Well this is it ladies. We are fast approaching Thursday Pennant round (1) 22nd October 2015.

Be Happy—Be Awesome—Help Each Other.

Carol Boyle

Profile—Sue Coultas

Maree asked me to do an article on myself and my bowling journey.

I was born in Mt Gambier where my father had a Soldier Settlement Block and a Guernsey Cattle Stud. I attended Mil-lal Primary School and fondly remember my first teacher Dianna Prosser who it turns out is fellow Hawthorn bowler Maggie Forbes' sister. When in Grade 5 my father sold his property and we moved to Bordertown where he bought a mixed farming property. I loved the outdoors and country life and played tennis and hockey.

On completion of my secondary education at Bordertown High School I moved to Adelaide and obtained a B App Sc in Medical Technology. At university I met my husband Geoff who was completing a degree in Surveying. We married and moved to the Latrobe Valley where Geoff was employed by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. Our children Joel and Anita were born while we were living in the Latrobe Valley. In 1986 we moved back to Adelaide when Geoff was appointed as a Senior Surveyor at ETSA and I worked as a Medical Scientist at Flinders Medical Centre until my retirement.

My main interests now are my 4 grandchildren, bowls and travelling.

I started playing night owls at Beaumont Bowling Club at the invitation from Geoff's brother Steve and my love of lawn bowls began. During winter Don Smith mentored Geoff and myself and played Social Triples with us. The following Pennant Season Don encouraged me to enter the club minor singles even though I wasn't playing pennant bowls. I will never forget my first singles game. I had no idea about rules or protocol but managed to win by just bowling my best. I didn't know at the time that my opponent was the winner the previous year. I went on to win the final. I also won the Women's Club Championship at Beaumont BC the following year. I couldn't play Thursdays as I was still working and played two seasons in the women's triples competition on Saturdays. When open gender started I was lucky to be given the opportunity to play at Metro 1 level and on winning a pennant then played at Premier 2 level.



While at Beaumont I was invited to trials over two days at Adelaide Bowling Club and was selected to be a member of Bowls SA development squad and subsequently named in the women's state squad. This was great experience with trips to Mildura and competing against the Australian women's team when they were preparing for the World Titles at Lockleys.

We moved to Lockleys BC after five fond years at Beaumont BC to be closer to Seacliff where we live and to gain some excellent coaching from Peter Gaegler. I played Premier League both Saturday and Thursday at Lockleys and won two Women's Pairs Championships and was a member of the victorious Metro West Prestige Medley Side.

After three years at Lockleys we moved to Brighton Bowling Club where I stayed nearly two seasons before moving to Hawthorn at the end of last season. In season 13/14 I won the Women's Singles Club Championship at Brighton Bowling Club and with great coaching from Steve Foster went on to become the SA Champion of Champions Ladies Singles player. I represented SA at the Australian Champion of Champions at Taren Point in NSW and was runner up to Katrina Wright from NSW. As a member of Hawthorn Bowling Club I was a member of the victorious Metro East Prestige Medley Side in March this year.

I have competed in three Australian Opens reaching the quarter finals of the triples and quarter finals of the pairs events.

I still enjoy playing bowls and still practice and try to improve my game.

Were you there?

Hurray! The Club dinners

have recommenced, the first one being on 10th September. Many of our members have been feeling deprived over the Winter season as the fortnightly dinners have been in abeyance due to the kitchen upgrade and the need for a new caterer.

The 31 members and friends who attended were in good spirits and quite jovial. It was not unnoticed that the members who lived the closest were the last to arrive! Fortunately for them the meal had not commenced. We enjoyed a choice of a hearty Roast Beef or Chicken Schnitzel for the main course and a mouth watering dessert called Peach ice-cream torte.

A great introduction to our new caterers Mella and Warren Ploenges. They can cater for a much bigger group so kick up you heels and come along to support them. We even had table service thanks to Leslie and her Niece.



Tips from Coach Steve

Once again our bowls season has come around rather quickly, I would like to welcome all the members and playing group for the upcoming season and a special welcome to our new members two of which are former Hawks that I'm sure will all enjoy our great facilities and the superb greens at Hawthorn.

Goal: Our goal is to achieve consecutive sides so we can be one of the more successful and competitive major Clubs in Adelaide.

Recruitment: we have been successful in recruiting several players to help achieve our goal and will help to strengthen all our pennant sides!

