

THE BUZZ

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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



Welcome to 2019. Happy New Year to all.

I hope you had a great Christmas and an enjoyable break from bowls.

While some of us rested, work has continued on the BBQ/outdoor kitchen by Jim and his small band of volunteers.

At an impromptu get together before Christmas, these guys, Jim Terrington, Dick Murdoch, Martin Smith and David Waterhouse, were each presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Board of Management, in recognition of their excellent and time-consuming work on the shed. Night Owlers will benefit on the first night back this week.

I have posted photos of the work in progress on the club's Facebook page but there are a couple here as well.



The new paving is complete and wheel stops on the back carparks have been added.



Please note that 5 new car parks behind the new extension have been allocated to the BOM Secretary, Chairman, Treasurer, Men's President and Women's President.

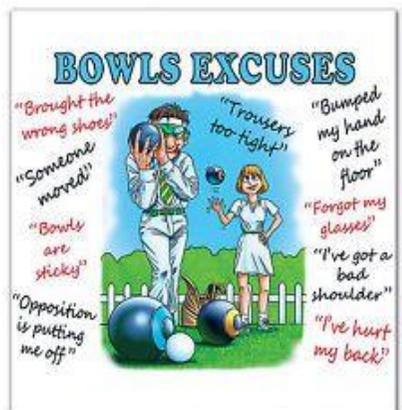
The Catering park is now allocated next to the Bar Manager in the front car park.

In the process of this work we have gained some new sponsors. New signs will be up on the wall in coming weeks. Don't forget to use our Sponsors if they have a service you need.

Whilst I was not able to attend the Club's Christmas Dinner, I have heard some good reports of a very nice evening. The new Christmas tree and the decorations were excellent giving the clubrooms a very happy and festive feel. Thank you to Linda Scarlett and her Social Committee for your time and effort organizing the night.

Now it's time to get back into practice and pennants for some, Club Championships, Night Owls and Friday Social Bowls. Let's see what we can achieve for the rest of the season.

Good bowling to all - Roslyn Blakeney



SPEED LIMIT

Concern has been raised of the speed at which some drivers are travelling on the road leading to the clubrooms.

New signs indicating the speed limit of 20 kmph are going to be attached to the LHI fence to remind drivers, and reduce any possible risk of an accident or injury.

Members, visitors and Night Owlers will be reminded of the speed limit when leaving the club.



FROM THE LADIES' PRESIDENT



FROM THE LADIES' LOCKER ROOM

Firstly, a very happy and healthy New Year to you all. I hope everyone has enjoyed their Christmas break and is ready to get back into the remaining season.

Well the first half of the season has come and gone, having missed two games due to the weather – the first was a 'washout', and the last round was cancelled due to expected heat on that day.

At present our Team positions are as follows:

Premier 1: 8th

Div. 2 Nth: 8th

Div. 3 Nth R: 1st (keep up the good work girls)

Div. 3 Nth W: 10th

Club Championships are well under way with some very close matches – good to see.

Well done to our 'Fab Four' (Shirley K, Andrea, Bev M and Raelene) who contested the State Fours - a great effort girls - you nearly got there!

Our Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by many, with our Club Treasurer taking home the Major Raffle Prize – how did that happen? I'm sure you will spend it wisely Jim.

The Clubrooms looked terrific on the night and was appreciated by all who attended - well done Social Committee!

So now on to the remainder of the Pennant Competition – good bowling to everyone in 2019.

Cheers - Jill Chandler



FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Our annual Christmas dinner was held on Saturday, 15 December 2018. It was a successful and enjoyable night according to the feedback we have received. In total 131 bowlers, family and friends came along to make it such a success.

Thank you to our Patrons Frances Bedford MP and Dr Richard Harvey MP for attending our dinner.

Guests were welcomed with a pre-dinner drink and five door prizes were drawn for a few lucky recipients.

The music was provided by Baby Boomer DJ, Ray Garreffa and, judging by the many people who were up dancing, he was well received.



