



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

As the AGM approaches – **10am Sunday 26 May** – there are a few matters that require our attention. Nominations for Board positions and notices of motion have been posted on the Club noticeboard.

As you'd appreciate, there are a number of Board positions which become vacant each year. At this AGM they include the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Bowls Director and House Director. Mark Ballestrin, Bob Ormston and Ashley Halls have re-nominated for their respective positions, with no other nominations, so those appointments will be confirmed at the AGM.

However, Bill Green has indicated he will be standing down as House Director, so we need to fill that vacancy. As no-one nominated by the closing date, we will consider nominations 'from the floor' at the AGM. Otherwise, the position becomes a 'casual vacancy' to be filled by the Board post-AGM.

We also have one additional Board vacancy, occasioned by the resignation late last year of Stephen Jones. That position is available for a one-year term, with its portfolio responsibilities open to negotiation. If you're interested in joining the Board for either position, I'd welcome you giving me a call on 0414 566 244.

Please note also that we'll be circulating an e-version of the Annual Report this coming weekend (18/19 May). A hard-copy version will be available at the Club from that date. We're also planning to produce a small number of printed copies,

courtesy of Qattro, which will be available at the AGM (as 'read at the Club' copies).

I'd like to mention also that we're putting on a **free sausage sizzle following the AGM**, with partners/guests welcome to attend (likely starting around midday). I look forward to seeing you on the day.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

The President and Secretary met a few days after the Presentation Night with the Mayor (and new Patron), Michael Coxon, who is very supportive of our Club.

One of the matters he raised was a request for our Club to provide a permanent practice venue and storage space for the City of West Torrens band (on a rent-paying basis), which the Board is keen to accommodate.

We've identified a small room adjacent to the current Night Owls bowls room as a potential storage space, with the band using either the main hall or lounge area for their practice sessions (depending on our other commitments).

In order to clean up both those areas, we'll be having a working bee some time in the next few weeks (details to be advised), which may include moving the Night Owls bowls and associated training aids etc to another area (perhaps near the bar where the mats & kitties are currently kept).

In the meantime, there are a number of items of clothing and footwear – some of which seem abandoned – in the current bowls area, which we'd ask members to retrieve if they wish to retain them. Otherwise, all unclaimed items will be discarded by the end of May.

New member – the Board also approved an application for membership from Yvonne Gum, transferring from Club Holdfast. Welcome Yvonne.

Bowls update (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

Pennant season – Two pennant winning sides and another in a grand final were the highlights of the 2018-19 pennant season.

On Saturdays, our Division 1 side finished second at the end of the minor round and won their way into the grand final with a big 106-61 victory over

Toorak-Burnside in the preliminary final. The grand final saw them defeat minor premier Ascot Park in a tense match 76-69. This performance now sees Lockleys returning to Saturday Premier League after a 6 or 7-year absence.



Back Row
Peter Roberts, Peter Thakur, Geoff Ellis, Daryl Cowling, Fred Kowaloff, Ashley Hall, Kevin Fure, Stephen Jones, Bob Orestou, Dan Webb, Peter Phillips
Front Row
Kerri Kowaloff, Sean Kerkulus, Michael Almeron, Theo Katsiras, Greg Schemo, John Nicholls
Absent
Rob Hayes, Roger Kimber

Our Division 3 South side had a tough season but pulled out a couple of big results near the end to avoid relegation. Our Division 5 West and Division 6 West sides both had a number of good wins throughout the season to finish around the middle of their respective competition tables.

On Wednesdays, our Division 1 side had a very strong finish to the season to sneak into the top four and then went within 3 shots of making it into the grand final, losing the preliminary final at Tranmere.

Our Division 3 West side went one better, playing off in the grand final at Brighton. Unfortunately, Novar Gardens were far too strong on the day, running out 90-73 winners. Our Division 4 West side played well most of the season, finishing in 5th place.

On Thursdays, our Premier side found it tough going. After winning four of their first seven matches, the wheels fell off a little and the side was winless for the rest of the season. Their 10th place finish means they have been relegated to Division 1 next year.

On the other hand, our other women's side enjoyed a very successful season in Division 4, securing the pennant with a 'come from behind' win in the last game at Rosewater.



Back Row
Margaret Collins, Lyn Piazocco, Pat Madigan, Marie Wines, Shirley Tink, Margaret Livia

Front Row
Carol Crossley, Julie Cowling, Kath Tucker, Pam Brown, Gladys Barrett

Best of the West - this competition recently concluded and saw defending champion Lockleys relinquish the title to Grange. We didn't go down without a fight, winning all seven rinks on the last day of competition. Our selection process was again aimed at player development, with some inexperienced pennant players being given the opportunity to play with several Division 1 skips. It worked well. Thanks to Lester Todd and Mike Pearson, the Lockleys liaison/team managers for this competition.

