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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



Happy New Year to all and welcome back to bowls. Our Christmas Dinner was a great success, with a full Clubhouse. Thanks to the Social Committee for organising a great evening. There was lots of positive feedback about the lovely food and entertainment.

Regarding Covid -19, the goal posts have moved dramatically during the past month. Bowls SA have introduced a “No Jab, No play” policy for all pennant bowls from the 10th January, which has been favourably accepted by Bowlers. Further to that, at our recent BOM meeting we approved a “No Jab, No Entry” policy which will be implemented effective from Monday, 24th January 2022. Many other Bowling Clubs have introduced this policy to protect not only bowlers (who *have* to be jabbed), but all people who visit our Club. You will find more information on this in this edition of “The Buzz”.

On a sadder note, we acknowledge the passing of long time members, Neville Trewren and Laurie Pollard and extend our sympathy to Jenny, Ros and their families. Please read of their involvement with the Club elsewhere in “The Buzz”.

Congratulations to Kobe, Cameron, Rhys and Elliot, four of our young bowlers who played in the State Under 18's competition and gained valuable experience. All boys were playing older boys and I am sure they will keep learning and improving and will be a great asset for our Club. Kobe played with two Gladstone lads in the Triples and they won the GOLD medal after a close game, winning by one shot. Congratulations, Kobe. You are a credit to our Club. (See photos on back page.)

Club Champion events are now well under way and I wish those still playing every success.

As usual, at this time of the year, we ask everyone to start considering how you can become involved in the running of the Club, either in Administration or volunteering in the numerous areas around the Club.

Martin Smith tendered his resignation from the Board effective from 31st January and the BOM thanked him for his great work as Board Member, House Manager and Barman.

Anyone interested in taking on the position of House Manager, please speak to Martin or Nola for details. We will also be looking for a new Bar Manager and Assistant Treasurer as Vonnie Secker and Ros Blakeney will not be standing again at our AGM in May. So, PLEASE spread the word around the Club, as normally people just don't put their hand up, but need to be asked.

Good Bowling - **DAVID McMARTIN**

FROM THE LADIES' PRESIDENT



FROM THE LADIES LOCKER ROOM

Well, after a most enjoyable Christmas dinner 'night', I hope you have all enjoyed a break.

We are into the second half of our Season so a very Happy New Year to you all.

Round 11 Pennant matches have now been completed and team positions are as follows:

Premier 8th

Div. 2 Nth 5th

Div. 3 Nth 5th

Let's hope we can continue the Season without too many 'Covid' interruptions, but we must be very mindful of the restrictions in place and abide by the rules.

Club Championships are now in full swing and are being completed with some excellent bowling.

Thanks to all the ladies who continue to help out on 'sandwich duties', including those who then have to go out and get their exercise on the greens. Your work does not go unnoticed. It is pleasing to see that, as a Club, we can still provide this for our visiting Clubs and to our own Members.

Best wishes for the remainder of the Season - let's finish it in a positive way.

Until next time, Cheers for now.

JILL CHANDLER



FROM THE MEN'S PRESIDENT



Welcome back to the New Year and the second half of the season. I hope everyone's seasonal festivities were enjoyed safely and were up to your expectations.

Covid is doing its best to put a dampener on everything, but many thanks to you all for quickly responding with your double-vax verifications. As long as we continue to do the right things, we should be able to complete the season. A special mention and thanks to the efforts of Nola and Chris (Parry). Nola is the recipient of countless pieces of correspondence and advice regarding our legal Covid requirements and has to sort and disseminate it to us all to keep us on track. Chris has spent days entering each member's double-vax status onto the BowlsLink website to ensure we can continue to play the game we all enjoy so much. So, thanks again Nola and Chris.

Upon our re-start, several of our Men's and Open Gender sides are in finals contention. The remainder have plenty of games left to improve their positions, so let's all get our bowls to do the talking and win a few more than we lose.

Coming up are our Ultimate Bowls day on Wednesday, 26 January and our Skins Night on Wednesday, 2 February. I hope these will be good fun events as usual and encourage your participation.

