



Eagle Wrap

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As Sam Katsivas is still overseas (due back 18 September), we don't have the traditional opening words from the President. We're obviously looking forward to his return and hearing how he and Cathy – and Theo and Judith – enjoyed their European trip.

From the Board

Council fees and rates

We circulated an email to members in late August regarding Council fees and rates. We're pleased to repeat the news here:

'The Club normally pays rates and lease fees to the City of West Torrens, which last year totalled \$10,200. As part of its strategy to reduce expenditure and reinvigorate our financial viability, the Board in early June applied to Council for a two-year suspension of rates and fees.

Council has now agreed to waive lease fees and insurance premiums for FY18/19 and provide a rebate on rates, meaning the Club will 'save' at least \$10,000. Council will also consider a similar waiver for FY19/20, depending on our financial position.'

Clean-up of the Club house

Bill Green has proceeded with the clean-up of the lockers, as outlined in our last newsletter. He's reduced the number of lockers, thrown out a fair amount of junk, and is disposing of a considerable number of surplus (and very old) bowls, all of

which will provide more space and a less cluttered environment.

Bowls equipment

Thanks to Geoff Ellis for constructing new trays for the remaining Club bowls, which will facilitate their storage, use and accountability. We've also had donated several indoor bowls mats and bowls (from the Over-50s Club at Mellor Park), providing sufficient equipment for us to consider organising a couple of indoor bowls nights for our members during the next off-season.

Bar update

Following a review of bar stock and prices by the new Bar Committee, headed by Mark Ballestrin, revised prices came into effect on 1 September for almost all products. We will also be rationalising the product range, making it easier for bar sales and purchasing.

This will be the first price increase for a number of years – and the revised prices are still a fair bit lower than commercial outlets. The Board trusts that members will be supportive of the need, which will contribute to the financial viability of our Club.

The Board has also agreed that the Bar Committee should review and, if necessary, discontinue selling draught (keg) beer, in order to reduce the cost and complexity of bar operations and maintenance, as well as eliminating wastage. The decision was prompted in part by advice from the Lockleys Hotel (our supplier) that we are the only sporting and community club in the area still using kegs, which the industry recognises are uneconomical for businesses with relatively low throughput.

Prizes for Club bowls competitions

As reported in the minutes of the August meeting, the Board has agreed that prize money for future Wednesday, Friday and Saturday bowls competitions will be meat trays and bottles of wine. This will be slightly less expensive for the Club (than cash), while providing very useful promotion and trade for our valued sponsors Baa Moo Oink and Shingleback Wines.

Club uniforms

Further to the advice in the last newsletter, the Bowls Committee has recommended to the Board in-principle support for the introduction of new uniforms through a sponsorship arrangement involving no cost to members.

However, given both the total cost and the process of consultation needed with our members, the Board (and Bowls Committee) have agreed that a more detailed investigation is needed of the likely cost and how any introduction might be funded and progressed in collaboration with a potential sponsor. The Board reaffirms that the Club-wide introduction of new uniforms is not being contemplated for this coming season.

Separately, the Board is looking at the possibility of acquiring polo tops, to feature the Lockleys logo, which members could purchase and wear informally at bowls events etc (or just as casual wear).

Bowls update (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

Pre-season trial matches

Trial matches are already underway for the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions. We had a good hit-out against Club Holdfast last Saturday, against some very good opposition and on some very fast greens (except for our third side, who unfortunately played on a very slow green).

The Wednesday and Thursday sides are playing internal trials this week, with the Saturday side against Walkerville, which should be a good day on their home turf. We only have two more weeks before pennants start, so please add your name to the availability list if you want to be considered.

Night Owls

The Night Owls season begins in early October, with 2500 flyers being distributed this week and next within the local area. Thanks to those who volunteered to letter-box drop these flyers and to those who've already volunteered to help run the Night Owls competition, which is hugely valuable to the Club, both in terms of revenue and a source of new pennant players.

We are, however, in urgent need of assistance in the kitchen on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It would involve 2 hours' work (7.30-9.30pm) every third week, in either heating mini pies & pasties or preparing cheese & greens. If you can help, please contact Lester Todd 0400 504 527.

Details of the start dates, as well as the Night Owls' pre-season Sunday practice sessions are in the calendar (later in this newsletter).

Taylor Bowls Super Challenge

The Sunday evening competition starts on Sunday 14 October, with Lockleys hoping to nominate at least two teams (each of 10 players, plus 1-2 reserves). If you're interested in playing in this great competition, which features one singles game, one pairs, one triples and one fours, please put your name on the list on the Club notice board or talk with Ashley Halls for further information.

Club championships

Planning is already underway for this year's Club championships. One of the matters under consideration is whether to change the eligibility for the Open Fours, possibly via a draw or handicap, to encourage wider participation and a more level playing field.

Club tournaments

Planning is also underway for the Open Grand Classic (Saturday 5 January) and the Women's Classic (Sunday before the Country Carnival), with likely prize money of \$2500 and \$1500 respectively. We'll be publicising the details of both events shortly, in order to attract good fields from Adelaide and regional SA.

