

# 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

|                                    |  |
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| Tuesday January 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Australia Day lunch 12.30 for 1pm.             |
| Saturday February 20 <sup>th</sup> | Irish Albert cabaret. 7pm                      |
| Monday March 8 <sup>th</sup>       | Community CPS Pro Am Cosmo Medley 9 for 9 30am |

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Rose Mitchell**

The Copenhagen caper is over and one wonders who benefitted most from it apart from the Danes. The Super Chief with the impossible name didn't even turn up until it was nearly all over, even later than the other chiefs. Despite the late arrival in an already overcrowded city, the nicest room in the nicest inn was guaranteed. No innkeeper was going to turn this one over to stable accommodation. Besides, it pays to rush in last as this gives the impression that your time is more valuable than any other delegate. It is also a useful political strategy to create the space in which to note what hitches and glitches there have been and where the major sticking points are so that you can be stern with the offenders and most importantly, you won't be backing the wrong horse.

And horses and their emissions are one of the culprits of this whole sorry mess the planet is in. Worse than the internal combustion engine which had its oil fuel emissions cut way back in the '70's and everyone buying a new car grizzled and then got over it. Long before that, the Price Memorial Oval was originally a paddock which produced horse fuel, smack in the middle of a vast area of other fuel producing paddocks. The hay harvest was critical for horse power, real, four legged horse power, the transport of the day. Thousands of these animals were employed in both town and country, some fuelled by Hawthorn hay. The consequences of all this hay eating were used on the gardens and that was about it. Now we know, because we have been told, that horses emit methane gas which punches holes in the ozone layer. In fact, horses are better at emitting methane than all the sheep, pigs and goats put together. Now that's a lotta gas.

Those who have gone before us in this district built substantial houses all over the hay paddocks and thereby eradicated, totally and effectively, the source of horse produced methane. No fuss, no "talkfest" in Copenhagen, no pig out on Danish pasties, they just upped and did it. Gives you a warm fuzzy glow doesn't it to think that we are walking in the footsteps of the pioneers who did their bit towards eradicating greenhouse gas emissions even before anyone knew what they were. Not that a lot has changed there.

In our little corner of the world, we have reached the half way point of the season except it doesn't feel like it with all the cancelled games. Nevertheless, the Naughties are on their way out and 2010 is coming in. May you and yours enjoy Christmas and the Board wishes all members health, wealth and happiness for the New Year. And lots of wins.

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

Thank you Trevor and Bill

**Trevor Sharp** was appointed as club coach by the Board for the 2009/2010 season and he had us up and running in August with a good set of skill's practices.

Many members have benefited from his expert advice and so it is with regret that the Board accepts his resignation from the position as of December.

Trevor has had some health issues recently that have prevented him from coaching "on the green" and this understandably has been a source of frustration for him.

We thank Trevor for his time and effort and wish him well for the future.

When **Bill Cornehlis** came to SA from Qld to take up the position as State Coach, I understand that he was not intending to play bowls at any club. When he indicated that he did want to play, we were privileged to secure his services.

Bill is a highly credentialed player who has represented Australia and as such became a valuable addition to our Saturday Premier 1 side. His presence in that team both as a player and a mentor will be missed.

Due to family circumstances Bill has resigned as State Coach and will be returning Qld in mid January.

We wish him and his family all the best and thank him for the short but memorable membership of our club.

I wish all members a happy and safe Christmas and New Year holiday.

**VICE PRESIDENT - WOMEN****Evelyn Manser**

Our ladies season is progressing well. We are in second place in Premier 2 – even after a strong tussle with Ascot Park in the last game before the break – and Metro 1 is in sixth position. This bodes well for the second half of the season in the New Year, so have a good rest girls and guys and be raring to go in January! Our aim is Finals!

At the present time our Saturday team seems to be hanging in there and we hope they will continue to enjoy their bowls.

Welcome to Anne Onto who is a new social member.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a great start to the New Year.

Remember – it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile. Keep smiling!

