



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

The current performance of our Saturday Division 1 team is such that a grand final appearance is a tantalising possibility. Without wishing to place undue pressure on the players in that side, such an outcome would result in a promotion to Premier League next season.

Were that to be the case, it would be most desirable for the Saturday Division 3 team to retain its colour so that the gap between our top two teams is not too wide. Our players and selectors are aware of this and are working hard to try and get the best outcomes for the Club.

It would therefore seem that now is the optimum time to be bringing the uniform discussion back into focus. We have had discussions as a Club both formally and informally about the need to change our uniform because it is now dated but, more importantly, because it clashes with the strip of several other clubs which I believe seriously dilutes or diminishes our identity.

Designs of a new proposed uniform in navy blue were displayed on the noticeboard for several months earlier, and many players have personally approached me since to ask when the uniforms are coming, as there appears to be a lot of support for a new design.

I know the Bowls Committee will be discussing this matter at their meeting this week and will put forward their recommendations to the Board.

From a Club perspective, I believe it is timely to be considering the uniform change and that we must explore this initiative. Please speak to a member of the Board or the Bowling Committee if you have

a view you would like to express. I will keep members updated on all developments.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

A few matters from the most recent Board meeting:

Club Patron

The new Mayor of the City of West Torrens, Michael Coxon, has accepted our invitation to become Patron, which is great news particularly in terms of strengthening the already close relationship with Council.

Presentation Night

To be held on Thursday 11 April, commencing at 6.30pm, to include a 3-course set menu dinner + wines on the table, most likely at a cost of \$25 per person. We had almost 100 members and guests last year, so are hoping for similar or even more this year. Details to follow.

2019 AGM

The Annual General Meeting is going to be held on Sunday 26 May, commencing at 10am and followed by a BBQ lunch. The agenda and Annual Report will be circulated to members in due course.

EFTPOS

We now have EFTPOS facilities at the bar, which will hopefully provide a boost to bar sales. Thanks to Theo Katsivas, Graeme Isaacson and Mark Ballestrin for facilitating its introduction.

Modification of the old Secretary's office

Bill Green has been cleaning out the old Secretary's office (adjacent to the men's locker room), with a view to removing the partition wall to enable the indoor bowls mats to be stored within the Club house, which will make them more accessible particularly in the off-season.

Venue hire

Functions and events held at the Club continue to generate considerable revenue. A few examples (all of which exclude bar sales) are:

- Henley Hawks Volleyball Club presentation day (September) - \$416
- SA Badminton AGM (November) - \$559

- Rexel Holdings social function (November) - \$465
- Drakes Social Club (December) - \$471
- Taylor Challenge (January) - \$146
- Scott Jenkins Fitness Group (ongoing) - \$2945

Social functions

Our own social functions similarly contribute substantial revenue to the Club, such as (again excluding bar sales):

- Christmas function - \$471
- Fish Night (December) - \$401
- Grand Classic (January) - \$2578
- Fish Night (January) - \$672

Bowls update (from Ashley Halls, Bowls Director)

Club Championships – Congratulations to Karen Kovaleff, Margaret Livie, Lyn Nixon, Ashley Halls and Bob Ormston, celebrating their success in Club championship singles and pairs finals played on Sunday 3 February. Those players will now go on to represent Lockleys in State Champion-of-Champion events.

The remainder of the Club Championships which started after Christmas are going along nicely but it's important (particularly in the fours) that players make themselves available to play matches sooner rather than later.

Pennant news – We currently have two pennant sides sitting on top of their respective premierships tables; our Division 3 team on Wednesday and our Division 1 team on Saturday. There is a real chance that Lockleys will be hosting pennant finals, so I ask that all members come to the Club and support those sides throughout the finals series.

There are no pennant matches next Wednesday and Thursday (20-21 February) because of the SA v Victoria matches. However, on Wednesday all teams will be travelling to Somerton for a 'friendly' and on Thursday most of our women will be playing in a tournament at Brighton.

Taylor Bowls – The Lockleys bronze side has finished its campaign, winning three of its seven matches and finishing 6th on the ladder. The gold team has two matches remaining. It is currently in 7th position but the table is so tight that two wins could still see the team slip into the top four.

Bowls Committee – The Bowls Committee will be meeting next Tuesday (19 February) to discuss a range of matters, including a couple of initiatives regarding bowls-related activities in the off-season, such as an indoor bowls competition.

