

THE BUZZ



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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



As I write this article, we are now at the business end of Pennant Bowls and the finals have commenced. We have had an extremely successful season with six sides making it through to the finals.

Division 3 North Ladies Thursday division finished 3rd. In the Wednesday Men's Division, 3 North finished Minor Premier, Division 3 East finished 3rd, Division 4 North finished 3rd. Both Saturday Division 6 East and Ladies Thursday Division 2 North narrowly missed the finals finishing 5th. We wish all teams "good bowling" for the finals. On another note, unlike previous years, no teams face relegation. *(Ed Note: Currently the Div 3 North Ladies are playing a preliminary final on Thursday, 24 March at Salisbury at 9.45 am, and Saturday, Div 6 East are playing a grand final on Saturday, 27 March at Henley Beach. Your support would be most appreciated at both.)*

I am sure that the big improvement this year is due to our coach, Gary Davies, and the commitment of players to learn from practice sessions.

Club Championship events are now nearing completion and I wish those still playing every success.

Covid 19 conditions continue to change on a regular basis, and I thank Nola Manuel for her excellent work in keeping the Club informed of changes. Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, restrictions will be behind us. Covid restrictions in December and January hurt us financially, but Jim Terrington was able to obtain two State Government grants totalling \$12,000 which have helped our finances. Ivan Lawton also was successful in applying for a grant of \$3,000 which was put towards the purchase of a new Barbeque.

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK cont./...

The Club was saddened to be advised of the passing of Ken McKinnon. Although he was a member for only 5 years, he was a true gentleman and a much-loved Club member, who served on the Men's Committee in 2020-2021. Our sympathies are extended to Roz and their family.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 May 2022 so we ask everyone to start considering how they can become involved in the running of the Club, either in Administration or volunteering in the numerous areas around the Club.

We are looking for nominations for the positions of Bar Manager and House Manager as both Vonnie Secker and Martin Smith will not be seeking re-election.

Until next time. **DAVID McMARTIN**

CONGRATULATIONS

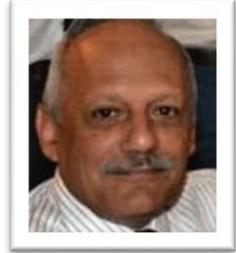
To the following bowlers who topped the players list for most wins from all clubs and players in their division.

Wednesday Division 3 North – Jack Caulfield : 15 wins and 2 losses

Wednesday Division 4 North - David McMartin : 13 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses.

Congratulations also to John Williams who was runner-up in Wednesday Division 4 North with 12 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses.

FROM THE MEN'S PRESIDENT



Reflect on this: Your Club has no single meeting or forum that is attended by every member.

Not everyone uses email or SMS messages; not everyone uses a computer to check the website; not everyone attends AGMs; not everyone bowls every week to receive verbal updates and news items. This makes communicating to **all** HVBC members somewhat problematic. The “Buzz” should, therefore, be required reading for us all. I urge you to read it either on the WEB page or take home a copy and keep it for reference.

Several individual members have provided useful feedback to me during the year on everything from Club traditions and protocols to how good or bad the coffee is. For all your many and varied comments, I thank you and hope you have seen or heard sufficient evidence to know your words have not fallen on deaf ears.

But from all your comments during the year there have been two major recurring topics; practice/coaching sessions and selection. Both of these issues will not be news to most of you because they seem to have been perennial (for the Men at least) topics of discussion for a long time.

Most of us do not like change, and the Men's Committee have discussed how we could do things differently next year regarding these two key areas. The Committee will be seeking your contributions in a more formal way after the conclusion of the current season but, as the Men's President, I ask for your support A) by sharing your thoughts and ideas, and B) by supporting the final decisions that are implemented.

FROM THE MEN'S PRESIDENT cont./...

To get you thinking about next season, I ask each of you to consider the following issues/questions:

- How seriously do you take your bowling?
- How did the overall bowling performance of the Club compare to last year?
- How did the Club perform in each of the Wednesday men's, Thursday ladies', and Saturday open gender pennant competitions compared to last year?
- How was your individual performance compared to last year?
- How did practice affect your individual bowling performance?
- How frequently and what days/times should be set aside for practice?
- To what degree did you enjoy your bowling this year compared to last year?

