

The Hawthorn Herald

News Magazine of the Hawthorn Bowling Club

The Hawthorn Bowling Club is a friendly, successful innovative bowling club offering the highest standard of facilities whilst promoting bowls as an enjoyable healthy sport for people of all ages and ability.

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COMING EVENTS

Monday November 16th Hardy Wines Day. Cosmo 3's. 9.30am for 10am
Tuesday December 8th Justices Day. Cosmo 4's. 12.30pm for 1pm start
Saturday December 12th Christmas Dinner 7.30pm

FROM THE EDITOR

Rose Mitchell

It is hard for us to imagine what drives people to board a small, unseaworthy boat and leave their country without a passport, destination unknown. The Sri Lankans currently still at sea appear to be mostly males but the families living in the Woomera and Baxter Detention Centres were determined that their children should be educated and truancy was dealt with very smartly by the parents. Our early pioneers of this state certainly had very clear ideas of why they left home and all things familiar and risked the long, perilous and uncomfortable voyage. Of course when they washed up on this "distant shore", it was in DIY mode. You want to farm, here are your acres covered in scrub. A house? Bring a spade, the stone is still in the ground. Education? Ah yes, most certainly education. In England you could only attend the universities of the day at Oxford and Cambridge if you were male and belonged to the Church of England.

Little Adelaide had so few residents but nevertheless passions abounded and were not always in accord. Education though was pretty universal. In the Mitcham Village, Thomas Playford, Rev Ralph Drummond and others organised a school building on the village green and appointed a teacher. Well OK, they agreed, maybe that was a loose description because Alfred Mugg was a carpenter but he was literate wasn't he and therefore would do for a start. The Catholic Church was determined to have their own schools and one, staffed by Mary McKillop's Josephites operated in Mitcham until 1914.

By the 1870's there was a state run education system. About this time a Scot, Walter Hughes, offered a substantial amount of money to the SA Presbyterians to found a college for the training of ministers. No they said, found a university for the benefit of everyone instead. One of his partners Thomas Elder, also a Scot, gave the same amount, £20,000. There were several conditions, among them that the university must be open to all, including women and it must have a charter to confer degrees. Indeed. And they were both like most of us, y'know, just another rate payer to the Mitcham Council as was their colleague Robert Barr Smith, also a Scot and generous benefactor.

In our little corner of the world, one of our new members is no slouch when it comes to education. Alan Reid has been named as this year's gold medal winner by the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. There is an article about Alan later, as they say, in this bulletin. If you don't recognise him at first, that's him in the suit

REPORTS**PRESIDENT****Jan Lind**

It has been interesting to chat with local residents who have responded to our letter box drop inviting them to come to meals at our club Thursday night and also for the Melbourne Cup luncheon.

After the experimentation of giving the Whittles something to do as they walk their dogs around the local area, it would appear that the concept of involving the locals in our club is a winner from many aspects.

Several have lived in the area for quite some time and never realized what a great facility we had here. Most importantly, many can walk to and from the venue. The meals are well-priced, delicious and huge!

Last week a group was perusing the Honour Boards and was surprised by the fact that they knew some of the members mentioned.

All have enjoyed our hospitality so thank you to our members who have taken the time to make them feel welcome. Please continue to do so as they may well be some of our future members.

VICE PRESIDENT - WOMEN**Evelyn Manser**

Another season is underway and our results are pretty good for the start of the season. Premier 2 has won all three matches and Metro 1 has won two so we hope for good things this year. It has been gratifying to see shots we have practiced as a result of Trevor Sharpe's "drills" coming into play and helping our teams to win matches.

VICE PRESIDENT - MEN**Bob Wadsworth**

The pennant season has got off to a rather mixed start with some good results and some disappointing performances. One of the issues involved is the fact that we have had quite a few players absent over the last three weeks and so it has been difficult to settle the construction of teams into a regular pattern. Hopefully, availability of players will improve in the next week or two and allow players to be selected in compatible teams which will lead to improved results on the green.

I would like to thank Neil Jenkins for drilling the holes in the concrete surrounds to allow our new score boards to be more securely fixed. Having to move the boards in and out before and after every game was not only time consuming but also meant that the boards were more likely to be damaged. Hawthorn played host to sixteen players competing in the Open State Singles on Sunday 1st November. I am very grateful to those members who volunteered their time to assist in marking one, two or even three games throughout the day or attending to the bar. The day went off without any major problems.

