



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Outcomes from the AGM

Since our last newsletter, we've had the AGM, which was well attended by close to 50 members. Major items of business were the election of the Board (with all members returning, with the exception of Bill Green, who is standing down after years of outstanding service), confirmation of the Club's official colours simply as blue and yellow (rather than specific tones), adoption of a new Club logo (as pictured above) and agreement to a slight increase in membership fees for the 2019-20 season.

Since then, I'm pleased to advise that Mike Pearson has joined the Board with responsibility for marketing and sponsorship, two areas where he will bring much appreciated experience and new ideas to the Club's management.

Uniforms

At the AGM, we also took the opportunity to update members on the Club's move to a new uniform design. Thank you all for your support both at the AGM and since then in managing this transition. I think we have all but three people (who are overseas) fitted out, and we have now put the uniform orders to the manufacturer. When they arrive, you will be

contacted to come to the Club to get your new apparel, try it on to make sure it fits correctly, and then take it home. You will receive an invoice with time to pay or, if you prefer, you can pay there and then when you pick up your uniform either by cash or by using your credit card.

In showing people the suggested alternative eagle placement (on the back rather than the front), there was overwhelming support by pennant players for the eagle to be at the back. One member preferred it on the front, 6 members did not mind where it went, with 65 members wanting it on the back, so that is where it will be.

One further matter worth mentioning is that two other members represented very strong views around the notion of considering design changes after the process had been finalised by a vote of attendant members. Their contention was that as a matter of principle, we should not have done that.

I agree with that sentiment as a guiding principle but I will also present this alternative view to you. As you know, as a Board we have undertaken to provide you with transparency in our governance. One of the consequences of providing that level of scrutiny is that people are informed and can have much wider opinions about a range of issues.

While I agree that once a vote is taken, that is usually the end of the matter. But does that mean we should unwaveringly follow that principle if we subsequently find a better way of doing things? Should we remain locked in or is there scope to improve outcomes? I believe there is and, in this particular case, we sought everyone's opinion again (in fact we canvassed a lot more people this time around) and received an overwhelming response through that process. I have a clear conscience that as a Club we have achieved the best outcome for all members.

One final notification about uniforms. The Board would like to hear from any person who is experiencing financial hardship over the cost

of their new uniform. As I have stated many times before, there are numerous ways we can support you so the purchase does not become a burden for you.

Club redevelopment

I will be meeting with the Mayor of the City of West Torrens in the next few weeks to determine a strategy for moving this forward. As you know, the Lockleys Oval northern precinct redevelopment (football club etc) is well underway and Council has told us it will not consider any work for the southern precinct (us and Badminton SA) until that is completed. However, we will keep the agenda open through discussions and planning for the future. I'll report back when I have more news.

NBN & alarm

The Board has transitioned the Club into NBN internet facilities with Telstra, moving from a business plan to a cheaper residential plan. Under this plan we have removed our redundant fax line, implemented a new unlimited NBN data plan and have purchased and installed two WIFI access points in and outside the Club. This will enable us to:

- live stream our bowls games (once we obtain camera equipment)
- give WIFI access to our members and visitors, and
- never fear we are going over our data allowance.

Our old plan, which was costing \$120 per month with an additional \$60 per month for a very limited email plan (total \$180 per month), has now been pared back to \$90 per month for all the new services and unlimited internet plans. Although the cost of installing the new WIFI devices has come in at around \$800, we will make that up in around 9 months. After that, we will be saving over \$1000 per year.

Our alarm system has also 'died', with no outside alarm emitting any noise in the event of a break-in. We have had the external alarm replaced by the alarm company and tested the

circuits and can report that our alarm systems are now fully operational again.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

A reminder that **membership renewals were due by 30 June**. Please return the forms, which included pennant availability and volunteer responses, as soon as possible, noting that the first pennant trial is only 7 weeks away (and that only financial members will be considered for trial and pennant selection).

