



GAZETTE - MAY 2015

Membership Recruitment Committee

We are in a time of change and the sooner we come to grips with it the less change will occur to TBC. We want to be proactive and start doing something for the future of TBC before we are forced to do something because when you are forced the alternatives are fewer and less appealing.

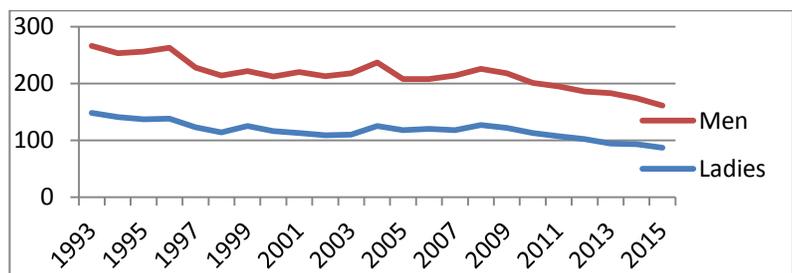
Over the past few years our Zone (9) has experienced the following:

- Lindfield Bowling Club - Looking for merger partner
- Mosman Bowling Club - Sold freehold to Mosman Council
- Northbridge Bowling Club - Closed
- Dee Why RSL Bowling Club - Closed
- Hornsby Bowling Club - Down to one green and operating on volunteer basis only and without a liquor license

In 2014 Artarmon and Chatswood Ladies Clubs fielded combined Pennants side as there were not enough players available.

Also Zone 9 is so concerned at the decline in numbers that in March 2015 they convened two meetings to specifically discuss how to recruit both men and women to the sport of lawn bowls. These meetings were held at Manly and Gordon Bowling Clubs and each Zone 9 club was asked to send along one or more representatives from both the men's and women's clubs. Representatives from TBC who now make up the MRC (Membership Recruitment Committee - Marilyn Brenner, Jeanette Staniland, Bill Parry & David Blackwell) attended.

What is the state of our club. The graph below represents membership from 1993 to 2015. as you can see it is in decline. In just 22 years the number of men have declined by 39.5% and ladies by 41.2%. We also know that 33% of our bowling members don't actually bowl. You don't have to be Houdini to figure out where it will end up if we do nothing.



The MRC has met subsequent to the Zone 9 Gordon Bowling Club meeting and identified a number of initiatives which were then presented to the TBC Board for agreement and support. I am pleased to report that the Board unanimously supported almost all presented initiatives. We will not run all of them out at once but will present each one when appropriate.

The first initiative which was identified as the one that could be done now and has proven very affective for the TBC ladies is **Word of Mouth**. What is this all about.

Word of Mouth - BRING A FRIEND

We ask that each of the bowlers, both men and ladies seek out a friend, neighbour or acquaintance, preferably one from within a reasonable radius of TBC and invite them along for a game of bowls. The person can be of either sex, ladies can bring ladies or men, men can bring ladies or men. If you can bring along a couple then so much the better. For the friend who comes and plays a game of bowls will get:

- the game at no charge
- Free Friday night meal *within 1 month* of playing the game of bowls

The game and meal will be on a one time only basis

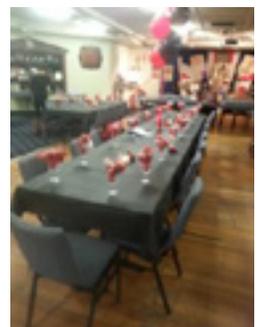
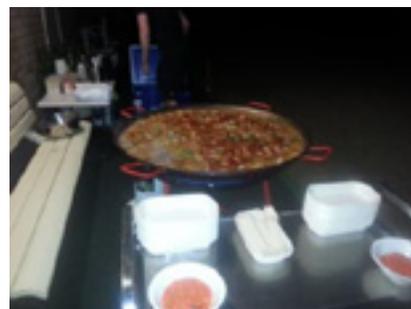
All they have to bring is a pair of flat shoes or play in bare feet.

