

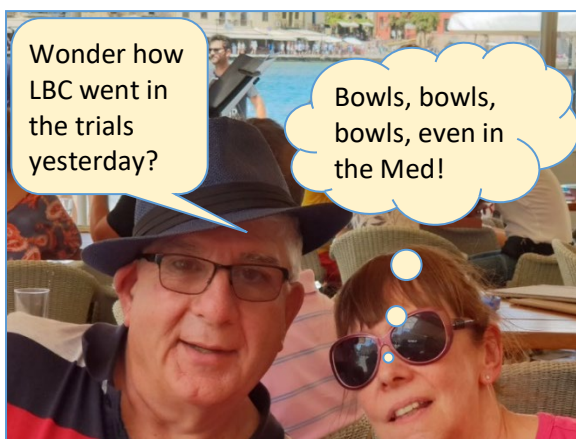


Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)



It has been less than a month since we returned from our overseas travels and already that exciting time is but a distant memory as the busy work at the Club takes shape again.

As of last Saturday, the pennant season has officially begun. Our teams experienced mixed success upon which I'm sure Ashley will elaborate further in his report. I wish all players and teams a successful 2018-19 season.

As you know, the Board has been very active in setting new directions for the Club, which have been driven by our precarious financial position. The Board understands that change can be challenging for members but we are going through difficult times and we must put processes in place to arrest the decline. I can report that all reviews have been completed by the portfolio managers, with the Board considering their tabled

recommendations. To date, members will have noticed that the initial and most significant changes have occurred across the bar. With the review of bar prices, commodities and personnel, bar operations are undergoing a significant transition.

The Board has appointed Mark Ballestrin to a leadership role working with the Bar Committee to help coordinate operations in order to assist Bill Green. This will ensure that Bob Neale will finally be able to be released from the duties he has diligently performed for the Club over a period of many years.

In the coming weeks, you will also notice other changes in the Club. In line with insurance and security requirements, we are reviewing our security procedures. Tony Holder has created an electronic database of member details, with one of the concerning outcomes being that our key register records are neither accurate nor up-to-date. We are reviewing these procedures, along with all security measures, and will need to do a key recall and redistribution, the details of which will be advised shortly by email.

The Bowls Committee is continuing to monitor and review the honour boards and how we might best utilise these in future; Bill Green has cleaned out the locker room; and Stephen Jones has taken over the hall hire management function and is in the process of developing an annual calendar of events, to include a range of social functions for our members.

All-in-all, there is much happening, and I will continue to keep you updated. Thanks to all members for your continued and ongoing support.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

As has been mentioned in the minutes of recent Board meetings, we are investigating an EFTPOS facility for the bar, which we're sure will be welcomed by many of our members and visitors.

The Board is also looking at sourcing Club-branded polo tops for casual wear, for purchase by members for around \$45. They would be in Club colours, with the LBC logo and individual names embroidered on the front. We'll shortly display an example in the Club house, with an accompanying list for those members interested in buying one (or more).

Bowls update (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

Pennants – A very good start to the pennant season last Saturday, with our Division 3 and Division 5 sides recording strong wins and our Division 1 side suffering a narrow loss at Modbury. Our Division 6 side lost to (what I think will prove to be) a pretty strong Novar Gardens outfit.

Unfortunately, we were forced to forfeit our Wednesday Division 4 match against Henley due to insufficient players. While we would usually have enough players to field three Wednesday teams, we appreciate that illness and injury sometimes take their toll. Players are reminded that their unavailability, particularly for other reasons, can have consequences for other Club members, as happened on this occasion.

It appears the Qattro sponsorship we have enjoyed for the last three years will not be continuing this season. However, the Bowls Committee and the Board have been resolute in wishing to continue the 'rink of the week' award. The award will be one drink voucher for each player and will go to the rink which wins by the greatest number of shots each Saturday. The Round 1 winner was the rink of Judith Katsivas, Tyson Rudd, Glenis Screnci and Liz Ormston.

Selection – the selection group will place emphasis on information contained in the debrief sheets to ascertain the form of players throughout the season. Thus, it is imperative that all players take responsibility to participate in the discussion after the game, be aware of and agree with the comments and ratings given to all players and be honest in your assessment. All players in a team should not be rated 'good' when the team has been belted; conversely, when you win, good performances should be acknowledged by an appropriate rating.

If selection changes are deemed necessary because of form, it should come as no surprise to a player being demoted. Please note that selectors will not be contacting such players this season. However, if a player has issues with how they are being assessed in the debrief process or where they are being selected, selectors are happy to discuss at any time (other than immediately

before a game). But it is the player who needs to make the initial contact.

