



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by John Fitzgerald)

In wrapping up a successful bowls season, many positives from the past year should encourage us as we move forward.

Pleasingly, 21 Night Owlers stepped up to play pennant bowls and a number have transitioned to become full members, including our newest members Dario Stocco, Michael Hogan, Russell Whaites, John Keough, Maxine Tayler and John Pain.

I would also like to mention the very successful recent Presentation Night, where I was particularly taken by the sentiments expressed by many of the award recipients: essentially, their pride in belonging to a great Club.

My particular congratulations to:

- Qattro Bowler of the Year - Ashley Halls
- Qattro Participation Award - Fred Kovaleff
- Club Member of the Year - Lyn Nixon

These awards recognise high achievement and participation on the greens, along with significant work behind the scenes: three areas that are very important to our success as a Club.

I have previously informed members that I will not be renominating as President. The Club is beginning a process of renewal across the range of its activities. This past season's success is due in no small part to the work of the Bowls Committee under the expert guidance of our Bowls Director Ashley Halls.

Sam Katsivas has agreed to nominate for the position of President and I leave the position with

great confidence in Sam. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Monday 28 May.

From the Boardroom (from the Secretary)

Bill Green has joined the Board as House Director. Mark Ballestrin, current Vice President, has assumed responsibility for membership.

The management of the bar will need attention in the short term to ensure we have personnel to operate it. After many years of dedicated service, Bob Neale will not be continuing 'front of house' service after 31 May. We need to identify members who are willing to step into this role. Please contact Bill Green if you are able to assist.

Bob Neale has also undertaken the role of venue hire coordinator but is similarly unable to continue after 31 May. Again, contact Bill Green if you are able to help.

Pennant season wrap-up (by Ashley Halls)

Six teams playing finals and seven of our ten teams in the top four was a great result for our Club this season. The overall highlight was our Women's Division 1 team making the grand final and being promoted to Premier next year. A six-shot loss in the grand final to an Ascot Park side which had dominated all year was a fantastic effort.



Lockleys Thursday Division 1 grand final team

L-R: (standing) Glenis Screnci, Judy Bartlett, Elizabeth Ormston, Heather Penglis, Anne Green, Marlene Recchi, Karen Kovaleff, Julie Cowling, Chris Schumacher, Shirley Howard, Carol Crossley; (kneeling) Lyn Teague, Lyn Nixon

Three other teams played in preliminary finals (Saturday Division 5, Wednesday Division 1 and Wednesday Division 3) and the hunger should be there to go even further next year.

The other major highlight was the number of Night Owls bowlers who played their first pennant game for the Club. And even more significantly, ten of those have now joined as full members, which adds depth to our playing group.

A big thank you to Chair of Selectors Sam Katsivas and the whole selection team for their work this season. Lastly, thank you to all players who wore the Lockleys shirt this year for your commitment to the team and your performance on the green.

Presentation Night (by Ashley Halls)

The Club presentation night was held on 5 April and nearly 100 members, partners and guests enjoyed a great night of food, wine and camaraderie.

We were joined by newly-elected MP Matt Cowdrey, West Torrens Mayor and Club Patron John Trainer, Councillors Garth Palmer and Rosalie Haese and sponsor Graeme Ellis from the Karidis Group. Also present were our major sponsors Qattro (represented by Peter Roberts), Premier Home Loans (Theo Katsivas) and Hypercore (Sam Katsivas).

Presentations were made to Club tournament winners, including our singles champions Lyn Teague and Fred Kovaleff. Almost \$4000 of Qattro incentive cash was presented to players for performances in Club and State events, as well as the special awards already mentioned by the President.



Fred Kovaleff with the 'participant of the year' trophy, presented by MP Matt Cowdrey

Many thanks to Bill Green and his catering team for a magnificent three-course meal and everyone else who contributed to the night.

