



# Eagle Wrap

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## From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

As we move into the quiet time of the year, I'd like to take the opportunity to let everyone know that we conducted the first meeting of the new Board last Tuesday night.

We are, as was flagged at the AGM, moving towards a more structured and more transparent approach to growing and advancing the Lockleys Bowling Club. The role statements for the various portfolios are well under way and each of the directors will soon be seeking members to fill their various committees.

As a new initiative, the Board will be highlighting key aspects of its meetings in this newsletter, whilst also displaying more detail through Board minutes posted on the Club noticeboard each month. You will be able keep up to date with Board matters through these communiques.

There are a number of events coming up including a breakfast pennant and selection review, a quiz night and of course numerous bowling activities. At the moment, we have Wednesday, Friday and Saturday pairs running in the off-season and I encourage as many people as possible to put their names down and come out and have a roll. It's good fun and the standard is more than reasonable.

The ladies are running their winter indoor competition and more information about this can be obtained from Ashley Halls or Gladys Barrett.

The website will shortly be updated, adding the constitution as requested from the floor at the AGM, as well as adding all the upcoming events, newsletters and other important bowls information for members. Please check in regularly to keep up to date with what's happening.

We welcome new members Graham Beck and Matthew Mandica, as well as Mike Pearson back to the Club, whilst bidding a fond farewell to Neil and Angie Griffin, now well and truly ensconced in their new abode across the SA-VIC border.

I would also like to congratulate Ashley Halls for his selection in Bowls SA's Super League, where he will be playing for the Heysen Comets in a competition conducted over a number of weeks from late July to early September.

## Annual General Meeting (from the Secretary)

The AGM, held on Monday 28 May, was attended by 50+ members. The incoming Board is:

- President – Sam Katsivas
- Vice President (and Membership) – Mark Ballestrin
- Secretary (and Sponsorship) – Bob Ormston
- Treasurer – Graeme Isaacson
- Bowls Director – Ashley Halls
- House Director – Bill Green
- Social and fundraising – Stephen Jones.

The AGM agreed new membership classes, redefining two categories of Junior membership, as well as introducing a new category of Night Eagle Transition, to encourage current Night Owls players to transition to pennant bowls, as happened so successfully this past season.

The AGM also agreed membership fees for the 2018-19 season, reflecting a slight increase, as follows:

- Full (100%) - \$300
- Associate (50%) - \$150
- Junior (16-23) (40%) - \$120
- Junior (<16) (20%) - \$60
- Night Eagle Transition - \$40
- Night Eagle - \$10
- Social - \$10

New member and players from other clubs who have not previously been at Lockleys will be entitled to a 50% reduction for their first year for full, associate or junior fees.

The minutes of the AGM will shortly be posted on the notice board.

### **From the Board** (from the Secretary)

The Board meeting on 12 June discussed the following issues (and the minutes of that meeting are on the notice board at the Club).

Given that the Club's liquidity has fallen to <\$2000 (by which we mean cash + stock less liabilities), the Board agreed to stop all expenditure (other than utilities) for the next three months. It also agreed to 'run down' bar stock from its current holding of >\$10K. This may mean some product lines are not available in the short term.

It was also agreed that Board members should present a financial reconciliation each month for every activity within their portfolio. These will be included in Board minutes so Club members can see the financial result of all events and activities conducted by the Club.

The Board discussed whether the Club should maintain its honour boards or whether consideration should be given to replacing them with photos or other options, as a number of clubs have done.

If members have particular views on any of these matters, please discuss them with a Board member so your views can be taken into account when the Board next meets.

### **Bowls update** (from the Bowls Director)

#### ***Pennants***

It's only June but Bowls SA and the Metropolitan Bowls Association have already released the calendar of events for 2018-19. Of particular interest to us all is the Saturday pennant season which will start a week later than usual on 13 October. Wednesday and Thursday pennants will commence on 10 & 11 October respectively.

