

THE BUZZ



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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK

There has been some movement on the Board of Management recently. Chris Parry and Ken Byrom both resigned from their positions in September. Many thanks to Chris and Ken for their years of service and expertise in this area.



After much thought Shirley Kipling and Martin Smith were invited to join the Board for the next few months until the AGM in May. They are both experienced committee people and we really appreciate their willingness to come on board.

We decided to appoint Brian Thompson to the position of Deputy Chairperson in the interim. Be assured that the smooth running and wellbeing of the Club is always uppermost in our minds.

In case you are wondering about a new phone booklet for this season, it is currently at the printers and will be available soon.

A huge shoutout goes to all who volunteer at the Club and quietly go about doing jobs and keeping the Club looking good. Thanks to Jamie Jarman and Dean Sanders as they coach the young kids on Tuesdays after school and thanks also to Haydn Harper and the Marketing/Sponsorship committee with the ongoing revamp of sponsorship and promotion of the Club.

Good bowling,
Roslyn Blakeney



FROM THE LADIES' PRESIDENT



FROM THE LADIES LOCKER ROOM

We are now well 'under way' and heading into our 4th round of matches. However, Round 1 was delayed due to bad weather (8/10) and was played the following Tuesday.

After much deliberation we have pulled our 4th side (Div.4) from the competition (because of the distances to travel in 'Peak Hour' traffic) and unfortunately, now find ourselves having to rotate approximately 9 players each week. This is not an ideal situation but we were left with no alternative. We just hope that we can all work together and get through the season in the best possible manner and still enjoy this game of bowls.

It is good to see 'Coachzone Sessions' being enjoyed by some of the ladies. Coach Tony Lucas (State Women's Coach) has been giving us some valuable instructions on how to improve our game, after a very interesting presentation to many of our members.

Our annual 'President's Day' was held recently and enjoyed by many, with teams coming from far and wide. Tournament Director Brenda Seymour did an excellent job in arranging for 22 teams to bowl on our beautiful greens (Thankyou Mick). She was well assisted on the day by Andrea and Ken (thanks guys).

I think lunch was the "highlight" of the day, thanks to Linda and her team with the Ladies Committee providing the salads. Our Pavlova Queen, 'Glenys Raby', still reigns supreme – I've heard she has even taken on an apprentice! (Well done S.)

The raffle proved very popular with some excellent prizes. The day was sponsored by 'Alfred James Funerals' and also 'Podfit Podiatry' who were able to attend for the presentations.

My sincere thanks to all who helped make the day a success.

Cheers for now. Good bowling to everyone at Hope Valley.

Jill Chandler

Knowledge is learning
something every day.
Wisdom is letting go of
something every day.
-Zen proverb

LADIES' PRESIDENT'S DAY

I was lucky enough to be a part of this President's Day – even though I played for Aldinga. Luckily it wasn't against HVBC!! I was amazed at the attendance with teams coming from as far away as Ardrossan, Lyndoch, Port Elliott, Aldinga, Yankalilla and Two Wells. These ladies had to leave very early in the morning to get to us in time. There was also a good mix of local clubs and we appreciate all the attendances. The lunch was definitely a highlight and here are some photos that I took on the day. - Ed



1st & 2nd Game winners – Port Elliott and Payneham



Overall Winners – Tranmere & Runners-Up - Ardrossan



MEN'S SCENE



After a pleasant winter social competition, the pennant season has commenced and we have 4 teams on Wednesday and 6 on Saturday. After 4 rounds, most teams are competitive and the majority are in the top half of their respective competitions. Hopefully this will continue for the season and allow teams to contest the finals.

The Night Owls season is up and running. Covid has had little or no effect on numbers this season and currently we have close to 50 teams. If you know of anyone who is or may be interested in night owls, please ask them to attend on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

Coopers Day, our major tournament, was a huge success. There were 26 teams - the majority from other clubs - and all enjoyed the famous Hope Valley luncheon as well as 3 games of bowls. Many thanks to our Tournament Director, Ken Byrom, for his excellent coordination of this event.

Tony Lucas followed up his in-house presentation with 3 sessions of "on the greens" coaching. These 1 hour sessions were well received by our members and Tony will be asked to provide more coaching throughout the season.

The greens are in magnificent order at this early time of the season and I wish to thank Mick T for the tireless work he puts into making them some of the best in the metro area.

