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FROM YOUR EDITORS

Welcome



As this is our last edition for 2023, Denise and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a joyous and happy Christmas, We both hope that 2024 will again be a great year for the Sorrento Bowling Club. As the joyous season approaches, we are delighted to bring you the latest edition of our news magazine. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the remarkable spirit and camaraderie that exists in our Club.

Through ups and downs, we have remained united, and our passion has continued to shine brightly. We have seen new friendships form, skills honed, and unforgettable moments shared on our pristine greens. Well done all! We hope that you continue to enjoy our quarterly magazines. Remember – feed back is welcome!

Some more "Did you Hear" and "Did you Know"

Did you hear that, when they weren't admiring the Gold Coast's amazing sunrise or directing and marking for disabled bowlers, seven of Sorrento's most intrepid and fearless bowlers, together with over 3000 bowlers from around the World, took part in sectional play for the following events? Some progressed from the sectional play to the knock-out rounds:

1. Anne Sauerwein – singles, fours (knock-out round 1), Over 60s pairs
2. Lee Leach – singles, fours (knock-outs round 1), Over 60s pairs (knock-outs round 1)
3. Wendy Flack – singles (knock-out round 2), pairs, fours (knock-out round 1)
4. Bruce Eagles – singles, pairs (knock-out round 1), fours
5. JJ Landman – singles, pairs, fours
6. Matt Sharrett – singles, pairs (knock-out round 1), fours
7. Peter Flack – fours, Over 60s pairs (knock-out round 1)

MEMBERS IN ACTION AT THE 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



Wendy, Bruce and Matt directing and marking for disabled bowlers who were not only fine bowlers but an inspiration to us all



Fierce competitor Mattie and loyal fan Anne at Tugun BC'

Peter and Wendy looking thirsty with only one glass of wine!



Lee putting down one of her beautiful draw bowls



Anne Sauerwein showing her skill and versatility



Matt, JJ and Bruce at Perth Airport before heading to the Gold Coast

Anne tells us the highlight of her two weeks was the battle against last year's Pairs winners and then overcoming nerves in an epic Singles match which was 19-19 on the last end when it was getting dark and an umpire measuring. Overall, an awesome experience. Lee's memorable moment was getting a clear sectional win in the Women's over 60's Pairs and then in the knock-out rounds which she lost in the last end by two shots. Wendy's highlight was playing singles alongside the Australian Jackaroos. Bruce enjoyed helping and marking for the disabled bowlers. JJ was a marker for in the Multi Disability Open Men's Singles event and he tells us just being able to participate in the Australian Open was his memorable moment. Matt tells us that directing and marking visually impaired bowlers was his most rewarding experience. Peter loved the grass greens, beautiful weather and the challenge of playing an unknown opposition. Some great bowls played by our seven representatives. Congratulations to all.



Did you know that earlier this year Bruce Eagles attended a "Training Course for Bowls Coaches" run by Karen Murphy. Karen is unquestionably one of the most decorated and recognisable bowlers to have ever graced the greens, having enjoyed a scintillating 22 year long career competing at the sport's highest level. Bruce tells us that the course was very informative and well worth attending

Did you know that at Dani Fleiser's (Barney's daughter) graduation ceremony, where she graduated as a nurse, a detective from the Australian Police talked of a situation he responded to, where Dani was attending to a young lady, a total stranger, in a serious condition. The detective did some detective work and tracked Dani down and to let everyone know of how impressed he was with Dani's quick response that he presented her with a "Certificate of



BOWLERS IN ACTION



Bruce Eagles, Jan Konig, Matt Sharrett and JJ Landman after winning the annual Geraldton Bowling Club carnival

Luckily we only have maggies and cockies at Sorrento unlike the Maleny Bowls Club in Queensland



ABBA and Jim enjoying their time in Broome

Jodie playing like a star. She got three touchers with the shot bowl near the ditch and helped pick up six shots at Stirling's 2-4-2



Some colourful bowls to help you play better whilst you smell the roses



Recognition" at her graduation ceremony.

Did you know that it took Shona Carter 43 years to become an Australian citizen? According to Google, if you apply for Australian citizenship 90% of applications are processed within 11 months. No one knows why it took so long for Shona's application to get approval! Apparently you only need to:



- Be over 18 years old when applying
- Be a permanent resident who satisfies residence requirements
- Understand the application form and have basic English language skills
- Have adequate knowledge of Australia and the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship
- Be likely to reside, or continue to reside, in Australia, and
- Be a person of good character.

Did you hear that one Wednesday afternoon was a day to remember.

- First we had Harold having a malfunction with his trousers. These were falling apart and he had to use bulldog clips to hold them together before his wife did a quick delivery of a new pair of trousers. Thank you Mrs Jahn. This was much appreciated.
- Then we were all finishing with a very well deserved drink, Lorraine was asking everyone if they had seen an envelope with the word winners on the outside with \$100 inside. Thank you to Liz McTaggart who saw the envelope sticking out of Lorraine's back pocket and the crisis was diverted and we were able to stop looking. Thanks to Shona for this contribution.

Did you hear that Barry Stewart bowled the "Bowl of the Match" with an apple in his other hand and still chewing from his previous bite? Perhaps next time he could put the apple on his head like William Tell's son!

Did you hear about the bride who was being escorted down the aisle and

when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his bowls bag at his side. She said: "What are your bowls doing here?" He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

Did you know that retirees, according to a recent survey, can achieve retirement contentment by:

1. Becoming a grandparent
2. Taking a dream holiday
3. Discovering a new or renewed purpose in life
4. Beginning a new romantic relationship
5. Making new friends
6. Receiving an inheritance or other financial gift or winning the lotto!
7. Playing lawn bowls

Did you hear 36 members attended a lunch at the Kingsley Tavern for John Jackson's 90th birthday. The lunch and lovely birthday cake were organised by Frank Gandras.

Did you know that only "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" go out in the midday sun but in this case the midday rain. Des Russell and Penny Hynam were the only two brave enough to stay out and tackle the inclement weather when a Wednesday 2-4-2 was cancelled? Well done – I think!

Did you know that Shelley feels bad for parents nowadays? They have to explain the birds and the bees. The bees and the bees. The birds and the birds. The birds that used to be bees. The bees that used to be birds. The birds that look like bees and the bees that look like birds but still have a stinger.

Did you hear about an old man who went to a Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard said "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you". The old man said without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife".

(Any complaints about this story to be referred to Barry Stewart who submitted this for publication!)

Did you know that there are five rules to remember in life:

1. Money cannot buy happiness but its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy but remember the bastards name.
3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they're in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive today only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.

Did you hear a champion bowler showed off his impressive tackling skills on the greens at the World Championships on the Gold Coast. New Zealand star Andrew Kelly was in the middle of his quarter-final match when an alleged teenage offender halted the contest as he looked to flee from police on foot. Kelly was having none of it, tackling the youngster in front of shocked spectators at Broadbeach before police quickly arrived on the scene, with officers later alleging the teen had two knives in his bag.

Did you know that one Wednesday afternoon we had four "Kens" on one rink? We had Ken Doherty (aka Paul), Ken Leach, Ken Foggo and Ken Hollick. When someone called our "Good shot Ken" they all smiled!

Did you know that it takes 140 litres of water to produce a 125ml cup of coffee; 7,500 litres of water is required to grow the cotton to manufacture one pair of jeans; and 15,420 litres of water is used to produce 1kg of beef. In the Congo, Ethiopia and Somalia over 50% of the population does not have access to potable water. In Perth we pay \$2.50 to have 1000 litres of clean drinking water delivered to the tap i.e. 0.25 of a cent for a litre of water delivered to the point of use.

Did you know that there are perils in living close to our Club? Ian Lucas was called out early one morning to dismantle a lock that was preventing Chris Lander from getting his cleaning equipment and then a few days later another call out to open the safe to extract medals urgently needed for the Nationals – when duty calls you can rely on Ian!

MEMBERS IN ACTION



Fred Rose, Adrian's father celebrated his 90th birthday with Adrian, his sister Debbie, his Mom Maisie and 25 friends and family. Fred has been bowling for 31 years!



Congratulations to Barney Gary Matt and Jan who finished third in the St Ives Cup at Cambridge. They just missed second prize by two points



Congratulation to Bob and Shelley and Ross and Trish who won the Kardinya Spring Mixed Fours



Well done to Kerry and Wendy and their teammates who won 3rd prize and an "8 badge" in the 2023 Denison Star Coast Classic



Congratulations to Jim and Robyn Woodward and their two friends who finished top of their section in the prestigious Shinju Matsuri bowls tournament in Broome

Did you know that the Hamersley Golf Club is being renovated and every Sunday morning around 30 golfers take the short drive down the fairway, hook right and then slice left to get to the Sorrento Bowling Club. Here they get into the swing of things and sink a few down the old cake hole. Maître d' of this fine nineteenth hole establishment is none other than our Ron Taylor who commits his Sunday mornings for this noble cause.