Congratulations (from the Secretary)

To Peter Roberts, who is currently in Newcastle for the National Bowling Arm Sides Championships, representing SA in both pairs and 4s. Well done Peter for making the 15-person State team.

Also to Ashley Halls who played for the Heysen Comets in the grand final of the SA Super League this past Sunday at Salisbury, where they defeated the South Eastern Spartans in a close and very exciting game. Ashley won his singles match in convincing style, withstanding a late move by his

opponent. It then became a close tussle between the pairs and triples, with the result going down to the final few bowls.

Ashley also won equal-second 'best & fairest' in the overall series, which is a great achievement both for him and our Club.



The winning Heysen Comets,
with Ashley Halls back row far left

Getting to know our newer members

Here's some information about two of our newer members, in their own words.

Ian Tucker

I was born at Alberton and spent the first six years at Ferryden Park, before we moved to Flinders Park. I went to Flinders Park Primary and then on to Thebarton Boys Tech.

Growing up in the 50s and 60s, I liked to listen to my sisters' Bandstand LPs and watch my favourite TV shows, Rin Tin Tin and Fury. I was involved in a lot of sporting activities at the Western Youth Centre on Marion Road; gymnastics, football, cricket, table tennis, volleyball and, in the early 70s, judo. It was handy I had a father who was happy to be involved and take me on Saturdays and at least three nights a week. I went on to become a gymnastics instructor and was nominated and received the Keystone Award for service to the club.

I started work as an apprentice fitter and turner with GMH at Woodville in 1968 and continued working there until retiring 47 years later. The majority of my time was as a maintenance fitter in the Press Shop, looking after the plant and equipment (presses, spot welders, conveyors and E-coat paint shop).

I married Jennifer in March 1972. We purchased a block of land at Kidman Park in '74 and built and moved there the following year. We have two daughters and three grandchildren; two are here in Adelaide who we enjoy looking after during school holidays and taking on caravan trips to visit their cousin who lives in Forster in NSW.

Supporting my daughters, I was on the committee of the Seaview Calisthenics College and the Woodville Little Athletics. I made stage props and set up the athletics equipment on Saturday mornings. I was also team manager for my youngest daughter's hockey team at Grange.

My wife and I enjoy caravanning around Australia and travelling overseas, especially cruising. Our favourite holidays have been China (Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors), Egypt (pyramids and ancient temples). We would like to cruise around Japan in the future.

Mike Pearson

I was born in Wallaroo on the first Tuesday in November 1949, while the Melbourne Cup was running – the nurses deserted my mum to listen to the cup!!

I am the youngest of three siblings, my father and mother were teachers and, when I was 2, we moved to Flinders Park. I went to Findon Primary School, Findon High and Woodville High (where my father was teaching). I was mad keen on sport and played a lot of football (Aussie Rules). I was interested in girls which did affect my study at school a bit.

As well as school sport, I played for Kilkenny Ramblers at the same time as Malcolm Blight and Ray Huppertz, though unfortunately not as good as they were. I also played for Glenunga and tried out for Sturt. I also played Hills football for Heathfield/Aldgate United.

In 1966, after finishing intermediate, I decided that a trade would be a good thing, so I was lucky enough to get an apprenticeship in the printing industry at a firm called Modgraphic. At the completion of my apprenticeship, I worked briefly at Delmonts, doing advertising work, and Mitchell Press, before joining the Government Printing Division.

My other interests were being involved in the Dunant Red Cross Younger Set, where I became president at a time when the younger set took over

running the Multiplication Disco at the Findon Hotel. I enjoyed going to dances, including at the Findon Hotel, where I met my future wife, Gail. We married in September 1973 and have lived in Novar Gardens since. I have two children, Luke and Courtney and, at this stage, five grandchildren.



In about 1987, my wife suggested I play social bowls with three friends (one being Roger Kimber). I have not stopped since, starting at Novar Gardens, then Somerton, Lockleys and Holdfast Bay and now back at Lockleys. I am also a mad keen Adelaide Crows supporter and watch and go to all their matches at Adelaide Oval when I can.

My wife and I have travelled extensively, visiting England, Scotland and Ireland; Europe; Southeast Asia; the Mediterranean; Canada, Alaska and the east coast of America; Hong Kong and China; Singapore; South Africa; and Egypt. Next year we're going to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. One place on our bucket list is Japan, where we're planning to go in the next couple of years.

Social events

A reminder of three upcoming events:

- 9.30 am Tuesday 18 September – **Fashion Parade** at the Club (see Lyn Nixon or Margaret Collins for details)
- 6pm Friday 21 September – **'fish night'** at the Club – names on the flyer at the Club or see Bill Green ASAP
- 5-6.30pm Friday 28 September – final pre-season practice session and **Vili's 'pie and chips night'** at the Club – names on the flyer at the Club

Grants and sponsorship

Still hoping for success with our grant applications, with further applications submitted recently to the Federal Department of Social Services (for volunteers) and the Office for Recreation and Sport.

