

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.

February 2010

COMING EVENTS

Saturday February 13 th	Irish Albert cabaret. 7pm
Monday March 8 th	Community CPS Pro Am Cosmo Medley 9 for 9 30am
Sunday March 11 th	Cappo Bros Seafood Day Cosmo Medley 8.30am for 10am start
Saturday March 27 th	End of season Dinner, 7pm

FROM THE EDITOR

Rose Mitchell

How embarrassing for governments, how inconvenient, not to mention how expensive now that it has been announced that the global warming data may have been only loosely scientific. It now seems that not only is the planet not under threat of overheating but it is in fact, heading towards a new ice age. Now that is a very big turn around. How could anyone be so wrong and if they are, how could so many people be so gullible and who stands to gain if this is so? Which way should politicians publically go?

Governments are now placed in a tricky spot, accentuated if the leader is new to the job or if it is an election year. Spin doctors are working overtime combing the files where leaders have made public statements – and what leader has not - which are bound to be aired in the media. Appropriate and convincing interpretations of those earlier statements must be ready for challenge. "Climate change " is a safe bet, without having to give an opinion on whether the planet is getting hotter, colder or merely going through an ancient cycle. The clips of polar bears standing on scraps of icebergs, demonstrating the melting of the polar cap, will be have to be archived, if this is so. Could be polar bears have always got around like that, rather than swim long distances in freezing waters.

With so many missed games this season through heat, the bowling community in metropolitan Adelaide can only be relieved that the world is getting colder or we may not have had a season at all. Hawthorn's submission to Bowls SA last year on possible changes to the pennant season suggested a shorter competition before Christmas when it was not so hot and tournaments after when it was. Maybe next year it will rain.

In our little corner of the world, the Brownhill Creek is as dry as chips and we are headed towards the centenary of our club. Time to reflect on how those bowlers of a hundred years ago coped with the weather. They were so enthusiastic to have a bowling club that when they were granted a corner of the oval in November 1912, now A green, they personally made four rinks and erected electric lights, all in seven weeks. Did they decide to play under lights right from the start to avoid the heat? Now that's smart.

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

HBC successfully hosted the Men's Country Carnival for 3 days at the beginning of February. We are extremely grateful to the 20+ volunteers from the club who acted as markers, umpires, bar staff and kitchen helpers.

A special mention goes to Noel Allison and Graham Giles who acted as managers for the entire 3 days and did us proud.

Fiona catered for the lunches and we had many positive comments about the high standard.

From February 22 we will be hosting the Women's Country Carnival for 3 days and I am pleased to say that we have just as many volunteers already in place for that time. A special thank you in advance goes to Lesley Slattery and Bev Ploenges who will manage that event over the three days.

Talking about volunteers.....Andrew Kleinig has done a superb job of organizing our sponsors while seeking new ones. This is a very important aspect of the financial side of our club and as such it requires one or two dedicated people who make it their focus.

Andrew has found that to do that job justice as well as serve as Treasurer is quite onerous.

We are appealing for one or two members to come forward to carry on the good work. Please consider!

Congratulations to Bob Wadsworth on receiving his Level 2 Umpires credentials. Congratulations also to Rod Ellis for passing the Level 1 Umpire's test and to Noel Allison for passing re-accreditation for Level 1.

If you are interested in umpiring watch the notice boards for the next courses.

Club Shirts. Yes we are having new ones. The Board has approved 2 designs. We are waiting to have them sent to us on the actual material that they will be made from. When this happens we will display all details in the club.

Later this month, we will call a meeting to give details of the range of items available. At this time those present will have the opportunity to vote and the design with the majority of votes will be our chosen design.

Trouser/slacks/shorts etc will remain as white/cream.

VICE PRESIDENT - WOMEN**Evelyn Manser**

Well, our Bowling Season continues to go well. Premier 2 is still second on the table and is gaining on Ascot Park. Keep it going guys and gals! Our victory over Grange on their green was well done and showed the benefits of our recent specific practice routines inspired by Trevor Sharpe who although not coaching us now maintains an intense

interest in our progress. Thanks also to our selectors for continuing to organise our practices.

Metro 1 is maintaining their position and continue to work hard at their game – keep it up girls, we have confidence in you.

Our Saturday girls are still hanging in there and enjoying their bowls, let us hope it stays that way.

