

Sorrento Bowling Club's News Magazine

“PARTICIPATION – ENJOYMENT – SUCCESS”



**Congratulations to Roger Palmer, Liz Marshall,
Ross Cunningham and Shirley Palmer winners
of the 2023/4 Mixed Championships**

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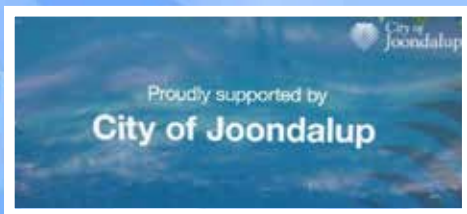


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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Welcome

Here we are in February already! Hope you enjoy our first edition for 2024. Denis Croker expects us to reach the 100th edition by the end of the year but at the rate your Editor is deteriorating we may need a new Editor!

Some Advice Required

Your Editor is grappling with the challenge of managing painful arthritis. Recently, my dear and thoughtful wife returned home with a clinically tested product recommended by her bridge club, prompting me to investigate further. To my surprise, this product was not only suggested for human use but also for aging dogs and horses dealing with joint stiffness.

When I was a bit hesitant about trying this product, Denise suggested an alternative approach: Hemp Gummies, a popular derivative of cannabis sourced from the hemp plant. Upon deeper exploration, I learned that while its legality varies some users have reported positive outcomes. It's a tantalizing prospect, surrounded by success stories, yet constrained by legal complexities.

Now faced with a dilemma, I stand at a crossroads with two potential solutions, each with its own merits and uncertainties. Should I explore the pet-oriented remedy or delve into the intriguing realm of Hemp Gummies? I am actively seeking advice, suggestions, and shared experiences to navigate this intricate maze and discover the ultimate relief for my arthritis. I invite you to join me on this quest, to collectively uncover the perfect remedy that promises lasting relief.

*This quandary, a mist shrouded in mystique,
Which elixir holds the cure I seek?
To untangle the ache, break the bind,
I seek counsel, wisdom intertwined.
Your thoughts, your tales, your wisdom share,
To guide me through this tangled lair.
Let us together seek the remedy pure,
And bid this arthritis a swift, sure cure.*

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**Spending Sunday
afternoon with his two
beautiful grandchildren!**



**A great picture of Kerry and
Peter from their Facebook page**



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

Colin Bangs tells us that when he was winning a game of bowls by 20 to 3 he happened to look at his watch only to discover that the time was 20 to 3!

Did you know that in international laws, government matters and political correctness requires you to include people of all genders, races and abilities? So, an Aboriginal lady, an Englishman, a Maori, a Kiwi lawyer, a Tasmanian in a wheelchair, an elderly lady from Latvia, a Swedish blonde, a German, an Italian, an Irishman, a Pole, a Greek, an Indian, a Canadian politician, an Afro-American singer, a Mexican, a Dutch cricketer, an arrogant Frenchman, a Brazilian, an Ethiopian runner, a Turk, a Chinaman, a Russian athlete, an Indonesian, a Malaysian vegan, a Cambodian, and a Vietnamese policeman all attending an international peace conference, decide to go to an upmarket nightclub in Canberra for a relaxing evening. The bouncer said "I'm very sorry but I can't let you in without a Thai."

Keith Minnett tells us there was a bowls game in England when three rinks, alongside each other, all ended up 19-19. According to my artificial intelligence software the odds of three simultaneous games of lawn bowls ending up 19 all are one in 8000. Keep in mind that the actual odds could vary based on the players' skill and strategy. No correspondence will be entered into on this "Did you Know".

Did you know that Des Russell volunteered to drop off some of our Wake brochures at six funeral parlours in our area? He says one of them was interested in becoming a Sorrento Sponsor.

Did you know that a team called "**The Trevor Chappells**" took part in the prestigious Shinju Matsuri bowls tournament in Broome in September. Chappell, the brother of former Australian cricket captains Ian and Greg Chappell, of course etched his name in infamy in February 1981 by sending down the last ball of a one-day international against New Zealand at the MCG **underarm**. Even though they weren't even born at the time, the four

young bowlers from Broome decided to “cash in” on the notorious event and named their team after the youngest Chappell brother. But, out of respect, they firstly obtained permission from an obliging Trevor to associate their team with him and wear shirts emblazoned with his name. Thanks to Jim Woodward for this story.

Did you know that Jim Woodward, Peter McHugh, Colin Bangs and Colin Campbell got an eight badge when playing against Warwick! It is interesting to note that Jim has been playing bowls for 17 years and Peter for 17 months!

Did you know that in 1849, a Scottish bowler named William Mitchell was so frustrated by his poor performance that he threw his bowl at the jack, hoping to knock it off the green. However, he missed the jack and hit a spectator instead, causing a riot and a lawsuit.



Did you know that the cognitive capacity of a lawn bowler's brain is estimated to encompass approximately one billion neurons. Each neuron establishes connections to approximately 1,000 other neurons, culminating in an excess of a trillion synaptic connections. This configuration significantly amplifies the brain's memory storage potential to approximately 2.5 petabytes, equivalent to one million gigabytes. By way of comparison, if the brain functioned akin to a digital video recorder, this capacity would sufficiently accommodate three million hours of television programming. The theoretical time required to exhaust this storage capacity would entail the uninterrupted operation of the television for more than 300 years. Transposing this cognitive capacity onto a 16GB USB drive necessitates the utilization of approximately 156,000 drives. Remarkably, despite the immense capacity and intricate network, experts assert that such a sophisticated system is susceptible to rapid compromise, potentially being breached by an individual within 30 seconds or less.

Did you hear that one evening when the boys were having their usual drink after Pennants, when the subject drifted to wives and their amorous

tendencies. After several comparisons Bill said "I call my wife Harvey Norman". When his mates asked why they were told that it had been "36 months with no interest!"



Did you know that Serena Bonnell and Ellen Falkner MBE, both Australians, etched their names in history by accomplishing the longest singles indoor lawn bowls marathon, a remarkable milestone in their sporting careers? Bonnell, renowned as an AIS Thrive with Pride Ambassador and Para Jackaroos, teamed up with Falkner, the esteemed "Para High Performance Manager" for Bowls Australia, to achieve this incredible feat. Surpassing the record requirement of enduring over 30 hours of continuous play, the duo astoundingly logged an impressive 33 hours and 12 minutes of intense game play at Club Tweed. Notably, Serena Bonnell's ground breaking involvement in this record attempt broke barriers, marking her as the first para player to take on such a demanding challenge. This accomplishment carries immense significance, particularly considering that previous lawn bowls marathon records were predominantly held by male players.

Editor's Note:

Serena mentioned they played 327 ends, which, when multiplied by four bowls per end, totals 1308 bowls each over the 33-hour span, averaging "1 minute 30 seconds per bowl." It's interesting to note that during a Mixed Fours event, on a very hot day, our Match Committee made players complete 21 ends, equating to 42 bowls in total – a comparison that sheds light on the remarkable endurance exhibited in this record-setting feat.

Did you know that if all "Bowls WA Prestigious Events", over the last three years, had been ranked? In the Men's ranking Bruce Eagles is No. 11 and Murray Hulbert is No. 20. In the Women's ranking Coral Smith is No. 18. Well done, Sorrento.

Did you hear that when Kath's husband Kevin went to the doctor because he had a sore neck and could not turn his head properly. The doctor sent

him to have an x-ray done on his neck. When he went back to the doctor for the results, the doctor he said there was possibly two things wrong with his neck. The doctor said it looks like an old whiplash injury and was also exaggerated by 'TMB'. Kevin asked what 'TMB' was and if it was fatal? The doctor said yes it was always fatal eventually and that 'TMB' stood for 'Too Many Birthdays'.

Comments

- "I have just read your latest quarterly news magazine. It's outstanding, and I thank you for all the work you and Denise have done in producing these publications over so many years. You are both a credit to our Club."
- "Over the years, your magazine has consistently maintained a standard of excellence that is truly commendable. It's a testament to your unwavering dedication and passion for delivering a top-notch magazine."
- "I prefer the hard copy as I enjoy reading it whilst I'm in the loo".



