



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

I'd like to begin by thanking the many people who have stepped up to support the various committees that have been newly formed to share the load in the running of our Club. Your work has not gone unnoticed and it is certainly appreciated.

Thank you in particular to the people who have taken over new roles in the running of the bar as that is now functioning particularly well. It would be easy to overlook other hard-working groups because they have always been there, but I can assure volunteers of the gardening group, the cleaning committee, the catering group and Night Owls, just to name a few, that the efforts of all our volunteers are truly appreciated.

I'd also like to thank Ashley Halls and Fred Kovaleff who have donated money to fund 'Rink of the Week' and weekly prizes for Night Owls this season. Both have asked that no fuss be made about this but, as President, I cannot in all conscience allow their generosity to pass unmentioned. I understand Ashley and Fred's wishes for anonymity but I also know that selfless acts need to be brought to the attention of all members, because this is how a culture is built at a club. Thank you both for your kind and very generous gestures.

Several members have also approached me and asked if they can contribute a small amount of money either as a one-off donation or as a monthly direct debit into the Club. In response to

that, I will say that the Club is not in a position where we need to ask members to put their hands in their pockets to raise additional revenue. Notwithstanding that, if members wish to provide extra financial support, the Board would certainly not refuse it. For those who have asked that question and would like to help, may I suggest they speak directly to treasurer Graeme Isaacson and he will advise how best to proceed.

I informed you in the last newsletter about future plans for the possible refurbishment or re-development of our Club. Since that time, an informal meeting has taken place at the City of West Torrens between Council officers, Mark Easton (CEO Bowls SA), Simon Oaten (CEO Badminton SA) and myself.

The purpose was to explore whether there was an appetite for a joint proposal between Badminton SA, Bowls SA and the Lockleys Bowling Club to build a 'Centre of Excellence' on the existing LBC site, given the joint development already being undertaken by Council on the adjoining precinct. The meeting was positive in that Council has given us access to its master plans and invited us to put together a joint proposal for Council's consideration.

Before that even begins, I would like to call a meeting of all members and share with you the information we have and the considerations that we will need to make if we are to progress this discussion further. The Board will shortly set a date for this to happen, so look out for that.

A reminder to all about the Christmas function on 15 December, commencing at 4.30pm. Please attend if you are able. It will be great to eat and drink together in the spirit of Christmas.

In the meantime, good health and good bowling to you all.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

The Club made a pleasing operating profit of almost \$8000 in October, thanks to the resumption of Night Owls and increased bar trade associated with pennants, as well as the successful conduct of a number of social events and venue bookings. Over the past several months, the Board has also put in place measures to curtail or

constrain expenditure across the Club, which have assisted the bottom line. The Board trusts that members, particularly recognising the Club's financial situation, will be supportive of these measures.

The Club has some 60 lockers split between the women's and men's change/rest rooms, about half of which are being used by members. The Board will be informally canvassing the views of members over the next month or so as to whether there should be an annual charge for the use of a Club locker (as well as the need for a duplicate key or combination to be lodged with the Club) and/or whether we should dispose of some or all of the lockers. If you have a view, please share it with any of the Board members.

Club-branded polo tops for casual wear will shortly be available for purchase for \$42. They are in Club colours, with the LBC logo and individual names embroidered on the front. An example is already displayed near the notice board at the Club, with an accompanying list for those members interested in buying one (or more).

On the subject of bowls wear, if anyone is concerned that a future LBC uniform may be too radical, spare a thought for Club Pine Rivers, whose shirt features the following image!



Bowls update (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

Pennants

We are a third of the way through the pennant season and there are some pleasing performances so far, most notably:

- our Wednesday Division 3 West side is undefeated in 1st place
- our Saturday Division 1 side is in 3rd place, and
- our Thursday Division 4 side is in 1st place.

Also, a special mention to our Women's Premier side on Thursday with three wins and a draw from six games played in the 'big league'.

A disappointing aspect is the difficulty we have fielding our Wednesday Division 4 West side. We are stretched for numbers and it has not been helped by a number of players making themselves unavailable for selection for reasons other than injury or illness. I respectfully ask those members to reconsider their position, particularly for the good of their club mates who miss games when we have to forfeit.

Taylor Bowls Super Challenge

The Taylor Bowls season is in full swing with three rounds now completed. There is still an opportunity for Club members to get involved and be part of this great competition, which is held at various clubs on a Sunday evening. Please contact me if you'd like to join one of our sides, even for some games. We would also like more players and supporters to come to Vili's after the games to help support our sponsor.

Open Grand Classic

The Lockleys Open Grand Classic, generously sponsored by Theo Katsivas (Premier Home Loans and Premier Property Management) will be held on Saturday 5 January, with \$2500 prize money on offer. I urge all members to support our Club by getting a team together and entering this prestigious tournament. Cost will be \$30 per player, which includes a two-course lunch.

