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Editor **Maree Schaefer**

## From The President

Hello to you all

Wow, we are certainly in an interesting and worrying situation. We have never experienced anything like this before and the uncertainty of it ending is possibly our biggest concern.

It is not for me to give advice or lecture anyone on the Covid-19 Virus but I am prepared to say that it cannot be taken lightly: by anyone. We are all in the most vulnerable age group if we contract it, so every care must be taken.

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It has brought about an abrupt end to our season, the chance of playing finals, our Seafood Day, our Presentation Night, social bowls and now our AGM; all cancelled. Quick calculations put that as approximately a \$40K loss of income.

I mentioned before, we are a little more fortunate financially than some clubs and a lot less than some others, but we should be okay for a while without any new income. It does mean all the previous years of hard work and saving money has put us in a more secure position, but it does also mean that once it is gone - it is gone. We can only keep managing as sensibly as we can.

We will go ahead with our grant spending. I do not think keeping that money for other uses would be permitted so we may as well utilise the down time.

The AGM is a concern, we have a large turnover of Board Members and Portfolios and I will wait until our next Board Meeting discusses these issues before deciding our next step.

In the meantime, I see no reason why our members only cannot still have a roll up if they wish. I may be introducing a sign in sheet so everyone who does come along records their name, time and date. It is just another precaution. It will be in the Bowls storeroom. Obviously you must keep a safe distance, you must hand sanitise and you must wipe the jack after use.

I will be keeping an eye out and if these steps are not adhered to, I will be forced to completely shut us down. You must be diligent!

Not a lot more to say really other than congratulations to our successful pennant winning teams, 5E, 5S and 6E. Well done!

Stay safe and look after yourselves.

*John Shaw*

## Finals Fever at HBC—March 14th

Finals fever gripped the Club on Saturday and saw the Division 5E and 5S sides come through triumphant to go straight into the grand final for each division. A good crowd of supporters (exceeding 100) attended urging both Hawks sides in tight games and the other competing clubs (much appreciated by the players). All players know that the job is only half complete but the great news is that both sides will be going up a grade next year, as will the victorious Division 6E side which finished minor Premier last Saturday.

Hawthorn Bowling Club shone, displaying all its facility upgrades and abilities to handle eight sides in finals competitions. Visiting teams (even losers) heaped praise on our greens! There are many Club members to thank for their efforts. In particular Vice President Graham Dodd who was the Dedicated Manager of the Day, Bill Booker and Ian King cards and scores management, Marilyn Gerlach (catering), John Shaw (Bar), Wendy Clarke (Head Umpire), Leanne Owen (umpire/measurer), Maree Schaefer (umpire/measurer), Jeff Lawton (umpire/measurer), Manny Vlachos & Alan Portlock (BBQ) and Alan Harris (pop up helper). As well of course, the tireless work of David Sutherland assisting with greens preparation for the event.

Good weather although a little windy, helped to make the day a great success and all players acted on public health advice to contain/halt the spread of the coronavirus in ways possible in the game of bowls.

There are many others who contributed to the outcome so please know that your efforts were much appreciated too.

**BRIAN HARMER**

## Hot News! Hot News! Three Saturday Sides Win Premierships

Due to the COVID-19 all Finals due to be played after March 14th were cancelled. Minor Premiers will be recognised as the winners of each Division.

**Saturday Div 5E, Div 5S & Div 6E won Premierships.**

Although Wednesday Div1 and Div 3 SW were in final contention these matches were also cancelled.



## Club Successes—Metro 6 E

I have been appointed as selector of the Saturday fifth team (Division 6 Red, (East). This team has not done well recently. Last season the relevant pennant winners won 16 matches whereas HBC won only six.

My challenge is to turn this around and lead a team that can be seriously competitive. It's a big ask, and I don't think it can be done in one season. Therefore I propose a two-year plan with two specific goals : try to win 10 or 11 games by 2020, and aim for 15 or 16 in 2021. We will need a successful mixture of an experienced "old guard" and an up-and-coming "new guard" of younger players, some of whom are already doing well. In two seasons, we might just be able to do it. Ambitious? Very ! Possible? Maybe. Worth trying? Definitely. Join me and let us give it a go. Andrew Bear (written October, 2019, but withdrawn from publication)

### **I WAS WRONG !!** (written March, 2020)

It was a good plan, but we blew it by winning the pennant this year. Like Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady*, I doubted we'd do it, but with a little bit of luck, do it we did. Why did I withdraw the article? Because I thought it might be too optimistic. Sometimes it is great to be wrong !

