



# Eagle Wrap

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## From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

In this quiet time of the year, when pennants are not at the forefront of everyone's minds, it is easy to assume that everything comes to a standstill. That is certainly not the case. Greens still need to be maintained, floors still need to be cleaned, the bar still needs to be stocked and gardens need pruning, fertilising and weeding. The regular band of volunteers who work tirelessly week in and week out to ensure these jobs are done are the backbone of our Club and we thank them.

We will be featuring the work of our volunteers in this and successive editions of Eagle Wrap, both by way of recognising the valuable service they provide and also to publicly acknowledge them for their industry.

It is almost 18 months ago that past president John Fitzgerald presented a blueprint to members which involved preliminary steps towards a possible redevelopment of the Lockleys Bowling Club. At that time, the general membership voted in favour of giving the Board approval to investigate possibilities of redevelopment, amalgamation and looking to position Lockleys as a stronger, more viable bowling club. You will also be aware that those discussions fell away through lack of support from the other clubs involved.

It is this Board's intention to re-open the redevelopment aspect of those discussions. Our Club is over 100 years old and some of our infrastructure is on its last legs. The kitchen is in dire need of new appliances, the bar needs urgent attention, our toilets need a complete overhaul. This is just the tip of the iceberg. It is the Board's

belief that we should investigate a major works program for Lockleys Bowling Club, ideally as part of the redevelopment of the wider Lockleys sporting precinct.

In the last two months, Bob Ormston and I have accordingly met with senior officials from West Torrens Council, with Mark Easton, CEO Bowls SA and with Simon Oaten, President of Badminton SA (next door). The intention has been to investigate what opportunities there are for our Club, either on its own or jointly with Badminton SA, and with the support of Bowls SA and the West Torrens Council, to get the funding to carry out the refurbishment of our Club, which would also align with the priority accorded by Bowls SA's 2014 State-wide Facilities Audit and Master Plan (a copy of which is available near the notice board).

I can assure all members that no decisions will be made by this Board without first seeking the approval of members. I reiterate that at this stage all discussions are exploratory and, when we have something to report, I will make the information known to the general membership.

So while it is indeed a quiet time from a pennants' perspective, I can assure all members that from the people who come in on a Monday morning to tend the gardens, to the bowls committee who are busy preparing and planning for the new season, to the Board members who are strategically working towards a brighter future for Lockleys, everyone is doing their bit to ensure our Club is here for another 100 years.

Finally, but very importantly, a welcome to our newest members Anthony Dyer, Ross Bennett and Peter Gitsham, noting also that Neil Griffin and Jackie Smyth have moved interstate and that Bob Bobrige has transferred to Clarence Gardens.

## From the Board (from the Secretary)

The Board has prepared detailed portfolio responsibilities for key Board roles, as well as diagrams showing the Board composition, sub-committees and individuals who have volunteered to assist in each area. Copies of these diagrams are on the Club notice board. Members who have not yet volunteered to help – or can assist in other areas – are invited to add their name to the listings.

Revised arrangements for managing the bar are being progressed by a sub-committee headed by Mark Ballestrin. Those interested in helping met a few weeks ago, and Mark is now developing a roster to be in place by the start of the pre-season trials. The sub-committee will also be revising bar prices, to be effective from 1 September. It is also investigating the possible introduction of point-of-sale software, to include an EFTPOS facility.

Bill Green, as House Director, is keen to clean up the men's and women's locker rooms, ideally reducing the number of lockers and implementing a record of allocation (for a nominal fee of \$5 per season). Anyone who currently has a locker is asked to advise Bill Green by Saturday 15 September of its number (and whether they wish to retain it); those who would like one allocated are similarly asked to notify Bill. After that date, lockers will be reallocated, enabling the Club to dispose of the surplus, with any property in unclaimed lockers being temporarily stored pending its disposal.

The Board, on the suggestion of the Bowls Committee, has also discussed whether the Club should investigate the introduction of a new bowls uniform, reflecting the reinvigoration of the Lockleys 'brand' in a more colourful and modern design. The Board's view is that any such move could only be progressed through a sponsorship arrangement involving no cost to members, that its Club-wide introduction would not be contemplated for this coming season and that members would need to be consulted regarding the design. As a starting point to the consultation process, a couple of possible designs will be displayed on the Club notice board shortly.

