



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

It has been a slightly disappointing finish to the season with two Saturday teams facing certain relegation. Despite this unsurprising setback, we know we will retain our players and live to fight again next season, as we are not a Club of fickle players.

On a positive note, we also have sides who will be playing in finals and I encourage all of you to go and watch our teams playing in these games, as it can make a huge difference to performance knowing that Club supporters are present.

I would like to thank all players who have given their all to represent the Lockleys' colours this season.

I would also take the opportunity to commend Lester Todd on the decision to cancel the bowls trip to Southeast Asia. It was a difficult but prudent decision and shows that Lester has the welfare of all concerned uppermost in his mind. In these uncertain, health-compromised times, acting responsibly is of paramount importance. Cathy and I have regrettably cancelled our travel arrangements to Scotland in May for exactly the same reasons.

The time is fast approaching for our AGM and I am reaching out to remind people that we can

certainly use more help on the Board as a number of people are due for retirement. Bob Ormston has indicated he will not be continuing, as has Graeme Isaacson, both of whom have served the Club with distinction in their roles over the last two years. So, at the very least, we will be looking for a secretary and treasurer at the AGM.

We also have an additional vacancy which has not been filled since the last AGM. There will be other Board members whose two-year terms will be coming to a close but hopefully they will seek re-election. At any rate, there will be opportunities this year for others to take their turn and hopefully seek a position on the Board.

If you have an interest but are unsure what being on the Board entails, please speak to me in the next few weeks so that you can be enlightened and also so we can prepare adequately for the AGM.

From the Vice President (by Mark Ballestrin)

The last few weeks have presented our volunteers with challenges not experienced since World Bowls. In true Eagle spirit, we responded in the best way possible. We have been able to overcome obstacles and adversity to host three separate State events with overwhelming success.

It is a true indication of the selflessness of those who contributed to the staging of these events. On a personal note, I am incredibly proud of the members who stepped up for the first time, thereby taking the load off those wonderful stalwarts who have carried way too much on their shoulders for too long.

Every aspect of our Club was on show, from the furthest corner of our gardens to our table settings. Judging by the many complimentary comments from our guests, we presented our Club as a magnificently-run organisation from top-to-bottom.

To those who for whatever reason were not able to lend a hand on this occasion, fear not!

There will be more events and our Club has an ongoing need for help even during the quiet winter months.... you can still help your Club... just ask!

To all our volunteers, do not for one minute underestimate the value of your contributions; your Club and your Board thank you.



The 'production line' during the Women's Country Round Robin

From the Board (from the Secretary)

Presentation Night

The Presentation Night is going to be held on **Thursday 2 April** at the Lockleys Hotel from 6pm.

We've organised for dedicated use of the lounge area (adjoining the main bar), where there'll be free seating on tables of 10 (plus a head table for the President and invited VIPs).

Members will be able to order and pay individually from the bistro menu at the normal catering ordering point, and order and pay individually for drinks from the bar. However, please note that the Hotel's Monday-Thursday discount of 20% for meals will not apply for this event, given we've been allocated a discrete venue, specific table settings and the use of a PA system etc.

To enable the Hotel to arrange appropriate seating, could members please indicate their attendance (and partners/guests are welcome) on the sheet which will be on the Club

noticeboard shortly, not later than 6pm Friday 27 March.

Annual General Meeting

A reminder the AGM will be held on **Sunday 31 May**, starting at 10am. Notices of motion and nominations for Board positions will be requested by 10 May and 17 May respectively. We expect to have e-copies of the Annual Report (and a limited number of hard copies) available by Saturday 23 May.

Hosting of Grand Finals

Our Club has been allocated the hosting of Grand Finals for the Saturday's competition's Division 2, Division 4 South and Division 5 South on Saturday 28 March. This will be another great opportunity to showcase our Club and gain some very useful revenue from bar, catering and raffles, which will likely run to several thousand dollars.

If you can help, either on the day or in the lead-up, please contact Ashley Halls (to help with on-the-day organisation), Geoff Ellis (for greens, gardening & grounds), Mark Ballestrin (for bar), Liz Ormston (for catering), Ian Hodder (for cleaning) or Lyn Nixon (for raffles).

