



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Greenkeeper

I am pleased to confirm that **Tim Dodds** has been appointed by the Board as our new greenkeeper.

As I indicated in a previous email to members, Tim has been working alongside Paul Harby (Henley greenkeeper) for many years and is very keen to assist us to maintain our greens – under the guidance of Paul Harby – until 31 May 2020. Tim is happy to do that in the knowledge that we may possibly want to seek applications from a wider field after that date.

In the coming days, a contract will be drawn up in collaboration with Tim, with appropriate working conditions and remuneration for the tasks he is undertaking.

I suggested to Brad Porter that he join the Board and members of the Club as our guest for an informal dinner at the Lockleys Hotel next week so that we could all say our goodbyes. However, Brad declined, having been very appreciative of the farewell that Geoff Ellis organised last Friday afternoon on Brad's last day. Thank you Geoff for managing that. I have thanked Brad on behalf of all members and wished him well for the future.

Uniforms

Thank you all for your continued patience with shirts and jackets. I have been advised by our supplier that these should be arriving by Friday next week. As soon as we have them, I will contact every person who is waiting for additional clothing and make arrangements for distribution. In the meantime, please be aware that hats are available from the bar for \$20.

Selection

By far the most contentious topic in any bowling club is the one that centres around selection. Selection can be a thankless task and certainly one that causes intense and vigorous debate. On rare occasions it can create personal unpleasantness, which is both unnecessary and divisive.

I will reiterate that if you are unhappy with your selection, the onus is on you to speak to a selector or your team manager to try and get some feedback on why you have been selected where you have been and the reasons for this.

If you aspire to bowl in a higher team and feel you are not being recognised, that discussion can be very valuable both in terms of giving the selectors a different perspective about your game but also because it enables you to obtain feedback on aspects of your game you need to work on to improve. This is the optimal way of communicating and indeed how a good club should operate.

The Board (and I personally) take a very dim view of players who subsequently refuse to play after they see the selection board and disagree with where they have been selected. In my view that is the ultimate act of selfishness and, while I am president, such behaviour will not be tolerated.

Should it happen, there will be sanctions applied, ranging from being dropped to an even lower grade, all the way through to suspension. Our Club, in accordance with its constitution (Section: Members Code of

Behaviour), will not allow any player to hold the selectors to ransom.

Having said that, may I finish on a positive note by thanking those players who despite at times being disappointed with their selection, have gritted their teeth and put team first, rolled up their sleeves and decided to try even harder. You are the people who have great attitude, make sacrifices for the jumper and bring great value to this Club. I thank and salute you – and have no doubt that you are helping to make this Club stronger.

PS. Those who attended the impromptu farewell for Brad Porter will have heard the 'eulogy' scripted by Ian Hodder, which we've included below.

BRAD

*We saw him in the early dawn, a mower in his hand,
Little did we realize he came from far off lands.
In summer months he hosed and cut and fertilized them too,
He was rarely seen with coffee cup or at time out in the loo!
On frosty, wet and freezing morns, rugged up in jackets and in jeans,
He persisted for perfection and with pride produced our greens.*

*A close colleague of Geoff and Darryl and a mentor to other keepers,
Brad shared his skills and secrets - a true professional lawn tweaker!
Our club has been the winner to play on Brad's great bowling greens,
(Many members have little idea of his efforts to make their game a dream.)*

*He put up with the odd bowlers who " forgot " to wear flat soles
He even scared off those bloody Corellas that were forever gouging holes
He fought the drought and flooding rains, grass viruses and weed,
And his thoroughness with leveling was something we should heed.*

*Now that Brad's retiring to the farm, to take a well earned rest,
We that have enjoyed his greens have no doubt we've lost the best.
And so we say a heartfelt thanks for all the hard work done,
Enjoy the future on the land with family time, and...*

(over the page, it said 'our very best wishes')

From the Board (from the Secretary)

Member numbers (excluding Night Owlers) as at 8 October are 107, comprising 81 full members, 9 Life members, 9 associates, 3 Night Eagles transition members and 5 social members. Once Night Owls commences (in mid-October), we'll be able to provide an updated 'total' Club membership figure, which we expect will be around 250.

A quick update also on the Club's finances. As at the end of September, the Club's liquidity (cash on hand and in the bank + bar stock, less debtors) was \$36,043, which is \$20,120 better than a year ago, with the month of September recording a net profit of \$11,708. Thanks to all who have contributed to the improvement in the Club's finances.