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Complaints:

Jan Pan, our friendly neighbourhood accuracy wizard works diligently to stave off misspelling, misinformation, and disinformation in our magazine. However, should you find any discrepancies, kindly note that all complaints require submission in triplicate on the blue Form F12-H. Once you've mastered this feat, your dossier will ascend to the 12th floor, where it joins a meditative state of complaint submission and contemplation. This form is designed to perplex, entertain and provoke existential questions. There's also

AROUND OUR CLUB



**Runners Up in the Mixed Fours:
Adrian, Coral, Nikki and Jan**



**Nerrida, Coral, Lee and Pat
– runners up in the State
Women's Fours**



**Denise the Dazzler, Janski the
Jestful and Janpanopolis the
Magnificent, fighting the heat and
the flies one Pennant morning**



**Runners Up in the Men's
Pairs: Bruce and Greg**



Evan in Action!



**Adrian's lovely photo
of our Club at sunset**

the green form for "Complaints About Complaints.

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

- Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.
- Be kind to others and to yourself.
- Most bald men still own a comb because they can't part with it.

Oh! And one more thing about the Generation gap

A Mom texts her Son: "Hi! Son, What do IDK, LY and TTYL mean?"

He texts back: "*I don't know. Love you and Talk To You Later*".

The Mom replies: "It's OK, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister. "Love you too!"

– Neville and Denise Odell

MATCH REPORT

Men's Second Division and Under Singles

After sectional play, alignment rounds and thunderstorms the first semi-final was between Jim Spencer and Trevor Orton, and the second between Barney Fleiser and Kevin Coffey with Jim winning 21-9 and Barney by 21-8. The finals got off to a very strong start with some outstanding draw bowling and Jim was ten shots up at the tenth end.



However, Barney held his cool and worked his way back, drawing even at 17-all after 23 ends., Jim then drove Barney's first shot (a toucher) and the jack out of the head, the jack ending up in the ditch on the boundary line. Barney then drew two fine bowls to record a three, before scoring a single on the next end to win 21-17. Congratulations to Barney and Jim for putting on an exciting show.

Women's 100up Championship



With 15 entries and sectional play event with five sections we had several close games resulting in one section even going down to percentage to choose our winner. The semi-finalists were Lee Leach vs. Nerrida Porteous and Kerry Hutchinson vs. Liz Marshall. These were very hard fought out semi-finals going down to the last ends to find our winners with Lee and Liz as finalists. Our winner was

Liz with a final score of 100/76. It was good to see the players supported by our Club spectators who witnessed some great bowls and close games over the two days as well as good sportsmanship, Congratulations to our 2023 Women's 100up winner - Liz Marshall.

Mixed Fours Championship

At the end of November eight teams played only one game because of the hot conditions. On the following Sunday's semi-final Nerrida Porteous, Ross Porteous, Lee Leach and Skip Trevor Orton played Liz Marshall, Shirley Palmer, Roger Palmer and Skip Ross Cunningham. Team Cunningham got off to a flying start winning 8 of the first 11 ends and played consistently well with a final score of 28/9. In the second semi-final Nikki Athienides, Adrian Rose, Coral Smith, Skip Jan Konig played Jodi Neindorf, Leslie Hughes, Jeff Thompson and Skip Dan Greig. This was another great game with a final score of 29/7 allowing Team Konig a place in the finals.



The final was played in ideal conditions with a gentle breeze blowing to make it a pleasant afternoon. Team Cunningham got away with a flying start and won the first 9 ends when team Konig came back to make both teams play to their best ability with beautiful draw shots played by both teams. Final result 26/16 to Team Cunningham.

Men's Over 60's State Triples

There were 64 teams and Sorrento had two teams competing. Bruce Eagles, Dave Dunstan and Peter Flack who won their games (+28 shots). Chris Lander, Ross Cunningham and Gary Bayne and won their three games (+31). The final 16 travelled to Cockburn where Bruce's team won their first game by 9 shots but lost their quarter final. Chris' team won their first game by 18 shots and won the quarter final by one shot. Their semi-final was a tense game with many lead changes. After 18 ends the score was tied at 16 each. An extra end was played and the team from North Beach and Osborne Park got the shot they needed to put them into the final which they won by 6 shots). Gary tells us that the ride home from Cockburn was as painful as the name suggests, with many "what if's, woulda, shoulda, coulda's ". Then they thought "well 3rd's not bad and there's always next year."

Men's Championship Pairs

Semi-finals started on Sunday in perfect conditions and on a superb green. The Hulbert/Flack pairing got off to a steady start against Rogers/Coffey but a six on the 7th end to Hulbert/Flack changed the game and they went on to a comfortable 23-8 win. The Eagles/Taylor v Oldham/Saul followed a similar path with scores locked at 7-7 after nine ends. A six to Eagles/Taylor on the 10th end again changed the game and they went on to win 22/11.



The final in the afternoon, a blustery south-wester made bowling away from the clubhouse very difficult. Hulbert/Flack got off to a good start and were leading 7-1 after five ends. However, Eagles/Taylor fought back and there were some great bowls from both teams. The turning point came on the 14th end with the score 16/11 to Hulbert/Flack. Eagles/Taylor were holding four and with his last bowl Hulbert trailed the jack to make three and lock away the game. Congratulations to all teams, with good bowls, good banter making for great entertainment. Congratulations again to our winners: Murray Hulbert and Peter Flack.

APPRECIATING THE DEDICATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers often face criticism. In our Club we have:

- Observers who never actively volunteer for extra responsibilities.
- Spectators who watch and observe without contributing further.
- Non-participants who never volunteer to help with club activities.
- Passive members who never take an active role or volunteer for club initiatives beyond membership obligations.

For this article we will call the above "Non-volunteers". Unfortunately, in our Club we have:

- Volunteers criticising other Volunteers – past and present.
- Volunteers criticising Non-volunteers – past and present.
- Non-volunteers criticising Volunteers – past and present.
- Non-volunteers criticising Non-volunteers – past and present.

Some of the following may explain the reasons:

- Sometimes, volunteers might receive criticism from others for the methods or approaches they use. Differing opinions on how to tackle a problem or execute a task can lead to criticism. Conflicts might arise due to personal agendas, differing priorities, or disagreements about the organisation's direction or goals.
- If a volunteer is perceived as not being competent or experienced enough in a particular area, they might face criticism from peers who expect a certain level of expertise. Also, not all volunteers have the same level of commitment. Some might dedicate more time or effort than others, leading to perceptions of a lack of commitment.
- Miscommunication or misunderstandings can easily occur in any group setting, including among volunteers. This can lead to criticism based on incorrect assumptions or incomplete information.

- In some cases, volunteers might be competing for limited recognition, opportunities, or leadership positions, leading to tensions and criticism amongst themselves.

Criticism, when constructive and aimed at improving processes or outcomes, can be beneficial. However, when it becomes personal or disruptive, it can hinder progress and the volunteer experience. Clear communication, respect for diverse opinions, and a focus on the shared goals of the volunteer work can help minimise unnecessary criticism amongst volunteers.