You didn't ask us but.....

To be born you needed 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 second great-grandparents, 32 third great-grandparents, 64 fourth great-grandparents, 128 fifth great-grandparents, 256 sixth great-grandparents, 512 seventh great-grandparents, 1024 eighth great-grandparents and 2048 ninth great-grandparents! For you to be born today from 12 previous generations you needed a total of 4094 ancestors over the last 400 years. Think for a moment how many struggles, battles, difficulties they had to overcome! Think about how much sadness, happiness, love stories and how many expressions of hope for the future your ancestors had to undergo for you to exist in this present moment. You are the dream of many ancestors. Thanks to Denis Croker for this interesting and useful information.

Thanks to the following who continue to help your Editor with content, editing and proofing: Jim Woodward, Brian Lucas, Wendy Flack, Dan Greig, Shirley Palmer, ChatGPT, Denis Croker, Moira Dean, Stan Brickell, Mike Hodge, Trevor Orton, Gerald Hanna, Di McGivern, Shelley Jeffs, Ian and Chloe Lucas, Adrian Rose, Ian Johnson, Ron and Kerry Hutchinson, Shona Carter, Peter McIntosh, Lesley Hughes, Mike Berecry, Derek Boardman, Barry Stewart and Glenn McCarthy.

Oh! And one more thing.....

For those who enjoy a delicious cup of coffee at the Club, did you know that our Darts club contributed \$6000 towards its purchase? Last year the Dart club also contributed \$1500 towards the cost of replacing the shade sails on A green and previously the purchase of TVs, kitchen equipment and much more.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN BORED TO DEATH?

Have you ever been in a conversation that goes something like this?

- "I was in Canada last year and met this American guy in a bar. What was his name? John – that's it. I remember his last name sounded like a vacuum cleaner – Hoover? No that's not it – It will come to me – Dyson, no, what was it?"
- What about the conversation about a person's spectacular achievements? "I played Pennants last week. My team was struggling and, quite frankly I was the only player keeping us in it. On the last end we were three shots down. There was a shot on for my last bowl, but it was an enormously difficult one. Well, without blowing my own trumpet, I pulled it off. Talk about a great shot for us to win the game by one."
- You've just explained that while on holidays you climbed Mount Buller in Victoria – only to receive the following response as you're ending your sentence. "Yea, well while I was holidaying in Tibet I climbed Mount Everest, dressed only in a tee-shirt, shorts and wearing thongs." Who cares anyway?

When we produce our quarterly news magazine, we often ask ourselves the question "Who Cares?" when deciding what to publish and what might be of interest to our readers. Often an individual will care about their last win or the quality of their breakfast toast but no one else will care! However, we need to keep in mind that what someone finds interesting, or cares about can vary greatly from person to person.

These are just a few examples of mundane or personal topics that people raise but which might not capture the interest or the attention of others:

- √ "I had toast for breakfast this morning." Don't bore us. Just put it on Facebook.
- √ Why do people talk about millilitres (ml) of rain when it should be millimetres (mm)? In the old language it was inches of rain and that

means millimetres is correct!

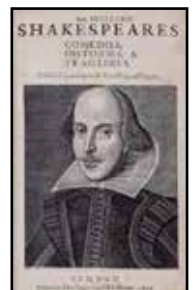
- √ "I beat a First Division Pennant player last Tuesday afternoon in a roll up. Or was it on Wednesday? I can't remember."
- √ "Did you know I was able to watch my colonoscopy on the TV as they had not given me enough anaesthetic or a remote for me to change the channel?"
- √ "Why am I with the same Skipper as last week? He was useless."
- √ "I don't like playing on slow or fast greens and I hate synthetics."
- √ "I watched a really interesting documentary about ants."
- √ "My fiancée and I requested twin beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. Now we must get married."
- √ "I'm confused about how to pronounce "Maroon". Is it [MUH] + [ROON] or [MA] + [ROAN]?"

Editor's Note:

Maybe we should be discussing more important issues such as "Climate Change", the difference between misinformation and disinformation, the difference between uninterested and disinterested, the war in Israel/Ukraine, Green Hydrogen or how to become a Vegan! My ex brother-in-law refused to eat anything that came from inside an animal e.g. liver or kidneys but was happy to eat eggs until I explained to him that these also come from the inside of an animal and are known in Australia as "Bum Nuts".

SHAKESPEARE'S HOMAGE TO THREE LADIES

In the vast tapestry of our annals, there do emerge certain souls, luminous beacons of unswerving ardour and fervour. Pray, indulge me as I beseech your attention to bestow praise upon three fair ladies, whose devotion to Sorrento hath shone bright, as the steadfast North Star through many a passing year.



Anne Lilley: A Legacy, Woven by Devotion

In 2007, Anne, a luminary bowler, left North Beach's embrace to grace our precincts. Her legacy, both on Sorrento's verdant expanse and in the hallowed chambers, echoes like the melody of ancient minstrels. Anointed as Ladies' Captain in the era of 2011 to 2013, her ardour extended its reach to manifold councils, even to serving for eight years on the Bowls WA Bowls Management Committee where her name was inscribed in accolades for unceasing devotion, fidelity and loyalty. A bowler of august prowess, she ascended the zenith of our topmost cadre, a sight to behold, leaving all awestruck. Though the tapestry of her Pennant's chapter draws to a close, her spirit doth radiate, envisioning the embrace of social bowls, joined by her spouse. The greens shall lament her absence, a testament to her skill and undying camaraderie. Anne's legacy, a testimonial etched in devotion, shall forever resonate, even as her footprints grace the sands of memory.

Lorraine and Carmel Hyde: Two Indelible Pillars of Assistance

In 2007, in the storied annals of Sorrento, where many do contribute, two eminences rise above like twin beacons – Carmel and Lorraine, their names are whispered in reverence. Carmel, a Lead of pre-eminent repute, not only led for her team with valour but also did shepherd aspiring Leads with tutelage. Even in her convalescence, she adorned the green's bank, resplendent as the sun, offering succour and cheer to players. Lorraine, as Skip, possessed a spirit of unwavering determination, as unyielding as an oak's embrace. Her brilliant scoring bowls, akin to fate's intervention, rescued her team in moments of dire need. Through vicissitudes, her support for her comrades remained steadfast, a testament to her allegiance. Though the lamentable sale of Lorraine's bowls doth wring the heart, we yet harbour hope that the siren call of the greens may sway her return. Both ladies, as stalwart as fortress walls, were ever-present for Gala Days and feasts, conjuring platters of scones and delicacies that rival the feasts of Olympus. Their tutelage hath nurtured novices, their presence a bastion of support. Verily, they profess their continued allegiance to Sorrento, a beacon of aid that shall illumine their endeavours, whenever the clarion call resounds.

– With thanks to William Shakespeare and Others

DASH FOR CASH – JULY AND AUGUST 2023



July winners were
R Butler, A Bloxham,
A Walton and someone
called Jeeves
Runners up: P Augustson,
P Morgan, G McCarthy,
B Jeffs. 3rd M Sharrett, B
Nairn, J Landman, B Fleiser

Our "Soup Ladies" who
once again provided a
selection of delicious soups.

From left to right:
Wendy, Charmain, Jan,
Liz, Kaye, and Coral



August winners were
C Packer, G Hinge, D
Downing, B Saul
Runners up: B Eagles, M
Hulbert, P Bradshaw, B
Bradshaw. 3rd P Flack,
M Sharrett, E Emory, B
Fleiser



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WHAT UPSETS/STRESSES/ OR ANNOYS BOWLERS?

Neville Odell and yours truly were recently indulging in a riveting discussion – the kind where you've got your thinking caps on and a cold beer to hand for maximum brainstorming potential. We were pondering the myriad ways that can turn a perfectly peaceful lawn bowling session into a melodrama worthy of its own soap opera. And yes, you guessed it right – we're talking about the things that make our beloved bowlers go from chipper to churlish faster than you can say "jack."

So, picture this: the sun is shining, the greens are calling, and there's a peculiar mixture of excitement and anticipation in the air. But oh, let's not forget, there's also a pinch of annoyance and a dash of disgruntlement lurking about. And guess what? These aren't just figments of our imagination – they're the peculiar quirks that can turn a calm bowler into a bundle of befuddled emotions.



