



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Greenkeeper

The Board is now actively engaged in seeking a new greenkeeper to replace Brad Porter after 11 years of faithful service to our Club. We are exploring all options and will notify you once we have something to report. In the meantime, we need to recognise Brad's contribution in a more formal way, which the Board will be considering.

Uniforms

Thank you all for your patience with uniforms. We have had to order additional tops, trousers and jackets, as not everyone was happy with the original sizing of their garments.

We have received all the trousers, so if you have ordered but not received yours please let me know so I can get them to you. Tops and jackets take around 3 weeks, as they need to be printed and made, so you'll need to be a bit more patient with these. But they are on the way and I will advise when they are ready.

Hats are also delayed, as our supplier is dragging the chain on these. As soon as they arrive and Trish embosses them with our eagle, we will put them behind the bar for easy distribution. All hats will cost \$20.

I have to say that looking at our teams on Saturday, they did look very smart and the new uniforms drew favourable comments from the Henley players.

Bowls Premier League Cup

Congratulations to Ashley Halls, Theo Katsivas and Bob Ormston on their success in Bowls Australia's BPL state finals last Saturday, becoming State co-winners and qualifying for the Australian championships at Pine Rivers in Queensland in November. Last year's experience will hold them in good stead to give this another shake. The Club's best wishes go with them.

Editor's note: congratulations also to Peter Roberts, Darryl Cowling and Sam Katsivas for making the State finals (and missing out on qualifying by only one shot!).

From the Board (from the Secretary)

Membership

The Board approved full membership applications from Sue Hogan, John Dawkins, Bronte Allen and Lyal Mutton (and last month approved the social membership application of Bill Bradley). Please introduce yourself and make these new members welcome. The Club has also approved the clearances of Gianni and Nico Chirico to Woodville and Lew Ward to Grange.

Donations

Almost all members from last season have renewed their membership, with a number including donations which have ranged from \$10 to \$500. We've also had several members offering to provide interest-free loans to the Club or to make fortnightly 'direct debit' type donations. The Club's liquidity is sufficiently robust that the Board is in a position to gratefully decline the offers of loans or regular donations but wishes to put on public record its appreciation of the generosity of those who have made such donations or offers.

Grants

The Club has recently received grants of \$3300 from the City of West Torrens and \$2500 from the Office for Recreation and Sport. Both will be used for bowls-related equipment, including new bowls for Night Owls. We are appreciative of the grant-related support of our local MP, Matt Cowdrey OAM, who will be presenting the State Government's cheque for \$2500 at our final pre-season training session on Friday 27 September.

West Torrens Band

As advised earlier in published Board minutes, the City of West Torrens Band is now using our Club house for rehearsals and to store their instruments and equipment (in the room at the NE corner of the building). They will be starting rehearsals in the week commencing 7 October, most likely for a couple of hours on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening (but so as not to clash with our Night Owls). If you see them at the Club, please make them welcome.



Venue bookings

We're continuing to get a pleasing number of venue bookings and enquiries, being managed by Mark Ballestrin. Upcoming events include a State Government-sponsored community meeting, a private quiz night and Jetstar's annual Christmas party. These events provide significant revenue for the Club, so if you can help Mark with the hosting of these events, either in the bar or with setting up/cleaning up afterwards help, please contact Mark on 0417 700 257.

Bar

Mark Ballestrin earlier emailed all members asking for help in running the bar at various times and for such volunteers to undertake the State Government's newly-introduced 'responsible service of alcohol' on-line course. Several members have offered to help but more volunteers are needed, so please contact Mark ASAP if you can help even for 1 hour each week.

Bowls (by Ashley Halls)

Pennants

The pennant season starts on Wednesday 9 October, Thursday 10 October and Saturday 12 October for the respective competitions. The Metropolitan Bowls Association has published the club sides competing in each division etc, with the competition draw expected shortly.

One issue in the sides listing that has drawn some comment is that our 2nd side on Saturday has been allocated to Division 3 North, which will require travelling to Salisbury, Playford and Hope Valley. The reason is that the MBA needed to accommodate Millswood and Glenelg in the Division 3 draw and Lockleys became the most northerly of the eligible clubs, so was allocated accordingly.

