



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

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FROM ACTING PRESIDENT PHILIP HARRIS

I am sure you are sick of hearing comments like "What a crazy year this has been." Nevertheless, it has certainly been different for the Hawthorn Bowling Club. The club was closed down from early March until early June due to COVID-19. Then, like Lazarus, the club came back to life in June with the commencement of Winter Bowls and we have had three very successful events since then, the Christmas in July Dinner, the Curry Night and the Opening Day. The Curry Night was not quite as well attended as the other two events but the good number of people who attended were treated to very good food and, of course, enjoyed good company.

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Approximately 90 people attended Opening Day, and enjoyed the hamburgers provided for lunch. Special thanks are due to Trudy Howard together with her Events Committee and helpers for making these events so enjoyable. In addition we are now in the middle of trial matches and the Pennant season is due to commence in a few weeks' time. This was hard to imagine earlier in the year.

It has also been a crazy year for me. At the beginning of the year I was newly retired and looking forward to an overseas trip in April and May and more travelling within Australia thereafter. I had no intention of nominating for the Board this year but thought I might do next year. As I couldn't travel, I thought I might nominate this year for the Board of this club. By the time I had decided to go ahead with that the only position that had not been filled was that of Men's Vice-President. I was somewhat reluctant to nominate for that position as I had not even been on the Board before and did not know how the management of the club was organised. I was encouraged by the nominee for President, Graham Dodd, to nominate and, after making my own assessment of Graham's health (which, with the benefit of hindsight, was seriously flawed) I nominated for the position. Within about two months I found myself as Acting President and being far more involved in the Opening Day than I would have liked. I have muddled through and I am grateful for the support and help of the other board members. Graham has now recovered sufficiently to resume the duties of President about which we (especially me) are incredibly pleased.

We have had several new members join the club recently, Michael Allan, Peter Brooke-Smith, Peter Cosercas, Ewen Graham, John Harvey and Steve Packer. We also have a number of players playing on permit on Wednesdays or Thursdays only. We welcome them all. Please make them all feel welcome and assist them whenever you can.

I am also the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Membership kit has been revamped and will be provided to new members. It is also intended to put that on the club website. It contains a lot of information that would be of interest to all members, old and new alike. Another of our initiatives is to introduce a brief session after each Saturday Pennant games played that week on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. That will include reintroducing "Rink of the Week".

I hope you all have a great season and enjoy your involvement with the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

5th Sept AGM & Open Day Highlights



Part of the large attendance at the AGM / Open Day.

Highlights of the Day

- The Interim Board was ratified and now becomes the Board. Ken Piggott, Treasurer showed that while COVID-19 had affected the financial position of the club, the finances of the club were still strong.
- John Shaw's contribution to the club over his three year tenure was acknowledged (see page 4)
- Graeme Alder introduced the concept of Home Bowls on Saturday afternoons at Hawthorn BC. The *Friendly Games*, as they will be known, are for social bowlers who would like to try the next step, without the obligation of the metro pennant competition.
- Brett Wilcox spoke on the need for a positive attitude towards bowling and selectors. The club and team are the important aspects, and thus doing what is best for the club should be the main focus. He also emphasized that abusing Selectors is in fact abusing team mates.



Members observing social distancing rules while eating lunch of hamburger with salad prepared by Marilyn & Co

Acknowledging John Shaw's vision and work



John being presented with the plaque and bowls bag

At the AGM, John Shaw was presented with a plaque and bowls bag in recognition of his vision and then tireless efforts to improve the club and its management over his three years at the helm.

John assisted in obtaining grants, has been instrumental in supervising and managing the different projects that required spending countless hours of his time. Other members also contributed to the work, but in particular Alan Portlock and Manny Vlachos “the tradies” have spent many hours with John as his ideas for improvements to the club came to fruition.