Take, for instance, the “**Selection Saga**”. Bowlers harbouring dreams of 2nd Division glory, only to find themselves in the 4th Division as they get a reality check. It's like believing you're auditioning for a leading role and ending up in the chorus line with

a tambourine. Oh, the Selectors! They've been watching, assessing, and quietly chuckling at the difference between perception and reality.



And then there's the “**Time Tortoise**”. Yes, the player who treats each decision like a life-altering choice and each shot like a philosophical exploration. By the time they've decided which bowl to play, you've aged a decade and gained a few grey hairs. One bowler was heard to say "I don't mean to brag, but I think I can hear the grass growing on this

green!" But fear not! Trevor Orton, the legendary swift bowler, finishes his games before anyone else so talk to him!

And what about “**The Format Whinger**”? Should it be 2-4-2, or 2-2-2 or 3 Bowl pairs? Why aren't the teams balanced? Drawing pop-sticks is much better! Should it be a handicap event? How many bowls to bowl in a day? Why am I always with the same people? Why are there three 1st Division players in the same team? These all cause some bowlers to get upset when the decision is not to their liking.



Now, what's a lawn bowling chat without discussing an ever-so-vexing so-called “**Slow Greens**”? Those times when the heavens decide to shower us with more affection than we'd like – resulting in greens that move slower than a tortoise wearing gumboots. Sure, we're blessed with the finest grass greens in the land, but hey, even a Rolls-Royce needs a bit of a push sometimes.

And let's not forget “**Short Bowls**”. Skippers everywhere curse the heavens when their view of the jack is blocked by “The Great Wall of China”. And yes, some might claim their "shorties" were intentional “Robbos” but this is usually met with eye rolls and derision. It was interesting to hear a Skipper complain about "A Great Wall of Robbos" when five short bowls prevented him from driving!



But wait, there's more! “**The Bowler of the Wrong Bias**” – an enigma wrapped in a riddle that can send the entire strategy spiralling into chaos. A wrong bias at a critical juncture? It's like adding a plot twist to a mystery novel when the detective suddenly forgets their own name.

Oh, and “**Etiquette**” – that unspoken code that holds our sport together! "A hushed silence" before a bowl, a reverence for the mat, and no breathing,

blinking, coughing, burping, winking or, heaven forbid, passing wind while someone is preparing to bowl. Do not vellicate! *Editor's Note:* Vellicating is when you touch a body part lightly so as to excite the surface nerves and cause uneasiness, laughter or spasmodic movements and this could cause you to twitch or move convulsively. Always remember bowlers don't like others **"Talking/Moving"** whilst they are about to bowl.

"Extreme weather"? Well, that's like the universe's way of adding a dash of irony to the game. Rain, wind, snow, lightening – oh, the choices! It's like Mother Nature is auditioning for her own spot in the league.



And the pièce de résistance – the **"Unforgettable Victory Dances"**. Imagine a bowler, victorious, channelling their inner disco diva, break dancer extraordinaire, and interpretive artist all at once as they run up and down the green. This is guaranteed to upset the other players.

Let us not forget, dear bowlers, the key ingredient: **"Courtesy"**. Failing to acknowledge a splendid shot or appreciate a well-fought game is like serving cake without frosting – it's just not cricket, or in this case, bowling. And as for "Whinging" – well, we've all got our gripes. But grumbling about beer prices or prize money allocations, without offering a hand to help, is like asking for a cake recipe without knowing how to crack an egg.



In the end, it's a reminder to cherish what we have. The sunshine on our backs, the camaraderie, and the cold beer. So, let's raise our glasses to the quirks, the banter, the laughter, and the camaraderie that make bowling the unforgettable adventure it is.

Life is like a mirror – people will respond to you the way you present yourself. Remember grumpy begets grumpy, happy begets happy.

– Gerald Hanna

BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW ...

- √ The liquid inside young coconuts is used as a substitute for blood plasma.
 - √ No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times.
 - √ Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.
 - √ You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
 - √ Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age.
 - √ The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache.
 - √ American Airlines saved \$40,000 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-Class.
 - √ Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
 - √ Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
 - √ Walt Disney was afraid of MICE!
 - √ A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
 - √ Turtles can breathe through their butts.
 - √ Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.
- Remember, knowledge is everything, Now go and move your toothbrush!

SORRENTO'S LAUGHING KOOKABURRAS

Kookaburras are the world's largest Kingfishers. Adorned in rich hues of brown and white, this bird showcases a prodigious bill seemingly tailor-made for its hobby of commandeering succulent steaks and sizzling snags from our barbecues. Remarkably intelligent, these birds exhibit the capacity to not only distinguish human faces and



voices but also possess a captivating personality and an endearing charm.

The distinctive chortle of the Kookaburra resonates as an iconic sound resembling boisterous human merriment, it intermingles a medley of chortles, chuckles, and hoots. Some have endeavoured to translate this laughter into words, yielding interpretations such as “koo-koo-koo-ka-ka-ka,” "kuk-kuk-kuk-kuh-kuh-kuh," or "kak-kak-kak-akk-akk-akk-wrong-bias." This unique vocalization is believed to herald impending rain, offering invaluable insights to our Match Committee's match scheduling—having the last laugh on the Bureau of Meteorology.

Beyond mere communication, their resonant calls serve as a tool for territorial defence. Establishing presence and boundaries, Kookaburras adeptly integrate their laughter-like calls into this role. Thriving amidst human presence, they even find mirth in spotting a wrong bias or powerful drives that miss their mark and crash into the ditch.

In winter, these audacious creatures, under Colin Campbell's observation, embark on migrations to warmer havens in search of abundant sustenance and water. While the official explanation might relate to climatic preferences, some humorously suggest their journeys are prompted by the frustration of observing some of our lacklustre bowlers. However, driven by loyalty, they unfailingly return for more funny sights!

A remarkable feature is their innate synchronization with natural rhythms, predicting sunrise and sunset with uncanny precision. Revered as the "Bowler's Alarm Clock," their daybreak calls coincide with the start of the day, rousing bowlers from their slumber and energizing them for their tasks ahead.

Displaying sexual dimorphism, male and female Kookaburras exhibit distinct appearances. Renowned for forging monogamous bonds, these pairs endure a lifetime together, collaborating to nurture their offspring and safeguard their domain.

In Australian folklore, the Kookaburra's call is often regarded as an omen of prosperity and good fortune. Could we perhaps harness their laughter as a disruptive tactic during crucial stages of next season's Pennant games, unsettling opponents and swaying the tide in our favour? And to conclude, a modest verse dedicated to our feathered friends!

*Kookaburras are the kings of the bush
They laugh and sing from dawn to dusk
They have a beak that's strong and sharp
They catch their prey with skill and art
Kookaburras are the friends of the people
They perch on fences, roofs and steeples
They have a voice that's loud and clear
They cheer us up with their joyful cheer
Kookaburras are the stars of the show
They put on a performance wherever they go
They have a personality that's bold and bright
They make us smile with their delight*



Paul Ramsey tells us that it is not recommended that you lie on your back and feed mince meat to kookaburras as they can turn nasty and attack your face! Editor's Note: Thanks to Ros Lander for her beautiful photo of one of our kookaburras.

– Neville Odell

THE DECLINE OF LAWN BOWLS IN WA



In 2018, Neville Friedman penned a thought-provoking article on the future of lawn bowls in WA. Your Editor found this on the Bowls360 website and Neville has graciously allowed us to use excerpts from his insights.

Here's a condensed version of his article which included several of his valuable and interesting suggestions:

Challenges

- The vintage image of lawn bowls has deterred youth participation, as it is often seen as a sport exclusively for the elderly.
- Many bowling clubs in WA face financial difficulties due to diminishing memberships and a lack of revenue streams.
- We do not have the income streams from pokies enjoyed in the Eastern states and therefore cannot provide financial incentives for younger bowlers.
- We stream very little of bowls games compared to the Eastern States. Editor's Note: It was great to see so many events live streamed in the 2023 Australian Nationals.
- The current Pennant format, with eight players in a game, each armed with two bowls over 21 ends, results in minimal active participation. Players spend roughly 5% of the three-hour game bowling their 42 bowls, leaving most of the time for idle waiting. This does not suit younger players who want more involvement and exercise. 84 bowls are better than 42!
- The process of selecting players for teams often lacks trust and respect, leading to conflicts and dissatisfaction among bowlers.