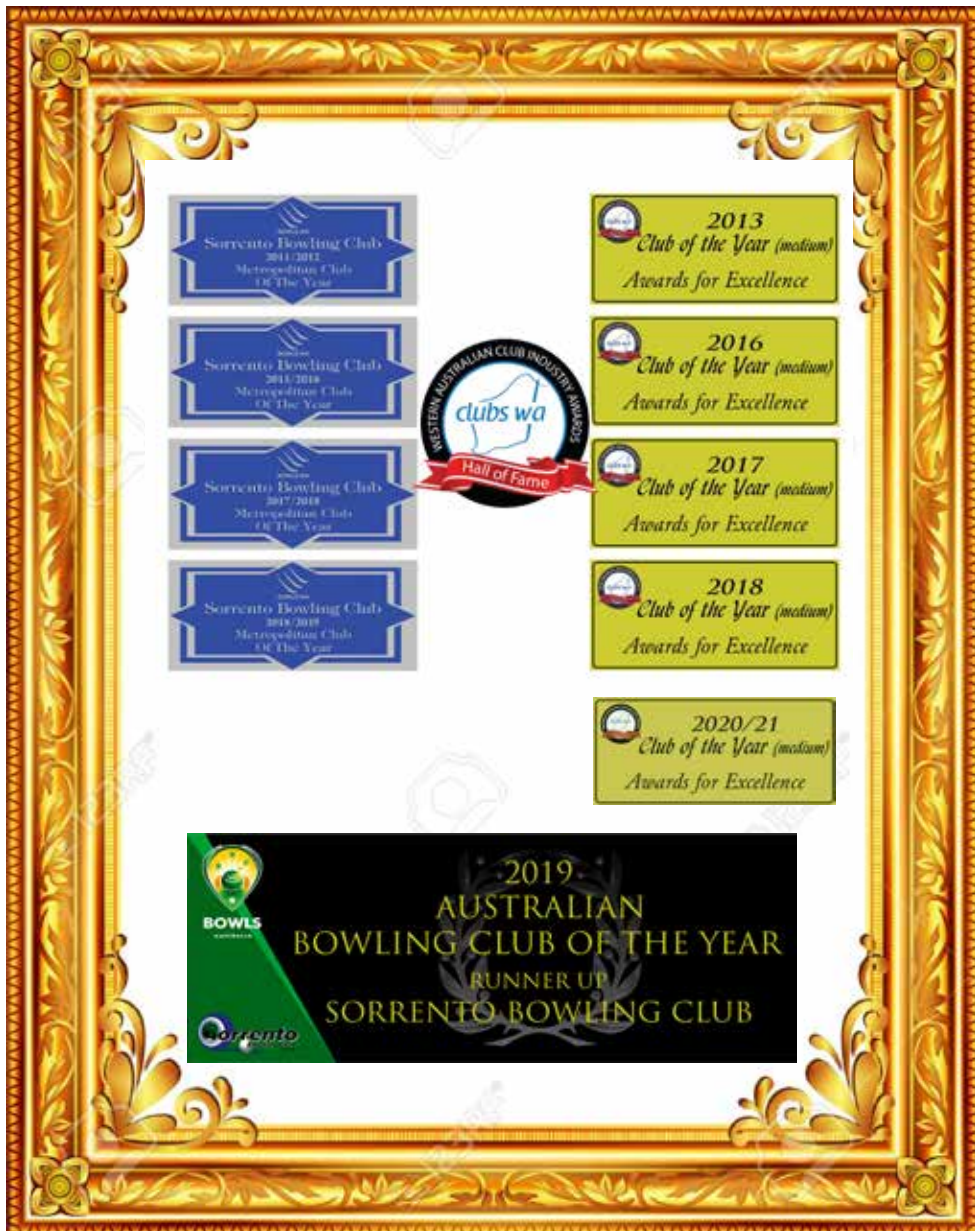
I have heard members criticising our previous Governing Councils, asserting that they had mismanaged our Club over many years. Such ill-informed and divisive comments unfairly target the efforts of our GC volunteers but also the more than 100 dedicated volunteers who have played such a vital role in supporting the GC and the Club's overall management and operations.

Instead of criticising the volunteers efforts we should all recognise and celebrate their hard work and achievements as they freely and selflessly contribute their time and expertise. When we reflect over the past decade and the remarkable accomplishments of our Club it is incredible what has been achieved by our volunteers. For those who are not aware please read the following:

Awards: Over the last ten years we have been the most decorated club, of any kind in WA. Awards included winning ***Bowls WA Metropolitan Bowling Club of the Year*** on four occasions; winning ***Clubs WA Medium Club of the Year*** on five occasions and being the only medium club to be inaugurated in the ***Clubs WA Hall of Fame***; and runner up in ***Bowls Australia's Bowling Club of Year*** in 2019. (Some may say that this made Sorrento the "second best" Club in Australia!)

2023 Australian Nationals: Successfully conducting this event was a great feather in the Club's cap and its success is testimony to the many months of planning and generous contributions by over 80 of our volunteers.

THE SORRENTO BOWLING CLUB'S AWARDS



Strategic Planning: Our Club commenced strategic planning back in 2007. The current strategic plan, *Continuing to Thrive Through 2025* provided a blueprint for our Club's development, setting out six key performance areas, with priorities and targets. The Key Performance Areas (KPIs) listed were:

- Good Governance and Financial Viability
- Membership and Marketing
- Club Environment
- Bar Operations and Club Usage
- Sporting Performance
- Greens and Grounds
- Good Governance and Financial Viability

Very good progress has been made in all these areas.

Greens and grounds: The world class standards of the greens and grounds presented to players at the Australian Nationals says it all about the standard of our greens.

Financial Viability: Despite facing challenges, especially during the COVID pandemic, our Club's financial stability remains robust. Operating a complex, million-dollar business requires meticulous management, including overseeing staff, coordinating with over 100 volunteers, adhering to taxation regulations, and being accountable to members and stakeholders. Our sound financial practices are a testament to our volunteers' professionalism.

Good Governance: Navigating the complex landscape of compliance with regulations, laws, and a myriad of rules is no small feat. Our volunteers and management have worked diligently to ensure compliance with various legal and regulatory frameworks, demonstrating their dedication to upholding Club standards.

Membership and Marketing: Our membership has flourished, growing from 480 in 2014 to a thriving community of over 900 today. This significant growth is a testament to the welcoming atmosphere and effective management of our Club. The implementation of modern technologies over the years are all maintained by hard working volunteers maintaining our

website, newsletters, magazines, and multimedia presentations, has enhanced communication and engagement with our members.

Club Environment: Sorrento's operations as a community club clearly go beyond lawn bowls. Vibrancy and patronage of the Club is essential. Our successful Darts and Croquet Clubs, community bowls, catering, functions, and events all require the tireless effort of volunteers. Managing the day-to-day operations of the Club involves organising competitions, ensuring member safety, maintaining facilities, and overseeing the bar and entertainment services. Our volunteers' efforts in these areas are vital to our Club's smooth functioning.

Sponsors: We've cultivated relationships with over 30 sponsors. While many have been steadfast supporters, all require the support and engagement of our volunteers and of course patronage from our members.

Sporting Performance: Bowls wise Sorrento can boast four Premier bowling divisions and remain one of the largest and most successful bowls clubs in the State.

Conclusion: It's crucial that we recognise the immense contributions of our volunteers. Their dedication, expertise, and passion have transformed our Club into a thriving community, and we owe them our gratitude and respect. Let's celebrate their efforts and continue to support one another in making our Club even more remarkable in the years to come.

– Neville Odell



REMEMBER THIS AT CHRISTMAS TIME



According to the *Alaska Department of Fish and Game*, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl. We should've known – ONLY women would be able to drag a fat-ass man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

– Thanks to Spider Webb for this useful information

CROQUET REPORT

My Journey from Golf to Croquet

*My wife was obsessed with croquet; it had become her chosen sport
For me to play that funny game, I never gave a thought.
To speak of bisques and hoops and pegs was foreign talk to me
It was the game of wrinkled ones, dressed all in white, and sipping tea!*

*But your life can change at any time, as most of you will know
And in a moment of sudden inspiration, I gave the croquet game a go.
To my surprise when I turned up, there were ladies of every shape
They sat me down and fussed around, and even fed me cake.*

*With formalities done, it came time to step up to the plate
And so, with trusty mallet, my task was to hit the ball straight
But I found these balls of many colours had a mindset of their own
Sometimes I got in front of the hoop; but most times I let out a groan.*

*But slowly as my game progressed; and my shots began to hit the mark,
I liked the idea of smashing others' balls to the far end of the park.
This game I found, was all about tactics, placement, and guile
Oh, what a feeling on the croquet green, when I had that winning smile.*

*Yes, I'm now in love with this game the conversion taking just six months
No lost balls to contend with; and the friends made have turned up trumps,
So, if your game of golf or bowls has left you with frustration and despair;
Then come and join the croquet club for loads of fun, fellowship, and care.*

– Anon

Christmas Lunch



**Croquet members enjoying an early Christmas Lunch
(Apologies to those few who can't be seen and got cut out of the
photo by mistake!**

Welcome to new, returning and prospective members

Jennifer Di Pardo, Margaret Gutowski, Pat Leuba, Marion Smith, Dale and Carol Wilcox, Peter Roberts, Helen Taylor, Max Davey and Ken Evans

The Sherlock Holmes Society of W.A.

On Saturday 21 October, a mild autumn day resulted in a scene rarely observed on Sorrento's croquet lawns, reminiscent perhaps, of Victorian times. A group named The "Sherlock Holmes Society of W. A. played their own version of a game now known as Association Croquet. These refined

gentlemen had a very enjoyable day with the winning pair being awarded the annual Governor's Shield. See photo below.



– Di McGivern

TRIBUTE TO MIN PULLER

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our Life Members – Min Puller. As one of our 1976 Foundation members, she embodied unwavering dedication and tireless commitment as a volunteer.

Over the years, her contributions were invaluable, serving as Lady President, for five years, Chairman of the Match Committee in 1994 to 1995, Chairman of Selection from 1969 to 1993 and Social Convenor from 1997 to 1998.