We are all in this together. It is no good leaving it to your mate or for the men to leave it to the ladies or visa-versa. Every new person we can bring through the front door and get to play a game of bowls is a potential new member and puts us one person further away from having to look at a merger or other remedies.

We would encourage all TBC bowlers to seriously look to introduce one of their neighbour's or friends to bowls at TBC.

David Blackwell (On behalf of the MRC)

SPANISH NIGHT



On Thursday 23rd April a number of guests enjoyed a night of Spanish food. Andy Thompson provided a very large paella pan and cooked us tastyl authentic paella. This was followed with a delicious Brazilian Tart. A great night was had by all who attended.

HAMO'S TeeBeeCee REPORT

FINANCIAL

- ◆ P&L covering our 2014/15 financial year to 31st March resulted in a loss of \$41,666 which is \$12,715 higher than for the same period last year (i.e. loss of \$28,951).
- ◆ YTD Profit before allowing for depreciation is \$40,084.
- ◆ Again, the auditors verbally commented on our satisfactory financial performance whilst stating that other small clubs are generally struggling.
- ◆ Total current assets of \$302,304 (\$300,539: 2014) includes cash assets \$272,843 (\$269,457: 2014) providing us with a sound financial base.

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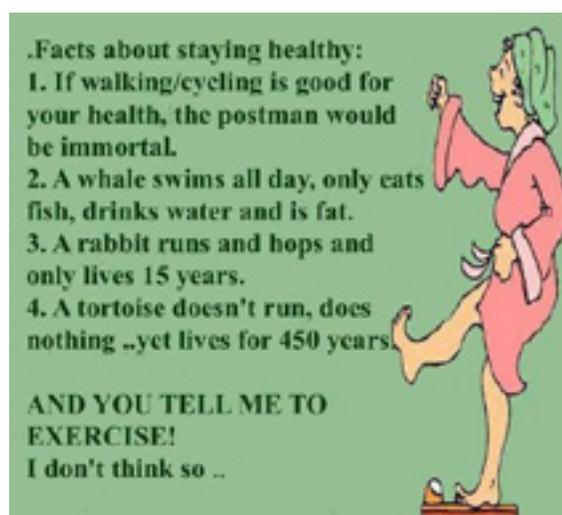
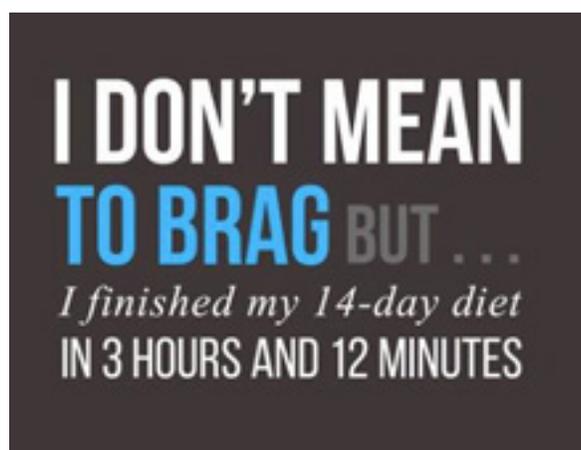
- ◆ Gaming Machine Net Clearances are **down** by \$1,148 (1%) despite turnover increasing by \$84,779 over the same period last year. Return to player for the year = 89.66%.
- ◆ We have increased some prices on our Friday Night Menu: 1st increase since August 2013! Prawn Twisters and Salt & Pepper Calamari are now available as main meals in addition to entrees.

BOWLS & MEMBERSHIP (TB&MC)

- ◆ Position as @ 21/4/15 = Voting Membership 234, Social Membership 408: Total = 642.
- ◆ Welcome to John Devlin as our newest bowling member and also to our six (6) new social members.

