



The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday December 10th
Saturday January 14th 2012

Christmas Dinner 7.30pm
Opening of Centenary Year 6-8pm

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

The power of the people, that's what did it. In both the AFL and the SANFL Grand Finals, the two teams who lost were traditionally not favoured by the masses, only by the faithful. If you weren't a Magpie or a Dogs fan then you were for whoever was their opponent. And as we know now, the people triumphed and the Cats and Eagles won. And so endeth the footy season, the Double Blues got a wooden award, the stack is painted a different colour and the bowling season for 2011/12 is up and running. Makes you feel all warm and fuzzy, doesn't it?

So was it any different in the early years of our club? The football was never mentioned. The local tennis was, as we played alongside in the beginning until we wanted more space to expand. It wasn't us who moved. We were very concerned with bowling rules and these were frequently discussed and individual ones referred to. We entered in the Bowling Association's competition for the first time in the 1913/14 season with a team in B Grade and were very pleased with ourselves to have pennant, friendlies and electric light play. Then came the notorious drought of 1914 and us without water, neither mains connection nor bore. To keep going on young greens rapidly turning to dust, pennant practice was cancelled as were most other non-pennant matches. HBC survived.

Country visits were popular and annual matches were played against Kapunda, Strathalbyn and Mt Barker, starting times fitting in with train times. When a Christmas dinner was held at the Ruthven Mansions, Pulteney St. a special tram, leaving from the Torrens Arms, was supplied by the tramways.

Life was lived at a different pace but passions and the love of the game were no different. Neither were the problems. The colours for the infant HBC were debated at length from the first meeting. Deciding finally on claret and silver, the notation in the Minutes has been altered – the "claret" has been crossed out in pencil and "chocolate" written over the top.

The first four rinks had been laid out by the Oval Trust and they collected the subscriptions and controlled all the finances. The infant bowling club chafed at having an overlord and didn't like this arrangement at all. In 1916, they offered to buy the Monmouth Road frontage from the Trust (with what?) but the Trust declined, citing the bank's refusal to separate parts from the mortgage. At this point we very nearly took our bucket and spade and went off to William St where we had been offered a "once in a life time" chance of securing 200' by 200' at out of this world terms. The Trust relented, we got control of our finances and a separate lease from the other clubs affiliated with the Oval Trust. And so we lived happily ever after, eventually with a different landlord, the Mitcham Council.

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN

MYRA MATERNE

Under the guidance of our coach Gary, our preparations during September for the Pennant season went well. Skills training sessions on Tuesday mornings were well attended and I hope this continues during the season. Thanks to Bev Ploenges who organized three external trial games. This enabled the selectors to try players in different positions and combinations. There are still a few women unavailable, but hopefully we will be able to settle our teams in the next few weeks.

Our sides did well in the first pennant on Thursday 6th October. Well done ladies. In Metro 2 we have formed a composite side with Marion, registered as HawthornMarion. Understandably it will take some time for this side to consolidate but we hope this arrangement will be successful.

Margaret Lamshed will soon be doing the draws for the internal tournaments viz. Club Championship singles, Championship pairs, and Two Bowl singles. Make sure you have entered if you wish to play in these competitions.

A large number of our women members are playing in the Open Selection on Saturdays. Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable and successful season. I encourage everyone to concentrate on improving their skills, overcoming their weaknesses, and playing together in a friendly and supportive manner. Each player in a team, and each team in a side, are important, so let us all cooperate with each other and offer encouragement when it is needed.

Let us all look forward to a happy and successful bowling season.

VICE PRESIDENT MEN

RANDALL GERLACH

Following a solid pre-season program, skill sessions and practices we have all been able to put our bowling skills to the test under match conditions.

How did you go?

Judging by the results it would be fair to say that there is plenty of room for improvement for some of us. Putting a more positive spin on our results it is pleasing to see that as a club we have not peaked too early.

Let us put this all into perspective, after all it is our first game and I am sure we have all taken something out of this experience in terms of areas for improvement, be it team or personal. It is important we now continue to build on our performances and strive for improvement each week. This can only be achieved through practicing with your team at least once per week where sessions have been structured for development of individual skills as well as team competitions.

It was great to see Hawthorn Bowling Club field 8 Open Selection teams on Saturday and 4 men's teams on Wednesday.

On Saturday, overall the club managed 4 wins and 4 losses while on Wednesday we had 1 win and 1 loss while two teams had to share the points due to wet tracks.

Our top side went very close to starting the season with what would have been a very valuable win against Edwardstown but unfortunately was just pipped at the post by 3 shots.

Team results were M1E (12 points), M1W (12 points), M2S (12 points) and M4SW (10 points) all had wins while P2S (2 points), M3SW (2 points), M3C (2 points) and M4W (0 points) all chalked up losses in their first games.

On Wednesdays M1W had a win (12 points), P1 a loss (4 points) and P2S and M3C shared the points against their opposition with (10 & 6 points respectively).

Now that we have all had a taste of the competition let us see if we can get even more sides over the line in the coming week.

Let your bowls do the talking.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

I asked Nigel to give me some notes and here they are - straight from the horse's mouth!

All greens are responding well to a fungicide/soil stimulant program to inhibit/eradicate fairy ring issues.

