



The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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COMING EVENTS

Friday March 4th

**Junior Development Squad 5pm
for 5.30pm start to 8.30pm**

Monday March 14th

**Community CPS Aus. ProAm
9.00am for 9.30am start**

Sunday March 27th

**Cappo Bro. Seafood Day Cosmo
Medley. Breakfast from 8.30am,
games start 10.00am**

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

Beautiful Toowoomba, home of historic Queenslanders, old pubs, ghost walks and the annual flower festival. Now to be remembered forever for the aggressive show of power by nature which every so often asserts its authority over feeble human life. Like a reminder. Brief, incredibly brief to cause so much destruction to whatever was in its way. The following inundations of Ipswich and Brisbane didn't have the same savagery as the Lockyer Valley; theirs was by stealth, creeping up, urged on by the media to beat the 1976 record. Or so it seemed. Even residents were hoping for just a few more centimetres!

A personal touch. The women quilters in one of our country towns sought and found a similar Queensland group who had lost everything. They have supplied them with the tools of their craft and in doing so have not only the satisfaction of knowing where their dollar was spent but have made strong friendship bonds with women they have never met.

In our little corner of the world, the floods have prompted the Brownhill Creek flood management plan to be aired by the councils downstream from Mitcham. The proposed dam sites are still marked by red flags on the hills and the two creeks flow freely through some remarkably pristine country. Not hard to imagine why there is a protest to leave this place unscathed as it always has been. Not hard to imagine also the passion of the residents who live near the waterway as it makes its way across the plain to the sea. Occasionally nature asserts its authority - as it always has- and property- and sometimes life - is lost and damaged at great cost.

A dilemma, this - the ancient environment v urbanisation.

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN

MYRA MATERNE

During the Men's Country Carnival, from 8th to 11th February, our ladies successfully catered for lunch on 3 days for a varying number of country bowlers and visitors. It was a busy week but it was very rewarding and satisfying to receive the many favourable comments about the meals we served. Many thanks to all the members who assisted in any way with the preparation and serving of the meals. We can be proud of our effort on behalf of the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

We hope for the same degree of cooperation and success in our next challenge. On Friday 18th February, the Men's Country Round Robin is being held at Hawthorn. We will be catering for the lunch for the players, Regional managers and State officials, adding up to approximately 220 people in all. We look forward to willing assistance from all members. You will be notified about roster times and allocated duties.

Finals of the internal tournaments will be played soon. The pair's final will be on March 6th. Congratulations and best wishes to all finalists. If possible you could plan to watch some of these matches to support and encourage the players?

Rebecca Arbon, one of our lady members, who plays in the Open Gender competition on Saturdays, also plays as a B4 in the Sight-impaired bowls competitions. Last year in November she was invited to attend a training camp in N.S.W. The Australian team to play in the Trans -Tasman series in May 2011 was chosen from this squad. Rebecca and also the only other S.A. player at the camp were successful in making the team. This series will be played in Rosehill N.S.W. in the week before the Nationals.

We certainly congratulate Rebecca on her selection and wish her an enjoyable and successful time interstate.

Our ladies pennant teams are holding their positions on the ladder which is very pleasing. Well done. However we need to practise seriously in the next 4 weeks and approach our last 4 matches with determination and confidence. We have not given up on our dream to win a pennant in Metro 2 Sth. and retain a team in Premier 2 Sth.

Good bowling and good luck everyone.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

Nigel Ryan spoke at the first post-Christmas Thursday night dinner and provided some interesting information on issues faced by green keepers. As I mentioned in the December Herald B green was worked on over the break and has come up a treat. Feedback from players in the Country Carnival singles was very positive.

It is now open for practice on Mondays so there is a green available every day barring accidents.

We are seeking quotes to replace the plinths on C & D greens. We had hoped for help from Council but they are not prepared to assist.

Review current status of each green.

A green:

The playing surface is well up to the standard of greens at other clubs. Unfortunately we can do little to stop the wind coming down Hawthorn Crescent or sweeping up from B & C greens. The ends were dusted and growth has filled in against the new plinths.

B Green:

Looking good, rolling good, get on it and enjoy. A mishap with the line marker created an interesting pattern recently.

C Green:

Along with the other greens it has been fertilized recently.

D Green:

Refer to comment for C Green.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS WOMEN THURSDAY

BEV PLOENGES

As we move into the second half of the season with 3 rounds to play with a catch up game on Thursday, 10th March, ladies please ensure that you have this last game marked in your diary.

Currently our positions are:

Premier 2S 4th closely followed by 2 other Clubs, so our goal is to finish the season in the top four.

Metro 2S TOP A very tight tussle between 3 Clubs, all fighting for top position, so each game is important and every point/shot counts, it could be the difference in winning or losing a Pennant.

