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BOARD TALK

On Monday 6th February 2023 the Board of the Hawthorn Bowling Club met. You might find the following items of interest.

- The Metropolitan Bowls Association has a new sponsor – Paradise Motors. Please see email sent to all members for more detail.
- Thanks are extended to Andrew Forbes for the work he has done in investigating the resurface of B Green. The Board decided to include the project in the next strategic planning process to prioritise projects and expenditure.
- All 3 Ladies teams are likely to play in Thursday Pennant finals.
- An inspection of the Clubhouse and greens was undertaken by the Mitcham City Council (our landlords). They complimented us on the state of our facility: "One of the best in the Council".
- Alan Reid and Graeme Alder reported on the work they have undertaken in reviewing our Bylaws, part of the overarching review of our governance structure started a couple of years ago. When the Bylaws are finalised they will be sent out to members, and when the full review is completed the entire governance structure will be posted on our website as a "Governance Manual". Thanks were extended to Alan and Graeme for the work they are doing.
- The coldroom compressor has been inspected and is in need of urgent replacement. Quotes have been sought to replace the machinery.
- A donation tin from Bowls SA is now on the Bar with 100% of monies donated going to bowling clubs in the Riverland who are trying to restore their greens and clubhouses from floods.
- A Hawthorn Satisfaction Survey will be prepared to get feedback from members with the intention of sending it out to coincide with Round 16.
- Hawthorn hosted the Mens Pairs for the Country Carnival this year. We received lots of positive feedback and raised around \$1000 for the Club. Thanks were extended to Marilyn Gerlach and all those who worked on the day with meals, drinks and running the competition.
- Graham Dodd will be resuming his duties as President from 13/2/23.

You may have noticed a few alterations/improvements around the club over the break. Just in case you didn't, here are just a few pics of some of the work being done.



Teasers

The answer to last month's puzzle was 16 eggs.

Here's another one.

A water lily was growing in a pond 20 metres across. Every day it doubled its size. On the 21st. day it had exactly, and completely, covered the pond.

How long did it take to half cover the pond?



State of the nation

Here are the ladder positions of our teams.

Saturday

Premier	10
Div 3S	3
Div 4E	2
Div 4S	8
Div 5E	10
Div 5S	10

Wednesday

Premier	10
Div 1	9
Div 3E	3
Div 4E	2
Div 4C	7

Thursday

Premier	1
Div 3E Red	1
Div 3E White	4



Player milestones

The following members have just reached significant milestones, in terms of games played for Hawthorn Bowling club.

Fiona McGregor	400
Leanne Owen	400
Dennis Crawley	200
Steve Packer	100

IT ALL LEAKED OUT

On a stinking hot Friday in January, Andrew Bear discovered that part of his front garden was under water. Pessimistically, he believed that an old, deep, expensive galvanised water pipe had burst. So he phoned Michael Lodge. "Do you want the job? It could involve some digging in this hot weather." Without sounding too enthusiastic, Michael agreed to be there on the following Monday. And so, shovel in hand, Michael arrived to hear the good news. Over the weekend, Andrew had worked out that the problem was not an old, deep galvo pipe, but rather a surface plastic pipe that was leaking because of a fault in the irrigation system. Solenoids, whatever they are. To his credit, Michael knew immediately what was wrong and how to fix it, which he did, shovel-less and in the shade.

The moral of the story is that it is beneficial to have a plumber at HBC, because after the job was done Andrew and Michael were able to have a conversation in which they quickly analysed all foreseeable problems at the Club, and the resolutions thereof. For them, it took only a few minutes, for which Michael did not charge, and it was reassuring to know that the future of the club was in such trustworthy hands. Moreover, it became apparent that, unlike many plumbers, Michael has never heard of wounded bulls.

FINDEX Nighthawks

This season we have 26 teams on a Tuesday night and a record 38 teams on a Wednesday night. We welcome new teams: Yodie Gang (Tuesday), Lawn Beetles (Wednesday), the Bowling Stones (Wednesday) and Moneybowl (Wednesday) to the competition. And of course Irritable Bowelers have re-joined the comp, a welcome addition and not because of Phil's batteries!

So far the competition has been strong and of course always played in good spirit. Luckily the weather has been far kinder to us this season.

Some big thank yous to our volunteers:

Ian Brown and Rob Geelen for their organisation of Tuesday nights

Trish Cook and Jock Jarrat who always help with a smile on their faces (and nothing is too difficult)

The Bar staff - a few teething difficulties with the new systems but your help is always appreciated, and this is where the money is made!

BBQer's - yes, we are back on with ARA finishing up. So, thank you for getting the sausages out in a timely manner. (The pipelines were cleaned out and a new set of instructions - so the BBQ is not as temperamental!)