Bowls-related courses/qualifications – Bowls SA will be conducting a series of courses each Friday over the coming months, which will include measurer and umpire courses. We need players with these qualifications for each side (and the Club will pay the \$30 course fee), so if you are interested in gaining an officiating qualification – either as a measurer or umpire (or both) – please contact myself or Bob Ormston.

Bowls SA will also be conducting re-accreditation courses for those whose existing qualifications have lapsed or will do so shortly. We will notify relevant players as soon as we have the course details, inviting them to attend such a course.

Membership (from the Secretary)

No change this past month to our numbers – still very impressive at just under 250! However, it's that time of year when players at other clubs start thinking about next season. So if you hear mention of players who are talking of a change, please give encouragement to suitable prospective members to consider moving to Lockleys.

Social events (from Sam Katsivas)

A reminder the **Quiz Night** is being held this coming Friday (15 February) commencing at 7.00pm. Tables of 8-10 (but single entries or lesser numbers can be incorporated). Bring a plate to share. \$20 per person. Late entries welcome. Please contact Lyn Nixon or Sam Katsivas ASAP.

The next **'Fish Night'** is on Friday 15 March. Names on the notice board or contact Bill Green on 0417 821 922. Please note there will not be a Fish Night in February because of the Quiz Night.

A reminder also that we're still raffling a **new set of Taylor bowls**, valued at \$630, to be drawn at the Karidis Retirement Villages' Women's Classic Fours Medley on Sunday 24 March (generously provided by Taylor Bowls as part of the sponsorship arrangement for the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge).

A bit more of our history

Members may find interesting the following excerpt from *Times Have Changed: celebrating 100 years at the Lockleys Bowling Club 1912-2012* (as researched and written by Vern Butler):

The early 1940s

These were difficult times for the Club with so much endeavour being put into the war effort that it was becoming impossible to obtain many materials and labour. The Commonwealth Government issued ration coupons for certain commodities and, at various times, the Committee called on members to donate tea and clothing coupons so that items could be purchased to enable a brew for afternoon tea and for towels to dry the washing up afterwards.

By the early 1950s, the Clubhouse was small but homely, though the bar was a trestle top table with a 10-gallon keg on the floor.

Post-war membership

During the 1950s, interest in bowling soared, with many ex-servicemen joining the Club. The numbers continued to increase [over the next two decades] ... and by 1983, the Club had the State's biggest playing membership with a combined total to 421 bowlers, comprising 279 men and 142 ladies. Twelve teams were entered in the Men's Saturday pennant, while eight teams participated in the mid-week Wednesday competition.

Fundraising in the 1960s

At a Committee Meeting in early 1962, a suggestion was put forward for the Club to invest in a machine for shredding newspapers. There was a demand for this product, which was used as packing material. By November, a paper cutting machine had been installed in the soil shed at the Rutland Avenue site.

Members delivered all the newspapers they could collect to the Club where members were rostered and spent countless hours pushing the papers through the cutters ... [which] was rammed into chaff bags and delivered to Austral Sheet Metal Works, where it was used to pack metal kitchenware. The reward for this effort averaged

in excess of \$3000 per annum. By 1967, the project had achieved its purpose ... and the machine was donated to the Edwardstown Lions Club.

Grants and sponsorship (from the Secretary)

No further news on grants, though we've recently applied to the Office for Recreation & Sport for \$3000 for new bowls (and have contacted Matt Cowdrey MP, asking for his support, as the funding is allocated per electorate).

Sponsorship commitments for this season remain at \$21,150 (comprising \$14,900 in cash and \$6250 in product).

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 (from the Secretary)

In our last edition, we featured the work of the *Selection Committee*. In this issue, we recognise the work of *the Board*.

The Board comprises Sam Katsivas as President, Mark Ballestrin as Vice President, Bob Ormston as Secretary, Graeme Isaacson as Treasurer, Bill Green as House Director and Ashley Halls as Bowls Director.

The Board formally meets on the second Tuesday of each month, with the minutes of each meeting promulgated on the Club noticeboard a few days later. It also conducts routine business out-of-session through informal discussions and email.

