

## Newsletter #11, September 2024

Welcome! It's an exciting time at the club as we hit the greens with full momentum. The past few weeks have been jam-packed with action, as everyone is busy practising and honing their skills. A big thank you to our dedicated coaches, Matt and Anne, for offering their invaluable insights, especially in helping us fine-tune our technique with a focus on the aiming line and weight control. Their weekly updates and coaching sessions have been a real highlight—so stay tuned!

We've also been fortunate to play some great matches against Marion, Sturt, Tranmere, along with some intense internal trials. All this is gearing us up perfectly for the new season, which officially kicks off on **October 12**. Our teams are looking strong, and I can't wait to see everyone in action!

### Open Day - a thank you from Bob Wadsworth

To the Board and all members

At our recent Open Day, the first thing on the agenda turned out to be a presentation to me as I retire from organising the umpires and measurers. I was caught on the hop as I was completely unaware, nor expecting, this to happen. Furthermore, as I listened to Teresa, I found myself having some difficulty in understanding who she was talking about. Her words were extremely generous. I am not usually short of things to say but on this occasion, I found myself speechless. As I later reflected on this, I realised I was remiss in failing to openly thank all members for my lovely and most acceptable gift. It was a basket from "Charlesworths" consisting of assorted nuts and other goodies. I now wish to correct the situation by openly thanking the Board and all members for this sign of appreciation for the work I have done in the past. The gift was a surprise and much appreciated. My thanks to you all.

**Update about our members:** Joining HBC as full members are Alex Jefferies and Jack Cronshaw and Allison Reed as a permit player – please make them feel welcome. Greg Hayles has decided that he is not going to play bowls. Please find the updated attachments of member contact lists below. Just a reminder that you need to be financial to play pennant matches.

### Price Memorial update for spraying

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October after 11:30am the gates will be shut down and locked at Price Memorial oval to complete a required spraying application. The activity should only take 1.5 hours to complete with a curing requirement of another 2 hours after the event to allow the chemical to dry.

Site closure is for the safety of all park users, and Mitcham council apologise for any inconveniences. The internal trial match – we should be OK, just need to ensure that the gate is closed when we leave.

**Super Challenge** – the winning bid was from Dave Waters! He now has a set of Taylor's SRV bowls. Malcolm and Chris Keller have lots of interest from players and we will be entering three teams – Silver, Bronze North and Bronze South. The games will commence on Sunday November 17.

### Important Dates for Club Championships

- **Entries Due:** October 13 (for Singles, Pairs, and Mixed Pairs)
- **Men's Sectional Play:** Sunday, October 20
- **B-Grade and 2-Bowl Singles Entries:** Due by December 1
- **Finals Day:** All finals will take place on Sunday, March 9.
- No entry fee is required.
- Please register your name on the noticeboard. When registering, consider your availability and other commitments.

### 2024-25 Nighthawks season



Currently, I have 27 teams for Tuesday and 38 teams for Wednesday. This is on a par from last season. Tuesday night – Bill Pitsadiotis, Paul Corrick and Rob Geelen, Wednesday night – joining me are Trish Cook, Jenny Jablonski, Anna Byrne and Gary Noakes. Thank you in advance to those who said they would help out on the BBQ and volunteers will be needed on the bar as well. If you have any friends or family that would like to play then please let me know.

### Terry White Chemmart Cumberland Park Nighthawks classic

Come along and play in a Cosmo Fours tournament on Sunday November 3 – please register [here](#) Register as a pair or single and you will be put with Nighthawks players. It will be a great day with lots of fun and over \$1500 in prizemoney.

Dates for you to take note of and they are on the [online calendar](#):

Trial matches and dates -

Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
<b>2 October</b> - Ascot Park Bowling Club - All teams	<b>3 October</b> - Trial v Pt Noarlunga (all sides) @ Home.	<b>28 September</b> – Grand Final Day. Arrive at 9.30am for internal trial with shaslks for lunch – sponsored by Harvey Norman Gepps Cross and Marion outlet
<b>9 October</b> - Tranmere Bowling Club – All teams	<b>10 October</b> - Trial v Hawthorn Men (all sides) @ Home.	<b>5 October</b> – 12.15pm for 12.45pm Long weekend – internal trial
<b>16 October</b> – Pennants begin	<b>17 October</b> – Pennants begin	<b>12 October</b> – Pennants begin

### Season practice times are as follows:

Open practice Tuesday - 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
 Women's Tuesday practice – 9.00 for 9.30 am - 12.00 pm  
 Open Practice Friday - 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