Proposed Solutions

In his opinion we need to:

- Introduce fresh formats like singles, pairs, and triples to increase active participation and excitement. Changing to 2/4/2 or 2/2/2/2 games will encourage younger players as they will be involved through the game.
- Introduce "A Bowls League" with standardised competition, including three sets of 11 ends and a sudden-death shoot-out for ties and incorporate formats like "Power-Play" and "Jack Attack" to maintain interest.
- Introduce seasonal variety we need to divide the year into quarters, each hosting a distinct format based on the "excitement test" to uphold rigour, speed, and entertainment value.
- Make sure that team selection is based on formalised trials and player-involved position allocations to mitigate disputes and introduce "Player-initiated teams" to foster camaraderie and shared preferences.
- Make sure bowling clubs have a modern identity by replacing "Bowls

Club" with more appealing terms like "Recreation and Entertainment Centre". We need to revamp venues to create a bright and open atmosphere, offering quality refreshments and diverse entertainment options.

- To embrace technological advancements by replacing traditional wooden honour boards with interactive, computer-driven screens to rejuvenate wall space and modernize venues.

Conclusion

Neville Friedman's insights offer a path for WA's bowling community to revitalise our sport. From innovative competitions to modernised venues, his recommendations hold promise for breathing new life into lawn bowls. For further discussion and correspondence, Neville can be reached at nfriedman@outlook.com.au.

JIM WOODWARD CONTINUES HIS SERIES ON "NEWISH" MEMBERS

Peter McHugh Close to Being an Ace in Bowls



A serious ankle injury was the catalyst for Peter, pictured alongside with his lovely wife Penny, making the short journey from the Sorrento Tennis Club to the Sorrento Bowling Club. But now for Peter, a little more than a year later, it's been a walk well worth making.

Peter, who says three score years and ten is rapidly approaching, has become an important member of our Club after swapping his tennis racquet for a set of bowls. "I absolutely smashed my ankle which meant I could no longer run around and pivot," he said. "I was running out of options." But with the more-gentle requirement of delivering a bowl, Peter is making good progress despite appearing to undersell himself. "I came into this game with zero skills and, in my opinion, have gone from abysmal to very ordinary," he insists.

Nevertheless, Peter last season earned his stripes in division four Blue

on Thursdays and Saturdays under a variety of skippers including Alan Gallagher, Roland Hill and Brian Staples. “I used to be a social member at Sorrento and used to turn up for a drink about once a year,” Peter said. “Now I’m a full member I am enjoying the experience although it does amuse me a little that at times on the green people get uptight and seem to be playing for sheep stations,” he said.

Born in Goulburn, west of Sydney, advanced his education to the stage where he was admitted to the Bar, although he never practiced as a Barrister. Moving to WA in 1987, Peter went on to become Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the WA Parliament. Now retired, and with his vast legal experience, Peter has become a valuable member of Sorrento’s diverse community.

Early Lessons Whet Clare’s Appetite



A once every 12-months roll-up with her father for 35 years laid the basic foundation for Clare Deeves to become a new member of the Sorrento Bowling Club.

Born in Sydney, Clare was introduced to bowling at the age of 12 by her father, who was a member of the Five Dock Club in the inner Western Suburbs. But on one occasion, Clare got to play in three games on the one day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. During this time, Clare worked for the Australian Bureau of Statistics with stints in Sydney and Darwin. However, it would be another 17 years, after Clare moved to Perth, that she decided to renew her contact with the sport.

That was in January this year when Clare had the urge to bowl again. “I live at Craigie and Googled around to see what clubs in my area had to offer,” Clare recalled. “Sorrento appealed for two reasons. Firstly, it was one of the closest and also it had social bowls on the days I didn’t work.” Fortunately, Clare can now juggle bowls into gaps between the two jobs she currently holds an Assistant Ministership at the Kallaroo Anglican Church and is a lecturer in Church History at the Trinity Theological College. And juggling is something Clare is very good at because she has now told

selectors she is available for Saturday Pennants. Anyone who has so far played with or against Clare knows that decision is going to be of great benefit to our Club.

– Jim Woodward

GLIDES, SLIDES AND WIDES

What really upsets the opposition is when you deliver your bowl, hopelessly too wide or narrow and it hits a side or short bowl, gently or firmly, and catapults into the head to take the shot. Bowlers love these deflections as they often end up nestling up to the jack almost in an embrace. These shots will cheer, delight, enchant and gladden your team when you play them.

Until a bowl finally comes to rest, the frenzied antics of the Skipper convey his acute anxiety. Pure chance may reverse the score completely, as these accidental deflections can have devastating results. Grown men will cry when from four up they are suddenly two down.

David Bryant and Tony Alcock, in their book “Bowl to Win”, describe a wick as being “Like a cannon shot in snooker i.e. a deflection off another bowl”. They point out that whether the shot was played deliberately played, or accepted merely as a fluke, it can magically transform the position. Some bowlers call these shots wicks or “wicky wicks”. Other bowlers talk about a kiss or a scratch when the bowl lightly caresses another bowl and a ricochet when a bowl rebounds from another bowl.

A feather or a tickle is used when the touch is very light or delicate. A glide is when your bowl does the damage but refer to it as a “lucky wick” when it happens to the opposition. An “inside glide” is particularly useful. A slide makes the bowl go sideways and a bounce gives the bowl a springy rebound.

A rub, a glance or a jag is when the bowl breaks in an uneven manner whilst a ride is when the bowl sits heavily upon another bowl as it passes by. A straightener is particularly useful. A straightener is something you get when

your bowl hits a wayward bowl resulting in a swift oblique movement.

Remember if you play 1st Division there is no such thing as a wick. It is usually known as a "nominated glide".

– Extract from our book "A Tad More Grass"

A HEAD SCRATCHER TO KICK-START YOUR BRAIN!

Keeep that brain working; try to figure this one out. See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

**1. Banana, 2. Dresser, 3. Grammar,
4. Potato, 5. Revive 6. Uneven, 7. Assess**

Give it another try. Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so cool. No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters. The answer is on page 59.

OUR NEW "AGONY AUNTY" COLUMN



Dear "Aunty Jack,"

I'm facing criticism as a new Skipper. My team doesn't seem to take me seriously or listen to me since my promotion to this prestigious position. Please help me improve as I would like to become a Skipper in the Australian Jackaroos!

– A worried and concerned Skipper

Dear Skipper in Training,

Sadly, Aunty Jack has never played lawn bowls but as a “Woman of the World” and with help from my good friend and star Yokine bowler, Neville Friedman, I am able to offer advice. Navigating Skipper responsibilities can constitute a tough day at work but equally can be a very rewarding experience. Being a Skipper is much more than being able to play good bowls. It’s being able to effectively interact with your

team to achieve both personal and team outcomes – in other words inspired leadership. Here's are some quick tips:

Always face your team and be prepared to praise them. Not only should you appear to be enthralled in the game, but you should actually be completely absorbed and indeed enthralled.

- Decide the ideal length you require before the jack is rolled.
- Have a game plan that has been previously discussed with your team. Get your team thinking and focussing on the game before the first bowl is dispatched.
- Control the mat and jack length once play begins. Stay focussed on the game plan.
- Stand at 45 degrees behind the head or use your foot to guide where you want the bowl to finish.
- Offer distance advice neutrally or positively, avoiding help for opponents.
- Praise and encourage your team and avoid negativity. Help put your teammates in a state of mind that will support a good game.
- Always give clear, positive instructions. Think ahead, anticipate, plan, and play to the strengths of your players.
- Keep praising. Continuously support and motivate your team.
- Don't become known as a pettifogging and cavilling Skipper (dictionary not included).
- Don't become a commentator, describing what the bowls could, should or would do. Surprisingly, your players can see quite clearly what the bowl is doing.

Finally, don't be known as a Grumpy Skipper. There are thirty-one pairs of Saturday pennant division eyes watching how you are conducting yourself, with opposition players hoping to see you show despair and frustration and your players hoping to see inspiration, confidence, and positivity.

Aunty is sure that with dedication, you'll excel as a Skipper.

– Yours sincerely your Agony Aunt Jack for "Bowler Dilemmas"

"THE BROWNLOW" BECOMES "THE SELFIE"



At our last season's 23rd annual Brownlow presentation, as a special tribute to Brian Self, the players renamed "The Brownlow Trophy" as "The Brian Self Perpetual Trophy". This was in recognition of the great man himself, who sadly passed away last year. The renaming of the trophy was not only to recognise Selfie's contributions to our Club and our Pennant teams, but to embody his qualities of strength, humour, tenacity, determination and his never-give-up attitude.

For those who may not be aware, the Brownlow trophy and its presentation are conducted by bowlers who have played in our Saturday Premier Men's team. This annual award is totally funded from player fines demanded on game days by the unforgiving, merciless, and relentless Sheriff of Nottingham NZ, Ross Cunningham. Unsuspecting players are fined heavily for committing atrocities such as a wrong bias, being late for the bus, excessive coughing or sometimes for just simply inhaling and exhaling.