Alongside her husband, Alex, she devoted an extensive amount of time to our Club, leaving an indelible mark and playing a pivotal role in shaping it into what we proudly call "The Best in the West". In 1994 Min became our 4th Life Member. She and Alex had one other love and that was caravanning.

She was an excellent bowler and between 1981 and 1997 won six Championship titles in pairs, triples and fours events. In Ian Wittber's November 1988 newsletter he recorded that she had 30 bowling trophies adorning her mantel piece.

Min's legacy of hard work and passion will forever be remembered and cherished by all her friends and fellow members she touched over many years of service.

– Neville Odell

WHY WE NEED MORE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ON OUR BOWLING GREENS

Some of the attributes and skills a university graduate might bring to the game of lawn bowls are:



- √ **Critical Thinking:** (*Bachelor of Applied Leadership and Critical Thinking*) – This graduate thinks strategically about the game, shows inspired leadership for his (or her) teammates and the division overall. He (or she) critically analyses both his (or her) teams and the opponents' strengths and weaknesses and develops and implements a calculated and adaptable game plan.
- √ **Communication:** (*Bachelor of Media and Communication*) – Well known to this graduate is the science surrounding effective communication. She (or he) appreciates that what is said only represents 70% of the message, which is mostly conveyed through voice tone and body language. She (or he) knows the folly of sending conflicted messages with the body language saying, “crap bowl” while the voice saying, “don’t worry you’ve got another one”. These graduates realise that interpretive dance moves and indiscriminate hand signals are as effective as telepathy.
- √ **Physical and Mental Fitness:** (*Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science*) – Yes, these graduates have youth on their side, but their training informs them that physical and mental exercise throughout life creates the stamina, endurance, and tenacity to bowl well even in the longer events, despite chronological age.
- √ **Organisation:** (*Bachelor of Learning and Organisational Develop-*

ment) – These graduates plan their moves on the lawn with military focus and tactical precision. Every player in their team has a job to do and each player has faith in relying on the other players to carry out their missions. They tend to say, “Yes Captain” in preference to “You want what Skip?”

√ **Ethics and Sportsmanship:** (*Graduate Certificate of Ethics and Integrity in Sport*) – Graduates come with an understanding of illegal, corrupt, and anti-social conduct in sport and have developed an ethical framework for questioning the causes and consequences for individuals and communities. They have the knowledge and skills for building positive sporting cultures and managing negative influences with credibility and integrity. How well they integrate with people who participate in a sport where very few know the rules, or for that matter care, is another matter. How does a community that fights, spats, argues, dummy spits, still hold things together? These graduates have much to learn from us, but they will soon come to realise that we know it all – the antithesis of rulebook aficionados.

√ **Balance and Poise:** (*Bachelor of Tripodology*) – Sorry ladies this degree is certainly not for you (unless you are in drag). Perfecting this choreographed bowls stance gives triangulated stability and poise, allowing the perfect bowl to be delivered from a shorter distance. Navigating the green can cause problems, particularly in mixed events, but following a short distance behind the other players solves any embarrassment. Keeping the stance up over long games can prove taxing but of course medication will assist.

√ **Research Skills:** (*Doctor of Philosophy*) – Beware here. Some of these graduates might have found a futile research environment in which to develop their 200-page doctoral thesis on "The anthropology of a living microcosm of possible past cultures, patterns of behaviour, norms and values, some possibly dating back to the caveman (or cave woman) origins".

In the end, a university graduate on the lawn bowls green adds a touch of Sherlock Holmes' genius and Monty Python's humour to the game!

"I'd like to complain about people who constantly hold things up by complaining about people who complain. It's high time something was done about it!" – Monty Python

– Thanks to Brian Lucas and ChatGPT for help with this article

THE B.U.B.D.R.S. ("HOT SPOT")



The large crowd in attendance are on the edge of their seats. The 21-end fours final at Sorrento has been an enthralling match all day and is now delicately balanced with the scores tied at 23 all and a delicate measure underway to determine the ultimate winner – but wait, can you believe it, both Thirds are undecided. The umpire is called. The crowd waits expectantly. Tense.

Umpire Dave Javu had done this many times before in his 68-year career as an umpire. However, at age 97 he is slowing down a bit. He fumbles to get his instrument out and set up. The crowd become tense. Anxious even, and apprehensive. Dave lies on the ground, apparently to get a better view of the bowls to be measured.



He remains in that position for ten minutes until team Skip Jack Goff has had enough and calls for BUBDRS (Bad Umpiring Bowls Decision Review System) the equivalent to cricket's Decision Review System (DRS), and for a doctor for Dave. Second umpire Hugh Mungus sits with his control stick in hand, studying the controls of the review cameras. The BUBDRS

was introduced last year and is still in its teething stage, unlike umpire Dave. Hugh is relying on the Club's security cameras, but his view is obstructed by Dave and the medical staff. What to do? The crowd and players are waiting on his decision. Fingernails are being chewed, Valium popped, murmurs of discontent growing. The trophy awaits the winner. The pressure mounts. Expectations high.

But wait, thought Hugh. There is no replay mechanism. No one will ever know whether the decision I make is right or wrong. Only one choice to be made. Which captain to award the match to – Hugh Mungus or Dixie Normous. Alphabetically by first name and Dixie gets it, but by surname it goes to Hugh. What a dilemma, which way to lean?

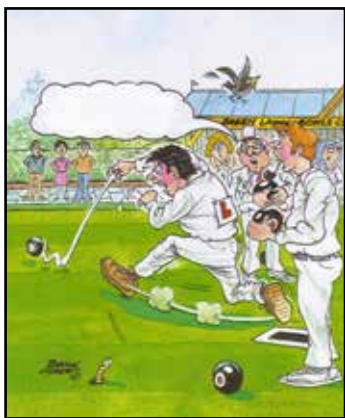
To be continued in the next edition

– Brian Lucas

Editor's Note:



Technology assisted tools exist in other sports, like Hawk-Eye in tennis, DRS in cricket or goal-line technology in soccer and footie are used to enhance the precision and accuracy of decision-making. It's time we had a "Bad Umpiring Bowls Decision Review System" or BUBDRS for foot faults, snickos, wides, in and out decisions, wicks, glides, kisses, sixes, fours, full tosses, yorkers, wrong biases, bouncers and no balls!



IAN WITTBER – A CLUB ICON OF TIRELESS PROPORTIONS



From the moment he walked through the Sorrento Bowling Club doors in 1986, until the very end, Ian Wittber was practical and selfless.

And his recent passing at the age of 79 has put a huge dent in the modest list of club members who genuinely fit into the category of having served Sorrento in a manner which can only be described as above and beyond.

His dedication and commitment to Sorrento knew no bounds and it's no coincidence that the solid foundation on which Sorrento now sits has a massive amount to do with the input from the bloke who was born and grew up a world away in the Goldfields of WA.

Born in Leonora on the 4th of July, 1944, Ian went to school there and in Esperance before finishing his education as a boarder at Scotch College. Banking was to be Ian's caper and it was at the National Bank in Manjimup, where they both worked as tellers, that he met his wife to be, Jean.

As is the case with bank employees, Ian saw a fair bit of the world with postings to Kulin, Palmyra, Korda, Kununurra ("the best years of our life", according to Jean), Wyndham, Northam, Duncraig and finally Claremont before he retired at age 55. Living in Stirling fortunately gave Ian easy access to the Sorrento Bowling Club – and the rest is history.

Ian's magnificent service to Sorrento began in earnest in 1993 when he served a two-year period as Club President, a position he again filled again between 1996 and 1999. He then took on the vital role of Club Secretary on three separate occasions between 2001 and 2016. It was during that period that, in keeping up with the times, Ian updated our manual record keeping systems by transitioning our financial and membership records into contemporary, computer-based formats. Ian also served on Match Committee for several



A 2021 photo of Ian and his lovely wife Jean



A 1992 photo of Ian when Sorrento won the "Most Outstanding Club of the Year"



Our 2016 Governing Council: Abba, Ian, Wayne, Pat, Brian and Pauline



Evan, Pat, Mike and Ian after winning an "8 Badge" in a Pennant game



A lovely photo of our Life Members and their partners at the 2016 Opening Day

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Life Members	
1991 ARTHUR STEWART*	2017 RON TAYLOR
1991 EDNA STEWART*	2019 GRAEME WHITEHORN
1993 BILL SHEPPARD*	2019 WAYNE GRAY
1994 IAN PULLAR	2020 JOHN ABERCROMBIE
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2006 GRAEME HEARD*	
2006 BILL LEYLAND*	
2006 JOHN MURPHY	
2009 IAN WITTEB	
2009 GEOFF BLOONFIELD*	
2010 JOAN NAPIER*	
2010 MAY LEYLAND	
2012 CHARLIE BEGOS	
2013 BRIAN LUCAS	
2014 IAN MARSHALL	

years and ran the State Masters Singles competition when it was hosted by Sorrento. Ian was also a member of Bowls WA committees and our own Social Committee where his efforts in organising and preparing Friday night meals for members will always be remembered.

