



"Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future"

**August 2020**

**Editor Brian Schaefer**

## From The President

### DEVELOPING THE HAWKS CULTURE

It is time to revisit the purposes of the Club and the kind of culture we want to promote. There are many operational aspects that contribute to a balance between playing competitively and achieving a socially supportive culture. Some of these are outlined as follows.

#### Valuing our members

Over recent weeks we have lost three great Club members in Glen Dow, Andrew McTaggart, and Cliff Cope.

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At funerals/wakes you learn a lot about a person's journey through life and contribution to family and society. These three true-blue members leave a wonderful legacy for the community with quite different interests and expertise. Each highlighted the important influence of bowls in their lives.

Vale - Glen, Andrew, and Cliff - enjoy bowling on those heavenly greens!

### Cherishing Winter Bowls

We were able to start Winter Bowls early June as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted to a level that they could be viably conducted. Huge thanks to Vic and his band of helpers (Robby, John, and Alan) for quickly getting it all together to lift members' spirits and start a flow of much needed income to the Club. We have averaged 50 players each Wednesday and Saturday only losing three days to weather - we indeed cherish our Winter Bowls!

### Acknowledging success

The Xmas in July/Presentation Night and wake for Andrew McTaggart highlighted the support given to our members through conducting successful events under the leadership of Trudy Howard (Chair Events Committee), Marilyn Gerlach (Ladies Vice-President), and Terry Onto (Bar Manager).

Acknowledging player achievements is an important part of the Club's culture and we saw how proud our successful Division 5E, 5S and 6E players were to receive their Medallions announced by Brian Harmer (Chair Wednesday and Open Selection Panels), and presented by Santa (Bill Tonkin).

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## *From the President (cont'd)*

Our successful Club Champions and runners-up were introduced by Gary Mickan and showered with their rewards to highlight player excellence among us.

Santa was also very successful making three children very happy to get an early Xmas present. Yep, he was authentic alright – just ask Brian Harmer's grandchildren who got into his beard!

### **Continuing improvements**

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic greenkeeper in Nigel who works willingly with our infrastructure group to keep improving our playing facilities. More projects are under consideration e.g. shelters on the southern end of A green and upgrading the northern end of C green. As well, improving the southern entrance to the club is being considered - all depending on how successful we are in getting grants in the time ahead.

Improving players bowling takes on a different approach this year through our Player Development Committee headed up by Manny as Chair, to provide practices, clinics, visiting speakers and coaching supported by our own members who have considerable experience and/or coaching accreditation.

The re-introduction of the Membership Committee chaired by Phil Harris adds another dimension to player services and introduction of new players to the Club. Implementing a 'Buddy System' for members (particularly new members), issuing upgraded new player kits, and post-game highlights back at the Club each Saturday, are planned.

### **Home Bowls**

Under the leadership of Board Member Graeme Alder, will provide another program for members in the Hawthorn/Mitcham community to play a fun yet serious game each Saturday on the dedicated B green. It targets new bowlers, current members who prefer playing home each week, Nighthawks and pennant players who have been rostered off.

With your support, we will strive to achieve a balance of being competitive on the greens whilst creating a great sense of camaraderie and friendships at the home of the mighty Hawks!

Happy Bowling Everyone.

### *Graham Dodd*

#### **A little humour**

Reilly went to trial for armed robbery. The jury foreman came out and announced, 'Not guilty.'  
'That's grand!' shouted Reilly. 'Does that mean I can keep the money?'

An American tourist asks an Irishman: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the Irishman replies: "If they fell forwards, they'd still be in the bloody boat."

# Brian Harmer (COS) Saturday / Wednesday Pennants

## SATURDAY/WEDNESDAY PENNANT SEASON 2020/21

I have set out below details of a range of preliminary general matters relating to the selection of pennant sides for season 2020/21.