Finally, there have been quite a few new faces playing pennant bowls with us this year, including our 4 juniors. To these new bowlers I say: "I hope you've all enjoyed your season and I hope you play on next year". I'll save any further comment on the year until the finals are completed. But to all those players that reached, or are still involved in, finals....GOOD LUCK, BOWL WELL AND ENJOY THE MOMENT.

IVAN LAWTON

JUST A LITTLE SNIPPET:

At the beginning of the 2021/22 season, Ken Byrom put 2 decals on Chris Murphy's bowls back to front, so Chris played 2 wrong biases before anyone realised why it had happened. *(Ed: I did hear of other people doing the same thing but Ken's was the first I was told about.)*



FROM THE LADIES' PRESIDENT



FROM THE LADIES' LOCKER ROOM

With the last Minor round Pennant games now played, our teams have finished in the following positions:

Premier – 7th – W8/L10

Div 2 Nth – 5th - W10/L8

Div 3 Nth – 3rd – W8/L9



Well done ladies. Good luck in the Finals games, you can do it!

The Ladies A.G.M. has been set for Tuesday, 5 April at 10 am, followed by our End of Season lunch at the Modbury Hotel at 12 noon. A notice of attendance is in the Ladies' room, so please add your name to the list as we would love to see you all there.

Finals day for the Club Championship matches will be Sunday, 27 March. Come along and support our players and see some good bowling.

Presentation Day is scheduled for Saturday, 23 April 2022. It will be a social game of bowls followed by presentations and pizza. We are hoping for a good attendance to congratulate our Club champions for the 21/22 season.

Finally, the best of luck to all teams playing finals, go Hornets!

Cheers for now.

JILL CHANDLER.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Hi – Just a thank you to Peter Hurt for encouraging and coaching me in the use of the bowling arm. After a fall and seriously injuring my back, I was unable to get down and deliver the bowl properly. I was about to walk away from a game I love and people I have enjoyed being with, but after talking to Peter and having two or three practises, I was able to play competitive bowls on Wednesday and Saturday again.

If anyone is having difficulty in delivering the bowl, don't get to the stage of having to walk away from a game and people you enjoy being with – take up the challenge and try a bowling arm. We have great examples in this Club of people who have done this. Don Phillips, Eddy Barlow, Don Baker and Chris Duff-Tytler are just some of these people.

To all at HVBC, enjoy your bowls and good luck to those who may be playing in finals.

Regards

JEFF NORRIS



Dear Wendy

I have just taken a first aid course to renew my accreditation, which took place locally. I applied online and there were several providers to choose from.

I just want to say to my fellow bowlers and Club members, if you'd like to get some training so you could offer first aid to fellow bowlers, (or grandchildren!) do consider it. If you are unsure how to go about it, I will gladly assist.

Regards

PETER HURT

COOPER'S DAY – 17TH OCTOBER 2021

In keeping with the tradition that Hope Valley hosts the best men's fours tournament in metropolitan Adelaide, this season's was no exception. It is our visiting players that give this accolade - no argument there!

Twenty-eight teams took part, comprising of bowlers from Adelaide, Ascot Park, Encounter Bay, Gumeracha, Modbury, Moonta, Nuriootpa, Payneham, Reynella, Salisbury, Two Wells, Walkerville, Wasleys and West Lakes. There were twelve teams from Hope Valley.

The success of our tournament is due to the fine efforts of our magnificent volunteers, namely Bev Thompson our raffle seller, Vonnie Secker, Judy Marbrow and Graham Robinson behind the bar and our cooking team, ably lead by Andrea Williams, comprising of Marg Bibby, Sally Harrison, Raelene Heitmann, Sue Kelly, Shirley Kipling, Bev Murdoch, Chris Murphy, Brenda Seymour, Therese Snape and Helen Taylor. On the subject of food, a huge thank you to Bob Fuss for the pizzas. Also, well done to the ladies for the trifles of which there was surely not too much leftover.

Well done to Doug Miller, Paul Raby and Mick Noonan who assisted in greeting the skips, taking the entrance fees and handing-out the score cards. Keith Knipe made his debut as Tournament Director and Ken Byrom was Master of Ceremonies, making sure we did not dawdle too long over our roast lunch and trifle. Doug Miller placed the red dots on the greens and Len Blakeney directed traffic in the car park.

Well done Mick T, our greenkeeper for preparing the greens and setting-up the mats and jacks. Finally, thank you to our Hope Valley bowlers for your participation in making it an enjoyable day.

