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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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CONGRATULATIONS HAWKS WINNERS OF THE 2011 HENSELITE CUP

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

Earthquake. Vivid images of buildings collapsed on themselves like war time bomb disasters, all flashed around the world as "breaking news". A title to pique the interest of viewers and coerce them into believing the channel they were watching was somehow able to get a jump on the rest with the latest disaster. And no doubt a ploy in the ratings war. But what of the disaster itself and the awful reality of those affected? The public soon tires of seeing the same footage and does not want to see any more appalling images or hear another dreadful story of suffering. So far this year we have always had a new drama waiting in the wings. Enough, thank you.

The local media constantly referred to the Adelaide earthquake of 1954 but there had been a previous one in 1902. In our neck of the woods we are close to both the Eden and the Clarendon faults and certainly 1954 did a lot of minor structural damage to buildings, with a few in Clarendon, Blackwood, Eden Hills and Darlington having to be demolished. Big houses like Torrens Park were shaken in 1902 and Joanna Barr Smith refused to live there anymore. Of course the Barr Smiths weren't homeless with town and country houses to choose from.

Consider though not houses but other infrastructure. The Happy Valley reservoir lies between these two faults. It is not a catchment but a holding reservoir, piped from the Onkaparinga River and now feeding Myponga reservoir. When the site was chosen for the first southern reservoir, there just happened to be the township of Happy Valley in the way, bordering the road to Clarendon. There was also a wattle and daub church and small cemetery; the Congregational church had long established their stone building with its burial ground across the road but had left the pioneer one minding the graves -right where the wall was to be built. As the then E. and W.S recorded, the nineteen graves were disinterred and reinterred across the road but with no markers, just bare ground inside the fence.

The wall was built of clay from three sites on the reservoir floor; a small train line was installed to run around and collect it. A "puddle trench" was dug and men tramped on the wet clay until it reached ground level, then teams of oxen took over. The photographs taken there and at the weir are considered to be some of the first taken in the field in this state. In 1896, with due ceremony, the local doctor's daughter turned on the tap at the Clarendon weir and young men galloped their horses across the paddocks, arriving at the same time as the water

Not shaken by the earthquake of 1902 or 1954, it would be a disaster now if it was breached. Next time you drive up Chandlers Hill Road remember that it is only foot-puddled clay between you and a whole lot of water. There are two leaks, you know, so go quietly. Keep your car sound system from reverberating; resist the urge to sing loudly and no mashing up through the gears. Enjoy winter.

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT-WOMEN

MYRA MATERNE

Another bowls pennant season has come to an end. It hasn't exactly been smooth sailing this year as a number of members have experienced ill-health or injuries, or have had to miss pennant games for other reasons. Despite this, our pennant sides have performed creditably. The Premier 2 side maintained a comfortable position in the middle of the ladder finishing 5th. Our Metro 2 side did not realize its dream of winning a pennant but finished a close 2nd. Well done everyone. Let us hope we can be more settled in teams next season. I thank Chairperson of Selectors, Bev Ploenges and the selectors for what they have done. It is not an easy job.

My thanks to Margaret Lamshed who again successfully ran the internal tournaments. Congratulations to the winners and the runners up.

The club singles Champion is Susan Jenkins, runner up Bev Ploenges.

Susan also won the 2 bowl singles competition from runner up Fiona McGregor.

Club Pairs Champions are Pene Bilsborough and Bev Ploenges, Runners Up are Evelyn Manser and Susan Jenkins.

Susan has won many Hawthorn club competitions but recently was delighted to add a state title to her list of achievements. With L. Murray and J. Prosser, she was successful in winning the State Triples Competition. Well done Susan. It is great to see a Hawthorn player amongst state winners.

The Ladies Country Carnival is taking place at the end of March. Competitions will be held at Hawthorn on Tuesday March 29th and Wednesday 30th March. Our club will be responsible to supply lunch on both days. Any help will be gratefully received. Bev Ploenges and Rose Mitchell will be in charge of the catering. Noel Allison has kindly agreed to manage the competition aspect of the day. Markers will be required for the singles on the 29th. Keep your eye out for the list on the board and offer your help if you are free to do so. I hope we will be as successful as we were during the Men's Country Week.

