

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



Happy New Year to all. I hope you have had a great Christmas and relaxation time for a couple of weeks. Our Christmas Dinner and Cabaret was a great success, a fun night, well attended as usual and the food was delicious. Thanks to the Social committee for their organization.

It's now time to get back to the business of running the Club and focussing on practicing and playing bowls.

The plans for the extension are progressing even though it seems a slow process. The Council have approved the first stage of the work but required some modifications to the drawings. The Board executive discussed these changes and the architect has now submitted the new plans to Council. We are now waiting on their response before we proceed with quotes and the new BBQ area. A Members' information meeting will be arranged when we have all the details.

The emergency gate will be upgraded during January by the Council in response to a visit from the Fire Brigade. Please be mindful of any work occurring just near the entrance to the car park.

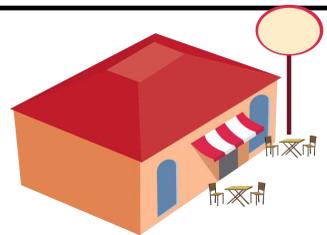
Work on the new website is also progressing with the help of John Thompson and a small sub- committee.

More news from me in the next edition, meanwhile good bowling for the rest of this season.

Roslyn Blakeney

HALL HIRE

Just a reminder that Len Blakeney is in charge of the hall hiring so if there are any enquiries that come to the Club would you please refer them on to Len as he will know when and if the Greens and Clubrooms are available.



Patience is a virtue - by Mick Noonan

To those of you who aspire to play at a higher level of competition to that which you are presently placed I hope that the following will inspire you to try very hard to achieve your goal (providing, of course, that you have a goal!) in whatever level you seek.

On Wednesday, 8th November 2017 I played in the top Hope Valley side, Division 1 - not a significant achievement, some of you may say. Well, I cannot disagree with that apart from the fact that in all of my twenty-four years of pennant competition for Hope Valley this was the very first time that I played in the *top* side, Saturday included.

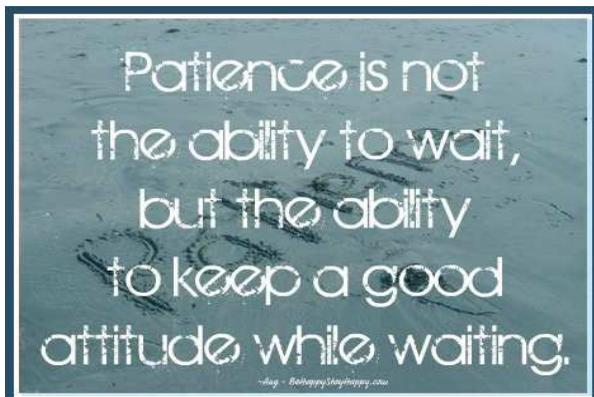
Since the start of this season I had been selected in the second side, Division 2 North - that is, I consider, a good achievement considering the fact that, at the beginning of last season, I started in the Club's fourth side out of six, Division 4 North (White), and finished the season in the third side.

I seem to recall that I joined Hope Valley Bowling Club just after the end of the 1993 / 1994 season because I attended a sponsors' night at the encouragement of a former work colleague who was the Club President at the time. I agreed to sponsor a little tournament in my *Colonial Insurance* days, suffered the Saturday social bowls on 'C' green (the *fantastic plastic!*) and played on grass for the very first time at Tranmere, the first round of the 1994 / 1995 season, winning 31 - 10!

I have played every season on Saturdays since then and on Wednesdays for about the last ten or so years, after a break due to work and other matters.

To you all - good luck in your endeavors!

Mick Noonan



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 First Official Practice	10 First Men's Pennant	11 First Women's Pennant	12 Social Bowls	13 First Open Pennant
14	15	16 Practice Melba Resumes	17 Men's Pennant	18 Women's Pennant	19 Social Bowls	20 Open Pennant
21	22	23 Practice	24 Men's Pennant	25 Women's Pennant	26 Social Bowls	27 Open Pennant
28 THE CANINE CUP 10.00	29	30 Practice	31 Men's Pennant			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Practice		1 Women's Pennant	2 Social Bowls	3 Open Pennant
4 Charr. pagne Breakfast 	5	6 Practice	7 <u>NO</u> <u>PENNANT</u> <u>Skins</u> <u>Night</u> 	8 Women's Pennant	9 Social Bowls	10 Open Pennant
11 <u>CLUB</u> <u>FINALS</u> <u>DAY</u> 	12	13 Practice	14 Men's Pennant	15 Women's Pennant	16 Social Bowls	17 Open Pennant
18	19	20 Practice	21 Men's Pennant	22 Women's Pennant	23 Social Bowls	24 Open Pennant
25	26	27 Practice.	28 Last Minor round Men's Pennant			

RULES REGISTER



We have received this notification from Metropolitan Bowls Assoc.