Board appointees are generally elected at an Annual General Meeting for a period of two years, with half the appointments up for election/re-election at each AGM. In addition to being responsible to members for the efficient and proper conduct of the Club, the Board also has legal responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act*.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member of the Club – even initially in an assistant capacity – please have a chat with Sam Katsivas or any of the current Board.

Our sponsors (from the Secretary)

A reminder that it's important for our members to support our valued sponsors whenever we can. And please make known to a sponsor that you're

a member of the Lockleys Bowling Club, so they know they're getting a benefit in return.

Major

- Shingleback – with thanks to Reg & Rhonda Davey
- Premier Home Loans – with thanks to Theo Katsivas
- Hypercore – with thanks to Sam Katsivas

Gold

- Peter Elberg Funerals
- Karidis Retirement Villages
- Boral
- Lockleys Hotel

Silver

- Physio One
- Baa Moo Oink
- Vili's Family Bakery
- Adelaide Medical Solutions

Bronze

- Wohlers
- West Beach Parks
- Harbour Town

Prize contributions

Thanks also to Ashley Halls for contributing \$500 to enable rink-of-the-week winners to receive a free drink at the bar. And to Fred & Karen Kovaleff for contributing \$400 as prize money for the Night Owls competition.

Calendar for February

- Friday 15 February – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm; Quiz Night at 7pm – note, no Fish Night in February
- Saturday 16 February – pennants round 15
- Tuesday 19 February – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 20 February – trial game for all sides against Somerton at Somerton – normal pennant timings; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 21 February – note, no women's pennants because of Interstate Competition
- Friday 22 February – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 23 February – pennants round 16

- Sunday 24 February – 6pm Taylor Challenge (gold level) at Henley
- Tuesday 26 February – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 27 February – pennants round 17; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 28 February – women's pennants round 16

Calendar for March

- Friday 1 March – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 2 March – pennants round 17
- Sunday 3 March – Taylor Challenge (gold level) at Somerton
- Tuesday 5 March – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 6 March – pennants round 18; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 7 March – women's pennants round 17
- Friday 8 March – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 9 March – no pennants (because of Prestige Medley)
- Tuesday 12 March – 7pm Night Owls
- Wednesday 13 March – pennant semi-finals; 7pm Night Owls
- Thursday 14 March – women's pennants round 18
- Friday 15 March – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm; Fish Night at 6pm (see separate notice under social for details)
- Saturday 16 March – pennants round 18
- Tuesday 19 March – 7pm Night Owls (last of the season)
- Wednesday 20 March – pennant preliminary finals; 7pm Night Owls (last of the season)
- Thursday 21 March – women's pennants semi-finals
- Friday 22 March – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 23 March – pennants semi-finals
- Sunday 24 March – Karidis Retirement Villages Women's Classic Fours Medley at Lockleys, commencing at 9.30am
- Wednesday 27 March – no pennants (because of Country Carnival) – grand final on 3 April
- Thursday 28 March – women's pennants preliminary finals (with grand final on 4 April)
- Friday 29 March – 12.30pm social pairs, followed by Club practice session at 4pm
- Saturday 30 March – pennants preliminary finals

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, do you remember Forrest Gump?

Forrest Gump died and went to Heaven, where he was met by St Peter, who said, 'I'm sorry Forrest but Heaven is over-loaded and we've been forced to hold an entrance exam'.

'That's alright', answered Forrest, 'What's the exam?' 'Just three questions', said St Peter, 'The first is which two days of the week start with the letter T? The second is how many seconds are there in a year? The third is what was the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?'

'Now', said St Peter, 'Go away and think about those questions until tomorrow'. The following morning, St Peter called on Forrest and asked, 'Well then, which two days of the week start with the letter T?' Forrest replied, 'Today and tomorrow'. St Peter pondered this and decided the answer could be applied to the question.

Moving to the second question, St Peter asked, 'How many seconds in a year?' Forrest responded, 'Just the 12! There's the second of January, the second of February, right through to the second of December, giving a total of 12'. St Peter shook his head but said, 'I'll allow that but you need to get the final question absolutely correct to be allowed into Heaven'.

'Now Forrest, can you tell me the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?' Forrest replied, 'I found this question the easiest. It's Andy'. Totally flabbergasted, St Peter enquired, 'How did you arrive at that?' 'Easy', said Forrest, 'The lyrics say "Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited till his billy boiled"'.
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The moral of this story is that while someone may think differently to most others, they're not necessarily wrong.