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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Club Information

Following the AGM and the first meeting of the new board, I would like to outline some matters that are moving forward.

A Cohesive Strategy

The board is in the process of formulating the detail around the "Three Pillars of Success" document which I introduced at the 2023 AGM. This focussed on the tenets of ...

- A welcoming destination
- A sustainable future
- A competitive "Team First" culture

The complete detail behind this strategy will be unveiled at a members' meeting prior to the commencement of the new season.

Membership

At this point in time, three of our members have applied for clearances to other clubs. The board will not oppose those transfers. The recruitment committee is busy with their targeted approach of seeking out good people for our club. We have also had some enquiries from outside players, which the recruitment committee of Ashley Halls, Theo Katsivas, Chris Flavel and David Aust is reviewing. I hope to have more news for you all on that front in the next few weeks.

Communication

With the appointment of Lyal Mutton as membership director, the board has discussed and will shortly be implementing the new phone communication tool to enable as many members as possible to receive important information in a timely fashion.

This will be rolled out in stages prior to the commencement of the first trial game, with the aim of ensuring that every member not only has access to the tool/app but also the knowledge and ability to use it.

Committees and Volunteers

As we seek to fill new committees and volunteer roles, I urge you all to consider how you can best serve the club. The club needs you. I would also like to remind members that 2023-24 subs were due by June 30th, so please arrange to pay if you have not already done so.

As we move forward, the board is committed to serving our great club and ensuring that club interests will continue to take priority above individual needs, regardless of who is involved. I want all of us to understand that, and to be champions in upholding and promoting that “club-first” culture.

Update on the Re-development

On Thursday 15 June 2023, Brad Jansen and John Fitzgerald from the Lockleys Bowling Club (I was overseas) along with Peter Symonds, Chris Natt and Wayne Smith from Grange Club met with Adam Trottman who is the Director of Infrastructure and Planning for the Department of Sport and Recreation South Australian Government.

The purpose of this meeting was to put forward our proposed project to the relevant Government body to ascertain two things; how much funding they would commit to our project and secondly the timeframe of this funding.

Adam was extremely engaging, straight forward in his responses and was very supportive of our proposed endeavours. However, as most of us realise, the state budget is tight and it was his opinion that any monies that may become available in the future would do so after his submissions to the Minister for Sport and Recreation Katrine Hildyard, and would certainly not be in the short term, but hopefully within a 3 to 3½ year timeframe.

He indicated to us that there were four or five major projects that the department is working on that have been in the pipeline for some time now and would need to be finalised first. The positive advantage we hold as a collective group, is that Grange BC is able to contribute a significant portion of funds through the sale of their assets, which would be positively viewed, as in most cases when requests for funding hits their department, there is very little if any monetary contribution from the applicants.

He sees this as giving us far more creditability and therefore a much greater chance of being successful.

To summarize, we are at the table with them, with further meetings being scheduled, the next to occur in mid-August 2023. We continue to have meetings with the City of West Torrens, the architects and Grange Bowling Club so that when we do get the funding, we are “shovel ready” to use building industry parlance.

The proposed (first cut), of the architects’ work is seventy per cent completed with the consultation drawings expected in July. It is the intention of Council in the next two months to go out for Community Consultation, so we envisage being a little ahead of that process given the possible time frames as mentioned previously in my communiques.

Moving forward it therefore looks like we will still be at Lockleys for the next two to three years. This timeframe was not what was originally envisaged as we would have preferred an earlier completion, but on the plus side, this still enables us to continue to enjoy our club, the members, friends and facilities.

John, Brad and I, along with the Grange team, will continue to drive this project forward to ensure that we are all able to enjoy the benefits of a new state of the art facility for Lawn Bowls in SA.

Just remember (in the words of my Grange co-president) ... “Rome was not built in a day”.

And finally ... the 2023-24 Board position holders and their roles & responsibilities

I would like to take this opportunity to reacquaint you with the new Board members along with their key roles. The directors report to the Board but they do have autonomy to conduct their affairs within the club rules and constitution.

President - Sam Katsivas

Key Roles

- Board oversight and management
- Club strategy development and execution
- Redevelopment oversight
- Club representative for peak bodies – Bowls SA and MBA

Vice President – Karen Bishop

Key Roles

- Stands in for President when/as required

Secretary – Nicole Siokos

Key Roles

- Actions items as determined by the Board
- Takes Board minutes and keeps records for the club
- Is responsible for correspondence with our peak body and other clubs
- Works with the membership director to best serve our members

Treasurer – Tony Holder

Key Roles

- Is responsible for all monetary transactions on behalf of the club
- Receives cash/EFTPOS transactions, bar takings, counts money, organises floats, conducts banking and reconciles accounts.
- Manages all bank accounts for the club and reports monthly to the board.

Bowls Director – Ashley Halls

Key Roles

- Convenes the Bowls Committee which deals with all bowls matters at the club
- Organises tournaments
- Organises Pennants
- Greens management
- Night owl management

- Convenes the Selection Committee
- Organises umpires and markers
- Is responsible for training and development

Marketing Director – Theo Katsivas

Key Roles

- Undertakes marketing of the club
- Is responsible for sponsorship and signage
- Considers technological improvements
- Monitors branding and style guides
- Manages social media
- Maintains noticeboards

Social Director – Karen Bishop

Key Roles

- Convenes the Catering Committee
- Prepares and organises social activities
- Oversees bar operations including refreshments
- Responsible for fund-raising
- Organises presentation nights
- Manages hall hire

Facilities Director – Glenn Miles

Key Roles

- Responsible for maintenance
- Convenes the Cleaning Committee
- Oversees grounds and gardens
- Oversees security
- Manages club scoreboards
- Responsible for lighting

Membership Director – Lyal Mutton

Key Roles

- Maintains database/records
- Is responsible for communications
- Works with the marketing and bowls directors to conduct orientation/induction evenings
- Manages Night Owl transition
- Facilitates mediation
- Manages member renewals
- Records membership milestones
- Manages uniforms

As you can see, there is a lot of work required in running a club. These people have undertaken a commitment to manage all these processes and lead the club. This does not mean they are expected to do all the work – that is where the volunteers come in. Please support them.

