

Newsletter #18, January 2025

Happy New Year!

The second half of the season is underway, and it's great to see our teams achieving such positive results.

Wednesday Results:

- Winners: Premier, Division 2, Division 3 East, Division 4 Central.
- Division 4CW also won by forfeit.

Thursday Results:

- Winners: Premier and Division 3 East.
- Division 2 South earned a well-deserved draw.

Let's build on this strong start as we move forward in the season and all the best to the teams tomorrow.

A couple of reminders

- Hawk Talk – Every Saturday at 6 PM
A huge thank you to everyone who has been part of Hawk Talk so far! A special shout-out to Trish Cain and Brian Case for compiling match information for Thursday and Wednesday games. This week we hear from Matthew Northcott and Ken Piggott.
- Parking in Monmouth Road – a reminder that the rangers are out and about. So, make sure you park within the yellow lines and away from the fire hydrant.

Mitcham Community news



Hawthorn Bowling Club wins National Club of the Year

The Hawthorn Bowling Club has been chosen over more than 1,700 clubs nationwide to be named National Club of the Year.

The club shared the title with the Helensvale Bowling Club from Queensland at the Bowls Australia 2024 Awards in November.

It is the first time a South Australian club has won the title against competition from well-resourced commercial clubs interstate and follows the Bowls SA Large Club of the Year Award in the 2023-24 season.

Hawthorn Bowling Club President Teresa Hanel said the not-for-profit club was supported by a strong team of volunteers.

Over the past 12 months the club has increased its accredited officials by 15 per cent, expanded its portfolio of social events, supported charities and grown its membership base by 7.5 per cent to approximately 460 players.

The club has also achieved success on the green with seven pennant premierships.

Teresa said along with developing a strategic and business plan, the club was committed to fostering a welcoming environment.

"This is a significant moment for Hawthorn Bowling Club as we've had a remarkable journey, celebrating success on the greens and beyond with a dedicated team and vibrant and inclusive community."

Recent projects at the club supported by City of Mitcham include replacing halogen floodlights with energy efficient LED lights, the repurposing of shelter sheds and the construction of a new entranceway.

Along with Men's and Women's Premier League mid-week teams, Saturday Pennant bowls and social bowls, the Club hosts Night Hawks social bowls on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Find out more at
www.hawthornbowlingclub.com.au

Player news

- Welcome back John Shaw. He re-joins HBC after playing at Clarence Gardens. John was President from June 2017 until April 2020. During his tenure he played a key role in several important projects: upgrades to the men's and ladies toilets, BBQ Shed/kitty room, installation of shelters on the greens and adding guard rails and concreting between C/D Green, club house painting and branding on the windows and bar.
- Welcome to Sandra Hiley and Kerri Kumnick who are playing on Thursday in Div 3. They have both been keen Nighthawks players (and still are) and are now looking to perfect their skills!
- Congratulations to the following players who have all received eight badges playing on Saturday 14 December - Roger Mabelson, Elaine Deakin, Bill Tonkin and Rob Geelen (Div 5 East) and Kerry Coggins, Fiona McGregor, Joan Prosser and Rex Curtis (Div 4 East)
- Hawthorn players achieved excellent results at the recent Octane Festival of Bowls held at Lockleys from January 3 to 5.
 - Ron Zanker won the singles final at Lockleys, defeating Ashley Halls(Lockleys) by one shot.
 - In the pairs competition, Brett Wilcox and Darren Niblett were runners- up, and Grant Fisher and Ron came in equal third.
 - In the triples event, the winners were Brett Wilcox, Darren Niblett, and Theo Katsivas from Lockleys. Grant, Adam Strudwick, and Ron were runners-up. Congratulations to all players.



MBA Marquee Event

Our Saturday Premier side will be playing Ascot Park on Friday February 21 from 6pm. This event will be livestreamed however please come down and support the team. We will have food available – pulled pork burgers, BBQ, tea/coffee and cakes. We look forward to seeing you there for an exciting evening of bowls and great company!

Other games (all livestreamed) will be Friday 17 January - Adelaide v Club Holdfast at Adelaide

Friday 31 January Somerton v Lockleys at Somerton

Friday 7 February Modbury v Salisbury at Modbury

Friday 14 February West Lakes v Grange at West Lakes

Bowls SA events – we are hosting the Country Carnival Men's Sectional Fours and Sectional Singles on Monday 3 February (12 rinks) and Tuesday 4 February (18 rinks – with a heads up we will need extra helpers) 2025.