On another note, I didn't really know Neville Trewren very well, but played bowls against him once or twice during the winter season. He was a good bowler and a good bloke. Neville was a Life Member of our Club, being a Foundation Member in 1988, Inaugural President from 1988 to 1991, and Chairperson of the Board of Management from 1989-1991. I'm sure many of you will miss him and I'd like to acknowledge his significant contributions to the Club. RIP Neville.

See you all out on the Greens.

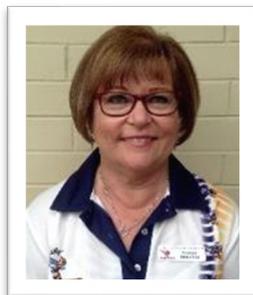
IVAN LAWTON

FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Our last function for 2021 was Christmas Dinner on the 11th December. It was a great night of food, fun and fellowship. The caterers Vic and Sue Itropico served 107 deliciously hot and tasty meals and Amanda and Co entertained us with great music to sing along and dance to.



We had a different QR code for a private function which enabled dancing and no masks.

Thank you to all the social committee for the tremendous effort in decorating the club rooms and organising this night. Well done.



ROSLYN BLAKENEY - CHAIR PERSON



Left: Len, Terese and Jane serving pre-dinner drinks

Right: Ros welcoming everyone to the Christmas Dinner



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CHRISTMAS DINNER



BEAUTIFUL DANCE DEMO AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER



Mavis and partner, Steven, accompanied by other dancers from their group



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Wendy

I would like to discuss a few things about etiquette in lawn bowls to enhance **GRACIOUS LAWN BOWLING**:

1. Lawn bowls is a game for ladies and gentlemen. Do you remember some of the niceties and etiquette that once were observed? Ergo:
 - a. A player remained on the green until their opponent had bowled their last bowl. Both players then left the rink together. If necessary, helping each other up the “ever increasing in height” bank;
 - b. While waiting for their opponent to complete their last bowl, the player located and handed the next member of their team their bowl as they entered the green. This action enhanced team bonding and often placated the skipper. It can be frustrating to a skipper who comes forward to advise his 3rd, only to be confronted by the 3rd’s backside as he or she fossicks for their bowl;
 - c. All leads and number 2s waiting until the two final bowls from the 3rds come to rest before they start to change ends;
 - d. The opposing number 3 or skipper at the head remaining behind their opposite number when the opponent has control of the rink;
 - e. The opposing skipper always waiting for his opponent to reach the mat end before they bowl their first bowl;
 - f. Leads and number 2s never to start kicking bowls back until the number 3s have arrived at a result;
 - g. Skippers or number 3s never used bowling arms, walking sticks, lifters, drying rags or any other item to indicate where his team member should bowl – an accidental contact with a bowl by using such items could drastically change the result of a game. An accidentally moved bowl cannot be replaced in its exact resting position;
 - h. A member of the home side inviting his opponent for a “coldie” during the game; and
 - i. Never wearing headdress into the Club rooms.
2. Some of the events I have mentioned above are covered by obscure rules. Most bowlers do not have a rule book anyway. New bowlers do not get a good briefing on rules and etiquette and, in my opinion, the Premier League upholds little tradition.
3. Perhaps I am getting older, but Sir Francis Drake must be turning on his wave.

Kind regards
Don Phillips



“No Jab, No Entry” Policy:

Members of the Board of Management have endorsed a “No Jab, No Entry” Policy which came into effect on Monday, 24th January 2022.

This Policy will apply to all players (ie Pennants, Night Owlers, Social and Indoor bowlers), volunteers, visitors, spectators, contractors, suppliers and anyone booking club facilities for private functions, coaching and training.

The mandating of this Policy has had the overwhelming support from club members.

A copy of this Policy is in the Clubroom and will be available on our Website. Please do not remove the Clubroom copy.

The duty Covid Marshal or appointed member will be responsible for checking the vaccination status of all visitors, and a visitor sticker with the current date will be provided. Any visitor without the required vaccination will be refused entry.

Medical Exemption: An approved exemption provided by a medical provider, in line with Government requirements will be required.

COVID QR Code and Face Masks:

Please continue to sign in using the QR Code or sign-in sheets available at the front desk.

It is requested members provide their own face mask. however masks are available for purchase at the front desk if necessary.