He has also been a member of our Governing Council and from time to time was a highly competent Selector. Little wonder that, in 2009, Ian was made a life member of Sorrento. Long-term members of our Club say Ian was the most approachable of any of our Presidents.

Fellow life member John Murphy well remembers the annual trips to Wonthella, in a bus driven by Peter Chipman, for a week of bowls and “quite a few sips.”

On the bowling green at Sorrento, Ian, according to a couple of his “mates”, went from a very ordinary bowler in 5th division to almost superstar status in 2nd division once he readjusted his game and began using an “arm”. As a Skipper he used his new devise almost as a magic wand and at the end of 21 ends his teams were rarely runners up.

Away from bowls, Ian and Jean were avid world travellers and caravaners, who often spent weeks on end camping at Exmouth with fellow Sorrento people Kath and Kevin Harris, Wayne and Shelley Gray and Judy and Paul Graham.

But having suffered from polio as a child, Ian was unlucky enough for the condition to return in the form of Post Polio Syndrome not so long ago and it relentlessly cut him down. During two visits to Ian’s health care facility in Karrinyup just a few weeks ago, one by myself and one accompanied by Colin Campbell, Ian revealed during wonderful conversations that he was right up to date with what was happening in several areas at Sorrento – such was his enduring passion and concern for our Club despite his debilitating condition.

“I don’t want to be here but I have to be,” Ian said in an obvious selfless

reference that he was no longer prepared to put Jean through the almost impossible task of caring for him given his rapidly deteriorating mobility. Ian is survived by Jean, his wife of 54 years, son David, daughter Kirsten and three grandchildren.

We have lost one of our finest.

– Jim Woodward

PENNANT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Pennant ladies celebrated with a drink and nibbles to wish each other merry Christmas. Many thanks to Charmain and her helpers for organizing the tables to look so pretty and the nibbles which were enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Thank you to the GC for our drink and nibbles. We were surprised to see in the photo below that two specially invited guests (Steve and Stan) were fast asleep during the festivities.



WORDS OF WISDOM FOR WRINKLES (W.W.W)

- √ Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice
- √ "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
- √ You don't need anger management. You need people to stop upsetting you!
- √ Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- √ The biggest lie you tell yourself is, I don't need to write that down. I'll remember."
- √ "On time" is when you get there. Don't rush!
- √ Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
- √ It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- √ Lately, You've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- √ Growing old should have taken longer. I should have listened to my Mother!
- √ Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
- √ You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.
- √ And one more: "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

– Thanks to Trevor Orton for this useful advice



Should this foursome be considering taking up bowls? This team got into the semi-final of the ITF World Tennis Championships and got a bronze medal in the mixed 85+ age group.

Your Editor was at school in 1957 with the tall guy on the right. I think he has weathered better than yours truly!

JOE "FAT CAT" STOW DAY – DECEMBER 2023



On Friday, 8 December, thirty four bowlers (pictured above) played in our annual Joe Stow day. It is seventeen years since Joe passed and is still remembered and missed. Joe died of a heart attack and that is why we donate today's takings (\$254) to the Heart Foundation. It was a cool afternoon with a strong sea breeze as we remembered our dear friend – Fat Cat. Joe loved giving everyone a nickname so he was always known as Fat Cat! The corner where all the social bowlers met for a drink will always be known as such. The winners were John Keddie, Dave Wilson and Kevin McKersey (pictured below) and the runners up were Emily Dunn, Ken Evans and Merv Gregory.

– Barbara Spence



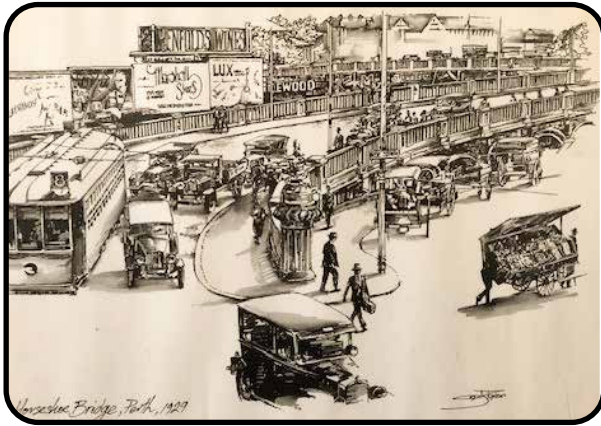
CONSTRUCTION OF OUR SYNTHETIC GREEN DECEMBER 2023





**Our beautiful new Synthetic Green!
Well done to all who made this happen**

"THE HORSESHOE BRIDGE 1929



We thought readers would like this sketch of the "Horseshoe Bridge". It was found hanging on the wall in the Men's Toilet at the Swan Bowling Club. We were that told the this club was founded in 1897 and is the oldest bowling Club in the World that is still on its original green!

WHERE AM I?

One esteemed bowling lady drove to a 50-year school reunion in Fremantle recently. For the story, we will call her Rosebud.

After three hours of reminiscing, wining, and dining, the party broke up and all left. Rosebud, thought discretion was the better part of valour and decided to get a Taxi home. The conversation with the Taxi driver went like this:



Taxi driver: "Where to, Ma'am?"

Rosebud: "I can't remember."

Taxi driver: "Mosman Park?"

Rosebud: "No, that's not right."

Taxi driver: "Peppermint Grove?"

Rosebud: "Definitely not there!"

Taxi driver: "Floreat Park?"

Rosebud: "No!"

Taxi driver (under breath): "Silly bitch!"

Rosebud: "That's right, City Beach!"



1836 BOWLER'S DICTIONARY

USEFUL INFORMATION FROM 1836 FOR BOTH OLD AND NEW BOWLERS

To my esteemed comrades in the realm of bowling, I bring forth an 1836 Bowler's Dictionary, compendium intended to illuminate our dear bowlers about the distinctions betwixt a *drive* and a *draw*, or the subtleties between a *wick* and a *glide*. It appears, upon occasion, our kin are a tad befuddled regarding these disparities! Allow me to disseminate this venerable glossary, a veritable treasure trove, purposed to edify both our burgeoning bowlers and the venerable veterans amongst us:

Backie (*Noun, Verb*): This term, not to be confused with an unwelcome medical procedure, denotes a discreet plea from the Skip. It beseeches a covert delivery around the rear entrance, crafted as a pre-emptive stratagem should the opposition attempt to snare the jack.

Beauty (*Noun*): The exalted moment when your Skipper proclaims your shot a "real beauty," reminiscent of a transient knighthood, albeit gratifying in its brevity.

Be Up (*Verb*): A plaintive and evocative cry from the Skipper, an urgent appeal to his team to not fall short in their endeavours!

Bowler (*Noun*): An entity seemingly akin to a sedentary figure at the sight of domestic chores, yet astoundingly transforms into a skilled and dynamic player upon the verdant green. A curious and paradoxical existence, indeed.

Canny (*Noun*): "He's a canny old rascal" – a distinguished title reserved for the cunning and astute player capable of peddling snow to an Eskimo.

Chance (*Noun, Verb*): When the Skipper implores you to “at least give your bowl a chance,” it evokes the audacity of wagering everything on number seven at the roulette table. It evokes scenes akin to a Shakespearean tragedy, replete with grand gestures.

Crack an Egg (*Verb*): The delicate art of manoeuvring a bowl with grace to strike the target, akin to a delicate maiden’s kiss. This means no dents or divots!

Dead Draw (*Noun, Verb*): Also known as a Jack-Wayne, akin to the acts witnessed in cowboy sagas. The precise attempt to land a bowl adjacent to the jack mirrors the challenge of threading a needle with a boxing glove; any miscalculation might result in unapproved chaos.

Driving lead (*Noun*): Recognition of a Lead whose bowl unexpectedly veers off-course into the ditch. All leads ought to refine their navigation skills by chauffeuring their team to away games.

Dummy Spitter (*Noun*): The inevitable grumblings following the Selectors’ announcements, where the hidden talents of bowlers remain unacknowledged. Perturbation ensues as they search their cots for their misplaced possession.