Sponsorship for this season is now >\$19K in cash and product, with the most recent being Premier Home Loans, courtesy of Theo Katsivas. We're planning to have new sponsorship signs in place – primarily in the shelter sheds adjoining the greens – by the start of the pennant season.

Please note also that the Lockleys Hotel has agreed to continue its generous offer of a 20% discount on meals from its à la carte menu on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, on production of a Lockleys Bowling Club membership card for 2018-19. If you're interested in this offer (which becomes effective from Monday 17 September), please see the Secretary for a card.

Our volunteers

In our last edition, we featured the work of the *Gardening group*. Another group, working 'behind the scenes' to ensure the efficient day-to-day running of our Club, is the *Cleaning group*.

This group cleans the Club house each Friday morning on a roster basis, comprising four teams each of four volunteers. The teams are:

Team A. Brian Teakle, Shirley Tink, Bill Balter and Matthew Mandica.

Team B. Mel Recchi, Heather Penglis, John Pain and Gianni Chirico.

Team C. John Fitzgerald, Lester Todd, Gladys Barratt and Graham Beck.

Team D. Ian Hodder, Chris Schumacher, Des Schumacher and Ian Tucker.

Many thanks to these Club members for their much-appreciated contribution in keeping our Club house clean and tidy (and saving the Club considerable \$ in lieu of a commercial cleaning service).

Our sponsors

In continuing to recognise the importance of our sponsors, here's some information about **Peter Elberg Funerals**, a major sponsor of our Club.

'A leading light of the community.'

Peter Elberg is a highly-regarded leader of the South Australian funeral industry. He has been a funeral professional for over 60 years, after emigrating from Holland in 1959. Throughout his career, Peter has been actively involved in a variety of community activities and, in 2010, was awarded the Order of Australia medal in recognition of his commitment to the community and fundraising for cancer research.

Peter Elberg Funerals is very much a family company. Peter, together with sons Damien and Mark, leads an ever-growing business, committed to excellence, individual care and absolute integrity.

New developments in service

In Australia's diverse society, there is no such thing as a 'typical' funeral. Each is unique according to cultural beliefs and traditions, the specific wishes a loved one may have stipulated, and the personal requests of the family.

As the Australian community becomes more secular there has been a substantial increase in cremation numbers. We do not see this as a diminishing of service, more so an opportunity for bereaved families to customise their options.

Recent refurbishments

The original Peter Elberg Funerals building, completed in 1988, has recently been extended with a new, state-of-the-art chapel and function centre. The centrepiece of the new chapel boasts an impressive indoor waterfall, constructed of Kanmantoo Bluestone quarried from the Adelaide Hills. This feature provides a tranquil and soothing ambience for mourners.



The remainder of 2018 will see refurbishment of the original chapel. On completion, the facility at 280 Grange Road Flinders Park, will boast two entirely separate chapel and function areas, catering for multiple services each day of up to 500 mourners per service.

For further information, please contact Peter Elberg Funerals on 8234 1266 or via email at assist@peterelbergfunerals.com.au

Calendar for September

- Friday 14 September – 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 15 September – trial v Walkerville at Walkerville
- Tuesday 18 September – 9.30am Fashion Parade and Accessories event
- Wednesday 19 September – trial v Walkerville at Lockleys
- Thursday 20 September – trial v Ascot Park at Lockleys
- Friday 21 September – 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 22 September – trial v Somerton at Somerton
- Wednesday 26 September – trial v Toorak Burnside at Lockleys
- Thursday 27 September – trial v Holdfast at Lockleys
- Friday 28 September – 12.30pm social bowls + 5-6.30pm pennant practice session, followed by Vili's pie/pastie & chips night
- Saturday 29 September – AFL grand final (and no trial games)
- Sunday 30 September – 10am Night Owls practice session

Calendar for October 2018

- Wednesday 3 October – trial v Hawthorn at Lockleys
- Thursday 4 October – trial v Hawthorn at Lockleys
- Friday 5 October – 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice
- Saturday 6 October – pennants round 1
- Sunday 7 October – 10am Night Owls practice session
- Tuesday 9 October – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 10 October – pennants round 1; Night Owls that evening
- Thursday 11 October – pennants round 1
- Friday 12 October - 12.30pm social bowls; 4pm pennant practice

- Saturday 13 October – pennants round 2
- Sunday 14 October – Taylor Bowls Super Challenge round 1
- 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
- Saturday 20 October – pennants round 3
- 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 2
- Tuesday 30 October – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 31 October – pennants round 4; Night Owls that evening

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/>

Did you hear the one about.?

It's a Crows-Power showdown at Adelaide Oval and a man makes his way to his seat in the members' stand. He sits down and notices that the seat next to him is empty. After a while, he leans over and asks the woman sitting further along if someone is sitting there. She responds, "No, the seat's empty".

The man exclaims, "Disappointing that a member would have a seat like this for a showdown and not use it". The woman responds, "Well the seat is mine but my husband passed away and this is the first showdown we haven't been at together". The man says, "Sorry to hear that. Wasn't there someone, a friend or relative, who could've taken the seat?" The woman responds, "No, they're all at the funeral".