Dear Club Secretaries and Presidents

Please find attached a memo from Jeff Allen, Chairman of our M&PC

I have sent this memo to both Presidents and Secretaries so that this important information can be passed on to the club membership

as soon as possible. Hoping everyone is enjoying our festive season break

Heat Policy – amendments for all days of competition Reference 1718/45

There have been changes made to the Heat Policy to remove some inconsistencies regarding when the temperature should be checked.

From now on, only the recorded hourly and half-hourly temperatures will be used to determine whether play will continue.

The Conditions of Play have been amended to reflect these changes and the affected rules are included below.

S7.1.5 It is a requirement that a check of the temperature at the designated weather station is done shortly after each hour and each half hour during play (ie to find out the temperature recorded at the hour and half hour eg 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm etc).

S7.1.6 If the recorded temperature at the hour or half hour reaches or exceeds the cut-off temperature, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming the temperature, will call all players off the green/s at the completion of the end in play.

Venues will continue to use the designated weather station as shown in Annexure B.

Clubs are also reminded that there is no scope for team managers to agree to continue playing, contrary to the rules. The umpire of the day is responsible for the application of the rules.

Jeff Allen

On behalf of the Match & Program Committee

5th January 2018

FROM YOUR ADMIN. SECRETARY



Welcome to 2018, and wishing you and your family a very happy, safe and healthy New Year, and of course, good bowling.

Almoner:

On behalf of the Board of Management and members, I wish to express our gratitude and sincere thanks to Heather Gander for all her time and effort over the past many years as our Almoner. We are fortunate Margaret Bibby has agreed to take on this role, and I have no doubt she will continue Heather's valuable work. Margaret's phone number is shown on the Almoner Board, and please contact her to share any information she may need.

Car parks:

There are several designated carpark spaces in the carpark, eg "*Disabled Car Parking*", "*Catering*" or for some *Office Bearers*. Unless otherwise advised, it would be appreciated if these carpark spaces were left vacant for their intended users, as there are many alternative car parking spaces available.

Emergency Access:

Following a request to the MFS in November last year, the Oakden Station conducted a very thorough site visit and a comprehensive report was sent to us. This report was then forwarded to the Tea Tree Gully Council, and as a result, the Council agreed to upgrade the emergency access to our Clubrooms. Work has now already commenced.

Best wishes to all,

Nola□□□□



THE MEN'S SCENE



Pennants

Pennants commence Wednesday for the 2nd part of the season. Most teams are currently closer to the bottom than the top of their respective divisions so we need plenty of wins in the last 7 games of the season

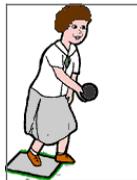
Night Owls

Season starts again on Tuesday 9th January and will continue to about the end of the pennant season. Only the top teams from Tuesday and Thursday nights are guaranteed entry into the finals playoffs so competition is expected to be tough

Skins Night

Skins competition will be held on Wednesday 7th February. All pennant players invited to play. Ken

FROM THE LADIES



Thursday Pennants Round 11 is on January 11th, with all teams hoping they can climb further up the ladder. Premier is in 5th position having had 6 wins and 4 losses, Division 2 are 6th with 5 wins and 5 losses. Division 3 Nth sitting 4th with 5 wins and 5 losses and Division 3 East 4th with 4 wins and 6 losses. So we have a challenge ahead.

Good luck to all Nadene

As Nadene says we do have a challenge and I am sure that everyone will be busting their boilers to ensure that we improve our positions on the ladder.

It has been great to see so many people out on the greens getting ready for the resumption of play. Thanks to Mick and Bob we have had at least one green available over the break so that we can practice or play Club Championships.

Don't forget to put your name down for the Champagne Breakfast on the 4th Feb. (the best brekkie in Adelaide) and the Charity Day on the 19th March (with a scrumptious lunch as usual.)

Also come along to the Taylors Challenge at home on the 21st January and support the Hope Valley Silver team. There will be some entertaining matches, a BBQ tea and the Bar will be open.

The CLUB FINALS DAY on the 11th Feb. will also be a great day to come and watch some very good matches. It would be wonderful to have a crowd of spectators to acknowledge the competitors on that day.

Cheers

Andrea

GREENS REPORT



A Green is much improved and will be okay for the return of the bowling season

B Green is coming along well now after the laser levelling in December and will be ready to use in approx. 3 weeks time .

C Green is running very well.

Bob Klose has been a great help in keeping the greens and surrounds up to scratch .

A big thanks to the small group of workers who have continued to give of their time and effort.

Please consider coming out to lend a hand, any time you can give will be much appreciated.

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Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller?