**Uniform** – Please contact Jenny on 0412 638 931.

### Club Umpires

The MBA have provided a newsletter for all umpires with some handy reminders to umpires about inclement weather, extreme hot weather and unacceptable behaviour. A reminder for all of us to respect the decisions that the umpire of the day has to deal with. It is not an easy job and we are grateful that we have 11 people qualified to be umpires at Hawthorn. Some of our umpires are below:



### Key responsibilities of the Umpire:

- They represent the MBA at the venue and oversee all pennant games.
- Umpires must not take on other roles such as Side Manager or Coach.
- Resolve disputes impartially according to the **Laws of the Sport** and MBA conditions.
- Responsible for decisions on pauses, deferments, or cancellations due to weather, after consultation with Side or Greens Managers.
- Supervise the drawing of match cards, ensuring compliance with the rules

#### **Inclement Weather:**

- Consider only the green's condition, player safety, and future weather.
- Explore all options to continue the game before abandoning it.
- Avoid playing through bad weather to achieve a result – safety comes first.

#### **Extreme Hot Weather:**

- Clubs have a weather station for temperature readings. Hawthorn is Adelaide (West Terrace). Follow **Bowls SA** procedures to monitor temperatures during games.
- Only use the **Bureau of Meteorology** for weather checks.
- If advised that cutoff temperatures have been reached, games will be stopped and abandoned for the day.

#### **Unacceptable Behaviour:**

- Players must behave politely and sportsmanlike during games.
- Umpires may issue a warning in the presence of a player's Side Manager if the player behaves abusively, threateningly, or disruptively.
- If behaviour persists, Umpires may penalize or exclude the player from the game (following the **Instantaneous Penalties Policy** law book pages 121 -123).
- Umpires must report incidents within 7 days to the MBA Secretary and **Bowls SA** for potential disciplinary action or police involvement.

#### **Umpire Abuse:**

- Umpires can issue warnings for abusive or threatening behaviour from players.
- If behaviour continues, apply the **Instantaneous Penalties** rule.

Shane has organised a meeting for our umpires and officials on Saturday October 5 at 11.30am.

**Conditions of play** from the MBA have also been released for the 2024\_25 season. You can find on the MBA website [here](#)

#### **Sponsors**

Sponsors are crucial to the success of the Hawthorn Bowling Club, providing essential financial support that helps us maintain and improve our facilities, run events, and support our players. Beyond the financial contributions, our sponsors enhance the club's reputation and visibility within the local community, fostering greater engagement and encouraging new members to join. In return, sponsors benefit by gaining exposure to our diverse and loyal audience, building brand recognition, and showing their commitment to community sports. These partnerships are key to ensuring the continued growth and success of the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

**Wine Direct have been a major sponsor of HBC for over 10 years and they currently have some offers for our members.**



### **Wine Direct – Save a Shave on the epic Shiraz dozen**

<https://www.winedirect.com.au/current-specials/adelaide-sa>

It's not every day we can put a pack together that saves you close to \$1,000. Here's one such pack: \$1,239 worth of the good stuff, with 95 point, old vine Langhorne Shiraz, a lovely Barossa Shiraz from a former maker of Penfolds Grange, Dowie Doole's barrel select, \$90-a-bottle flagship and Yaldara's \$250 a bottle behemoth. Your wallet might feel like it's had a close shave, but really, it's just saved plenty.

\$250 a dozen delivered free to Hawthorn

### **Upcoming Tournaments**

#### **Aldinga Bay Bowling Club – Mens Fours**

- Club Uniform
- Monday October 28 –9.30am for 10.00am start
- Closing date 20 October
- Format – 2 games 13 ends
- Cost - \$100 per team includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
- \$1000 prize money plus raffle

To register phone Philip Grocke 0401 333 391

#### **Morphett Vale Bowling Club – Mixed 4s Gala Day**

- Dress as you wish
- Sunday November 17 – 9.30am for 10.00am start
- Format: 2 games 15 & 13 ends
- Closing date 10 November
- Cost - \$100 per team includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea

To register contact Julie 0402 439 003, Maxine 0413 134 400 or [tournaments@mvmvc.com.au](mailto:tournaments@mvmvc.com.au)

#### **Hope Valley Bowling Club – Open 4's Medley Tournament**

- Neat Bowls attire
- Sunday 24 November –9.30am for 10.00am start
- Format – three games: 4s 11 ends, pairs (2-4-2) 6 ends, 4's 8 ends
- Cost - \$120 per team includes chicken lunch and dessert
- \$2000 prize money

To register phone Ken Seymour 0418 411 072. Rob Foster 0458 976 991 or [office@hvhornets.com.au](mailto:office@hvhornets.com.au)