And the winning team isfrom Hope Valley! Bob Fuss (lead), Phil Mahoney (second), Brian Pocock (third) and Doug Miller (skip). Second was a team from Payneham skipped by Peter Matthews. The best first game winner was skipped by Harry Burgess from a team made up of players from Ascot Park and Salisbury. The best second game winner was skipped by Jose Gil from Modbury and the best third game winner was skipped by our own Men's President, Ian Lawton.

Well done to all concerned, both on and off the greens. We hope to see you next year.

MICK NOONAN

(Ed: Mick did give me this article for the last edition which I inadvertently left out and promised him I would put it in this edition, which is why it is so late after the event.)

The winning team left to right - Doug Miller, Brian Pocock, Phil Mahoney and Bob Fuss



QUESTIONS ASKED OF PETER HURT

I recently had the following 2 questions put to me:

1. Q. Are thirds allowed to carry their bowl to the head when inspecting it.
A. YES! (Rule 17.2)
2. Q. What's the rule regarding lifters?
A. They are for the sole purpose of lifting the bowl or jack and "must NOT be used for any other purpose" and "must not be left on the green when not being used". SO... use it and then immediately place it on the bank. It may not be used by a skip, for example, to point with or wave about! (Conditions of Play 13.3).
3. Q. Can two players change positions at half time? (I was asked this just as it was about to happen for a visiting team in a Wednesday match last year.)
A. NO! Our player who objected was very unpopular when he told them. Should they have done this and then discovered that after a bowl had been played, the whole side would have been disqualified! Rule 11.2.5 so Warren, you did them a favour!
4. *A scenario: a player drops out of a team through illness or heat.*
Q. Can they be replaced with a substitute from a lower team?
A. NO. In the first place they would be a replacement player, NOT a substitute, and secondly that replacement player would cause the whole side to be forfeit (see rule 2.5 of domestic rules where constituted players are ineligible to act as replacement players or substitutes). Before you ask: a constituted player is one in a team which has rolled their first jack.

SHOWS YOUR AGE

Two old bowlers having a drink and a chat at the bar after their bowling game. "You certainly played well today. How does it really feel to be 84 years old?"

"Just like a newborn baby. No hair, no teeth and I've just wet myself."

JUNIORS BOWLS

Well, that is another successful season of Junior Bowls finished again. We have a good core of kids that keep coming every week and the improvement in their bowls has been great. We would love to see lots of new kids there when we come back in September, so if you have Kids or Grandkids or know of anyone, it would be great to get them out for a bowl. All the lessons are free and the Hope Valley Bowls Club support the programme very well with lots of treats for the kids.

We now have four juniors playing pennants at the Club and all four are playing finals in their first and second season which is a superb effort. Cameron and Kobe are in the state u18's squad and Kobe has been playing in the u18's Super League with Western Rogues.

We hope to have more kids soon to play social bowls or pennants so if you can keep supporting them as a Club that would be great as they are a big part of our future. It is great to hear other Clubs ask how we have done it and give feedback on the job we are doing with the kids.

We also ran a couple of Come and Try Bowls day's in the school holidays which were well attended with 40 kids the first day and twenty five the next day.

Thanks to Dean and Ivan for all their help and any other people that helped this programme be a success.



Thanks **JARS**

SA SUPER LEAGUE

This is the timeline that Kobe has followed in the Super League:

12 February 2022

Congratulations to Kobe who makes his debut on Sunday in the Juniors (u18's) of the SA Super League at Salisbury. He has been selected for Rd 1 and Rd 2 at 2pm for the Western Rogues. Good luck and bowl well, Hope Valley Bowling Club are proud of what you have achieved.



13 March 2022

Congratulations to Kobe and Harry who play in the grand final next Sunday 20th at 10.00am for the Western Rogues in the Junior Grand Final. Hope Valley Bowling Club are very proud of your achievement. Would be great if anybody from club can support him or I believe the game maybe live streamed by Bowls SA. 2022 SA Super League Finals Weekend Grand Final next Sunday at the Salisbury Bowling Club.

- 👍 Juniors 10am
- 👍 Reserves 12pm
- 👍 League 2pm

13 March 2022

Congratulations Kobe and Harry on Winning the u18's Super league for 2022. Both boys bowled really well and they also bowl very well together as a team. Bad luck Anda and Sam today but you had a great year. Thanks to Buckets and the Western Rogues for giving Kobe an opportunity this year. We couldn't be prouder of the way you have bowled over the last 5 weeks.