Bowls (from Ashley Halls)

Pennants

The Wednesday and Saturday competitions have been completed. The Thursday competition is having its last games as we go to print. The standings (and expectations for Thursday) are as follows:

Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1 st side – 2 nd	1 st side – 2 nd	1 st side – 10 th
2 nd side – 3 rd	2 nd side – 4 th	2 nd side – 10 th
3 rd side – 5 th		3 rd side – 3 rd
		4 th side – 7 th

That means our Saturday 1st and 2nd sides will unfortunately be relegated to Division 1 and Division 4 respectively. However, four sides will be playing finals, namely:

- Saturday 3rd side versus Somerton Red at Port Adelaide on Saturday 14 March
- Wednesday 1st side versus Somerton at Somerton on Wednesday 18 March
- Wednesday 2nd side versus West Lakes at Torrensville on Wednesday 18 March, and
- Thursday 1st side versus Marion at Marion on Thursday 19 March.

If you are not playing in these sides, please come along and support our teams, as we know that Club support can provide a real boost to our players.

Taylor Challenge Cup

Our Gold side won against Payneham on Sunday 23 February but lost to Modbury on Sunday 1 March, and unfortunately didn't make the finals. Our Bronze side lost its elimination final against Christies Beach on Sunday 23 February, so similarly didn't progress further.

However, our participation in both the Gold and Bronze competitions provided very useful experience for our players, as well as the opportunity to play against some clubs and players who we don't usually play in pennants.

So we'd encourage all Lockleys members to consider nominating to play in the Taylor Challenge Cup competition next season, not only to improve your bowls but for the opportunity to meet others in a more socially relaxed but competitive environment.

Best of the West competition

Members are invited to nominate to play in the annual Best of the West (men's) competition between our Club, Henley, Holdfast and Grange (via the sheet on the noticeboard).

The fixtures (all commencing at 12.30pm) are:

- Tuesday 7 April at West Lakes
- Wednesday 15 April at Holdfast
- Tuesday 21 April at Lockleys
- Thursday 23 April at Grange

Champion-of-champions fixtures

Congratulations again to Karen Kovaleff and Ashley Halls for winning their respective Club singles competitions and representing the Club in the Champion-of-Champions knock-outs held on Sunday 1 March. Karen made it to round 3, while Ashley was eliminated in the first round. Well done to both for your efforts.

The Champion-of-Champion pairs knock-out round is going to be held on Sunday 15 March, with our Club represented by Karen Kovaleff and Lyn Teague in the women's section (at Prospect Broadview, commencing at 9.30am) and Fred Kovaleff and Roger Kimber in the men's section (at Toorak Burnside at 9.30am).

Prestige Medley Tournament

Congratulations to Karen Kovaleff for having been selected to represent Region 12 in Bowls SA's Prestige Medley Tournament, to be played on 18/19 April, and to Lyn Nixon for being selected as a reserve.

Greens management

Tim Dodds has advised that he is not intending to continue as our greenkeeper next season (with his contract expiring at the end of May). The Board is therefore preparing to advertise the position, seeking expressions of interest by mid-April.

Geoff Ellis has similarly advised he is not intending to continue as Greens Manager next season, so the Board will be canvassing for a member to take over that role.

The Club is also looking for volunteers to learn how to operate our greens rollers, to assist and/or take over the role currently being performed by Geoff Ellis and Darryl Cowling. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Halls or Geoff Ellis.

Finally..

Some may recognise this bowl, which might be described as 'the perfect toucher'.



Night Owls (by Glenn Miles)

In this issue we are featuring one of our dedicated women's teams, who have been loyal to our Club for a long time and continue to have fun on a Wednesday night; 'The Sapphires'.

The Sapphires were introduced to lawn bowls in 2008/9 through a friend who was a pennant bowler. She suggested that for a chance to meet people and exercise, they form a team and treat it as a good night out. The team worked together at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and were all widowed ladies looking to have some fun.