The rules for this annual award require all players who play during the year to cast their votes for their three rink teammates. Votes are aggregated, with the best performing players over the year identified. This event provides great fun and team bonding but also suspense. Votes are not awarded lightly, and the coveted trophy is highly valued by all players.

Last season's presentation included some thought-provoking discussion about how to ensure the longevity and competitiveness of what is, as the West Coast Eagles have found out, an aging Premier squad. It was agreed that one key ingredient was to strengthen the Premier team through increased development, experience, better recruitment and training, throughout the entire Club. Last season Rhett Butler won his second successive title with a score of 359. Second was Murray Hulbert with a great performance of 345.

– Peter Flack

MEMBERS IN ACTION – CONTINUED



Our annual "Cancer Fund Raising Day" was a great success with 38 players raising \$288. Winners were David White, Dianne Cox, Doug Pittaway and Ray Sutton



Congratulations to Bruce Eagles, Murray Hulbert, and Peter and Wendy Flack who in September won second place in the inaugural Leeming Bowling Club's "Halcyon Cup"



Above: Lesley Hughes, Anne Sauerwein, Jan Power-Tuke, Charmain Harris and Al Susta cooking patties for hungry bowlers
Below: Our Vollies putting up the shade cloth for the new season



THE PHARMACIST

Upon arriving home, a husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "It's the pharmacist. He insulted me terribly this morning on the phone."

"I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone." Immediately, the husband drove down town to confront the chemist, and demand an apology.

Before he could say more than a word or two, the chemist told him, "Now, just a minute, listen to my side of it:

- This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up.
- I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, just to realise that I'd locked the house with both house and car keys inside and had to break a window to get my keys.
- Then, driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket.
- Later, when I was about three blocks from the store, I had a flat tyre.
- When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, all the time the darn phone was ringing.
- Then I had to break a roll of 10 cent coins against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the coins and the phone was still ringing.
- When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke.

Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it. It was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a Rectal thermometer. And believe me mister, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her."

– Thanks to Stan Brickell for this story

CROQUET REPORT

Christmas and the New Year!

As we get close to the end of 2023 we want to take a moment to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and laughter, just as the sound of mallets on balls resonates across our beloved green. Let the festive cheer bring you closer to your fellow members and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. May your skills flourish, your games be filled with strategy and fun, and your friendships grow stronger. Thank you for being an integral part of our family. We appreciate your dedication and support, and we look forward to another great year.



A Shakespearean Tribute to Judith Skeet (who retired last year)

Judith, a lady of esteemed mettle, standeth at its helm. Having joined in 2006 she rose through the ranks to be anointed as Captain in the year 2010, her spirit embodyeth the blend of fortitude and gentle grace, befitting a leader true. She weathered trials and ushered in myriad betterments, like a gardener tending to the blooms of the Club's prosperity.

Judith did assume the mantle of Health and Safety, with prophetic vision that didst procure a vital heart defibrillator, ensconced in our midst. Yea, she convened tutorials in life-saving arts, and did orchestrate courses in the noble First Aid, with St. John's, turning our brethren into custodians of well-being. Though her mallet may rest in repose, her legacy traverses through the pages of time, leaving an indelible ink of gratitude upon every heart that hath known her. Thus, with reverence and gratitude, we doth acclaim Judith.

A Shakespearean Tribute to Kerry Bomford (who retired recently)

In the epoch of 2008, Kerry graced our Club's threshold, her advent akin to the birth of a star amidst our constellations. From the post of proficient Secretary, she ascended to the Captain's mantle in the year 2016. Under her stewardship, her leadership's aura did illumine every corner of our realm,

winning the hearts of denizens with unfeigned affection.

Yet beyond the confines of our Croquet domain, her benevolence extended to crafting sandwiches for the Men Pennants teams, participating in Gala Days, Fashion Parades, and revelries in honour of the Melbourne Cup. Such was her ardour that it spread like wildfire, igniting the zeal of kindred devotees to join her ventures. Her legacy doth weave into the very fabric of our Club, an exemplar of grand maternal love and familial support. An influence that persisteth like a melodious echo through time, inspiriting all souls graced by her presence.

Some Comical Croquet Capers

With our courts being near the bowling greens, our players have picked up some of the behaviours and sayings used by the bowlers! Some examples:

- Trying to guide balls towards the hoop by using verbal and non-verbal commands such as stamping a foot and shouting “stop, stop now” or waving an arm towards the hoop whilst telling the ball to “turn in”.
- Breaking into spontaneous song and dance shows while waiting for another group of players to complete the hoop ahead and inadvertently distracting players by making good-natured teasing comments about each other’s skills.
- Engaging in amusing debates and/or disagreements over the rules, especially when none of the participants is 100% sure of the rule
- Sudden onset of “old age syndrome” which occurs when a player suddenly and temporarily forgets the order of play, who is their partner in the game or which colour ball they should be playing.
- Wild, overenthusiastic shouts of triumph after a successful shot has been played – when success had seemed to be merely a dream!
- Celebrating a shot too early, only to find that the ball didn’t achieve the goal! Then it’s the fault of the wind, the grass, the mallet etc.



– Di McGivern’

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Our first event of the season and my first as Women's Match Chair, and I would like to thank all those people who helped me, especially my Match Committee, to make the day a good one although quite eventful. We had a few problems and had to call on several players to fill in for us, which meant we had a few delays. I would also like to thank those people.

We had greens which were running perfectly and the weather very hot which reminds us to all drink to prevent dehydration. This did happen to Gary Bayne and its only the start of the season which has been predicted by the weather forecasters to be a very hot one, so please be mindful and drink to stay hydrated.



Congratulations to the overall winners – Matt Sharett and Kaye Martin who were unbeatable over the two rounds. Runners up were Peter Flack and Robyn van Mosseveld. Morning winners were Stan van Mosseveld and Pauline Bourne. Afternoon winners were Barney Fleisher and Coral Smith. A great day was enjoyed by all, finishing with a sausage sizzle organised by Match and cooked by Denis Crocker and Colin Bangs.

– Shirley Palmer

2023 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS



The Australian Nationals held in WA in October 2023 was a great success. More than 800 bowlers played in this prestigious event which was held at three Clubs – Sorrento, Joondalup and Warwick. Events were scheduled as follows:

Sorrento Bowling Club

- The Australian Men's and Women's Champion of Champions Singles
- The Australian Under-18 Boys/Girls (Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours)
- The Australian Sides Championships



Joondalup Bowling Club

- The Australian Senior Sides Championships (Over 60s)
- The Australian Championships

- **Warwick Bowling Club**
- The Australian Para Nationals Championships

WA's Achievements



In the "Australian Senior Sides" competition both the Men's and Women's teams finished fourth. Sorrento was represented by Chris Lander, Paul Knight and Greg Taylor and Ross Bolton from Cambridge. They had some very narrow losses but ended up with three wins.

In the "Australian Sides Championships", the WA Women ended up fourth on the ladder with four wins and three losses. Victoria took the title with just one loss, with New South Wales second and Queensland third on the ladder. The WA Men finished in third position with five wins. Their only two losses came against eventual winner New South Wales and runner-up Queensland.



In the "Australian Championship" we had all the State Champions fighting it out for the Australian Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and Mixed Pairs titles. The Sorrento Men's Fours team of Murry Hulbert, Peter Morgan, Bruce Eagles and Peter Flack, as winners of the WA State Fours, represented WA.

Congratulations to our Sorrento team who played very well throughout the day and after three rounds our team qualified for the bronze medal final, narrowly losing 12-14 to Victoria. Their awesome effort, against some of the best in Australia, makes our Club very proud of you all.



Compliments Received

After receiving his Trophy for the 4th time, as the Australian National Singles Champion of Champions, Lee Schraner's spoke about the Sorrento Bowls Club. He commented about:

- How friendly our Club had been to all visitors,
- How good our Club looked,
- How good our greens were,
- And how good the food and bar service had been.

He also congratulated the army of volunteers (88 club volunteers, along with 20 volunteers from other WA clubs) who had worked so hard to prepare for the event to ensure its smooth running. He said that it was a very long time since he had been at a Club with five grass greens that were a credit to the greenkeepers and he couldn't think of a Club over East that still had five excellent grass greens.



Finally, he thanked the sponsors and Bowls Australia for running the event and the other bowlers who had competed and made the event so enjoyable.

There were many other compliments over the three days from other visitors, competitors and from the Bowls Australia organiser who was very complimentary in his address at the Under 18 Championship Presentation.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Derek Boardman for the lovely "Sunset at Sorrento" photo on page 35.