Night Owls

Night Owls has kicked off successfully and thanks must go to Lester Todd and his team for their continued hard work. The Tuesday evening competition has 16 teams and the Wednesday evening competition has 18 teams, which is a great achievement by the organisers.

Bowls Premier League Cup

Bob Ormston, Fred Kovaleff, Theo Katsivas and I enjoyed our trip to Brisbane last week to

participate in Bowls Australia's BPL Cup, played at Club Pine Rivers (in Brisbane).

We did the best we could, making it to the quarter finals. It's a great format and something we might consider for a tournament at our Club in future.



Fred Kovaleff, Ashley Halls, Theo Katsivas and Bob Ormston, representing Lockleys at the BPL Cup – at Club Pine Rivers in Brisbane, where they have three synthetic greens under cover

Getting to know our members

It's been suggested we should highlight not just our newer members but also those who have been at the Club for a while. We're starting, therefore, with some bio details on **Glenn Miles**.

I was born at the Hindmarsh Hospital and lived my early life at Samson road / Semaphore Park before I met my lovely wife Ros. My education was spent at Ethelton Primary followed by Taperoo High School.

Growing up in the 50s and 60s in that area was a world away from what it has become today, where it is known as West Lakes. Life was an adventure with so much freedom and space. We lived down the road from Colin Hayes' stables, where he had his own ash horse track and I was always up to mischief at rubbish dumps, the Port River mangroves and the beachside sandhills. The only time you spent at home was to be fed and sleep.

I was taught to swim, dangling from a belt, in the Port River where touching the bottom was out of the question, so everyone became quick learners. This also provided the baptism to be a loyal Port Adelaide / Power supporter and "Never, ever give up!!!"

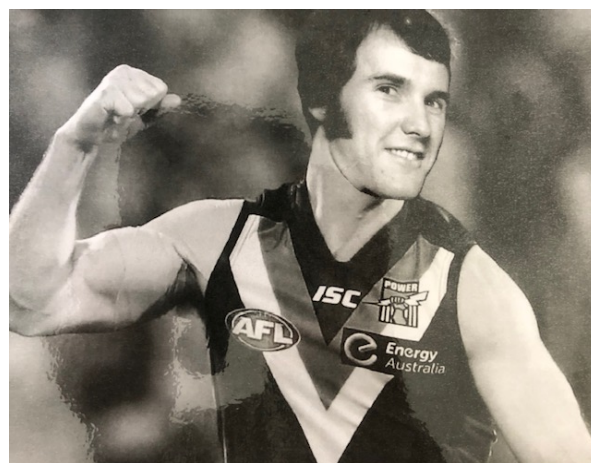
I am the second of four siblings and was always the one in trouble, not that it bothered me, I just saw it as character building and taught me to have my say.

I started work on my 16th birthday in 1966 as an apprentice fitter and turner with GMH at Woodville and spent all my working life, apart from a two-year break, with the company, involved in project management. Besides being a wonderful employer, this was another adventure in my life as a company this big was full of funny characters and personalities.

Ros and I married in 1972 and built our first home at Banksia Park where we lived for 32 years. We have two children, Carmen and Brett, and four wonderful grandchildren who keep us busy with their activities. Supporting my children with their sports was a priority for me as it was something I never received; this has given me great pleasure as you always find there is a shortage of coaches / volunteers.

The move to Lockleys (2007) coincided with me taking a retirement package from work and prompted my joining Night Owls, where I have continued to help run Wednesday nights. This is my third year of pennant bowls and, together with Peter Phillips, we run Friday pairs all year round. My trade skills are used in the maintenance requirements at the club.

Ros and I have travelled extensively overseas and are looking forward to three trips planned for next year.



Glenn Miles with a body that looks suspiciously like that of Robbie Gray..!

We'd welcome the opportunity to highlight the background of other members, aiming to feature two bios in each future issue. Please send a 250-word snapshot to the Secretary, ideally accompanied by a photo (with or without photo-shopping!).

Membership

When we talk of Club membership numbers, it's been agreed that we need to include our Night Owlers, who are an integral and very important component of our Club. So when someone asks you how many members at Lockleys, the answer should be **248**.

For the record, that comprises:

- 87 full members
- 8 life members
- 8 associate members
- 9 social members
- 1 Night Eagles transition member, and
- 135 Night Eagles.

That total includes Aldo Lorenzoni as a recently-joined full member. It also takes account that Matteo Mandica has transferred to Port Adelaide.

Social events and fundraising

Around 40 members attended a very successful function at the Club on **Melbourne Cup day**. They enjoyed a quiche and salad lunch, complemented by a number of glasses of bubbly! The lunch, sweeps and raffles netted around \$150, with thanks to Lyn Nixon for organising the event and Stuart McGregor for running the sweeps.

