

## COACHES CORNER

The challenge of lawn bowls is ongoing.....

There is nothing more satisfying than a good game of lawn bowls. As the club begins the final round of our home and away games in much warmer weather, especially after the Christmas - New Year break, it is important to take a few simple precautions, like using UV protection and wearing a hat as well as drinking plenty of water to avoid becoming dehydrated during a game and upsetting your concentration whilst on the bowling green.

It goes without saying that any task has a greater chance of being completed when you commit yourself in a positive manner to do it. Being a good (and confident ) bowler requires a certain commitment to practice to maintain your bowling skill levels, regardless of whether you are in a Pennant side or only play social bowls; hence the more we practice, the more we can improve ?

Concentration.... is one of the vital individual skills in playing lawn bowls which has to be worked-on, even by the better bowlers, as it relates to every facet of the game from stepping out on the mat, applying your delivery technique and follow through, to the state of the play on your teams rink.

Every bowler tries to bowl to the best of their ability in Pennant, however one's performance and concentration can be lessened by being distracted, by the hot weather to whatever your opponent / team mate is saying, maybe about a totally un-related bowls topic. Unfortunately, some bowlers talk themselves into a defeatist attitude after playing only three or four ends so maintaining a positive attitude is critical even on the hottest of days.

There is no simple formula for success, but stay relaxed and focussed and enjoy playing this great game.

Graeme White Coaches Co-ordinator

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### Thanks to all our contributors

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## December 2011

# WITHOUT BIAS

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The Official newsletter of Heatherdale Recreation & Bowls Club Inc

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**SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**LUNCH**

Catering "JBL Catering"  
With Entertainment by  
"Just June"  
Cost \$22 Per Person  
Book Now

Don't forget to return your money for the and the Weekend Away Raffle and the Christmas Hamper Raffle ( drawn at the Christmas lunch )

## RECREATION CLUB — PRESIDENT

On behalf of our President ( who is on holidays ) and the Rec Club Committee, I would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas.

On Thursday 24th November, after happy hour, Jim Corcoran ran an Information Meeting regarding the proposed Club structure and Club Constitution.

The draft constitution is now on our web site and copies are available on the Notice Board. I would urge you to become familiar with this very important club issue

Any comments can be given to any member of the Sub-Committee or emailed to the club at [hrbc114@bigpond.com](mailto:hrbc114@bigpond.com)

Our next function will be Christmas Lunch on the Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The catering will be by "JBL Catering" with entertainment by "Just June"

I hope to see you there

Alan Moore.

Lucky Member Number is 222

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. 'Yes, Dad, what is it?

'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife....'

*Al's Place Pizza  
1/16 Boronia Road  
Vermont*



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## Bowls Trip to Warragul

Interested in a bowls trip to Warragul in April, If so enter your name on the list as we need to organize with Bill Clappers

Details will be available soon

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## RECREATION CLUB — SECRETARY

A big thankyou from the Recreation Club Committee to all who helped make the Cup Eve Dinner so successful.

As the 2011 year comes to an end our final social function for the year is the Christmas Luncheon Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 12:30pm. There is still time for you to put your name down.

Please remember that it is a legal requirement that visitors must sign the special book on the front desk. However this does not apply to organised bowling events.

Both our greens will be closed for maintenance from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011 for approximately 3 weeks.

Our newest members to the club are Ben Hodkinson, Velia McLean, Diane Tew, Christine McDonald and Michael McDonald. Welcome to the club, we hope you will have an enjoyable time at Heatherdale.

Please include in your program books the following names and telephone numbers Sally Doherty 9428 0855, Ben Hodkinson 9877 6562, Velia McLean 9873 3005, Diane Tew 8838 8150 Christine McDonald 9872 3276 and Michael McDonald 9872 3276.

Members are reminded that communications with them are placed in the pigeon holes outside the office. Please make an effort to look in the relevant spaces each week. During the past there has been information for members that has remained unclaimed for long periods of time. This is unacceptable as rosters etc are passed on to members in this manner.

Members please take note of the days you are rostered for various duties during the year. Already this season there has been cases where rostered members have not turned up for duty on their rostered days. It is your responsibility to arrange for a swap or replacement if you cannot attend on the day you are rostered. Rostered information is in your program books on the last page.

To all members who are not well a speedy return to good health and we hope to see you at the club very soon.

On behalf of the Recreation Club President Merv Hicks, the Committee wishes Heatherdale Club members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

Arthur Coghlan .Secretary HRBC

## CLUB RESTRUCTURE & CONSTITUTION WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

An information session was held on 24 November, 2011 to discuss the future structure of the club and changes to the Club Constitution that was attended by approximately 50 Members. Matters discussed included:-

### 1 RECREATION BOARD STRUCTURE

- The major change here relates to the position of Greens Director. It is proposed that the position of Greens Director continue but will not be a member of the Recreation Board. The Greens Director position on the Board will be replaced with a new Director position.
- It is recommended that there should be a male and female Vice President.
- The Bowls Committee will continue to have 2 representatives on the Recreation Board.

