



July Herald 2023

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Welcome all, to bowls season 2023/2024 at Hawthorn bowling club. We have a dedicated bunch of very hard working, always thinking, people in charge of the management of this club. They are a very well organised bunch who keep the place running smoothly. Very few clubs are as well structured as Hawthorn. The club has appointed Matthew Northcott as our coach of Saturday teams, and we welcome him to the club, and I'm sure he will make a difference. He comes with excellent credentials, and I'm sure he will enjoy your company.

Anne Onto has been reappointed as Women's coach, and I'm sure she will be striving to improve on two successive very close grand finals.

Marilyn Gerlach has been awarded the Bowls SA Volunteer of the Year award, and nothing was more justly deserved. Marilyn is a treasure, and her worth to us is immense. She is superbly organised and organises her large band of helpers as well. She is a most hard working, modest person. We are blessed to have her as a member.

Well done Marilyn.

I have included in this edition, results from club championships, and premiership photos for our 3 South, and 4 East teams. I apologise for the lateness, but I was out of the country for a while. For those who didn't catch up on the premiership results, the staggering fact was, that both teams won their match by one shot! Incredible, (but really good).

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EVENT
SCHEDULE 2023

Aug 22 Tuesday

CARD & GAMES DAY

9.30 for 10am \$25 per head High Tea
BYO cards and games Please book a table

Sep 09 Saturday

OPENING DAY

Register on arrival 11am Season Intro
12n Burger in a Box 1pm Two short matches

Nov 19 Sunday

WINE DIRECT

WINE & CHEESE AFTERNOON

1pm, for diary entries
Added details and bookings released Sep/Oct

Dec 10 Sunday

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12n, for diary entries
Added details and bookings released Oct/Nov

Hi All,

I am privileged to be joining the Hawthorn Bowling Club in the role of Club Coach (Saturdays) and working with you all to build on the plans driven by the Board, Volunteers & Membership that sees Hawthorn Bowling Club in a strong position both on and off the green. My main objectives will be for us to work together to build skills, confidence and team culture which will help create the most important thing: enjoyment and a feeling of belonging for all members. If we get this right, I have no doubt Team Success will also follow. As a way of introduction, below is little bit of background on my Bowls experience, I will look forward to hearing about your journeys and experiences when we meet, sharing stories at a spot near the bar. You may see me around the club over the coming months, where I will be working with the competition committee to design our coaching and pennant program plans for the upcoming season. Coaching Programs will begin during September in preparation for the pennant season where no doubt we will all be getting out on the greens more often in some warmer weather. If you wish to discuss anything with me prior to this, please feel free to give me a call on 0437 213 914. Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of the Hawthorn Bowling Club, I look forward to playing my part to build on the success of this great club.

Matthew Northcott

Bowls Resume

19 years playing experience

8 years coaching experience

61 Open State games

Alley Shield winning team member

3x Metro Pennant Winning Skipper

State Open Singles, Fours x2, Champion of Champion Pairs and Mixed Pairs winner

7x Club Singles Champion 5x Club Pairs Champion

3 years Under 18 State Coach

3 years Bowls Australia Pathways Coach

2 Years Club Coach at Holdfast Bay

Coaching Philosophy:

Provide an inclusive environment where communication, enjoyment and trust promotes development.



Bowls SA Volunteer of the Year

Marilyn Gerlach

It was very special to be nominated for Bowls SA Volunteer of the year.

Winning it, was a win for all the Volunteers at the Hawthorn Bowling Club

I love Volunteering my time to the Club.

While I have been playing for 20 years, my serious Volunteering for the club, started 4 years ago, being asked to help on the Events Committee.

The next year I took on the Role of Ladies President and still hold that role, which means you are active on the Board.

During the Summer season, I co-ordinate the making of the sandwiches, asking players to come and help make them. Last year 75 Members, (4 each week) volunteered their time to make the 140 sandwiches on Saturday, with a team of 3 ladies doing all the Wednesday sandwiches.

2 years ago, I took on the Manager of Events, working with a team of members to organise an Event every month. We have fun and I know the members appreciate it. That's a lot of Volunteer hours put in by this committee.

Winter Social Bowlers get to try one of my different soups on Saturday and Wednesday. Their taste buds have been extended.

I have my RSA and really enjoy doing my time behind the bar.

I never say no to anyone who offers their time to Volunteer at the Club. I can always find something for them to do.

Volunteering in clubs is declining, but at the Hawthorn Bowling Club its still alive and well.

So, this year we are going to recognise our Volunteers with a weekly award to 2 Volunteers each week. I will Co-Ordinate this with the help of the Board. Anyone who volunteers their time, however small, will have their name put into a jar, and then at 6pm every Saturday night during the Pennant Season, the bell will ring and I will draw 2 names out. They will become the Volunteers of the week and receive a voucher from the Club.



**PENNANT PLAYERS,
COACHES & OFFICIALS**



Some important diary dates:

Women's Pennant

Pre-season practice starts Tuesday 15 August and Thursday 17 August at 10:30 am and will continue for three more weeks.