Bowls (from Ashley Halls)

Pennant trials

We've had positive feedback on the pennant trials, both in terms of the useful games against other clubs but also the opportunities provided to our players to practise and showcase their readiness for the pennant season.

Pennant season

The pennant season begins this week for all sides (and the calendar is attached to this newsletter).

Please be aware also that Bowls SA has introduced a new competition IT system, which has only been online for a week or so and is experiencing some minor teething problems. So if your results don't appear on the MBA website in a timely fashion or are incorrect in *The Advertiser* or *Sunday Mail*, the chances are it isn't the fault of our team managers or those entering the results.

Night Owls

The Night Owls season commences on **Tuesday 22 October** and **Wednesday 23 October**, to be preceded by training/try-out sessions on Sunday 13 October and Sunday 20 October.

Pleasingly, it seems likely we'll have at least five new teams, thanks to the letter-box flyers distributed earlier by our volunteers. If you're available to help with the organisation of either or both nights, please contact Lester Todd on 0400 504 527.

Club Championships

Entry sheets for the various competitions will be on the noticeboard shortly. All eligible members are encouraged to nominate for these events, which are a great way to improve your game by competing against a range of Club players.

Open Grand Classic tournament

The Club's Open Grand Classic tournament is going to be held on **Saturday 4 January**. A flyer and entry sheet will be on the noticeboard shortly. Again, eligible members are encouraged to enter a team and/or offer to help in the organisation of this event.

Social and fundraising

Fish Nights

The next will be on Friday 18 October, commencing at 6pm. Please put your name on the sheet in the Club house or ring Bill Green on 0417 821 922.



Melbourne Cup function

The Club will be holding a Melbourne Cup function on **Tuesday 5 November**, commencing at 10.30am with fun bowls. Cost will be \$8 a head for a chicken lunch + BYO salad or dessert. There will also be the usual sweeps and prizes.

A flyer and entry sheet will be on the noticeboard shortly, with names by Thursday 31 October (please see Lyn Nixon for further details).



Christmas function

The Club will be hosting a Christmas function on **Saturday 21 December**. A flyer and nomination sheet will be on the noticeboard shortly, with details to follow.

Raffles

We will shortly be promoting the raffle of a new set of Taylor bowls, donated as part of the Taylor Cup Challenge arrangement, with the draw to be held at the Christmas function.

Sponsorship (by Mike Pearson)

Drakes Community Dollars Program

Lockleys Bowling Club is now a participant in the 'Drakes Community Dollars Program'.

What does it mean to Club members? For every \$2 spent by members at a Drakes Supermarket, one cent will be credited to our Club. While this does not seem much, over a period of time it will add up.

The key to this happening is to make sure that when members, family or friends shop at a Drakes Supermarket, they get their Club-provided barcode swiped.

These tags are in a plastic container pinned to the Club noticeboard, so just take one (and one for family members and friends) and remember, when shopping at Drakes, to get the barcode swiped!

News about our members

Most of our members would be aware that Arnie Fraser had a close call a couple of months ago after having a heart attack while out walking. Fortunately, a trained nurse happened to be home when he knocked on the door of a nearby house, who applied life-saving CPR until an ambulance arrived. Arn is still recuperating but this story was in the *Sunday Mail* on 6 October, reporting Arn's nomination of his life-saver for a Pride of Australia award.



Some members may also have seen a figure who looks remarkably like one of our Club members, competing in the City-to-Bay fun run a couple of weeks ago. I'm assured it's not Snoopy but it does look a lot like him.!



Calendar for October

- Friday 11 October – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
- Saturday 12 October – 1pm opening pennant games (all sides home)
- Tuesday 15 October – 9.30am women's pennant practice
- Wednesday 16 October – 12.30pm pennant games (all sides away)
- Thursday 17 October – 9.45am pennant games (both sides home)
- Friday 18 October – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice; 6pm Fish Night
- Saturday 19 October – 1pm pennant games (all sides away)
- Tuesday 22 October – 9.30am women's pennant practice; 7pm opening night of Night Owls
- Wednesday 23 October – 12.30pm pennant games (all sides home); 7pm Night Owls

Thursday 24 October – no pennant games
(because of Australian Senior Sides
Championship)
Friday 25 October – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
Saturday 26 October – 1pm pennant games
(all sides away)
Tuesday 29 October – 9.30am women’s
pennant practice; 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 30 October – no pennant games
(because of World Champion-of-Champion
Singles event at Adelaide Bowling Club 28
October-3 November); 7pm Night Owls
Thursday 31 October – no pennant games
(because of World C-of-C Singles, as above)

