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

Tuesday November 3rd	**Melbourne Cup. Cosmo Pairs 11am for 11.30am**
Saturday November 14th	**Quiz Night. 7.30pm. Tables of eight.**
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**

FROM THE EDITOR

Rose Mitchell

We are rather fortunate, are we not, to live out our lives in the 20th and 21st centuries with mechanical power, life saving drugs and advanced technology? Our grandparents thought that they lived in the best time with the advent of the telephone, motor car and aeroplane. They also thought that even though toilets were connected to deep drainage, it was disgusting to have one inside the house and at Carrick Hill in the 1950's the telephone had its own small room for conversations as it was considered to be vulgar otherwise. So much for the en suite and mobile phone - we have slipped a bit.

Some of those grandparents and great grandparents were involved with sport in this district a century ago. A Trust managed the Price Memorial Oval and all the sporting clubs involved paid a levy to the Trust. Interesting that now in 2009 we are considering reverting at least in part to this arrangement. Price was the first SA Labour Premier.

The bowling club was the late comer and many issues were raised in a letter to the Trustees in early 1914. There was one unisex loo (external) on the oval complex somewhere. Not good enough, one of each gender please. Another pressing item was cash flow, there wasn't any, the Trust got the lot and provided in return. The Hawks Secretary pointed out that members had already been asked to contribute to the cost of new rinks (£50) and one had an unfortunate "ridge" in it. (No, not 10) Other bowling clubs managed their own finances and had money at their disposal. The Hawks wanted a slice of the cake. The word ungrateful wasn't used in the courteous reply but was implied. Look at all we give you, the Trust said; picture nights, extra rinks and the privilege of witnessing the only rugby match played in this state by the English Rugby team. Our reply, to put it succinctly, was a low bellied grovel. We knew our place.

In our little corner of the world, a century on, chaps can be overheard discussing the merits of NappySan as bleach for their whites; the same blokes who wouldn't know a nappy from a san at any other time. The footy is over. Cats and Dogs won. Could be Year of the Birds (AFL only) next year. Maybe the Teal will have more zeal? Never did like those multi wrinkle ugly face, bowed legged canines with respiratory problems. Still, the mighty Double Blues are in a good spot on the chimney to kick 'em off next year.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT **Jan Lind**

I have had it quoted to me several times that if our club is not highly competitive, then we might as well just become a social club. Does this mean that being highly competitive precludes the club from being very active socially? Or is there something inherently wrong with being known as a social club?

Anyway, the two notions are not mutually exclusive and we only have to look to a large successful club to our west and another one to the north east to realize that the two facets can go hand in hand to everyone's advantage. These clubs are thriving.

If our club's finances relied solely on pennant competition, then this club would not survive into the future. We rely heavily on revenue generated by NightHawks. It is worth noting that this competition attracts double the number of participants compared to pennant and it could easily grow to more.

We have great facilities and it is the intention of the Social Committee to encourage more companies to host "fun" evenings at the club, where they can enjoy a meal followed by a game of bowls.

We will be distributing invitations to local residents encouraging them to support our Thursday night meals.

In addition, with the help of Rose Mitchell, Anne Wehr and Evelyn Manser we will be hosting social bowls at HBC on Saturday afternoons. This will start in a small way, but it has the potential to grow and we ask that if you see these players at the club, please make them feel welcome. They will not be wearing whites, because our ByLaws state that they do not have to and remember, first impressions are the most important!

We are also hoping to hold a couple more floor shows like Irish Albert (who will, by popular demand, be returning on Sat 13 Feb 2010). If you know of any good shows please let any member of the Social Committee know.

I believe that we need to be more flexible in our thinking about what constitutes a bowling club. At HBC we have the facilities and the members willing to work hard at creating a positive, friendly environment where all associated with the club can enjoy bowling at the level they wish to, coupled with being able to enjoy many and varied social activities.

Have a great season everybody.