Also thank you to the players who help out with raffle selling, distribution of supper as well as cleaning up. Always appreciated.

The new lighting is fantastic (thanks to the Council and the Board for this) and you can certainly see what's going on. If you are curious to see the LED lighting come down about 8pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday night (or maybe form a team with your mates).

Ladder as at February 9

Tuesday Night	points	Wednesday Night	points
Hawthorn Heroes	82	Bowls Bags	93
Hijackers	80	Plan B	85
Better Shed than Dead	77	In the Gutter	79
The Burglars	74	The Spice Girls	78
Bowl Lickers	73	The Horse Feeders	77
Eagles	70	Harvey Ball Bangers	75
The Bowling Stones	65	Wacko the Duck	72
AMGs	64	Remarkabowlers	67
Firewalkers	62	Friends	67
Bashful Bowlers	60	Hick Chicks	66
Hawkeyes	59	Grow Some Bowls	66
Homer's Heroes	54	Lucky Strikes	66

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Thinkers



Happy friends



Posing for a photo.



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Rob and Ian at the desk.



Jenny and Anna

Food Bank Christmas Drive.

Well done to our club, in collecting 222.260 Kg. of food. This equates to 445 meals. What a great response from our members!

The club commits to 3 Food Bank Drives per year.

The last one for season 2022/2023 will be at the AGM.



HBC's Secret Service

At HBC it's estimated that around 75 members volunteer in a myriad of roles, for an average of around 3.5 hours per week. That's 75 volunteers x 3.5 hrs x 25 weeks = 6,563 hrs per season; at \$33 per hour (including on costs), the equivalent of a cash donation of \$216,563 per season.

Off-season, volunteer input is said to be around a further 20%, increasing the annual donation to \$259,876, roughly the equivalent of our current annual turnover!

Hidden among this vital force are those who we say, "fly under the radar". For example, who puts out the bins every week, who enters the weekly results and who makes sure we don't run out of loo paper? **HBC's Secret Service.**



Here, we thought we might name a few and say, "Thanks, we really, really appreciate what you do." Unfortunately, we don't have room to list them all. Those below have been randomly chosen and many more will be acknowledged in future editions of Hawks Herald, just to remind us of how lucky we are to have these people on board.

Putting out the 15 or so bins every week	Rick Owen
Raking the ditches	(Whispering) Jack Cronshaw
Ordering loo paper	Trish Cook
Pruning the roses	Sue Graves
Fixing the drink holders	Alan Portlock
Filling the urns, putting out sugar, coffee, and cups etc.	Bill Booker

Just a thought - without our volunteers, your membership fees would need to be at least twice what they are today! Show the love!

Graeme Alder Chair of Marketing



Christmas dinner

The Annual Christmas Dinner was held at the clubrooms, and was attended by a mixture of Pennant, Home Bowlers and Night Hawks and their friends. 97 in all, which was great to see.

Ham, Turkey, Meatloaf and Salads were served, and for dessert a choice of the Traditional Christmas Pudding or Berry Trifle, with Christmas Cake to have with Tea/Coffee or just take home

Our Christmas Raffle was a great success with books distributed to Members and Night Hawks. A big thankyou to the Keller's for organising this raffle.

Because of the donations we received from our sponsors, mentioned below, we ran 2 raffles on the night. A SPONSORS raffle, followed by the Members Raffle. All the 10 prizes in the Members Raffle were donated by the Members.

Only 1 person was in attendance to collect their prize, the rest collecting next day or in the next week. A big thankyou to Di Peters for putting the Raffles together.

Father Christmas was in attendance to the delight of the children, and some members.

The Mitcham Band, conducted by our own Steve Packer, played throughout the night.

Thank you to all the Events Committee personnel for their help before and on the night. A great night guys. It was our most successful Event this season.

SPONSORS Raffle. Thank You.

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It was with much regret, due to low numbers, that we cancelled our Australia Day function. Hopefully this event will return next year.

Country Carnival

The Hawthorn Bowling Club was approached late, to host a Men's Pairs Section of 48 players.

It was with much delight that we had the county boys come to our club and enjoy our greens. I was really disappointed when the rain come, but it didn't seem to matter to the country boys.

The Events committee supplied a Chicken Parmy with Vegetables and individual Pavlovas with Strawberry's for Lunch, followed after the match, with Nibbles.

Each player, pays a set amount for their lunch.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered on the day. Event manager, Umpire of the day, Measurers, Green's staff, Bar Staff and all the Kitchen staff. The country guys enjoyed our hospitality.

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Bung Fritz & Bacon
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Members, if you're thinking about a purchase, please check-out our Sponsor Partners. Put simply, member support assists the Club to assist **YOU** by way of affordable fees and improved facilities. Mention you're from HBC and say 'thanks' for their support. You may also get a better deal!

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