



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

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## From the President

Hi Everyone

The season is rapidly coming to an end but the Club goes on, as we are of course more than simply a group of people getting together to play competition. Social bowls is expected to start on **Saturday 12th March** and will continue through until the start of the new Pennant season, and we plan to have a number of gatherings over the coming weeks. These include the **End of Season** get together on **5th March**; our **Presentation Evening** on (possibly/probably) **19th March**; the Seafood **Day** on Sunday, **3rd April**; and our **AGM** on Saturday **7th May**.

I look forward to seeing you on these days and I hope you are able to support the club by attending when you can.

All the best

**Terry Onto**

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## **With a little bit of help from my friends....**

It could almost be a song title don't you think?

There will be more than a few positions to fill at this year's AGM so it would be great if you could give thought to putting up your hand to help the Club in this way. I know that we have many members of long standing, more than a few of whom have previously made a contribution in one or other of these positions, but you shouldn't rule yourselves out if you would like another run.

Some of our newer members are already showing interest in helping and they are of course very welcome to make their mark.

Listed below are the vacancies of which I am aware.

- ⇒ *President*
- ⇒ *Secretary*
- ⇒ *Bar Manager*
- ⇒ *Herald Editor*
- ⇒ *Sponsorship Person*
- ⇒ *Security Person (Keeper of the keys)*
- ⇒ *Board Member*

You will not be thrown in the deep end if you decide to put up your hand. Help (as opposed to helpful suggestions) will be available to you.

Please give the matter your consideration.

**Terry Onto**

## VICE PRESIDENT—LADIES

As I prepare this for the Herald I see time waits for no man. We play the ladies 16<sup>th</sup> round Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February with all teams at home. Positions on the ladder are; Major League South 2<sup>nd</sup>, Metro 1 South 2<sup>nd</sup>, Metro 1 South West 5<sup>th</sup>. Well played ladies! Now for the big finish! Just believe in yourselves, Lady Hawks. Enjoy the remaining games and have fun.

A special thank you to all the guys who helped on our Thursday home games by being available for kitchen duty. We really appreciate your support in this way. If you missed out on this opportunity we still have one more game at home on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I'm only a phone call away.

A special thank you also to our ladies who helped on our Thursday home games in the various tasks required and in particular to the ladies who plated up the 'nibbles' for each of these matches.

Congratulations to Sue Hutchinson, Sue Coultas and Leanne Owen in the State Ladies Triples winning the section takes them into Champions week at Murray Bridge in April along with the ladies pairs, Leanne Owen and Carol Boyle. Good Bowling Ladies. As we all say, Enjoy!

March is on our door step I would like to take this opportunity to say have a HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER to YOU and YOUR FAMILY. March will be our month for great bowls. Let's Do IT! You thought March was a busy month, but wait, here comes April.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> April, Sunday 2016**

**Claridge Classic Seafood Classic Day.** Marilyn and Leanne are heading up the catering team. Many of our ladies are already on board to help them out on the day. Leanne is liaising for the catering team on the Planning Committee. The day will be a huge success

### **4<sup>th</sup> April, Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Friday, Women's Country Carnival**

### **14<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday and 18<sup>th</sup> Monday**

**Past Presidents Days** 80 players + will enjoy the Hawthorn Greens and Hospitality. If you would like to help with Country Carnival or the Past Presidents days, Pene or Carol would like to hear from you. The smallest hands help with the smallest jobs, so all help is welcome. But most importantly the month of April could bring in a nice profit for Hawthorn Bowling Club.

Hawthorn Ladies Club Championships are almost completed. Good bowling in the semi's and Finals Ladies. This is a good time also to say thank you to, Bev, Chair of Selectors, along with her team of Selectors, Shirley the Ladies Coach and Jackie the Umpire Coordinator. Also thank you Pene for your support at Men's Country Carnival Week and all the Ladies on the committees who are busy around the club. Be safe every one and keep smiling.

**CAROL BOYLE** (Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 )

## VICE PRESIDENT—MEN

By the time you read this article the season will be all but over.

Not our best season, but an enjoyable one for most members.

