

THE BUZZ



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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



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Projects the board has been working on have come to fruition at last. Firstly the upgrade to the Emergency Gate has been completed by the Council and the new website is up and running.

Finally after many months of planning the office and meeting room extension, a Special General Meeting was held on Tuesday 20th March 2018. There was a very good attendance of members and after the plans were explained, and questions answered, the motion to spend \$115,500 to build was put and voted on with the outcome being a majority in favour. The contract with the builder Ivan Schmock-er Constructions is now being drawn up and construction will commence in May. We were successful in receiving a grant of \$22,000 through the office of Tony Zappia, Federal MP, to help with the financing. The TTG Council has also been approached for assistance.

Three new Sponsors have come on board recently Inta Concrete, Real Estate Partners and Podfit Modbury. Their signage will be displayed inside the Clubroom and on the scoreboards on the greens. Please consider using our Sponsors when you have need of their particular expertise.

It was sad to hear of the passing of Tom Milton, a founding member and Life Member and former Chairman of the Board and also John Knock a member and former selector. Vale Tom and John.

Roslyn Blakeney

Nothing is impossible, the
word itself says 'I'm
possible'!

Audrey Hepburn



FROM THE EDITOR

Finally made another issue of the Buzz. Life has got in the way I'm afraid.

This will be my final Buzz as I am calling it a day.

I have been doing this for more than 6 years now , have found it interesting and challenging but the time has come for someone else to inject some new ideas and enthusiasm into the task.

I want to thank all of the members who have assisted me greatly by contributing reports, information and fun stuff to include.

I do hope that there will be someone willing to take on the task.

Cheers

Andrea

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THE MEN'S SCENE



Wednesday and Saturday Cosmo Triples are going along very well with Ken Byrom at the helm, and Mike Muirhead and Ron Chandler assisting on separate days.

It has been decided to increase the fees for these Triples to \$6.00 as from 28/4/18.

Attendances have been very good.

53 questionnaires have been received back with 37 still outstanding. Please return these as soon as possible so that we can do the necessary organisation.

Nominations have been received for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Committee members.

The Men's AGM is to be held on the 24th April so come along .



CLUB COACHING

On Friday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm and Sunday mornings from 10am to 12noon, coaching sessions take place. John and Andrea have been running these and everybody is welcome to attend.

Just a phone call to let us know so that we can be prepared .

There is a group which regularly attends and it is really great to see the enthusiasm from these players.

It is also great to see their steady improvement in skill and confidence.

We will not be able to do this Friday 27th or Sunday 29th as we will in Kangaroo Island playing bowls.

Also from mid-June we will be off to Queensland until late August but will take it up again when we return.

Andrea and John Williams



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FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

JULY 28TH

\$25.00 PER TICKET

ENTERTAINMENT IS D.J. RON

TICKETS AVAILABLE



THE KIWANIS/HOPE VALLEY QUIZ NIGHT IS ALSO COMING SOON.



THE DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE ASHLEY HALLS AS QUIZMASTER ONCE AGAIN

WATCH THE BOARD FOR DETAILS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



A reminder that our club needs more measurers and umpires. Bowls SA website shows upcoming courses. Open the web page, go to "club assistance" then down to "officials" and you will see any upcoming courses. Select the one you want and contact any committee member to assist as the club will help you with the details and pay the fee!

The club has rule books free to new umpires, or \$10 to any member who wishes to check my occasional rambles about rules!

Pete

WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



The number of entries for this season's club championships was down in all events except the Championship Singles, where there was one more entry than the previous year. Finals Day was programmed in late February to allow time for winners of Championship Singles and Pairs to enter Champion of Champion events by the due date set by BowlsSA.

For this reason, two rounds of singles were programmed on the same day to hasten the completion of these events. In addition, the first rounds of Pairs and Triples were programmed for designated Friday afternoons, to free up more Tuesday mornings for club practices.

Finals Day was a very pleasant day weather wise which helped make it a great day for players and spectators.

RESULTS

WOMEN'S CHAMP. SINGLES

Winner: P. Davies

R/U: J. Gardiner

WOMEN'S CHAMP. PAIRS

Winner: R. Heitmann, A. Faull

R/U: J. Gardiner, P. Davies

WOMEN'S 100 UP

Winner: R. Heitmann

R/U: A. Williams

WOMEN'S TRIPLES

Winner: D. Paddick, A. Faull, R. Heitmann

R/U: N. Timmis, B. Tripodi, L. Scarlett

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2 SINGLES

Winner: E. Allan

R/U: T. Snape

WOMEN'S PLATE

Winner: A. Williams

WOMEN'S NOVICE SINGLES

Winner: S. Harrison

R/U: T. Snape

A bowling dilemma: How do you use the mat to get around a bowl?