It is good to see all bowlers back after the break, keen and doing well.

The month of February will be busy with Country Carnival, men and women, and we appreciate in advance the efforts of members who have offered to help with the various duties necessary for Hawthorn to successfully run our commitment to these events.

“Opportunity always knocks at the least opportune moment” – and ain’t that the truth

VICE PRESIDENT - MEN

Bob Wadsworth

Christmas only happened about six weeks ago but already it seems to have faded well and truly into the background. We are now starting into the second half of the season and one or two teams would appear to have a real fight on their hands to remain in their current division. There are other teams that have a real chance to finish top or nearly so if current form is maintained. The situation has not been helped by retirements (for varied reasons) and members being unavailable for selection. Hopefully, we can all put in a concerted effort over the remaining weeks to maximise our results.

The Hawthorn Bowling Club has a number of “signature” bowling events in its calendar; eg Hardy’s Wine Day, Cappo Brothers Seafood Day, the Phil Hoffmann Travel Autumn Series and the unique Community CPS Australia Pro Am. These events help Hawthorn Bowling Club to stand out from other clubs as being different and dynamic and hopefully appealing to other bowlers. Such events do not just “happen” because they are written into our Events Calendar. They happen because there is an energetic Tournaments (external) Committee that has been meeting regularly since before the season opened and planning meticulously every detail of each event to ensure that all are run professionally. We all know what it is like to attend an event that is not well run.

The Club needs each member to wholeheartedly support occasions such as these. You can do so by arranging, or at least joining, a team to play in the event. Often members seem reluctant to commit themselves early so that the organisers are left anxious as to the success of the venture. So if you are intending to play, just let the organisers know. Obviously we need the support of bowlers from other clubs and to get that we need to advertise. The cheapest and most effective way to do that is to hand out advertising material to bowlers we meet on the green each Saturday and Wednesday. So here is a way members can play a part in the success of our tournaments; team managers can make sure that the advertising material provided is given to the second of each team prior to the game; each second must ensure that each member of the opposition is given the advertisement. Failure to do so undermines all the hard work put in by the Tournaments Committee. Let’s promote our club.

GO HAWKS

TREASUER

Andrew Kleinig

It is of concern that the total income is down \$25454 compared with 31/12/2008.

We are aware catering arrangements account for a large part of this and adverse weather conditions have also impacted on bar and other takings.

Fortunately, most cost centres have been kept in check and although our net income is down \$21941 our cash position is reasonable.

Hopefully, the remaining 3 months will substantially boost our income sufficient to record a satisfactory although reduced net annual income.

The Men's Country Carnival played over three warm days at Hawthorn, providing a much needed boost to bar takings.

GREENS MANAGER

Bernie Manser

We are back in action with all greens available.

The three greens worked on over the break are looking good and should build up pace as they receive more traffic. Thank you for your patience while they were recovering. Simon & Nigel are still confident that B green can be further improved. It will be renovated as soon as possible after season end.

All greens were fertilized recently which should further improve grass cover.

Thank you to David Sutherland ably assisted by Maurie Simpson & John Liebelt for the new ditch walls on B green.

The Council has called for tenders to replace the plinths around our greens with more solid permapine. This will provide a more consistent edge to the greens. The width of the ditches will be slightly widened during the process. It is unclear as to when this work will be done.

One small request to all members:

When putting the mats away in the holders in the shed please ensure that they are not curled up at the ends. This can cause them to retain the curve and be a potential danger when placed on the green.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

Women - Thursday

Bev Ploenges

Due to the resignation of Trevor Sharpe before Christmas, the Selectors of both divisions are organizing Tuesday practices.

As we move into the second half of the season unfortunately one game has been cancelled due to heat, a total of 4 so far, lets hope the weather will be kinder for the remaining few games.

Our standings at this stage are-----PREMIER 2S-----2nd
METRO 1S----- 7th (12 side section)

Women- Saturday

Margaret Lamshed

We are currently in 7th position. Most clubs are starting games at 1pm now (not 1.45) which is sensible.

Grants

Gary Mickan

We were successful in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from the Active Sports Grants Program. These funds will be used for new shades & seats.

Tournament

Brian Harmer

The 4th annual Community CPS ProAm will be conducted at Hawthorn on Monday, 8th March 2010 (Adelaide Cup Day).