In the meantime, we're aware that some newer members may not have a uniform top for this coming season. Could anyone who needs a top please let me know ASAP, so we can provide one either on sale from our limited supply of new uniforms (or on loan from members who may have spares etc).

## **Bowls update** (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

**Availability for pre-season trials.** Details of the trials, which begin on 8 September, have already been circulated to members via email. Members are asked to indicate their availability for selection

in these trials as soon as possible, via the lists on the notice board for the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions. Players will be selected from those who nominate, so please ensure your name is on the availability listings (making sure you nominate for both days if you are intending to play mid-week and Saturdays).

**Side nominations for the coming season.** The Board, on the recommendation of the Bowls Committee, has agreed to nominate the following sides for the coming season:

- Wednesday – 2 x 16-a-side teams (Div 1 and Div 3) and 1 x 12-a-side team (Div 4) – in total requiring 44 players, noting we have 46 available + the possibility of some women players to fill-in if needed
- Thursday – 1 x 12-a-side team (Premier) and 1 x 8-a-side team (Div 3) – requiring 20 players, noting we have 21 available + the possibility of 1-2 men as fill-ins
- Saturday – 3 x 16-a-side teams (Divs 1, 3 and 5) and 1 x 12-a-side team (Div 6) – requiring 60 members, noting we have 67 available, although some are only available on alternate weeks etc and that we typically have 5-6 players unavailable each week.

**Taylor Cup Challenge.** A call for nominations will go on the notice board shortly for those interested in participating in this competition, which is played on Sunday evenings (about 10 games between October and March). Everyone is encouraged to play in this great competition, in which our Club won the Gold level last year. We're hoping to enter at least two sides in this year's Challenge.

**Thursday tuition sessions.** These are continuing and being attended by a small but enthusiastic group each Thursday, from 10-11am. A number of people completed player development forms last season but haven't ventured out yet. I would love to see more people come out as we move towards the start of the bowls season.

**Assistance with Night Owls.** We will shortly be asking for assistance with a letter drop to promote our Night Owls competition. If you can assist, please speak with Lester Todd or myself.

**Bowls SA Super League Series** (*from the Secretary*). Congratulations to Ashley Halls on his continuing selection and performance in this competition, playing for the Heysen Comets. Some

exciting games and great results. Members are encouraged to support Ashley and watch some other great games, played at the Salisbury Bowling Club. Details at <http://www.bowlssa.com.au/SA-Super-League>

## Getting to know our newer members

In each issue, we're going to introduce two of our newer members. Here's the first two, in their own words.

### **Gianni Chirico**

*I was born in Adelaide on 20 October 1957. When I was 6 years old, my family went back to Italy. When I was a child after school our playtime was in the country. I enjoyed watching Rin Tin Tin on TV. I studied for 13 years and I finished my schooling in Italy. After school I enrolled in the navy for 18 months aboard a submarine.*

*After the service in the Navy I started working. My father taught me my first trade of plumbing. In two years, I started my own business. I had the opportunity to change my business after six years. My new challenge was a partition assembler. This business ran for 22 years. After then I started another business where we produced and marketed a fresh organic product based on Aloe arborescens and Aloe based gel. The business is still running, but for me it lasted for six years.*

*Ten years ago, I decided to return to my roots here in Australia. My father is 89 years old, my mother is 85 years old, and I also have two brothers. I have a daughter and son-in-law with two grandchildren who live in Italy. I go to visit them every two years.*

*I like to play billiards, going down to the beach and walking with my partner and my dog, I like to fish and enjoy the hot weather. That is why I decided to play bowls. My dream is to buy a campervan and tour around Australia. My dream destination is to visit India.*

*Five years ago, I started playing night owls bowls. Last year I became member of this club. Since I have started to play bowls I'm very happy that my English has also improved and I have met wonderful people and I hope to be here for a long time.*

### **Arnold Fraser**

*I was born in the small country town of Minlaton, on Yorke Peninsula, just 20 minutes after my identical twin brother, and the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 children.*

*Our home was on a mixed farm where we cropped barley and wheat, milked some 30 cows and fed 30-40 pigs. The area contained significant limestone outcrops and, consequently, I'd like to say my favourite pastime was picking flaming rocks, but we were coerced – dad drove the truck and we ran around picking the rocks up.*

