



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

AGM

We normally hold our AGM on the last Sunday in May. While the board has not officially set the date for this year's AGM, can you please give some thought to your involvement in the club in terms of serving on the board?

We have two positions coming up for re-election. These are:

Vice-President – Mark Ballestrin

Bowls Director – Ashley Halls

In addition, our constitution allows for two additional members to be co-opted. Currently, **Peter Thaler** holds one of those positions, so we therefore have room for one more person to join the board. Our lack of representation of women concerns me, so I would like to encourage our women to consider nominating for the other co-opted position that is available. Don't think that you need any special skills. A good dose of common sense and the ability to fairly represent members' views is all that is required.

Once the board settles on the AGM date, we will publicise that to all members.

PLEASE HELP THE CLUB

We have come a long way towards financially getting the club back on its feet. One of the successful strategies has been through the careful management of resources and facilities. It is therefore a little disappointing to have to be continually reminding people to turn lights and air conditioners off when they are the last to leave the building.

Often, members like to stay on, finishing drinks and continuing to socialise even after the bar has closed. There is absolutely no problem with that; in fact, I encourage it. It's a great use of the club and its facilities. But may I ask that if you are the last to leave, please check ...

- that the lights are turned off in both the men's and ladies' toilets as well as the main hall
- and that the air conditioners (switches near the bar door and next to the noticeboard) are also turned off before you lock the doors and set the alarm.

I have arrived at the club early the last two Saturday mornings to find lights and air conditioners on, left going all night.

Can I ask you all to be more vigilant please?

I know that Scotty from fitness often does this for us (when it's not his responsibility), but Scott is not always there, especially on a Friday afternoon. So please do your part to help the club.

Bowls Report (from Ashley Halls)

As the finals are approaching we can say that we have one pennant side (Saturday Div 4W) and our Taylors Gold team which are guaranteed to play finals. Some of our other sides (Saturday Div 1 & Div 5W, Wed Premier & Div 3W and Taylors Bronze) have chances of finals participation ranging from possible to highly likely. A fantastic effort and a very exciting time coming up over the next few weeks.

Preparing for finals

As part of that finals effort, we are pleased to announce that we will be having an "on the couch" interview/chat with Woodville West Torrens Premiership players Luke Thompson and Jimmy Toumpas at the club on **Monday 15 March, commencing at 7.30pm**. All members are invited to attend but we would specifically like all members of finals teams to come along. The focus of the evening will be preparing and playing in finals and I'm sure the WWT boys have plenty of words of wisdom to share.

Player Development

Our recent Bowls Committee meeting had a focus on player development. To that end, in the next couple of weeks we will be giving all members a questionnaire to self-assess development needs as players and from that we will tailor some programs to be delivered during the off-season. The questionnaire will also allow members to make suggestions regarding player development.



Changes to Conditions of Play for 2021-22

The following changes will apply next season:

- All Divisions for ALL competition days will have Finals.
- Wednesday pennant start times will be 10am 2-end roll up – Match starts at 10.15am.*
- The Wednesday 5-rink playing format will expand to include Division 3.
- Replay/resumed matches for the Saturday Open will also apply to Divisions 4 & 5.
- No replays or restarts for Saturday Open Divisions 6 & 7.
- The current "mid-game break" Condition(s) of Play will remain.

* ... there has been some pushback to this change and "discussions are continuing".

Best of the West inter-club competition (MEN only)






BEST OF THE WEST

2021 Dates
Thursday 8th April @ Lockleys
Wednesday 14th April @ Holdfast Bay
Tuesday 20th April @ West Lakes
Thursday 22nd April @ Grange

12:15pm check in 12:30pm Start
2 Bowl Triples x 25 Ends
21 Players per club (7 teams x 3)

No practice
Roll Up 1 end each way
No Dead Ends & No Umpires
No mid game break
\$2 per player to host club



After a COVID-enforced break in 2020, the *Best of the West* inter-club bowls competition for men (only) is back in 2021 and will run shortly after the conclusion of the pennant season.

The important details are summarised above ... but please note that the date for round 3 at West Lakes is currently under review as it clashes with a 3-day Bowls SA Over 60s carnival on the Fleurieu.

This competition is not elite ... and ALL bowlers, including night-owlers with an interest in playing pennants, are strongly encouraged to get involved.

You can record your interest and availability via the nomination sheet on the club noticeboard.

Women's Country Round Robin

Style, Pizzazz and Lockleys Hospitality

From the tables which were arranged and laid out with stylish, military precision, to the quality and presentation of the meals, the attention to detail and at all times the provision of service with a welcoming smile and a gracious manner, Lockleys volunteers stepped up once again to provide, I'm sure, what will have been a truly memorable and hugely enjoyable week for all players and visitors.



Early every morning from around 7am, the club came to life with the greens' volunteers, mowing and rolling the greens to ensure surfaces were up to standard. As the players moved in to start their roll-ups, elsewhere a well-deserved coffee and deep meaningful discussions almost always followed.