Originally written by Bob Tuck 2011 and updated July 2015

The Problem

A few years ago I had a problem. Most of the books on bowls I had read told me that to get around a bowl which you believe is on your draw line, you move across the mat as far as you can to the opposite side. That is a right hander moves to the left for a forehand and to the right for a backhand. As a long term coach I always taught the textbook method if an experienced bowler asked me.

My new, highly respected club coach told me this was completely wrong : you just move to the side you are bowling on

The Mathematics of Bowls

I had never explored the reasons behind the move across the mat but I thought I should try to sort out who was right; surely both ways could not work. Google did not help; I could find nothing of substance on the topic at all. As a lifetime applied mathematics teacher I reasoned that it should be possible to use mathematics to sort out which method was correct

How does mathematics come into lawn bowls? The most important way is in the establishment of the green angle. For a given set of bowls on a given green with current wind there is a fixed angle between the centre line of the rink and the delivery line which will result in the bowl finishing on the centre line. This angle would normally be between 4 and 12 degrees

Getting Your Green

There are two main methods which are used by bowlers to ensure that they get the angle right as often as possible

The visualiser is able to remember the required angle for each end and each hand and concentrates on getting this right throughout the day. Most visualise the track the bowl will take from hand to head, hopefully getting the weight right through the same process. A big percentage of high level bowlers use this method

The bank aimer sets the angle by finding a point on the bank which provides the correct angle on each hand. Most then drop their eyes to a point on the green along this line and aim at that point. The bank aimer has to know what to do if the mat is placed up the green by more than a couple of metres (see this link)

My coach Geoff is a visualizer, I am a bank aimer. I decided that this must be the cause of the our disagreement

TO GET AROUND A BOWL

Method One - move to the side you are bowling on

The visualiser moves to the outside of the mat and bowls using exactly the same angle so that the bowl travels parallel to a bowl delivered from the normal mat position, clearing the bowl in the path by a couple of centimetres, and finishing off the centre line by the distance moved across the mat

· **The bank aimer can also use this method, but has to move the bank aiming point by the distance moved across the mat to deliver a parallel bowl**

· **Method Two - move to the opposite side Move to the inside of the mat as far as the foot fault rule allows you to go (perhaps 21 cm)**

Bowl at your usual point on the bank

The angle taken by your bowl is slightly increased making it go wider to get around the bowl and causing it to finish wider

· **Since you have delivered it 21 cms narrower it should finish near the jack provided you have bowled it with perfect green and weight**

This method can only be used by a bank aimer since the visualizer would have to increase the remembered angle by a very small amount for one bowl (perhaps from 7 degrees to 7.04 degrees Getting around a bowl using this method will only work if the bowl you want to go around is in the last quarter of the path to the head. The new path crosses the old path at about 70% of the run. My testing of this showed that the margin for error is very low and hence I believe that it may be better to also add a few cm to the aiming point when using this method.

Both methods work! but BOTH METHODS PRESUME THAT YOU WILL BOWL WITH PERFECT GREEN AND WEIGHT. There is probably no point in even mentioning these methods to beginning bowlers.

Which Method Should You Use

Prior to 2015 the foot fault rule requires you to you have to have one foot completely on the mat in the set position. If you usually bowl with the centre of your fixed foot on the centre of the mat, the old foot fault rule allowed you to move for a backhand only about 10-12cms to the outside of the mat but approximately 20-22cms to the inside of the mat (and vice versa for a forehand) The much more liberal new rule which only requires any contact with the mat in the set position results in about the same possible movement of 20-22cms for both backhand and forehand. Now your choice might depend on where other bowls are located . Continued overleaf

A Bowling Dilemma continued

However what is mostly required is confidence in your actions so that you maintain your perfect weight and green. Over the years I have been surprised how often using one of these methods works for me, given my moderate draw bowling ability, the small margins involved, and the likelihood that the offending bowl may not be exactly on the normal path.

Perhaps it succeeds because it forces the bowler to concentrate harder than usual on delivering that bowl.



CHAMPION'S WEEK MURRAY BRIDGE



From Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th April, Champions week will be held at the Murray Bridge Bowling Club.

We have representatives in three events in the competition.

On Thursday 26th , Raelene, Shirley and Andrea compete in the State Triples.

On Friday 27th Raelene competes in the State Singles and on Sunday 29th Raelene and Anthea compete in the Champion of Champion Pairs.

They have all done so well to get to this stage and we wish them all **Good Bowling** in the finals.

GO HOPE VALLEY

Indoor Wednesday Night Mixed:



This season we have entered two teams, Hope Valley A and Hope Valley B in the Northern Section of the competition. We have 18 regular players at the moment, 8 male and 10 female. We need 16 players available each week to fill the two teams.