DARTS REPORT

An impressive winning streak – that’s what Sorrento’s Dart players can lay claim to. Sorrento has sides playing in two separate Dart associations. In 2014 they took out grand finals in both associations; one grand final in 2015, 2016 and 2018, two in 2019, two in 2021, one in 2022 and now two in 2023. Some players have been playing darts at Sorrento for almost 40 years.

– Dave Maunders

FINAL REPORT – SUNDAY SCROUNGERS

Once again, our Winter Scroungers was a great success. On the final day we played the finals including most of the weekly round winners. Unfortunately, several winners were unavailable due to other commitments, so we were left with seven of the 12 round winners contesting the final. With the normal days round, we had twelve players and the round winners were Lynne Plenderleith, Phillip Webb (Spider), Jan Paniperis, Egon Mikolajczyk and the next best two scores Kerry Hutchinson and Kevin Coffey making up the six semi-finalists.

The first semi saw Kevin just pip Kerry by one point with Jan a close third. The second semi saw Egon just pip Lynne by one point with Spider coming third. The final saw Kevin defeat Egon in a close game seven points to five and in the play off for third Kerry defeated Lynne. Congratulations to Kevin this week’s winner.

In the playoff rounds to determine this year’s champion Jim Spencer easily defeated myself (second) and Denis Croker in the first round and in the second round Shona Carter was the winner with George Smart (second). The final (over four ends) between Jim and Shona saw a very close final score of ten points to nine with Shona coming out on top,

Congratulations to Shona on being this year’s SBC Scroungers Champion.

– Glen

SOME OF OUR WINNERS SUNDAY MORNING SCROUNGERS



Denis, Sandy and Jim



Danny, Kaye and George



Glen, Shona and Kevin



Kevin, Kerry and Egon



JanPan, Jan and George



Adrian, Shona and Spider

RHINO LININGS DAY

The Club Mixed Fours, generously sponsored by Rhino Linings, was the first event of its type held for many years at Sorrento, and was designed to live up to the motto of the new Council and President, namely ***Participation, Enjoyment, Success***, with emphasis in this case on the first two. The organisers and sponsor were delighted by the strong support of members with 120 players signing up – including some of our Social bowlers.

The event took place on the King's Birthday holiday and involved mixed fours teams of relatively equal strength put together with considerable care by the Pennant selectors, with teams playing four games of eight ends for morning and afternoon aggregate prizes plus round prizes. In addition, each rink win was rewarded with a \$40 team prize; any draws after eight ends were resolved by playing an extra end with one bowl for each player. In order to spread the prize money as far as possible across all players, Leads and Thirds were swapped between teams after the morning games.

A mid-afternoon BBQ cooked by Alan Susta with salads put together by Charmain Harris and her team was a great success. Anne Orton provided invaluable assistance in giving out money for rink wins at the end of each round and by collating scores which allowed the organisers to pay out prize money in a timely fashion.

Other than a few grumbles about the reasoning behind changing teams around at half-time, the day was considered a great success, with the opportunity for less experienced bowlers to meet and play with premier and first division players very much appreciated by the former.

The high turn-out and the good fellowship seen during and after games is considered by the Match Committee to be a good sign for the direction in which the Sorrento Bowling Club is headed as we look towards the summer bowls season.

A special thank-you to Peter Morgan of Rhino Linings for pushing the

idea for this type of event and for providing the sponsorship which made it possible.

The morning winners were Murray Hulbert, Rick Hillier, Monique Kopec, and Ken Foggo. Unfortunately we did not get a photo of this high powered team. However the afternoon winners, Gary Bayne, Bob Steven Antonio Tarzia, Chris Lander are pictured below together with Sponsor and Club member Peter Morgan.



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1. JJ	1. Ron Taylor	
2. Spider	2. Brian Collins	
3. Tiger	3. Alan Walton	
4. Dreads	4. Kevin Coffey	
5. Snowflake	5. Jan Paniperis	
6. Foxy	6. Peter Robson	
7. Stinger	7. Herbert Eisenmann	
8. Cuppa Coffee	8. John Brown	
9. Ferret	9. Frank Bomford	
10. Trigger	10. Phillip Webb	
11. Mr T	11. Gary Bobridge	
12. Sam	12. Ross Cunningham	
13. Auntie	13. Jan Cook	
14. Janpan	14. Ron Rogers	
15. Cookie	15. Egon Mikolajczyk	
16. Abba	16. Warren Elliott	
17. Porkie	17. Jim Spencer	
18. Brownie	18. Alan Anderson	
19. Bomber	19. Peter Snow	
20. Herbie	20. John Jackson	
21. Mad Dog	21. Brian Hogan	
22. Miko	22. Ian Linford	
23. Robbo	23. Charmain Harris	
24. Beaker	24. Murray Hulbert.	
25. Angry	25. John Abercrombie	
26. Wazza	26. Wendy Wray Flack	

A TRIBUTE TO SOME MORE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

In our last news mag we paid tribute to *some* of our volunteers. In this edition we would like to say a special thank you to *some more* of our vollies:

- Alan Susta, Colin Bangs and Denis Croker, Lesley Hughes, Charmain Harris, Robin Rowe and Jan Power-Tuke for cooking patties and sausages.
- Cheryl Greig, Rose Gannaway, Adrian Rose, Abba and Ian Lucas who have formed a "Functions and Entertainment Group" with the goal of obtaining "Foreign Money" from **non-members** who will be encouraged to support Club events such as the Melbourne Cup day, the annual Sponsors night and Volunteers night. Bingo and a Trivia Night as well as more Corporate/Management events are being considered.
- Our Governing Council Bruce Eagles, Glen McCarthy, Peter Flack, Brian Lucas, Trevor Orton, Kerry Hutchinson, Richard Bone for getting our synthetic green approved after eight years. A number of our members have helped with this project over the years but special mention must be made of Wayne Gray's work with the City of Joondalup. There has been a proposal that the new green should be know as the "EverGreen Green Gray Green" or the "EGGGG"!
- Did you know that Peter McHugh cleaned all our mats and jacks and Ken Giles sorted out our score boards?
- Murray Newman, Brian Collins, Graeme Bury, Gerald Hanna, John Sturk, Peter Flack, Brad Marshall, Larry Perry, Glenn McCarthy, Alan Gallagher, Brian Alcock, Bernie Smith, Russell Tompkinson, Peter McHugh, Paul Ramsey, Bob Steven and Bob Jeffs who put up the shade cloth for the new season
- Des Russell who volunteered to drop off our "Wake Brochure" at local funeral parlours.

OPENING DAY – 2023/24 SEASON



Neville, Denise. Monique and Trevor – best performing "Men's Team" and Trish, Colin, Gary and Lynne (Plenderleith) – best performing of Ladies Teams



A great turn out of members with lovely weather and great food



Emily, Ken, Ian, Terry, Jan and Jodi were allocated the special task of putting down the first bowl and the first croquet ball



Our Men's and Ladies' Captains looking happy after a great afternoon of bowls

The "Des Bennett Trophy" was introduced in 2015 as a lasting tribute to our dear friend Des, who did so much for our Club over many years. It has been won four times by our ladies and four times by our men- so it is now 5/4 in favour of the men



Life member
Graeme
Whitehorn
declaring the
2023/24 season
officially open



Jan presenting the "Money Tree" raffle prize to Jenny



Above: The "Kitchen Fairies" – Carmel, Jan PT, Jan C, Lorraine, Anne and Charmain. Below: The Croquet players enjoying the fellowship.



Peter trying hard to work out the winners of the Des Bennett Trophy. After consulting the appropriate algorithm it was decided that the so-called Men's team was the winner



KITTY AND JACK

*My husband took up bowling
and he bragged upon the phone
about some dame called Kitty
whom he couldn't leave alone
He played with Kitty, he stayed with Kitty
he picked her up without a hitch
He missed Kitty, he kissed Kitty
he even laid beside her in the ditch
So I took up bowling
to win my hubby back
and found that what he could do with Kitty,
I could do with Jack*

– Thanks to Ken Giles for this little poem

The logo for Dun Craig Physiotherapy and Pilates features a small orange square to the left of the text. The text is arranged in three lines: "Dun Craig" in a large blue font, "Physiotherapy" in a slightly smaller blue font, and "and Pilates" in a smaller blue font below it.

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MORNING TEA FOR OUR VETERAN BOWLERS



A wonderful morning tea get together involving veteran Sorrento lady bowlers took place on 19 September. Faces we haven't seen for a long time were there in numbers and the warmth and affection generated was palpable.