### Selection Panels

The Board has appointed the following selection panels for season 2020/21:

	Saturday		Wednesday
Chairman	Brian Harmer	Chairman	Brian Harmer
Div 1	Brett Willcox, Wendy Clarke	Div 1	Brett Willcox
Div 3	Alan Russell	Div 2	Ian Brown
Div 4	Tom Rushton, Jens Peters	Div 3	Jens Peters
Div 5	Andrew Bear	Div 4	Alan Harris

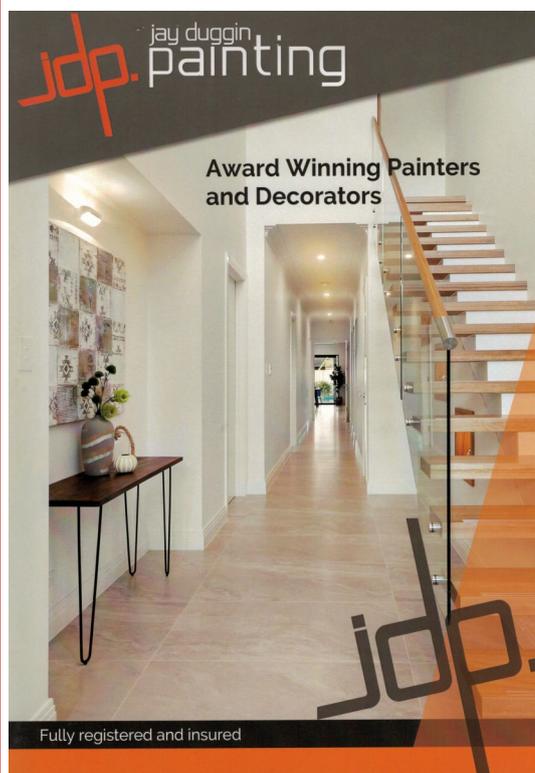
I congratulate and welcome Wendy to the panel.

### Pennant Teams

Team nominations for season 2020/21 must be submitted by the Club to MBA by 24 August 2020.

Commitment Forms have now been received from most of our members and based on this information I anticipate that the Club will nominate six teams in the Saturday Open Gender competition and five teams in the Wednesday men's competition.

It is most likely that each of these teams will be in the same zone as last season.



### Rotation

In June the Bowls Standing Committee (BSC) appointed a Rostering Review Committee (RRC) to review the Club's rostering arrangements and, if appropriate, recommend changes in relation to rostering of players and alternative playing arrangements for rostered-off players in the coming season.

The RRC comprised the following Club members:

Brian Harmer (Chair) Chris Keller (Deputy Chair) Rod Ellis  
Graeme Alder Marilyn Gerlach Wally Beale Alan Harris

(Andrew McTaggart was appointed to the committee but sadly his health situation at the time did not permit him to participate)

The RRC submitted its Report including recommendations to the BSC on 1 July 2020. The Report which recommended significant changes to Clause 17.14 of the Club's By-Laws and the introduction of a Saturday **Home Bowls** competition is presently being considered by the Board.

More about this later.

## *Saturday / Wednesday Pennants (cont)*

### **Practices**

The Board has appointed Manny Vlachos as Chair of the Player Development Standing Committee (PDSC) for season 2020/21.

The PDSC will, among other things, be responsible for the conduct of Club practices for the Wednesday and Saturday pennant teams for the coming season.

The PDSC will institute a practice program for season 2020/21 that will be designed so that practices:

- Attract as many players as possible to attend and thereby develop and enhance their skill levels;
- and,
- Retain a fun element.

### **Pre-Season Trials**

Pre-season trials will commence with an internal trial on the Club's Opening Day on Saturday 5 September 2020.

Additional internal or external trials will be conducted on the following days:

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
9 September	12 September
16 September	19 September
23 September	26 September
30 September	3 October

(Pennants commence on Wed 7 October and Sat 10 October)

**Please record the above dates in your diaries.** Registration Sheets in respect of each of the trials will be placed on the Club Notice Board towards the end of August.

Winter Bowls will cease on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. More about that later.

### **Team Managers**

The Selection Panel has decided that Team Managers should play a more responsible role in respect of the various functions of the sides that they are managing in the coming season. This will involve a small amount of additional training for the team managers during the pre-season trials period. More about this later.

