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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK

Happy New Year to all and welcome back to bowls.

Our Christmas Dinner was a great success and thanks must go to Linda and the social committee for organizing yet another successful evening of food and fun entertainment. I couldn't attend but I heard many positive and complimentary reports.



Congratulations are in order for our youngest member of the Club, Kobe Jarman, who participated in the Bowls SA Under 18 Championships. Although not winning a medal in the singles he played extremely well which bodes well for his future in bowling at top level. He did win a Silver medal in the Triples and was very proudly showing this off at the Club last week. We wish him all the very best as he continues playing and learning. Great encouragement from his Dad, Jamie, too. Check out the Bowls SA website for all the results and photos.



As usual at this time of year I ask you to start considering how you can be involved more in the running of the Club either in administration or volunteering in the other numerous areas. The AGMs of the Bowling section committees will be held in April and the Board of Management in May. The old saying is "many hands make light work".

Let's continue with our great volunteering spirit.

Roslyn Blakeney

FROM THE LADIES' PRESIDENT



FROM THE LADIES LOCKER ROOM

I wish for a very happy, healthy and safe New Year to all our Members. After an enthusiastic start to the second half of the Season, after round 12, with two 'catch-up' matches (Rds. 7 & 8) still to be played (19/1 & 4/3), the ladies find themselves in fairly comfortable spots on their respective ladders.

Premier One	5th
Div. 2 North	3rd
Div. 3 N.E.	2nd

Well done girls, keep up the good work.

Our thanks to those who are involved in the Rotation process. It is not where we wanted to be, but that is what it is. Some of our ladies are also 'filling in' for other Clubs which is good to see, at least getting a game that way.

Club Championship matches are progressing well with some excellent bowling to be seen, and of course it's all good practice.

We enjoy playing on our excellent greens – Thanks Mick – we appreciate your work in keeping them in such good order.

Cheers for now

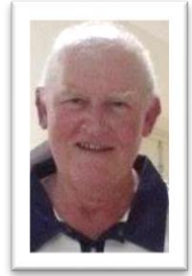
Jill Chandler

At a recent meeting of the ladies before the re-commencement of training, Nola mentioned that she had just had a birthday and that she is now: "Older and WIDER". Well, we all know what that is like – especially since Covid has kept us at home and eating much more regularly than we used to over the past year almost now. Nola is our Covid marshal and does the best job ever – we are eternally grateful for all she has done for the Club, and I have to admit I did not think she was wider at all!

Thank you, Nola - Ed



MEN'S SCENE



We are just over the half way mark of the pennant season and to date our teams are having mixed results. We have a couple of sides in pennant winning form and others who have a battle on their hands to avoid relegation. Just a slight improvement in form should result in the Club having a reasonable season.

I wish to congratulate Kobe Jarman on his impressive performances in the recent state under 18 competitions. Kobe played night owls last season and has progressed to pennants this season and is performing extremely well.

The junior practice session will be commencing soon following the school holidays and, in good news for the Club, several juniors are considering playing pennants next season. It is imperative that the Club gives every support possible to enable these youngsters to play for the us. Our future, in some ways, rests with them.

Night owls is back after the break and enthusiasm is high. There are a number of good bowlers playing night owls and, as with the juniors, the Club must endeavor to encourage them to play pennants.

The Club is having trouble in fielding the Division 7 side due to sickness and injuries to several members. Thanks to all associate members who have assisted the Club in getting this team on the greens, I can assure all bowlers that we will do all that we can to ensure that we do not withdraw this team.

I wish all bowlers good form and good results for the rest of the season.

Ken Seymour





HVBC CHRISTMAS DINNER SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2020

Our Christmas Dinner went ahead as planned and a good time was had by all.

Due to Covid –19 our numbers were down to 82 members and friends. The Social Committee and volunteer helpers provided a three-course meal.

One of our Patrons, Frances Bedford MP JP, attended, whilst Dr Richard Harvey MP sent his apologies along with a lovely wine pack which went to a lucky door prize winner, as did the Christmas cake provided by Frances. Mother Christmas arrived this year and helped draw the raffle prizes. The list of prize winners was placed on the whiteboard.

The band 'Amanda & Co' were extremely popular and hopefully will be back again next year.

Andrea recited two poems as only she can! There was also a skit performed by Norma, Mick T, Kevin, and Martin.