An Abba skit was performed by a few brave souls from our committee with one other bowler joining them. Father Christmas and carol singing preceded the drawing of our much anticipated Christmas raffle. The winning tickets were drawn out by our Patron, Frances Bedford MP.



FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



I would like to thank the Social Committee team of Norma, Helen Taylor, Sue, Therese, Margaret Bibby John Ludbrook and Brian Scarlett for their preparation and hard work in organising this night. Thanks to Mick T, David Binns, Keith Knipe and David Waterhouse for helping put up the Christmas decorations and the Christmas tree which looked magnificent. Thanks to our volunteer bar staff for helping out on the night.

Note:

If anyone has a contact for a caterer you have used and can recommend, please let me know, preferably with a sample menu for a two or three course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and quote for approximately 150 people for mid December 2019, within our price range, as soon as possible.

Chairperson Social Committee - Linda Scarlett





Thanks to Chris Duff-Tytler for this very interesting article on Sri Lanka which is the land of his birth. It certainly makes you want to go there and see it for yourself.

DISCOVER - SRI LANKA

“Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it and, above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light.”

******* JOSEPH PULITZER *******

IN PRAISE OF MY BEAUTIFUL ISLAND – SRI LANKA

The 13th Century Venetian traveller, Marco Polo, described the island as “The jade pendant in the Indian Ocean”. The abundance of gemstones, spices, rain forests and wildlife; the magnificent beaches, ancient ruins and a written history of over 2,500 years, make this island a tourists’ paradise.

The ruined cities of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa illustrate the glory of the ancient kingdoms. The gigantic stupas and Buddha statues are among the biggest man-made structures of the world. The massive reservoirs, built by ancient kings to irrigate thousands of acres of land, are marvels of hydro engineering. There are 8 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Sri Lanka.

The island was known to the Greeks as “Taprobane” and to the Arabs as “Serendib”. Early merchants visited the island in search of gemstones and spices, mainly cinnamon and pepper. Coffee and tea plantations were started by the British colonial rulers. Ceylon tea is famous the world over.

The tourism industry is a major money spinner for this beautiful island. The vast expanse of beaches, rain forests and national parks with herds of elephants, the central highlands with lithe waterfalls, bring in the tourists. The island is dotted with hundreds of hotels to accommodate the traveller. An island of 25,000 square miles, it has 103 rivers and 25,000 reservoirs, mostly man-made. With varying climatic conditions, this island is truly a “small miracle”.

“The island of Sri Lanka is a small universe, it contains as many variations of culture, scenery and climate as some countries a dozen times its size I find it hard to believe that there is any country which scores so highly in all departments – which have so many advantages and so few disadvantages. Lovely beaches, beautiful landscapes, impressive ruins, a vibrant culture and charming people – no wonder Sri Lanka is a small miracle.”

******* ARTHUR C. CLARK *******



Upcoming Dates for HVBC – don't forget to put these dates in your diaries

- 10/10/18 Volunteers Night
- 06/10/18 Saturday Pennant Begins
- 09/10/18 Tuesday Night Owls Begins
- 10/10/18 Wednesday Pennant Begins
- 11/10/18 Thursday Pennant Begins
- 11/10/18 Thursday Night Owls Begins
- 14/10/18 Coopers Day
- 21/10/18 State Pairs
- 28/10/18 2nd Round State Pairs
- 04/11/18 State 4's
- 06/11/18 Melbourne Cup
- 11/11/18 2nd Round State 4's
- 12/11/18 Ladies President's Day
- 25/11/18 State Mixed Pairs
- 06/12/18 Last Thursday Pennant
- 08/12/18 Last Saturday Pennant
- 09/12/18 2nd Round State Mixed Pairs
- 12/12/18 Last Wednesday Pennant
- 13/12/18 – Champions Week -
- 16/12/18 (Pairs, Mixed Pairs, 4's)