There are a couple of laws in the recent law book that I would like to draw to the attention of members. The first is law 50 which deals with game stoppages. Briefly it

states that if play is stopped as the result of weather conditions and players have left the green, even briefly, when they return to the green any unfinished end should be declared dead. Even if all bowls in use on the green have been delivered prior to leaving the green, if the number of shots scored has not yet been decided, the end should be declared dead. The other law is related to leaving the green during the course of play. The law states that no player shall delay play by leaving the rink of play or their team

unless their opponent agrees and then only for no more than ten minutes. If a player breaks this rule the opposition can claim a forfeit. So just make sure that your opponent is aware that you are leaving for a drink etc.

I would like to welcome more new members whose applications have been accepted by the Board. Roger Hasler has returned to the club and we are pleased to see him back. Raymond Austin and John Godfrey have been accepted into full membership while Peter Radcliffe, Darren Niblett, Sue and Trevor Shinnick and John Holland are to play socially. I would ask all members to make sure they introduce themselves to all our new members and help them feel at home.

GO HAWKS

GREENS MANAGER

Bernie Manser

We are experiencing a burst of hot weather early and this should give the greens a "kick start". All greens are being sprayed with insecticide to attack emerging lawn beetles, so if you see the sprinklers on during the day this is to wash in the insecticide.

With the extra growth on C green it has now been groomed and there should be a noticeable improvement in the surface.

The meter has been installed at the holding tank (thank you Neil Jenkins) and we are now able to accurately measure the quantity of water used at each watering.

When we discovered that the meter measured in cubic meters, some of use dinosaurs had to rush to "google" to work out what that really meant. We are now metrically educated. (For those of you who are similarly metrically challenged as I am, I now believe that a cubic metre of liquid equals 1000 litres)

We still haven't seen the artificial grass appear on the walls of B green but I am assured that it is not far away.

Mitcham Council have advised that they will be replacing the plinths on all greens at some time in the future. They are in poor condition. It is planned to replace them with "permapine". This will enable Simon to work closer to the green ends without damaging them.

A final decision has not been made on which greens are to be worked on over the Christmas break. At least one green will be available while this work is being done.

At this stage the work will commence immediately after the last Wednesday game before the break.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

Women - Thursday

Bev Ploenges

All teams, both Thursday and Saturday, are going well at this stage. To date, we have not had to rotate players. Some of our women filled in at Millswood so our Hawthorn men's team could have a game and we were pleased to help out with this club.

Men - Wednesday

Graham Dodd

The Wednesday pennant campaign has got off to a strong start with all 4 teams in the top 4 in their respective divisions. We have introduced a Tuesday training session that includes stretching/strengthening exercises appropriate for bowls, and specific team position skill practices. The session has had more than 30 bowlers attending each time so far, although it is rumored that some crafty old bowls bros are devising ways to get out of the exercises! After our long & successful pre-season campaign to sharpen up the skills ready for pennants, everyone seems to be bowling quite well. With a range of administration, selection, & Club tasks settling down, we now move into the maintenance/improvement phase of our bowling endeavors. We have been providing players to other clubs who are short in order to ensure that our 4th side continues to get a game each week. This practice only applies after our teams are filled first and bowlers are available. This means that we do have enough bowlers to put 4 sides in each week which stacks up well compared to other clubs struggling to find the numbers.

At this stage we are travelling smoothly and hopefully this continues to bring us some ultimate successes:

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success".

Coach

Trevor Sharpe

I am pleased to see the amount of structured practice on Tuesdays & Thursdays. It can only help to improve your performance on the green.

My thought for the month is directed at Thirds.

- Skippers should be playing to a plan, so don't suggest the shot to play, unless asked.
- Help the leader & second to maintain concentration.
- Know every bowl in the head so that you may give a quick & clear answer to your skipper's query.
- Remember to mark your skipper's touchers.
- Do your own measuring if the least bit in doubt.
- Don't anticipate the correct shot to play.

Good bowling!

Our very own professor.



