



BOARD TALK

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

Colin Watkins has resigned from the position of Bar Services Contractor. The Board extends thanks for the work he has done in managing the bar. In a seamless transition, Terry Onto has taken over the role and the Board thanks him for his commitment.

With great excitement the HBC has accepted the Metropolitan Bowling Club's invitation to host Saturday Pennant grand finals on Saturday 1/4/23 and Premier League grand finals on 2/4/23. It will be a huge weekend for the Club! Keep an eye out for the email from the President seeking your help over this very busy weekend.

The Contractor was chosen to replace the cool room compressor which has served the Club very well for over 30 years.

The Club has also accepted Bowls SA invitation to host games in the Women's Country Carnival and Marilyn Gerlach has the event well in hand with the help of Terry Onto and Joan Prosser.

Winter Bowls will begin on 26/4/23.

Pennant Players' Satisfaction Survey

Many thanks to those who participated in the recent Pennant Players' Satisfaction Survey, the response was outstanding. 71 players (50% of the cohort) took part and, in addition to their ratings of various dimensions of the Club, provided 7 pages of mostly favourable comments and suggestions.

A full report is currently being compiled and will be circulated to all members following a presentation at the 2022/23 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Club on Saturday, May 6, commencing at 10.30am.

The idea of the survey was to get a more objective measure of member satisfaction, with the aim of continuing to improve retention and recruitment. With this abundance of fresh feedback and ideas, the Board will be well placed to fine tune the Club's 3-Year Strategic Plan and establish the Budget and Annual Business Plan for 2023/24.



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To keep things fresh, HBC Board members serve a term of two years, after which they step down to give new folk an opportunity to help lead the Club.

Positions becoming vacant in May this year are:

- President
- Vice President (male)
- Treasurer
- Chair of Competition

Any full member is eligible to take up any of these roles. Should you be interested, please contact Graham Dodd on 0411 502 193 or doddg@ihug.com.au for an **obligation-free, informal chat**. As with all positions on the Board, they are meaningful, stimulating and rewarding roles, each with the potential to add significant value.

If you're worried about lack of experience or knowledge, don't be, we have several mentors on board (pun intended).

Cossie cools off after Nighthawks BBQ duty



Hi Members

Just a reminder that our Seafood Classic Tournament is fast approaching so **if you want to secure your spot please let Terry Onto know as soon as possible.**

The flyer is attached and there are flyers around the Club if you want specific details, but it's always a fantastic day that starts with a cooked breakfast and includes a fabulous seafood lunch with wine. Somehow, in the process of consuming all that wonderful food and drink, some great bowls get played and a huge amount of fun is had with players from Clubs all around the state!

There are great cash prizes and as with all tournaments, it's a random draw. So there are no guarantees about who makes it through to the finals and a chance to win the cash!

And finally, for those of you who aren't into seafood, there are equally wonderful non-fishy and vego alternatives for lunch.

Kind regards,

Francie Tonkin
Secretary



Don't miss out!

If you'd like to play in the **Seafood Classic** on Sunday April 16 **but don't have a team or don't want the hassle of organising one**, we're offering a 'team-up' service and would love to hear from you. Individual pennant and experienced social players welcome.

Just ring or email me (details below) and I'll offer you a spot or two to choose from, or you can simply say "thanks but no thanks". A cooked breakfast, a seafood lunch, free wines and a great game of bowls with some great folk, all for just \$35, it's an absolute steal !!!

I look forward to hearing from you. Cheers,

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Competition Progress Report

Wednesday 5 Divisions

Div 4E are playing finals, Div 3E missed playing in the finals on the last game by 2 points.

Our Div 1 side performed admirably as this was very tough for our second side to always play other club's top sides and they will go down.

The Premier and Div 4CS remain after both finishing 7th.

Thursday.

The Premier side are in the grand final to play Tranmere at the Adelaide bowling club. And our 3E side are playing Kens/Marryatville at the same venue. Congratulations to Anne Onto for her astute coaching. Well done girls.

Saturday

Our 6 Divisions had interesting results. Last season the 3 Divisions that were promoted all struggled and will unfortunately go down.

I think this highlights the difficulty going from Div 1 to Premier and the issue of recruiting people with the ability and experience to play at that level.

For our 2 Div 5 sides that are also going down it may have been better for our 2 lowest sides to have 1 at Div 5 and requested to have one at Div 6.

The good news for our club is the results of our Div 3S, Div 4E & Div 4S who are all playing finals. At the time of this report our Div 3S side are into the Grand Final with a convincing win over Blackwood at Blackwood. The Div 4E just missed going into the Grand Final by 2 shots after going down to Tranmere at Tranmere. They will now play in a Preliminary Final against Clearview at Hawthorn. Our Div 4S side, who finished 4th after making finals on the last game by percentage only, also had a great win against Blackwood to advance to playing in the Preliminary Final.

A quick summary shows that all our sides that were promoted from last season struggled and those who stayed have performed very well and made finals.

This is a good result overall for Hawthorn after the outstanding season of 21/22 to have 3 Saturday, 1 Wednesday and of course the outstanding Thursday ladies .

Good luck and good results to all those playing in the finals.



Schools Coaching Mercedes College

Currently we are coaching 3 classes of year 10 students from Mercedes College - 72 students in all. On Mondays I am most grateful for the very capable help provided by Ian King, Graham Giles and Michael Allen while on Thursdays we are joined by Dennis Crawley, Tom Rushton, Andrew Forbes and Ron Zanker.