### 2 BOWLS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- The Bowls Committee will be changed by the addition of a second Vice President position and the removal of one Committee position.
- It is recommended that there should be a male and female Vice President.
- It has been suggested that a Past President position be created to allow the outgoing past President to continue to sit on the Committee for a period of 12 months to retain experience and to provide ongoing advice and assistance to the incoming President and Committee.
- It is recommended that there should be representation from both male and female members of the Club on the Bowls Committee.

### 3 CONSTITUTION CHANGES

- A draft Constitution has been prepared and a copy of the draft Constitution is available on the Club Website. Copies of the Constitution are available, on the Notice Board, for members to examine.
- The Constitution has been streamlined by removing those parts which are specifically dealt with in the Associations Incorporation Act.

*A man calls home to his wife and says, "Honey, I have been asked to fly to Cairns with my boss and several of his friends for fishing. We'll be gone for a long weekend. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting so could you please pack enough clothes for a 3 day weekend". And also would you get out my rod and tackle box from the shed? We're leaving at 4:30 pm from the office and I will swing by the house to pick my things up. 'Oh! And please pack my new navy blue silk pajamas.'*

*The wife thinks this sounds a bit odd, but, being the good wife, she does exactly what her husband asked.*

*Following the long weekend he came home a little tired, but, otherwise, looking good. The wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish?*

*He says, 'Yes! Lots of Bream, some Bass, and a few Pike. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to do?'*

*The wife replies, "I did, they're in your tackle box".*

### TRADING TABLE

Happy to say that all is well at the Trading Table, sales have been very good. We all enjoyed Gala Day, including our many visitors. They seemed happy to do some Christmas shopping from the table which kept Avis and I quite busy. Thank-you to the ladies from the morning craft group. They made many of the things we have been selling.

Notice to all licorice lovers. Our supplier has been temporarily out of stock but hopefully by the time you read this the problem will be rectified. Don't go elsewhere you know our licorice is the best!

Once more, a big thanks to all our donors. You are an important part of our trading success.

Happy Christmas to all From Avis and Linda

### ROSTERS

**Please check the back of your programme book  
and note your duties on 2012 calendars**

## ALMONERS

John Guest he arrived home from Epwoth Rehab' yesterday, and wants to thank everyone who took an interest in his health. Keith Piper is still in hospital at today's date and Cliff Green is gradually improving after Vascular surgery and back walking.

Pam Murison has had knee surgery and is now recovering

The Library is always available to borrow books, tapes or DV.D's. Situated in the main Office. If you borrow - please place your name on the card provided and put into the box.

Graeme Bland & Meryl Ellway

## SOCIAL

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 12.30pm for 1.00pm** the menu is Pork and Beef with hot vegies and salad. Desserts are Christmas Pudding with custard, Pavlova and Fruit Salad.

The caterer on this occasion will be **J.B.L Catering (son of Ken )** who provided us with an excellent meal at the Opening Dinner . Ken assures me that his son provides the same quality as he does. Of course Santa will visit and the entertainer will be "JUST JUNE" **The 3 Christmas Hampers** full of goodies and consolation prizes will be drawn at the Lunch.

**Trivia Night Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 7pm. Cost \$5.00** and bring a plate of food to share. Our Quizmaster will be David Simcox who we all know gives value for your money. Keep this night free for this entertaining evening.

**Yarra Glen Harness Racing Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Cost \$27.50** A great 2 course meal is provided a view overlooking the track free race book etc. Watch the notice

**Trivia Night** Feb 3rd at 7pm. Cost \$5.00 each

- Membership types have been changed to incorporate "Affiliated Members" (Bowls Members including Junior Members) and Social Members (Recreation Club Members). Special Members, Life Members and Honorary Members remain the same.

- Junior Members will be given voting rights.

- Draft Regulations have been included regarding the operations of the Bowls Division.

- The Purposes of the Club in the Model Constitution prepared by Bowls Victoria have been adopted.

- Some definitions have been changed.

- The position of Secretary of the Board will be named "Chief Executive Officer".

- The Financial Year of the Club will be changed to 31 March but the Annual Meeting of the Bowls Division and the Recreation Club will still be held in May.

- The Board may appoint up to 2 Appointed Directors if it is deemed that special skills are required to assist the Board.

- The service of Notices has been changed to allow the service of Notices to Members by fax or electronic mail as well as post.