15/12/18 Club Christmas Dinner

2019

- 08/01/19 Thursday Practice Starts
- 08/01/19 Tuesday Night Owls Starts
- 09/01/19 Wednesday Pennant Starts
- 10/01/19 Thursday Pennant Starts
- 10/01/19 Thursday Night Owls Starts
- 12/01/19 Saturday Pennant Starts
- 13/01/19 State Singles
- 20/01/19 2nd Round State Singles
- 03/02/19 Champagne Breakfast
- 26/01/19 No Pennant – Australia Day
- 10/02/19 Club Finals Day
- 17/02/19 State Triples
- 20/02/19 NO WEDNESDAY PENNANT
- 20/02/19 Skins Night

21/02/19 NO THURSDAY PENNANT

- 24/02/19 2nd Round State Triples
- 03/03/19 Champion of Champions Singles
- 06/03/19 Last Wednesday Pennant (Minor Round)

09/03/19 NO SATURDAY PENNANT

- 9-10/03/19 Prestige Medley
- 12/03/19 Last Tuesday Night Owls
- 13/03/19 Wednesday Pennant S/F
- 14/03/19 Last Thursday Night Owls
- 16/03/19 Last Saturday Pennant (Minor Round)

17/03/19 Hornets Charity Day

- 20/03/19 Wednesday Pennant P/F
- 21/03/19 Thursday Pennant S/F
- 23/03/19 Saturday Pennant S/F
- 23/03/19 Presentation Night
- 24/03/19 Champion of Champions Pairs

- 28/03/19 Thursday Pennant (Preliminary Final)

- 30/03/19 Saturday Pennant (Preliminary Final)

- 04/04/19 Thursday Pennant (Grand Final)

- 06/04/19 Saturday Pennant (Grand Final)

- 11/04/19 Champions Week (Singles, Triples & Champ of Champ)

19-22/04/19 Easter

- 25/04/19 Anzac Day (Australia vs Rest of the World)



NIGHT OWLS

One of the teams on Thursday nights Night Owls is called Young and Bowled as there are 2 young brothers playing – Dylan aged 10 and Cameron aged 9 with their Mum, Andrea and a supporting seasoned player in Nancy.



Dylan and Cameron participated in the 2018 State Primary School Championships representing Ardtornish Primary School. Dylan won all of his games and got into the first final knock out. Cameron did very well and won one end, only losing by 2 points to the boy who came 2nd overall. They played 3 matches of 8 ends before finals. Well done to both Dylan and Cameron who represented both their school and Hope Valley Bowling Club very admirably.

Here is an excerpt of the review from Bowls SA about the Champs:

2018 review:

A fantastic sunny day greeted 31 Primary School students for the 2018 State Primary School Championships held at Grange Bowling Club in November. All students participated in the singles event in the morning followed by an open triples event in the afternoon. The sportsmanship and standard of Bowls was first class, with the smiles on all participants' faces creating a great atmosphere for the day.

Silver Medal: Charlie Hicks (North Haven Primary)

Gold Medal: Cooper Hocking (Ardtornish)



COACHING



KEY POINT

There are coaches in our Club who teach the basics of lawn bowls, and teach them well. Any international champion will tell you that the basics are the first stepping stones to success – neglect them and you may as well stay home.

There are several forms of practise and one is getting together and having a competitive roll-up, which most players do. This form of practise in most cases will only maintain your present form of skill level. Practising should and must have one specific goal and that is to correct our weak points by repetition. It is our weak points that prove to be very costly indeed. Champions already know this and that is why they have less weak points!!!

What is our main fault? If we study our final groups individually, or as a team, our groups in most cases are 50% longer than our grass width. This major fault can be corrected by repetitional practise by focussing solely on *remembering* the physical “flow through” weight of our last and every bowl.

Basketballers who have perfected this “memory act” show that their “shooting” skills from all angles, at variable distances, are exceptional. Repetitional practise on one element alone and focussing on the weight of the last shot – and *remembering* that weight – is the key to consistency and success.

It is time we realised that the only reason we lose is the lack of skill, especially in remembering the weight of each throw. It is time we revised our way of thinking at practise and focussed entirely on our weak points, then we will have a greater chance of success.