Among the improvements are: automatic watering system for all greens, new red banking around the greens, new shade shelters, new seats and tables between C and D greens, extensive paving alongside D green, new storage shed and BBQ room, upgrade of the kitchen and ladies’ toilets, upgrades to the bar and the installation of the back loading fridges, replacement of the sound system providing higher quality and flexibility with sound.

A member of the Unley Probus Club, and member of nearby bowling club, who had not been to the club for some years, was astounded at the changes to the club.

THANKS JOHN!! Your efforts have left the club a lasting legacy.

The Pennant Season commences



And now starts the 2020 - 21 Pennant Season. Current champions Anne Onto and Doug Richards send down the two bowls that tell Hawthorn Members, 'it's time to get serious'.

PENNANT AWAY GAME TRAVEL SEASON 2020/21

Our Board has decided to introduce **Hawk Talk** for season 2020/21 wherein each Saturday following the game a Club identity will announce various current matters of interest including the day's results, rink of the week, etc.

In order to facilitate and enhance the **Hawk Talk** session, our Board requested the Saturday Selection Panel to introduce an organized pennant away game travel system. We have done so. It is hoped that this travel arrangement will encourage club members to pop-in to the Club each Saturday evening on their way home when playing away. More details about **Hawk Talk** later.

The travel arrangements that we are trialing are very simple and have been used successfully by other metropolitan bowling clubs. We simply ask that you cooperate and help us make the new arrangements work. Of course, we are happy to receive any suggestions that you believe will improve the system.

Essentially all pennant players will be sharing the provision of their cars to travel to other clubs during the season.

As there are approximately nine away games in the season each rink member will generally be the designated driver on two occasions—one before and one after Christmas. **The various designated drivers will be shown in the weekly teams that are posted on the website.**

We are obviously well aware that some players will not be able to provide transport for a variety of reasons -such as no driving licence, no motor vehicle, wife using car, etc. This is no big deal. We ask that if you are the designated driver for a particular game and you are unable or simply don't wish to do so, that you simply arrange for another person in your rink to be the designated driver for that game, **and you inform other members of the rink of the change.** Again, no big deal.

Even if you presently think that the new arrangement is not a good idea, we ask that you take a team position and try to make it work. You never know, by the end of the season you may conclude that it is a really great idea!

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Brian Harmer COS

Ladies V President– Marilyn Gerlach

Our season has started, with training on Tuesdays, and external trails organised against Happy Valley and Tranmere. As Wendy is still in isolation, Anne Onto has taken training, organising drills and practice matches, and I thank her for her commitment to the Ladies.

We have entered two teams, Div 1 and Div 2. Our numbers are tight. While we have a couple of players still on the recovery list post medical issues, we look forward to those players hitting the greens.

Welcome back Gail Richardson, who no longer is a permit player, but a full member playing Thursdays and Saturdays.

We welcome Sue Hutcheson and Tracy Kneebone who come to us as permit players on Thursdays.

Under COVID-19 Regulations we need COVID Marshals, when we train and play matches. Within the Ladies group we have four members who have gone on line and completed the course. Thanks to Kerry Coggins, Trish Cook, Chris Keller for supporting me with this role. Kerry has been our COVID Marshal at training sessions. Kerry's teacher skills have meant that she is a very good COVID Marshall. Watch out everyone!

COVID-19 has changed a lot of things. The tables and chairs haven't been so disinfected ever, but its something we are doing to keep us all safe.

Please remember to sanitise when you enter the club, sanitise when you come back into the club, and help the COVID Marshal to disinfect tables after use.

Looking forward to the season starting. Wasn't too sure if we would even get a season this year.

Stay Safe, and enjoy your bowling.

FOODBANK DRIVE- HAWTHORN BOWLING CLUB.

On behalf of the Foodbank Hub at Christies Beach, I thank Hawthorn Bowling Club members who donated food to those families who are struggling even more during COVID.

Our members donated 128.395 Kilos, which relates to 256 meals.