4 It has been suggested that the name of the Club be changed by dropping **RECREATION** from the Club name so that the name of the Club become **HEATHERDALE BOWLS CLUB**. It should be pointed out that any name change will not only require Constitutional change but will also require the approval of the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs and Liquor Licensing as well as consultation with the City of Whitehorse and Bowls Victoria.

## 5 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Attached to the Notice Board is a proposed structure of the Bowls Committee and the Recreation Board.

Members are invited to provide any comments and/or feedback in relation to the Committee structure either in writing, by email to the Club's mailbox [hrbc114@bigpond.com](mailto:hrbc114@bigpond.com) or verbally to any of the Committee members - Jim Corcoran (Chairman), Merv Hicks, Arthur Coghlan, Carol Protopapas, Des Veale, Gunter Loidl and Margaret Sawyer.

## BOWLS DIVISION

Still lots of invitations coming in from other clubs.

Keep checking the folder as there are quite a few local tournaments offering good prize money.

Our smorgasbords have, as usual, been well attended as was our Gala and Guest Day. After sending out invitations far and wide, it was lovely to see a team from Alexandra attend. Our Pennant teams are a 'mixed bag' with some doing well and others not so well. However, we are still only halfway through the season and there is still plenty of time for changes.

A number of our members have played, or will be playing, in the Eastern Ranges Regional Championships and CONGRATULATIONS must go to Amanda McNamara for being runner-up in the Eastern Ranges Novice Championship competition this year. Well done Amanda!

Don't forget to your raffle money and to enter your name on the list for a bowling trip to Warragul in April.

We have recently signed up five new members who, hopefully, will start playing bowls in the not too distant future.

Marion Stacker, President

## TUESDAY PENNANT

With eight rounds played Team 1 is in 5th place, team 2 second place, team 3 is last and the Open

team is third.

We welcome back several players who have been unavailable so far this season and we hope with the inclusion of these players the position of the third side will be greatly improved.

Members are reminded that it is important to check the team sheets at the club every week. We remind players that they should not take for granted that they will be in the same side or position each week-, no one owns a position or a place in a particular team.

While next season is a long way away, we will need to know after Christmas which players would prefer to play in the women only teams or the open teams on a Tuesday next season. Therefore, after Christmas, we will have two sign up sheets on display and ask all members, male and female, who intend to play every Tuesday, to sign up to indicate their preference, so that we can decide well in advance of people taking off on holidays for the winter how many teams we will enter in each competition.

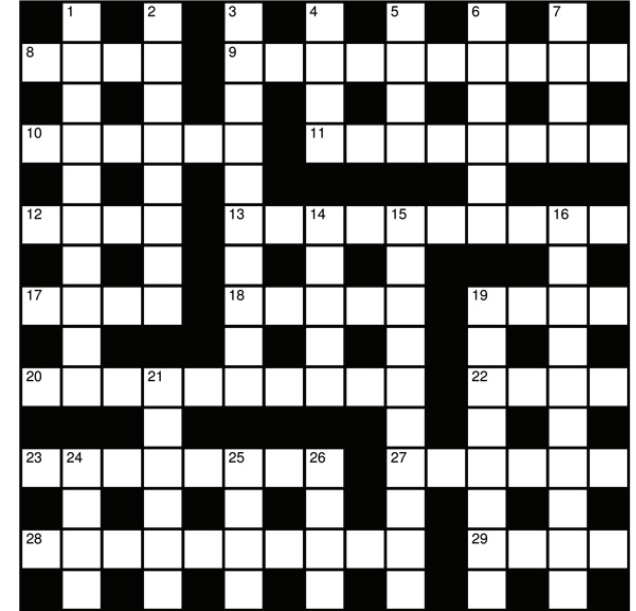
Marlene Day Chairman of Selectors

## Across

- 8 Bundle of hay. (4)
- 9 Goals. (10)
- 10 Pencil drawing. (6)
- 11 Resounding (8)
- 12 Starchy foodstuff. (4)
- 13 Artful Dodger's occupation. (10)
- 17 Leave out. (4)
- 18 Run up (expenses). (5)
- 19 Jack Nicholson movie, \_\_\_\_\_ *Good Men* (1992). (1,3)
- 20 Plays host to. (10)
- 22 Timid. (4)
- 23 Tourist resort in south-western Mexico. (8)
- 27 Highly decorative. (6)
- 28 Collaborator. (10)
- 29 Centre. (4)

## Down

- 1 Board game. (10)
- 2 Borscht's main ingredient. (8)
- 3 Direct. (2,3,5)
- 4 Slightly open (door). (4)
- 5 Behaves. (4)
- 6 Outdoor meal. (6)
- 7 Capital of Switzerland. (4)
- 14 Desert flora. (5)



- 15 Nautical instruments. (10)
- 16 Simple. (10)
- 19 Yearbooks. (8)
- 21 *Caveat* \_\_\_\_\_ - let the buyer beware, (6)
- 24 French fashion designer, \_\_\_\_\_ Chanel. (4)
- 25 Circuits. (4)
- 26 River flowing through Pittsburg and Pennsylvania. (4)

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you'll be afraid to cough.