I will wait until next month to look at team promotions/demotions.

Our Board is currently reviewing our selection process, through a committee, so any changes will be in place by next season.

Most players I have spoken to believe we have a good club and a good selection process.

Like most organisations there will always be a vocal minority that are not happy if things are not done their way.

This year has seen many quality players come to the club and this with improvement of many players augers well for next season.

We have many players to choose from and next year we should field an 8<sup>th</sup> side on Saturday and again a 5<sup>th</sup> side on Wednesday.

Rotation has been an important task this year with sometimes 8 players or more rotated on Saturday.

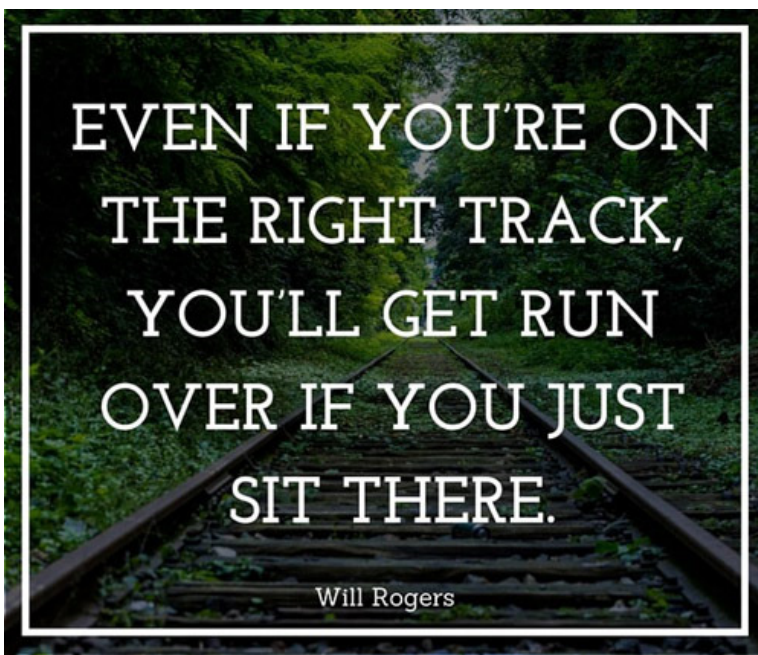
The by-law requires players from the lowest side rotated and thereafter moved to the next lowest side and so on.

Players have now been rotated from the 4<sup>th</sup> side.

**BARRY HANNA**

## *March Birthdays*

Brian	Schaefer	4
Philip	Harris	9
Bill	Booker	11
Jenny	Whittle	13
Hans	Hekmeijer	14
Lesley	Slattery	15
David	Jones	17
Randall	Gerlach	18
Bev	Allison	25
Murray	Evans	27
Ian	Oliver	28
Terry	Onto	28
Grayham	Taylor	28
Jim	Hughes	31



## Profile— Barbara Payne

Born 1934 - Flightless bird that has flown round the world.

Being the baby of the family I had an idyllic life no worries till 1939 when I turned the radio off - didn't want to hear all that talk, immediately chastised by my parents - declaration of war was announced.

My first visit to hospital was when I was 8 years old having accidentally stabbed my left foot with a large carving knife - lying on the operating table bawling my eyes out, when the male nurse said. "Sit up and have a look" being obedient I did - it had the desired effect - I fainted. I can still recall the scene.

On reaching the age of 21 I was legally allowed to drink at a pub, vote and get my driver's license, which I promptly did. The examining policeman said "back up this road" - I did - question "which side of the road are you supposed to be on" answer, "it's too narrow for two cars" and continued down the centre. Next question as we approached lights at an intersection, "when can you proceed through a red light" answer "after you have been sitting there for two minutes and they haven't changed" Wrong. "When there is a green light telling you to turn round the corner". I passed!!!

1956 was invited by two friends from Wellington to sail to Australia. After 5 days on a very rough sea journey we arrived in Sydney. Stayed for 6 months then returned to NZ. Couldn't settle down, so experiencing a very nasty work situation decided to return to Australia by myself.