Selection Criteria: can be a contentious issue and I would like to ask our player group to show some patience and understanding toward selectors when appraising selection choices as there are numerous variables and issues that come into play when selecting that cannot always be seen or considered by a player. If you have any issues or queries regarding selection you should have a chat with your selector in a respectful manner. Just remember the people charged with the responsibility of selection are volunteering their time and are doing their best in an effort for all sides to be successful.

Player Roles: Each of the four players in a rink has a role to play in the overall side performance, keeping in mind that with some positions may have more responsibilities at times than others. A team of four players working together as a unit will always have a better chance of gaining success compared to a team of individuals.

Practice: Bowls like anything in life "You will only get out what you put in" so those who have ambitions to play at a higher level, can be successful if they are prepared to put the extra time and effort into practice! One of the best drills for overall performance improvement is the 48 bowl drill that has been used by the Australian players for many years and is still used today! It is compulsory for all our top side squad to complete one of these a week and place the record slip into the box in front of the office window, the slips are available at the end of the selection board and slips box, anyone who has aspirations of playing at the top level should be doing this drill. I have other drills at hand for players who want to put in the extra time to improve their performance!

Coaching: Myself and Shirley Blackwell are available for individual coaching if required for any issues or queries you may have! You only need to ask! There will be two coaching clinics this year as usual, one before pennants starts "TBA soon" and the other will be in the pennant break!

Greens: Our greens are currently running exceptionally well for this time of the year and I have no doubt like last season we can look forward to playing on fantastic greens once again this year!

I would like to wish everyone all the best and success for this season, and our new members to have a memorable and enjoyable experience at our Great Club!

Go Hawks
Steve Grant

Melbourne Cup Day - racing towards us

As the Melbourne Cup Fun Day draws closer I am looking forward to an exciting and fun filled day with Terry Onto (President) being Chief Steward (MC) ,with Deputy Steward Jim Philpott and his team seeing to your hydration requirements at The Roses Bar.

In round figures there will be 120 people attending Approximately 50% of those attending are visitors many of whom have indicated they want to take advantage of free coaching and try their hand at bowls. So it up to us all to make sure that they feel welcome.

All attendees will be seated in a Corporate Box in one of the enclosures, either the Winning Post Enclosure, the Home Straight Enclosure or the Garden View Pavilion. If you have 4 or more in your group you can ask Brian for an individual Corporate Box. The following groups have a Corporate Box, St Marys Probus, Magoch, Schaefer, Bowling/Sobels. HBC members & friends will sit in their corporate box.

Designated hosts will assist you on arrival. When you arrive place your corporate box ticket on the table where you wish to sit and tilt the chair toward the table.

Pam Buckerfield and Sonya Brown will judge the ladies and men's HAT competition. SWEEPS are run by the Paymasters of Purses, Brian Schaefer and Ken Piggott. Two other competitions which will be revealed on the day.

As the entry fee is very attractive we are relying on the Raffle prizes and the bar to generate most of the profit. If any of you would like to support the club by donating a prize it will be much appreciated. As Brian and I are moving house we have not had time to solicit many prizes from local businesses. If you have a generous heart and wish to donate a prize

please speak to Maree first before going ahead. It would be much appreciated.

During October I will be available to collect your entry fees and issue your tickets. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Maree Schaefer

Planning Coordinator



Jim Branford Memorial Day

On a warm, sunny Saturday, 12 September 2015 the annual trial game between Ascot Park and Hawthorn was played. Three teams played at Ascot Park and three teams played at Hawthorn.

This traditional annual event is held to commemorate the memory of Jim Branford who played for both Clubs and who died of Motor Neurone Disease.

Players were asked to donate a dollar and participate in a "spider" on B Green and this was won by Trish Cook from Hawthorn. We also got some bowlers for wrong bias

The games at Hawthorn got off to a shaky start due to some players from Ascot Park pulling out but once teams were organised everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good game of bowls. Scores from Hawthorn and Ascot Park were tallied and Ascot Park won the day by one shot and will hold the Jim Branford Trophy for another year.

At Hawthorn we raised \$150 which will be forwarded to the Motor Neurone Disease Research Fund.

A big thank you must go to Nigel Ryan for the excellent condition of the Greens - for this time of the year they were excellent.

Lesley Slattery

Selector

2015 Winter Bowls

Winter bowls has added a new member to its team, Jim Philpott. Jim put his hand up to join the winter bowls team and was snapped up very quickly. Welcome to the pointy end Jim.