The president of Clarence Gardens club sought me out today (Saturday), after the pennant match, and said that his club had visited Hope Valley for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the day. He said that this was a very welcoming club with magnificent greens and clubrooms. The fact that they won would have made his day, no doubt, but his comments were very welcome.

Whether you are winning or coming second, I hope you continue to enjoy your bowling.

Ken Seymour

COOPER'S DAY

Congratulations to the winning 4 of the Cooper's Day who, luckily were from Hope Valley (the first time for a few years). They are Gerry Frear, Chris Parry, Ken Seymour and ex Hope Valley player, Peter Nutter (now Walkerville).



Dave Binns was enjoying the trifle so much on Cooper's Day he was helping the ladies by emptying the bowl out. We hope you had a great day, Dave. – John Peek

FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Our Annual Quiz Night was very successful.

Thanks again to Quiz Master, Mark Chandler, and his two markers Lisa, and Wendy Hopson.



Raffle Prizes were donated by Hope Valley Butchers, Rapsimo Hair Design, Jenny's Hairdressing, Norma Timmis, Mavis Bauer, HVBC Bar and Social Committees.

92 people attended including a few of our Kiwanis friends. It was a fun night with some pretty tricky questions. Well done to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd team winners.

Thanks to Vonnie, Paul Heath and Ken Seymour for manning the Bar.

The Social Committee comprising Norma Timmis, Jane Oswald, Therese Snape, Chris Murphy, Helen Taylor, Barry Moreau and myself did a great job raising \$750.00 for the Club.

Volunteers Appreciation Night:

Our guest speakers: James Walker from CTTG spoke on food safety and answered varied questions from the floor. Bob Basedow's talk on "Snippets from America" was entertaining.

Numbers were a little down this year. Thankyou to all who contributed their specialities towards the food - it was delicious.

HVBC Christmas Dinner, Saturday 12 December 2020

Tickets are now available from Norma Timmis at \$35 per person. (See posters around the Club for details.)

HVBC Christmas Raffle books - buy your tickets now to be in the running for some excellent prizes

Linda Scarlett - Chairperson HVBC Social Committee

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Wendy

Congratulations on your playing Competitive Bowls this Season. Just in case you have to go to another Club, this is not an official email, just a reply to my email query, as I was surprised to find NO SANDWICHES 🍷: at the break when we played Adelaide Bowling Club recently. (We played right through to 21 Ends.) Pies are available + coffee ☕ at a cost???? (See Ken Seymour's email later in the Buzz-Ed.)

We should all (and do) appreciate our diligent Ladies for doing such a wonderful community service, in our Club. I am sure Other Clubs must be very appreciative of our Club's generosity, in such a (COVID-19) World. Observing our Covid-19 rules and responsibilities has been a positive challenge to me. [I enjoy my little job of washing the bowling mats after the Game: being a LEAD.]

Yes the LIFEBLOOD of all volunteers in this Club is appreciated with everything they do both Inside and Outside. They are ALWAYS there..... My great thanks to you all for "great job well done" from an ordinary Club Member.

Chris Duff-Tytler

FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS



- ♥ The weather has been a bit unpredictable at times but it does not stop the enthusiasm of some Friday bowlers.
- ♥ Good to see Allen Stacey back playing again and also giving his usual "helping hand". He comes in style on his new set of wheels and assures us he has it under control.
- ♥ The final Friday bowls will be on **THURSDAY 17 December** this year. A notice will be on the board in the near future.
- ♥ It has been good to have welcomed a few newcomers over the last few weeks, to try the game. Norma and I will eventually sort out their correct names!! **Nadene**

GAME RULES

Q. A minimum length jack was hit but bounced backwards and is now only 19 metres from the mat. Is it a dead jack and dead end?

A. No. **Rule 19.** If it... “comes to rest at a distance of less than 18 metres...” it’s not dead. Play continues. (Beware if on Payneham front green!)

Q. We have almost finished the end when the umpire rings the bell to call players in, perhaps because of thunder or severe downpour. When we go back out, we find we were five down when we went in. Do we start the end again and upset our opposition who wish to play on?

A. Yes. (Phew!) **Rule 32.** “If a game has been stopped because of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason..... If an end has been started but not all the required bowls have not been played, it must be declared dead.” (If all bowls have been played however the number of shots scored must be decided...”