The club was awash with colour, with bowls paraphernalia and merchandise spread across the verandah and in front of the greens, courtesy of Caddyshack. Elsewhere, the flags and banners and the colourful uniforms of the competing teams helped to create a vivid picture and carnival atmosphere.

It was great to see our club full of people and colour and I found myself speculating about what the glory days of the 60s and 70s must have been like at the club when we boasted many more teams than we have today.

There was a unique buzz around the club which became quite infectious for all.



The kitchen and bar staff were also there at the start of each day, stocking the bar, organising coffee, muffins, breadsticks and getting ready to start the juggernaut which culminated in two lunch sittings for 150 ladies every day. You had to be there to see how awesome that operation was. It was truly magnificent.



Our volunteers are to be congratulated. Some were there every day from dawn till dusk, others came when they could, but all of them presented with a mindset to perform at their very best and show what Lockleys could offer. I was and am, proud of every single one of you. From the greens to the rubbish removal, everyone did their part to ensure every day ran like clockwork.



A special shout out to Marie Winen who slipped and fell on Tuesday and cut her head requiring five stitches.

Marie, we wish you a speedy recovery but for your future reference, whilst bleeding for the club is both noble and admirable, it is not a mandatory requirement!

We hope to see you back at the club sooner rather than later.

There were challenges to face like finding alternatives at the last minute for people who had not notified us of their meal preferences, toilets overflowing and water slowing to a trickle, but these were all overcome with a minimum of fuss. It was pleasing to see the way people worked together to ensure this week was nothing but a huge success.

While I have not mentioned individuals in my thanks, I would like to specifically thank **Liz Ormston** and **Karen Kovaleff** for masterminding this most successful operation. They have spent weeks prior to the round robin planning, organising, buying, setting, recruiting, and leading.

I think it's only fair and proper that we acknowledge them and their marvellous contribution. Thank you, Karen, and Liz.

Congratulations Lockleys, on a job well done.



From the Treasurer (by Tony Holder)

Women's Country Round-Robin Carnival ... the results are in

Below is a financial summary for the 4-day Carnival.

In short, it was a big week ... and it is a very pleasing result for the club and a great "reward" for all the effort from our many volunteers.

Income:

Date	Detail	Amount
1/02/2021	Region 6 Catering 4 days	1,140.00
9/02/2021	Regions Catering	8,445.00
	Catering – Extra meals	60.00
	Kitchen Sales	646.50
	Raffles – squares	340.00
	Bowls Raffle	580.00
12/02/2021	Caddieshack – Hall Hire	440.00
		<u>11,651.50</u>

Expenses:

Catering – all items	3,392.65
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Net Profit

8,258.85

Bar Takings for the week:

Women's Round Robin	4,017.50
N/Owls & Pennants	2,140.50
less over rings	-54.00
	<u>6,104.00</u>

From the Vice President (by Mark Ballestrin)

Urgent bar help required

My request for help in Mad March is becoming a little bit desperate. Below I have a little summary of what is happening and some notes in **RED**.

Thank you to those that have already volunteered.

We **urgently need an extra helper for 7 March and 2 more for 27 March.**

It would be nice to have a helper on 14 March.

Sunday March 7 (LONG WEEKEND) Taylors Cup and a small private group bowling

We require 2 people – one from about 2.30pm and another from 4.30pm. Despite having 2 groups to serve, this is an easy night for 2 people. **Please note I can't be there at all.**

Sunday March 14 Lockleys Hotel social club

I will be there but would ask for one helper from 12.30pm to keep me company and for emergency pub runs etc.

Sunday March 21 Phil Lovelock family function from 12.30pm

Dead easy, I can do it alone but if someone wants to keep me company you are welcome.

Saturday March 27 Pennant grand finals

It is highly likely that we will host some grand finals.

During the day it is reasonably quiet – one person will do.

From 4pm I would ask for 3 helpers as we did for the Round Robin carnival last week.

This would only be required for an hour or two max. NB many of you may well be playing in your own grand finals.

Current roster:

Mark ... from 11am

Peter T ... from 4pm

I need 2 more from at least 4pm

Sunday March 28 Coast Trek

About 100 people will be bowling and drinking.

It would be best for 2 people to do this one.

The busy time will be 2pm to 5pm and it will be a good opportunity for those who couldn't help the previous day (Sat 27-Mar) as they were winning grand finals.

Current Roster

Mark ... from 1.30pm

Glen ... 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Arn ... 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Folks, if we can't get the help required I'll start cancelling events at great expense and embarrassment to the club.

As we saw during the ladies' country round robin, there are plenty of us to make this happen. There's no need for anybody to have to do more than one event.

Upcoming tournaments—links to the flyer

If you are interested, register early because slots fill quickly.

