



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

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From The President

What a year this has turned out to be! In April it was mooted that we may possibly not play bowls until 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Can you imagine some of our members being deprived of the friendship of their bowls for such a long time – the mental facilities of the State would be stretched!

We have swung into the 2020-21 Pennant Season strongly on the back of good planning by the various

Committees, groups, and Panels whilst taking COVID-19 challenges in our stride. All 13 sides have had a reasonable start with several placed high in the ladders.

I am very pleased to report that we are not one of the 20 or more clubs who have elected not to supply afternoon teas for the visitors. With good problem-solving skills and great enthusiasm by our Ladies Vice-President Marilyn Gerlach, and her team, we can safely socially distance all visitors for afternoon teas each receiving a freshly cut sandwich in an individually wrapped biodegradable plastic bag. Due to having 4 greens we can facilitate safe COVID-19 practices to continue *normally* in the 'new normal'. Thank you all for continuing the safe personal and group practices – everyone benefits!

Initiatives from the extensive planning behind the scenes to get us off to an excellent start include:

Hawk Talk which has started successfully and happening every Saturday 5.45pm for a wrap of the weekly highs and lows, extolling hilarious and special performances enhancing the Club culture.

Home Bowls each Saturday afternoon as a fun competitive form of the game as a middle step between Night Hawks and Pennant Bowls, presently with more than 35 registered players. It is a fantastic new program offered by Hawthorn Bowling Club.

Selection devoid of numbers from voting slips digging deeper into player performances each week through discussions with skips and other rink members to get more meaningful information to assist picking the sides.

Night Hawks thriving with at least the same number of teams as last year with many commenting on and enjoying the improvements to the Club's infrastructure such as the BBQ room and kitty shed.

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From the President (cont'd)

Well organised **Club Practices** each Tuesday 2-5pm (upwards of 30 bowlers) and Friday 3-6pm (upwards of 40 bowlers) to hone our skills and match play.

Broadened use of our upgraded kitchen by Mr Chippy (Andrew Forbes) to cook chips which at the first hit-out were a big success, AND to be continued!

Sponsorships from connections with more community businesses keen for our members to take up their products and services by tapping into our 400 plus membership.

An **Events Calendar** of tried and proven activities ready to be promoted for increased member support.

A **Club Information Session** to increase awareness of how the Club's functions can be better supported and to acknowledge our players' performances at the State Championships. Leanne Owen, Chris Keller & Anne Onto are the Ladies State Triples Champions; Anne Onto is the Ladies State Singles Champion; Alex Gebert & Michael Lodge are the runners-up in the Men's State Pairs. We salute and congratulate you!

There is a good vibe around the Club getting down to business for a great start to the Season. Make sure you are part of the **ACTION** to make 2020-21 a very successful story for the Hawks history book!

GO HAWKS!!

Graham Dodd, President

Hawthorn Bowling Club Inc
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Wine & Cheese Tasting
Venue: Hawthorn Bowling Club
Friday 13 November 2020
6.30 for 7.00pm
Bookings Essential

Orders for cheese and wine can be made on the night.

\$22 per person
Tickets: Cash or Credit
Card at bar or by EFT
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Winners at State level

Ladies State Triples Victory to Hawthorn

Sectional play for the triples was held at Toorak Burnside Bowling Club late last year. Leanne, Chris and Anne had good wins against Toorak Burnside, Prospect Broadview, Morphett Vale and the following Sunday had a knockout win against Christies Beach at Ascot Park. We had now progressed to the final 8. However, it was ten months later that the knockout finals were finally completed on Wednesday 23 September in completely different conditions.

Winning the quarter final against Curramulka 21 to 15 was a good start. However, we did have a lapse leading up to the 15th end and very quickly our good margin was reduced to one shot. However, our finish over the last three ends was solid.

In the semi- final we comfortably defeated Mallala 16 to 12.

That behind us, it was into the Grand Final against Berri.