There is a secret of which, in its own category, is even more important – your focus and internal will should, at practice, be equal to the skill and determination you would be using if you were playing in a Club Championship. If it is not, then you should just pack up and go home!!

From An Observer

FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

We have had time off over the Christmas/New Year and scheduled to start again on Friday 11th January – though this was cancelled due to the hot weather. Our Christmas get together was marred due to the weather and we could not play bowls but 70 people attended and socialised, enjoyed the “nibbles” and present swapping.



I am sorry to hear that Carey and Mariah have announced that they will no longer be helping out, but have promised to still join us for a game when they can. Arthur Hawkins has volunteered to help on Fridays and called on anyone else who is willing to assist. There was very good response so we are looking forward to getting on the green once again. Nadene



Greens Report by Mick Tsaousoglou

A green - This green is in good condition. After a successful dusting it is ready to go. The maintenance programme is ongoing.

B green - This green has had a good rest through the holiday season. It is in excellent condition. Fertilizer has been applied as part of the maintenance programme

C green - After the dusting of this green just before Christmas, it is almost ready to go. It has a good coverage of grass and is in excellent condition.



The extreme weather conditions that we experienced recently have had a little bit of an effect on all of the greens.

*I would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to all the volunteers for your help on C green – you know who you are and without you, things would be much slower and more difficult. Thanks again.*

From your Greenkeeper, Mick

APPEAL FOR BREAD TAGS FROM BRENDA SEYMOUR

For some time now, I have been collecting the tags from bread wrappers or any other type of bag that uses these types of tags, and a lot of bowlers collect them for me as well, but I'm not always at the Clubrooms when people drop them off. There is now a bin at the front of the Clubrooms with a label on it to say what it is for, which the tags can be put into.

I collect the tags and they then get sent to a lady in South Africa, who sells them to an organisation that recycles them into seed trays. With the money she receives, she buys wheelchairs for people who need one but can't afford one. Here are a couple of recipients who were extremely happy and grateful to have received a wheelchair from this charity.



It is a costly and messy business sending them by post as the customs people in South Africa make it difficult and sometimes charge for them to get to their destination. There is a group of us at present around Australia trying to find a way to transport them different ways to make it cheaper, and one way we have found is that people who are travelling to South Africa to visit family or for a holiday, can carry a couple of kilos with them in their luggage, as most people in South Africa know about the scheme and how to get them to Mary Honeybun (what a wonderful name). She has won awards in her community for the work she has done with the tags. She has had to hand over some of the work to others as she only started doing this when she retired from work and it is now getting a bit much for her. She started in 2006 and currently collects around 500kg per month which can fund 2-3 wheelchairs. So far, they have donated almost 700 wheelchairs which is amazing and wonderful.

I look forward to receiving as many bread tags as possible from all the various groups who attend the Clubrooms on a regular basis.

Thanks - Brenda

CANINE CUP

THE RACE THAT MAKES THE NATION PAWS



The Guardian Angels Animal Rescue successfully ran their second Canine Cup on Sunday, 2nd December, 2018.

A drone was used to take lots of photos which are available on their website, and also linked to ours.

The running of this Cup is their major fund raiser event for the year, and last year, using our greens, raised in excess of \$5,000.

One of the volunteers for the Guardian Angels Animal Rescue plays bowls for another metro club and said there was no way her club would allow this event to be held there, so they are very grateful for the support we give them.

Many thanks to Bob Fuss and greenskeeper, Mick for making this possible.



SATURDAY PENNANT MATCHES

When visiting team players have left the clubroom following Saturday Pennant bowls, HVBC members are asked to put their chair upside down on the table before leaving.

This is aimed at reducing the amount of lifting for the Sunday volunteer cleaning teams as each chair weighs approx 8kg, and the collective weight is in excess on one tonne!!!

Your help will be most appreciated - thanks, Nola



FOR SALE

(If anyone has anything they would like to include in this section next issue, please email me the details and a photo and I will happily include this as a regular article – The Editor)

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Comes with Canopy and front & rear baskets - only \$900.00



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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING???

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.