



The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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COMING EVENTS

November 29th to December 11th

Asian Pacific games
Lockleys and Holdfast

Saturday December 10th

Christmas dinner 7pm

Saturday January 14th

Opening of Centenary
5.30pm – 7.30pm

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

The fact that this year is the state's 175th birthday may have not have kept a lot of people awake with excitement. In some spheres of course it is well recognised but overall it has been pretty low key. There was a huge build up to 1986 for the 150th, but even more for the state's centenary in 1936. Then it was a time of economic depression, when at its height, or should that be depth, one third of the Australian work force was out of work. Any watcher of the pageant on TV will know that a young director of the family shop, Edward Hayward, started a Christmas pageant in 1933 to cheer people up and bring a little sparkle to kids who might not be getting anything for Christmas.

So three years later, following the success of the Christmas pageant, there were two pageants and the star role of the once-off centenary event was not a bloke in a red suit but Britannia. Two marvellous scrap books have survived compiled by the woman who designed all the costumes with sketches and swatches of materials, all depicting our colonial past. By 1986 she had lost her sight but was still able to talk about all the characters by feeling those swatches.

The plum role, Britannia, in all her martial glory, was vigorously contested by the two leading ladies in town; on the left, Lady Bonython, Lady Mayoress, and on the right Mrs Dutton, mistress of "Anlaby". Mrs Dutton won. Many years later, she was to die suddenly while preparing her home for a Vice Regal visit, a fact which was approved of by the ladies of Adelaide. What a fitting way to go for one who had portrayed the symbol of the British Empire.

Now in our 175th year, it is an interesting point of conjecture that if we had a grand pageant, who or what would be the major attraction. We were largely WASPs then, some older folk referring to Britain as "home"; now we are cosmopolitan and getting more "cos" and "politan" by the year.

The SA History Trust has done a great job all year retracing the voyages of the nine ships which brought the SA Company to these shores in 1836. They have used logs, diaries and letters written at the time and reproduced in a weekly article matching the exact dates, starting in February and no doubt ending when the *Buffalo*, the last to get here, arrives on December 26th. A fascinating account of travel in the days-of sail and of people who were brave or farseeing enough to take the risk to come here and start a new life from scratch.

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN

MYRA MATERNE

Practices on Tuesdays for the Thursday lady players continue to be well attended. Our coach, Gary, is introducing different skills tests and is encouraging us to be confident and motivated. With some players still unavailable for various reasons, it is proving difficult to settle some teams. Our Hawthorn/Marion composite side has had mixed results but the players are enjoying their bowls. So far this arrangement is working well for both clubs.

Internal tournaments are underway. The championship pairs matches are scheduled to be played during the break in pennants for the Asia Pacific Championships.

Teams from Hawthorn have and will continue to attend gala days at other clubs, including country. We have tried to support as many as possible and have occasionally found ourselves immediately invited back for their next event. Hopefully these clubs will support our centenary gala day next year.

Let us all encourage each other, strive to improve our skills and increase our success rate, but above all enjoy our time on the green.

Good bowling everyone.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

Not much to report this month.

All greens are in good condition and should only get better as the rate of grass growth increases.

The current contract with D&D Curators runs out at the end of December and at the last Board meeting it was agreed that their contract be renewed for a further two years. Nigel will be the resident greenkeeper during this period.

CHAIRPERSONS OF SELECTORS

THURSDAY WOMEN

BEV PLOENGES

As we approach the 6th round are results are:

PREMIER 2S

Started very well with 2 convincing wins against West Lakes and Semaphore but then we lost the plot, losing the next 3 games against Grange, Somerton (very close only 2 points) and Clarence Gardens.

Disappointing. but more games to play, our losing streak is over. GAMES TO BE WON.

METRO 1E

Has started the season very well with 3 very good wins against Beaumont, Kensington/Marryatville and Clarence Gardens with 2 losing games by only 2 pts. overall. A great effort; keep it up girls.

METRO 2SW

We have combined successfully with Marion B.C .with all players from both clubs enjoying their bowling. 3 Wins and 2 losses is a very good result. Hawthorn thank the men players who have filled in when necessary.

Welcome to Teresa Hanel who has become a full member, after playing Night Owls for a few years. Teresa is playing on Saturdays and as she is on long service leave until Christmas, has kindly said she would play Thursdays.

