

Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Fitness Classes

At the January board meeting, among other matters, we discussed the fitness group and the use of club facilities for that group.

There are some members who feel that the loss of the lounge to us as a bowling club is not optimal, and in a perfect world I would agree.

Revenue received of \$10,000 per year (to be increased to \$12,000 next year with full agreement from Scott), really does help the club finances in a big way. To put that into context, we would need to run an additional 3 Octane 3-day events every year or three additional quiz nights to achieve that equivalent revenue stream. The strain on our volunteers to do this would be enormous.

The reality is that this income is steady, reliable and has been coming into the club for the last 10 years; best of all it requires no additional effort on our part. In addition to the financial benefits, I am also happy that as a club we provide this community service. Many of the people who attend the classes are our age and they come to improve their mobility and strength – Scott has even offered to run mobility sessions for our members at very reduced rates if we are interested.

The board has voted to continue to support Scott to run his fitness classes. What I will do in the next couple of weeks is to sit down with Scott and work with him so that together we can achieve the following outcomes:

- Reorganise the lounge area to maximise space for his sessions, and in addition so we can also use it as we require. This will include having better access to the bar.
- Reorganise the main hall so that all excess tables and chairs are removed, the stage is completely cleared and access to noticeboards is always available.

 Ensure that when the hall is used for fitness, that tables and chairs which are moved away, will be returned exactly as they were found (by the fitness group). Clearly in the off-season this would not be necessary as they can be left to the side, but during pennant season the tables and chairs should be permanently set up leaving the hall looking as attractive as possible.

I do understand the pressure points of not being able to use some of our facilities exclusively, but I don't believe it's a big ask for all of us to work together here, and I'm certain that with the streamlining the board is suggesting, we can get excellent outcomes for everyone.

Wednesday Barefoot Bowls

Congratulations to Liv for trying to generate some alternative bowling experiences for our club.

On Wednesdays, apart from encouraging people to come in and try a bowl through a more casual experience, she also cooks and serves up a fantastic meal.

When was the last time you had a piece of steak, a couple of snags and three or four very tasty salads with bread and sauces for the princely sum of \$10.00? Yes \$10.00!

I did once, but that was back in 1957 when a pie was sixpence (five cents for you babies out there!)

This meal will be available every Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. If you want some, please let Liv know so she can cater – or you can order via the website on the Barefoot Bowls page.

Thanks to Nicole Siokos and Karen Bishop for your help in the kitchen as well.

Octane Festival

What a resounding success this event was! Brilliant concept, well organised and supported with a tidy profit at the end of over \$4,000 to the club with the inclusion of bar sales. I commend the bowls and social committee members along with the volunteers who worked together to pull off this great event. It's put us on the map in a big way.

Our next major event will be the **Ladies Country Round Robin** to be held in late March (Monday 27 March to Monday 3 April). Please consider helping if you can – it is a biggie – four days of solid work during the sectional stages of each format but an event which we excel in running, and one which does provide a great revenue stream for our club.



Bowls Report

Report Not Received.

Marketing & Sponsorship News (from Theo Katsivas)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to ensure that the Octane Festival of Bowls was a resounding success. The general feedback we are receiving from the bowling community is all positive. It was reiterated in the singles winner Laini McGorman's acceptance speech when she expressed amazement at the fact that the whole event was run solely by volunteers.

Well done everybody

I thought our club and greens looked quite the picture with all the sponsors' material displayed which made it a really colourful and uplifting atmosphere. Of course, there are minor little tweaks that we can facilitate in future as we learn how best to make this event the Premier Club Event of the Bowling Calendar Year.





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The board has decided that due to the overwhelming acceptance of the new uniforms provided by our sponsor CFS Bowls Wear for the Octane Festival of Bowls, that it will allow our members to wear this uniform for pennant games.

Anyone who wishes to order a uniform, please contact Judith Katsivas on 0417 837 307.

The sponsorship committee is continuing to seek out new sponsors across the board and is already working on another major sponsor – thanks David Aust. More to come on this front in the next edition.

That's it from M&S.

Do you, a family member or a friend want to bring a business to the attention of Eagle Wrap readers, Lockleys members & supporters or the wider bowls community. If so, speak to Theo about a tailored marketing or sponsorship package.

Social News (from Liv Piper)

Barefoot Bowls is here!

Barefoot Bowls started on 11 January and has been positively received. It has been great to see members bringing along friends and family who may not have played bowls before. The evening is non structured, with people choosing to bowl (or not bowl), with music, drinks and a cheap BBQ with salad for only \$10!

It's a great opportunity to relax around the club and enjoy our wonderful facilities with friends and other club members.

See the flyer attached if you want to share with friends & family



Do you have old bowls you are no longer using?

The Club is looking to bring some colour to Night Owls and Barefoot Bowls! We are hoping this will help the players differentiate between the bowls and encourage players to look at Pennants or other forms of the game.

If you have a set of coloured bowls that you are no longer using, the Club will pay you \$50 per set of 4 bowls. A maximum of 40 sets will be purchased.

Contact Liv via <u>social@lockleysbowlingclub.com.au</u> if you would like to sell your coloured set to the Club.

Wednesday Night BBQ

As a part of the Barefoot Bowls, volunteers are preparing a yummy BBQ for only \$10* on Wednesday nights. BBQ is served between 6-6:30pm and is open for everyone. Why not avoid cooking – come to enjoy marinated steak, sausages and a variety of salads – all that for only \$5!!

Please put your name down on the list or via email to social@lockleysbowlingclub.com.au by Monday 5pm so that we can make sure there is enough for everyone.

* the event flyer will be updated as soon as possible.

Got any ideas for a fun night at the Club? Pop us an email at social@lockleysbowlingclub.com.au

Facilities News (from Glenn Miles)

Report Not Received.

