



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

At this month's Board meeting, we invited Mark Easton, CEO Bowls SA, to address the question of how he envisioned the redevelopment of the Lockleys Bowling Club into a 'Centre of Excellence' involving our Club, Badminton SA and Bowls SA. We spent most of the meeting discussing those views, as well as possible funding sources for such an undertaking. There are many ideas on the table and we have finally been able to see the master plan of the West Torrens Council for the development of the broader precinct.

I would like to call an informal meeting of members on Monday 7 January at 7.00pm in the Club lounge to share the information we have and update you on all the discussions, as well as about the possible ways of progressing this initiative.

A reminder of our Christmas function to be held at the Club this coming Saturday from 4.30pm. Thanks in anticipation to Bill Green, Mark Ballestrin and Lyn Nixon, and their teams, for the catering, bar, raffles and decorations. It should be a great way to finish the first half of the season.

Please note also that Club Honour Boards have been added to our website. You can find them under the 'ABOUT' menu. Thanks to Ashley Halls for compiling them and creating the electronic format.

Please consider entering the Premier Home Loans Open Grand Classic on Saturday 5 January if you haven't already done so – maybe get your Saturday pennant rink together and join the mix. It should be a great day.

Cathy and I would like to extend Season's Greetings to all as we wish you the very best for Christmas, a well-deserved rest and a Happy New Year.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

Because of the presentation by Mark Easton at our Board meeting last Monday, we had an abridged and more informal meeting, with the routine aspects deferred to our meeting in early January.

However, one of the highlights was the financial report from our Treasurer, Graeme Isaacson, which pleasingly showed a net profit for November of \$11,894. That was attributable to increased bar trade associated with pennants, the resumption of Night Owls, the success of various social activities and raffles, and the measures being implemented by the Board to curtail/constrain general expenditure (potentially saving the Club almost \$25K).

Pleasingly, the November result also contributed to a net year-to-date profit of \$6079, the first such profit for this financial year.

Bowls update (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

Pennants

We've reached the half-way mark of the season and there are good performances but also some things the selectors and players will need to address in the New Year.

Saturday – Our Div 1 side is in 2nd place and the goal is to set ourselves up for a solid finals performance with the opportunity for promotion to Premier division. Our Div 3 side is in 10th place and the goal will clearly be to win enough games to avoid relegation. Our Div 5 side is in 7th position but a good second half of the season could see us pressing for a finals position. Our Div 6 side is currently 6th and will also be looking for more wins.

Wednesday – Our Div 1 side enters the Christmas break in 9th place but there are positive signs for improvement in the second-half of the season. Our Div 3 side is top of the table despite two recent losses and will play finals. Our Div 4 side is in 6th place and I thank Bill Green and all players who have answered his requests to enable a side to get on the park each week.

Just one point on Wednesdays – the MBA has stringent finals eligibility rules where a club's top side don't make the finals but their second side does. The selectors may be making some decisions in the second-half of the year to enable some players to meet those eligibility requirements, and thus have them available come finals time.

Thursday – Our Premier side has had a very good season so far and is in 6th position, only two points behind the fourth-placed team. Our Div 4 side is also having an excellent season, in 1st place at the Christmas break.

New selector – I am very pleased to announce that Karen Kovaleff will be joining the selection panel for the remainder of the season.

Taylor Bowls

Our Gold team has won two of its four matches and the Bronze team has won one match so far this season.

Greens availability

The greens will be open throughout the Christmas period with at least two greens available on any day (other than Mondays and I presume Christmas Day). Friday pairs will continue (with 28 December being conditional on enough players).

Premier Home Loans Open Grand Classic

Entries are still available for this major tournament being held at the Club on Saturday 5 January. We would like to see as many Lockleys' teams as possible on the day. I encourage players in our Div 5 and Div 6 sides to get together and enter teams. It's a great opportunity to play against more experienced bowlers and, on the day, anybody can beat anybody.

Getting to know our members

In this issue we're pleased to profile **Ian Hodder**, who has kindly provided the following bio details:

I was born in 1945 in Ballarat, the last of five children. (My parents took one look at the runt of the litter and decided "no more!")

I attended Golden Point Primary School and Ballarat East High School, then worked as a trainee accountant for 12 months before starting a Primary Teaching Diploma at the Ballarat

Teachers College in 1963. My first teaching positions were in small country schools and in Melbourne.

Then I won my first ballot...! 1967 saw me conscripted into National Service and eventually teaching army recruits in Papua New Guinea in Wewak and Port Moresby as an education sergeant (coincidentally at the same barracks and time as Bob and Liz Ormston).

After Nasho, I continued teaching in country and metropolitan Victoria. I completed an Economics Degree part-time at Monash University and married my wife Diane, a local Henley Beach girl, in 1972. We moved to South Australia in 1975. We have two sons and four grandchildren.

My South Australian career involved further study with a Bachelor of Education at Uni SA and a Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership/ Professional Development at Flinders University.

After teaching at primary and secondary schools, as well as undertaking district support and consultancy roles, I completed my career in school leadership positions – a learning journey exceeding 50 years.

Never a star but always a keen sportsperson, I played baseball in Ballarat, Geelong and Maitland; football for Port Moresby and Camberwell in Melbourne; and cricket for Brown Hill (Ballarat) and Deepdene (Melbourne).

In South Australia, I've been a member of the Fulham Cricket Club at Lockleys Oval and Collins Reserve until my medium-fast deliveries deteriorated along with my back. The wicket keeper gave up chasing my deliveries down the leg side!!

I now enjoy gardening, reading, helping my sons and spending time with my grandchildren, who continue to teach and amaze me.

I love listening to classical piano (Chopin's nocturns), country music, reading about archaeology and Australian and Classical history – so many books and so little time!!