VICE PRESIDENT - MEN **Bob Wadsworth**

The club Championships have got off to a good start despite the two week delay of the Pairs competition due to the weather. It was a beautiful sunny day last Sunday for the Singles matches and a real pleasure to be out on the green. The draw is on the notice board for the Consistency and Two-bowl competitions so make sure that you complete your matches in the required time. I would like to thank Gary Mickan and his off-sider, Fred Gilbert, for the time and effort they have given to get these competitions under way.

I wish to draw members' attention to two particular rules outlined in the programme book. The first relates to practice prior to pennant games and states that no player is permitted to practice on Saturday or Wednesday after 12.45pm on **any** green. (Rule 9B). Rule 8C relates to player movement during a match. In particular, it restrains the third from being at the head while the leads and seconds play their bowls (a tactic some teams used last year). Please acquaint yourselves of these two rules.

The roster for clubhouse duties on Wednesdays and Saturdays is on the notice board. I ask each member to be aware of exactly when he is rostered on and ensure that he turns up on the day. While there is no hassle about members using plates, cups and utensils when required, it is expected that each will be responsible for taking these back to the kitchen, washing and drying them, and returning to where they were found. Our House Manager has more than enough to do without having to clean up dirty dishes.

I would like to welcome more new members that have arrived since the last publication of the Hawthorn Herald. Ashleigh Hole, Gordon Hay, Jim Philpott and Bill Cornehls have joined the Club and will, undoubtedly, strengthen our pennant teams. I would ask all members to make sure they introduce themselves to all our new members and help them feel at home.

GO HAWKS

VALE

On Thursday 8th October, I attended the funeral of Heidi Sobels, daughter of Adrian. From the tributes that were presented, I came to learn that Heidi was a vivacious young woman with a warm and vibrant personality. She was a loving mother to two daughters and devoted to her two grand children. She loved people, nature and music and was ideally suited to her chosen career as a nurse. Her sudden death at the age of thirty nine was indeed tragic. As Adrian noted in his tribute, one expects to bury older family members but it becomes particularly difficult to bury one's child. We feel for Adrian at this painful time and can but offer our condolences.

VICE PRESIDENT – Women **Evelyn Manser**

Hi all. We have not had the best of weather for our preparation for Pennant Bowls, but hasn't the rain been wonderful! Our new coach Trevor Sharpe has done his best under the circumstances, weather wise and health wise, and given us good practise techniques and many helpful hints to help us get the job done. Our new members, both male and female, are very keen so let us make them feel welcome!

Several things are different this year – new caterers, Honour Boards up, clubhouse repainted outside, scoreboards up, some new Sponsors and dare I say it, a rogues gallery! Let us make sure we take advantage of our newly updated facilities and attend as many of the activities our very talented Tournament and Social Committees line up for us. The Club can only benefit if we all pull our weight.

I wish you all good bowling, good health and enjoyment of the season. Go Hawthorn Hawks!

ps. Did you know the word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want? Nice to know it has a name, isn't it?

GREENS MANAGER **Bernie Manser**

We are experiencing a "normal" spring and this has delayed the progress of our greens. The lower temperatures appear to have slowed growth, so we need a burst of warm weather to get it moving again.

Simon has been able to scarify, groom & cut B green and at the moment it probably is our best surface (even if a bit slower) apart from Lake Hawthorn.

C green was scheduled for extra work but this has been limited because of the recent rains. It is still a couple of weeks away from being at its best. Nigel tells me that we have had a lot more rain at Hawthorn compared with the other clubs that they look after.

On a positive note, we were watering full time from August last year, so hopefully our water bill will be less this year.

Extensive work has been done on our "pop-up" watering system recently. This will mean a more reliable system and less wasteful leaks such as occurred last summer.

We also intend to install a meter at the holding tank alongside D green. This will allow us to have more accurate records of our use of water on the greens in anticipation of coming under the Irrigation of Open Spaces (IPOS) programme operated by SA Water.

Shortly the banks of B green will be lined with artificial grass in the same way as the other greens. Thank you David Sutherland and his helpers.

Once again I ask that you do your bit to keep them in good condition:

- Wear appropriate bowls shoes at all times,
- Refrain from "lobbing" your bowls from the bank to the green,
- Give the ends a go by standing on the bank during games.