As a result of a composite side SA Bowls have classed our Metro 1E as our bottom side which allows us (if short) to play men in this division. The same rule applies to other clubs with composite sides.

Practices are well attended, with Gary giving us talks on tactics, reading heads and other useful information. The white board is in full use. All are enjoying skills practice,

Lovely to see Iris Nicholas at training last Tuesday, also Noreen Stanley who has also ventured out for a rollup - looking forward to seeing you both on the green.

SATURDAY OPEN SELECTION

GARY MICKAN

We have managed to fill 8 teams on Saturday, except for last week, when we had 24 players un-available for various reasons. Some players are returning from holidays and injury, so our prospects are good to fill all teams. It is the old question "do you nominate 7 teams & have rotation, or go with 8 and give everyone a game. I like the latter.

Our lady members are supporting Saturday pennants with 22-24 players each week. Pennant results have been mixed. The top side started poorly, but have won the last 3 games and are sitting 5th on the table. Our second side is top and un-defeated. Best results for the other sides are Metro 3C (4th) and Metro 4SW (3rd).

The Club mixed pairs is at the semi-final stage, with the winner to be decided by the 18th of December. Other internal tournaments are progressing well. The Men's Club Championship Pairs (Sectional play) will be on Sunday the 4th of December. Entries close on 24/11. Please nominate if you have not already done so.

There are no pennant games on Saturday the 3rd and 10th, because of the Asian Pacific games. We are giving you a day off on 3/12, but we will have a club internal trial on 10/12. Selectors will assume availability, unless told otherwise.

Practice numbers on Thursday nights has reduced recently. Please ensure that you practice, at least one night per week."

WEDNESDAY MEN

GRAHAM DODD

So far this season it's been a mixed bag of results. The P1 Side is holding its own with some solid performances but a few surprising losses. The P2 South Side is yet to win although they have been very close on 3 occasions and we feel a win is not too far away. We lost 8 premier players this year from our Wednesday playing squad and are feeling the effects. However, this has given others the chance and they have acquitted themselves quite well.

The Metro 1 West side is travelling very well with a good chance of taking the flag this season. As well, the Metro 3 Central side is sizzling along at the top of the table and we are anticipating a flag from these champions!

As at the 17 November the tables are:

P1 6th
P2S 10th
M1W 4th
M3C 1st

Tuesday organized practice continues with good attendance and fun. The chairman's 2 Bowl Triples has 14 contenders up to win the money and the competition is strong. The idea is to bowl 42 quality bowls during the practice session – the minimum required for competition on Wednesday. An average of 30 bowlers is involved in the organized group practice with a further 15 individually practicing their skills – an excellent situation!

The upcoming Asian Pacific Games provides another disruption to the season but social bowls in mufti will be available on Wednesday (30/11 and 7/12) and Saturday (3/12 and 10/12), 12.30 for 1.00pm each day.

The vibe around the Club is good and we hope you all continue to enjoy your bowls and bowl well!

HBC NOTICE BOARD

Centenary Appeal

ROSE MITCHELL

The Centenary Appeal funds have been lodged in a special purpose account which was opened specifically for the purpose of raising money for this event. The women have already raised \$3000 for the mural behind the bar which will be unveiled on January 14th. There are many projects which could be undertaken in our club when we have sufficient funds so many thanks to those who have subscribed already. Initially it was a bit of a lonely road for not only me but the 2012 committee and it is just fantastic now to see it gathering momentum.

The wine has arrived and we will be putting on our very own labels, designed by John Payne, on Monday December 5th at 2.30pm. If you have the urge to assist, you will be most welcome. There are six designs, black silhouettes taken from old photographs and we are very thrilled with them. The same images are being made into coasters so you can purchase your wine with a matching coaster or a set of coasters in a gift box. We need a special one day license to sell bottles, the contents of which will not be consumed on the premises, and we are getting 10 of these. One will be the night of our Christmas dinner, a couple of others for the Night Hawks before Christmas but we will be taking orders over the bar.

Jim Hughes, of DG International, one of our newer members, has donated a rug to raise funds through a silent auction. He says that they have a large range of rugs and a mid range price of \$600 (retail) would give the highest bidder a good range of at least 12 different styles to choose from.

He will display a modern and a traditional rug in the club to give bidders some idea of what they may choose. The most popular size would be 1.60m x 2.30m. Bidders may lodge a bid at any time and it will close off at the Christmas Dinner.

Thank you Jim.