For your information, all food is checked to ensure that all products are still in date, and after this process the food is then moved straight onto the shelves for distribution.

I will be running another Food Drive for **FOODBANK** just before Christmas. I look forward to your continued support at this time. Let's see if we can double this amount.

Marilyn Gerlach

Volunteer Christies Beach Foodbank.



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Events Committee - Curry / Casserole Night

The second event on this year's calendar was the Curry / Casserole night with 54 members and friends enjoying what was another tasty and successful night at the club. Following the 'Christmas in July' event was always going to be difficult but the outstanding Events Committee once again managed to pull off a cracker of a night. It was great to have the clubrooms filled with laughter and banter and see so many smiling faces.

The taste sensations from around the world included Asian pork, butter chicken, vegetable curry and two beef casseroles accompanied by rice. Naan breads were outsourced to the local Indian restaurant and were appreciated and enjoyed by all. It must have been good as many members purchased take home packs which not only generated some extra revenue but was also a community service for those who may not regularly cook for themselves.

To comply with COVID-19 guidelines new ticket / ordering system was trialed thanks to Malcom Keller which worked well and hand delivered table service was provided by the very diligent and attractive waitresses Anne and Simon. And a big thanks to Terry and Colin on the bar.



Once again it was a great team effort with many contributors including but not limited to Trudy Howard, Marilyn Gerlach, Di Peters and Chris Keller. I know it gets said often but we are truly blessed to have such a fantastic kitchen team and so many willing helpers.

The night generated around \$1,400 revenue for our club, thanks to everyone who attended for your support. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and please remember that during these extraordinary times these events are more important than ever as a source of revenue so please continue to support them.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event -

Trudy Howard
for The Events
Committee.



Around the Traps

I heard on the grapevine that **Rose Mitchell, HHH** (Hawthorn Hawks Historian) has not been well over the last couple of weeks so I gave her a ring. She is currently in the Royal Adelaide Hospital and has been for two weeks. Rose has a history of quite serious abdominal problems in the past and her issue this time is a complication arising from those problems.

She has had a section of her bowel removed and is now in the recovery stage. A wound infection is delaying that recovery but she anticipates returning home in the near future. I am sure we all wish her well on the road to recovery.

Our club President **Graham Dodd** has also been in hospital recently and when I first heard, I thought it must be his sciatica playing up again. No so. He had elective surgery for an abdominal problem but then subsequently literally got his bowels in a knot ("twisted" he told me) to the point of having a complete obstruction. Not good news. So he was readmitted and operated on to relieve the situation. However, Graham then developed a wound infection which demanded yet another admission to hospital. Three admissions in three weeks!!! Nevertheless, there is a positive to all this. In the process Graham has lost six kilos which means that he looks really trim, taut and terrific. He is ready to resume bowls (and his Presidency).

Another to darken the threshold of hospital recently is **Trevor Strudwick**. Three weeks ago, Trevor had a knee replacement and, happily, his postoperative recovery has been very good. I saw him a few days ago walking without difficulty with a cane. He confided that he was about ready to put the cane aside and resume bowling which, of course, he can do without having to bend down.

Last month I mentioned that **George Charlesworth** had a carpal operation that had bothered him for years but despite a good recovery, he was unable to get out of hospital because they loved him so much. Well, he did manage eventually to get out but then two weeks later he was back in day surgery to remove a cancerous lesion on his nose. I suggested that the operation may have improved his looks but he assures me that it did not. He is now ready to resume bowls immediately.

Bob Wadsworth



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New Season for Night Hawks

**Nighthawks commences on
Tuesday October 13 and Wednesday October 14.
Starting at 7pm for a 10 week season -
last night will be Wednesday December 16**



If you have any friends, family or work colleagues that would like to join then let me know – we have room for them to join the competition.

There is a one off \$10 registration fee required from each player and a weekly fee is \$10 per player each week - EFTPOS now available

At this stage 40 teams have registered to play over the two nights with a number of teams either retiring as they now have too many pennant players, extra work commitments due to COVID-19 or unfortunately can't play due to illness.

