



Eagle Wrap

August 2020

No. 32

This month ...

- **From the President**
- **Outcomes from the AGM**
- **From the Board**
- **Bowls report**
- **Taylor Bowls Super Challenge raffle draw**
- **Measurers & Umpires**
- **Proposed pennant pre-season schedule of trails & games**
- **Up-coming tournaments – links to the flyer**
- **Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 30 August**
- **Cancellation of the Fashion & Accessories Show**

From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Thank you to the people who attended the AGM last Sunday. It was a well-attended meeting and the business of the day was concluded in record time. The board acknowledges the support of the membership in the directions in which it is trying to steer the club. It was evident to me that everyone is on board with the way we are trying to move the club forward, and I can assure you that the board recognises and appreciates that.

At the meeting I thanked Bob Ormston and Graeme Isaacson for their invaluable service as outgoing board officials. I would like to re-iterate that in this newsletter for those people who were not able to attend the AGM.

We are indebted to Bob who not only took on the role with distinction, but implemented many of the new initiatives that we as a new board identified as being critical to the resurgence of the club, from forensic analysis of accounts and payments to providers, through to application of grants and the seeking of exemptions for payments even when these had only the slightest hint of possible success. Bob was my wing-man for two years and he provided invaluable wise counsel and a levelling influence at board level. Thank you, Bob, for your service to Lockleys. Bob has agreed to continue to apply for grants in the future even though he will no longer be on the board.

I also thanked Graeme Isaacson who undertook the role of Treasurer. Graeme was always going to be limited in terms of the time he could devote to the job because of other life priorities – however, perhaps sadly for Graeme although fortunately for us – things did not work out that way. Graeme only knows one way and that is check, double-check and then check again! His middle name is “meticulous” and that’s the standard he works towards. As a result, we enjoyed extremely thorough reporting of financials at board level, notwithstanding that Graeme did not meet his own standards of relaxation in being able to have as much personal time as he would have liked. Thank you, Graeme, for your service to Lockleys.

Both of those gentlemen have left a legacy of thoroughness and a raft of sound policies and practices for our club that will keep us in good stead.

I welcome the new members to the board. Tony Holder, we know, is a great member for our club and we welcome him to the role of Treasurer. Arn Fraser is a relatively new member but in a short space of time has established his credibility and we look forward to his contribution. I also welcome Peter Thaler to the board as the new Greens Manager. Peter has retired recently and is now looking to contribute a little more to the club – thank you Peter.

Mike Pearson was re-elected for a further term while Ashley Halls and Mark Ballestrin will continue through their current terms.

The composition of the new board therefore is as follows:

President – Sam Katsivas

Vice-President – Mark Ballestrin

Secretary – Arn Fraser

Treasurer – Tony Holder

Marketing & Sponsorship Manager – Mike Pearson

Bowls Director – Ashley Halls

Green’s Manager – Peter Thaler

Please remember that the board works to ensure that Lockleys Bowling Club continues to be a viable and vibrant club operating within a set of core values and expectations that define us.

Members should feel free to approach individual board members with confidence on any matter they wish to discuss, and the board will, under advisement, do its very best to resolve, mitigate or clarify the issue(s) raised.

The first meeting of the new board will be on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm in the boardroom.

Outcomes from the AGM (from the Secretary)

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 16 August and was very attended, with 50 members in attendance (and apologies from 21).

Five board positions were filled by show-of-hands. Reference was made to four of these earlier in the newsletter and the fifth was the re-election of Sam Katsivas as Club President.

The meeting also agreed – as recommended by the Board – to keep membership fees at the same level as last season, in recognition of the uncertainties and hardships imposed by COVID.

Most members have already renewed their membership but, for the few who haven't, we encourage you to do so shortly, not least because ***participation in the pre-season trials is dependent on being financial.***

After the AGM, most members stayed for a sausage & bread and drink, with thanks to Mark Ballestrin for preparing the BBQ and providing the bar service.

From the Board (from the Secretary)

As mentioned in a previous *Eagle Wrap*, City of West Torrens Council has now repaired the ceiling beam in the main hall, which seemed to have been fractured/moved out of position slightly, assuring us the damage is not structural.

The Council has also agreed to, at its expense, remove our existing bar fridges (and associated compressors) and replace them with at least two upright fridges, as well as refurbishing the impacted bar area, which is great news. We're expecting the work to be completed by mid-September.

We're also going to ask the Council to consider new signs for the Club at both ends of Rutland Avenue (Bradman Drive and Henley Beach Road) to better promote the Club to passing traffic.

Bowls (from Ashley Halls)

It's been a long winter but hopefully a new season is just around the corner. The following is information which we know, but of course, one or two things could be subject to change.