Among the guests were Sylvia McLaughlan, 88, and Fran Bracknell, at 91 who is the proud owner of a new hip. Also in attendance was Pat Frawley, who still lives in her own home and who can, in four years' time, expect a telegram from the King. Other old timers who we haven't seen for a while included Wendy Stobie, Helen Patterson, Vonnie King, Sonia McGrady and Margaret Staddle. See how many faces you recognise in the above photo



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EXPLORING FUNNY TOWN NAMES IN AUSTRALIA

Did you know that we boast a collection of delightfully funny town names that are sure to make you smile, chuckle, or even scratch your head in confusion. So, fasten your seatbelts and join us on a quirky and hilarious journey through some of our most comical towns:



Humpybong – Queensland

Having a bong in Australia is illegal and so must be having one in a humpy. But nevertheless, such a place does exist in Redcliffe Queensland.

Eggs and Bacon Bay– Tasmania

Now this is food for thought. If you're a fan of hearty breakfasts, you might be surprised to learn that there's a town in Tasmania named Eggs and Bacon Bay. It's a place where chooks flourish but pigs are hard to find.

Saucebottle Swamp – South Australia

Fair crack of the sauce bottle, I thought it would taste all right. One gulp of the contents taken from Saucebottle Swamp located near the Murray River told me that it wasn't.

Sausage Gully – Victoria

I hit a snag when I last travelled to Sausage Gully, a small town in Victoria. I also wonder why it doesn't arrange a joint venture with Eggs and Bacon Bay and make a real feast.

Boing Boing – Western Australia

Famous for its world-renowned trampolines, Boing Boing is nestled in the Pilbara region in Western Australia. The perfect place for you to turn around or do back flips.

Quality Knob – NSW

Put your dirty minds aside, Quality Knob is a small town that derives its name from its original 1867 door handle manufacturing company, but admittedly

a name that raises eyebrows and piques curiosity.

Titwobble Lane – Victoria

There you go again. Titwobble Lane is named after the beautiful churble (bird call) of the spectacular UK crested tit, introduced to Victoria in 1912. A lovely bird, delightfully cheeky, but seems to find it very hard to keep a straight face.

Bangbang Racetrack – Queensland

Horse trainers are reluctant to race their thoroughbreds at the Bangbang Racetrack in Queensland, so named because of the number of horses that have had to be put down.

Woop-Woop – West Australia

Woop Woop is a quaint little place north of Boyup Brook. It is claimed to be named after an abandoned mill town that came into existence in 1925. Locals recount the time back in 1926 when they had the great magpie plague and when it was necessary to have a tower lookout to warn wary mill workers of a pending strike. Unfortunately, the tower guard has a speech impediment and used to yell out woop, woop.

North Pole – Northern Territory

It is claimed that North Pole was discovered in 1908 by the American explorer Dr. Frederick A. Cook. A local of the East-Pilbara location at the time and a member of the infamous Heckarewe tribe, said that he was stunned by Cook's arrival and surprised by his snow gear and snowshoes (it was 39°C) and the belief that Captain Cook had died years earlier. Nevertheless, Cook was allowed plant his flag and the area became known as North Pole from then on.

Australia's funny town names showcase the country's light-heartedness and embracement of the absurd. Whether it's the unexpected combination of words, a nod to local humour, or simply a stroke of whimsy, these towns add a touch of laughter to the vast Australian landscape. By the way, don't believe everything you read.

FLAT GREEN VERSUS CROWN GREEN BOWLS



In the past we have compared lawn bowls to cricket, golf, tenpin bowling and curling. We now compare flat green and crown green bowls. Crown bowls is played in England by about 200000 players in 3000 clubs. It has been described as "Excitement beyond measure", "Great fun and captivating" and "A true test of skill".

It is played on large 40m by 40m greens that are uneven, and undulating, with a peak/crown/hump in the middle. The surfaces also often have ridges, hollows, brows, undulations, gullies, and slopes to make the game more difficult and there are also no rink boundaries.

Players use *smaller bowls* and *biased jacks* in unpredictable weather conditions with greens running at speeds described as slow or very slow (9 to 10 seconds according to Derek Boardman). The crown green can be square, rectangular, L-shaped, or circular with a *raised crown in the centre* which can range from about 30cm (12 inches) to about 50cm (20 inches) above the edge of the green. Someone told us the crown can be up to a metre but we have been unable to verify this claim.



So, what's different? Well, if you have played at some clubs you might argue not much is different. But let's explore the difference between Sorrento's spectacular flat grass greens and those of a crown bowls green.

In crown bowls, the skill lies in reading the concave green. Both codes

require line and length, but crown greens add another dimension. But then again, many of our players complain about divots (turf broken up by a horse's hoof), ruts, gullies, and turf imperfections in some clubs, so perhaps not so different after all. *There are no rinks and the jack can be rolled in any direction anywhere* on the crown green, As several games can be played simultaneously you need to watch what is happening to other games to *avoid colliding with another game's jack or bowl* especially when going corner to corner. You need to remember that the diagonal on a 40 by 40m green is nearly 60m so it needs a big heave on the slow and often wet crown greens!



Crown bowls are usually '2-full' bias bowls. Compared to lawn bowls they are smaller and about 25% lighter and come in three densities. Alongside we have a crown bowls bag with your set of two bowls and *your own biased jack*. Note the biased jack, in the middle and the engraved circle on both sides and three solid inserted spots on the non-bias side. This is designed to stop bowlers putting the jack down on the wrong bias!

A *diddy 6 inch round mat/footer* is placed anywhere on the crown green, and the jack may be rolled in any direction. Surprisingly, some of our leads can bowl the jack in any direction without the help of such aids!



Crown bowls can be played in singles, doubles, or team formats, where players use only two bowls each but it is usually played between two antisocial English people. As in lawn bowls, their aim is to bowl a closer bowl than the opponent. Bowling a very good second will stop your opponent from getting an easy two. A bowl intentionally played to block or impede the path of an opponents' bowls is known as a blocker, or colloquially as a “Mac Robbo and was named after the famous bowler, Sir Hamish

McRobson, who had a penchant for this sort of thing.

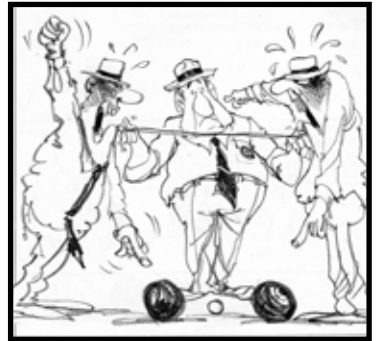
Terms that will not be known to flat green bowlers are "*round peg*" and "*straight peg*". When your bowls are "hanging out a bit," you may need to give your bowl a bit more peg. A "straight peg" is when you are playing along one of the sides of the crown green, close to the ditch, and playing with the bias of the bowl to take the bowl away from the ditch.



These ancient terms are named after the Greek god Pegasus (or peg-assist), also well known to our dart players.

Because of the fall-off of the playing surface of a crown green towards that ditch, the bowl is trying to climb up the slope, and because of the surface pulling one way and the bias the other, the bowl tends to appear to be running straight, or sometimes against its bias. We often see this performed by some of our players on flat greens.

Both flat green bowls and crown green bowls have a rich tradition of etiquette and sportsmanship. It is customary to applaud a good shot, maintain silence while players are delivering their bowls, and refrain from distracting or obstructing opponents. It is however interesting to note that crown bowls requires there to be a referee whereas lawn bowls only requires an umpire! According to



Google referees ensure that the quality of the game is maintained and no illegal activity is happening in the match and uphold the quality of the game by enforcing rules whilst umpires settle disputes. Now you know!

Will we ever play crown bowls in Australia? What about a competition between some of our bowlers on a full-size flat rink using crown bowls equipment and under crown green rules? Wouldn't it be fun to watch?

– Thanks to Brian Lucas who helped with this useful article



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BOWLS: NOT JUST A SPORT FOR OLD PEOPLE

Frustratingly, bowls is only viewed as a sport for retirement, when most elite players across the world are in their 30s, juggling successful careers and young families.

Bowls is not boring, slow and only for the elderly. Frequent comments about the tasteless outfits, the archaic rule book and the snide remarks about it "not really being a sport" are no longer valid. Our sport is starting to see some change for the good. Gone are the days of long skirts, gloves, brown shoes and plain white outfits - with clubs up and down the country embracing the new tide of striking kit.

More games are being streamed online, allowances are being made for those who work full-time, big brand sponsors have been secured and people are starting to come together to properly tackle the unhelpful stereotypes that have persisted for so long.

THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUESTIONS

Trevor Orton thought that our readers might like these thought-provoking questions:

- If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
- Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
- Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposite?
- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

- No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
- Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2 on those little bottles of Evian water? This works out at more than \$7 per litre! Try spelling Evian backwards.
- Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?
- If a convenience store is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the door?

SNOW WHITE AND THE “SIX” DWARFS

A "Fairy Tale" based on a true (or perhaps a trueish) story

Once upon a time, in the enchanting suburb of Sorrento, there stood a magnificent lawn bowls club, nestled amidst rolling hills and lush greenery. This mystical Club was no ordinary place; it was a magical realm where extraordinary characters gathered to play their beloved game of bowls.



Within its borders, a tale of camaraderie, laughter, and unexpected adventures unfolded when Snow White visited this whimsical world to watch a game of bowls and to perhaps, with difficulty, find her Prince Charming!

She found herself welcomed by a trio of her best friends, a team known as the "3 Bees" – Brian, Bob and Barney who were affectionately known as Dopey, Grumpy, and Sneezzy, as well as their rivals, the "3 Pees" – Peter, Pat and Paul affectionately known as Bashful, Sleepy, and Happy. (For those of you worried about the missing dwarf "Doc" don't worry as he is called "Doc" Fred Faigenbaun and he plays at the Yokine Bowling Club).

Snow White, with her gentle nature and kind heart, marvelled at the camaraderie and the magical moments that transpired between the players. Snow White's presence brought an extra sprinkle of magic to our Club. Her infectious laughter echoed through the meadow, and her kind words uplifted

the spirits of all the players. The bowls seemed to respond to her presence, spinning and twirling as if under the spell of her enchanting aura.

The "3 Bees" traditionally ruled the greens with their infectious laughter and mischievous spirit. Brian was the Skip, Bob the Second, and Barney the Lead. Together, they formed an inseparable bond that no obstacle could tarnish. On a radiant sun-kissed afternoon, when the birds sang their sweet melodies and the flowers bloomed in vibrant colours, the 3 Bees found themselves pitted against their cunning rivals, the "3 Pees" – Peter the Skipper, Pat the Second, and Paul the Lead. The air was electric with anticipation as the game began, and the magical journey unfolded.

As the game got underway, Skipper Brian's voice resonated through the meadow, calling out to his loyal Second, "Bob, my trusted companion, grant us a backie! We must place a bowl at the back to counter the cunning attempts of the '3 Pees' to trail the jack."

Bob, always eager for a challenge, nodded enthusiastically and readied himself for the task at hand. With a twinkle in his eye, he released his bowl, which was guided by an invisible fairy's touch. To the astonishment of all, Bob's bowl stealthily curved around the edges, sneaking in through the back door. A resounding cheer erupted from the Bees' camp, and Skipper Brian couldn't contain his delight, exclaiming, "A truly remarkable and handsome backie, my dear friend!"

As the game progressed, both teams showcased their skills, skilfully cracking eggs with their bowls and nudging them ever so slightly. However, Barney, affectionately known as a "driving lead," often found his bowl performing daring acrobatics, landing in the ditch instead of cozying up to the jack. His unconventional approach never failed to amuse the opposition, creating an atmosphere of mirth and camaraderie.

In a pivotal moment, as victory hung in the balance, Skipper Brian called out to Bob, "Bob, my steadfast comrade, we must fatten up the head! Send your bowl forth, and let it plump up the target!" Bob, determined to please

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his captain, unleashed his bowl with all his might, hoping to achieve the desired outcome. Alas, his attempt fell short of the mark. "Your bowl had no legs, my friend!" Skipper Brian exclaimed; his voice tinged with a touch of disappointment.

Whenever Bob the Second received the anticipated instruction from his Skipper, "Promote the jack backwards! Fire away, my dear friend!" His eyes would twinkle with excitement, and he would swing his arm with the force of a thousand fairies. But to everyone's amusement, his fiery attempts missed everything, leaving the opponents unscathed and the greens unharmed.

Throughout the game, glides, kisses, wicks, brushes, and straighteners danced across the emerald battlefield. The players playfully nominated shots or cleverly claimed lucky wicks as part of their master plan, causing peals of laughter to fill the air. Skipper Brian, always the witty advisor, would encourage Bob and Barney, saying, "You need more oomph, my friends! Your bowls are as short and narrow as a bee's knees. Let your bowls soar with the wings of a butterfly!"

In a surprising turn of events, Brian found himself in a position to play a "Robbo," a secret technique invented by Peter, the Skipper of the Pees. As he executed the move, transforming his bowl into a cunning blocker, the "3 Pees" cried foul, thinking it unsporting for the Bees to use Peter's invention. Nevertheless, Brian's brilliant and handsome Robbo added an extra touch of enchantment to the game, further entwining it in the tapestry of legend.

Of course, amid the laughter and merriment, there were moments of sheer hilarity when bowls took on lives of their own. Pineapples wobbled like wayward satellites, shockers transformed into unexpected blockers, and bowls narrowly escaped unforeseen perils. However, during a critical stage of the match, as tension reached its peak, Pat the Second, lost in the enchantment of the moment, forgot to put the little ring on the inside of his bowl. With a flash of magic, his bowl veered off course, transcending the boundaries of its intended rink and landed in a neighbouring realm.

When the game ended, the two teams gathered for a post-match celebration, their laughter echoing throughout the meadow. In a display of chivalry, the male bowlers, wrapped in their chauvinistic glory, graciously allowed the ladies to take charge of making sandwiches while they revelled in the splendour of their "best days" on the green.

And so, in the magical world of Sorrento Bowling Club, where wrong biases were transformed into extraordinary adventures, the players laughed off their blunders, discovering that even in mistakes, joy could be found. In the end, it wasn't merely about winning or losing but about the laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments shared on the green. For within the heart of the game, the true enchantment lay not in victory alone but in the laughter, camaraderie, and everlasting bonds forged between friends on the mystical bowling green.

The Sorrento Bowling Club remained a place where fairy tales came alive, and the magic of friendship flourished for all who had the privilege to be a part of its enchanting realm.

And Snow White, forever cherished by the players, continued to inspire them with her grace, reminding them that even in the simplest of games, the power of kindness and camaraderie can weave the most extraordinary stories.

– Thanks to Chat-GPT and Brian Lucas who helped your Editor write this fairy story

ANSWER TO HEAD SCRATCHER ON PAGE 27

In all the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. (Also, the second letter is the same as the last letter)

Did you figure it out?

LAWN BOWLS SURVIVAL KIT



Did you know that at the Swan Bowling Club one of the members has a large Esky on wheels instead of a normal and regular bowls bag. He has been nicknamed "Tool box" as he is apparently prepared for any emergency. He got a bit upset when I asked him what he had inside and would not tell me.

I thought that we should develop a "Sorrento Tool Box" so here are some suggestions of what we should put into it:

- Tissues - for the tears when you lose or are unlucky
- Ear plugs - for when the skip is shouting at you
- A pencil - to keep track of the score
- An eraser - for when you don't like the score
- Marbles - to replace the ones you'll lose
- A cloth - to polish up your game
- Chalk - for everyone else's 'touchers'
- Cotton wool – to soften the blow when you lose
- Coffee – to keep you alert
- Grippo - for when you need to get a grip
- A paper-clip - to help you keep it all together
- A tea bag - for when you need a break
- Food, candles and a flashlight. (In case you draw Saulie or Peter)
- A whistle (to signal for help)
- A first aid kit with plasters in a variety of different sizes and shapes
- Confetti – to celebrate your wins
- Toilet paper and a water bottle for all emergencies



NEVER TRUST A MALE BOWLER

*Come all ye fair young maidens and harken unto me!
Never trust a male bowler whoever they may be.*

*For on the bowling green they play their craft so sly,
Beware their cunning tactics as the bowls go rolling by.*

*They play Pennants with a team of four who all want to be the Skipper.
But they are as important as each other so treat each as a “ripper”.*



*Now first of course is the Lead who also controls the kitty?
They are the most important player and if they're off that's a pity.*

*Thank goodness there's the Second whose bowls swing either way.
They are the most important player who can keep it up all day.*

*And now comes the mighty Third with bowls drawing and crashing.
They are the most important player at drawing a metre on and smashing.*

*Now at last here comes the Skipper. Remember, they know it all!
They are the most important player. Oh please just obey their call.*

*So, darlings, do remember, as you play this game with glee.
Never trust a male bowler, whoever they may be.*


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Brad and his three hair dressers popped into our Club for a quick beer and to see their new signage. A big thank you to Brad who has sponsored the Men's Pennant Pots since 2011.
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