Choosing a team name became a challenge and, being middle-aged single women with a good sense of humour, they tried a few 'out there' titles. They started with 'The Desperadoes' for their first year and then upgraded to 'BWS', which was supposed to be 'Black Widow Spiders'. But everyone called them 'Beer, Wine & Spirits', so they decided to become more feminine and went with 'The Sapphires', which has stuck.

They are a very friendly, happy group of women, who are a wonderful example of what Night Owls is all about – having fun and meeting people. The team is made up of the following members:

Raelene Robinson – retired, whose interests include gardening, water aerobics, bowls, holidays and grandchildren school runs. She is a Crows and Adelaide 36ers supporter.

Kaye Brown – retired, whose interests include bowls, holidays and helping out with grandchildren. She is a Port Power supporter.

Jan Fischer – retired, whose interests include dancing and bowls. She is a Crows supporter.

Marilyn Roberts – retired, whose interests include music, bowls, holidays and helping out with grandchildren. She is a Port Power supporter.



L-R: Raelene Robinson, Kaye Brown, Jan Fischer, Marilyn Roberts

Sponsorship

Members would likely have noticed the recently-installed sponsorship signs on B Green for Peter Elberg Funerals, who pleasingly have renewed their sponsorship arrangement with the Club.

The following is a short promotion for their business:

For over 50 years, Peter Elberg has been a highly-regarded member of the South Australian funeral industry. Founded on the principle of assisting bereaved families in a personal, caring and professional manner, Peter Elberg Funerals is very much a family company. Now, after five decades of leading

the business, Peter and his son Damien are sharing that leadership.

“Damien has been an integral part of Peter Elberg Funerals since its inception; he’s a natural leader of our dedicated group”, said Peter. With the support of Damien, Peter and the team will remain committed to excellence, individual care and absolute integrity into the future. For enquiries, please call Peter or Damien on 8234 1266 or visit <https://www.peterelbergfunerals.com.au/>



Peter Elberg



Damien Elberg

Calendar for March

Friday 13 March – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
Saturday 14 March – 1pm pennant semi-
finals; Lockleys 3rd side versus Somerton
Red at Port Adelaide
Tuesday 17 March – 7pm Night Owls
Wednesday 18 March – 12.30pm pennant
semi-finals – Lockleys 1st side versus
Somerton at Somerton, Lockleys 2nd side
versus West Lakes at Torrensville; 7pm
Night Owls
Thursday 19 March – 9.45am pennant semi-
finals; Lockleys 1st side versus Marion at
Marion
Friday 20 March – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice
Saturday 21 March – 1pm pennant
preliminary finals
Tuesday 24 March – 7pm Night Owls (and last
game for the season)
Wednesday 25 March – 12.30pm pennant
preliminary finals; 7pm Night Owls (and
last game for the season)
Thursday 26 March – 9.45am pennant
preliminary finals
Friday 27 March – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 28 March – 1pm pennant grand
finals, including Division 2, Division 4 South
and Division 5 South at the Lockleys
Bowling Club

Calendar for April

Wednesday 1 April – 12.30pm pennant grand
finals
Thursday 2 April – 9.45am pennant grand
finals; 6.00pm **Club Presentation Night** at
the Lockleys Hotel
Friday 3 April – 12.30pm social bowls
Tuesday 7 April – 12.30pm **Best of the West**
competition at West Lakes
Friday 10 April – Good Friday; no social bowls
Wednesday 15 April – 12.30pm **Best of the**
West competition at Holdfast Bay
Friday 17 April – 12.30pm social bowls
Tuesday 21 April – 12.30pm **Best of the West**
competition at Lockleys
Thursday 23 April – 12.30pm **Best of the West**
competition at Grange
Friday 24 April – 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.

Did you hear the one about ..?

(and being St Patrick’s Day next week, we figured it had
to feature the Irish)

Paddy was struggling to relocate a large
wardrobe, which was wobbling precariously as
he manoeuvred his hand trolley along a
cobble street.

“Paddy”, said a passer-by, “why haven’t you
asked Mick to help you”. “I have”, said Paddy,
“he’s inside carrying the clothes”.