Night Owls – started this week, with our Club conducting separate competitions on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The weather on Tuesday wasn't that good but we still had 13 (of 16) teams on the night, which was very pleasing. Wednesday had 16 (of 18) teams, which again is a great turnout and a credit to the organisation of Lester Todd and his team.

Taylor Bowls Super Challenge – the first round will be played on the evening of Sunday 28 October. We currently have 24 interested players and are expecting to field two teams. If you're interested in participating in a competitive but very sociable competition, please put your name on the Club notice board ASAP.

Club championships – these will commence soon, with the nomination lists already on the notice board. Please place your name in the left-hand column and then tick off the events you wish to enter. Cost will be \$8 per entry, which is a slight increase, primarily because Qattro is no longer sponsoring these events, so the prize money must be funded by entry fees and the Club. Closing date is Saturday 20 October.

State events – one of the ways all players can develop is to play against better players. We therefore urge all players to enter State events. A list of events and closing dates for entries are on the notice board. At the very least, all Division 1 bowlers should be entering these events and flying the Lockleys flag.

Bowls Premier League Cup – congratulations to Bob Ormston, Theo Katsivas, Fred Kovaleff and Ashley Halls for co-winning the State grand final of Bowls Australia's BPL Cup. They will now be competing, together with a team from Club Holdfast, in the National Finals being held at the Pine Rivers Club in Brisbane in mid-November, with airfares and accommodation provided by Bowls Australia. Quarter finals and above will be televised on Foxtel, so hopefully our team will be successful in showcasing the Lockleys Bowling Club to an Australian-wide audience.

Getting to know our newer members

Over the past three editions, we've included brief biographical details of six of our newer members. Unfortunately, we've not been successful in eliciting similar details from our remaining newer members – but we remain hopeful they will decide to contribute to a future edition!

In the meantime, we welcome as new members Rogan Mexted (social member) and Bob Nissen (full member on transfer from Yorketown). We should also mention that Darren Farmilo has transferred to Rosewater, and that Peter Broadbent has moved to Goolwa (and understandably is not renewing his membership).

Social events

Congratulations to Lyn Nixon and her team for hosting a very successful Fashion Parade at the Club in mid-September, attended by around 80 members and guests. The event raised \$1200, which is a great achievement for everyone involved.

The pie + chips night on 28 September was also a great success, attended by around 50 members following the final pre-season pennant practice. Our thanks to Vili's Family Bakery for their sponsorship of the night – and to Bill Green for preparing the meals. It was an enjoyable get-together, raising nearly \$500 for the Club (counting drinks and raffles).



Three upcoming events are:

- **The 'fish night' on Friday 19 October**, commencing at 6pm. Please put your name on the board in the Club house or contact Bill Green on 0417 821 922. These events are regularly netting \$700-900 for the Club, so please continue to support these great nights – and enjoy a Shingleback wine, generously provided to the Club through the much-appreciated sponsorship arrangement facilitated by Reg and Rhonda Davey.

- **Visit to Karidis Retirement Village on Monday 22 October**. 2-4pm at Acacia on Lipsett Community Centre, 33-45 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park. Information session, tour of the village, afternoon tea provided, plus opportunity to win a gift hamper. Flyer and nomination list will be on the notice board shortly. Members are asked to support this activity as our sponsorship arrangement with Karidis is dependent on us getting our members to these events! Contact Bob Ormston on 0408 801 950 if you require further information.



- **Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday 6 November**, 12 for 12.30 start. Flyer and nomination list will be on the notice board shortly. \$6 for quiche lunch. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Plenty of sweeps during the afternoon. Contact Lyn Nixon on 0408 082 581 for further information.

Grants and sponsorship

Still hoping for success with our grant applications, with a recent application submitted to the City of West Torrens for new bowls.

Sponsorship for this season is now \$19,750 (comprising \$15K in cash and \$4750 in product). Thanks to the volunteers who recently assisted to affix new sponsorship signs in the shelter sheds adjoining the greens and on the sponsors' board in the Club house.

If you're aware of grant opportunities or possible sponsors, please contact Bob Ormston, as both are important sources of revenue for the Club.

Our volunteers

In our last edition, we featured the work of the *Cleaning group*. Another group, working hard both to source new members and contribute to the

financial viability of our Club is the *Night Owls team*.

As mentioned earlier, we conduct separate Night Owls competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from early October to March. The Tuesday team includes Lester Todd, Lew Ward, David Navaratnam, Gladys Barratt, Kerry Yianni, Julie Cowling, Carol Walter, Carol Crossley, Fred Kovaleff, Karen Kovaleff, Shirley Howard, Shirley Tink and Judith Katsivas.

