



# Eagle Wrap

## November 2019

### No. 25

#### **From the President** (by Sam Katsivas)

Further to the earlier information I sent to members via email, I'm pleased to advise there will be a meeting this Thursday afternoon at West Torrens Council between the Mayor and representatives from our Club, Henley Bowling Club and Grange Bowling Club.

At the meeting, the Mayor intends to outline some possible directions forward and the three clubs will then consider the information presented with a view to making informed decisions about what is best for all of our futures as bowling clubs.

I hold a clear view that if clubs decide they wish to continue moving forward individually, then that will in time dilute and diminish all of us. Some clubs will hold out longer than others but, in the end, the reduced capacity to sustain membership will eventually impact all our clubs. Bowls SA's projections, through their data modelling and facilities report, clearly support this analysis.

At our last AGM, I presented two models for how Lockleys might sustain its bowling future. There was unanimous support at that meeting for the Board to continue to explore, investigate and promote the redevelopment of our Club in whatever form was required to ensure we are able to continue as a bowling club. With that mandate, I have continued to

drive this agenda through Bowls SA, the City of West Torrens and the other two clubs.

I want all members to be quite clear that I have given an undertaking to West Torrens Council that the Lockleys Bowling Club's members have voted for and are in agreement with the concept of an amalgamation (whether it be with other bowling clubs or with other sporting clubs) in order to increase the potential for funding from state and federal bodies.

I make this point now because there is a perception within Council (based on discussions at our Club over 5 years ago) that not all our members were in favour of a merger. This may have been the case then but is not the case now and it is extremely important that we present as a united Club in what we are seeking to achieve. Nothing will undermine this process quicker than if we do not stand together in this endeavour.

As always, I will strive to do the very best I can for our Club. I will keep you all informed and, when we need to make important decisions, I will be calling on all of you to join with me and be a part of that process. Go Eagles!

#### **From the Board** (from the Secretary)

##### **Membership**

At its meeting this week, the Board approved full membership applications from Audrey Parkin (formerly at West Lakes) and Ray Howard (from Edwardstown). Please make both these members very welcome.

I'm pleased to report also that we currently have 18 Night Owls teams on Tuesday and 20 on Wednesday. So our total membership is close to 260, which is the figure we should be using when talking to others about how many members and bowlers we have at our Club.

We're also planning to include our Night Owlers on the circulation list of *Eagle Wrap*, which will keep them informed of Club activities and hopefully encourage some to transition to full or associate membership – as well as playing pennant bowls for the Club. In the first instance, the e-version of *Eagle Wrap* is going only to team leaders but hopefully

we'll progressively get the email contacts for other team members so that more and more are kept in the loop.

We're also going to include a section in each future edition of *Eagle Wrap* with news and updates on Night Owls and its members.

### Social activities and venue bookings

A reminder to all members that social activities and venue bookings at our Club provide an essential and extremely valuable source of income.

However, these events can only be sustained if we have the volunteers to assist in their organisation and conduct, whether it be part of the Social Committee or helping behind the bar or in the kitchen or cleaning up afterwards. Some of the recent events and their net profit have been:

- i. 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party (August 2019) - \$973
- ii. Club uniform collection night (September 2019) - \$69
- iii. Fashion Parade (September 2019) - \$1350
- iv. Fish Night (September 2019) - \$477
- v. Pre-season pie + chips night (September 2019) - \$223
- vi. Fish Night (October 2019) - \$314
- vii. Pennant day raffles (October 2019) - \$1034
- viii. ALP community forum (October 2019) - \$300
- ix. Strata Data meeting (October 2019) - \$190
- x. Melbourne Cup function (November 2019) - \$296

### Road works

Members are asked to be patient with the road works currently underway in Rutland Avenue – and their impact on access to the Club and carparking.

Council is constructing new kerbing and associated drainage, as well as 'rounding' the corners of the intersections and upgrading the speed bumps, all of which we expect to be completed early in the New Year.

### Garbage bins

Please be aware that the yellow bins inside and adjacent to the cage outside the kitchen are not the property of the Club.

They belong to our contracted recyclers and are only for bottles and cans; general trash is not to be put in these bins, whether recyclable or not, but deposited in the yellow and red bins directly behind the kitchen.

### Bowls (from Ashley Halls)

#### Pennant season

We're now at round 6 of the pennant competition, with most of our sides doing reasonably well. The standings as at Wednesday 20 November are as follows:

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> side – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> side – 6 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> side – 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> side – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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<i>Saturday</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> side – 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> side – 9 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> side – 4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> side – 10 <sup>th</sup>

#### Taylor Challenge Cup

Our Gold side has won 1 of 2 games; our bronze team has won 3 of 3, so well done to everyone involved.

