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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday January 14th

**Opening of Centenary Year
5.30pm to 7.30pm**

FROM THE EDITOR

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As we have been in a "no pennant trough" for half of this month, there has not been much action except for some high class internal matches. Great bowling everyone. Some folk have been busy sticking labels on the centenary wine – far be it from me to distract them - so there are only a couple of reports.

Short, sharp and lots of shine. There are two main items which are of utmost importance which will fit on one page so you won't have to spend much time reading but you will have to remember what you have read.

Task one

Bowls stickers

You must pick up your envelope from the club with the HBC bowls stickers for next year. As they are registered with Bowls SA for our centenary year, you will not be able to play in a pennant game unless your bowls display these stickers. We all know there is a way of putting these things on smoothly and a way of making a hash of it so don't leave it until the first match in 2012 is about to begin.

Task two

The opening of our centenary year

Please reply to the invitation which is in the same envelope as the stickers. This helps our social club with the catering. The format for January 14th is as follows:-

5.30pm – 6pm. The City of Mitcham Band will play a selection of music from the 1912 era which they might have played last time they were invited to the Hawthorn Bowling Club. "Alexanders Rag Time Band" is one of them. This will give time for the teams who are playing away to get back to the club.

6pm – 6.30pm. Formalities by Neil, myself and Judith Weaver, the deputy Mayor of the City of Mitcham.

6.30pm – 7.30pm. A party with wine, women and song, viz a complimentary glass of centenary wine, excellent hot finger food by our lady Hawks and a sing along with the band if you so desire, preferably the same song and in the same key. The concert will feature more modern songs than those in the first bracket.

Seasons greetings from the Board. As we go into our centenary year, I am sure the shades of those early Hawks are hovering around, very pleased that the Hawthorn Bowling Club which they started in 1912, is a fit and feisty 100year old.

Women's vice president**Myra Materne**

The last month has been relatively quiet on the bowls front because of pennants being cancelled for the Asia Pacific Games. Members have taken the opportunity to play internal tournaments. The Pairs Competition has reached the finals stage. Susan Jenkins and Jenny Whittle will play Marian Powell and Jill McAuliffe in the final. Best of luck to both pairs. Congratulations to Anne Onto and husband Terry on winning the Mixed Pairs Competition.

On Tuesday December 6th, 26 lady members met at the Torrens Arms Hotel for lunch. It was a successful get together and everyone enjoyed the fellowship and good food. It was decided to collect small donations for a charity assisting disadvantaged people. The Hutt Street Centre was very grateful for the \$100 we were able to pass on to them. It was pleasing that Iris Nicholas and Noreen Stanley were able to attend the lunch. Both are making good progress health wise and we look forward to welcoming them back to active bowls. Maria Raymond has had a successful cochlear implant and is now attending rehabilitation. We wish her well. Other members have had problems with family members or friends and we offer them our comfort and love.

Our last pennant before Christmas is a home game --hope it is a good one. Best wishes to all for a very Happy Christmas. Keep safe if travelling and come back refreshed for the second half of the pennant season and the Centenary Celebrations in 2012.

Chairperson of Saturday**Gary Mickan**

Our pennant results have improved in the last 4 weeks. Our top side is now 3rd, only 3 points from the leader. Our second side is still undefeated. They had a draw with Lockleys (the second team on the ladder) in the last game. The third side has won its last 3 games and is now 5th.

Metro 2 South (4th side) has also won its last 3 games. Metro 3 SW (7th), Metro 3C (4th), Metro 4SW (2nd) and I am confident that our Metro 4W side is close to its first win of the season.

Congratulations to Terry & Anne Onto. They are the Club Mixed Pairs Champions. They now go on to represent the club in the AER mixed pairs in our Region. Other internal tournaments are progressing well.

Pennants resume on Saturday 14th of January. Selectors are organising an internal trial on Saturday 7th. A list is on the notice board, if you cannot attend.

Our Henselite team has won 3 out of 5 games & is an outside chance to win the Southern section. Our last 2 games are in February.

Hope you have a merry old time over Christmas & the New Year.