Off-season bowls activities – Wednesday and Friday pairs will continue through winter, starting at 12.30pm each day. Please put your name on the booking sheets or contact the respective coordinators.

Please note that we are not intending to conduct Saturday pairs until nearer the start of next pennant season, when we'll likely run it as a pre-season 'members only' competition, with details to follow.

We are also looking to run an open indoor bowls competition, most likely on a Tuesday night across three weeks in June. Details to follow shortly.

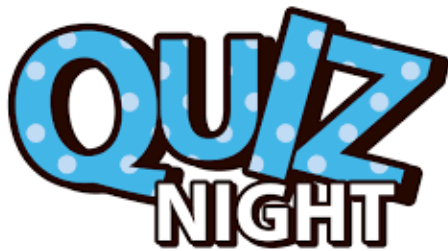
Social

Fish Night this Friday 17 May – commencing at 6pm. If you'd like to enjoy some great food and good company, please contact Bill Green ASAP on 0417 821 922.



Christmas in July – imagine a nice roast meal complete with Xmas pudding in July. Yes, it's all happening at the Lockleys Bowling Club on **Saturday July 20** commencing at 6.30pm.

More details will follow shortly but please put the date in your diaries as we would love to see you all there along with your families. You are all welcome. Please put your names on the list on the Club noticeboard so Bill can cater.



Quiz Night – the next quiz night will be held on **Saturday 13 July** commencing at 6.30 for a 7.00pm start. Ashley Halls will be your quiz master extraordinaire and we are looking to fill the room with at least 20 tables.

Cost will be \$15 per head and there will be a free bottle of wine for each table, as we did at the quiz night in February. Bring along enough people to make up a table of 8 or 10. More details will follow but please register your early interest with Sam Katsivas 0414 566 244 or Lyn Nixon 0408 082 581.

Volunteer function – the Board is planning a no-cost lunch or dinner to thank everyone who has volunteered in any capacity at the Club over the past year, most likely to be held in late June. Details to be advised shortly by the organiser, Mark Ballestrin.

Karidis Retirement Villages function – our sponsor has extended an invitation to our members to attend the official opening of their community centre (a recently renovated heritage-listed building) at 33-45 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park.

Mayor Michael Coxon will be officially opening the centre at a ceremony to be followed by free refreshments, from 2-4pm Sunday 2 June 2019. RSVP by emailing elenik@karidis.com.au or calling 8414 7900 by 24 May.



Calendar for May

Friday 17 May – 12.30pm social bowls; 6pm Fish Night
Wednesday 22 May – 12.30pm social bowls
Friday 24 May – 12.30pm social bowls
Sunday 26 May – 10am Annual General Meeting, followed by free sausage sizzle
Wednesday 29 May – 12.30pm social bowls
Friday 31 May – 12.30pm social bowls

Calendar for June

Wednesday 5 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Friday 7 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Wednesday 12 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Friday 14 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Wednesday 19 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Friday 21 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Wednesday 26 June – 12.30pm social bowls
Friday 27 June – 12.30pm social bowls

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.

A visit to Singapore

Elizabeth and Bob Ormston recently spent a few days in Singapore, visiting friends from Bob's military days. They did the normal touristy things, including visiting the fabulous 'Gardens by the Bay' and the 160m high 'Singapore Flyer' ferris wheel – which only Elizabeth was brave enough to go on ..!

They also caught up with David Navaratnam, who generously drove them around the city to see some of the other sights. They didn't get to bowl at the Tanglin Club, but David took them to lunch at the Singapore Island Country Club, where he is a longstanding member.

If you haven't been recently, Singapore is a great place to visit. Absolutely amazing infrastructure, unbelievable transport network, great and cheap food, more shops and boutiques than one can imagine, everywhere is spotlessly clean and very safe, and the people are both friendly and everyone speaks English. And, of course, David is there for several months each year ..!



On the balcony of the Singapore Island Country Club, overlooking the golf course

Did you hear the one about?

Two elderly ladies were sitting on a garden bench at a retirement home when one of the other residents walked by.

After exchanging pleasantries, one of the women said, "Do you know we've devised a test to accurately tell how old someone is?"

After expressing surprise, the man offered to take the test, which the women explained involved clapping his hands five times, turning around twice, and jumping up and down on the spot three times.

When he was finished – and trying hard to suppress their laughter – they told him he was 87. "That's amazing", he said, "how on earth did you figure that out?"

"Oh, it's easy", they said, "we were at your birthday party yesterday".