VALE

It is with regret we have seen the passing of two of our loved Club members in the past three weeks.

NEVILLE TREWREN

13.8.1922 – 24.12.2021

Neville Trewren has been described by members of the Hope Valley Bowling & Community Club as a true gentleman, both on and off the green.

He was a Foundation Member in 1988, Inaugural President from 1988 to 1991, and Chairperson of the Board of Management from 1989-1991.

During this time, Neville helped set the Club on the course of success our members currently enjoy.

Neville is also a Life Member of the Club.

We are saddened to hear of his passing, but all who knew him would agree he had a very committed and worthy life.

On behalf of Members of the Board of Management and the Hope Valley Bowling Club Community, we pass on our sincere condolences to his family at this time.

“When you look back on your life what will you see

Will you see the man you would like to be,

Will you hold your head up high with all the rest,

And know that you have lived your life with love”

VALE

LAURIE POLLARD 8.9.1936 – 15.1.2022

Laurie Pollard joined the Hope Valley Bowling Club in 1993. He was a Member and Treasurer on the Board of Management, a Member of the Social Committee for many years, and a dedicated, hard-working Club Member for more than almost 30 years.

Laurie was instrumental in starting the Friday Night Dinners which continue to this day, and has proven to be very successful and, with John Ludbrook at his side, fought the authorities for permission to install lights for a Night Owls Competition to be played at the Club.

Laurie was a humble, quiet, professional man always with the best interest of the Club at heart. He will be missed both on and off the green and remembered with love by so many.

On behalf of Members of the Board of Management and the Hope Valley Bowling Club Community, we pass on our sincere condolences to Ros and family at this time.

*“You had a smile for everyone, you had a heart of gold
You left behind the memories, that we will always hold”.*

Sincere thanks to Marg Morden and John Ludbrook for their contribution to these tributes. Thanks also to Jim Terrington who made the livestreaming of both services available for club members to view in our clubroom.

Kind regards, **NOLA MANUEL**

Our sincere condolences also go to the families of:

John Rutter and Harry Burkhill

who passed away in November last year. Both were past members of the Club and may still be remembered by some.

Wendy Campbell – Editor and Almoner



TRIBUTE TO LAURIE POLLARD

Laurie Pollard was a member of the Hope Valley Bowling and Community Club for close to 30 years during which time he served as Treasurer on the Committee and the Social Club Committee.

He was instrumental in starting the Friday Night Teas with members Geoff and Nola Healey and members of the committee at that time. I also served on the committee at that time; the older members were not sure as to this venture but agreed to a trial period. This was put in place, and you only have to look now to see the success the Club has achieved.

At about this time, Nite Owls was making an impact on bowls but Hope Valley, having no lights, could not take the opportunity to use this to help with fund raising. At this time the Club was in debt to the Tea Tree Gully Council and was not in the best way financially. Along with myself, we asked the committee if we could look into getting lights for the Club, having got permission (with a lot of negativity) from members, we went ahead. The Council was not happy with our request but agreed with it and put out a letter to the local residents for their opinions and had some good, some bad responses. The Council it seemed to Laurie and I, took the easy way out and said “no” to lights. But Laurie and I did not take that lying down. We immediately took the matter to the Arbitration Courts and after a long battle got the Council to grant the permission for the Club to install lights. Now came the difficult part of getting the money to pay for them. Laurie and I applied for a grant from the government and received the grant to install lights (this was after 3 years of fighting) for them. More fool us, for with a very good team around us, we ran it very successfully for the first 6 years.

The Hope Valley Bowling Club has lost not only a bowler but a very, very good loyal member.

JOHN LUDBROOK, Life Member

CARPARK SPEED LIMIT:

Members are reminded of the speed limit within the Club carpark as displayed at the carpark entrance.

To avoid the possibility of an accident, walking pace is considered appropriate given the age of many of our members.





Rhys, Kobe, Cameron and Elliot in their uniforms and Kobe right with the 2 boys he played with in the triples and achieved Gold (See David McMartin's article). Well done to you all on your fabulous day.



Barry, Wendy, Jane and Ian at Yorketown Carnival – we tried hard and had a good time!!!



Look how beautiful our flowers and gardens are at the moment – well done to all our gardeners and ground keepers.