Bowls Report (from Ash Halls)

Bowls Committee and Selector nominations

Nominations are now open for Bowls Committee members, for Thursday, Saturday and Wednesday selectors and for the position of Chair of Selectors.

I would like to see is a broader representation of players from all our pennant sides at the monthly Bowls Committee meetings and also around the selection table, so I strongly urge anyone with enthusiasm to help drive the bowls activities of the club to apply.

Once the season gets underway, the work of the Bowls Committee and the selectors ramps up. By all means, please nominate to be involved in both but I am not seeking that ... your involvement in and commitment to either bowls activities around the club OR as a selector will be a much appreciated by the Board and members.

If you have any questions about the structure, activities or remit of the Bowls Committee, please contact Ashley Halls. Likewise, if you have any questions about “being a selector”.

To nominate for the Bowls Committee and/or to be a selector, please make contact with Ashley Halls by Friday 14 July ... bowls@lockleysbowlingclub.com.au or 0423-132-402.

Off-Season Development Program

We are looking to once again deliver the program provided to members in the last two years. The program this year may be slightly shorter and delivered a bit later than in past years but I’m hoping the development program will be continued into the season for bowlers who are keen to improve.

Interaction between pennant sides

I have been giving some thought to the comment on this topic that was made by Brian Bishop at the AGM. I think there are strategies we can put in place as a club to have better interaction between members after each pennant game. However, that does rely on a willingness of players from all teams to embrace those strategies and be part of an “after game” culture.

Please regard this topic as “a work in progress”.

Recruitment

Work has been on-going on the recruitment front, to ensure that we maintain our status and performance across all teams. Discussions with potential players took place on the Gold Coast during the recent Australian Open and have also taken place locally. Discussions are continuing. The current recruitment committee is Theo Katsivas, David Aust, Chris Flavel and myself so if you have any “leads”, please let one of us know.

Trial Games

I’ve had a few people from other clubs contact me to organise some trials. A schedule of internal and external trial games will be worked out over the next few weeks.

Marketing & Sponsorship News (from Theo Katsivas)

At this time of the year, the main focus of the Marketing & Sponsorship Committee is making direct contact with our existing sponsors and doing all we can to get them to re-commit for another season.

The M&S Committee is always looking for new members ... if you are interested in knowing more about its structure, activities and (dare I use the word again) remit, please contact Theo. His mobile number is given at the end of this newsletter.

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 Karen Bishop)

We have a range of social events coming up over the next couple of months. Please RSVP on the sheets at the Club or via email social@lockleysbowlingclub.com.au as early as possible to help with planning!

“Christmas in July”

Friday 21st July 2023 at 6pm

Three Course Dinner

Soup Turkey, Ham & Vegetables Dessert

Cost \$25 per person

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 25th August 2023

7pm for 7:30pm start

Basket Supper

Tables of 8

\$10 per person

LADIES FASHION SHOW

Tuesday 12 September 2023

Arrive at 9.30am for a 10am start.

Designs by Dressed 4 Success

Devonshire morning tea

Door prizes and raffles

Tickets only \$12

If you can help on the day of any of the above events, please let one of Social Committee members know (Karen Bishop, Sue Hogan, Rhondda McMullen or David Aust).

Also contact us if you would like to join the committee.

Other events planned for the first half of the season are ...

- a BBQ dinner after the first home game of the season (date to be advised),
- Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday 7th November 2023, and
- an end of year dinner on Saturday 16 December 2023.

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

Facilities News (from Glenn Miles)

Greens

With winter in full swing and rain falling regularly, anyone coming out to practice MUST check the “green availability board” to ensure they aren’t using a green that is CLOSED.

In the last week, all greens have been closed due to the amount of rain we have had.

Buildings

In the storeroom adjacent to our restroom at the club, a new wall racking system has been installed to house our apparel supplies. Prices are on display for all uniforms and associated apparel.

Judith Katsivas is the contact person should anyone requiring new/replacement items.

Treasurer’s Report (from Tony Holder)

Subs are Due

A Reminder ... subs are due. (If anyone needs a little more time to pay, please speak to Tony Holder to put an arrangement in place.)

Also, when paying your subs, please complete a membership details form ... this will enable the club to decide how many teams to nominate for each pennant day for the new season.



Who is this ... a “few” years ago? (answer is in Editor’s Prerogative.)



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Upcoming tournaments—links to the flyer

[Saturday 9 September 2023 — Open Fours @ Barmera](#)

[Monday 25 September 2023 — Ladies Fours @ Grange](#)

[Monday 2 October 2023 —Open Skins @ Novar Gardens](#)

Do you want to hear about tournaments earlier? If so, please advise Stephen Jones of your email address who is compiling a distribution list for the on-forwarding of tournie flyers as they come to his notice.

In the meantime, 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”.

ICYMI (In case you missed it ...)

[Drake Supermarkets Community Dollars app instructions](#)

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*.

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

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

A strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength.

He made a special case of making fun of Morris, one of the older workmen. After several minutes, Morris had had enough.

“Why don’t you put your money where your mouth is?” he said. “I will bet a week’s wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that out-building that you won’t be able to wheel back.”

“You’re on, old man,” the braggart replied. “It’s a bet! Let’s see what you got.”

Morris reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles.

Then, nodding to the young man, he said, “All right. Get in.”

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