Flyers for our annual Games Day on Tuesday August 23rd have been distributed. Assistance with the lunch and trading table will be required on that day-more details later. We would wish to have the same success as in 2010.

To round off the 2010-2011 pennant season, the ladies met for lunch at the Torrens Arms Hotel on Tuesday March 15th.

My best wishes to those continuing to bowl during the Autumn Series and the Winter Bowls Cosmo Pairs and Triples. It is good that some members will be keeping up their skills.

To those taking a break from bowls, I say enjoy your chosen activities and we will see you back next season refreshed and raring to go. With possible changes to the pennant format, 2011-2012 could be a very interesting season.

Have a relaxing ,enjoyable, interesting and safe break.

VICE PRESIDENT-MEN

RANDALL GERLACH

Well fellow bowlers it is all over for another year and we must now look forward and take positive steps to improve across the whole club next year.

As many of you will now have heard, unfortunately we have lost our Premier 1 status next year.

The Premier 1 side fought very hard right up until the last game, but as has been the case for many years, has been in survival mode and not been able to establish itself in a position where there has not been an overhanging threat of possible demotion.

I sincerely hope all present players will stick with the club, accept the challenge now before them and tackle it head on. I truly believe with the younger players we now have to choose from that the team has enormous development potential.

Unfortunately though, potential itself means nothing if you're not prepared to put in the hard work or have a fierce determination to succeed.

I would like to thank Gary Mickan for organising the internal tournaments. Congratulations to the winners and runners up who were:-

Club Championship Singles: Winner Blake Fiebig, Runner Up Alan Russell.

Club Championship Pairs: Winner Marc Evans & Ian Oliver, Runner Up Colin Watkins & Jack Cronshaw.

Club Mixed Pairs: Winner Colin Watkins & Jenny Whittle, Runner Up Alan Harris & Bev Ploenges.

Club Consistency Singles: Winner Gary Mickan, Runner Up Colin Watkins.

Club 2 Bowl Singles: Winner Alex Gebert, Runner Up Alan Russell.

Club "B" Grade Singles: Winner Michael Faehse, Runner Up Michael O'Dea.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge a few people who have played important roles in the club being able to put 7 sides on the greens each Saturday.

I would like to thank all the Selectors for the many hours they have put into selecting the teams each week in what is often a very thankless task. I have appreciated their efforts in trying to select the best possible sides to represent the Hawthorn Bowling Club each week.

A special thanks goes to the Chairman of Selectors, Vic Magoch, who I coerced into the position. Unfortunately, due to family commitments Vic has tendered his resignation from this position. As this is a much sought after role, I would encourage anyone who would like to put up their hand for this position next season to get in early before the rush.

I would also like to thank the Thursday women, social bowlers and nighthawks who helped with the filling of our Metro 4 side during the year. It has been very important for the Club to maintain this side to ensure all bowlers that wish to play pennants on a Saturday have had that opportunity.

I wish all bowlers an enjoyable winter and hope to see you in the new season.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

Once again as the Pennant Season draws to a close our greens are at their best. It is a pity that the first half of the Pennant Season commences when our grass is dormant or just starting to move after winter. Maybe sometime in the future the Pennant season will commence later to make use of the optimum growth period from December to May.

A contributor to the current great playing surfaces on our greens is the use of the "fat boy shaver" which we have had on loan since Nigel showed it to members on the night he addressed us at a Thursday dinner. We have now purchased it.

Last month I reported that we were obtaining quotes for the replacement of the plinths on C & D greens. The contractors quoted on installing either permapine or polywood. While the expected life of polywood is probably double that of permapine, we couldn't justify the extra cost at this time. We have decided that the northern & southern ends of both greens will be replaced rather than doing all sides on one green. This work should be completed soon after our Seafood Day.

New seating will shortly be installed between C & D greens. They are wide enough for each seat to serve players on both greens. There will be plenty of space for movement between the seats and storage of bags.