We would welcome any additional new players. If you would like any further information about what the details are regarding this competition please feel free to contact me or Roslyn Blakeney.

There is also an opportunity to play in the Regional Tournament being conducted in Mt Gambier later in the year.

Some of our players are expected to be selected for the State team in the AIBBC National Championships. This year the national competition will be played on the Sunshine Coast at the Caloundra Indoor Stadium Queensland from the 20th to 25th August. Sunny one day, perfect the next we hope.

Len Blakeney (coordinator) 8264 0008 or 04 1834 9144

FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS



We are having very good numbers attending each Friday with 60 the highest.

Lots of new players from both Night Owls and Pennants have joined us and are obviously enjoying their games.

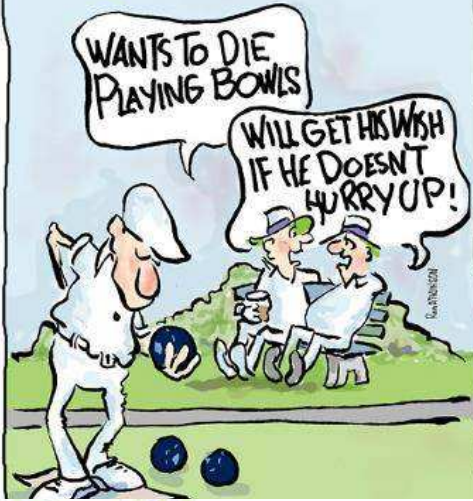
Can't believe Jan Loe last Friday.....Won the Resting Toucher, won the chocolates for the Best Performing Rink and then won the money in the envelope. What a winner !!

Then she helped cook Friday Night Tea. Don't think she won anything on the bats though.

Wonder if she won Cross Lotto on Saturday?



Roll UP



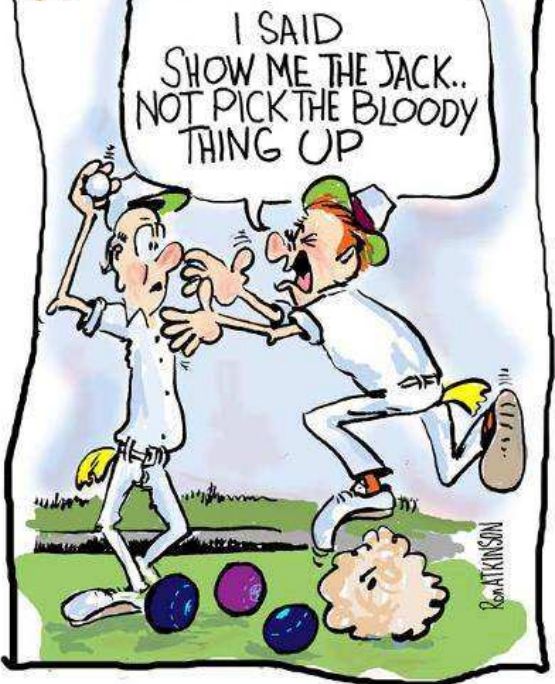
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GREENS REPORT



Greens:

All good and we have 2 Work-for-the-Dole volunteers starting next week.

The dry weather means we can expect a high water bill.

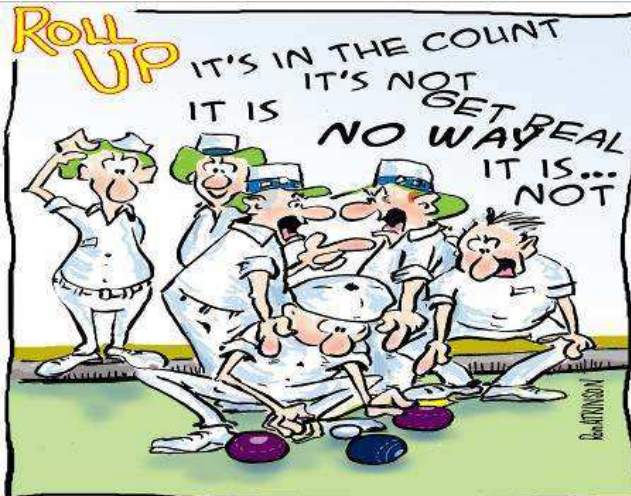
We do have at least 9 missing Jacks.

Please check your bags in case you have inadvertently taken them.
Please return them to the Club as this is an expense that we should not have to incur.

Bob Fuss Greens Manager



Glad that we have now had some rain Bob. Makes it a bit easier to keep the greens happy.



25 YEAR CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP



Have you noticed the Honour Board dedicated to our 25 Year continuous members?