Part of a recent text from Jackie Kerr, Coordinator of PE and Outdoor Education, at Mercedes College reads as follows:

"I am very grateful for all the wonderful work you and your volunteers have done - the students have really enjoyed the experience and I am hoping to be able to do this again next year."

Jim Bell, Coordinator of Schools Coaching

Re Kevin Richards. From Rod Ellis.

Past member Kevin Richards died on 3rd March 2023 aged 92 years. Kevin's health had declined in recent years and he spent his final year or so in an aged care facility. I bowled a lot with Kevin. He didn't say a lot but he loved his sport and was always a reliable competitor and great team man. I never heard him criticise another player and I'm sure he never did. At his funeral, he was said to have had 3 great loves: his late wife Aileen who died about 6 years ago, his faith in God, and his love of sport particularly golf and bowls. I should also add his love of dogs. In later years after the death of Aileen, whenever you saw Kevin, his beloved poodle was always close by. The dog's name was Trixiebell or something similar.

Kevin spent nearly all his working life as a bricklayer building government housing. The message that came out from his funeral was that Kevin spent his life in humble service to others.

Vale Kevin Richards



ALFRED JAMES

Honouring a Life

FINDEX Nighthawks report

We have had a successful season yet again. Only one night affected due to weather (rain) although there were some very cold nights over the summer season.

Over the last ten weeks there has been an average of 222 each week to play on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening. The great support from Nighthawks members allows the Hawthorn Bowling Club to keep fees reasonable, promote community feel and have the best greens in Adelaide. We appreciate your generosity, camaraderie, and sense of fun and commitment to learning the game of bowls.

Congratulations to:

Tuesday winners - Better Shed than Dead (Nick Anastasios, Jake Parkinson, Adam Hancock, Darryl Smith)

Wednesday winners - Plan B (John Larwood, Bruce Larwood, Ivan Milne, Roger Freeman) who were undefeated all season.

See below for the top ten teams on each night.

Tuesday Night	points	Wednesday Night	points
Better Shed than Dead	139	Plan B	162
Hijackers	135	Bowls Bags	157
Eagles	134	Hick Chicks	138
The Burglars	130	The Horse Feeders	135
Hawthorn Heroes	125	Harvey Ball Banger	135
AMGs	115	In the Gutter	133
Big Bowls Shed	110	Renmarkabowlers	128
A Tad Bias	109	Long Shots	127
Bowl Lickers	107	Friends	126
Bowl-them-under	106	The Spice Girls	124

Nadia Clancy member for Elder came out on the last night. With her RSA in hand, she was a worthy bar person who learned the intricacies of our SQUARE system in no time flat. Nadia also presented the 'trophies' to the winners. Thanks for coming along and supporting Nighthawks, Nadia.

Sponsors are an integral part of every sporting club, and we say thank you to FINDEX for sponsoring the season. Thank you to Jeremy Leach Financial Planner from FINDEX for coming out and playing on Wednesday night. Also thank you to Torrens Arms, Cimarosti Bros, Tanner Real Estate and Wine Direct, and to the players who donated merchandise for the raffle as well.

Nighthawks couldn't operate without volunteers – so thank you to BBQer's, bar staff and those who helped the new bowlers. Special thanks to Ian Brown, Rob Geelen, Jock Jarratt, Trish Cook, Marilyn Gerlach, Colin Watkins, Graham Dodd, Terry Onto, Leanne Owen and Di Peters. Plus the teams that always helped out – Spice Girls, Friends, Long Shots, Bowling Stones.

Special thanks to all those Chicken Run winners – you provide entertainment on FB.

Nighthawks members are invited to come out and play Winter Bowls – starts April 26. The new season resumes on 17/18 October, and I look forward to your support for next season.



Hick Chicks



Bar staff



Nadia serving Bill



Eagles



Findex play

Bowling Stones



Top: Better Shed than Dead

Left: Bowls Bags



Winners are Grinners

McLaren Vale Bowling Club hosted their annual open gender medley on March 6, and Hawthorn players were successful, with the four comprising Steve Packer, Dennis Crawley, Trevor Chant and Ron Zanker scoring what was described as a comprehensive victory. Runners up were a four that included former Hawks John Shaw, Manny Vlachos and Vic Magoch.

Prestige Medley

Prestige Medley is a yearly competition where 9 players from the 12 Regions in SA play a Round Robin Competition.

It is to be held on the weekend of 29th and 30th of April.

The men will play at Modbury and the Women at Playford.

Hawthorn is well represented with the following players selected.

Brett Willcox
Daren Niblet
Daren Siegertsz
Michael Lodge
Colin Watkins
Ian King

Christine Keller
Joan Prosser
Kathy Miller

Upcoming Events at the Hawthorn Bowling Club

March 27th

Ladies Country Carnival- Fours 0915 at the Hawthorn Bowling Club

Saturday April 1st

Div 1,2,3,4 Grand Finals, 1300 at the Hawthorn Bowling Club

Sunday April 2nd

Premier Grand Final, 1300 at the Hawthorn Bowling Club

Sunday 16th April

Seafood Day.
Closing date Sunday 2nd. April

Wednesday 26th April

Commencement of Wednesday Winter Bowls

Saturday 29th April

Commencement of Saturday Winter Bowls

Saturday 6th May

AGM- Hawthorn Bowling Club Saturday 27th May
Curry Night -6pm for a 630pm start

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