Two trial/practice matches have already been organised – a game for the ladies against Ascot Park on 20 September and a Saturday game

against Somerton on 22 September. We hope to have a full trial schedule out shortly, which will have at least two and possibly three games against other clubs for each day of pennant competition.

All members are invited to a 'pennant review' meeting at the Club on Sunday 1 July, commencing at 9.30am. This will be a breakfast followed by some discussion aimed at building on the success of last year.

Selectors from last season have identified a number of issues which we would like to discuss with players. Of course, it also presents an opportunity for anybody to raise any bowling related issues.

#### ***Selectors***

A call for nominations for the position of Chair of Selectors and the pennant selectors will go out shortly. Please consider whether you would like to be part of the selection group this season.

It was agreed at the recent Board meeting that pennant teams for ALL days will be selected at one meeting, adopting the panel approach that was so successful last year.

#### ***Pre-season tuition/practice***

Commencing Thursday 5 July at 10am, I will be running some sessions for anyone who wants to come along. They will consist of 15-30 minutes of chat and then an hour or so of bowling and I hope to continue them each Thursday morning right through to the end of August.

The aim is player development, with the main focus being a better understanding of the game of lawn bowls and how to get better at it. I hope you will take up the opportunity.

### **Winter bowls** (from the Bowls Committee)

Please note also that our Greenkeeper has changed the direction of play for A, C and D greens to E-W for the next several months, and that B green has been closed. When using these greens for a roll-up, please choose a different rink each time (to include the end rinks) to spread the usage.

### **Social events**

A reminder to those who've put their names down to attend the 'high tea' at Wohlers on Richmond

Road, starting at 10.30am Thursday 28 June. We already have the maximum of 28 nominations, so unfortunately can't take more. Any queries to Liz Ormston 0408 400 176.

The next 'fish night' at the Club is planned for 6pm Friday 20 July. Please put your name on the list – or ring Bill Green 0417 821 922 – for what is always a great meal.

## Grants and sponsorship

We've not yet been successful with any of our grant applications, though several are yet to be announced. We'll continue to submit new applications as they're identified.

Sponsorship for the coming season is already \$12K in cash and product. We've confirmed Shingleback, Lockleys Hotel, Karidis Retirement Villages, Hypercore and Baa Moo Oink, are finalising details with Qattro and Premier Home Loans, and have signed up Peter Elberg Funerals, Boral, Wohlers and West Beach Parks. We're also actively chasing further leads.

If you hear of other grant opportunities or are aware of potential sponsors, please contact Bob Ormston 0408 801 950, as both are important sources of revenue for the Club.

## Membership renewals

A reminder that renewals are due by 30 June. E-versions were sent to members in late May, with hard copies available at the Club. Please remember to return the pennant availability and volunteer forms at the same time.

## Vale

The Club sent its condolences to Brian Teakle on the passing of his wife Sandra in late May.

## Calendar for June and July

- Club bowls each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, commencing at 12.30pm. Contact one of the organisers:
  - Don Webb 0488 790 731 (Wednesday),
  - Peter Phillips 0427 586 393 and Glenn Miles 0437 870 547 (Friday), and
  - Peter Roberts 0430 633 676 (Saturday).
- Thursday 28 June – 10.30am 'high tea' at Wohlers, Richmond Road – contact Liz Ormston 0408 400 176
- Sunday 1 July – 9.30am pennant debrief, including BBQ breakfast – contact Ashley Halls 0423 132 402
- Thursday 5 July – 10am bowls tuition/practice – contact Ashley Halls 0423 132 402
- Friday 20 July – 6pm 'fish night' – contact Bill Green 0417 821 922

## Finally, from the Law Courts ..

Magistrate: "Why did you steal the car?"

Accused: "I had to get to work."

Magistrate: "Why didn't you take the bus?"

Accused: "I don't have a driver's licence for a bus."