Following Opening Day (9 September), formal practice as well as internal and external trials will commence on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

First pennant match is 19 October and last match before Xmas is 14 December. Practice to start on 9 January in the New Year with the first match on 11 January.

Open Pennant

Hawthorn Bowling Club Opening Day 9 September - uniform to be worn.

Practice starts on Tuesday 12 September from 3.00 - 5.00 pm and Friday 15 September from 4.00 - 6.00 pm and all following Tuesdays and Fridays until the Xmas break commencing 15 December. Practice will start again on Tuesday 9 January with the first match on the 13 January.

Internal and external trials will be played from 13 September until the first Open Pennant match on 14 October.

Men's Pennant

Practice is as listed above for Open Pennant and the first Wednesday Pennant match is 18 October. Last match before Christmas is 13 December. Wednesday pennant resumes January 10.

Coaches Meeting

Friday 4 August at 4.30 pm at HBC.

Markers, Measurers and Umpires Best Practice Meeting

Saturday 16 September 10.30 until 11.30 am.

Selectors Induction Meeting

Monday 11 September 6.00 pm at HBC.

Time to book your holidays

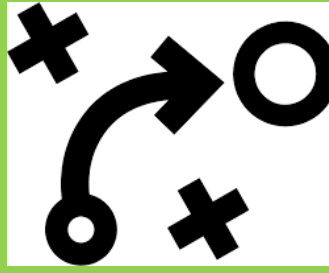
All pennant finals will be finished by Thursday 4 April 2024, check Bowls SA calendar if needing more detail.

Christine Keller, Chair of Competition

YOUR THOUGHTS?

Do you think we should:

- Plan for an artificial green or two?
- If so, do you think it/they should be covered?
- Recycle our locker rooms for a First Aid Room and much needed off-floor storage space?
- Invite the Tennis Club to enjoy our renowned camaraderie and facilities?
- Plan for a uniform upgrade down the track?
- Invite more community participation, via social membership, activities and specials?
- Have an occasional internal project fundraiser, with naming acknowledgement(s) as an option?



A ***Strategic Input Session*** will be held on **Saturday August 19, 2023**, prior to Winter Bowls, from 9.30am to 11am, with free soup for all attendees. No bribe intended, yes!

Sounds a bit lofty? No, the Board is keen to share with you some 'BHAGS' (Big Hairy Audacious GoalS) it's been eyeing off AND would very much like your feedback and to hear of any other thoughts or ideas you may have in mind.

BHAGS need consultation, research and, more often than not, grant funding, pretty much in that order over several years. Put simply, the Board would like to get cracking and seeks your help with its sense of direction. See you there? Hope so.

Graeme Alder, Chair of Marketing and Development

CAN YOU HELP?

It's estimated that the HAWKS ARMY (our 100+ volunteers) saves the Club about \$200,000 a year and, therefore, each member about \$1,000 a year.



Our 'Vollies' are GOLD and we'd love a few more. Currently we're seeking help with:

- Bar work
- Hire functions
- Checking-in on members who are indisposed

Like to know more? Please check with President Graham Dodd 0411 502 193 or Vice President Marilyn Gerlach 0410114 250, as soon as you like.

ALSO, DO YOU KNOW ANYONE?

We're also looking for a BAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACTOR, a fee paying position involving purchasing and presenting stock; recruiting, training and rostering volunteer and casual bar attendants; and a bit of record keeping.



It can be a club member or a member of the public, anyone with a bit of bar experience. This is a contract position so the specifications and fee are negotiable.

Like to know more? Please check with Terry Onto on 0408 868 336.

SILENT AUCTION

For a set of brand new Taylor Redline SR, crescent grip, size 3 heavy bowls.

Celebrating 225 years of making bowls and HBC's participation in last year's Taylor's Superchallenge, Taylor has gifted the Club a new set of high-end bowls which we've decided to silent auction.

Yours for anything above \$450, if you're the highest bidder **by the 5pm (CST) on Friday August 11, 2023.** All proceeds to HBC projects.

Bids to: graeme@alders.id.au



Try-outs available for the highest bidder only from Sat Aug 5 to close of bids. If you're the highest bidder at 10am on any day during the try-out period, we'll be in touch.

Graeme Alder, Chair of Marketing & Development

GREENS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Work commencing late September/early October 2023

This recently Board approved project, inclusive of planned renovations, will be executed with consideration to all logistic and time constraints. It will improve/correct the quality of the running surface associated with levels and thatch reduction, with an emphasis on consistency and trueness, on all four greens over the next 18 -24 months.

We predict results to be better than previous attempts, due to the improved watering system being utilised to its fullest potential, preventing pooling and trafficking.

Allowing for improved growing conditions post dormancy in late September/early October, the A green will be scarified and laser levelled initially, to avoid excessive disruption to greens loadings associated with social/pennant bowls requirements.