Our remaining pre-season games are listed in the attached calendar, with a number of trials to be played against other clubs, so we should get some good practice over the next couple of weeks. The selection panel will be meeting regularly from this coming Monday to select sides for the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday sides from then onwards.

A reminder also that our final pre-season Saturday trial will be an internal practice game on Grand Final eve (Friday 27 September), from 5.30-7.30pm, followed by a pie and chips night. All Club members, including partners/spouses, are encouraged/welcome to attend, noting also that Matt Cowdrey will be at the Club at 5.15pm to present the cheque mentioned earlier.

Night Owls

The Night Owls season commences on Tuesday 22 October and Wednesday 23 October. Thanks to those who have 'walked the streets' distributing promotional flyers. Lester Todd has a good number of volunteers for both nights but is always keen to get new helpers, so please contact Lester on 0400 504 527 if you can help on either or both nights.

Bowls SA events

We've been successful in our bid to host next year's Women's Country Round Robin in February 2020 (but unsuccessful in our bid to host the Senior Supa Series, which was won by Marion). We'll also be hosting a number of State events as part of the normal allocation process, with details of the help needed with organisation, catering, markers etc to be advised in due course.

Social and fundraising

Fish Nights

The next will be this Friday (20 September), commencing at 6pm. Please put your name on the sheet in the Club house or ring Bill Green on 0417 821 922 as soon as possible.

Next month's will be on Friday 18 October.

Fashion Show

We had a very successful Fashion Show on Tuesday 10 September, which raised around \$1500. Thanks to those who helped organise it, especially Lyn Nixon and Margaret Collins, as well as all who participated and/or made donations on the day.



Raffles

We will shortly be promoting the raffle of a new set of Taylor bowls, donated as part of the Taylor Cup Challenge arrangement. The last set raffled, won by George Szczurko, gave us a profit of \$657, so please continue to support these very valuable fundraising opportunities.

Calendar for September

Friday 20 September – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pre-season practice; 6pm Fish
Night

Saturday 21 September – 1pm pre-season trial
v Payneham at Lockleys

Wednesday 25 September – 12.30pm pre-
season trial v Toorak-Burnside at Toorak-
Burnside

Thursday 26 September – 9.45am pre-season
trial v Club Holdfast at Holdfast

Friday 27 September – 12.30pm social bowls;
5.30-7.30pm internal trial, followed by pie
and chips etc

Saturday 28 September – no social bowls as
AFL Grand Final

Calendar for October

Wednesday 2 October – 12.30pm pre-season
trial v Somerton at Somerton

Thursday 3 October – 9.45am pre-season trial
v Ascot Park at Ascot Park

Friday 4 October – 12.30pm social bowls

Saturday 5 October – 1pm pre-season trial v
Somerton at Lockleys

Wednesday 9 October – 12.30pm opening
pennant game (the draw has not yet been
published)

Thursday 10 October – 9.45am opening
pennant game

Friday 11 October – 12.30pm social bowls

Saturday 12 October – 1pm opening pennant
game

Wednesday 16 October – 12.30pm pennant
game

Thursday 17 October – 9.45am pennant game

Friday 18 October – 12.30pm social bowls;
6pm Fish Night

Saturday 19 October – 1pm pennant game

Tuesday 22 October – 7pm opening night of Night Owls
Wednesday 23 October – 12.30pm pennant game; 7pm Night Owls
Thursday 24 October – 9.45am pennant game
Friday 25 October – 12.30pm social bowls
Saturday 26 October – 1pm pennant game
Tuesday 29 October – 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 30 October – 12.30pm pennant game; 7pm Night Owls



Another photo from the recent Fashion Parade

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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?

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend and says, "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?", says Holmes.

Watson ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent."

PS. The Club has received the following SMS, which seems genuine. If you're interested, please liaise directly with Alan.

*My name is Alan Vallance from Ouyen in Victoria. I will be commuting between Adelaide and Darwin on a regular basis. Have you got a member that would allow me to park a small car on their property for a nominal fee per week? Say \$6 per day cash. I estimate leaving the car there at least 100 days per year. I don't care if it's in the back yard or driveway. I could get a reference of a JP if required. Hoping you have a member that could accommodate my request. (Airport parking is too dear)
Alan Vallance 0419395788*