A terrific effort by everyone. Seventeen of us played five or more games and will receive pennant badges. We are: Andrew Bear; Stephen Cain; Ross Campbell; Trish Cook; George Charlesworth; ; Kaaren Firth; Teresa Hanel; Alan Harris; Chris Hiern; Jeff Lawton; Maree Schaefer; Peter Spiniello; David Sutherland; Graeme Turner; Jill Turner; Jim Young; Rino Zuzolo. Eleven other players filled-in for occasional games to see us through, important among them Murray Evans and Bob Wadsworth.

### **ANDREW BEAR—SELECTOR METRO 6 E**



# Club Championships 2020

## Men's

<b>Championship Singles</b>	Doug Richards	<b>Runner up</b> Jim Bell
<b>Championship Pairs</b>	Michael Lodge & Alex Gebert	<b>Runners up</b> John Shaw & Doug Richards
<b>Mixed Pairs</b>	Manuel Vlachos & Carlyne Edwardes	<b>Runners up</b> Jeff Lawton & Kaaren Firth
<b>B Grade Singles</b>	Neil Hayford	<b>Runner up</b> Michael Nimon
<b>2 Bowl Singles</b>	Graham Dodd	<b>Runner up</b> Brett Willcox

Note: Michael Lodge & Alex Gebert won through to the Champions week in the Champion of Champion Pairs.

## Ladies

<b>Championship Singles</b>	Anne Onto	<b>Runner up</b> Wendy Clarke
<b>2 Bowl Singles</b>	Leanne Owen	<b>Runner up</b> Elaine Deakin
<b>Pairs Championship</b>	Anne Onto & Leanne Owen	<b>Runners up</b> Chris Keller & Wendy Clarke

## Skipper Acknowledgements

Team Success is partially due to our Skips' guidance, leadership and team effort, and it is not uncommon for our players to sneak a peek at the Metro Skip ladder. We wish to especially congratulate the following Skips who excelled in their respective Divisions.

### Wednesday

Div 1	D Crawley	4th
Div 4W	B Wadsworth	3rd.
<b>Thursday</b>		
Premier 1	W Clarke	3rd
Div 2 S	S Chng	4th
Div 2 S	M Schaefer	6th

### Saturday

Div 1	M Lodge	5th
Div 3S	S Newton	5th
Div 5E	T Strudwick	1st
Div 5E	B Schaefer	2nd

# There's More to Being a Coach!



**It started like this!**

After the home game on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March both ladies sides had a surprise treat. Cheeses from our coach, Wendy Clarke's hobby of cheese making! We were treated with samples of camembert, double brie, blue, gouda, cheddar and some Persian feta.

It looked good and it tasted even better. A few more drinks over the bar and the camaraderie was great.

**Was it as good as commercial cheese?  
You bet!**

**March  
ABUZZ Award**



**Above: It disappeared like this!**



**Above: It ended like this!**

# Ladies V President

**B**oth teams missed the finals by 1 point, both ending up in 5<sup>th</sup> position. Yes, it was disappointing, but the Hawthorn Ladies did themselves proud, being more competitive than first thought.

We lost 3 skippers and other players coming into the season, went from 3 teams to 2 teams, which meant rotation of players in the second side.

A big thank you to the Selection Committee, Coach Wendy Clarke, Chairman of Selectors Christine Keller and Selectors Anne Onto and Trish Cook. Each week they were able to put together teams that were compatible and competitive each week. Practices were well attended and I feel players enjoyed their season.

17 ladies played in to Open Competition, with 11 of these players, included in teams, that won their division. Well done Ladies.

Thank you to all the Ladies who volunteered their time in one way or another for the club. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the 53 players who came on Saturday morning for an hour to help make sandwiches. I didn't realise there was so many different ways to butter bread and make sandwiches. Thank you for taking my call. A big thank you to Trish Cook who helped me make the sandwiches on Wednesdays. We raised over \$4000 for the club.