Once the recovery process is evident on A green in mid to late November, the green will come back into play, allowing the enhancement project to continue with B green being deep cored, scarified and laser levelled.

B green will be back in play and ready for the commencement of practice and play for the first pennant game in the New Year of 2024. This will coincide with a minor refurbishment of C green during the Christmas break, entailing scarification, aeration, topdressing and fertilising with soil amendments.

A and D green will be available during the Xmas and New Year period for practice, whilst B and C green are given adequate time to recover.

D green will be renovated in the 2024/25 season, allowing for full recovery once the neighbouring encroaching tree has been adequately cut back and maintained.

The team at D & D are looking forward to seeing the results and appreciate the ongoing support from Members in embracing the shared goal of enhancing the greens at the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

With sincere thanks. Nigel Ryan

WHO'S CALLING THE SHOTS IN 2023/24?

Many thanks to those who've agreed to continue and a big welcome to our new volunteer officials. Here's the Club's organisation structure for 2023/24:

HAWTHORN BOWLING CLUB Inc

Organisation Chart 2023/24



Winner are grinners

3 South



Fiona McGregor, Fred Gilbert, Kerry Coggins, Adam Strudwick, Mick Allen Jim Bell
Rex Curtis, Shane Newton, Grant fisher, Paul Corrick Anne Onto,
Joan Prosser, Laurie Gerghetta, Trevor Chant. Christine Keller, Malcolm Keller.

4 East.



Rick Owen, Terry Onto, Ian Oliver, Ian Brown, , Marilyn Gerlach, David Jones, Trudy Howard, Bernie Manser,
Elaine Deakin, Brian Harmer, Alan Reid, Maggie Forbes, Dave Edwards, Leanne Owen,
Adrian Sobels, Graham dodd.

Club Championship & Presentation Day

held on Sunday 19th March

Congratulations to all players, markers, umpires, supporters, kitchen staff, green keepers and all the helpers who made the day the success that it was.

The six events that were held on the day were all very competitive and well supported by a huge number of enthusiastic spectators.

The winners and runners-up for each event are as follows:

Men's Singles: Winner - [Darren Siegertsz](#), Runner-up - [Grant Siegertsz](#)

Women's Singles: Winner – [Kathy Miller](#), Runner-up – [Anne Onto](#)

Open Gender B Grade Singles: Winner – [Grant Fisher](#), Runner-up – [Bill Tonkin](#)

Open Gender 2 Bowl Singles: Winner – [Doug Richards](#), Runner-up – [Ron Zanker](#)

Men's Pairs: Winner – [Alex Gebert & Michael Lodge](#), Runners-up [Brett Willcox & Darren Niblett](#)

Women's Pairs: Winner – [Trudy Howard & Christine Keller](#), Runners-up – [Marilyn Gerlach & Teresa Hanel](#)

Mixed Pairs: Winner – [Trudy Howard & Steve Packer](#), Runners-up – [Kathy Miller & Pete Mathews](#)

We were honored to have Nadia Clancy MP in attendance to present all winners and runners up with their prize money on the day.

We felt this was a well-supported Club Day and hope that it will continue in a similar format and to see more entries in each event next season.

Any suggestions or ideas to improve the event for next season are welcome.

Major club milestones. (Number of games.)

Fred Gilbert 700

Ian Pedler 250

Geoff Lawton 200

Doug Richards 250

Alan Portlock 200

Ian White 200

William Booker 1200 (Wow!!)

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EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY- 5PM TO 8:30PM
AT THE HAWTHORN BOWLING CLUB

STARTERS

Garlic Bread	\$7
Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$10
Salt & Pepper Squid	\$14
Buffalo Chicken Wings	\$14
Potato Wedges	\$10
Chunky Onion Rings	\$9

MAINS

Battered Fish & Chips With Salad	\$21
Schnitzel & Chips With Salad (Beef or Chicken)+\$3 For Parm	\$24
Choice Of Sauce- Gravy, Mushroom Sauce, Pepper Sauce	
Lasagna With Salad & Garlic Bread	\$22
Penne Con Polo- Chicken, Mushroom, Capsicum In Rosè Sauce	\$21
Beef Burger & Chips	\$23
Veggie Stack- Roasted Seasonal Veg With Napolitana Sauce	\$20
Curry Of The Day Served With Rice	From \$21

FOR SPECIALS SEE BOARD

*Please notify staff of any allergies before ordering

KIDS MENU

Nuggets & Chips	All \$12
Fish & Chips	
Cheeseburger & Chips	
Penne Napolitana & Garlic Bread	
Dessert	
Ice Cream Bowls	
Tops-Chocolate, Vanilla, Caramel	
Sprinkles	
1 Scoop \$5/2 Scoop \$8	

DESSERTS

Cheesecake	All \$8
Bread & Butter Pudding	
Vanilla Bean Panna Cotta	
Tiramisu Cup	
Salted Caramel Mousse Cup	

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