### **Player Rating System**

In its recent comprehensive review of the Club's policies and practices the Attraction, Retention and Recognition Committee (ARRC) conducted a detailed analysis and review of the use of the player rating system as part of the Club's selection process. The ARRC reached the unanimous conclusion that the present process of rating fellow players should be abandoned. Essentially the ARRC considered "**that the rating slips are flawed because they cannot produce objective judgments about performance, and dangerous because they can generate antipathies amongst club members that are inconsistent with the kind of club culture for which the ARRC has argued...**"

The ARRC acknowledged that if the rating slips are abandoned the selection panels will need some other form of "**evidence upon which to base their decisions.**"

## Saturday / Wednesday Pennants (cont)

The ARRC suggested that such evidence will need to be trialed and may include “**seeking judgments about player performances from skippers, introducing post-game rink-based discussions using agreed criteria or encouraging short, descriptive self-assessment reports by players**”. The ARRC considered that “**The value of approaches like those is that they do not hide behind a false veneer of scientific objectivity. Rather, they are simply a piece of additional information (albeit subjective) for the selectors to use-information that is less likely to damage club culture, and may enrich the evidence base for selection.**”

The BSC supported the ARRC recommendation and the Board subsequently resolved to abandon the rating system forthwith.

The selection panel is currently considering alternative selection tools to be used by it in its selection process for the coming season-no mean feat! More about this later.

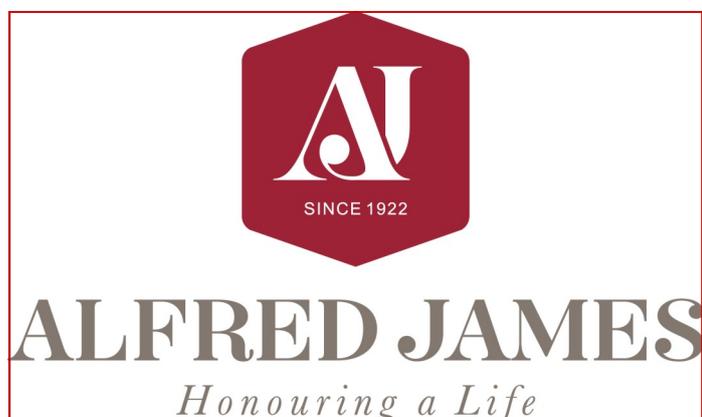
### Away Game Travel Arrangements

The ARRC also considered social mixing across the Club and recommended a trial of a Saturday night spot in the Clubrooms after **away** players return to the Club wherein short, light hearted and informative reports are provided to members. It suggested that the reports might include, among other things, the day's results and highlights, rink of the week and recognition of key achievements such as 8 badges, milestone numbers of games played by club members and relevant tournament results (perhaps even noteworthy club gossip!).

In order to increase the likelihood of success of this very worthwhile proposal, this year the selection panel will each week include a rostered designated driver for each rink in **away** sides as part of the various information included with the selected teams posted on the Club's website each week. We are hoping that this practice will encourage most members to call into the Club on their way home from **away** games rather than just going directly home from **away** games. More about this later.

### Brian Harmer, HBC COS (Sat & Wed)

31 August 2020



# *Christmas in July / Presentation Night*

WOW, what an event. I don't know if it was the sensational food, friendly bar service, renovated club rooms, great people, excellent raffle prizes, Terry's jokes, Father Christmas or just finally having somewhere to go on a Saturday night, but what a turnout, with over 110 attendees the club rooms were certainly 'a buzz'. It was so pleasing to see so many happy and smiling faces during these extraordinary times.

Events like this just don't happen, a great team worked tirelessly to make this event run like clockwork. It was so well executed that it would be the envy of many a commercial business. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic kitchen team, led by Marilyn. The team sourced, prepared and cooked kilos and kilos of pork, chicken, potato bake, vegies etc and served with precision while complying to all COVID requirements. The meal was of such a high quality and they were rewarded by the return of empty plates. What a team!! Thanks to Marilyn, Trish, Leanne, Rick (for cooking the Pork), Di, Kaaren, Chris, Jill & Trudy and all the other helpers on the night. Also thanks to Robbie who did a couple of hundred dishes, well done Rob! And a special thanks to Malcom and Christine for making the mulled wine.