Calendar for November

Friday 1 November – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
Saturday 2 November – no pennant games
(because of World C-of-C Singles, as above)
Tuesday 5 November – no women’s pennant
practice; 10.30am Melbourne Cup function
at the Club; 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 6 November – 12.30pm pennant
games (all sides away); 7pm Night Owls
Thursday 7 November – 9.45am pennant
games (both sides away)
Friday 8 November – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm practice session
Saturday 9 November – 1pm pennant games
(all sides home)
Tuesday 12 November – 9.30am women’s
pennant practice; 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 13 November– 12.30pm pennant
games (all sides home); 7pm Night Owls
Thursday 14 November – 9.45am pennant
games (both sides home)
Friday 15 November – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
Saturday 16 November– 1pm pennant games
(all sides away)
Tuesday 19 November – 9.30am women’s
pennant practice; 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 20 November – 12.30pm pennant
games (all sides away); 7pm Night Owls
Thursday 21 November – 9.45am pennant
games (1st side home; 2nd side bye)
Friday 22 November – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice; 6pm Fish Night

Saturday 23 November – 1pm pennant games
(all sides home)
Tuesday 26 November – 9.30am women’s
pennant practice; 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 27 November – 12.30pm pennant
games (all sides home); 7pm Night Owls
Thursday 28 November – 9.45am pennant
games (both sides away)
Friday 29 November – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
Saturday 30 November – 1pm pennant game
(all sides away)

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?

Paddy is at work when he gets a call to tell him
his mother passed away that morning. His
manager offers condolences and suggests he
takes the rest of the day off. Paddy declines,
saying he’ll soldier on.

A couple of hours later, Paddy approaches his
manager to tell him he’s had further sad news
and that he can’t believe such bad luck
happening in one day, explaining his brother
Seamus has just rang to say his mother died
earlier in the day as well.

LOCKLEYS BOWLING CLUB PENNANT FIXTURES 2019-20

AS AT 3 OCTOBER 2019

WEDNESDAY MEN

THURSDAY LADIES

Rd	Date	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 3 WEST	DIVISION 4 CENTRAL WEST
1	9-Oct	Home v GAWLER	Home v PORT ADELAIDE	Home v GRANGE
2	16-Oct	Away @ HAWTHORN	Away @ GRANGE	Away @ GRANGE
3	23-Oct	Home v SOMERTON	Home v TORRENSVILLE	Home v WC & K RSL
4	6-Nov	Away @ SALISBURY	Away @ WOODVILLE	Away @ CROYDON
5	13-Nov	Home v ADELAIDE	Home v CLEARVIEW	Home v WOODVILLE
6	20-Nov	Away @ HOLDFAST BAY	Away @ WEST LAKES	Away @ SEMAPHORE
7	27-Nov	Home v PORT NOARLUNGA	Home v ROSEWATER	Home v WEST LAKES
8	4-Dec	Away @ MODBURY	Away @ SEMAPHORE	Away @ HENLEY
9	11-Dec	Home v MORPHETT VALE	Home v PROSPECT B'VIEW	Home v CROYDON
10	8-Jan	Away @ GAWLER	Away @ HENLEY	Away @ WOODVILLE
11	15-Jan	Home v HAWTHORN	Home v WALKERVILLE	Home v GRANGE
12	22-Jan	Away @ SOMERTON	Away @ TORRENSVILLE	Away @ WC & K RSL
13	29-Jan	Home v SALISBURY	Home v WOODVILLE	Home v WEST LAKES
14	12-Feb	Away @ ADELAIDE	Away @ CLEARVIEW	Away @ WOODVILLE
15	19-Feb	Home v HOLDFAST BAY	Home v WEST LAKES	Home v SEMAPHORE
16	26-Feb	Away @ PORT NOARLUNGA	Away @ ROSEWATER	Away @ CROYDON
17	4-Mar	Home v MODBURY	Home v SEMAPHORE	Home v HENLEY
18	11-Mar	Away @ MORPHETT VALE	Away @ PROSPECT B'VIEW	Away @ WEST LAKES