I joined Lockleys Bowling Club after several years of Night Owls and am well aware of my limitations as a bowler. I thank all members who have supported me thus far and put up with my sense of

“humour”. Lockleys has been kind to me, so I’ll be here for the “long haul” – sorry to disappoint.

Membership

No change this past month to our numbers – still very impressive at 248!

Social events

A reminder of the **Christmas function**, being held at the Club this coming Saturday (15 December), commencing at 4.30pm. Families and guests most welcome. Chicken and salad dinner, as well as dessert, for \$10 per person. We already have over 90 names, which is fantastic. If you haven’t yet nominated but would like to attend, please contact Bill Green urgently on 0417 821 922 to see if he can fit you in.

The next and final **‘Fish Night’** for the year will be 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, ideally by Tuesday 18 December. As always, our thanks to Mel and Marlene Recchi and their hardworking helpers for organising these dinners.

The first **‘Fish Night’** of the new year will be on Friday 18 January. Names on the notice board by not later than Tuesday 15 January.

We mentioned in the last newsletter the **Quiz Night** being held on Friday 15 February, commencing at 7.00pm. Tables of 8-10 (but single entries or less numbers can be incorporated). Bring a plate to share. \$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.

A reminder also that 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 the **Christmas raffle**, to be drawn at the Club 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

No further news on grants, though we’ve recently applied to the State Government’s Office for the Ageing for \$4800 to ‘purchased goods [bowls] that stimulate activity and social engagement for older people’.

Sponsorship commitments for this season remain unchanged at \$20,650 (comprising \$15,900 in cash and \$4750 in product).

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 *Bar team*. In this issue, we recognise the work of the *Sandwich-making team*, under the leadership of Bill Green.

The team produces afternoon-tea sandwiches for whenever we have Wednesday and Saturday pennant games at home. Our thanks to the much-appreciated efforts of Glenis Screnci, Greg Screnci, Michael Atherton, Mel Recchi, Ian Tucker, Arn Fraser and Bill Green.

If you’d like to join the team – or volunteer to help with catering and kitchen duties more generally – please contact Bill Green on 0417 821 922.

Our sponsors

In this issue, we’d like to recognise the support of Premier Home Loans and Premier Property, thanks to Theo Katsivas, who provided the following:



In April this year, Premier Home Loans celebrated 20 years of business operations in SA. Whilst we are primarily a finance broking business, we also offer support services including property management and sales, and property development.

Whilst many of our bowling club members would know what a finance broking service provides, I like to think that we go above and beyond the normal services provided by brokers in general. As a finance broker, we will determine a client's borrowing needs, whether it is a home loan, personal or car loan, or a more complex commercial or business loan and place it with the appropriate lender.

With access to nearly 40 lenders Australia wide, our software provides updated lending guidelines and special offers to enable us to sift through and provide the best possible outcome for our clients. There are times that we recommend the borrower stays with their current lender and we are still able to secure a better interest rate for them.

This is our normal service offering and is free to all Lockleys Bowling Club Members and their referrals.

An example of the extra service we provide is the fact that we review our clients' loans from time to time as a matter of course. Just recently, we proactively audited a client's loan which resulted in the client recouping \$6,588 from a single bank error calculation over an 18-month period. How many of you or your families, who have current mortgages, take for granted that your bank is managing your loan and calculating your interest correctly? The recent Banking Royal Commission should have triggered alarm bells for every single borrower to check things out.

All we need is a recent loan statement to kick things off. Your point of contact is Theo Katsivas on 0417 837 300 or theo@premiersa.com.au.



Calendar for December

- Saturday 15 December – 4.30pm Club Christmas function
- Friday 21 December – 12.30pm social bowls (subject to adequate numbers); followed by 'Fish Night' at 6pm
- Friday 28 December – 12.30pm social bowls (subject to adequate numbers)

Calendar for January

- Friday 4 January – 12.30pm social bowls
- Saturday 5 January – 10am Premier Home Loans Open Grand Classic at the Club
- Monday 7 January – 7pm briefing session at the Club regarding redevelopment proposals
- Tuesday 8 January – 7pm Night Owls resumes
- Wednesday 9 January – 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 10 January – women's pennants round 10
- Friday 11 January – 12.30pm social pairs; followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 12 January – pennants round 11
- Tuesday 15 January – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 16 January – pennants round 12; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 17 January – women's pennants round 11
- Friday 18 January – 12.30pm social pairs; followed by Club practice session at 4pm and 'Fish Night' at 6pm
- Saturday 19 January – pennants round 12
- Sunday 20 January – 6pm Lockleys hosts Taylor Challenge Gold-level round, supporters and spectators most welcome
- Tuesday 22 January – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 23 January – pennants round 13; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 24 January – women's pennants round 12
- Friday 25 January – 12.30pm social pairs; followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 26 January – Australia Day (no pennants)
- Tuesday 29 January – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 30 January – pennants round 14; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 31 January – women's pennants round 13

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.

Did you hear the one about?

An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Australian were without tickets for the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics in London but hoped to be able to talk their way in at the gate. Security was very tight, however, and each of their attempts was met with a stern refusal.

While wandering around outside the stadium, the Englishman came upon a construction site, which gave him an idea. Grabbing a length of scaffolding, he presented himself at the gate and said, "Johnson, the pole vault," and was admitted. The Scotsman, overhearing this, went at once to search the site. When he came up with a sledge hammer, he presented himself at the gate and said, "McTavish, the hammer." He was also admitted.

The Australian combed the site for an hour and was nearly ready to give up, when he spotted his ticket in. Seizing a roll of barbed wire, he presented himself at the gate and announced, "Smith, fencing."