**VICE PRESIDENT - MEN****Bob Wadsworth**

About a month ago, the **Prestige Medley** was played over two days at Payneham Bowling Club. Three players from Hawthorn (Gary Mickan, Bernie Manser and Brian Starr) were selected to play in the Metro East side. Bernie played lead in a four skippered by Brian. Gary played two in the triples. Metro East played off in the final against Metro North in a very tight match which culminated in Metro North winning by one shot on the last end.

The first game in the **Henselite Cup** was played at Hawthorn recently on a rather cool evening. Nevertheless it was good to see so many players out on the greens under lights and there were quite a number of supporters who came to barrack as well. The second game was played at Grange against Happy Valley and all the four Hawthorn teams were winners. Well done.

As reported by Jan Lind, **Trevor Sharpe** has informed the Board that he is unable to continue in his coaching role at the club after Christmas. Trevor has had a recent stint in the Repatriation Hospital with a very painful lower back problem which has been slow to resolve. I am sure most of you have noticed that he has been getting around with a walking stick. This is the only reason Trevor has found it necessary to ask for his contract to be terminated. As with any coach, some have found his advice difficult to cope with but many have responded well to his direction. On behalf of the men, I would like to thank Trevor for his efforts at the club over the last four months and we hope that his back problem will eventually settle down. He will be missed.

Talking of being missed, the sudden resignation of **Bill Cornehlis** will certainly have a big impact on our pennant sides. He has fitted into the top side very well and has been, from all accounts, actively encouraging of his team mates and a source of valuable knowledge about how to play the game. The Board understands the reasons that underlie Bill's decision to return to Queensland and supports his resolve to do so. I am sure that in his time with us he has endeared himself to many and we all wish him the best in the future.

Congratulations to **Ron Lind** who recently successfully completed his Umpires certificate, Level two.

The number of men at the club continues to grow. Welcome to **Robin Geelen, Raymond Austin, John Godfrey, Darren Niblett, John Holland, Trevor Shinnick, Peter Radcliffe, Neil Terrace** and **Terry Onto** . If you see them round the club, be sure to make yourself known.

It only remains for me to wish you all the very best for the coming festive season. I hope your Christmas is happy and peaceful and the New Year is good for you. Travel safely so we see you back at the club in January.

**TREASUER****Andrew Kleinig**

Two thirds of the season has gone and a comparison of financials with last year indicates that we are approximately down \$1800 in income due mainly to adverse weather conditions, altered catering arrangements and larger than normal expenses on plant and property maintenance. Provided increased income continues as over the part three/four weeks, our position should recover. Most items of expenses are within budget. Bank balances as at 30 11 09 are - Bank SA \$16,791.51 and CPS \$37, 090.34.

**Sponsorship**

Signarama is coming on board and we now have many other new sponsors as listed in this newsletter, displayed in the club house and on our web site. Please partonise them. It is recommended and supported by the Board that due to the importance of this portfolio which is time consuming, the person responsible for sponsorship should be independent of the Treasurer. Please contact the President if you are willing to take on this role and I will personally be most grateful.

**GREENS MANAGER****Bernie Manser**

D & D Curators will complete two years at the Club at the end of the month. The Board has decided to renew their contract for a further two years. Simon will shortly complete his traineeship and D & D are retaining him as our designated green keeper.

I think you will agree that the general standard of our greens has improved over the two years.

It has been decided to renovate A, C & D greens over the Christmas break to further improve their surfaces. Your patience is requested over this period when we will all have to share B green.

Please use the booking sheet and try to be flexible about the time you want.

The planned schedule of work is:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | C & D greens scarified, |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | A green vertidraind,    |
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | A green dusted,         |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | C & D greens dusted.    |

All greens will be available prior to pennants re-commencing in January. Depending on the weather they may be a little holding for the first couple of uses.

Our thanks go to Simon for his presentation of the greens & to David Sutherland for his assistance to Simon & his care of the gardens.

I also thank members for their respect and care of the greens.

## **CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS**

### **Women - Thursday**

**Bev Ploenges**

We have completed the first round (9) games for this season, unfortunately Premier 2 have missed 2 games and Metro 1S missed 3 due to inclement weather.