Due to the wet weather over the week the greens were slower than usual and by the time we had played the first two rounds and started the final it was a sluggish 13 seconds. Berri ladies started very well and Hawthorn struggled to get the pace and get on the card. Finally on the 7th end we won the mat and went longer. Over the next six ends we picked up a five and a couple of singles to get into the game. However, we were still seven shots to 14 down after the 12th end. Bowl by bowl and finally at the 17th end we had the score line at 14 all.

All bowlers lifted for the last end. It was a good head for us with all of our bowls just behind, but we did not have shot. Anne tried the forehand trail with her first bowl and went through the notorious gaps. Kerry Treloar responded by blocking the line to the jack and denied us the possibility of a forehand trail. However, there was a path on the backhand made for a two metre through shot to shift the jack or offending bowl. Anne could see it and confidently put her bowl into the space and one of a few options resulted. A snick on the jack sent it to one of our number of bowls just sitting behind the head. Kerry then had a very difficult shot to outdraw or perhaps kill the end. She opted for the draw and was unsuccessful.

Consequently three very happy bowlers. It was great to share the win and bring it home to Hawthorn. GO HAWKS.

Christine Keller



**LADIES' STATE TRIPLES CHAMPIONS
CHRIS KELLER, ANNE ONTO & LEANNE OWEN**

Winners at State level

The last 16 in the State Singles Championship went to champions week. Two games were played on the Saturday, and the semi final and final were played on the Sunday.

All four games were very tight games for me especially the semi final which I managed to squeeze out of 25-24. What I have discovered about my game is that I am slow to start which makes it all the more stressful.

The Toorak-Burnside greens ran well on the Sunday which was surprising after the terrible weather we had had for the whole week. The sun was shining which made it a bit easier to relax and settle into the game. I was happy.

Anne Onto

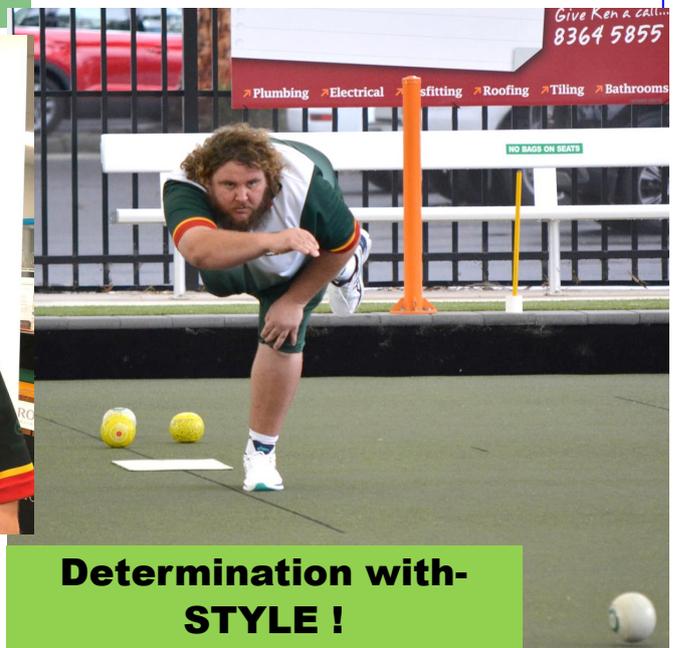
Anne is ranked No. 1 in SA.



LADIES' STATE SINGLES CHAMPION

RUNNERS-UP IN STATE MEN'S PAIRS

MICHAEL LODGE & ALEX GEBERT



**Determination with-
STYLE !**

Games Milestones

Bob Wadsworth **600** games Trevor Strudwick **500** games.

HAWK TALK



The first HawkTalk was a great success, with about 60 members staying to have a tasty pulled pork hamburger, enjoying camaraderie with colleagues and enjoying a beer or wine whilst listening to the highlights and lowlights of the day as expounded by Teresa Hanel, the spokesperson for the event.

Maree Schaefer was commended for her outstanding efforts on both Thursday and Saturday. Maree put it down to her perfume 'Pretty Hot'.

Come along next week and check out the highlights of the week.

Managers of each division, and players, make sure you let the representative for the event know about highlights.