Euggghhhh (*Noun*): Enthusiastic commentary uttered when your *drive* misses the target by a metre.

Fattening up (*Verb*): When the Skipper ardently desires a second bowl in the head, it mirrors the culinary art of fortifying a thin stew – albeit with more greenery and less palatable zest.

Fire (*Verb*): A Skip’s proclamation granting you the liberty to remove the offending bowls, akin to unleashing a fire-breathing dragon – though the Third often errs and misses, akin to the predictability of a sitcom plot.

Glide (*Verb*): Also known as a *kiss*, a *wick*, a *straightener*, or acquiring a

walk. It represents the bowl's execution of a romantic-comedy plot twist, executed before or after a grand gesture. Bowlers of the lower echelons seldom master the glide, often resulting in a wick.

Good Home (*Noun*): When your bowl fails to rest where the Skip desired, it's akin to the miss-delivery of a package – a potentially burdensome and disheartening predicament. In Scottish parlance, the term assumes a pseudonymous plea for “*go home*.”

Handsome bowl (*Noun*): A shot displaying not merely aesthetics but also the charm to captivate both ladies and gentlemen on the verdant pasture. Also likened to “The George Clooney of Bowls” or our Prime Minister!

Hurry (*Verb*): An exclamation of dismay when your bowl falls short despite a valiant expedition to the head, akin to witnessing a marathon runner stumble at the finish line.

Legs (*Noun*): “Your bowl ran out of legs” – when your bowl lacks the requisite vigor, likened to a sloth attempting to sprint.

Luck (*Noun*): Manifesting in the forms of good and bad fortune, and yet curiously, one can also possess “*no luck*.” This elusive element determines between propitious and adverse outcomes, akin to a mischievous sprite indulging in lawn bowls, yet favouring the more adept players with an abundance thereof.

Male Bowler (*Noun*): A group espousing the archaic belief of deserving the finest days and rinks, while acknowledging the female counterparts for their culinary endeavours, hospitality, and adept social organisation – a complex blend of entitlement and appreciation.

Mohamed Ali (*Noun*): A bowl that endures hits and knocks during play, emblematic of the resilience akin to that of a champion pugilist.

Narrow (*Verb*): A bowl denied sufficient verdant expanse, designated as

“*Narrow as a bee’s knees*” or a “*chook’s face*” and ending up precisely where it should never be!

Nominated Shot (*Noun*): A gentle reminder that the mention of a “*nominated shot*” is redundant – if an inadvertent collision with a side bowl results in adjacency to the jack, a confident smile accompanied by a claim of premeditated brilliance shall suffice.

Oomph (*Noun*): The Skip’s call for increased potency, an indication that one has fallen short – a plea akin to requesting an additional measure of espresso in one’s coffee.

Pineapple (*Noun*): Also referred to as a “*Wibbly Wobbly*,” it represents the envisioned flawless delivery unexpectedly deviating from its intended course, akin to a celestial excursion, quite literally.

Robbo (*Noun*): A concise bowl crafted to impede the opposition’s play, named after the illustrious Peter Robson. When strategically positioned to counter the adversary’s offense, it is applauded otherwise it is just considered to be another short bowl! Previously known as a “Stopper”.

Same Again (*Verb*): A seemingly innocuous request for a replicated bowl, frequently causing panic in novice bowlers who, in their attempt to comply, unleash chaos with their subsequent attempt – analogous to a plea for an encore from a circus juggler astride a unicycle.

Shocker (*Noun*): A poorly executed bowl inadvertently transforming into an impediment, should it obstruct the optimal trajectory to the head. Comparable to the transformation of disarray into a masterpiece through serendipity and dogged insistence.

Wrong Bias (*Noun*): A grievous lapse when one neglects the proper orientation, leading their bowl astray into an adjacent rink. A travesty akin to a misdirected manoeuvre amidst genteel company.

– Thanks to all who contributed to this useful list.

THE GLAMOUROUS GODIVA'S RED HAT GROUP

This group meets each fourth Monday of the month at the Sorrento Bowling Club. The group was formed in April 2023 and is one of some 92 groups in Western Australia. Red Hatting is a social organisation whose ethos is Fun, Friendship and Frivolity for women.

If you are a woman over the age of 50 you join and wear a red hat that signifies the Sisterhood of women. If you are under 50 years of age you can still join in as a Pinky and wear a Pink Hat.

Glamorous Godiva's embrace the ethos and enjoy the company of other like minded women at coffee mornings, train trips, museum visits, theatre events, dinners and lunches. They also go along to a number of joint group events such as the recent Masquerade Ball held at Quinns Sports club.

For any lady interested in meeting up with the group either go along to a meeting on the fourth Monday of the month to Sorrento Bowling club, Duncraig or for more information email the Queen Bizzy Bee (Marion) majac32@gmail.com.

– Kerry Hutchinson



THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

*The computer swallowed Grandma
Yes, honestly its true
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely*



*The thought just makes me squirm
She must have caught a 'virus'
Or been eaten by a 'worm.'
I've searched through the 'recycle bin'
And files of every kind*

*I've even used the 'Internet'
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Google
My searches to refine
The reply from it was negative*



*Not a thing was found 'online.'
So if inside your 'Inbox'
My Grandma you should see
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!*

– Thanks to Trevor Orton for this poem

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION AT THE NATIONALS



The Nationals held in October was a highly successful event for our Club. But this only came about because of the fantastic effort by our 88 strong volunteer group. We apologise for not having photos of all 88! Their hard work and friendly, positive attitudes brought accolades from Bowls Australia, Bowls WA, players, manager and visitors. Congratulations and well done to you all.



From left to right: Some of our volunteers – Pat, Peter, Derek, Brian and Derry



From left to right: Bob, Murray Gary, Gerald, Colin, Barry, Trish and Lesley cooking hundreds of hamburgers for hungry bowlers

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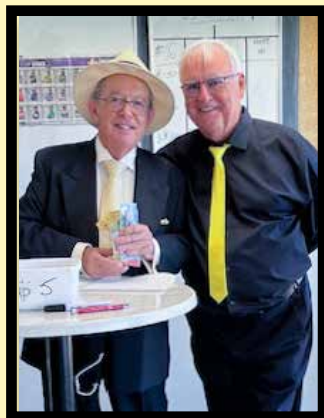
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MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON 2023.

Over 100 guests dressed in black, white, or gold attended this year's Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Sorrento Bowling Club. There were guests from the Club Hatters and friends, Croquet, Red Hatters, Mah-jong, Ripper Stitches, a family group, and others.

The day was a great success appreciated and enjoyed by all in attendance. The lunch was magnificent with many guests praising the quality and quantity of the meal.

The "Baby Boomers" entertained everyone with the dance floor rarely empty. Thanks go out to Cheryl Greig, Carole Ford, Adrian Rose, Rose Gannaway, Ian, and Chloe for their support prior and during the event. A big special thanks go out to Rose, her croquet colleagues and others for their assistance throughout the day. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

A big thanks to our Bookmaker, Pat Dichiera who kept a very close eye on the running of the sweepstakes.

Bring on Melbourne Cup Day 2024.

– John Abercrombie



SEX AND ROMANCE IN A BOWLING CLUB



When I mentioned to Brian Lucas that I was crafting an article on "Sex and Romance in a Bowling Club," he humorously quipped that it would be a very short piece and wouldn't take long to write! However, prepare to be intrigued as we delve into the vibrant world of senior lawn bowling club romances, where the average age exceeds 60,

but the zest for life—and possibly for each other—remains very much alive. Join us as we explore the enchanting realm of passionate seniors.

Contrary to the tranquil image of a bowling club, envision a place where seniors exchange smouldering glances and lock eyes with one another. The atmosphere is charged with some hanky panky with palpable tension, accompanied by the sweet murmur of whispered endearments that become the talk of the town.



From subtle hand grazes during bowl measurements to unabashed compliments about each other's ball-handling prowess, these seniors have mastered the art of the toucher. To curb natural tendencies some have suggested Viagra discreetly replacing Grippo. This could also serve to assist when players need a stiff upper lip in the face of stiff opposition to subdue emotion and exercise restraint.

A change of ends offers the perfect stage for flirtatious banter, where couples engage in witty exchanges. "Nice delivery," one might tease, eliciting a playful response like, "Oh, you think that's impressive? Wait until you see my follow-through!" Romance blossoms as retirees roll their way into each other's hearts, sometimes eliciting the green-eyed monster of jealousy among fellow bowlers who witness intimate connections forming over the beloved "jack." But in matters of the heart, who can fault them? Love, it seems, knows no bounds.