Q. Can I use a marker pen to mark a toucher? (It does have the word “chalk” on the pen.)

A. No, **Law 15.1** clearly states “A toucher *must* be marked with *chalk*. So unless the “texta” is *chalk* based it cannot be used.” Bowls SA has made this clear on previous Q & A occasions. Spray chalk is preferred; real chalk is O.K. A pen with the word “chalk” on it is still a pen! (OK in social, not pennants.)

WHAT'S YOUR DECISION?

The jack has been rolled down the wrong line because the mat was on the wrong line. The Skip has placed the jack and the Lead has bowled their first bowl when the opposition points out the error. What, if anything, should be done?

Rule 9.7 says: After the bowl has been delivered, no one can challenge the original position of the jack, so the jack stays on the wrong line and everyone must bowl to it.... but if the first bowl has not been delivered (6.1.3), the opposing player must deliver the jack after centring the mat.

Of course, if the first bowl had been delivered then just the mat must be centred (rule 6.2.2)

GAME ETIQUETTE

- There's little as annoying as a game going on for 20 minutes after everyone else has gone home. An instruction I was given on my first week as a lead was "As soon as the jack is not needed for measuring purposes and the number of shots has been decided, put the mat down and roll the jack. Let others push the bowls back. Doing this often saves 60 seconds or more each end; shaving a good 20 minutes off the time a game takes.

Leads take note.

- **Skips.** Do not to talk too much! There's no need to call "just your grass" or "you've got another one". The bowler can see if they are wide without being told, assuming they stayed on the mat and watched till their bowl stopped. They know they have a second bowl as they can count. (OK, I know the other day one of our players forgot to bowl his last bowl and didn't realise it until the skip saw it left over, but that's another story.)... and no, as a rule (29), he could not bowl it! **(Submitted by Peter Hurt)**

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Before a game the other day I was practicing with 4 bowls. Most people use two "because that's all we have in a game" and possibly because they believe that's all that is allowed.

I was asked (suggested?) whether using 4 bowls was against the rules. It is a common belief, but wrong. The misunderstanding may come from the **Conditions of Play 3.12** that says "Two trial ends are permitted with the number of bowls to be used in the game...." – not to be confused with practising before the trial ends. I use 4 because I get more bowls in and half the walking; unless there are many players wanting to get on the green.

Pedantic Pete.

It is worth reading the **Conditions of Play** for the new season. Of course, all umpires will have read them already...(OK, it's a hint to some). It contains information on start times, heat policy, and info about behaviour amongst other things. Go to : WWW.METROBOWLS.COM.AU Pete H

AFTERNOON TEAS AT AWAY CLUBS

A number of clubs have formally advised us that they will not be providing afternoon tea and/or tea and coffee during the game break this season. Here is a summary of the clubs who have notified us of their decisions.

Adelaide BC: Afternoon Tea **Not** provided – snacks can be purchased at the bar. Tea and Coffee **Not** provided.

Clarence Gardens BC: Afternoon Tea **Not** provided – snacks can be purchased at the bar. Tea and Coffee **Not** provided.

Modbury BC: Afternoon Tea **Not** provided – snacks can be purchased at the bar. Tea and Coffee **Not** provided – Coffee can be purchased from machine for \$2 per cup. **Please bring your own tea bag if you want tea – milk will be 50c.**

Rosewater BC: Afternoon Tea **Not** provided. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be offered.

Tranmere BC: Afternoon Tea **Not** provided – snacks can be purchased at the bar. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be offered.

Walkerville BC: Afternoon Tea **Not** provided Not provided – Coffee can be purchased from machine for \$2 per cup.

It should be noted that this is a list of clubs who have formally notified us of their intention; it may not be a complete list. It is recommended that all members playing away take their own drink bottles and food as required.

Although our club will continue to provide sandwiches and tea and coffee to all players, it cannot be guaranteed this will occur at other clubs and players need to be prepared for the worst scenario.



Team Managers should also be aware that with agreement between the managers games can be played straight through without a break. That may be a viable option at these clubs.

