



The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

September 2010

COMING EVENTS

Thursday October 7th

Saturday October 9th

Wednesday October 13th

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Monday October 11th

Round one Women's pennants

Round one Saturday Pennants

Round One Men's Pennants

Start of social bowls

Welcome back to bowls dinner

Premium Wines Direct Day

9.30 am for 10am start

FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

Welcome back to the 2010/11 season. May the euphoria of participating in winter bowls remain with you and sustain you on the days when the match is lost because the other three in your rink played badly.

And it has been ever thus. When the Hawthorn Bowling Club was but an infant of four years, seriously in the financial mire, two skippers resigned in fits of self righteous pique. Their argument was with; you guessed it, the long suffering selectors. While they were separate instances, their grievance was the same. First you say my rink was too strong so now you have given me every dodo that was ever born and hello, guess what, the result was abysmal and YOU are now blaming ME. Exit one.

A meeting was convened to discuss the performance of the other and he formally advised that he "would not be attending his trial next Tuesday" and inferred but didn't actually say that he would resign if the selectors didn't see the light and give him players worthy of his skipper's ship. The selection committee replied by accepting his resignation. Exit two. The moral of the story is if you don't want the thankless job of selector yourself don't whinge or you may find yourself in a place you hadn't intended to be and not as good as the one you first complained about.

In sixteen months time we will begin our centenary year and for our little corner of the world, that is quite an achievement. We are here because over a hundred years ago, a few public spirited men, no doubt prompted at home, thought that land should be purchased in Hawthorn for recreation before it was all subdivided. A great deal of labour and personal financial risk was cheerfully given to plan for the future. We are here as custodians to improve on what we have been given and to hand it on in better shape than when we got it. We are here because we enjoy the sport, have a pleasant club and valued fellowship. The centenary is on our watch. Lucky us. Let's enjoy it.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

NEIL JENKINS

A new season is upon us and I hope you all enjoy the great facilities our club has to offer. Our greens are among the best in Adelaide and the Board is working very hard to improve and update the club and surrounds. We will have new shades between C and D greens before the new season begins. A big welcome to all our new members and I hope you enjoy your time at HBC.

We have entered 7 teams on Saturdays and this is mainly due to the new structure trailed last year which has attracted twenty two of Hawthorn's women bowlers and also some new members. This is great for the competition and our club to have so many women playing on Saturdays in this new format. I wish you all good bowling. As a result the club has not entered a team in the Women's Saturday competition. Please be patient with our selectors as their job is not easy and it is very hard if not impossible to please everyone all of the time.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our new club uniform, a job well done by all. Thank you also to all the Board members for all their hard work and to all our volunteers who do such a great job. Many people enjoyed winter bowls and my thanks to those people who organised this twice weekly event.

If you would like help out at the club in any way, please let me know. We currently need someone to take on the role of looking after our sponsors.

Good bowling for the coming season. May 2010/11 be successful and enjoyable for you

VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN**MYRA MATERNE**

Welcome everyone to the 2010-2011 Pennant season. I hope you have enjoyed your off season activities and have returned refreshed and "raring to go". Unfortunately the wintry weather has hindered to some extent our preparation for competitive bowls. We have lost one member from last year, Jan Lind, who has transferred to Port Elliott. Joan Lyall has returned to play pennants this year and I am also extremely delighted to welcome a number of new members - Fiona Rixon, Regina Laurs, Maree Schaefer, Maria Raymond, Anne Onto, and Leanne Owen. Please make yourself known to them if you haven't already and encourage them to join in all club activities. We certainly hope they enjoy their association with us.

Since becoming Ladies Vice-President, I have realised that a lot of hard work is done between seasons by all committees of the club to ensure that the club runs smoothly during the pennant season. The Board and its subsidiary committees, the selectors, the tournament committee, and the uniform committee have been very busy having planning meetings. They certainly deserve a big thank you. The new uniform is most attractive and it will be exciting to wear it on the greens.

The ladies' annual games day held on August 31st was an outstanding success both socially and financially, making a profit of \$1683. The eighty one folk who attended all wish to be invited next year.

My sincere thanks to those who worked hard on the day and all contributions were much appreciated. I trust that this degree of cooperation and dedication to strive for optimum results will be evident on the greens in our coming competition.

I wish every one an enjoyable bowling season. Positive and active involvement by all members should lead to success in all our club activities.

Just a thought from an unknown author: -"

"Competitive bowls is played mainly on a five and half inch rink - the space between our ears."