Women's end-of-season celebration

(from the Secretary)

As has been the tradition in recent years, the Thursday sides celebrated the end-of-season with a social event. This year it was a 2-hour Port River dolphin cruise, attended by some 50 players, partners and guests, including a number of men from the Club.

The weather was beautiful, a number of dolphins were seen and, as evident by the champagne glasses in the photo, it was a very enjoyable outing. Thanks to Lyn Nixon for organising it.



Port River dolphin cruise April 2018

L-R: Karen Kovaleff, guest, Brenda Cannon, Lyn Nixon, Lyn Teague, Carol Crossley

Taylor Bowls (by Ashley Halls)

In an exciting conclusion to the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge, Lockleys won a thrilling grand final in the Gold Division at Marion Bowling Club on Sunday 8 April.

Lockleys and Toorak Burnside were tied at two rinks apiece after Fred Kovaleff drew the winning shot in the pairs with the last bowl of the match. That resulted in three players from each side playing off in three singles tie-breaks, each played over three ends.

After the three ends we still didn't have a result, with Ashley Halls having defeated Sue Coultas, Fred Kovaleff losing narrowly to Neil Miller, and Peter Roberts and Albert Kruimel having tied.

Peter and Albert then played an extra end, which Peter won with a couple of excellent draw bowls.

This was a great achievement for our Club given it was our first year in the Gold division. Not to mention the \$4400 first prize!

Our Bronze side didn't quite have the same success, although the Bronze Central division was clearly the toughest of the three groups, with all four Bronze semi-finalists coming from this division.

However, one of the main purposes of competing in the Taylor Cup competition is to provide a player development opportunity. It is hoped all those who played derived some personal benefit from the experience.



Lockley's Taylor Cup Gold team

L-R: Sam Katsivas, Rob Flavel, Kevin Fuss, Karen Kovaleff, Peter Roberts, Bob Ormston, Theo Katsivas, Michael Atherton, Fred Kovaleff, Ashley Halls, Des Schumacher and Taylor Bowls representative Adam Hateley

Best of the West (by Ashley Halls)

After three rounds of the Best of the West competition – played annually between Lockleys, Holdfast, Henley and Grange – three clubs, including Lockleys, are locked at the top of the table with two wins out of three.

Tuesday 17 April is the last day, to be hosted at Lockleys. All rink wins are worth double points, so we would have to be favourites to retain the title.

Winter bowls (from the Bowls Committee)

Winter bowls will be played each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, commencing at 12.30pm, from now until the start of pennant trials.

Please put your name on the sheet inside the Club or contact one of the organisers:

- Don Webb 0488 790 731 (Wednesday),
- Peter Phillips 0427 586 393 and Glen Miles 0437 890 547 (Friday), and
- Peter Roberts 0430 633 676 (Saturday).

Women's indoor bowls (from Gladys Barratt)

The Club competes in a metropolitan pennant competition from May to August. Practice sessions are held at the Club every Monday from 1-3pm, with the competition on Tuesdays from 10am to around midday (with the first game on 1 May).

We have one team of 8 players (two rinks of 4) and would welcome any women interested in playing or being a reserve, with bowls provided by the Club. The competition also has a number of gala days, so there are additional opportunities to play. For further information, please call Gladys on 0405 061 546.

Annual General Meeting (from the Secretary)

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club on Monday 28 May 2018, commencing at 7pm. The notice of meeting and call for nominations for vacant Board positions will be circulated to members around 20 April.

One of the agenda items will be a proposed revision of membership categories to include 'Night Eagles transition', aimed at encouraging Night Owls to transition to pennant bowls while becoming more engaged in week-to-week Club activities and events.

An e-version of the Annual Report will be circulated around 24 May and printed copies will be available at the Club the same day. However, please note that individual printed copies will not be posted to all members.

Future issues

We're planning to publish Eagle Wrap every 6-8 weeks over the winter break and monthly during the pennant season. To contribute, please send to secretary@lockleysbowlingclub.com.au or call Bob Ormston on 0408 801 950.