- The pennant season is due to start in early October (Wed 7th, Thurs 8th, Sat 10th). The format for each day at this stage will be the same as previous years. The MBA may have some contingency plans if COVID restrictions are tightened and any such changes will be communicated to you.
- The MBA have indicated that some modifications may be necessary around the provision of food at pennant tea breaks. More will be known about this closer to the start of the season.

- A pennants trials programme has been put together – you will find it in the next section of this newsletter. Our first Saturday trial (internal) will be on 5 September.
- On Saturday 19 September, we will hold a presentation ceremony to acknowledge the club tournament winners from last season. It will start at 12 noon and be followed by internal trials.
- The selectors for the coming season are currently being finalised and an announcement will be made prior to the first trial.
- Lockleys will be entering teams in the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge which is played on some Sunday nights during the season. The current schedule of Bowls SA events suggests that the majority of these nights will be in the new year. You will hear more about this competition as we get closer to the season.
- **Lastly, and most importantly**, it has been decided to continue running two night of Night Owls (Tuesday & Wednesday). The first night will be Tuesday 20 October. After years of sterling service to the club, both Lester Todd (Tuesday) and Glenn Miles (Wednesday) have stepped down from their co-ordinator roles and the club is therefore needing to fill these two roles. Strong support and assistance will be provided. Please speak to me (Ashley Halls) if you can assist the club in this role on one of the nights.

Taylor Bowls Super Challenge raffle draw

A raffle for a set of Taylor Bowls ran for a large part of last season.

It was drawn on Sunday at the conclusion of the AGM and the lucky winner was “in the room”.

Congratulations to Heather Penglis.



Measurers & Umpires (from Tony Holder)

In short, the club needs several more measurers and umpires.

Both require the completion of a course run by Bowls SA, but neither are onerous or difficult.

If you are interest in undertaking one or both, please speak to Tony Holder.

According to the club’s database on such matters, the club currently has no accredited measurers as all accreditation have expired ... and only one umpire, Tony Holder.

If anyone has re-qualified as a measurer or umpire, please speak to Tony so that the database can be updated.

Proposed pennant pre-season schedule of trails & games

Saturday 5 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Wednesday 9 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Thursday 10 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Saturday 12 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Wednesday 16 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Thursday 17 September	Trial games v Ascot Park @ Ascot Park
Saturday 19 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Wednesday 23 September	Trial games v Somerton @ Somerton
Thursday 24 September	Internal trial @ Lockleys
Saturday 26 September	Trial games v Henley @ Henley
Wednesday 30 September	Trial games v Henley @ Lockleys
Thursday 1 October	Trial games v Holdfast Bay @ Lockleys
Saturday 3 October	Trial games v Woodville @ Lockleys
Wednesday 7 October	Pennants round 1
Thursday 8 October	Pennants round 1
Saturday 10 October	Pennants round 1

Upcoming tournaments—links to the flyer

Ladies Fours tournament @ Tranmere on Monday 28 September

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Yabt9Y5TaXfv0CnNYkdPIXTJwr5vRapn/view?usp=sharing>

Cosmo Skins Invitational @ Novar Gardens on Monday 5 October (public holiday)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S6RYVaZ_cVfteweYTghihVF_DHuLaEQD/view?usp=sharing

If you cannot access the flyer via the link, please contact Stephen Jones on 0401-991-980.

Social & Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 30 August

Per the email that was sent to members on Monday 17 August, the Club has been offered the opportunity to run the fund-raising BBQ at the almost new Bunnings store at Adelaide Airport on Sunday 30 August. This a great income opportunity for the Club.

The BBQ is manned from 9.00am to 4.00pm and requires 5 volunteers to work in shifts. It has been suggested a shift should be no longer than 3 hours.

Lester Todd has been accredited as BBQ Captain and volunteers are needed to fill the roles of Cook, Greeter, Orders (1 or 2) and Collector.

Because of COVID regulations, the strict compliance of food handling procedures, sanitisation and safe distancing rules are monitored by a Bunnings Supervisor.

Lester is seeking the support of members to volunteer for a 2 to 3 hour shift around the times of 8.30-11.30, 11.30-2.00 or 2.00--4.30pm.

Because of the planning required, please contact Lester (0400 504 527) by Sunday 23rd August if you can help on the BBQ.

For your information, the stock of sausages, bread, onions, sauces and drinks have to be supplied by the Club.

Cancellation of the Fashion and Accessories Show

Please know that the **Fashion & Accessories Show**, which was being organized by Lyn Nixon and Margaret Collins and scheduled for Tuesday 15 September has been **CANCELLED** owing to changes in COVID guidelines by the government.

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.

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

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart" he answered. "God made me a long time ago." "Oh" she paused. "Grandpa did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, the little girl observed "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"