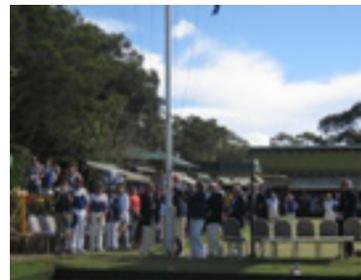
MEN'S BOWLING CLUB (TMBC)

- ◆ Congratulations to Herbie Brenner on being selected to represent Zone 9 in this year's Metropolitan Seniors' Inter-Zone series. Keep playing well Herbie
- ◆ The semi finals of the 2015 Major Singles are scheduled for Sunday 12th May with Bill McMurdy V Peter Low and Bob Hawtree V Ken Wallis.
- ◆ The delayed pair's final date is yet to be decided (possibly 31st May) due to those players still involved with the Major Singles: the final is between George Lee & Ken Wallis against Peter Low & Geoff Hamilton.



ANZAC DAY

The weather held out for ANZAC DAY Service. The attendance at the service was good and fifty plus bowlers played for the afternoon. Money was raised for Legacy from the spider. Thank you to the ladies who helped with the savouries and high tea at the end of the day. Thank you to Guy Smith for his address, Sandy, Graham, Peter and Dick for their contributions to the service.



Turrumurra Bowling Club was again honoured to have memorabilia displayed at the club by Warwick Sharpe a long time member of our club. Over two hundred students from Turrumurra North Public School walked to the club to view the display, along with many members of the public. The article below appeared in last week's Advocate. Thank you Warwick.



MIXED BOWLS REPORT

The Final of the Mixed Triples will be between :
Warwick Bridge, Jenny Wallis and Ken Wallis v. Jan Martin, Pete Low and Sue Hamilton.
The date is to be advised.

The next Championship event is the Mixed Pairs . . .think about a partner for a great competition in early August.

All bowlers are invited to play each Friday in Mixed Social bowls in a relaxed atmosphere, hosted by Dorothy McDermott. Card call is at 12.45p.m. Afternoon tea will be a secret delight.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LADIES CLUB

The ladies pennant season was finally completed last week. Our Grade 1 Pennant Team finished third and Grade 3 are patiently waiting for a result between the Belrose and Forestville game still to be played as a result of wet weather. Fingers crossed.

The club Minor Singles is the next competition to be held and I encourage all those eligible to have a go, it is one of the few times you get to play using four bowls.

We will be hosting our Big Morning Tea at our AGM on 19th May, come along and join us for a "cuppa".

Good bowling to all.

Sue Hamilton - President

LADIES' BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR MAY & START JUNE 2015

Sat 3 - 7	MAY	Aust. Indoor Singles Qualifying
Tue 5	MAY	Social bowls - open draw Minor Singles Rd 1
Tue 12	MAY	Social bowls Minor Singles Rd 2
Fri 15 - 17	MAY	Metro V Country
Mon 18	MAY	Killara Autumn Carnival
Tue 19	MAY	Social bowls AGM Minor Singles Rd 3
Thu 21	MAY	RPO Pennants
Fri 22	MAY	alt RPO
Mon 25-29	MAY	State Carnival
Tue 26	MAY	Social bowls Minor Singles Rd 4
Fri 29	MAY	Kookaburra Carnival @ West Pymble
Mon 1 - 5	JUNE	District Singles
Tue 2	JUNE	Social bowls - open draw
Mon 8	JUNE	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