The 2015 winter bowls commenced on Wednesday 11 March immediately after the Pennant Season finished. Saturday started a little later on 21 March.

Over 100 different bowlers played on both Saturdays and Wednesdays and although most were from Hawthorn, we did have a number of guests from other Clubs.

When we heard the news that this winter would be drier than normal (as it was *supposed* to be last year!!) we were expecting a bumper of a winter season of bowling. All was good until July arrived and put a huge dampener on things. During July and August we lost **9** days of bowling! Even our final Wednesday was cancelled due to bad weather. Despite losing a total of **12** days (month and a half) to weather, the season has been very successful. We played 37 games and averaged 45 players per game. It is a pleasure to know that we have a group of true club members who support winter bowls each week. These people are a testament to the character of our club. A big thank you to all those players who participated.

Coaching was again provided by our intrepid Alan Harris who gave pointers to not only our seasoned bowlers but gave the new players a great start to their bowling career. New winter bowlers who have since joined our club are: Elaine Deakin, Brett Willcox, John Shaw, Hong Khoo, and John Jasson. Steve Moloney who has played winter bowls at Hawthorn for the past 6 years has finally come to his senses and joined. Richard Souter has also returned to Hawthorn. Welcome all.

3 bowl pairs and 2 bowl triples appears to be the favoured format most players were happy with. Normal conditions of play applied with 2 games of 13 or 15 ends, winners being identified and prizes awarded accordingly. This season, \$9,324.10 was generated from winter bowls and contributed to Club funds.

The wrong bias tin this year got plenty of use with people regularly contributing. With the sound of the rattling tin no body got away with "the walk of shame". Even though Alan embarrassed each and every person who bowled a wrong bias, all contributions will go to the Little Heroes Foundation to help support kids with cancer. Last year \$273.10 was raised and donated to the Little Heroes. The Little Heroes thank all those who have trouble with the big and little rings.

Nigel Ryan of D & D Curators again presented us with lovely greens to play on. Pity he didn't have any control over the weather. Nigel is again a continuing sponsor for both the Saturday and Wednesday winter bowls. A huge thank you to Nigel.

Unfortunately Nigel was unable to attend on 30 August to present the Saturday winners with their prizes. A very worthy Dave Sutherland did that in his stead. The winnings were based on games won during the season. There were 4 equal first place winners. They were:

Saturday	=1 st	Adrian Sobels
	=1 st	David Sutherland
	=1 st	Trevor Strudwick
	=1 st	Fred Gilbert

Due to the closure of the greens on 2 September the presentation for Wednesday bowls was transferred to the Opening day on Saturday 5 September. Nigel again was unable to attend and present the Wednesday winners with their prizes so his sister Tracie kindly attended and made the presentations.

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The winners were:

Wednesday 1st George Metschke
2nd Rob Geelen
= 3rd Jim Bell
Joe Grieve
Jim Young

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

A special mention to some of the people who helped us during the season.

Greens - Dave Sutherland

General - Lois Simpson

Wheel - Alan Harris

Hope to see you on the green for the 2015/2016 pennant season.

Winter bowls convenors

Alan Harris, Jim Philpott, Vic Magoch

October Birthdays

Bernie	Manser	1
John	Shaw	1
John	Jasson	11
Myra	Materne	13
Glen	Dow	20
George	Metschke	26
David	Sutherland	27
Shane	Newton	30



Expression of Sympathy

The Hawthorn Bowling Club community expresses sympathy to Kevin Richards whose wife Aileen passed away on Saturday, 26th September.

May your many happy memories sustain and be of comfort to you as you grieve your loss, Kevin.

Our thoughts are with you.



A big thank you to the Mah-jong weekly players who donated \$400 towards the Club's coffers. Players are charged a small weekly fee to participate. New players are welcome at any time.

Members' Corner

At the September Board meeting it was suggested that the Herald include a Members' Corner to allow members to submit short pieces on matters which would be of general interest to club members. These pieces must be signed, are not to refer to selection matters, and cannot include comments about club members (unless they are nice comments, of course). The Editor reserves the right to include or not include articles on the basis of space availability and / or suitability of any such articles.

Player movements

Incoming: Colin Watkins, Graham Brazil, Brian Case Robert & Susan Hutchinson.

Outgoing: Brian Jenkins and Bernie Ward



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