On 19-2-2022

Elliott, Rhys and Cameron were competing at Playford and the Playford Club Manager said they were really well mannered and a pleasure to have playing at their Club.

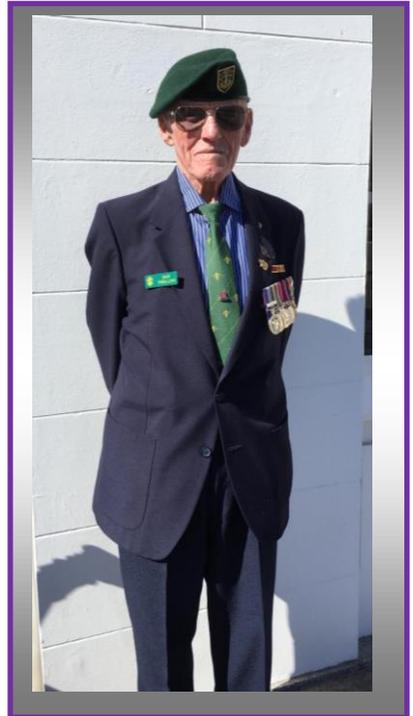
Ed: These boys are currently competing together in a pennant team with Don Phillips and were successful in winning their preliminary final on 19 March, as was the whole team. It is wonderful to see the 2 ends of the spectrum playing in the same team and co-operating very well with other. The boys put up a great fight as did the other 2 rinks and all are in the grand final on 27 March. Our greatest accolades go to all the team. Very well done.



Rhys, Kobe (not in their current pennant team), Cameron and Elliott Play in Div 6 North with Don Phillips right as their skipper.

Apart from the boys bowling well, Don does an amazing job under all conditions.

We wish them well for the finals!!!



FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS



Please note:

Friday social bowls will be on Thursday 14 April before Easter.

Friday Bowls is still going strong and has been attended very well over the last few weeks.

Nadene found an old Buzz from 2008 which mentioned that Anthea, Roz Venning, Glenice Raby and Pauline Norman, as a pennant team, achieved a massive score of 71 – 40. Both Glenice and Pauline are still playing and both are doing a great job at being leads. Congratulations to all!!!

An article by Peter Hurt also left out of the last edition of the Buzz!!!

We may be up to the second half of the season, but I appeal to ladies in particular, again, to consider becoming a measurer or umpire. In our Club we have only one current lady umpire (Brenda Seymour) and no measurer. I can assist with training if needed. To become either you need to apply online to Bowls S.A. The Club will refund any fee. Rule books are available for \$10 (behind the bar), refundable if you become an umpire.

If Brenda is playing away on Thursday our Club is required to ask the visiting team if they have an umpire. How embarrassing is that?

CARPARK SPEED LIMIT:

Members are reminded of the speed limit within the Club carpark as displayed at the carpark entrance (20 kph!!). To avoid the possibility of an accident, walking pace is considered appropriate given the age of many of our members.



GREENS REPORT BY JIM TERRINGTON

As the Pennant season draws to a close it is a good time to give due credit to our Green-Keeper, Mick Tsoulosoglou, for the exceptional standard in which he has presented all three greens.

Our greens require constant nurturing with a fine balance of fertiliser and disease control, all, which Mick has mastered over the years.

We are indeed fortunate to have an agronomist as a sales manager for one of our main suppliers whereby we receive not only excellent advice, but also the most up to date products.



We must also give credit to the amazing grounds crew. They work tirelessly. Each Monday morning their input is abundantly clear whether you are a visitor or a playing member. One of your first observations is how neat and pristine our greens and surrounds are, all adding to the general ambiance of our ever-evolving Club.

This year we have installed new sunshades on the northern side of “A” Green. These shades are retractable which allows us to fold them away, for whenever we require sun light to reach the green. We have also had this whole area paved, and reinstated aluminium seating to each bay.

All greens have received some special attention leading up to finals. Mick has put on display his artistic flair with a magnificent mural on “B” Green – who would have known that a hornet could look so good. Well-done Mick.

We must be doing something right, as the Metropolitan Bowls Association have asked us to host the ladies finals this year on the 31 March. Could be a golden opportunity to showcase Hope Valley Bowling Club.

JIM TERRINGTON, Greens Manager.