[Sunday 7 March 2021 — Open Medley @ Croydon](#)

[Monday 8 March 2021 — Open 2 Bowl Triples @ Sturt \(Unley Oval\)](#)

[Monday 8 March 2021 — Open Medley @ Hahndorf](#)

Monday 8 March 2021 — Open Medley @ Brighton

Monday 8 March 2021 — Open Skins Fours @ Woodville >> “Kelly Stearne Memorial Skins Day”

Monday 8 March 2021 — Mens Pairs @ Mount Barker

Sunday 28 March 2021 — Open Fours @ Hawthorn >> “Seafood Classic”

Monday 29 March 2021 — Ladies 3-Bowl Triples @ Brighton

Friday 2 April 2021 (Good Friday) — Open 2 Bowl Triples @ Torrensville

Friday 2 April 2021 (Good Friday) — Open Skins Fours @ Millswood

Thursday 15 April 2021 — Ladies Fours @ Ascot Park

Sunday 25 April 2021 (ANZAC Day) — Open Pairs @ Club Holdfast

Having a Lockleys team at other club’s tournaments is important for several reasons (which I won’t list here). If any of the above interest you and you are struggling to fill a team, please contact Stephen Jones on 0401-991-980 ... he might be able to help.

ICYMI (In case you missed it ...)

Quite a few months ago Theo Katsivas proposed that our club could benefit from using a free phone app called **TeamApp** to assist communications and for people to be able to receive notifications of club events and activities.

Please read Theo’s information below.

*It is basically a generic team app that can be configured to any specific team and any person can be invited to join a group. I was talking about it to some Henley members last year as a general discussion about technology and later found out that they had created their own team app called The Henley Sharks. I am now a member of the group “**Friends of Henley BC**”. I get push notifications of functions they hold, social bowls events, tournaments and general promotion of their club.*

*It's easy enough to download Team App here <http://teamapp.com/app> or through the **Android Play Store** or **iPhone App Store** - Its 100% FREE.*

Once installed, launch Team App. Then:

- 1. Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.*
- 2. Log in. Then search for Lockleys Eagles and request access to group(s) that apply to you.*

I will continue to use it for our own rink mates and practice buddies but I really do think we can launch this club-wide, including night owls (and beyond) as a powerful tool to promote our club.

Theo Katsivas

Vacancy—Bar Co-ordinator

From Mark Ballestrin ... I will be relinquishing the role of Bar Co-ordinator at the end of this season. It has generally been an enjoyable role for me but one I have been struggling with of late whilst working full time. The role/function is one that can be easily managed by a person(s) who has a bit more spare time than I do.

I know that there are many of you who are at the club several times a week, the Bar Co-ordinator role would not increase your time at Lockleys greatly. And the role/function does not necessarily need to be in the hands of only one person, it can easily be carried out by a small group of members.

I will give anyone interested a rundown on the job and of course will always be around to help. The whole board will also be able to help with guidance.

Please feel free to have a chat with me and as a last bit of a carrot ... there is a “Bar Manager” car-park available!

Taylor Bowls—schedule of remaining rounds

	Gold division	Bronze Central division
7 March		Qualifying Finals
11 April		Quarter Finals
18 April	2.00pm — Semi Finals	2.00pm — Semi Finals
18 April	5.30pm — Grand Final	5.30pm — Grand Final

Recent raffle winners

Congratulations to Mike Pearson who won the Valentine’s Day basket of goodies (sorry no pictures were taken ... but Mike had a BIG smile on his face as he exited the clubrooms that night).

And congratulation to Heather Fromme (of the Hahndorf Bowling Club) who won a set of Taylor Bowls that were raffled by the club during the Country Round Robin.

Lockleys Classified ... Buy Hold Sell Donate

If you would like to place a simple classified ad or request in the newsletter, please speak to the editor Stephen Jones or contact him via 0401-991-980 or esanjay26@gmail.com

Lockleys Bowling Club trading table

This is just a reminder that if you ever find yourself with good quality items that you think deserve a new home or owner, please consider donating them to the Club so they can be offered on the Trading Table.

What’s your passion away from bowls?

Do you have a personal interest away from bowls that other readers might be able to help with or contribute to ... if so, please contact the editor to discuss inclusion in a future newsletter.

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.

And finally ...did you hear the one ..?

One for the men ...

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

And one for the ladies ...

Two mischievous old grannies were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when an old man walked by.

One of the old grandmas yelled out: "We bet we can tell exactly how old you are."

"There is no way you could guess that, you old fools." the old man replied.

The other old grandma said "Sure we can! Just drop your pants and under shorts and we can tell your exact age."

Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his drawers.

The grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times.

Then they both piped up and said: "You're 87 years old!"

Standing with his pants down around his ankles, the old gent asked "How in the world did you guess?"

Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, the two old ladies happily yelled in unison: "We were at your birthday party yesterday!"

Your Club

President – Sam Katsivas

Vice-President – Mark Ballestrin

Secretary – Arne Fraser

Treasurer – Tony Holder

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Bowls Director – Ashley Halls

Green's Manager – Peter Thaler

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