"UniSA Emeritus Professor Alan Reid has been named this year's gold medal winner by the Australian Council for Educational Leaders

The award, rarely conferred to scholars working in roles other than those in the most senior of academic or government department ranks, acknowledges Prof Reid's national and international contribution to public education policy and research and his deep commitment to social justice through education.

The gold medal is the most prestigious offered by ACEL and is presented annually to an educator whose contribution to the study and practice of education administration and leadership is assessed to be most outstanding."

Impressive, hey? I acquired this material (and there is lots more) from a reliable source, picture and all. Alan reluctantly gave his permission to reproduce it, he is a very modest bloke but I actually got the picture and text to line up for a change so I wanted to use it. If it is now not lined up on your computer, it was perfectly OK when it left mine.

He is married to Liz and they have three children, all of whom live in Melbourne. He is still closely involved with the University of South Australia, conducting research, giving talks and occasional lectures and writing. He is the President-elect of the Australian College of Educators which is the national professional association representing educators from all sectors and this role will keep him busy (and travelling) in the next three years.

In 2008 Alan decided to take up active sport again, after a lay-off of a number of years to focus on work. He returned to playing cricket – albeit in the veteran's association! – and social golf; and decided to try his hand at bowls. Hawthorn Bowling Club had been recommended and is close to his home in Malvern, so he started here. Alan says it was one of the best decisions he has made: the club is well run and members friendly and welcoming – and very tolerant of the mistakes made by a novice bowler!

Alan is an avid Crows supporter and he is currently writing a book on the history of the Adelaide Crows for publication in 2011 – 20 years after the Club's first AFL game. I am sure he will give a private signing session to ALL club members when the book is released. Now remember your manners, you feral Power supporters, no pushing and shoving, wait your turn or the President will send you to the back of the queue.

Doesn't the word "leadership" leap off the page at you? Aren't you all immediately thinking that here is a future skipper? Not just yet though, he is going to be very busy, with this new appointment and besides, I got in first and he has agreed to give what time he can spare to the centenary committee. Nah nah.

It does make you think though when so many bowlers have children living in other states. Do bowlers take up the sport as empty nesters or do grown children find themselves so often alone in the nest as the parent/s are off bowling that one day they just up and fly off? Ed.

HBC NOTICE BOARD

Help

Noel Allison, a self described loyal Microsoft tragic, has several floppy disks containing historic data compiled by our late Club Secretary, Don Collins, circa 2001. The program used was "Lotus WordPro" and, unfortunately, we haven't found anyone with that application on their computer who can read or convert the data to a more common application such as MS Word. Can you help?"

Car parks

In the last issue, members were advised how to get a designated car park of their very own - by taking up an office which provides this perk. This month members are advised that if they wish to go on using the car park designated for people with a disability, they know the drill.

Centenary

The Board has agreed for a centenary committee to be established which will be responsible for planning the club's celebrations in 2012. With neighbouring club's shrinking and indeed folding around us, we have a lot to celebrate. To date the committee members are Joy Kirk, Rose Mitchell, Graham Dodd, Alan Reid when available and Noel Alison as adviser. A couple more members are needed. The club already has an infrastructure for applying for grants, running tournaments and organising social activities so this committee would be liaising with these groups as well as coordinating any special event.

Noel and I are sifting through all the mice chewed, cockroach infested, crumbly bits of paper currently stored in the equipment shed so you won't be called on to do that or read reams of Minutes. The number of meetings will be kept to the absolute minimum.

Please contact me if you are interested. rose@adam.com.au

Water restriction announcement

It is now permissible for all sections of the public to water their gardens from the mains by a hose held in the hand or by a can but the prohibition on the use of hoses or pipes for washing motor cars or vehicles of any description remains. Householders are still not allowed to use sprinklers or other similar devices or to leave hoses or pipes running unattended. The Commissioner for Public Works says the partial lifting of restrictions was evidence of the department's desire to help householders to keep gardens alive and should not be taken as an indication that there was no longer a water shortage.

So what is she on about now, I can hear you say, we know all this stuff. Yes you most certainly do but this was from *The Advertiser* November 2, 1934. They hadn't even heard of climate change, gas emissions or carbon footprints. They grew all their own veggies and fruit too. So don't grizzle about your crispy lawn, just imagine how much horse manure was stuck on vehicles and pathways, unable to be washed away.