The tables and clubrooms looked very festive; I would like to thank all the volunteers and the Bar staff who helped make the night a success.

We are actively seeking a Caterer for this year's dinner if anyone has a recommendation please advise me a.s.a.p.

Linda Scarlett

L-R – Fabulous kitchen volunteers – Barbara, Therese, Marilyn (squatting), Judy (behind), Jane, Chris N, Linda, Chris M





BREAD TAGS AND PLASTIC LIDS

Since February 2019 until December 2020, 2:4 ton or 6:3 million bread tags have been remade in Robe into 2000 bowls and 700 serving boards. If any bowlers are visiting Robe look out for the shop selling these products.

I have also found a collection point for plastic lids. Lids for Kids is the name of this group and the lids that are collected are made into artificial limbs for children born without arms or legs. I have a box to donate on behalf of our club so keep them coming as that is a lot of plastic that doesn't end up in landfill and helps children at the same time.

Brenda

*Thanks for all your efforts on this, Brenda.
It is amazing and most appreciated - Ed*



NO END LIKE IT

The ladies from Hope Valley, playing in the Gumeracha Gala Day, were holding a comfortable lead in the second game going into the last end of the day. The lead placed the mat and sent the kitty down where it stopped on the "T".

"Rather a long end" thought the Skip. "Oh, well. Everyone has to bowl it!"

The Lead stepped onto the mat and bowled her first bowl which took the kitty almost a metre to the right, where both kitty and bowl stayed near the rink.

Coming up to bowl her second, she heard the Skip say: "Okay, Cleverclogs, what are you going to do with this one?" Up for the challenge, she bowled the next one to sit on her first – the opposition's bowls were wide or long - 2 shots up. "So what can you do?" was heard by the Second as she stepped onto the mat. She too was up for the challenge and sent her bowl down, touched the kitty and took shot, all still on the green – 3 shots up. "I bet you can't do that again" came from the Skip. Sadly, no, but not too far short whilst once again the opposition's bowls were short and wide – 4 shots up.

The Third stepped up to bowl with the Skip challenging her to also do the same. Well, she did. She didn't have a toucher, but rested against the other bowls to make it 5 shots up. I think the Skip had run out of things to say by this stage so was quiet as the Third bowled again – a bowl which stayed a bit wide but was still in the count as the opposition players were gobsmacked and still wide and long – 6 shots up.

"So what can you do, Skip?" was the question as we crossed over. Not to be outdone, her first bowl finished behind the other 4 lined up near the kitty – 7 shots up and not wanting anyone else to have the glory after her opposite Skip once again was wide, she bowled her last bowl to rest in between the kitty and the shot bowl to take shot, still with everything on the green. Great shot, Skip, and 8 shots up. However, one bowl was still to come and with some coaching from the adjacent green, the last bowl came into the head and put 4 bowls in the ditch. Luckily, two bowls were touchers so still counted. The opposition bowl cut our wide one out so we ended up with 5 shots.

A photo was taken but didn't turn out – a likely story, I know, but the Prospect/Broadview ladies can attest to the truth of the story as they had finished their game on the next rink and were watching every bowl, enthralled with our "skill" as everyone said they had never seen an end like it before!!

Anonymous

HOPE VALLEY BOWLING CLUB JUNIORS

Well done to the 5 boys who represented Ardtornish Primary School in the 2020 State Primary School Championship last November at Holdfast Bay Bowling Club. All the boys have come from the Hope Valley Bowling Club junior development and training programme, and all represented the school very well.

RESULTS:

- Kobe Jarman - Runner up 2nd place in the singles - Current Pennant Player
- Cameron Jamison - 4th place singles
- Elliot Webster-Brown - Made last eight in singles
- Jack May - Won a medal for the Triples
- Harry Barratt - Won a singles game after 1 lesson

Everyone should be very proud of the way you all bowled.



L-R – Jack, Kobe,
Cameron, Elliot, Harry



HOPE VALLEY BOWLING CLUB JUNIORS

Both Kobe Jarmin and Cameron Jamison also played in the State U18's championships at Adelaide Bowling Club last Thursday, 21 January, representing Hope Valley BC. Kobe got into the last 8 of the singles, plus got a silver medal in the triples. Cameron played pairs and just missed the finals by 2 shots. Both Kobe and Cameron have been invited to join the State Training Squad.

Congratulations to both of you. You most certainly have done yourselves and your bowling club proud. Well done.