Current status of greens:

I believe that they are running well and are a credit to our green-keeper Simon. B green in particular has the best grass cover for some years and even "Lake Hawthorn" is in great condition.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

WOMEN THURSDAY

BEV PLOENGES

Our results for the end of 2010/11 Pennant Season is most encouraging:-
Premier 2S finishing 5th (114 pts) and will stay in this division.
Metro 2S - finishing 2nd (147 pts) A terrific result for the side.

The trial format (pairs, triples, fours) which effects clubs Thursday Premier 1 & 2 will be voted on approximately in early April so we will not know until then what the next season holds for us.

Also there will be movement in Metro Divisions as clubs from the Hills region will be joining the Metropolitan Competition so an interesting season is ahead for all.

Tuesday practice was well attended with a skills programme for an hour then team practice with Pene Bilsborough co-ordinating our skills. A lot of time and thought went into this job, so thank you Pene. Thanks to Jenny Whittle who assisted Tuesday mornings setting up and helping. Once again Metro 2S had to call on a few men a couple of times to fill in so thank you guys

The Selectors thank all players for their efforts and support during the season. Some weeks it was not an easy task due to the non availability of players. We have been very lucky with our group of new players and we encourage and hope you all play Thursday Bowls (if work commitments allow) next season.

Congratulations to all Club Tournament Winners and Susan Jenkins - State Triples.

SATURDAY OPEN GENDER

VIC MAGOCH

The 2010/2011 season has come to an end with most sides performing reasonably well. Unfortunately the Premier 1 side could not recover from the poor start and will be relegated to Premier 2 next year. When you look at the ladder, only 13 points separated the 6th and 9th sides. We needed that one extra win!!

Final Results

Premier 1 - 9th with 115 points (6 wins, 1 draw & 11 losses)
Metro 1E - 4th with 162 points (12 wins & 6 losses)
Metro 1S - 4th with 158 points (11 wins & 7 losses)
Metro 2W - 5th with 150 points (9 wins, 1 draw & 8 losses)
Metro 3E - 7th with 142 points (9 wins & 9 losses)
Metro 3SW - 7th with 135 points (7 wins & 9 losses)
Metro 4S - 5th with 122 points (10 wins, 7 losses & 1 forfeit)

A big thank you to each and every player for your efforts, commitment and patience this season. I am confident that with the talent pool at Hawthorn and the dedication shown by everyone, next season will definitely be successful.

With 7 sides to fill this season, it was certainly a very difficult job for all the selectors. Selection is without doubt a thankless task but I can assure you that all decisions were made with best interest of the Club and players. Thank you to all the selectors for your time, effort and commitment.

I think that Alan Harris should receive special mention for his commitment and unrelenting pursuit in keeping the 5, 6 & 7 sides running. Well done Alan.

I hope to see you all on the greens for the 2011/2012 season.

WEDNESDAY MEN

GRAHAM DODD

The season finished with a washout but we achieved our goals!

P1 4th
P2 7th promoted from M1
M1 5th promoted from M2
M3 2nd

All sides performed well during the season and had their chance to do better, but also soundly defended their positions. 2010-2011 can go down as a solid Men's Pennant season for the HBC. We consistently fielded 4 competitive sides thanks to players who were either rotated, or who filled in at the last. Tuesday organized group/individual practices were well attended all season and the results speak for themselves.

The post Christmas Chairman's triples was won by Paddy Pisano, with Glen Dow 2nd, & Bill Scott 3rd. Well done!

Many thanks go to the hard working Selection Committee (Bernie Manser, Graham Giles, Brian Harmer, Barry Hanna, & Ron Jones), for their continued efforts to ensure our success

HBC NOTICE BOARD

ProAm

BERNIE MANSER

What great weather and what a great day of bowling. Thirty four teams of amateurs and "pros" battled it out over the day.

