



Eagle Wrap

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From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Members' meeting Monday 16 December

You will have all hopefully received the email advising of the special members' meeting at the Club this coming Monday night. For those who haven't, the meeting will start at 7.00pm sharp in the main clubrooms.

At the meeting, I'll share with you the latest information I have regarding the future of our Club. For those who have prior engagements or can't attend for other reasons, if you email me to let me know, I'll send you a copy of the letter on Monday just prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Greens

May I take this opportunity to thank **Tim Dodds** who is continuing to look after our greens at what was effectively very short notice. We very much appreciate the work you are doing Tim.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of **Geoff Ellis**, in particular, as well as **Darryl Cowling**, who devote a lot of their time in helping Tim maintain the greens. Thank you, guys. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated.

Finally, in relation to greens matters, if bookings are made for outside groups to use our greens, can I ask that anyone making such a booking consults with Geoff Ellis, our greens' manager, to ensure their use is being effectively coordinated.

Christmas greetings

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas, I'd like to remind you that our Christmas function will be held on Saturday 21 December, offering a three-course meal and convivial bonhomie (a good time had by all).

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas, a time to have a break from bowls, to connect with your family and I hope to see in the New Year with verve and gusto. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.

Merry Christmas one and all.



From the Board (from the Secretary)

At its meeting this week, the Board approved membership applications (for Night Eagle transition membership) from Matteo Mandica, Brian Mitchell and John Meighan. Hopefully they'll be available to fill-in for some pennant games in the New Year if needed.

In addition to our 140 or so Night Owlers, we now have 84 full, 9 life, 9 associate, 6 Night Eagle transition and 5 social members.

We're also pleased to report the Club made a net profit of almost \$8000 in November and that the Club's liquidity is now close to \$45,000.

Bowls (from Ashley Halls)

Pennants

At what is almost the halfway point of the season, the Club is travelling reasonably well – though we're clearly hoping for better results for our Saturday sides in the New Year (notwithstanding that our first side has beaten both grand finalists from last year.!). The standings as at Wednesday 11 December are:

Wednesday

1st side – 2nd
2nd side – 3rd
3rd side – 6th

Thursday

1st side – 2nd
2nd side – 8th

Saturday

1st side – 9th
2nd side – 10th
3rd side – 5th
4th side – 10th

On both Wednesdays and Saturdays, we have a few more players than needed each week, so unfortunately some members are being rotated through our list of reserves.

Taylor Challenge Cup

After four rounds, our Gold side is in 5th position. Against Henley last Sunday, the fours were the only winners. The next round is on Sunday 19 January, though the Gold side has a bye that evening.

After six rounds, our Bronze side is in 2nd position. Against Glenelg last Sunday, they won the singles and fours but lost the tie break. Their next game is at Sturt on Sunday 19 January.

Club tournaments

A reminder that our **Open Grand Classic** is being held on **Saturday 4 January**, starting at 10am, with prize money of \$2500. Members are encouraged to enter a team (open gender). The entry fee is \$120, which of course includes lunch. Details are on Facebook; we've also

circulated flyers to bowling clubs throughout the State. Regardless, if you've friends at other clubs, please let them know and encourage them to enter a team.

Advance notice also of our **Ladies Classic** to be held on **Sunday 2 February** (just prior to the start of the Men's Country Carnival). A flyer and nomination form will be on the noticeboard shortly.

Night Owls (by Lester Todd)

A reminder that Night Owls will resume in the New Year on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 January.

In this issue, we're featuring one of our Night Owls teams, the 'Saints'.

The Saints originally formed as a suburban basketball team, switching to lawn bowls at Lockleys in 2003. Their first premierships came in 2004 and the team is the first-named on our Night Owls honour board. Many premierships have followed.

The team continues to perform strongly on Tuesday evenings and is made up of the following members:

Paul Williams – married with 1 child; soon to retire from the IT area of Attorney-General's Department. His hobby is old cars and he's a Crows supporter.

Peter Nottage – married and retired; recently purchased a new home at West Beach. Would like to play pennants once his life is more settled. Loves his Night Owls and is a Power supporter

Nadio Correani – married with 4 grandchildren. Retired from SA Water as a technical officer. Keen fisherman and Power supporter. He and his wife will be joining our bowls trip to Southeast Asia in May.

Adelino Neves – married with 2 grandchildren. Still drives part-time but previously had his own cafe at Semaphore. Keen supporter of the Adelaide Reds and Power. Adelino is a

relatively new boy, starting with the Saints 3 years ago. He and wife will also be travelling with us to Southeast Asia



L-R: Adelino Neves, Peter Nottage,
Paul Williams, Nadio Correani

Social and fundraising

Christmas function

A reminder that our Christmas function will be held on **Saturday 21 December**, commencing at 6pm. It includes a 3-course dinner for the cost of \$25 per person. A flyer and nomination sheet are already on the noticeboard, so please add your details for what should be a most enjoyable evening.

Please note also that we're asking for **pre-payment of the \$25 by 18 December**, which can be made by EFT or by cash or cheque in the box near the bar.

Calendar for December

Friday 13 December – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 14 December – 1pm pennant game
(all sides away – and last pennant game before Christmas)

Saturday 21 December – Club Christmas function, commencing at 6pm

Calendar for January

Saturday 4 January – Open Grand Classic Tournament (at Lockleys)

Tuesday 7 January – 7pm Night Owls season recommences

Wednesday 8 January – 12.30pm pennant games (all games away); 7pm Night Owls season recommences

Thursday 9 January – 9.45am pennant games (both sides home)

Friday 10 January – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 11 January – 1pm pennant games (all sides away)

Tuesday 14 January – 7pm Night Owls

Wednesday 15 January – 12.30pm pennant games (all sides home); 7pm Night Owls

Thursday 16 January – 9.45am pennant games (both sides home)

Friday 17 January – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 18 January – 1pm pennant games (all sides home)

Tuesday 21 January – 7pm Night Owls

Wednesday 22 January – 12.30pm pennant games (all sides away); 7pm Night Owls

Thursday 23 January – 9.45am pennant games (both sides away)

Friday 24 January – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice

Saturday 25 January – 1pm pennant games (all sides home)

Tuesday 28 January – 7pm Night Owls

Wednesday 29 January – 12.30pm pennant games (all sides home); 7pm Night Owls

Thursday 30 January – 9.45am pennant games (both sides home)

Friday 31 January – 12.30pm social bowls;
4.30pm pennant practice

Sunday 2 February – Ladies' Classic Tournament (at Lockleys)

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.

Did you hear the one about?

A woman took a very limp duck to a vet. As she laid her beloved pet on the table, the vet put his stethoscope to the bird's chest and listened carefully. A moment later, he shook his head and said sadly, "I'm really sorry madam but your duck has passed away."

"Are you sure?", she said, with tears flooding her eyes. "Yes, I'm sure", said the vet, "Your duck is definitely dead."

"But how can you be sure?", the woman protested, "you haven't done any testing or anything. Perhaps he's just stunned or in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes and left the room. A few minutes later, he returned with a black Labrador. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the Labrador stood on his hind legs, puts his front paws on the examination table and sniffed around the duck. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later the vet returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and delicately sniffed at the duck. After a moment, the cat shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "Look madam, I'm really sorry but, as I said before, your duck is dead." The vet then turned to his computer, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.

The duck's owner, still in shock, looked at the bill and said, "\$350 just to tell me my duck is dead! You must be joking."

The vet shrugged his shoulders and said, "I'm sorry madam. If you'd taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$75. However, you wanted further testing, so the Lab Report and Cat Scan have bumped it to \$350."

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