The attendances on Tuesdays have been great and we have been on the green by 10am having skills and team practice for a solid 2 hours. Glad to see Marian Powell back on the greens and playing for Metro 1S

Premier 1S are placed 2nd (59pts) to Ascot Park (77pts), although quite a few points ahead they are not unbeatable.

Metro 1S are 6th and again this season the rotation system is being used. As we know it is frustrating when rinks are changed, but most players understand and are co-operating, getting on with the task at hand and are doing their very best.

The first Pennant game after Christmas is on Thursday 14th January, so practice will commence on Thursday 7th January, 2010, and Tuesday 12th.

## **WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE HAPPY 2010**

### **Women- Saturday**

**Margaret Lamshed**

Saturday Ladies Triples is quicker than the usual Ladies Fours. Jenny Whittle and I are the co-ordinators. We only have one division consisting of nine players--three in each team using only two bowls.

The skipper in each team keeps the score card and alters the score board. It was originally suggested that we start at 1.45 pm but after much lobbying most start at the usual time of 1 pm. We join the men for afternoon tea and usually finish just before the men. If a regular player cannot play one week, Alan Harris helps us out with one of his players or one of the regular Ladies Pennant players stands in to help us.

We have been meeting very strong opposition but we are endeavouring to tough it out and have won two matches to date. We resume again on Saturday 16 January playing against Clearview.

### **Men - Wednesday**

**Graham Dodd**

It has been a very smooth first half of season with all teams within striking distance of a premiership! Missing 3 Wednesdays due to heat has been a disappointment but has not hampered our endeavours to do well on the greens. Our standings at the mid-way point are Premier 1- 5<sup>th</sup>, Metro 1 South - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Metro 2 South - 2<sup>nd</sup>, & Metro 3 South - 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Selection Committee has worked very well as a team to organise the sides to field 60 players each Wednesday which is most pleasing. We introduced an organised Tuesday

practice that has seen an average of 25 players coming along. The session involves stretching/strengthening exercises for bowlers, 32 draw bowl skills test, skill practices for various plays, and 2 bowl triple games. This formula for practice is popular and it is envisaged that more will get involved in the New Year.

We are hoping to get a data base of nearly all Wednesday players for the 32 draw bowl test to begin a HBC standard that can drive future individual and group practices. At present the Club average for the test is 50/160 (28 players) or 31% of possible max – plenty of room for improvement!

Have a happy, healthy & safe festive season. Come back strong and firing in 2010!

### **Bar Manager**

**Mike Dempster**

Despite the Global Warming effect in November (Heatwave and Flood) the Bar turnover has held up well during the first half of the season.

Nighthawks provide a substantial source of income to the Club - participation is expected to increase after the Christmas Break. Members interested in coming out on a warm balmy evening to help out would be very welcome. Tasks involve sideline coaching, retrieving discarded bottles and cans around the greens, "be in it to win it" raffle sales and imbibing a couple of drinks. Start time 7:00 - 7:30 Finish time 9:30 - 10:00

The club will sell Tooheys Extra Dry on tap after Christmas.

### **Grants**

**Gary Mickan**

A grant application was submitted to the Active Club Program for \$5K for sun shades & outside seating. Decision will be received in Feb 2010.

A grant application was submitted to the Volunteer Support Grants for \$5K for various equipment. Decision will be received in Feb 2010.

A grant application was submitted to the Community Development area of the Mitcham Council for \$1,500 for the new water meter. Declined.

A grant application was submitted for Seniors for \$4,500 for Clubhouse chairs. Decision will be received in March 2010.

Information was received to apply for a grant with Sport SA Club One grants. Investigation revealed that we were not eligible.

Information was received to apply for a grant with the Sport Incentive Program, with the Australian Sports Foundation. Investigation revealed that this incentive program is designed for clubs to raise funds from their own members, which are tax deductible. The ASF will then match these funds on a dollar for dollar basis. This is not an area that we would pursue.

## The Forum

### First Bowl versus Last Bowl

It's been well documented, and talked about by every Bowler, that a close bowl by a Lead is highly desirable to winning the End. But what about the Second's, Third's and Skip's last (or second) bowl?