Unfortunately Jill McAuliffe (Premier 2) is unavailable for the rest of the season. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you watching our last few games, Jill.

So as not to disrupt Metro 2S (playing for a Pennant) the selectors have called upon the girls who nominated to be reserves at the beginning of the season to fill in for Prem.2 when a player is not available that week, so far

we have had to call on Anne Onto and Leanne Owens; both girls have risen to the challenge and played well. We are grateful to Maree Schaefer and Leonie Ashby who will be filling on February 18th. Thank you.

Congratulations to Jenny Whittle and Colin Watkins on winning the Club Mixed Pairs and going on to represent Hawthorn in the A.E.R Mixed Pairs Regional Competition played at Hawthorn. Unfortunately they were defeated by Walkerville in a very hard fought sets game.

Let us make our last few games for 2010/11 winning games

WIN WIN WIN

SATURDAY OPEN GENDER

VIC MAGOCH

After 13 games there has been little change in our teams' positions, even though the overall win/loss ratio is better??? After the Christmas break we had an unusually large number of players unavailable and I think this has certainly had an effect on team stability. On one occasion we could not field the 7th team. Thanks must go to ALAN HARRIS in keeping the 5, 6 & 7 sides operational and to all the wonderful players who have and I suspect will still fill in for us.

We certainly need to continue to fight on and play good bowls over the remainder of the season. There will be a catch-up game to be played on Sunday March 19th (more than likely Round 12 will be replayed). So please make yourselves available for this important game.

Results after round 14

Premier 1	- 9th with 67 points (3 wins, 1 draw & 9 losses)
Metro 1E	- 5th with 112 points (8 wins & 5 losses)
Metro 1S	- 5th with 103 points (7 wins & 6 losses)
Metro 2W	- 7th with 88 points (5 wins, 1 draw & 7 losses)
Metro 3E	- 7th with 98 points (6 wins & 7 losses)
Metro 3SW	- 5th with 100 points (7 wins & 6 losses)
Metro 4S	- 5th with 78 points (7 wins, 5 losses & 1 forfeit)

Everyone is encouraged to attend Thursday practice to maintain/improve their skill levels.

A warm welcome to Eddy WARD who has recently joined our Club.

Keep up the enthusiasm and positiveness.

WEDNESDAY MEN

GRAHAM DODD

Wednesday Men's' Pennant

The post Christmas competition has been broken with OZ Day and the Country Carnival so it has been difficult to maintain our momentum! However, we are on track to meet our pre-season goals of all teams in the top 4 with Premier 2 maintaining its grade. Tuesday practice night has been consistently good with more than 50 players coming out for individual/group training each night. This season we have been lucky to have several players over each week with rotations being needed. Recently the selectors sought clarification from the Board about rotations and this advice has been circulated to players. With known injuries/sickness/absences over the next few weeks it will be a stretch to fill the teams and we are very grateful for the ladies who step up and fill the teams in those circumstances. Given these changes each week it is pleasing to see that our Metro 1 South (close to 2nd), and Metro 3 South (closing for top spot) are doing very well. It is testament to the ability and spirit of the players in these teams each week.

It should be more settled over the next 5 weeks so we are looking to finish off the season 'through the tape' to clinch our goals.
CARN HAWKS!!

HBC NOTICE BOARD

HENSELITE CUP

GARY MICHAN

Hawthorn is participating in the Friday/Sunday night section of the Henselite Cup. Nineteen players have been rotated through the first 5 games. We have won 4 games and are currently in first place on 36 points. We are 2 points ahead of Gawler & Clearview, with one game to play.

If we win our section, we will qualify for the semi-final, Friday 4th March.

Spectators view point

Sunday March 5th was the turn of Hawthorn to host the Cup. There was a goodly number of members (as the early HBC Minutes used to record) to cheer on our teams and with an excellent result. Congratulations Hawks, you did us proud. Mostly though we grizzled and moaned about the weather. A few left early, the layers of clothing either brought from home or found in the boot of the car insufficient to comfortably sustain life.

How could this be when on the previous Thursday we had endured a very unpleasant day on the same green, the temperature nudging the heat policy instruction to abandon the match and the humidity most un South Australian like. The best part of that day was not only that it finally came to an end but we won. Eases the pain, doesn't it? And if we felt a twinge of guilt through bitching about the heat when our fellow Australians had suffered/ were suffering the effects of weather excesses, we didn't say.

HAWTHORN FUNNIES

A SELECTORS PRAYER

Blessed are they who can play sport
Blessed are they who can still be taught
Blessed are they who accept with grace
To play in any selected place.

GOD LOVES DRUNKS TOO

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door.

The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not, it is 3am in the morning and it's pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us?"

I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!

"God loves drunk people too you know."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain.

He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here, on the swing," replied the drunk.

Losing weight

The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there.

I was going to go jogging but my toes voted against me 10 to 1.