On behalf of the Ladies, I would like to thank John Shaw, President, for his tireless contribution to the Hawthorn Bowling Club. The club and its surrounds are looking great, with more to come.

The Ladies have a lot to look forward to next season. We are a strong group.

**MARILYN GERLACH Ladies Vice President.**

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## Scorecard

Metropolitan Bowls Association Inc Pennants

Date 5/3/20 Rink #5/5  
 Division 2S Section  
 Start Time Finish Time 2pm

Hawthorn vs HVBC

Our Team	Opponents
L Jill Turner	L HEATHER MC DONALD
S Ethel Paull	S JUDITH BARREAU
T Gail Richardson	T JANET ATHERTON
Sk Lesley Slattery	Sk LIZ DEMPSTER

Final Score 34 Final Score 17

Certified Correct

	Us	Them		Us	Them
END	Shots Total	Shots Total	END	Shots Total	Shots Total
1	22	-	15	324	-12
2	24	-	16	125	-12
3	59	-	17	-25	214
4	-9	22	18	833	-14
5	312	-2	19	-33	216
6	113	-2	20	-33	+17
7	-13	57	21	134	-17
8	114	-7	22		
9	-14	29	23		
10	519	-9	24		
11	120	-9	25		
12	121	-9	26		
13	-21	211	27		
14	-21	112			

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# *Tick Tock goes the Clock!*



## **Have you ever thought about it!**

Our club runs like a clock. On the face of it the Board Members, Chairpersons of Committees and other prominent volunteers are what most members see, ie, the clock face. However, behind the scenes, just like cogs and wheels which drive the face of the clock, there are so many other volunteers who go undetected by most.

Here are some for example:

Jenny Whittle and Brian Starr—uniforms

Anne Onto and Brian Starr— money counters.

Marilyn Gerlach, Ian King, Tom Rushton—entering scores in BowlLink web site.

Rick Owen—the key and code keeper (as well as the bin monitor)

David Sutherland—rose garden, rolling the greens

Bill & Francie Tonkin—Club Hire Coordinators

Bill Booker—club statistics, preparing Team pouches for pennant games and switching on urns

The sandwich makers led by Marilyn

Team Managers, Umpires & Measurers

Bar, Night Hawk, Taylors Cup volunteers and so many more.

## **If the Tocks don't Tock then the Ticks can't Tick**

### **So you think you know the rules?**

#### **Question:**

Q. Can I wait to mark a toucher while the next bowl is being delivered?

#### **Answer on page 8**

# Around the Traps

We have not seen **Eddy Ward** around the club over the last three or four weeks for a very good reason. He tells me he was playing a pennant match when he stepped up onto the bank. He noticed a slight twinge in his lower back but did not take much notice at the time. However, as the game went on his back became much more painful and has remained so ever since. He is unable to lean forward without pain and it is pain that is also making it very difficult to weight bear on his left leg. He is due to have an operation on his back (I suspect a laminectomy) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**Peter Spiniello** is another who has been absent from the club and again it is due to a leg problem He developed a clot in the calf of one leg which can be a serious problem if it persists. He tells me that it is a "little better" and sounds a little frustrated that it is taking it's time resolving. He continues to have medical supervision. Hopefully it will not be too much longer before we see his cheery face back at the club.

It is great news for **Graham Giles**. At long last his latest scan has shown his blood condition appears dormant and there are high hopes that it will remain so. Treatment has been ongoing over months but has now ceased and he is feeling well.

**Allan Harris** has also recently submitted to surgery, this time from a plastic surgeon. No, it was not a face lift. He had some skin

cancers (probably basal cell carcinomas) removed from inside and outside his ear.

For a little while he had difficulty inserting his hearing aid which is a real nuisance to say the least to those who need to wear them. He is looking much better of late. It does seem timely to remind members (particularly the males) of the need to wear a broad brim hat whilst playing bowls or indeed when out in the sun in general. Otherwise, skin cancer commonly occurs on the ears and the lower lip unless protected by other means. Don't let the sun see your DNA.

**Ingrid Ashton** recently had a fall in a shop at the shopping centre but fortunately no significant damage was done and so continues to recover from her hip surgery.