Bar report (from Mark Ballestrin)

2023 has certainly commenced at lightning pace with the **Festival of Bowls** opening the year as a stunning success. This was by far the best tournament held at Eagle Park for many years.

A big thank you to Lester, Rogan, Michael, Sue, Glenn and others who helped run the bar during the three days.

In February, we will again host the **Country Ladies Round-Robin** tournament. It is an honour that Eagle Park is now first choice to host this tournament. This is all due to the fantastic work of you the members.

In the next week or so I will be again asking for helpers to run the bar during this 4-day event. This is a great opportunity for those that have not yet lived the bar life to try something new!

A reminder about our new premium wines from **Dowie Doole of McLaren Vale**. We listened to feedback from our wine drinkers who asked for more variety, so here it is.

There are four varieties to choose from ...

Sav Blanc \$6

Rose \$7.50

Grenache/Temparanilo \$7.50

Shiraz/Grenache \$7.50

Dowie Doole are not only suppling but also sponsoring our club. You will not be disappointed with any of these wines.



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- HOTEL -

2023 Australian Open

The Dates ... Saturday 10 June to Friday 23 June

The Location ... Gold Coast region

The Weather ... generally spectacular (compared to Adelaide in mid-June)

The Formats ...

- men's & women's singles
- men's & women's pairs
- men's & women's fours
- men's & women's over-60 pairs
- plus categories for vision impaired and bowlers with a disability

The Cost ... per person entry to each event is \$55 (same as 2022)

The event schedule ... https://australianopen.bowls.com.au/event-info/schedule/

Entries close ... Friday 7 April (Good Friday)

Thoughts & Comments ...

- This is an annual trip away for many Lockleys bowlers.
- There is a great vibe whether you're bowling or spectating.
- There a many non-bowling options and plenty of good eating-out options.



Sunrise is about 6am



If you have any questions whatsoever (standard of bowling, event registration, getting there from Adelaide, local Gold Coast transport, accommodation, car hire ... anything) ... have a chat with Geoff & Sue Coultas, David & Robyn Aust, Theo, Gianni or Stephen Jones and we'll try to convince you why it's definitely a trip worth making this year.

Upcoming tournaments—links to the flyer

Sunday 12 February 2023 — Men's Fours @ Langhorne Creek

Sunday 12 February 2023 — Open Fours @ Rosewater

Monday 13 February 2023 — Ladies Fours @ Modbury

Monday 13 February 2023 — Open Fours @ Myponga

Sunday 19 February 2023 — Open Fours @ Port Noarlunga

Tuesday 21 February 2023 — Men's Skins Fours @ Encounter Bay

Sunday 26 February 2023 — Men's Fours @ Morphett Vale

Sunday 26 February 2023 — Open Fours @ Blackwood

Monday 27 February 2023 — Ladies Fours @ Club Holdfast

Sunday 5 March 2023 — Open 3-bowl Triples @ Kensington Marryatville

Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 March 2023 — Men's Fours @ Victor Harbor

Monday 6 March 2023 — Open Medley @ McLaren Vale

Sunday 12 March 2023 — Open Fours @ Happy Valley

Monday 13 March 2023 — Open Fours @ Trinity Gardens

Monday 13 March 2023 — Open Fours @ Brighton

Monday 13 March 2023 — Open Skins @ Woodville

Monday 20 March 2023 — Open Fours @ Prospect Broadview

Sunday 2 April 2023 — Open Fours @ Christies Beach

Good Friday 7 April 2023 — Opens Fours @ Two Wells

Sunday 16 April 2023 — Open Fours @ Beaumont

Saturday 22 April 2023 — Open Fours @ Glenelg

Tuesday 25 April 2023 — Open Fours @ Two Wells

If any of the above are of interest to you and you are struggling to fill a team, please speak with Stephen Jones on 0401-991-980 ... he might be able to help.

If you are "very" interested or keen to hear about club tournaments, such as those listed above, let me know by email esanjay26@gmail.com and I will give you an early "heads up".

The first "expression of interest" gets it



These days they are as rare of hen's teeth but if any reader is genuinely interested in this slightly faded but still functional hat band, please text message the editor via 0401 991 980 "immediately".

The Bowls Year Ahead

ICYMI (In case you missed it ...)

Drake Supermarkets Community Dollars app instructions

Duty Rink tasks

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

What's do you do with your empties?

If you don't do it already, why not bring your empty recyclable bottles & cans to the club, place them in the black plastic crates near the bar so that the club gets the container deposit refunds.

When you think about it, unless you're a big drinker or a hoarder, you might be spending more in petrol getting to the recycling centre yourself than you get in your pocket.

Just another small way you can help your club!

Got any photos or slides of Lockleys Bowling Club from "yester-year"?

If you have, or during a general tidy up at home come across, an old photo or two or some sort of LBC memorabilia, please think about bringing it to the notice of the Editor for (possible) inclusion in a future *Eagle Wrap*.

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 about ..?

A young family moved into a house next to a vacant lot.

A construction crew turned up to build a house on the lot. The family's 5-year-old daughter took an interest in the activity and spent much of each day watching progress until the construction crew, rough diamonds all, adopted her as a project mascot.

They chatted with her, let her sit with them at smokos and lunch, and gave her little jobs to make her feel important. At the end of the first week, they presented her with a pay envelope containing ten dollars.

The little girl took it home to her mother who drove her next day to the bank to open her very own savings account.

The teller asked if it was a birthday present.

'No', said the little girl, 'I worked last week with a real construction crew building the new house next door.'

'Goodness gracious', said the teller, 'and will you be working on the house again this week?'

The little girl replied 'I will be, if those pricks from Bunnings ever deliver the f..@#! gyprock ...'

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