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

FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

The Friday Social Bowls is back into its full swing. We did have a great Xmas breakup at the end of last year as seen by the photos below. Nadene



Betty Lucas volunteered to help out with the Xmas lunch. She is obviously supervising from a distance while relaxing. Thanks, anyway, Betty!! XX



NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Although 2020 was very challenging for us all, I hope we can look forward to 2021 with a considerable amount of optimism. Most activities within the Club have recommenced including Pennant matches, Friday Social bowls, Friday Night dinners and Sunday coaching. Night Owls started again on Tuesday, 12 January and Thursday, 14 January.

During the Christmas break, a considerable amount of time and effort was put into the ongoing maintenance and care of our greens by Jim, Mick and our great team of volunteers. Greens "B" and "C" are open for use, and "A" has recently been laser levelled and will soon be available for use. Please observe the signs on the greens as to when they are closed, ie Mondays for maintenance. For various maintenance reasons, Jim Terrington, Greens Manager, may need to alter the times the greens are available for practice, Club championship events or social use and members will be advised. Please direct any concerns or queries to Jim, not Mick.

From a Club perspective, I sincerely thank everyone for their support and commitment in keeping our Club safe, giving us all the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of Club activities. With this support, the Club continues to be in a very good financial state.

On behalf of members of the Board of Management, I wish everyone a very safe, healthy and happy 2021.

Best wishes, Nola Manuel
Administrative Secretary



RULES, HINTS AND VARIOUS POINTS BY PETER HURT

Being an umpire can be interesting, it's not just measuring difficult shots. I was called last Saturday and expected to be asked about a rule, but it turned out that I was called to deliver a warning to a player about his language to another player. The Conditions of Play are quite clear on what to do. but it is not a pleasant task. I had to call their team manager to listen to me deliver a warning to the player. I advised the manager to describe the consequences should there be a second outburst, (which isn't actually a requirement) - 8 shots away and the end considered completed. Remember, if a player's language or behaviour is offensive it does not have to be tolerated. All umpires will (or should) know what to do.

Amazing the "rules" I hear during a game! Gerry sensibly put his bowls in the shade when we went for a break at Two Wells and was told it is against the rules and bowls are dead once taken from the green. I should have suggested he have a bet on it. Complete rubbish, of course. Rule 17 describes six ways a bowl can be made dead, and that isn't one of them!

A question arose of what to do if a bowl cracks. The answer was simple: replace it with one from the same set. "Ahh" they said "What if it cannot be replaced like that?" Simple.... All bowls in the damaged set must be replaced with bowls from a different set (rule 31.5)

I really must get a life and read something other than the rule book and Conditions of Play. (Speaking of which; did you know bowlers are not allowed to use, or answer, a phone on the green or surrounds during a pennants game?) Possible medical emergency calls from home may be answered but the umpire of the day must be informed that it could be possible before play.

I receive email letters from Bowls Australia, and the latest had an item about older bowlers - bowlers suffering injury and those whose bowls thump into the grass from a foot up (we have a few!). Some feel that giving up is better than seeking help or going to a bowling arm. It seemed relevant to our Club. Hear the scream... Never Give Up! I've had lots of training to assist, especially with the bowling arms. The Club has several to borrow. If this rings a bell for you please talk to me, (and make me feel wanted!)

RULES, HINTS AND VARIOUS POINTS BY PETER HURT cont./...

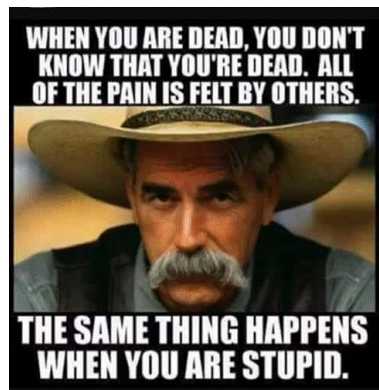
At an adjacent rink I heard a player telling another not to walk through the head! What if they had accidentally tripped over bowls? Well Rule 37 covers that! Basically the skip of the other team gets to replace any part of the head. Better not to do it.

Yesterday a visiting team always had their three players at the head, even after a request that only two players be on the head because of Covid restrictions. They said it's not in the rule book so we don't follow that. (In much less polite terms evidently). Well. What is the rule?