Another member with a sore back is **Wally Beale**. He hurt it lifting a heavy weight in his garden. He is coming good slowly.

**Bob Wadsworth**

## Games Milestones

Bill Booker 1000 on 29/2/2020

**Gary Mickan**

## Taylor Bowls

Silver South finished top of their division, but lost the quarter final to Woodville in a tie break.

Bronze South finished 5th in their division.

Bronze Central finished equal second in their division. They won the qualifying final 3 games to 1. They lost the quarter final to McLaren Vale in a tie break.

**Gary Mickan**

## So you think you know the rules?

### Answer:

No. Toucher must be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl or the marker as soon as it comes to rest. (Law 15.1) Furthermore, Law 15.3 states "If, before the next delivered bowl comes to rest — a bowl is neither marked nor nominated, it is no longer a toucher.

# Nighthawks Final Report 2020



What an end to season we've had! The weather has just been so kind to us, just the international bug that kept on rolling in stopped us in our tracks! Over the last nine weeks we have seen an average of 105 players turning up on Tuesday and Wednesday nights (210 a week). The great support from Nighthawks members allows the Hawthorn Bowling Club to keep club fees reasonable, promote the community feel and have the best greens in Adelaide. We appreciate your generosity, camaraderie and sense of fun and commitment to learning the game of bowls.

Sponsors are an integral part of every sporting club and we say thank you to - Tanner Real Estate, Torrens Arms, Cimarosti Brothers, Wine Direct, Edinburgh Hotel, Sorbet Women's Clothing and the Capri Theatre. I am also grateful to the many players who donated prizes to the raffle table, where would we be without the batteries - Thank you Phil or Angela for the wine or over the years, Trevor for the smoked Coorong mullet.

Nighthawks wouldn't be able to operate without all of the volunteers - so thank you to the BBQer's, money coordinators and bar staff. Special thanks to Ian Brown, Andrew & Penny McTaggart, Dawn Stoddart, Sonya Brown, Rob Geelan, Colin Byrne, Andrew Bear, Jock Jarratt, Trish Cook, John Shaw, Brian Case, Rio Brazil who help out regularly. Plus, the teams that also regularly help - Bias A Beer, Long Shots, Bowlocks and Fourplay. Also thank you to the people who I called on to help fill in at short notice - it was much appreciated.

Nighthawks members are invited to come out and play Winter Bowls when the new season commences.

We have three teams nominated for the annual Nightowls competition at Toorak Burnside - BB Boys, Harvey Ball Bangers and the Burglars. The upcoming date in April has been cancelled but Bowls SA are hopeful to reschedule later in the year.

When we resume in October the following matches will be played for the top four teams.

Tuesday October 13: Eagles v Funk 'N' Wagnalls and BB Boys v The Burglars

Wednesday October 14: Aarrgh! v Par Fore and Harvey Ball Bangers v Irritable Bowelers

**TERESA HANEL—Nighthawks Director**

**Jeff and Steve—old buddies**



**Above: Peter and Kevin—Trusty Helpers**

Team #	Tuesday Night	Matches played	Bye	won	lost	draw	Points
11	Eagles	9		8	1		152
1	BB Boys	9	1	6	2		144
7	Burglars	9	1	6	2		140
15	Funk 'N' Wagnalls	9		8	1		137
4	Bowl Lickers	9	1	5	2	1	130
2	Bias A Beer	9	1	5	3		125
22	Lyons	9		6	3		120
25	What? No Sheep Station?	9		6	3		120
17	Green Fingers	9		6	3		118
18	Hawthorn Heroes	9		6	3		115

Team #	Wednesday Night	Matches played	Bye	won	lost	draw	Points
2	Aarrgghh!	9		8	1		143
10	Harvey Ball Bangers	9		7	2		139
14	Irritable Bowelers	9	1	7	1		139
18	Par Fore	9		6	2	1	133
20	Polished Bowls	9	1	6	2		131
25	Wacko the Duck	9		7	2		130
5	Bowls Bags	8		7	1		124
28	Bowl Movements	9		6	3		124
8	Fourplay	9		6	3		123
23	The Me Ne Frego's	8	1	5	2		117

Right: Rino of Wednesday Nights

Long Shots and the Sexy Sixties



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