Always borrow money from a pessimist.  
He won't expect it back.

*Last Issue Solutions*

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Q : What's the definition of Bigamist?  
A: A foggy day in Italy .

*SUDUKO Game 7—medium*

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**SATURDAY PENNANT**

RAIN AND THEN MORE RAIN there my report is done.

In a more serious vein, Side One is doing well third in a tight field only 16 Points between top and fifth. Well done Team 1 .However the other five Teams need a very big finish in the second half of the season, I would encourage the 80 Players involved to remain positive, make every bowls count, pull together as a Team striving to improve our position on the ladders.

**CLUB SINGLES CHAMPOINSHIPS**

The Singles have kept to schedule with the Final to Played on December the 4<sup>th</sup>,results next issue.

Club 100up this was postponed because of rain ( what else ) the first rounds to played on the evening of Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

Tuesday Night Pennant has commenced with one Team they have had one win and two losses.

Good Bowling (and may the sun be on our backs)

Frank Parker



19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?"  
Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."

## MATCH

Although the Third Monday & Third Wednesday Triples and Fourth Thursday 2-4-2 Pairs run by the Mens section of the Match Committee have a reasonable number of regular teams playing there is room for more members to be involved. These events provide an opportunity to get together with members and visitors from other clubs plus they are a good way to improve bowling standards. As our greens will be closed for maintenance on the days of these events in December the next games will be in January. Please try to get a team together or, put your name down as a single entry and the event Convenor will try to get you into a team.

In your copy of the Programme Handbook please note the following changes:

2-4-2 Pairs on Thursday 22 March moved to Thursday 29 March and Twilight Mixed on Thursday 29 March moved to Thursday 22 March

If you have any comments on the events we currently run or suggestions for other events please contact a Match Committee member.

Ray Standfield

### Social Events

The season is progressing well with great numbers supporting our special events. First two Smorgasbords over 100 meals being served and 24 teams at each event. Invitation Ladies' 2-4-2 - 24 teams. Gala and Guest Day - 26 teams, again over 100 meals. We have also had three Twilight events. Results as follows -

Smorgasbords: (Sponsor - Jetset Blackburn)

### 9<sup>th</sup> October

Winners: Lucas Protopapas/Carol Protopapas/Marion Stacker/

Reg Stacker

Runners-Up: Merv Hicks/Bernard Bouchereau/Terri Mallett/Bev Cox

Consolation: Colin Evans/Ron Voge/le/Nancy Evans/Pat Voge/le  
(Vermont South)

Resting Toucher: First Game - Gail Crane

Second Game - George Dolan (Mitcham)

### 6<sup>th</sup> November

Winners: Don Chesterton/Jim Gray/Sharyn Arnold/Jenene

Marshall (Ivanhoe)

Runners-Up: Doug Sawyer/Brian Ross-Soden/Margaret Sawyer/

Margaret Padgett

Consolation: Ian Proctor/Jim Martyn/Glen Martyn/Lyn Robins

Resting Toucher: First Game - Judy Dolan/Paul McNamara

Second Game - Bernie Dickens

Ladies' Invitation 2-4-2: (Sponsor - Kaye Consulting)

Winners: S. Stacey/M. Hardman (Doncaster)

Runners-Up: D. Edwards/L. Murphy (Monbulk)

Consolation: First Game - L. Furlong/M. Day

Second Game - J. Herdman/D. Miller (Ferntree Gully)

Gala and Guest Day: (Sponsor - Le Pine Box Hill/Ringwood Jeweller)

Winners: Kingsley Fiske/Norma Brian/Terri Mallet/Bev Cox

Runners-Up: Val Weight/Ray Watson/Norm Weight/

Bev Watson (Vermont South)

Consolation: First Game - Bruce Varcoe/Arthur Gibson/Diana Doukas/

Judy Dolan

Second Game - Jean Fothergill Team (Berwick)

Twilight Bowls:

20<sup>th</sup> October: (Sponsor - Daniel Patience/ Paul Randles)

Winners: Fiona McNamara/Diana Doukas/Arthur Winn

Runners-Up: Margaret Sawyer/Jill Goode/Gordon Lee

3<sup>rd</sup> November: (Sponsor - APT Australian Pacific Tours)

Winners: Arthur Gibson/Max Clark/Del Osborne/Chris NcNamara

Runners-Up: Henrik Cobelens/Margaret Clark/Tony Williams/Ian Proctor

Joan Benson