

Newsletter #19, January 2025

After three weeks of competition for our Wednesday and Thursday teams—and two weeks for our Saturday teams—our strong performance continues. Before Christmas, we had 11 teams in the top four, and we still have 11! Since there is no *Hawk Talk* this week, here's a quick recap of our teams' achievements:

Wednesday Teams:

- Only one winning team this week—congratulations to Div 4C!
- Despite this, Premier, Div 2 South, and Div 4C are all sitting at the top of the ladder, while Div 3 East holds second place.

Thursday Teams:

- Both Premier and Div 3 East secured victories.
- Premier is now in second place, Div 2 South in third, and Div 3 East remains on top.

Saturday Teams:

- Premier has climbed into the top four.
- Div 2 is currently third, Div 4 East holds the top spot, Div 5 East is in fourth, and Div 7C is sitting in second place.

A few important reminders

- Carpark Speed Limit – Please ensure you adhere to the 10kph speed limit. Players from Sturt Cricket Club have also been reminded and we are talking to Mitcham Council.
- Stay Updated – Need a reminder about upcoming dates? Don't forget to check the online calendar on our [website](#), for useful information.
- Samsung (Series 7) Smart TV for sale – 189 cm or 75-inch TV and wall bracket. This is the TV that was on the eastern wall – a bargain at \$100. If you are interested, please contact Bill Tonkin. He will deliver if you are a reasonable distance from Panorama!!

Returning sponsor - Jack High

Jack High, now under new ownership, has generously provided us with a brand-new set of Taylors Bowls, valued at \$740! This is your chance to become the proud owner of these top-quality bowls—place your bid if you're in need of a new set. Starting bid \$550 (you get to choose your size, weight and colour) A huge thank you to Barry and Marilyn for their efforts in bringing Jack High back on board with our club. Be sure to check out the flyer at the club for more details. Happy bidding!

Upcoming events – please put in your diaries

- Link Capital Tournament tomorrow Saturday January 25. Over 40 players will be playing – all the best to the organising team – Barry and Bill
- Harris Quiz Night Saturday February 15, \$15 per person, tables of 8, bring your own supper – book [here](#)
- 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](#)

Player news

- Welcome to Matt Dean who joins us from the UK! For those of you who don't know he is Bill Pitsadiotis' son-in-law.
- Congratulations to the following players who have all received eight badges playing on Saturday January 18 and the strange thing is that they both received an eight at exactly the same time! Ian King, Alex Comey, Darren Siegertsz and Michael Lodge and Darren Niblett's rink – Ron Zanker, Tony Northcott and Brett Willcox
- Bowls SA State Pairs – we have 22 players who will be playing in the rescheduled event on Sunday Feb 16. We wish the following players all the very best – Kerry Coggins & Christine Keller, Teresa Hanel & Marilyn Gerlach, Grace Zhu & Sue Coultas, Judy Lukas & Trish Cain, Anne Onto & K. Kirchner (Payneham), Brett Wilcox & Darren Niblett, Tristan Baldy & Dave

Waters, Grant Fisher & Ron Zanker, Colin Watkins & Lachie Bowman, Alex Comey & Michale Lodge, Grant & Darren Siegertsz, Brenton Roberts & C.Boxer (Marion)

Advance notice for the next three weeks for Friday afternoon practice.

The session on **7 February from 4.00 - 4.30 will focus on building a head and using bowls for the best result for your rink.** This session will cater for all divisions and anyone who is interested in learning more about the game. I would particularly encourage our more inexperienced bowlers to come and learn from our senior players. Col Watkins with helpers will lead the group and the focus will be to work in small groups and give everyone the opportunity to practice on the green and to get feedback.

The practice session on **14 February will be led by Bernie Manser.** Bernie has extensive experience and has agreed to share his thoughts on the game and the importance of being "aware" on the green.

The third session **21 February will be on using or taking up a bowling arm.** This session is for those who are using or are starting to think they should/could use an arm. Bernie Manser and Cosimo Cavaiuolo have volunteered to assist you in playing a better game with the arm or to discuss the benefits of using the arm.

At the conclusion of these special sessions it will be our usual rink practice to finish. Thank you to club members for helping here.

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)

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. Shane Newton is organising the umpires and markers, Chris Mills will be the manager for both days and Marilyn has the catering team under control. If you would like to help, then please contact these people – they will be grateful for your assistance.

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.

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! Looking at the board there are quite a few games being played over the next few days – thank you. Don't forget you can check the draw on the website.

Facilities updates

- 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.
- You will notice the old special honour board has been shifted to the eastern end of the clubhouse and the new one has been put near the TV. Thank you to Alan Portlock for doing the painting work and to Graeme Alder for organising the boards.

Upcoming Tournaments

Victor Harbor Bowling Club –Ladies Pink Day Fours

- Wednesday February 26 –9.30am start
- Format – two games of 12 ends – rotating fours
- Cost - \$100 per team includes morning tea, lunch (wine included) and afternoon tea
- Entries close Friday 14 February

To register phone Karen Shelton 0432 620 109 or Jill Horner 0488 648 885
victorbc@victorbowls.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

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

Happy Valley Bowling Club – Mixed Pairs – Triple Treat

- Dress – Club Uniform
- Monday 10 March 2025 – 9.30am for 10am start (**change of date**)
- Format: game 1 2-2-2-2 (12 ends), game 2 2-4-2 (10 ends), game 3 3 bowls (10 ends)
- Closing date 28 February 2025
- Cost \$30 per person- includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea

To register contact Graeme Baum 0421 043 240
graememarybaum@bigpond.com

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

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