As mentioned in earlier Board minutes, the Stamford family are keen to donate a new trophy cabinet, replacing the existing cabinet (near the stage) with a larger and taller cabinet, construction of which is expected to begin in not-too-distant future.

Bowls news (from Ashley Halls)

Bowls Committee

We'd welcome nominations from members to join the Bowls Committee, which meets once each month and coordinates all aspects of the Club's on-green activities, including pennants, social bowls, Night Owls, tournaments and Club competitions. If you're interested in joining the Committee, please contact Ashley Halls on 0423 132 402 as soon as possible (but by Friday 9 August).

Selection panel

We're similarly inviting nominations from members to join the pennant selection panel, which selects teams for the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions. The panel currently meets late Monday afternoon each week during the pennant season. The position of Chair of Selectors is also open for appointment. Again, please contact Ashley Halls if you're interested or would like further information, ideally by Friday 9 August.

Pennant trials

The 2019-20 pennant season commences the week beginning 7 October. We've arranged a pre-season trial program for the Wednesday

and Saturday sides as follows (with start times, as well as details of the women's Thursday program to be advised separately):

- Saturday 31 August – internal trial
- Wednesday 4 September – internal trial
- Saturday 7 September – internal trial
- Wednesday 11 September – internal trial
- Saturday 14 September – v Henley at Lockleys
- Wednesday 18 September – v Henley at Henley
- Saturday 21 September – v Payneham at Lockleys
- Wednesday 25 September – v Toorak Burnside at Toorak Burnside
- Friday 27 September (AFL Grand Final eve) – internal trial commencing at 5.30pm
- Wednesday 2 October – v Somerton at Somerton
- Saturday 5 October – v Somerton at Lockleys
- Wednesday 9 October – first pennant game
- Saturday 12 October – first pennant game

Social

Quiz Night – the next quiz night is this **Saturday 13 July**, 6.30 for a 7.00pm start, with Ashley Halls as quizmaster. Tables of 8-10 at a cost of \$10 per person. If you're interested in a late booking, please contact Sam Katsivas on 0414 566 244.



Fish Night – the next one will be held on Friday 19 July, commencing at 6pm. Please put your name on the sheet in the Club house or ring Bill Green on 0417 821 922, ideally by Wednesday 17 July.

Fashion Show

Advance notice of our next Fashion Show, being held at the Club on Tuesday 10 September, starting at 9.30am. Tickets \$12, available from Lyn Nixon on 0408 082 581 or Margaret Collins on 8356 3152.



Calendar for July

Friday 12 July – 12.30pm social bowls
 Saturday 13 July – 6.30 for 7.00pm Quiz Night
 Wednesday 17 July – 12.30pm social bowls
 Friday 19 July – 12.30pm social bowls; 6pm Fish Night
 Wednesday 24 July – 12.30pm social bowls
 Friday 26 July – 12.30pm social bowls
 Wednesday 31 July – 12.30pm social bowls

Calendar for August

Friday 2 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Wednesday 7 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Friday 9 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Wednesday 14 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Friday 16 August – 12.30pm social bowls; 6pm Fish Night
 Wednesday 21 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Friday 23 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Wednesday 28 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Friday 30 August – 12.30pm social bowls
 Saturday 31 August – internal pennant trial (timings to be advised)

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?

(from Stephen Jones)

A Nobel Prize-winning mathematician is travelling by limousine from university to university on a speaking tour.

After several engagements, the mathematician and his driver are having dinner and the driver says, "I've heard your speech so many times I think I could give it word-for-word."

The mathematician accepts the challenge and they switch places for the next speech; the driver dresses like the professor and the professor dresses as the driver and sits in the back of the auditorium.

The driver gives the speech flawlessly and opens up the floor for question; usually there are none.

But one of the students at the university has a very large ego and decides to attempt to try to stump the Nobel Prize winner.

After the student asks his question for ten straight minutes, the driver laughs and says, "That question is so simple I'll let my driver in the back answer it."