The final was played before a large crowd, which added to the pressure on the players. John Whittle and Brian Blowes teamed with their amateurs Jeff & Graeme Lawson for a decisive win over a Tranmere team of John Feddersen & Klaus Schonfeldt and their sons Danny Feddersen & Tom Schonfeldt. They got away to a good start and looked like having an easy win, however the third end was full of tension. The head changed each bowl and team Whittle was holding shot. John called Brian on the backhand with a plea "don't touch that bowl or you will promote it to shot". You guessed it, as it came to the head it was the right pace and line to do damage. Brian knew better as his bowl squeezed through a narrow gap for another shot. Game over! John claims to have signed his amateurs to a five year contract.

The Plate was won by a team entered by our former member Ron Lind. The amateurs were a colourful mixture of predominately younger bowlers who appeared to enjoy the competition. Hopefully this will be the catalyst for some of them taking up bowls full time.

As is usual on tournament days there were a couple of dramas but they were handled in a professional way and did not detract from the overall success of the day.

Financially the Club benefitted, and a big thank you is owed to the Tournament Committee, the members who helped in setting up the Clubhouse, preparing pre and post game nibbles and assisting at lunch, running the raffles, setting up and clearing the greens, and also to Simon and David for the excellent presentation of the greens.

We acknowledge also the great support from our sponsors, Community CPS for providing the prize money, Premium Wines Direct for providing the wines for lunch and Olga's Fine Foods for providing the meat trays for the raffle.

HENSELITE CUP

GARY MICKAN

The Grand Final of the Henselite cup, deferred due to inclement weather, was played on Friday 25th and won by Hawthorn. The Hawks defeated Somerton 3 games to 1 at the Marion Bowling Club. Marc Evans won the singles, Fred Gilbert & Gary Mickan lost the pairs, Susan Jenkins, Gordon Hay & Bernie Ward won the triples & Michael Faehse, Shane Newton, Neil Jenkins & Michael Lodge won the fours.

It was a good effort by all. We had a squad of 19 players for the series and overall we won 55 out of 80 games.

From a spectator's point of view it was a great evening of bowls and our Hawks did us proud. Even our blokes who didn't have as good a time as they would have liked, did have one end when their spirits were lifted and by careful planning and precision bowling, added five to their score.

We have a lot to be grateful for with our club. The fact that we have a club for a start but its geographical position, away from the constant noise of passing traffic and for shelter sheds that are not made of besser block which allows the wind to blow, neck height, through the open pattern.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

GRAHAM DODD

We had our first hit out at junior development on Friday 4th March and it was a great success. I attached some pictures to this document for you to ponder what our future could look like if we promoted locally and got young players to attend clinics and maybe put in a team(s) to the monthly comp. However the editor was unable to get them to shrink to a size which was acceptable for transmission and so they had to be omitted. I understand that the editor is humbly sorry and will try to improve and is aware that most of the young people attending the clinic could have worked it out.

Many thanks go to the helpers listed below for their efforts on the night that ensured success:

David Sutherland

Fiona Rixon – especially for the cakes she made for the kids (and adults)

Beverley Ploenges

Clem Case

Richard Owen

Leanne Owen

Michael Dempster

John Whittle

This is a centenary initiative - planning for our future. I think we should get up a junior development committee to try and get things moving.

Centenary 2012

Rose Mitchell

This is rapidly approaching and the celebrations are well on the way to being finalised. Have a look at our web site for details. The 2012 committee recently had a very useful meeting with the S.A.History Trust where we were advised on how to preserve our history. It will be a staggering amount of work after I have written the book if we ask the State Library to be the custodians. The value to them is if all the names are recorded and the material catalogued so it is in an accessible state for the public to research ie Grandma played at Hawthorn in 1928. The value to us is that we don't have to find space to keep it ourselves including the expense of correct storage. That so many bits of paper have survived for so long is amazing but now that they have, we are responsible for the "where to from here".

Much has to be done before we get that far and 100 years of paper, files, newspaper clippings, photos, badges etc are in my study. All of this should be kept in an environment of constant temperature which begs the question- who gives in, their need or mine to keep warm now that cool nights are well on their way. Sometimes I wish it was all still stuffed away in the equipment, shed known only to the spiders, rats and winter storms. Not often, just sometimes.