MEN'S BOWLS PROGRAMME MAY & START JUNE 2015

SAT	2	MAY	M	Zone Pennants	Rd 8	Zone 9
SUN	3	MAY	All	1st Sunday Century 21 Handicap Pairs		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	3	MAY	All	Mixed Triples Championships	MT 4	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	6	MAY	M	Sponsored Day		THE LANDINGS
SAT	9	MAY	M	Zone Pennants	Rd 9	Zone 9
SUN	10	MAY		Mothers Day		
SUN	10	MAY	All	2nd Sunday Jackpot Mixed Pairs		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	10	MAY	M	Major Singles Championships	C4	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	13	MAY	M	Sponsored Day		Turrumurra COMMUNITY BANK
SAT	16	MAY	M	Zone Pennants	Rd 10	Zone 9
SUN	17	MAY	All	3rd Sunday Mufti	Rd 7	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	17	MAY	M	Zone Pennants (Catch Up Day Rds 6-10)	RES	Zone 9
SUN	17	MAY	M	Major Singles Championships	C5	
WED	20	MAY	M	Sponsored Day		SOUTHERN SUN SKIN CARE
SAT	23	MAY	M	Sponsored Day		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SAT	23	MAY	M	State Pennants		Final Zone 9 Grades 2-7
SUN	24	MAY	M	State Pennants		Final Zone 9 Grades 2-7
SUN	24	MAY	M	Major Singles Championships	C6	
SUN	24	MAY	All	4th Sunday		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	27	MAY	M	Sponsored Day		I TALK TRAVEL HORNSBY
SAT	30	MAY	M	Sponsored Day		ASNU GROUP OF TRADES
SAT	30	MAY	M	State Pennants (Spare day for Finals)		Res Zone 9 Grades 2-7
SUN	31	MAY	M	State Pennants (Spare day for Finals)		Res Zone 9 Grades 2-7
WED	3	JUN	All	TMBC AGM		

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in a Care Home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."



"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug."

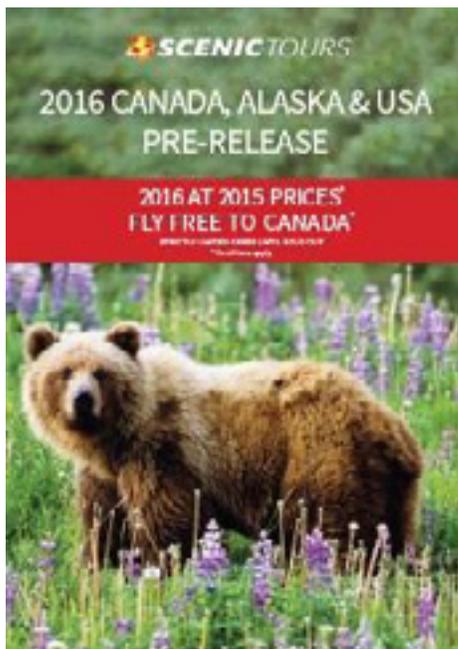
Do you want a bed near the window?"

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five top tips for INVESTORS

If you are considering investing in property, these tips will help you secure the right property and make the most of your investment.

1. Buy in an area that you know

Try not to buy too far away from where you live; you will lose a certain amount of control and why not enjoy your investment when you drive past or when you need to inspect it.

You will also have a better understanding of the market and if there are any issues or problems, you will be close by.

2. Avoid negative gearing

Negative gearing is when the cost to maintain your investment exceeds the money you make from it. Make sure you don't over-commit financially because if today's low interest rates go up, you may be forced to sell.

Keep in mind that if you buy in an area with high turnover and at an average price, more people will be able to afford to rent it and more people can afford to buy it, so not only will you minimise vacancy rates, but if you need to get out you can.

3. Do your research

Make sure you do your homework on average rents, property values, suburb reports and any foreseeable changes in the area.

Choose a property that suits the majority of tenants in that particular area. Features such as off-street parking, good sized bedrooms and good positioning to shops and local transport will ensure that your property is attractive to renters.

4. Don't be fooled by guaranteed rentals

You may have to pay a premium with certain marketing companies who offer 'guaranteed rental income'. Check the true value of the property by researching recent sales in the area to make sure that you avoid paying more upfront.

5. Hold on long term

Real estate is a long term investment; if you are thinking of bowing out, try to remember that history has shown that prices will always go up. The longer you can afford to commit, the better.