Please note that Lockleys will be hosting round 3 of the Gold-level competition on **Sunday 1 December**, with play commencing at 6pm. Members are encouraged to come along to support our side (and we'd welcome a few more volunteers – please contact Ashley Halls on 0423 132 402 if you can help).

### Night Owls

The Night Owls competition is at round 5 of the season, with 18 teams competing on Tuesday evenings and 20 on Wednesdays. In our next edition, we'll include the listing of the leading teams of the two divisions, as well as some member profiles.

I should also mention that a number of Night Owls have already volunteered to fill-in our pennant sides when needed, which is a great outcome for the Club.

### Club Championships

The draws for all events are on the noticeboard at the Club, with a number of games already played. To ensure the championships are completed in a timely manner, members are urged to organise to play their games according to the schedules.

We'll provide an update of results in our next newsletter. And a reminder to players that they need to pay their entry fees by cash or cheque in the box near the bar before they're eligible to compete.

### Open Grand Classic tournament

We've produced a flyer for the tournament, which is going to be held on **Saturday 4 January**. We're asking pennant team managers to deliver a flyer to host clubs when they're playing away.

Members of the Bowling Committee will also be making personal contact with people in other clubs, encouraging them to nominate sides for the tournament. If you know someone at another club, please mention the event to them.

### BPL Cup

You're probably aware that Bob Ormston, Theo Katsivas and Ashley Halls represented the Club at the Bowls Premier League Cup at the Pine Rivers Bowling Club in Brisbane this past week.



Unfortunately, they didn't progress to the televised semi-finals, winning 2 of their 3 sectional games and narrowly losing their 3<sup>rd</sup> in a tie-break. But a great experience and wonderful opportunity to showcase the Lockleys Bowling Club to the other 15 competing clubs from all over Australia and to Bowls Australia and the 'professional' BPL sides.



### Social and fundraising

#### Melbourne Cup function

The recent Melbourne Cup function was attended by some 30 members and guests, and was by all accounts a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Lyn Nixon and Stephen Jones and their helpers for organising the event, which resulted in a profit to the Club of just under \$300.



#### Christmas function

A reminder that our Christmas function will be held on **Saturday 21 December**, commencing at 6pm. It includes a 3-course dinner for the

cost of \$25 per person. A flyer and nomination sheet are already on the noticeboard, so please add your details for what should be a most enjoyable evening.

Please note also that we're asking for **pre-payment of the \$25 by 18 December**, which can be made by EFT or by cash or cheque in the box near the bar.

## Calendar for November

Friday 22 November – 12.30pm social bowls;  
4.30pm pennant practice

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)

## Calendar for December

Sunday 1 December – Lockleys hosting round  
3 of the Gold-level Taylor Challenge Cup,  
play commences at 6pm

Tuesday 3 December – 9.30am women's  
pennant practice; 7pm Night Owls

Wednesday 4 December – 12.30pm pennant  
games (all sides away); 7pm Night Owls

Thursday 5 December – 9.45am pennant  
games (both sides home)

Friday 6 December – 12.30pm social bowls;  
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 7 December – 1pm pennant game  
(all sides home)

Tuesday 10 December – 9.30am women's  
pennant practice; 7pm Night Owls (and last  
before Christmas)

Wednesday 11 December – 12.30pm pennant  
games (all sides home – and last pennant  
game before Christmas); 7pm Night Owls  
(and last before Christmas)

Thursday 12 December – 9.45am pennant  
games (both sides away – and last pennant  
game before Christmas)

Friday 13 December – 12.30pm social bowls;  
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 14 December – 1pm pennant game  
(all sides away – and last pennant game  
before Christmas)

Saturday 21 December – Club Christmas  
function, commencing at 6pm (see  
separate notice in the social section)

## 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?

A rather obese man goes to the doctor about  
his weight, so the doctor puts him on a diet.

"I want you to eat vegetables and grains for 2  
days, then skip a day, then repeat the process  
for 2 weeks. By your next appointment, you  
should have lost at least 2 kilograms".

When the guy returns, the doctor is surprised  
that he's lost almost 8 kilograms. "That's  
amazing", said the doctor, "did you follow my  
instructions?"

The guy nodded, "I'll tell you though, I thought  
I was going to die by the third day".

"From hunger?", said the doctor. "No, from  
skipping".