TREASURER **Andrew Kleinig**

Financial members as at 15/10/2009 were:
Full members 126(includes 4 Life members)
Social playing 10
Social 8
Non playing life 1
Total of 145 (132 last season)

We are pleased to have two new sponsors, Phil Hoffmann Travel and Julie Marr, Property Consultant of Neale Realty. Please give them your support. The illuminated board over the kitchen will be completed shortly with all of our sponsors displayed.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

Women - Thursday **Bev Ploenges**

We have entered sides in two Divisions on Thursday:-
Premier 2 South - Selectors Jill McAuliffe and Evelyn Manser
Metro 1 South - Selectors Myra Materne and Barbara Payne

SaturdayTriples South - Selectors Margaret Lamshed and Jenny Whittle

Welcome to Trevor Sharpe, our Club Coach. Under coaching guidance from Trevor our pre-season training went well until the rain came (beautiful rain) and forced us to cancel one external trial game and a few practices due to green closures.

Open Gender is still with us this season and once again we are very pleased to have Ron Lind and Colin Watkins playing every Thursday. Tom Dixon, Maurice Simpson, Cedric Williams and John Whittle have agreed to be Reserves if needed.

We are thrilled to have Marion Powell back among us after a long break. We have gained Fiona Sumner, whose work commitments have changed, so she is available to play Thursdays, also Joy Kirk who has recovered from a foot operation last year. Welcome to Helen Richter, a new bowler who has taken on the challenge of playing Pennant Bowls. Also Leonie Ashby, another new bowler, who filled in for the men in a trial game.

The liaison and communication between the ladies and men selectors has been very good and working well. Thank you.

Results to date:-
Saturday Triples – South. 1st game last Saturday - 1st Win
Many more to come. Well done

The Selectors wish everyone a successful 2009/10 season

WORK HARD ENJOY BE HAPPY

Social bowls **Rose Mitchell**

At the Board meeting on Monday October 12, John Cranwell and Kelli Wray, two young enthusiastic members of Bowls SA Development Team spoke to Board members on several issues. Anne Wehr and I, who have been working towards running Saturday summer social bowls at the club this season, were very pleased to hear social bowls whole heartedly endorsed by Bowls SA and the Board was unanimous in their support. John also spoke at length about competition for Juniors so there is another challenge. Did you know that it is considered if a child can hold a tennis ball they can start learning to bowl?

Meanwhile Saturday social got underway on the first day of pennants. Never mistake the word "social" for "casual" when applied to the way the game was played. It was competitive but relaxed and great fun. As Jan has mentioned in her article, the Board has changed the By Laws to allow the wearing of mufti on the same green as pennants so everyone, especially new members, feels welcome. Please remember this, if any visiting club queries the presence of players out of uniform.

Of course we have had our share of "knockers" and will probably continue to do so but that was to be expected. However we are determined to give it a go and provide another aspect of bowls at Hawthorn. Many people genuinely do not want to play pennants or have to travel or commit themselves to an 18 week season but just want to enjoy playing bowls. It will also be a good way to skill up new members who will be future pennant players and for any team which has a forfeit. So the message is - come to Hawthorn on a Saturday afternoon for a friendly game, all the year round.

HBC NOTICE BOARD

Some house keeping reminders.

Washing up

In case you missed Bob's comments, the club provides tea, coffee, sugar, milk, sauce and mustard and lots more for members to enjoy hot food and drinks. It also provides clean cups, cutlery and plates. The trouble is, while there is a magic fairy to do the shopping, the one to do the washing up departed years ago. We are all volunteers so when you take out clean cups and plates from the cupboard please be responsible for putting them back the same way. Thank you.

Car parks

There are designated car parks, clearly marked, for office bearers who spend many hours working at the club. We are fortunate that there is plenty of off street parking and only a short walk if you choose to leave your car in one of the quiet surrounding streets.

Please do not use the designated car parks. However, if you have a burning desire to do so, then the opportunity will arise at the next AGM for you to take office and the car park will be yours.