Post-bowling activities reveal a wilder side, with seniors opting to linger at their club and share tales of their epic matches. Occasionally, a covert kiss behind a bush or under the ever-present mistletoe, maintained year-round just in case, adds a touch of clandestine excitement to the mix.

A variety of urban legends exist about both younger and older bowlers who have managed to copulate on a bowling green. Which of these legends are true we will never know? The following story is true because it was in the West Australian newspaper on 23 January 2004. It read as follows:

"The Gosnells Bowling Club is expecting a surge in new membership following a live sex show on their C green. The club's newsletter reported the incident of rumpy-pumpy and offered a blow-by-blow description of the action on the green's bank. A young, plump couple in their mid 20s entered via the gate on Dorothy Street, removed various items of clothing, lay down on the lush bank, performed for about ten minutes, quickly dressed and took off " the article said.

According to one club member, two buttock-shaped indentations were still visible on the bank days later. (Much to the consternation of the green-keeper)."A bowler who was practicing on A green when he became aware of something happening on C green, "the newsletter continued. "From all reports he out sprinted other bowlers, but upon nearing C green and realising what was happening, he came to a screeching halt not knowing whether to continue and give some helpful hints or retreat and observe proceedings with the other onlookers.



In conclusion, if you assumed that senior bowling clubs were merely havens for retirees seeking a tranquil pastime, reconsider your perception. These green enthusiasts are rewriting the rules of love, finding romance and passion one perfectly rolled bowl at a time. So, if you're ever in search of captivating gossip or a front-row seat to a burgeoning romance, look no further. Love, it seems, can thrive even in the most unexpected places – even at the Sorrento Bowling Club!

– Neville Odell

DON'T JUDGE A CROC BY ITS TEETH!

Well, confusion reigns. The Saturday pairs competition saw Barry Stewart and Peter Snow drawn against Wayne Gray and Brian Lucas. No issue there until trying to work out who had shot on the first end. That's when the similarity in Barry's and Brian's bowls became apparent. Can you spot the difference?



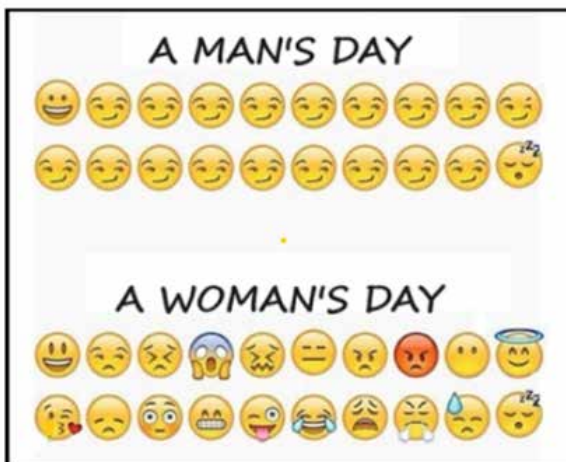
They are not the same bowl. Yes, they are both Taylor SRV. Yes, they are both the same colour. Yes, they both have the same crocodile emblem, or do they? Look closely. One crocodile has teeth on its top and bottom jaws while the other only has teeth only on the top jaw. Which crocodile would you like to be taken by?

Anyway, on the first end the bowls had to be carefully turned over to see which was a size 3 and which was a size 4. The next end Barry's set was differentiated with a highlighter pen.

SOME CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS



A Clock for Retired People



BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!
 I RECENTLY CALLED AN OLD ENGINEERING BUDDY OF MINE AND ASKED WHAT HE WAS WORKING ON THESE DAYS.
 HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON "AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF CERAMICS, ALUMINUM AND STEEL UNDER A CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT."
 I WAS IMPRESSED UNTIL, UPON FURTHER INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT HE WAS WASHING DISHES WITH HOT WATER UNDER HIS WIFE'S SUPERVISION.



A WOMAN'S POEM



*Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man who's not a creep.
One who's handsome, smart and strong.
One who loves to listen long.
One who thinks before he speaks.
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he's rich and self-employed,
And when I spend, won't be annoyed.
Pull out my chair and hold my hand,
Massage my feet and help me stand.
Oh send a king to make me queen
A man who loves to cook and clean.
I pray this man will love no other
And relish visits with my mother.*

.....AND A MAN'S POEM

*I pray for a deaf mute, Gymnast
and a nymphomaniac
With big tits who owns a bar
On a golf course
And loves to send me
Fishing and drinking.
This doesn't rhyme and
I don't give a shit.*





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WHAT IN THE WORLD TO CALL A GOOD BOWL?

Have you ever wondered what lawn bowlers from other countries say when one of their team plays a good bowl? With help from Brian Lucas, Jim Woodward and ChatGPT your Editor has compiled the following list:

- √ **England:** "Blimey, that is a jolly good wood, old chap. Absolutely brilliant! Charles will be over the moon with that one. Toodle-oo! Pip-pip, old chap!"
- √ **Australia:** "Strewth, Mate, that is an absolute bloody beaut. Fair dinkum! Your bowl is as impressive as a kangaroo on a trampoline!"
- √ **New Zealand:** "Ka pai te whakatapu" "Sweet as, bro! Your bowl is perfect. It's a proper ripper, mate! 'A stonking bowl,' bro!", "Almost as good as Trevor Chappell's rolling of a cricket ball down the pitch in 1981"
- √ **South Africa:** "Dit is 'n moerse, mooi en lekker rolbal! It's as lekker as a boerewors braai on a sunny day. Bravo, boet!"
- √ **Canada:** "Eh, top-notch bowl, buddy. What a ripper! A grizzly performance indeed."
- √ **Scotland:** "Sguir gun toirt" "Och aye, laddie! Your bowl's bonnier than a Highland sunrise. It had more swing than a kilted bagpiper at a Highland dance! Bravo, lad!"
- √ **Wales:** "Chwarae teg", "By the leeks of Llandudno! Your bowl had more fire than a dragon on hot sauce."
- √ **Japan:** "Jouzu ni yatta", "Well done! Hang on. Let me take a selfie to capture this moment and to show the world what true bowling artistry looks like!"
- √ **America:** "Hee-haw! That delivery is so impressive! It could make a bald eagle grow a second feather. Keep it up, champ. Make bowling great again Donald! (MBGA)!"
- √ **Ireland:** "Faith and begorrah for sure for sure! That's a clinker of a bowl, it is, and no blarney. You're bowling like a leprechaun guarding the end of

the rainbow, pot of gold and all!" *Editor's Note: Why did the Irish Skipper bowl his second bowl on the last end when victory was already assured: To be sure, to be sure.*

- √ **Germany:** "Sehr gut", "Gut gespielt", "Bravo.", "Wunderbar! Your lawn bowl is so good it could make me more excited about sauerkraut. Gut gemacht, mein Freund!"
- √ **India:** "Aree baba, what a fantastic bowl! It's as splendid as a Bollywood dance number. You're rolling like a Bollywood superstar on the green, my friend!"
- √ **Malaysia:** "Wah, that's a top-notch bowl, lah! It's as marvellous as a plate of nasi lemak. Your performance is so 'boleh'.
- √ **Zimbabwe:** "Mukoma, that bowl is as impressive as Victoria Falls in full flow! You're bowling like the kings of Great Zimbabwe – majestic and unbeatable!"

THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE "FINGER BOWL"

Ah the curious case of the finger bowl – the charming relic of a bygone era. Picture this: you're at a lavish dinner party, dressed to the nines, surrounded by fine China and crystal goblets, and suddenly, there it is – the finger bowl, lurking on the table like a clandestine secret agent of etiquette. Back in the days when dining meant donning your finest cravat and monocle, finger bowls were essential accessories for the fanciest feasts.



Why, might you inquire? Well, you never knew when that succulent lobster or a juicy peach might launch an unexpected attack on your pristine digits. Thus, the finger bowl stood ready, like a trusty butler at your beck and call, filled with water, offering a dainty escape from culinary calamities. Using them was a theatrical performance, a grand display

of manners. You'd dip your fingertips into the bowl, all pinkies out, like an aristocratic swan gracefully gliding across a pond. Then, with impeccable timing, you'd raise your freshly cleansed fingers to the heavens – It was all about elegance, darling! But, as they say, all good things must come to an end messy. Forks and knives came to the rescue, relegating finger bowls to the back of the etiquette archives.