Ken Seymour, Men's President

Upcoming Dates for HVBC – don't forget to put these dates in your diaries

2020

- 17/09/20 Ladies Trial Game at Modbury
- 20/09/20 Opening Day
- 24/09/20 Ladies Trial Game at Payneham
- 01/10/20 Ladies Trial Game vs Tranmere
- 06/10/20 Tuesday Night Owls registration
- 07/10/20 Wednesday Pennant Begins
- 08/10/20 Thursday Night Owls registration
- 08/10/20 Thursday Pennant Begins
- 10/10/20 Saturday Pennant Begins
- 11/10/20 Coopers Day
- 12/10/20 Volunteers Night 6.30 pm
- 13/10/20 Tuesday Night Owls Starts
- 15/10/20 Thursday Night Owls Starts
- 26/10/20 Presidents' Day
- 03/11/20 **MELBOURNE CUP**
- 06/11/20 State Pairs
- 04/12/20 State Mixed Pairs
- 08/12/20 Last Tuesday Night Owls
- 10/12/20 Last Thursday Pennant
- 10/12/20 Last Thursday Night Owls
- 12/12/20 Last Saturday Pennant
- 12/12/20 **Club Xmas Dinner**
- 16/12/20 Last Wednesday Pennant

2021

- 05/01/21 Thursday Practice Starts
- 05/01/21 Tuesday Night Owls Starts

- 06/01/21 Wednesday Pennant Starts
- 07/01/21 Thursday Pennant Starts
- 07/01/21 Thursday Night Owls Starts
- 09/01/21 Saturday Pennant Starts

- 10/01/21 State Singles
- 31/01/21 State 4s
- 03/02/21 **NO WEDNESDAY PENNANT**
- 03/02/21 **Skins Night**
- 07/02/21 **Champagne Breakfast**
- 24/02/21 Last Wednesday Pennant (Minor Round)
- 25/02/21 Last Thursday Pennant (Minor Round)
- 27/02/21 Last Saturday Pennant (Minor Round)
- 28/02/21 State Triples
- 02/03/21 Last Tuesday Night Owls
- 03/03/21 Wed Pennant Semi Final
- 04/03/21 Thurs Pennant Semi Final
- 04/03/21 Last Thursday Night Owls
- 06/03/21 Sat Pennant Semi Final
- 10/03/21 Wed Pennant Prelim Final
- 11/03/21 Thurs Pennant Prelim Final
- 13/03/21 Sat Pennant Prelim Final
- 14/03/21 Club Finals Day
- 17/03/21 Wed Pennant Grand Final
- 18/03/21 Thurs Pennant Grand Final
- 20/03/21 Saturday Pennant Grand Final
- 27/03/21 Social Bowls Followed by Club Presentation Day
- 02/04/21-
- 05/04/21 **Easter**
- 10/04/21 &
- 11/04/21 Prestige Medley
- 17/04/21 Champ of Champ Singles
- 25/04/21 Anzac Day (Australia vs Rest of the World)
- 01/05/21 Champ of Champ Pairs

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

Jane was very excited to win a glass. First time skipping and her rink won team of the week with a winning score of 33 – 7!!

(The rest of the team were Barry Reynolds, Des Barnes and Don Baker)



If you would like to see the **coaching video** as videoed by me, given by Tony Lucas, go to this YouTube address:

<https://youtu.be/1ixKI5sXhco>

Cheers, John Slater.

Your Social Committee would like you to know that there is a suggestion box at the back of the Clubrooms. They would welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have, or any ideas that would enhance them as a Committee.

The box looks like this:



Congratulations to our Runners-Up of the State Fours played at Toorak/Burnside – Raelene Heitmann, Shirley Kipling, Bev Murdoch, Andrea Williams 22-09-2020. Great job, ladies.



**Ken
McKinnon
looking very
suave with
his handbag
in the
Clubrooms.**

**I thought
growing old
would take
longer.**

Kulula is a low-cost South-African airline that doesn't take itself too seriously..

What a pity Kulula doesn't fly internationally - we should support them if only for their humour:

On a Kulula flight, (there is no assigned seating, you just sit where you want), passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing their seats, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people, we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"

On another flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies & gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Kulula Airlines is pleased to announce that we have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in the Karoo, a flight attendant on a flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as heck everything has shifted."

From a Kulula employee: "Welcome aboard Kulula 271 to Port Elizabeth. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favourite."

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Kulula Airlines."

Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane"

Thank you for flying Kulula. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Durban Airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

Heard on Kulula 255 just after a very hard landing in Cape Town: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline". He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment.

Finally, everyone had got off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why, no Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

Thanks to Chris Duff-Tytler for this very amusing article.

