



# Hawks Herald

HAWTHORN BOWLING CLUB INC

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Editor Ian Oliver

## BOARD TALK

On Monday 5th December 2022 the Board of the Hawthorn Bowling Club met. You might find the following items of interest.

The issue of poor sound quality on C&D greens has been overcome with the installation of 2 new speakers on the western façade of the clubhouse. With thanks extended to Darren Niblett.

A trellis has been installed against the western boundary building to grow a creeper and soften the aspect. With thanks extended to Allan Portlock.

Mitcham Council has not yet awarded the contract for the upgrade to LED lights on the lighting towers, but the decision is expected in the near future.

Concept drawings for the upgrade of the clubhouse southern entrance have been undertaken. With thanks extended to Peter Dungey.

Brett Willcox and Adam Strudwick will be recruiting volunteers to re-install the roofing on the greens shelters over the Christmas break.

It was agreed to trial a 1300 number for the Club. The number will be diverted on a rostered basis to Board members so that enquiries are responded to as they occur.

New street signage was approved, including the new 1300 number.

An audit of keys issued to members will be undertaken.

We are still pursuing a major sponsor for the proposed Skins Tournament in January. Phil Manser has offered to provide table wines for the lunch but a major sponsor is still needed.

The Wine, Cheese (and Covid) night was a huge success with over \$1000 being raised by the raffle.

Board Members are meeting with the Council to explore options for funding an upgrade of B green.

Phillip Tindall was accepted and welcomed as a new full member of the Club.



## *Selector's Report*

### Selectors Report

Selection for the first half of our season has been a very difficult and challenging period, with days of wet weather and Covid disrupting any chance of a smooth process from the very first trials to our last match before the Christmas break.

I recall saying at our open day for season 21/22 we would have a good year, with several factors all contributing to what makes it possible for success.

This season however after so many divisions being promoted, winning games for most of our teams is going to be tough, and unfortunately this has shown to be the case so far.

The area I would like to discuss is how a club and its members react from a successful, winning season to a season that has seen fewer wins so far.

Our selectors this season compared to last year have had issues to deal with every week. The number of complaints I dealt with last year was a couple here and there, this season however I feel every week I have multiple queries or complaints to resolve.

I am not saying our selectors have got it right or wrong by the number of questions asked, however I would like to remind everyone that the selectors as a group have a range of factors influencing their decisions.

These factors include recent and current form, attendance at practice sessions, compatibility, position required while trying not to disrupt other divisions and also keeping records of bowlers performances. It is easy to simply look at someone who has had a good game and wonder why they shouldn't be promoted but there is more than one aspect to making this choice, and always remember when someone enjoys their promotion there is also a demotion.

I would like to discuss our Premier Saturday division and where we go as a club in the future. I have had the opportunity to play against some very good young skippers this year and I query them on whether they would like to move to our club or what is the reason they have shifted previously and the answer is always either for success or money and usually both. If you look at Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland all the top 50 Australian bowlers move between states to play premier league bowls. Adelaide has several clubs attempting to go down a similar path, I don't think our club wishes to, however I

feel we need to understand what we want to achieve or where we want to be in the Metro Bowls Comp.

Hopefully in the new year we can all look forward to better results, the weather improves, rinks and divisions will settle. If you would like to increase your chances of promotion, I encourage attending practice, this helps your form and allows rink members to train together.

Let's look at the second half of our season as a challenge to improve our results and positions on the ladder. How you go about this might show your commitment to the club and always remember it is a team sport.

### **Brett Willcox.**

Chair of Selectors Open & Wednesday



## The state of the nation.

Well, here we are at the half way mark of the season. The table, below, show how all the club's teams have performed so far, as at Friday 9th. December. It's fairly obvious that the promotion of so many men's teams last year, has meant many teams are playing against much stronger opposition..

Let's see if we can improve in the second half.

Our women, on the other hand, have started splendidly. Keep up the good work.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Position.
<b>Saturday</b>					
Premier	8	1	7	0	<b>10</b>
Div 3	8	4	4	0	<b>3</b>
Div 4E	8	3	3	2	<b>5</b>
Div 4S	8	3	3	2	<b>6</b>
Div 5E	8	2	5	1	<b>10</b>
Div 5S	8	0	6	2	<b>10</b>
<b>Thursday</b>					
Premier	9	8	1	0	<b>2</b>
Div 3E Red	9	9	0	0	<b>1</b>
Div 3E White	9	4	4	1	<b>4</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Premier	9	2	6	1	<b>9</b>
Div 1	9	1	8	0	<b>10</b>
Div 3E	9	4	3	2	<b>6</b>
Div 4E	9	7	2	0	<b>3</b>
Div 4C	9	1	7	1	<b>8</b>

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# Volunteer Spotlight

Introducing our 2022/23  
Tournaments Co-Managers

## Thank you ELAINE DEAKIN

*Tournaments Co-Manager.*

### How are the Tournaments and Club Championships going?

“Well, I think! This is the first year us girls have managed the men’s events, perhaps we should ask them? It’s a bit more unified and coordinated I think.”

### What do you like about volunteering?

“Contributing back, helping to lighten the load.”

### What did you do for a ‘crust’?

“I did a science degree at the Adelaide Uni and went on to do research at the RA and QEH hospitals, followed by Lab Manager positions at Mt Carmel College and St Johns Grammar.”

### What made you choose to play bowls?

“Our neighbours asking us to fill in for a Nighthawks team, about 8 years ago.”

### If you could have a coffee with an SA politician or personality, who might it be?

“Hans the cabaret star, we saw him at the Fringe, he’s fun. I’m not into politics.”