A Green:

- is recovering well from winter traffic,
- further levelling to the plinths will occur once grass is well and truly out of dormancy so as not to run the risk of burying/smothering new tillers (leaves) that are shooting,
- will be scarified soon to get rid of algae and thatch.

B Green:

- has been scarified to clean out 'winter muck' and promote more consistency,
- is responding well to regular maintenance and usage is only helping to consolidate the profile.

C Green:

- ever reliable, will be scarified soon to remove 'winter muck', remove thatch, and aid in eradicating 'fairy rings'. The 'fairies' don't like their house being upset. (please be kind Nigel)
- further levelling to plinths will occur also once grass is out of dormancy.

D Green:

- was scarified and top-dressed late autumn and this green is now covering well.
- some moss but this will soon disappear with some warm conditions and regular maintenance practices,
- further levelling to plinths will occur once grass is out of dormancy.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

WEDNESDAY MEN

GRAHAM DODD

We got away to a rather damp start to the Wednesday Men's Pennant Season with 2 of the 4 sides being cancelled due to soggy greens (Marion RSL & Henley). Our greens stayed open and the Premier 1 Side played West Lakes to lose 3-2, while the Metro 1 side played Pt. Adelaide and came away with a good 3-1 win. Realistically our M1 and M3 Sides have a great chance of picking up a flag this season, while the P1 and P2 Sides will have to fight hard to maintain their grades.

Many thanks to Davey Sutherland for writing up the cards for the entire season taking into account the new format – onya Davey!! This gives proof to the saying that 'old dogs can learn new tricks!'

Tuesday organized practice is attracting more than 50 players each week so this augers well for a strong performance this season. Skills practice in groups is keenly contested with chocolates up for grabs each week. The Chairman's 2 bowl Triples started last week with 36 punters playing – there is room for more if you wish to join in. The match conditions and fun competition is played over the training season up to Christmas with \$75 for the first, \$50 second, and \$25 third placed individuals. The teams are chosen randomly each week so all players are constantly mixed in triple teams to develop playing awareness and camaraderie among members. Individual practice is also encouraged for those who choose to. The important thing is to get involved!!

During the Asia/Pacific games we will miss 2 weeks so trials are being organized with other Clubs so we can keep our eye in!

STAY DOWN AND FOCUSSED HAWKS!

THURSDAY WOMEN

BEV PLOENGES

The 2011/12 season has commenced with mixed results. Three trial games were played, trying players in different rinks and positions.

Our first pennant game on 6th October was a morale boosting result with Premier 2 winning 81 - 35 against West Lakes (10) Metro 1 winning 64 - 49 against Beaumont (8) and Metro 2, a composite side with Marion, going down to Glenelg 49- 61(2). Thank you to the men who played for Metro 2; without you we couldn't have fielded a team.

Our practices on Tuesdays have been very well attended with Gary addressing all areas of coaching skills and individual advice to all players in Premier and Metro. He has also coached extra skills when requested outside of Tuesday practice.

We are all playing for the club and individual differences should be talked through with your selection panel which usually resolves any issues.

The women's teams are very important to any club so we must not let this slip away. We must encourage new members for Thursdays and above all, enjoy our bowls.

SATURDAY OPEN SELECTION

GARY MICKAN

The 2011/12 season kicked off on Saturday the 8th of October. We have entered 8 Saturday teams, which is the most since Adam was a lad. We lost 6 players from last season for a variety of reasons, but gained about 14.

These new players have come from other clubs, night owls and just new people wanting to play the game. We have 96 men and 25 ladies registered to play Saturday Pennants. This would seem like plenty of players for 8 teams (112 needed), but selectors were faced with 14 people who could not play in the first round. Hopefully our un-available list will shorten in the coming weeks.

The pennant season is interrupted in early December with no games on Saturday the 4th and 11th, because of the Asia/Pacific Games. We will arrange an internal trial on the 11th of December, to keep our eye in.

The Club Championship singles for men closes on the 19th of October. Entries are not as strong as last year. Please consider entering, as this form of competitive bowling can only improve your game. Entries list is on the notice board.

Our pre-season form has been good, so let us hope that it passes on to good pennant results. All the best for the season.

GO HAWKS!!!!

HBC NOTICE BOARD

Turn the clocks forward.

Daylight saving caught a few people out when it came in on the first Sunday in October. A very keen mob (or should that be flock??) of Hawks were playing at a club way down on the York Peninsula. Needing a very early start, no delays at pick up time was crucial. So who was the Hawk still slumbering, with his alarm set for the day before, when the rest of the team arrived at his door at 6.30am?? For the answer turn to page 7.

Hooray, Gary is back.

There was a very strong rumour doing the rounds last week that Doddy, after holding the Chairperson- of- selectors -for- both -Wednesday -and -Saturday fort in the absence of Gary, actually met him at the airport. Another version was that while he did indeed meet him, in fact, he rushed across the tarmac driving some flight steps and grabbed him off the plane before the engines shut down. But then, y'know what rumours are, a grain of truth in every one.

Cooks Companion

Don't forget to give your favourite recipes to Pene Billsborough. Put your name on them or "Fred's Mum's fruit cake" or "anon" if you can't remember where it came from because your family has been making it since the earth's crust was still warm.

HAWTHORN FUNNIES

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.

He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

Police were called to a day care, where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

Pretty bad hey?