The night was kept on track by the Master of Ceremonies, Terry and the schedule was perfect, even though we had to listen to his jokes, thanks Terry. Father Christmas also made an appearance and handed out gifts to all the children, much to their delight, thanks Father Christmas. During the festivities last season's presentations were conducted by Brian Harmer with the Clubs' champions receiving their trophies and our three pennant winning teams receiving their medallions. Congratulations to all our well deserving recipients and thanks Brian. What a testament to the strength of the club; let's do it again this season, GO HAWKS!!

Also thanks to Graham for organising the raffle prizes as well as Malcom and Simon for selling the tickets. Congratulations to all the lucky raffle winners. Also thanks to Anne and Simon for running the bar so smoothly.

The night generated around \$3,900 revenue for our club and during these extraordinary times, these events are more important than ever as a source of revenue so please continue to support them.

The next event is our Curry Night on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Trudy Howard for the Events Committee**



# Christmas in July & Presentation Night

Many Members/Friends enjoying Christmas in July / Presentation Night



The 'Jolly Man' in action



Rick's latent kitchen talent's coming to the fore



# Congratulations - Medal Winners

**Div 5 E**



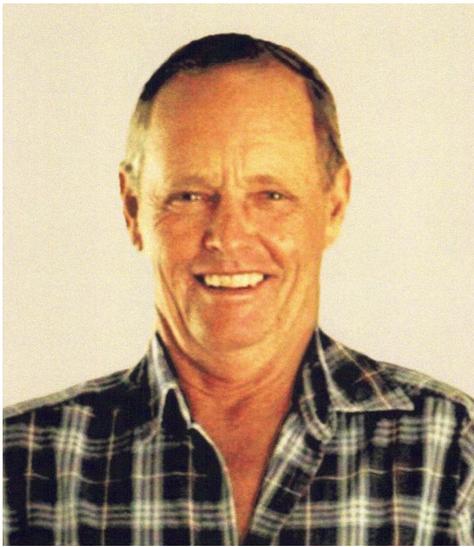
**Div 5 S**



**Div 6 E**



# Vale Andrew (Taggs) McTaggart



July 27, 1940 - July 3, 2020

He was a good Aussie bloke was our 'Taggs', polite, principled, considerate and, like all 'bushies', extraordinarily self-reliant. He joined the Club in 2009 to be with his wife and best friend Penny, and went on to play pennants, be a Skip and a Selector, as well as volunteering with the Events Committee, NightHawks and clubroom maintenance.

He was a pastoralist in SA and WA all his working life, and a much-loved father and father-in-law of Kirsty and Tony, Jamie and Verity and Catriona and Brian, and dearest 'Grumpa' of Bill, Anna and Lizzie; Charlotte, Alice and Lizzy; Georgia, Archie and Thomas.

Andrew loved his outback (fitted like saltbush), footy (a Crows man), golf (Mt Osmond), flying (a skilled pilot), cycling and bowls. In recent years, he cycled with his 'Coasters' mates across England, down the Danube (Germany and Austria) and up the Portuguese Camino. Not much of a golfer but made up for it with his cycling and love of bowls. "A hill was only as long as it took to ride", he'd say, and "Bowls should always be a happy outing."

Never swore, would never put butter on his toast before it cooled and hated journalist who wrote opinion, not news. Imbued with morals and moral ways, always civil and thinking of others, he is, and will be, sorely missed but forever loved. As a cycling mate of his said to me when I called with the sad news, "Shit Graeme, just had a piece of me shut down."

Rest in peace mate, keep the hills short and the bowls happy!

Graeme Alder on behalf of all at HBC.