The next and final '**Fish Night**' for the year will be held on Friday 21 December. Cost is \$16, with dessert available for a small additional cost. Please put your name on the list at the Club or contact Bill Green on 0417 821 922, ideally by Tuesday 18 December. As always, our thanks to Mel and Marlene Recchi and their hardworking helpers for organising these dinners.

A reminder also of the **Christmas function**, being held at the Club on Saturday 15 December, commencing at 4.30pm. Families and guests most welcome. Chicken and salad dinner for \$10 per person. Names on the list at the Club please, ideally by Wednesday 12 December.

Advance notice also of a **Quiz Night**, to be held on Friday 15 February, commencing at 7.00pm. This

will be a major fundraiser for the Club, so we'd like as many people as possible to make it our best quiz night ever. Tables of 8-10 (but single entries or less numbers can be incorporated). Bring a plate to share. There will be lots of games and fun activities. \$20 per person. Book by contacting Lyn Nixon or Sam Katsivas or by adding your name to the booking sheet on the Club notice board.

We're currently conducting two raffles. One is for a **new set of Taylor bowls**, valued at \$630, to be drawn in March (generously provided by Taylor Bowls as part of the sponsorship arrangement for the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge).

The other is a **Christmas raffle**, to be drawn at the function on 15 December, featuring several great prizes. Please support both these raffles, as they are invaluable to the Club's fundraising efforts.

Grants and sponsorship

We're pleased to advise that the City of West Torrens has provided the Club with grant funding of \$3300 to purchase new bowls. We hope to have the bowls in time for the recommencement of the Night Owls season in mid-January.

Sponsorship for this season now totals \$20,650 (comprising \$15,900 in cash and \$4750 in product). We should also mention that Vili's Family Bakery has generously offered fruit mince pies and a voucher for a gift hamper to include in our Christmas raffle.

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

Our volunteers

In our last edition, we featured the work of the *Night Owls team*. We'd now like to acknowledge the much-appreciated support of the recently-established *Bar team*, headed by Mark Ballestrin (while also paying tribute to the work of the earlier team, and particularly the efforts of Bob Neale over the past several years).

The current team provides a rostered bar service during and after each pennant game, as well as for Night Owls on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and after social bowls and pennant practice on Fridays. The team also provides bar staff for venue hirings and events run by the Club.

Importantly, it is also responsible for purchasing and restocking, and for maintenance and cleaning.

The team, in addition to Mark Ballestrin, comprises Karen and Fred Kovaleff, Helen Musson, Lyn Teague, Ian Hodder, Mel Recchi, Lew Ward, George Szczurko, Bill Morris, Tyson Rudd, John Nicholls, Lester Todd and Stuart McGregor.

If you'd like to join the bar team – if only for a short time slot each week – please contact Mark Ballestrin on 0417 700 257, as every bit of assistance lessens the work load of the rest of the team.

Our sponsors

In this issue, we're pleased to acknowledge the sponsorship support of Hypercore, courtesy of Sam Katsivas, who has provided the following.



Hypercore is an IT company specialising in computing and email/web services. In the context of a bowling club, members looking for new or second-hand computers, laptops or peripheral devices like printers, scanners or backup devices are some of the ways that we can become involved. It might be that your computer is running slowly and you want to speed it up. That can certainly be done and several LBC members have already benefited from that.

Do you know of someone who needs a website designed? We are now amalgamated with Argon and can facilitate the building of new websites as well.

And remember it doesn't have to be you who needs the service – it can be family, a friend or even someone you overhear at a party who is having computer issues. All you need to say is "We have

*some really good people who look after our Club's computers. Would you like me to get them to contact you?" Then get their contact details and pass them to me and **Hypercore** will take care of the rest.*

*Sponsorship works best when there is two-way involvement. It's just a matter of keeping your ear to the ground and recommending **Hypercore** when you hear that people are in need of computer services.*

Calendar for November

- Thursday 22 November – pennants round 7
- Friday 23 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 24 November – pennants round 8
- Tuesday 27 November – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 28 November – pennants round 8; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 29 November – pennants round 8
- Friday 30 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice

Calendar for December

- Saturday 1 December – pennants round 9
- Tuesday 4 December – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 5 December – pennants round 9; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 6 December – pennants round 9 (and last for 2018)
- Saturday 8 December – pennants round 10 (and last for 2018)
- Sunday 9 December – 6pm Taylor Challenge
- Tuesday 11 December – 7pm Night Owls (and last for 2018)
- Wednesday 12 December – pennants round 10 (and last for 2018); Night Owls that evening (and last for 2018)
- Saturday 15 December – 4.30pm Club Christmas function
- Friday 21 December – 'Fish Night' at the Club

Keep up-to-date with Facebook

For the latest news and updates on the Club, access our Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/LockleysBowlingClub/>

If you have suggestions for material to include on Facebook, please contact Mark Ballestrin on 0417 700 257.

Finally, did you hear the one about..?

Two Irish lads were working for the Dublin public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it – why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."