Please, if you have photos of anything to do with the club, let me have a look. Not lots of little dots on the green which are no good for including in the book but close ups of people who have names. If you have a story to tell please either write it down and email me or arrange to talk me.

History is about things which happened to people within the world around them, nor just about a heap of bricks and mortar and who was who in the zoo. And if you want to live to a ripe old age DO NOT come up with a good story or photo AFTER the book has gone to print. As I want to have as much of the centenary recorded, it will not be launched until November 2012 at our official cocktail party

Saturday social bowls

Rose Mitchell

Games were organised by Anne Wehr and myself every Saturday, weather permitting, throughout the season. The objective has always been that Hawthorn, as a friendly club, is able to welcome new people at any time of the year and make sure they feel part of the club. Several new members have been recruited in the past two years who have gone on to play pennants. However, the social games on Saturday also provide for those who do not want to commit to a season or who prefer a social game and are still valued members of Hawthorn.

It has often been difficult to maintain enough people to have a good game because of the need by the club to fill seven pennant teams and unfortunately this is the downside. The upside is that we have had the best afternoon teas.

HAWTHORN FUNNIES

When everybody on earth was dead and waiting to enter the Pearly Gates, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines, one line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women. I want all the women to report to St. Peter."

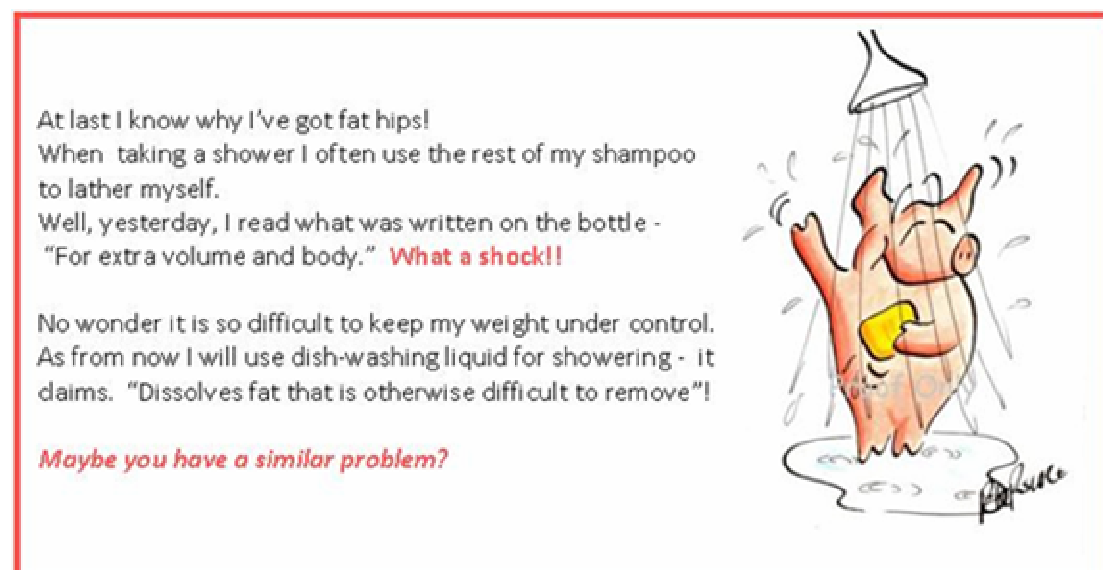
Soon, the women were gone and there were two lines of men.

The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was 100 miles long, and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only one man.

God said, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves! I created you to be the head of your household! You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose! Of all of you, only one obeyed. Learn from him!"

God turned to the one man, "How did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

The man replied, "I don't know. My wife told me to stand over here."



Computers



"How shall I torture you today?
Put you on the rack? Boil you in oil?
Make you call a technical support line?"

Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.

Remember. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice

Behind every successful man is a woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman



LADIES WHO LUNCH

A group of 40-year-old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed upon that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waiters there had tight pants and nice bums.

10 years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food there was very good, the wine selection was good also, and the waiters were cute.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet, the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean, and the waiters were sweet boys.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheel chair accessible, they even had an elevator, and the waiters were kind.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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: 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 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!

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.