Volunteers are essential to the running of Nighthawks and I want to thank all of you in advance of the season:

Ian Brown, Rob Geelan, Terry and Anne Onto, Trish Cook, Jock Jarrett and Andrew Bear, plus all the BBQer's and the money coordinators.

Last season we had over 72 people involved with the BBQ, selling approx. 14kg a week and making over \$1800 for the club at the end of the season (cut a week early due to COVID-19).

We look forward to using the new facilities and huge thanks goes to John Shaw, Manny Vlahos and Alan Portlock for getting this up and ready.

The photos are from some of our willing helpers last season.

**Teresa Hanel
Nighthawks Director**



Successful 2020 Winter Social Bowls

The 2020 Winter bowls season has ended. With COVID-19 in existence we began the truncated season (yes John it means shortened, cut, abridged, condensed) on 6 June with a number of restrictions imposed. Since then, we lost six days to inclement conditions. Despite this, the season has been very successful, playing a total of 21 games and averaging 47 players per game.

86 different bowlers played on Saturdays and 98 on Wednesdays. Although most were from Hawthorn, we did have a number of new bowlers and guests from other Clubs. Both days were well supported mainly by a core of our most resilient members.

The format was again 3 bowl pairs with some 2 bowl triples. This format gives all players a competitive game and therefore a good chance of winning. The chief selectors position was taken over by Alan Harris due to Robbie Geelen getting a new knee. Thanks Alan. It was good to see Robbie back at the Club and roaming the greens again. John Jasson, the collector of finances was highly visible with his orange plastic gloves.

This season, a total of \$8,741.00 was generated from winter bowls and paid in to Club coffers. The soup initiative this season was a roaring success and many thanks to Marilyn Gerlach, Trish Cook, Jill Turner and others for supplying the delicious soup that contributed \$1,647.00 to the season total. Soup will be back on next season, if not, there will be riots.

The wrong bias tin was again an essential part of winter bowls and the rattle of the tin brought many on the long walk of shame. Thank you to all who donated. All monies collected will go to the Little Heroes Foundation. The last tin raised \$500.00 for Little Heroes. Wow 500 wrong biases!!!

Nigel Ryan of D & D Curators again presented us with excellent greens to play on and sponsored the winter bowls. Many thanks to Nigel.

On 29th August we had a wind-up BBQ where Nigel presented the Saturday winners with their prizes. They were:

- =1st Leoni ASHBY
Chris HEIRN

- =3rd Graham ALDER
Ken PIGGOTT
Allan PORTLOCK
Tom RUSHTON
Jill TURNER



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On 2nd September our wind-up included a lasagna meal and Nigel's sister Tracie presented the Wednesday winners with their prizes. They were:

=1st Kerry COGGINS
Allan PORTLOCK

=3rd Ian BROWN
Rex CURTIS
Jim DORSEY
Jeff LAWTON
Steve MOLONEY
Ken PIGGOTT
Graham TURNER



Well done to all winners.

On behalf of all prize winners a huge thank you to Nigel Ryan of D & D Curators, for his ongoing sponsorship of Wednesday and Saturday Winter Bowls. We all get a great deal of enjoyment from the season.

Kerry Coggins

Special thanks go to:

- The ladies in the kitchen for providing Covid safe soup/food and environment
- Manuel for his outstanding rock cakes
- Everyone who were asked or volunteered helped during the season
- And of course, Colin Byrne and Terry Onto for bar duties
- On behalf of the winter bowls group, Rob Geelen, Alan Harris, John Jasson and me, thank you all for your support.

Hopefully next winter season CIVID-19 will be under control and the weather will be kinder to us. Hope to see you all out next year and bowl well for the 2020/2021 bowls season.

Kind regards

Winter bowls conveners

John Jasson Rob Geelen Alan Harris Vic Magoch