Rd	Date	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 3 CENTRAL
1	10-Oct	Away @ MODBURY	Away @ ASCOT PARK
2	17-Oct	Home v KENSI M'VILLE	Home v KENSI M'VILLE
3	7-Nov	Away @ MARION	Away @ TRANMERE
4	14-Nov	Home v WEST LAKES	Home v HENLEY
5	21-Nov	Home v GAWLER	Bye
6	28-Nov	Away @ SEMAPHORE	Home v BEAUMONT (White)
7	5-Dec	Home v BRIGHTON	Away @ BEAUMONT (Red)
8	12-Dec	Away @ PAYNEHAM	Away @ PAYNEHAM
9	9-Jan	Home v CHRISTIES BEACH	Home v WALKERVILLE
10	16-Jan	Home v MODBURY	Home v ASCOT PARK
11	23-Jan	Away @ KENSI M'VILLE	Away @ KENSI M'VILLE
12	30-Jan	Home v MARION	Home v TRANMERE
13	6-Feb	Away @ WEST LAKES	Away @ HENLEY
14	13-Feb	Away @ GAWLER	Bye
15	20-Feb	Home v SEMAPHORE	Away @ BEAUMONT (White)
16	27-Feb	Away @ BRIGHTON	Home v BEAUMONT (Red)
17	5-Mar	Home v PAYNEHAM	Home v PAYNEHAM
18	12-Mar	Away @ CHRISTIES BEACH	Away @ WALKERVILLE

SATURDAY OPEN

Rd	Date	PREMIER LEAGUE	DIVISION 3 NORTH	DIVISION 5 WEST	DIVISION 6 WEST
1	12-Oct	Home v PAYNEHAM	Home v TRANMERE	Home v WC & K RSL	Home v TORRENSVILLE
2	19-Oct	Away @ WEST LAKES	Away @ GRANGE	Away @ SOMERTON	Away @ CROYDON
3	26-Mar	Away @ ASCOT PARK	Away @ HOPE VALLEY	Away @ BRIGHTON	Away @ GRANGE (White)
4	9-Nov	Home v SALISBURY	Home v PROSPECT B'VIEW	Home v GLENELG	Home v GRANGE (Red)
5	16-Nov	Away @ HOLDFAST BAY	Away @ PLAYFORD	Away @ HENLEY	Away @ NOVAR GDNS
6	23-Nov	Home v SOMERTON	Home v SALISBURY	Home v CLARENCE GDNS	Home v HENLEY
7	30-Nov	Away @ GRANGE	Away @ SEMAPHORE	Away @ PORT ADELAIDE	Away @ ASCOT PARK
8	7-Dec	Home v ADELAIDE	Home v TORRENSVILLE	Home v HOLDFAST BAY	Home v WEST LAKES
9	14-Dec	Away @ HENLEY	Away @ PAYNEHAM	Away @ MARION	Away @ WOODVILLE
10	11-Jan	Away @ PAYNEHAM	Away @ TRANMERE	Away @ WC & K RSL	Away @ TORRENSVILLE
11	18-Jan	Home v WEST LAKES	Home v GRANGE	Home v SOMERTON	Home v CROYDON
12	25-Jan	Home v ASCOT PARK	Home v HOPE VALLEY	Home v BRIGHTON	Home v GRANGE (White)
13	1-Feb	Away @ SALISBURY	Away @ PROSPECT B'VIEW	Away @ GLENELG	Away @ GRANGE (Red)
14	8-Feb	Home v HOLDFAST BAY	Home v PLAYFORD	Home v HENLEY	Home v NOVAR GDNS
15	15-Feb	Away @ SOMERTON	Away @ SALISBURY	Away @ CLARENCE GDNS	Away @ HENLEY
16	22-Feb	Home v GRANGE	Home v SEMAPHORE	Home v PORT ADELAIDE	Home v ASCOT PARK
17	29-Feb	Away @ ADELAIDE	Away @ TORRENSVILLE	Away @ HOLDFAST BAY	Away @ WEST LAKES
18	7-Mar	Home v HENLEY	Home v PAYNEHAM	Home v MARION	Home v WOODVILLE

FINALS SERIES

WEDNESDAY
(Premier - Div 3)
Semi-Finals 18 March
Preliminary Final 25 March
GRAND FINAL 1 April

THURSDAY
(Premier - Div 2)
Semi-Finals 19 March
Preliminary Final 26 March
GRAND FINAL 2 April

SATURDAY
(Premier - Div 5)
Semi-Finals 14 March
Preliminary Final 21 March
GRAND FINAL 28 March