Rule 12.1.2.2 "Players at the head end who are not controlling play (i.e. when it's not their head) must stand: behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team which is not in possession of the rink." "Away from the head" is not defined. My only advice would be to call the umpire if they are not away from the head and return the favour because it is only done to intimidate. (Unless there is some power the Covid marshal has??)

The same team has players who run down the rink chasing their bowl. There's no accounting for the wannabe naff player. Players are allowed to "walk" to the head after the delivery of their second bowl. (Appendix A4)

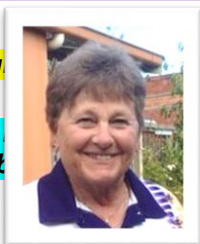
The same team has several very young players to whom a better example should be set. I was playing in Uraidla last week when a player told of the same team using foul language. There is a way of dealing with that which is described at the beginning of this article.



LAWN BOWLS ETIQUETTE

Not in the rules of the game, but acceptable sporting behaviour before, during and after a game.

The most important statement we can make is "***Always behave a manner that will bring credit to you, your team and your Club***"



BEFORE THE GAME

- Be on time, dressed in correct, neat and clean attire. Don't keep your opponent(s) waiting while you sort out your gear. Have chalk, tape measure and card ready.
- Welcome visiting players to the Club.
- Know what the rules and Conditions of play are for the event being played. Check who is the Umpire and/or Measurer.
- If you are a smoker make sure you are aware of the Club's Smoking areas.
- Turn off your phone unless you have a strong reason for keeping it on. If this is the case, you will need to have permission from the Umpire to use your phone, and you should have made the opposition aware of this.
- Introduce yourself to the opposition – name badges are helpful.

DURING THE GAME

- Never divert the attention of the player about to bowl by:
 - Moving on the bank or at the head;
 - Standing alongside the bowler;
 - Talking behind them to players on your rink, other rinks, spectators or coach.
- Always stay within your own rink when walking from end to end. Don't wander.
- If you follow your bowl down you MUST be back behind the mat when it stops or, in the case of the Skip, behind the head. **THIS IS A RULE.**
- As soon as your bowl stops the head belongs to the opponent, stay away. **A RULE ALSO.**
- When changing ends walk quickly down the middle of the rink. Don't stop and chat, or stand over the head unless it is YOUR head.
- All players should assist in kicking back bowls at completion of the end, **EVEN THE SECOND.** Plenty of time to enter score afterwards.
- Accept lucky shots, both theirs and yours - these usually will balance out. Never applaud a lucky shot of yours, never complain about a lucky shot of theirs and admit lucky shots with grace.
- Acknowledge good bowls, both your own team and opponents.
- Do not "ride" opponent's bowls into the ditch, out of bounds, to knock up your team's bowl or to take the Jack to your advantage.

LAWN BOWLS ETIQUETTE cont./...

- If you have to leave the green for any reason have the courtesy to advise your opponent.
- Watch the game to be ready to bowl when it is your turn, and to know the condition of the head.
- As you come to bowl, make sure you look to the Skip for directions.
- Step onto the mat from the left and off to the right to avoid collisions (not one I have heard before).
- Never criticize the Skip's directions or bowling and Skips should never criticize their team's efforts, especially to or within earshot of the opposition.
- Selection is also not a good discussion topic amongst yourselves or with the opposition ie players re Skipper or Skipper re players.
- Also do not criticize the green, either your own or an away green.
- Avoid making excuses for bad bowling.
- No bad language and no displays of anger at other bowlers or yourself.
- Placing the Skip's bowl on the mat is a courtesy and helps move the game along.
- Skips should always pick up the mat and place it on the bank after an opponent's last bowl.
- If calling an Umpire or Measurer, do so respectfully and be clear which one is needed.
- Accept the decision gracefully and thank them.
- When THE THIRDS are determining the shot count, pick up shot bowls and place them together (preferably sitting them on a towel or mat), DO NOT KICK THEM OUT

AFTER THE GAME

- Be gracious in defeat and humble in victory. Offer congratulations and acknowledge a well-played game.
- It is usually accepted that the Home player offers to buy the opponent a drink in Pennant matches.
- In Club competitions it is usually accepted that the winner offers to buy the opponent's drink.
- If playing a singles match, both players should thank the Marker and offer to buy a drink.
- Sit with your team and opponents after a game until the Away team leaves.

Etiquette is really all about good sporting behaviour, courtesy and respect.