Well finally you may ask "What is the relevance of this article?" Well recently playing at Wanneroo the one Skipper was on about finger bowls and I had to ask him what the significance and how these relics of the past were applicable to lawn bowls. So let me put your mind at rest because a "Finger Bowl" is when the Skipper puts his finger into the air as your bowl rests on the jack and then tells you that you deserve a finger for bowling a "Finger Bowl".

– Neville Odell

BEYOND BLUE DAY CHARITY DAY

Many thanks to Barbara Spence who once again ran our Club's annual Beyond Blue Charity Day. Forty of our bowlers help raise \$240 for this important organisation. The winners were Antonio Tarzia, Tom Henderson, Ken Foggo and Gordon Plenderleith. (Pictured below) Runners up were Clive Webber, Bev Carrigy, Ken Evans and David White.





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ANSWERS TO "BOWLERS NICKNAMES" COMP.

In our last magazine we offered a bottle of wine and a \$20 drink voucher? to the first correct entry received in our "Nickname" competition. Unfortunately, no one managed to identify everyone. Monique Kopec was close and only had two names wrong so she has been declared the winner!

The correct answers are:

John Jackson is referred to as JJ, Philip Webb is known as Spider, Brian Hogan is recognized as Tiger, Alan Walton is nicknamed Dreads, Peter Snow is identified as Snowflake, Ian Linford is Foxy, Wendy Wray Flack is Stinger, Kevin Coffey is known as Cuppa Coffee, Brian Collins is Ferret, Ron Rogers is nicknamed Trigger, Ron Taylor is known as Mr T, Ross or Trish Cunningham is referred to as Sam, Charmain Harris is nicknamed Auntie, Jan Paniperis is known as JanPan, Jan Cook is recognized as Cookie, John Abercrombie is referred to as Abba, Gary Bobridge is known as Porkie, John Brown is nicknamed Brownie, Frank Bomford is recognised as Bomba, Herbert Eisenmann is known as Herbie, Jim Spencer is referred to as Mad Dog, Egon Mikolajczyk is known as Miko, Peter Robson is referred to as Robbo, Murray Hulbert is nicknamed Beaker, Alan Anderson is known as Angry, and Warren Elliott is recognized as Wazza.

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WHAT DOES A GREEN KEEPER NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS?

I often ponder whether the *Eighth Wonder of the World* is in fact the breadth of inherent knowledge and experience that members of seemingly all bowling clubs have when it comes to maintaining grass bowling greens.

Perhaps conducting a survey of members to see how many hold qualifications in horticulture or sports turf management might shed some light on the subject.



Even without a formal qualification, most members realise that grass is a natural resource that must be carefully managed, particularly in a club with heavy usage like Sorrento. We have all visited numerous clubs recently and seen firsthand the results from poor grass management.

What was clearly and indisputably evident from the recent nationals is that Sorrento has superior grass greens, thanks to our greenkeepers. I asked our greenkeeper Alan McFadden whether he would be kind enough to share some insights with the members on the ingredients that need to go into producing a superb bowling Green.

Below is his response:

- **Mowing Expertise:** Achieving the right mowing height is crucial. We do this with precision for a consistent playing surface.
- **Rolling Perfection:** Regular rolling ensures the greens are flat and smooth, providing you with an ideal playing area.
- **Watering Wisdom:** Proper watering is key. We time it just right, early, or late, to maintain grass health and a steady pace.
- **Fertilizing Know-How:** Regular fertilization keeps the grass lush and green, providing the nutrients it needs to thrive.

- **Aeration Magic:** Aeration improves soil structure, allowing air and water to penetrate, preventing compaction and encouraging healthy root growth.
- **Pest Vigilance:** We keep an eye out for pests and diseases, nipping them in the bud to maintain the grass's health.
- **Soil Care:** Regular soil testing ensures the right pH level for optimal grass growth, and we adjust as needed.
- **Topdressing Artistry:** Applying a thin layer of topdressing levels the surface, fills in low spots, and enhances drainage.
- **Grass Health Priority:** We prioritize strong, healthy grass, addressing issues like bare patches to keep the green in top condition.
- **Rules Adherence:** We follow local regulations, especially regarding water and chemicals, ensuring responsible maintenance practices.
- **Seasonal Adjustments:** Adapting to Perth's seasonal variations and local weather conditions means more frequent watering during hot and dry periods.
- **Player Feedback:** Your input matters. We listen to your feedback, shaping how we care for the greens based on your preferences.
- **Resource Management:** Efficient budgeting ensures we make the most of available resources to keep the greens in excellent shape.
- **Turf Dynamics:** The greens change daily due to weather factors like rain, humidity, wind, and heat. We adjust accordingly to maintain consistency.
- **Weather's Influence:** We can't control the weather, but we adapt our strategies to ensure the greens remain optimal for play.
- **The Game of Adaptation:** Regardless of the surface, your adaptability is key to mastering the game of bowls. Remember, it's in your hands, not just the grass.
- **Everyday Dedication:** We're here every day, seven days a week, ensuring you have a fantastic time on the greens. Enjoy your game! Please remember that Green keeping is a specialized trade, requiring a four-year apprenticeship to master the craft.

From all our members I wish to thank Alan and John for their continued diligence and professionalism in maintaining our greens.

– Neville Odell

TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR FRIEND – JOHN SANDERS



During John's funeral, his daughter Lorraine shared heartfelt reflections on her father's remarkable qualities. Graciously, she has allowed us to weave her words into this tribute.

She reminded us how her dad possessed an innate ability to forge meaningful connections with people. Despite claiming that his wit was "acquired," his delightful sense of humour was infectious. His unique blend of intellect and practical skills, fitting for a manual arts teacher, ensured that his children experienced a joyful and enriching childhood. Notably, he even built a catamaran from scratch. A truly remarkable feat of determination and skill and creating countless cherished memories sailing with his family on the Swan River.

Lorraine and her dad had a weekly rendezvous at the local Italian, sharing a carafe of house wine and an antipasto, forming cherished moments of connection. John's tales of his youth in Kalgoorlie, Perth, and Como as a young adult, with his twin brother by his side, added richness to these gatherings. Over time, their dinners evolved into brunches, with John savouring his habitual weak long black and fruit toast—a testament to the beauty he found in simplicity.

Lorraine painted a lovely picture of her father's post-retirement pursuits—lawn bowls, bridge, and square dancing—activities that brought him not only joy but also the camaraderie of newfound friends.

As a dedicated teacher, John extended his support to newcomers, generously sharing his knowledge and welcoming them into the fold. A true clubman and wonderful member who was a delight to be with. John played a significant role in his grandchildren's lives. Whether attending cricket games or supporting their latest hobbies, he showed genuine interest and unwavering encouragement.

A testament to John's character was his unwavering devotion to his loving wife Mary, particularly following her debilitating stroke. Lorraine recounted how her father at the age of 80 would steadfastly drive for over an hour, five times per week to be with Mary at Aubin Grove. His remarkable dedication speaks volumes about the depth of their bond and his unwavering devotion.

John was, without a doubt, loved by everyone fortunate enough to know him. His kindness, humour, and enduring commitment to family and friends have left an indelible mark in our hearts and memories. In all the years I knew him, I can't remember any occasion when he was cross or said a bad word against anyone. He will be missed by his family and all his friends at the Sorrento.

– From all your friends at Sorrento



John's 2015/16 winning mid-week 2nd Division Pennant team



A 2013 photo of John with Bob Jeffs, Ray Dunn, and Roland Hill after winning a Handicap Men's Fours

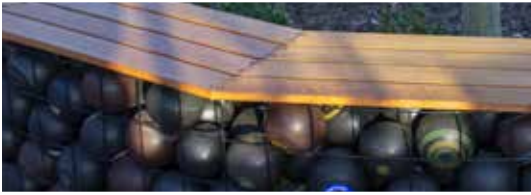


His 2016/17 winning Club Fours team with his mates Ken, Tiger, and Tom.



Another winning team! John (Collishaw), Trevor, Neville and John Sanders

WHEN OUTFITS WERE WHITE AND BOWLS BLACK



Black bowls are eventually made into a bench or a Newton's cradle that demonstrates the conservation of momentum/energy



Swan Bowling Club Pennant Winners 1926/27. Note the ties and white outfits!



Traditionally, lawn bowlers followed a strict dress code, requiring white clothing, which was considered a standard to maintain a sense of tradition and decorum



Do you recognise this guy? He would have been reprimanded by the Umpire for unacceptable dress



WHEN OUTFITS AND LAWN BOWLS BECAME COLOURFUL





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