This is the Club's premier annual event. Registrations are a little slow this year and so you are urged to organize a team and complete a Registration Form *asap*. If you are having trouble obtaining a couple of Ams contact Tom Dixon or Barbara Payne. If you have friends who are bowlers at other Clubs, convince them to enter a team.

We have been fortunate in being sponsored by Community CPS each year. Barry Hanna, a former CEO and presently a Director of Community CPS, has assisted us in this regard. All Club members are urged to take advantage of many excellent services that Community CPS provide – credit cards, investments, loans, insurance etc. Remember, they help us and we must make it worth their while. If you have money to invest, need a loan, need a credit card, need insurance – phone Dean Stewart on 0438 868 010 and he will point you in the right direction. Give Community CPS a go and the Club, Community CPS and you can **all be winners!**

Don't delay, act now.

Region 10**Evelyn Manser**

Although the number of men's pennants sides has remained largely unchanged, there has been a reduction in women's sides. Given that there is the capability for women to play in men's competitions I am amazed that they are "perplexed". Certainly the numbers are really down on Saturday because the Triples are not popular and many prefer to play in the men's fours. Add to this the fact that there is a lack of women in the 35-40 age group who would be most welcome as members but are still at full-time work.

There is concern at time wasting during pennants – too much visiting the head, either following a delivered bowl or extended discussion at head.

At last consideration is being given to changing the length of season with the possibility of a Henselite type of competition for after the Christmas break. Clubs are asked to submit their suggestions to Lesley Slattery of Match and Programme by Friday 12/2/10. Match and Programme will have a flyer in the next Bowler regarding the issue of the pennant season being divided.

There was further discussion regarding the possibility of attracting Night Owlers to pennant but is a difficult prospect.

Any snippets for inclusion in "The Bowler" are to be sent to Lesley. Next meeting 15/3/10. Saturday Pennant

HBC NOTICE BOARD**Milestones Pennants**

Congratulations to the following members

Glen Dow	900 games	10/3/10
Graham Dodd	100 games	30/1/10

2010 Henselite Cup fixtures for Hawthorn

12/02/10 - Somerton, 6.30.

26/02/10 - Happy Valley, 6.30.

The Forum

Playing and Scoring for Short Teams – i.e. 3 players in fours competition.

Following identification of inconsistencies of treatment at our own and other clubs, we have sought and received clarification from Bowls SA and a senior Bowls SA Umpire.

The following rulings are advised :

1. All three player teams in a side play with eight bowls.
2. The first two players play three bowls consecutively in their order. Note that the Laws of Bowls require all bowls to be played in player order. There is no longer a rule requiring any other order of play - e.g. 1, 1, 2, 2.
3. In all cases, one fourth of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by a three player team shall be deducted from their score after the game has finished. This applies where three play three.
4. There is definitely no rounding up or down and all, or any, decimal places are accumulative after each match.

Failure to observe these conditions could have a bearing on final results at the end of the season. All participants, and in particular Umpires and Team Managers, should be aware of these laws.

In the event of a dispute arising with an opposition team or side, the umpire must insist on adherence to the laws and, if necessary, advise that a protest may be lodged in accordance with Pennant Rule 14.

Authority for 1, 3 & 4 Letter dated 9 November 2009 from Chairman of Match and Program Committee, Bowls SA.

Authority for 2 Mr Alf Boyle, Senior Umpire.

P.S. It is pertinent to remind duty selectors and team managers of the requirement to show surnames and given names on cards and result sheets.

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.

Hawthorn funnies

Two elderly blokes are sitting on a park bench and one says -

"My wife said "Whatcha doin' today?"

I said "Nothing".

She said "You did that yesterday"

I said "I wasn't finished."

(This one ought to make all Grandpas feel warm and fuzzy)

A six year old goes to the hospital with her grandmother to visit her Grandpa. When they arrive, she runs ahead of her Grandma and bursts into her Grandpa's room.

"Grandpa, Grandpa", she says excitedly, "as soon as Grandma comes into the room, make a noise like a frog."

"What" says her Grandpa?

"Make a noise like a frog because Grandma says that as soon as you croak we are all going to Disney Land"

At last some good advice, you have to love this Doctor !

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste them on exercise.. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit.
Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain.
Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy?

HELLO

Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

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