ALMONER

It is my privilege to take on the position of Almoner for the Hope Valley Bowling Club, and I would like any fellow members to please let me know if any of their team mates or hear of any members that might have had a stay in hospital or have a close death in the family, so that I can acknowledge it on behalf of the club.

I can be contacted on my home phone (82631238) or my email which is Margaret.bibby@bigpond.com . Also I'm often found down at the club.

Thankyou.

Marg Bibby



Hats off to Pedantic Pete - by Mick Noonan

I really enjoyed Peter Hurt's article in the November Buzz regarding pennant headwear and in saying that I must admit that it was I who had mentioned to Peter a week or so earlier about the standard of that attire within our Club (or lack of it!) and had broached the subject with a few others a week or so earlier.

I am as guilty as anyone else in not seeking to do anything about this because *the standard we walk past is the standard we accept*. We are all aware that Hope Valley is, in many ways, a successful Club (more so off the greens than on it, although last year's results were truly remarkable) - so why can we not look the part and look smart!

Peter mentioned in his article that "*perhaps our various committees could discuss this*" - no doubt, after reading this, there will be enough positive response amongst the committee members for this to take place.

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Our Club has been asked by the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue to allow one of our greens to be used as a fundraiser for filming the running of the Canine Cup. This race will be a feature of their fundraising event to be held at the Walkers Arms Hotel on 12th March. The Board has agreed to this request and a date set for Sunday 28th January @ 10:30am.

The Event Co-ordinator has advised that no damage will be done to our greens as we are talking of small dogs, and the film crew will wear flat soled shoes.

The Ladies Committee have agreed to use this event as an opportunity for members to enjoy the running of the Cup followed by a sausage sizzle if the weather is suitable. A list will be posted on our Notice Board and I would ask members interested in staying on for the sausage sizzle to put their names down so we can adequately cater for those attending. This all sounds like a lot of fun, so if you are free, come and enjoy.

Nola Manuel



MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE ORDERED THESE BOWLING SHIRTS ???



The shirts that I have ordered from Sports Centre have arrived and I think they are all present and correct.. I believe that the men's shirts have a small piece of material to add on for a pocket if you so desire.

The cost is as quoted

Men's 1 logo\$30

Men's 2 logos.....\$34

Women's 1 logo..... \$26

Women's 2 logos.....\$30

I would appreciate the correct money if possible please and I will be at the Club Tues , Thursday (after pennants) , Friday 3-5pm and Saturday before and after pennants.

Thanks

Andrea

FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



The Christmas Dinner was booked to capacity, many thanks to the social committee team who worked hard to make it the success that it was. Also thanks to those club members who contributed their help and many talents in the weeks before, during and after this night. Many thanks to Scarlett Rose for her contribution to the nights entertainment.

Our Friday night dinners to date have raised \$27,337.50 for our Club. What a great effort from our hardworking, volunteer teams.

Brian Scarlett

TOURNAMENTS

The Champagne Breakfast on Sunday 4 February is fast approaching. See flyer for details. Get your teams organised for Cosmo fours and add to the list located on the back wall of the Club.

Please also get your teams together for our Cora Barclay Charity Day, Cosmo Medley, Loud Shirt Day, Monday 19 March 2018, again add your name and contact details to the list on the notice board.

See flyer for details.

Linda Scarlett



We had a successful Christmas wind up with 70 members attending.

Drinks and nibbles were supplied before a few ends of bowls were played with much enthusiasm. A light luncheon was enjoyed before exchanging a small gift from the Christmas Box.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the day enjoyable, especially the lady pennant players who gave up their day to help with the food preparation.

Games start again on Friday 12th Jan

Happy New Year to all.

Nadene

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



WHO COULD THIS BE?

Want something daft for the BUZZ?

Friends here for a bush breakfast on Wed morning.

Setting up the BBQ and not wearing glasses I put flammable catty litter under the plate to absorb the drips.

I picked up the wrong packet, should have been inflammable fat sopper-up stuff. Anyway just as breakfast came on line we had flames 2 feet high above the BBQ..

Thank heavens the hose was nearby .



AND WHO COULD THIS BE WHO HAD A WHITE CHRISTMAS IN ADELAIDE ?



This person had a LOVELY Christmas day she told me apart from cutting herself with the scissors and stabbing herself with a knife.

However she saved the "Piece de Resistance" until everyone had gone home.

Putting the cornflour away needed her to stand on a stool to reach the top shelf, Just as she reached up, the leg of the stool shattered and down she went.

Also down came the cornflour and covered her whilst she lay flat on the floor. A White Christmas indeed.

I'm told that she lay there a good 5 minutes before Rocky came to see what the problem was. OOPS I gave it away.

Could have been very nasty if she'd hit her head on the new granite kitchen bench, so glad that I can write about it as a joke and not an obituary.



ETIQUETTE FOR THE NEW BOWLER

From the U.S.