1972 John and I travelled by bus to Sydney to purchase an ex Sydney double decker bus driving it back to Adelaide. Crossing the river at Wellington (SA) exciting with the back end of the bus hanging over the back end of the ferry. We converted it into a camper; lots of fun. Up hill and down dale 30 mph. Not having a heavy duty licence I drove it with "L" plates.

1985 With my eldest daughter, 21 years old, we went to England and after touring as far as The Lake District flew to Belgium, where we picked up a hire car. Sat for half hour getting up enough courage as we had an appointment at 4.00pm with the Australian Trade Commission. Took off, never having driven on the right hand side, had no idea of the direction we were heading, no maps. Made it. Our journey took us as far as Madrid. On the odd occasion in Germany we spent the night sleeping in the car alongside the trucks in their parking bays.

1986 We purchased at auction a 1933 MG in chassis form. John completely rebuilt it to become the fastest car in his class - Group K (historic) supercharged and running on alcohol top speed 180 kph - My first outing was at Eastern Creek. Private practice Friday, stayed on left hand side of circuit. Saturday out passing cars and having a ball. Sunday John had first race - BANG - big blow up end of racing. For the next 20 years went racing every 6 Weeks at all the circuits as far afield as Queensland. Tow car on most times our Laser.

1992 We went on a Jaguar Rally from Oslo to The North Cape. On finishing the Rally we travelled through



Finland, Germany, Italy France to Cadiz, back to England. There is nothing like the throbbing purr of a V12 E. Type travelling through the Pyrenees. Return journey via America attending the wedding of the young man who did up the engine of the E type.

2004 My last race at Mal-lala, having taken up bowls The rest you know. My motto - Some do Some don't - I might!

Regards Barbara

## **DOING US PROUD!**

Bowls SA in conjunction with the State Selection Panel have released the South Australian Sides for the 2016 Australian Sides Championships to be held at Queanbeyan & Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Clubs ACT (NSW) from Thursday 31 March until Sunday 3 April 2016.

Michael Lodge has been selected as a Lead for the Men's team and Sue Hutchison has been selected as lead for the Women's team.

Congratulations to both of these players and we wish them a successful and also an enjoyable experience.

## **NIGHT OWLS COACHING**

On Sunday 13th December another Night Owls Coaching Clinic was held at our club. Organized by George Charlesworth and myself. Pleased to say twenty five people turned up and all were keen to gain some extra bowls knowledge. A big thank you to those who helped out. We had intentions of running another session before the end of the season because of the excellent feedback but unfortunately with the heat and State games we have not been able to do so.

By the time you receive this report pennants may be finished or close to it. I am very pleased with the results of our ladies pennant this season. With two matches to go our Our Major League Ladies will finish either top or second and the same applies to our Metro 1 South team. Our Metro 1 South West team have certainly done an excellent job finishing fifth after losing a couple of players through out the season through injuries. Well done to all a great season. Finals for our Ladies Major League will commence on Tuesday 15th March, Thursday 17th and the Grand final on Tuesday the 22nd. If you have nothing planned on those dates come on down to support us we would love to see you there.

Whether going away or staying home I hope you enjoy the break and wish you all good health. For those staying at home it is always good to have some sort of practice to keep your eye in. Don't forget the forty bowls test and there are plenty of social games you can participate in including our own club.

All the best.

**Shirley Blackwell.**

***Welcome to new member, Simon Burke.***

## Claridge Classic Seafood Day—Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

So far, so good! The Planning Committee will meet again soon. We currently have 40 teams enrolled and can accommodate 44. Whatever happens we are happy with the outcome. We have a large selection (20+) of very high value Raffle Prizes. It will be certainly a good decision to put your hand in your pocket to give yourself a chance to win something.

Many of the teams that have entered are 'repeat customers'. They liked what they experienced in past years and are more than happy to enter a team again this year. So, a big thank you to our repeat customers and welcome on board to any teams entering for the first time.

The committee will be contacting each team entered to confirm with them their meal requirements.

*Maree Schaefer, Planning Coordinator.*



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