*However, I feel so fortunate for my upbringing. Always with my twin, I stooked sheaved hay, assisted making chaff, milked and sometimes rode the cows, made bows and arrows, chased mice (by the thousand), trapped & butchered rabbits, worked in the shearing shed and 'fixed' the lambs, pigs and calves.*

*As soon as I could reach the pedals of the truck and tractor, I was taught to drive – years before I was 16. Exploring the scrub & dams, building cubbies, netting fish at the beach and playing sport were favourite pastimes – we had only 32v power until the early 60s and no TV until the late 60s.*

*Living 20km out of town required us to catch the school bus to Minlaton Primary and High Schools. The farm was not large enough to support me in a farming career and so, on completing Yr.12, I entered Adelaide Teacher's College and studied Maths & Science at the University of Adelaide.*

*After 12 years teaching at Waikerie High, my wife and I, now with 3 kids, moved to Adelaide and I completed a Technology Studies degree at Underdale. My appointment to LeFevre High as a Tech teacher (for 25 years) enabled me to utilise the skills learnt, and work on projects out of school hours – such as grandfather clocks (spectacular!!), a turned rocking chair (replica of grandmother's), coffee tables and detailed hall stands. Tinkering in my shed still holds a strong interest.*

*Involvement in and coaching many sports, in which my kids participated, kept me busy on most weekends until they became adults. Since retiring, looking after grandchildren (8) has left my wife and I seeking respite (and warmth especially during winter) in our caravan. I'd have to say overseas travel (especially the battlefields of the Western Front) remains high on my bucket list but bowls may limit that (and she won't be happy!!).*

## Social events

The next 'fish night' at the Club is this Friday 17 August, starting at 6pm. Please put your name on

the list as soon as possible – or ring Bill Green 0417 821 922 – for what is always a great meal.

The Fashion Parade and Accessories Event is being held at the Club on Tuesday 18 September, commencing at 9.30am. Tickets are \$10, available from Lyn Nixon 0408 082 581 or Margaret Collins 8356 3152.

## Grants and sponsorship

Still hoping for success with our grant applications, with recent ones to the City of West Torrens (\$3K for bowls) and Holden (\$9K for sponsorship of a youth team), with further applications shortly to the Office for Recreation and Sport, and the Federal Government's Sport Australia and Stronger Communities programs.

Sponsorship for the coming season is now >\$17K in cash and product, with recent additions being Adelaide Medical Solutions, Vili's Family Bakery and Physio One. We're also chasing further leads.

If you're aware of grant opportunities or possible sponsors, please contact Bob Ormston, as both are important sources of revenue for the Club.

## Membership renewals

A reminder that renewals were due by 30 June. A small number of members have not responded, so could they please do so as soon as possible, remembering to return the pennant availability and volunteer forms at the same time. A reminder also that only financial members will be selected for the pre-season trials.

## Our volunteers

As the President has indicated, there are a number of volunteer groups at the Club, often working 'behind the scenes' to ensure the efficient day-to-day running of the Club. We're going to feature one such group in each issue, beginning with the Gardening group. It meets every Monday morning from 8-10am, under the guidance of Geoff Ellis, and maintains the flower beds, the surrounds of the greens and the shrubs/trees on the perimeter of the grounds.

The Gardening group's members currently include Lyn Teague, Darryl Cowling, Brian Teakle, Geoff Alexander, Ian Hodder, Lester Todd, Des Green and Danny Borg, with Gianni Chirico, John Keogh and Arn Fraser also volunteering recently. If you'd

like to help, you'd be most welcome at the Club any Monday morning.



## Our sponsors

In recognition of the importance of our sponsors, we're also going to feature one of them in each issue. We're beginning with Shingleback, which provides the Club with a substantial quantity of excellent quality wine at no cost, as well as a discount on additional purchases, thanks to Reg and Rhonda Davey and their family.