As desirable as the Lead's close bowl is, how many times do the Players who follow him/her fail with their second bowl? Every Coach will tell you that your second bowl must be better than the first (unless you're asked for a different shot).

Think about it. How many times have you walked off the mat and failed to produce an effective result with your second bowl? What happened to the concentration that you had with the first? It all comes back to basics; going through the same procedure with every bowl and delivering it with the same technique. This is why the elite Bowlers are where they are. They have a routine which they perform before, during and after delivering, the bowl making them more consistent.

If you are a Player who follows the Lead count how many times during a game you failed with your second to add to, or change, the head. I think you'll be quite surprised to find at the end of a game how much of a difference your missed bowls would have made to the result!

So, in my opinion the Lead's close bowl pales into insignificance compared to the importance of the *Last Bowl*, particularly if you are skipping and holding shot.

William Booker

## HBC NOTICE BOARD

### Dog trains owner

A well known Hawthorn skipper has been attending the Unley Dog Obedience School with his new dog in order to train her to heel, sit, lie, left turn, right turn, stay etc. Many of these manoeuvres entail correct hand and foot signals. Sounds a bit like Saturday afternoon on the mat, doesn't it? The dog is obviously very intelligent. (It's a girl dog). Even when Skip gets a little mixed up and signals incorrectly, the dog knows and responds appropriately despite the incorrect cue. These are mostly hand signals. Still sounding like Saturday afternoon? As a consequence they have both passed the Intermediate class. There will be more fun and games when they return to tackle the Advanced class next year. This includes the skill of crossing the road without Skip getting hit by a bus.

Performance Review as at end of 2009

Dog Excellent

Skip Shows promise

## **2010 Henselite Cup fixtures for Hawthorn**

08/01/10 - Lockleys, 6.30.  
 15/01/10 - Ascot Park, 6.30.  
 31/01/10 - Happy Valley, 6.00.  
 07/02/10 - Holdfast Bay, 6.00.  
 12/02/10 - Somerton, 6.30.  
 26/02/10 - Happy Valley, 6.30.

## **Social notes**

### Social bowls

Saturday summer social bowls at Hawthorn has survived the first half of the season with a core group and is slowly gathering strength. Lookers on are also rounded up to join us for a cuppa at afternoon tea time. It has proved to be useful rehabilitation too for a couple of members who have undergone sickness and surgery and are not fit enough yet for pennants. While there is no pressure, it is very competitive and great fun. We are taking a break until Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> when we have a rink already booked.

Eligibility criteria. Knowledge of the game – this is not “come and try” – and membership of the HBC, whether that be full or social. Visitors pay a \$5 green fee.

Anne and Rose - co-coordinators.

### Social events

## **Saturday 13 February 2010**

Irish Albert cabaret  
 First course 7pm  
 Floor show 8pm  
 Dessert during interval

The booking sheet is on the notice board and the first 100 names will be accepted.

## **Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Celebrate Australia Day at the club with a lamb roast, dessert and a free entry to the raffle. \$15 a head with a prize for the best dressed Aussie. Everyone welcome. Bowls after the meal for those who feel so inclined.

## **Hawthorn funnies**

While on their annual winter road trip to Queensland, an HBC couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. When leaving, the woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the husband became the classic grumpy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the GOM yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Aussies.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Aussies.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Aussies.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Aussies.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausage and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Aussies.

### Conclusion

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you

### How to balance your sanity.

As the money comes out of the ATM, shout "I won I won".

Tell the children at dinner time that owing to the economic downturn you have to let one of them go.

Order a Diet Water when you arrive at a restaurant

Sing along at the opera

### A good read over the holidays.

Go to the SANTOS web site and access their Energy White Paper, released recently. Maybe there would have been a better outcome than Copenhagen if the 45,000 were reduced to 45, maybe 50 tops. A few days in over 40o heat with some flies, (to keep the talks brief and on track) studying all the operations in our state's far north and the many opportunities, finishing off with a barbie on the banks of the Cooper. Maybe a scenic flight over the Coongee lakes. Bet it wouldn't have taken a fortnight, either

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