Etiquette is a code of behavior whereby individuals treat one another the way they would like to be treated. Breaches of etiquette are sometimes willful, and sometimes inadvertent. Particularly in the latter case, injured parties should avoid overreacting, or else a breach of etiquette more objectionable than the original could occur.

Etiquette is an important part of Bowls and all clubs and their members should not only practice it, but inform new members what is proper and expected behavior on the green and in the clubhouse. Thoughtfulness and common sense are the keys to etiquette.

Rules of etiquette for lawn bowling include (but are not limited to):

1. Players and spectators at the head end should stand still when a bowler is on the mat and about to bowl.
2. There should be no trespassing over neighboring rinks; this includes going to or from the clubhouse, moving to better see the jack, and particularly when walking from one end of your green to the other. Please be aware of others playing. If you are helping your teammate aim, do so by standing behind the back board.
3. After bowling each bowl, step off the mat to the right. As you approach the mat to bowl, do so from the rear left. Though not essential, this is a useful habit of convenience to avoid collisions!
4. Always show good sportsmanship by acknowledging a display of good skill by another bowler.
5. Avoid delaying play by leaving the rink without the knowledge of the other players.
6. Avoid interfering with the head until the results of the end have been agreed upon by the thirds.
7. Bowlers should shake hands at the end of a game.
8. The plinth area of the green is fragile and should be treated with care. This includes, but is not limited to, wearing proper footwear, not dropping or tossing bowls on the green, and not spitting or pouring liquids (water, coffee, etc.) on the green.
9. Punctuality for all games is a courtesy to the other players.
10. While standing at the head end waiting for the player on the mat to bowl, stand between the markers so the bowler can see and use the markers to aim.
11. When a bowl hits another bowl in play, it's important that the third or skip at the "head" end signal to the bowler on the mat

ETIQUETTE CONTINUED

whether the struck bowl is yours (generally by tapping your shoulder) or the other teams (generally by tapping your knee).

12. Bowlers not raking the bowls after an end should assist by kicking the bowls into an approximate line, thus making raking easier and faster.

13. Players at the head end should be ready to stop deflected bowls from crossing into the adjacent rink and interfering with neighboring games; likewise, be alert to prevent bowls from adjacent rinks from messing up your own head. Pay attention!

14. At Palo Alto we have no objections to bowlers running after their bowl (we neither discourage enthusiasm nor youthful fitness) but you must try to arrive at the head before your bowl stops.

15. A time limit of 2 minutes is allowed between the time when the opponent's bowl stops and the next bowler delivers his/her bowl. When there is clear violation, an umpire or club official who is notified may issue a warning or appropriate penalty.

16. All bowlers are urged to have chalk and a measuring tape when bowling so that bowls that touch the jack can be immediately marked and, if necessary at the finish of an end, measuring can be undertaken without delay.

17. All bowlers should remember to clear the equipment from your rink after your game.

Note: This is a brief summary, but all you need to get started. The most valuable lessons come from joining games.

See also the Code of Bowling Etiquette in the [US Laws of the Sport](#)

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Not sure who left this in my pigeon hole for the Buzz but thank you.

Nothing in this sporting world will guarantee success.
The best you will ever get is a "greater chance"

"Determination Defies Defeat" and there is a spin-off from this.

"Determination promotes focus and these two factors will govern in its entirety,
that "greater chance"

COACHING CORNER



SHOULD EVERY BOWL TRY TO GET SHOT?

1 SECTION A – TWO SITUATIONS AND TWO BROAD APPROACHES TO SHOT CALLING.

1. When Skippers have to call a shot they will hold a shot or they will not. In these two situations Skippers can try to get the shot or not try to get shot. The following table sets out these combinations to produce four broad approaches to calling the shot.
2. The four cells labeled (A) to (D) inclusive show some examples of the calls a Skipper can make.

THE SKIPPER WILL	THE TEAM	
	DOES <u>NOT</u> HOLD SHOT	<u>DOES</u> HOLD SHOT
<u>NOT TRY</u> TO GET (ANOTHER) SHOT	A. Draw a close second. Give me a bowl at the head	B. Give me a bowl at the back. Draw a bowl short to here to block.
<u>TRY</u> TO GET (ANOTHER) SHOT	C. Draw the shot Push up our short bowl Push out opposition's shot bowl	D. Draw another shot. Just roll out opposition's bowl about 1 foot for 3 more shots.

3. However some Skippers skip in a way that they almost always try to obtain the shot if they do not hold shot.

BUT SHOULD THEY?

This is a small part of an interesting article to be found on ' Be a Better Bowler'

at www.suncitylawnbowls.com/HTML/improve.html

Alternatively we have run off a couple of copies in folders at the back of the Clubrooms with the Minutes etc. that you may borrow and return please.