5AA Night Owls and Super Challenge event – Sunday April 6

Prestige Medley

Expressions of interest are sought for the **MBA Prestige Medley** to be played on March 29 and 30. Women play at Playford and the Men at Modbury. Francie will be returning the form to the MBA on 27/1/25, so if you are interested put your name on the form on the notice board (under the Admin section).

Please be aware that there is a selection process undertaken by the MBA Prestige Medley selectors and you will be advised if you are selected.

Upcoming events – please put in your diaries

- Hawk Meals recommences on Thursday January 16. Meals from 5pm – 8.00pm
- Link Capital Tournament Saturday January 25. Internal tournament (2-4-2 pairs) book [here](#) No entry fee and there will be prizemoney.
- Harris Quiz Night Saturday February 15 – details to follow
- TerryWhite Cumberland Park Nighthawks Classic Sunday February 23 book [here](#)
- Samtass Seafoods Classic Sunday April 13 – \$160 per team. Get in early if you wish to play. Last year some of our players missed out! Book [here](#) (Samtass Seafoods have just agreed to sponsor the event – thanks Graeme and Barry)

Cornes Toyota Championship updates

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in the championship events so far! The B Grade and Two Bowl Singles events – there are still quite a lot of games to play here. Please ensure that you meet the deadlines, as the final Championship events will take place on Sunday, March 9. Good luck to all competitors, and happy bowling!

Facilities updates

- C Green has been completed, and Nigel marked the lines on Tuesday. You will notice that there are a couple ‘patches’ and we have decided to wait until next Wednesday to use the green.
- Shelters on A green – Mitcham Council have given the OK for A & S Charles roof plumbers to construct new shelters. They will be re-using some of the parts from the previous shelter alterations and should take a week. This is being completed earlier than we thought and when they are doing the construction we won’t be able to use A Green. Colin is working with the team.

Upcoming Tournaments

Club Holdfast – In the Jungle Ladies Two Bowl Triples

- Monday February 24 – 9.30am for 10am start
- Format – three games of 8 ends (players change positions for each game)
- Cost - \$75 per team includes morning tea, lunch and snack

To register phone Lesley 0417 005 578 or Jane 0404 559 340 or secretary@clubholdfast.com

Victor Harbor Bowling Club – Men’s Classic Fours

- Dress – Club Uniform
- Monday 3 March and Tuesday 4 March 2025
- Day one – starts at 9.30am
- Day two 9.00 am start
- Format: 2 x 18 ends each day
- Closing date 17 February 2025
- Cost \$100 per team per day- includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
- First 44 entries accepted
- \$4000 prizemoney

Uraidla Bowling Club – Ladies Gala Day Fours

- Dress – Club Uniform
- Monday 24 February 2025 – 9.30am for 10am start
- Format: 1 game of 4s x 13 ends and 1 game of 4s x 10 ends
- Closing date 14 February 2025
- Cost \$100 per team- includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
- Good prizes

To register contact Joanne Schapel 0403539540 or tschapel3@bigpond.com

Morphett Vale Bowling Club – Open Triples Gala Day

- Dress – Club Uniform
- Sunday March 16 – 9.30am for 10am start
- Format: 3 games of 9 ends and 1 game of 4s x 10 ends
- Cost \$75 per team - includes morning tea, lunch
- \$1000 prizemoney

To register contact Julie 0402 439 003 or Maxine 0413 134 400

To register contact Dennis Williams – Tournament Director 0413 006 307 da144will@gmail.com

Kangaroo Island Bowls Association – Annual 5-day Carnival April 23 – 27

- Wednesday 23 – Any comb fours
- Thursday 24 any comb Medley Fours
- Friday 25 – afternoon only ladies pairs
- Saturday 26 – Mens Pairs
- Sunday 27 – Mens and Ladies Fours
- Events played at Kingscote, Birchmore and Parndarna Clubs
- Start times 9.30am for 10am except Friday 11.30am for 12pm
- Closing date 31 March 2025
- Cost - \$25 per day includes lunch
- We are grateful to SEALINK for once again being major sponsor. Ring 131301 for 10% discount on passenger travel between 21st & 28th April 2025. Please quote KIBOWLS25 when booking. Conditions apply.

To register contact Judy Bell 0418 851 890 or Tracey Boxer 0429 850 352
boxerct@bordnet.com.au

Clare Bowling Club – Autumn Tournament

- Dress – Bowls attire
- Friday 28 March – Monday 31 9.00am for 9.30am start
- Day 1 - Open Fours, Day 2 – Open Pairs, Day 3 – Open Fours, Day 4 – Open Pairs
- 3 games per day – 13, 10 & 10 ends
- Cost \$30 per player- includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
- Entries close Friday March 21

To register contact Andy Wilkinson 0413 365 947 or wilkosemails@gmail.com