The Wednesday team includes Glenn Miles, Stuart McGregor, Lester Todd, Darryl Cowling, Kerry Yianni, Chris Schumacher, Des Schumacher, Margaret Todd, Ros Miles, Lyn Nixon, Heather Penglis, Mike Pearson and Carol Crossley (with apologies to anyone we've missed from either day).

The teams are further supported by bar volunteers, who we'll mention in a future edition.

If you would like to join one or both of the Night Owls teams, please contact Lester Todd on 0400 504 527 (for Tuesday) or Glenn Miles on 0437 870 547 (for Wednesday).

Our sponsors

In this edition, we'd like to acknowledge the longstanding sponsorship support of the Lockleys Hotel, and particularly its manager Greg Hanlin.



Located close to our Club, the Lockleys Hotel is the perfect place for food, fun and entertainment. It offers a friendly, comfortable atmosphere in its sports pavilion, with full TAB facilities, big screens and 11 plasma TVs. The bistro-lounge is a very popular eating spot for our members, offering an extensive à la carte menu, as well as a range of specials. The Hotel also has a gaming room with 40 machines, as well as accommodation facilities.

The Lockleys Hotel is our main supplier of bar products, for which it provides in return sponsorship support for our bowls stickers, as well as separate funding for one of our major tournaments. The Hotel also offers our members a 20% discount on meals from the à la carte menu from Monday to Thursday, which is already being taken up by a number of our members on a regular basis. We just need to produce a Club membership card when ordering meals (which are available from the Secretary).

As for all our sponsors, we encourage members to support the Lockleys Hotel, particularly its bistro-lounge but also its well-stocked bottle shop and other facilities. And mention that you're from the Lockleys Bowling Club so Greg knows that we are supporting the Hotel in return.

Vale

We note with sadness the passing of Marjory Allen, a Life Member of the Club, on 14 September. We extended to her family the sincere condolences of the Club and its members and flew our flags at half-mast that week as a mark of respect. We also placed a memorial tribute in *The Advertiser*, kindly funded by Lyn Nixon's trading table.

Calendar for October

- Thursday 11 October – pennants round 1
- Friday 12 October - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 13 October – pennants round 2
- Tuesday 16 October – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 17 October – pennants round 2; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 18 October – pennants round 2
- Friday 19 October - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice; 6pm 'fish night' at the Club (see social events section for details)
- Saturday 20 October – pennants round 3
- Monday 22 October – 2-4pm visit to Karidis Retirement Village at Brooklyn Park (see social events section for details)
- Tuesday 23 October – 2pm> visit by bowlers from Singapore; Night Owls that evening
- Wednesday 24 October – pennants round 3; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 25 October – pennants round 3
- Friday 26 October - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 27 October – pennants round 4
- Sunday 28 October – Taylor Bowls Super Challenge round 1

- Tuesday 30 October – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 31 October – pennants round 4; Night Owls that evening

Calendar for November

- Thursday 1 November – pennants round 4
- Friday 2 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 3 November – pennants round 5
- Tuesday 6 November – 12 for 12.30 Melbourne Cup function at the Club (see social events section for further details); 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 7 November – pennants round 5; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 8 November – pennants round 5
- Friday 9 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 10 November – pennants round 6
- Tuesday 13 November – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 14 November – pennants round 6; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 15 November – pennants round 6
- Friday 16 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 17 November – pennants round 7
- Tuesday 20 November – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 21 November – pennants round 7; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 22 November – pennants round 7
- Friday 23 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 24 November – pennants round 8
- Tuesday 27 November – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 28 November – pennants round 8; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 29 November – pennants round 8
- Friday 30 November - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice

Phone list

We have an updated phone list ready to circulate to members. However, in the past, some members have indicated they have privacy concerns with the phone list being publicised to all members. If you do not want your phone details publicised, could you please advise the Secretary by 19 October. Otherwise, we'll circulate the full list by email to all members shortly thereafter.

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.

Finally, what may be a true story..

Fred Gibbs was in his early 60s, retired and had started a second career in real estate. But he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, he was 15 or more minutes late.

However, he was a good worker and seemed a really nice guy, so the owner was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, he called Fred into the office, saying "Fred, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic; you do a really good job but being late so often is quite a worry."

"Yes, I realise that's a problem and I am working on it", replied Fred. The owner said, "I'm pleased to hear that. You're a good team player. It's odd though, you coming in late so often. I know you were in the Navy before you joined us. What did they say if you came in late?". "Oh", said Fred, "They'd usually say, 'Good morning Admiral'".

Postscript: Well done to the 2nd side on Wednesday for an emphatic win over Port Adelaide (90-64) and our Thursday sides for both winning their opening games of the season. Great result in particular for the Women's 1st side in defeating Club Holdfast in Premier League 70-63.



and relaxing afterwards back at the Club ...