Great response to Hawk Talk



Home Bowls Off to a Great Start

Demand outstripped supply there for a while, the desk was under pressure but feeling great about the level of interest in Home Bowls, the new, experimental 'product' at the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

I was hoping for 20 but we made 27, how good was that! New players, husband and wife teams, Nighthawkers, mates, a mum and daughter team, both current members and past members, all wanting a friendly but competitive game of bowls at the Club on a Saturday afternoon.

Playing 3-bowl pairs and 2-bowl triples, 2 x 8 ends, time-limited games, Daryl and John took out first prize and Jeannie, Cheryl and John came in second. Each earned 2 points for the Andrew McTaggart Memorial Shield, as did all those who won both games.

Many thanks to Penny McTaggart, Rod Ellis and Jim Wilson (he's from the Port Noarlunga BC) for helping design the model, promote it and present it at the opening on Saturday October 10. Well done guys, you deserve every success, I know the Club is very proud of you. Also, thanks to the better players helping with the newbies, especially Carol Boyle and John Whittle for their excellent coaching and encouragement.

Registrations are still open,
call 0419 030 908.

Graeme Alder

Home Bowls
Coordinator



It's all smiles

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type!"

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Notable Achievements

Tranmere Bowling Club's Ladies 4's

competition is a very popular annual event with its strong competition, various prizes and excellent catering a real draw card. An added bonus this year was the all-male kitchen and waiting staff, producing a delicious lunch of slow-cooked home-made beef pies.

Not to be distracted by the new additions, Elaine Deakin, Carolyne Edwardes, Maggie Forbes and myself, as proud representatives of the Mighty Hawks, pulled out our trusty bowls and those three 'Ls' (line, length and luck) to produce six unbeaten games of 2:4:2 and captured First Prize. We came away feeling very chuffed.

Kerry Coggins



Hawthorn teams had a good day at **Tranmere Skins** recently. Manny Vlachos' rink, with Steve Packer, John Shaw and Allan Portlock, were competitive and went home a little richer, while Jim Bell's rink, with Dennis Crawley, Doug Richards and Brian Starr played off in the final for the big money and came home happy. Not a bad effort with 100 entrants.



Dennis Crawley

NightHawks

It has been really great to get back onto the greens and to see so many happy and smiling faces.

This season we have 26 teams on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We welcome new teams – Dumplings, Out of Our League, The Bowled and the Beautiful, Where's Jack, Unbelievabowls, Black Pointers, Bowls Up, The Goat Herders, SOHA and Renmarkabowls.



Tuesday nights are being run by Ian Brown and Rob Geelen and I thank them for this. Thanks to Tait Jenkin and the Bias a Beer guys for helping out with the organisation - see the first roadkill run on facebook! A huge thanks to Anne Onto in getting together the roster (and raffles) and to Andrew Bear, Jock Jarratt and Trish Cook for being reliable and dependable helpers.



The Nighthawks mugs were presented to last seasons' winners - Eagles and Aarrgghh! and the new BBQ set up proved to be very popular both nights, with no leftovers for the dogs. The season looks set to be successful for everyone, especially as there is a great turn up on Sunday mornings for coaching - 40 at the last count.

Teresa Hanel
NightHawks Director

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NightHawks (cont)



The Goat Herders



Serious Stuff



**Steve and Dave
worthy opponents**

Around the Traps

Quite a few people have been asking about **Peter Kingston** as he has not been around the club lately. Peter has had a double by-pass back in June and has since been religiously sticking to a recovery regime which includes a 40 minute walk each day. He tells me he is happy with his progress. However, he has another health issue which has been dogging him off and on over the last eight years and this has raised it's head again recently. At the moment he is looking to being able to resume bowls in the New Year.

Lorna Rebond is another whose absence from the club has been noted. Recently she managed to knock her leg whilst getting around at home in the dark at night. It caused a cut which then, not surprisingly, went on to become infected. As we get older, the blood supply to our legs tends to become somewhat compromised and so infected wounds take longer to heal. Raising the affected limb is a way to improve the circulation and so Lorna is spending a lot of her time sitting with her leg elevated. Lorna has another problem. She felt that at her age (103) she should surrender her drivers licence so she has less freedom to get to the club. She tells me that she does have a friend who will drive her when she is fit to come again.