Part of the large crowd who came to the club to pay their respects to Andrew McTaggart

## Around the Traps

There has been a lot happening around the club in this "off season". Most importantly, we have lost three of our senior players. Firstly there was **Glen Dow** who died suddenly at home. As reported in the last edition of ATT, **Andrew McTaggart** was seriously ill in hospital battling lung cancer but, sadly, he also died. Then, about a week ago, **Cliff Cope** also died. There will be some members who do not know Cliff but he has been a long time member who retired from the game a few years back due to his age and some physical difficulties. Our sincere condolences go to all the family members of these players.

There has been a real assortment of medical problems that has plagued quite a few other members as well, so much so that I am starting to wonder about the wisdom of being a member of HBC just at the moment. It is getting really serious when the pain and discomfort of illness does not spare even the club President. **Graham Dodd** has upset his left sciatic nerve. He knows because of the shooting pain that travels from his lower back to his toes at the least provocation. It has been like this for a week and it has made getting comfortable very difficult indeed. This is despite physiotherapy, prescribed exercises and pain killers. Fortunately he now feels that he has "turned the corner". He hopes to pop in to the club during the week and should be coming to "Christmas in July".

There are a couple of members who seem unable to get enough of hospital. **Jeff Lawton** recently had his incisional hernia repaired and has now fronted up with a detached retina in his left eye. Fortunately he attended the RAH on a Saturday afternoon and was promptly admitted. He was operated on next morning and was then discharged home, ordered to spend three quarters of every waking hour lying down on his right side. He dutifully did so and has been sleeping for many hours as result. A check up with his surgeon this week was very encouraging. He is now allowed to drive, play bowls and sleep in any position he wishes. His specialist says he now has excellent vision which is very good news because now, hopefully, he can get a few more bowls near the jack.

**George Charlesworth** also decided to have another go in hospital. For the last ten years he has been unable to hold a knife in his right hand because of an issue with carpal tunnel. He had his hand operated on in Flinders hospital three weeks ago and then transferred to McLaren Vale. He tells me the operation went well; his hand has healed but he remains in hospital because he is still unable to transfer out of his chair. He sounded a bit frustrated.

**Sonya Brown** fractured her femur six weeks ago when she slipped on the floor at home. As a result she had to have the bone plated to hold it in position. She says she is getting along "alright". She is now walking without a stick despite her limp. She is confident she will be right for the start of pennants.

As you are all aware, **Adam Strudwick** has had a recent stint in hospital with bilateral pneumonia and deep vein thrombosis in his left calf. He was an inpatient for 18 days but is now home again but still on intravenous antibiotics. He dropped into the club last Wednesday and watched a few ends being played but is wisely going to take his time before returning to bowls.

It is a while since we have seen **David Sutherland** at the club. His wife had a serious operation back in April and since then David has been acting as Carer. Things are improving but David is in no hurry to get out his bowls until the weather warms up a bit more. We are starting to see more of **Cedric Williams** around the club as he steadily improves. He tells me that he will probably play social bowls when he returns to grace the greens again. **Bob Wadsworth**

# Home Bowls Competition

## Heard the NEWS?

The Club is dedicating B Green to a 'Home Bowls Competition' on Saturday afternoons this coming season!

3-Bowl Pairs for nominated teams and individuals (and 'walk-ins' where possible) who prefer to play a serious but friendly weekly Saturday afternoon game at home with mates, male and female.

Designed to attract advancing Nighthawks players, experienced newcomers and rostered-off pennant players, **and** to maximise the use of our premier facilities. The initial tournament will be limited to 14 teams for 10 weeks, commencing on Saturday October 10.

The second tournament will be for 8 weeks, again limited to 14 teams and coinciding with the 2020/21 pennant season. Team and individual trophies will be awarded, including the inaugural 'Home Bowls Shield'.

**First in best dressed**, nominate yourself or your team today via email to:

[secretary@hawthornbowlingclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@hawthornbowlingclub.com.au)

\$10 per game, Full Members FREE, attend as available.

**Just curious?** Contact Graeme Alder, 0419 030 908 or [graeme@alders.net.au](mailto:graeme@alders.net.au)



Another major improvement to the club.  
The new board showing the Pennant Sides.

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