This was an initiative of Jim Terrington, taken up by the Board, to recognize those members who have been with Hope Valley for 25 years. Jim has made the board and each of these members will receive a 25 year badge, which I am sure they will wear with pride.

The women named here will receive their badges at our AGM on Tuesday 17th April. Most of the men received theirs at the Presentation night.

Heather Gander

Pauline Norman

Margaret Morden

Carmel Farrow

Ester Allen

Chris Miller

Joan Edwards

Vonnie Secker

Eric Dunbar

Eddie Barlow

Des Barnes

Brian Pocock

Jack Smith

Ivan Stiffle

Bob Fuss

Doug Miller

Neville Trewren

Ron Peters

Barry Hoskin

Ian Hoskin

Phil Mahoney

Merv Fisher

Fred Mullett

Bill Gillespie

There is plenty of room left on the board for more names so hang around!!!

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FROM THE LADIES



The Pennant season has well and truly finished and overall we had reasonable success.

Premier really exceeded all expectations by finishing third. It certainly would have been great to keep going but lost in the elimination final to Holdfast by a few shots.

Let us all keep up the practice both over the winter break and preceding the new pennant season . Then hopefully all sides can increase their positions on the ladder in 2018/2019. Success comes from effort.

Congratulations to Linda and her Team for the successful Easter Carnival. Their efforts raised a total of \$1682. and I believe all who took part had a very enjoyable time.

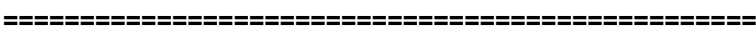
It was a great coup to have the Sat Div. 3 , 4 and 5 Finals at our Club this year and it is thanks to the MBA that it occurred in spite of the fact that we are sponsored by Coopers. It was a great way to show off our welcoming Club and good greens. A big thank you to all who contributed on that day.

I do wish to thank all of you who have supported me over the past 2 years as President of the Women's Section . You have all been willing to take on tasks and do them very well, making the President's job easier and satisfying. I especially wish to thank the Committee and in particular our Secretary Raelene for her thoroughness (even if she is pretty bossy) , and Shirley who has kept the finances in order.

You are a great bunch of women and I have been proud to be your President.

I wish Jill Chandler and her Committee all the very best and know that they will do a great job.

Andrea



WOMEN'S INDOOR BOWLS



We have 26 ladies playing on Monday and Tuesday this year making up three teams.

One on Monday and two on Tuesday.

The season commences on Mon.30th April and Tues.1st May and continues until 7th and 8th August.

We hope to improve on our performance last year when two teams finished second.

This year we want to win the pennant!

Our Gala days have been set for 24th May and 19th July

Marg Bibby Secretary

RULES REGISTER



The etiquette described in the last Buzz was useful, however the U.S. rule of two minutes to bowl is not in the rule book we use, so don't go quoting it! (It's fake news...)

Another issue entirely is rule 12.1.2.4 Possession of the rink. "Players at the head end of the mat and are not controlling play must stand well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds." so if it's not a player on your side who is going to bowl you should be on the bank, not on the rink. I suggest that if you are on the mat waiting to bowl you continue to wait until all opposition bowlers, with the exception of the person controlling play, remove themselves to the bank! (Just quote rule 12.1.2.4 if they look a bit bemused.) Pedantic maybe, but the rule nevertheless. . Of course if *your* team is in possession of the rink you may stand on the rink but (as per Rule 12.1.2.1) "behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink."

Pete

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I must disagree with Pete's interpretation of this and I believe the rule is quite clear. See Rules

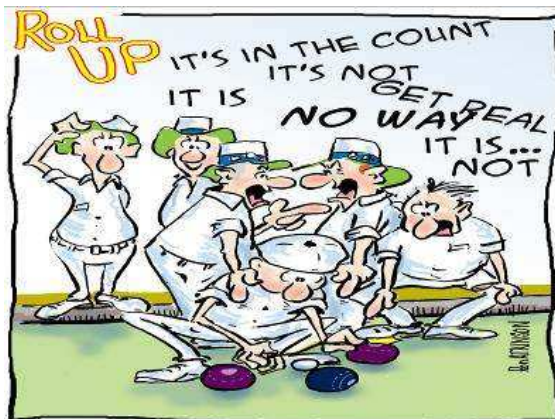
Rule 12.1.1 Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 metre behind the mat. (so that can be both teams I believe).

12.1.2. Players at the head-end of the rink and are not controlling play must stand :

12.1.2.1 behind the jack if they are members of the team in possession of the rink....(*all members of the team can be there*)

12.1.2.2behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team which is not in possession of the rink.....(*just behind and away, not off the green*)

When all players are on the green they are much more likely to be involved in the game as team players and not individual players. Just hopefully not like this.



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