David Sutherland is spending more time at home caring for his wife so he has been unable to continue the things he used to do at the club.

The slack has been taken up by **Adam Strudwick, Trevor Chant and Doug Richards** who roll the greens on a roster system.

Also **Colin Graves** and his wife have offered to tend the roses that adorn the property. We thank these members for generously giving of their time for the benefit of the club.

COVID-19

The statistics for COVID 19 around the world are staggering. 40 million cases so far and 1.1 million deaths. The USA has managed to chalk up over 8 million cases and over 218,000 deaths and both rise daily. In the UK, the daily infection rate is now running at almost 4000 new cases.

How lucky are we that we enjoy the freedom of moving about in an environment that is basically free of the virus and allows us to participate in a sport we all love. The restrictions that we now have may at times seem irritating but they are serving us well

So each of us need to maintain our vigilance and ensure that we do our bit to make sure that we do not give the virus any opportunity to break out as we have seen happening in so many places throughout the world.

Bob Wadsworth

Tribute to Noel Allison



ALLISON, Noel

The Members of Hawthorn Bowling Club deeply regret the passing of our dedicated Life Member, friend, player, coach, selector, statistician and mentor.

Noel was committed to lawn bowls and the Hawthorn Bowling Club of many years.

Our thoughts are with Bev and family.

Thank you Noel for you many years of outstanding service to our Club and sport of Lawn Bowls.

Graham Dodd, President.

Upcoming Events

The Events Committee Calendar, shown below, may be subject to change re COVID.

We are also keen to get some new Event Committee members so if anyone is interested in either being on the committee or helping out with an event, please contact me (0438 551 477)

- Cheese & Wine night – Saturday 13th November
- Xmas Dinner – Thursday 17th December
- Australia Day – Tuesday 26th January
- Quiz Night – Saturday 13th February
- Seafood Day – Sunday 28th March
- Presentation Night & dinner – Thursday 15th April
- Winter Dinner / Soup night – Saturday 15th May
- Curry Night – Saturday 19th June
- Xmas in July – Saturday 24th July



Trudy Howard for the **Events Committee**

LADIES VICE-PRESIDENT

The season started with the Premier side's match at Hope Valley being cancelled due to rain. That match was rescheduled for the following Tuesday.

Division 2 were able to play at Blackwood but under difficult conditions.

The second match was played home with both teams playing against Ascot Park.

Premier side has had a great start to the season with 2 wins, sitting in 2nd spot.

Division 2 has missed out on wins at this stage, and may find the season tough, as they have many sides who are the top side for that club. But we have many experienced players and once the teams are settled, we look forward to some wins.

We have 29 players, which means that we have 5 rotations each week, if everyone is fit and well. Giving the number of extra players for rotation, the Selection committee has decided to rotate a player in the top side. This information was passed onto the players last Tuesday before Practice. We are continuing to have great numbers out to practice. Thanks to Anne Onto for taking the practices while Wendy was absent.

Everyone seems really enthusiastic and looking forward to a great season.

We welcome Chris Mills who has come to us from Marion.

For me, its thanks to the Ladies who volunteer their time to help in the kitchen, around the club and do the Covid Marshalling.

Keep enjoying your bowls.

Marilyn Gerlach

Brettina, new ladies player???



The ladies did have the expectation of a new player for the coming Pennant season. Seen in the clubhouse prior to the Ladies v Men trial match was a person with a great mop of beautiful red curls called .Brettina.. Problem was she could not be located in Bowls SA DataBase. Was she a legal player? Was she an import from interstate or even overseas? Did she give the ladies an unfair advantage in the highly contested game? Questions that may never be answered as after the game Brettina quietly disappeared.

Budding author at our Club

During the COVID 19 restrictions Maree Schaefer wrote a number of children's stories. The reason was that her six grandchildren live in Germany and were confined to home, as were the parents. Maree was asked to help occupy the children via Skype, and so began her writing career. Most stories are around 1500 words, the longest being 2500 words. The stories make ideal Christmas presents for children aged 4 - 10. Each story has a magic appeal, each with an unusual ending.

If interested contact Maree on 0427 933 109.