### Have you volunteered anywhere before?

“Yes, at the West Lakes and Grange Squash Clubs and workplace social clubs. I was also in the Road Runners Club and a fitness instructor and helped out there whenever I could.”

### Have you always lived in SA?

“Yes, I grew up in Renmark.”

### Do you have a favourite food, colour and way to relax?

“Thai, no particular colour and a wine or spa, or both.”

### What makes you feel your proudest?

“Watching my children succeed in life.”



## Thank you MAGGIE FORBES

*Tournaments Co-Manager, prev. Sponsorship Manager.*

### What made you choose to play bowls?

“My husband, Andrew. I’ve now been at Hawthorn for 8 years. My parents were also avid bowlers, Mum was the Vice President of SA Ladies Bowls.”

### What made you put up your hand to be a Tournaments Co-Manager?

“I like making a contribution, the Club would nothing but for its volunteers.”

### What did you do for a crust?

“I was in the travel industry for 40 years, both on the wholesale and retail sides, specialising in the Asian market. I helped bring Malaysian Airlines to Adelaide and later worked for them dealing with their travel agents, wineries and sponsorships.”

### Have you always lived in SA?

“Yes, born in Tintinara, a boarder at Walford from age 12 before commencing work in Adelaide.”

### Favourite food, colour and way to relax?

“Asian/Mediterranean; green; reading a good book (ancient history or fiction).”

### What do you like most about the Club?

“The camaraderie. By the way, I’d love to see a synthetic surface on B green.”

### Your proudest moment in life?

“The birth of our son Tom, in 1989.”

### Love to have a coffee and chat with?

“Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, the 36<sup>th</sup> Governor of South Australia, a Walford girl.”



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Assisting with rolling the greens

Once a week for a couple of hours, training provided.

Contact Adam Strudwick, Greens Manager, M: 0432 709 314 or E:

ads131401@gmail.com

## Findex nighthawks

This season we started with 26 teams on Tuesday and 36 on Wednesday nights. It has been great to see the number of new teams join us to learn and play the game of bowls. The weather has been quite interesting for us this season – just too much rain and cold evenings: Where is summer?

A couple of changes to our program see ARA providing us with the BBQ and the supper afterwards. I have currently surveyed the members for feedback to help us inform us for the after Christmas season.

The finals commence on the 13/14 December and then we resume in January 2023 on 10/11. If anyone is interested in playing – I am always looking for fill-ins.

Below is the ladder as of Tuesday 29 November and Wednesday 30 November.

<b>Tuesday Night</b>	<b>points</b>	<b>Wednesday Night</b>	<b>points</b>
Sobriety Girls	103	Wacko the Duck	98
The Bowling Stones	90	Renmarkabowlers	97
Homer's Heroes	82	The Spice Girls	91
The Burglars	82	Plan B	89
Bowl-them-under	81	Goat Hearers	89
Hawthorn Heroes	81	Long Shots	80
Big Bowls Shed	80	Team Div 2	77
Eagles	80	Bowls Up	76
F'n:W	80	Eddy and the Jets	74
Firewalkers	75	Lucky Strikes	73

Thanks to the following HBC members who help me out on a regular basis and make sure that Nighthawks hums along: Rob Geleen, Ian Brown, Jock Jarratt, Trish Cook, Leanne Owen, Graham Dodd, and Di Peters. Thank you to those members who came out on the first night to help the new Nighthawks players – most appreciated by me and the players.

Thanks to our sponsors – FINDEX, Tanner's Real Estate, Torrens Arms, Cimarosti Brothers, Wine Direct and the Capri Theatre.

*Theresa Hanel* Chair Recreation.



Lucky Strikes and Sliders.



The Shade Boys.



Happy Bowlers.



Happy breakfast tray winner.



Owner Operators: *Clynton Ryan & Nigel Ryan*

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Re last weeks little poser—I have only been able to find one 8-letter word containing only one vowel, and that word is

- Strength.

Now this weeks.'

If a hen-and-a-half laid an egg-and-a-half in a day-and-a-half, how many eggs would four hens lay in 6 days?

## Wine and Cheese Night

The Events Committee ran their yearly “Wine-Direct” Wine and Cheese night, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Members and their friends attended and were presented with their tasting platter, on arrival. There were 13 food items to taste on the tasting plate, a lot made by our Events Committee members.

The Cheese Rats and the Wine Runners collected 7 Wines from WineDirect and 6 cheeses from Udder Delights and Barossa Cheese Company during the night for their table tastings.

We thank these companies for their ongoing support of this event.

We originally had 160 members booked, but with Covid, tables joining together and the top 2 teams having to replay their washed out Saturday match on this Friday night, the attendees went down to 121, which was a perfect number.

A Bread Board Donated by Rick Owens, along with Wine and Cheese was the Door Prize and won by Ian Brown

Besides this, we had 4 Wine and Cheese Raffles and 10 tickets donated on the night from Capri Cinemas as prizes. We thank Capri Cinemas for their generosity on the night.

It was a great night had by all, and one that you won't want to miss next year.

Events Manager

*Marilyn Gerlach*



## Sponsor Partners October 2022

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A funny little yarn that was sent to me.

3 of our members were sharing an apartment at Broadbeach QLD for the purposes of the Australian Open  
It was a married couple and a single male  
The wife bless her did the washing for all 3  
There was an occasion where the single male was missing a pair of underpants after a wash  
Upon enquiry of the wife a search was undertaken  
No result except when she asked her husband to show them the underpants he had on ,all was revealed  
What's the moral of the story  
There are several but if nothing else it's best to not lose your underpants whilst away