VICE PRESIDENT -MEN

RANDALL GERLACH

I would like welcome all bowlers, especially those new to the club, to the 2010/11 season.

Unfortunately, the weather has made it a little difficult to get on the greens and practice as much as we all would have liked.

I am looking forward to the season and this in no small way can be attributed to the many hours of hard work the Chairpersons of Selectors and the Selectors have all put in to arranging trial games, organising teams, putting together a structure for practices and finalising the rating slips to be used this year.

They have put in an enormous amount of work to set up a bowling season that we can now all look forward to and enjoy. I have every confidence in the group of Selectors appointed this year and ask for your support and understanding in the difficult jobs they have ahead.

The selection committee will trying their best to select what they consider are the strongest and most balanced teams to represent the Hawthorn Bowling Club on a weekly basis. That is their job. While you may not always agree with these selections, there are processes in place to seek feedback should you so desire. I implore all bowlers to treat your Selectors with the same respect that you would expect to receive yourselves.

Bowlers wishing to be selected for trial games **must** place their names on the Noticeboard lists to be considered for selection.

Bowls SA have accepted 7 open Saturday sides and 4 open Wednesday sides in the following competitions:

Saturday

- Premier 1
- Metro 1 – South
- Metro 1 – East
- Metro 2 – West
- Metro 3 – South West
- Metro 3 East
- Metro 4 – South

Wednesday

- Premier 1
- Premier 2 – South
- Metro 1 – South
- Metro 3 – South

With the solid consolidation that occurred across most of our teams last year and the injection of new bowlers, some youth and additional women bowlers, I am confident the club is capable of building on these results and hopefully achieving a pennant or two.

There is a real buzz around the club at the moment so let's keep this momentum going by getting on the greens and putting in the required practice. Success won't just happen, we have to make it happen through our actions and commitment and by working together as a whole club both on and off the green.

Information regarding the coaching that will be made available to assist bowlers in their continued development and improvement will be forwarded to all members shortly.

I wish you all an enjoyable and successful bowling season.

TREASURER**ANDREW KLEINIG**SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded all annual subscriptions are to be paid by Friday, 30th September to ensure selection in pennant teams.

WANTED

An interested member to take over the duties of the Club's Sponsorship manager. The Club has a list of longstanding sponsors who require regular contact. This list can be extended by a committed member from interested potential firms which will result in acceptable income.

Please contact the Treasurer for full details.

KITTIES

Many kitties have "strayed" from their shed and should any members know of their whereabouts it would be appreciated if they were

encouraged to return to their rightful home thereby saving their owner \$28- each. It also grieves the members who spend considerable time putting together submissions for finding to ensure that all bowling equipment used by this club is in top condition.

GREENS MANAGER

BERNIE MANSER

We have emerged from winter with all greens in good condition. All we need now is for a break in the rain so we can get out on them.

I quote from the annual report from our curators "In conclusion all greens at Hawthorn Bowling Club are currently at a high standard and with further spring/summer renovations we look forward to continuing improvements..".

Soil samples from all greens were sent away for analysis and the report indicated that the nutrient profile for all greens is close to ideal.

By the time you read this all greens should be back to their north/south set up. The new shelters for C & D greens will be installed before the start of the pennant season.

For those curious as to why B green (Lake Hawthorn) has drained better than the other greens, it is a combination of the work done last summer, and the fact that it has been rested during winter. The other greens have suffered some compaction from steady use during winter. Once we have some grass growth all greens will be groomed, and this should help drainage. The selectors have requested that, in the coming season on practice days, specific rinks be allocated for sole use by the various teams. The allocations will be shown on the board outside the Clubhouse after the greens have been prepared.

Good bowling to all at the Club for season 2010/2011.

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ROSE MITCHELL

Llandrindod Wells, our Welsh sister club, has a member **Wendy Price**, playing in the women's triples in the Commonwealth Games and I have sent her a good luck message from this club. They hope she will be chosen for the World championships.

Club logo

All the logos have been changed, not just on the uniform but on the honour boards, the letter head, the Herald (but you noticed that didn't you?) and of course our new flag. It was a time consuming process and I am very grateful to Brian Schaefer for his expertise in designing the club stationary.

Uniforms

Please remember to order any extra items by next Monday September 20th. The order sheet is in the store room opposite the uniform cupboards.

Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey Macgregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried

"Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?" and from the thunder a mighty voice spoke

Wait for it

You're goin' to love this one

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