**SHINGLEBACK**

*Shingleback Wine is a single estate, family-owned wine company that controls all aspects of wine production, from growing the fruit on its McLaren Vale vineyard, The Davey Estate, to the winemaking and bottling process. During the 1990s, Kym and John Davey, brought their combined expertise in winemaking, farming and business to develop the estate first farmed in 1957 by their grandfather Gordon Sharpe (a keen Lockleys' bowler).*

*Their goal was and remains to produce affordable, quality wines that express the true character of McLaren Vale. A modern but minimalist approach to crafting the wines is taken. Respecting the fruit is crucial. Small batch open fermentation, gentle handling, pressing and maturation result in balanced food friendly wines, expressive of their terroir and variety. They also represent a family committed to producing outstanding wines from the land they love.*

*The first wine produced, the 1998 Shingleback Shiraz, won Gold at the Royal Hobart Wine Show and today the Shingleback Davey Estate Shiraz is still at the heart of the portfolio. The range has grown significantly since to deliver quality and value to many domestic and international customers, having been awarded 48 trophies and 433 Gold medals across the Red Knot, Haycutters, Davey Estate, Shingleback and The Gate labels.*

*In 2006, the Shingleback D Block Cabernet Sauvignon won the prestigious Jimmy Watson Trophy, while the 2010 vintage was awarded Grand Champion Wine at the 2013 Royal Queensland Wine Show. Rated by James Halliday as a 5-red star winery, Shingleback was named in 2015 as one of his 10 'best value wineries' in Australia, a wonderful recognition of the value and quality across the offerings.*

*This accolade was validated in 2017 with the 2016 Red Knot GSM (a Lockleys' favourite) winning 5 trophies at capital city wine shows, including 3 major trophies at the Royal Adelaide Wine Show, including Best Red Wine Under \$20, Best Grenache or Blend and Most Outstanding Red Wine of Show.*

Needless to say, we'd encourage our members – while drinking in moderation – to support Shingleback at the Club and when socialising elsewhere, as well as promoting Shingleback and its generous support of our Club to your family and friends.

## Calendar for August

- Thursday 16 August – 10-11am bowls tuition/ practice
- Friday 17 August – 12.30pm social bowls + 6pm 'fish night'
- Saturday 18 August – 12.30pm social pairs
- Wednesday 22 August – 12.30pm social pairs
- Thursday 23 August – 10-11am bowls tuition/ practice
- Friday 24 August – 12.30pm social bowls
- Saturday 25 August – 12.30pm social pairs
- Wednesday 29 August – 12.30pm social pairs
- Thursday 30 August – 10-11am bowls tuition/ practice
- Friday 31 August – 12.30pm social bowls

## Calendar for September

- Saturday 1 September – 12.30pm social pairs (and last for the winter season)
- Wednesday 5 September – 12.30pm social pairs (and last for the winter season)

- Thursday 6 September – 10-11am bowls tuition/ practice (and last for the winter season)
- Friday 7 September – 12.30pm social bowls
- Saturday 8 September – trial v Holdfast venue TBA
- Wednesday 12 September – internal trial
- Friday 14 September – 12.30pm social bowls
- Saturday 15 September – trial v Walkerville at Walkerville
- Tuesday 18 September – 9.30am Fashion Parade and Accessories event
- Wednesday 19 September – trial v Walkerville at Lockleys
- Thursday 20 September – trial v Ascot Park at Lockleys
- Friday 21 September – 12.30pm social bowls
- Saturday 22 September – trial v Somerton at Somerton
- Wednesday 26 September – trial v Toorak Burnside at Lockleys
- Thursday 27 September – trial v Holdfast at Lockleys
- Friday 28 September – 12.30pm social bowls + 5-6.30pm practice session, followed by Vili's pie/pastie and chips night
- Saturday 29 September – AFL grand final (and no trial games)

## Did you hear the one about.?

A couple, both in the late 70s, went to a sex therapist's office. The doctor asked, "What can I do for you?". The man said, "Will you watch us have sex?". The doctor looked puzzled but agreed. When the couple finished, the doctor said, "There's nothing wrong with the way you have sex" and charged them \$50.

This happened several weeks in a row. The couple would make an appointment, have sex with no problems, pay the doctor, then leave. Finally, the doctor asked, "Just exactly what are you trying to find out?". The man said, "We're not trying to find anything – she's married, so we can't go to her house; and I'm married, so we can't go to my house. The Holiday Inn charges \$90 for a room, the Hilton charges \$108 – we do it here for \$50 and I get \$43 back from Medicare!".