



# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM CHAIRMAN DAVID:



### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY:

The most exciting development this month has been a re-negotiation of electricity supply, firstly through our existing retailer, Origin, then Lumo, before eventually reaching agreement with Energy Australia, with expected annual savings, including GST, of approximately \$3,500 per annum, on top of earlier detailed savings that came from our Solar Installation.

### WORKING BEE:

The other very satisfying development was the 14<sup>th</sup> September working bee, which saw 16 able bodies in attendance. All the potholes in the gravel roadway were filled and compacted, Hovell St. shelter spoutings cleaned, pavers lifted from around the BBQ area and stored in preparation for new concrete, and much sweeping, cleaning of seating, etc. in preparation for the Ladies' "Generations" Day". Rob Ashworth's generous painting efforts over three days is particularly commendable and greatly appreciated. The next 9-11am working bee is scheduled the second Monday in October, being the 12<sup>th</sup> with coffee and socializing to follow.

### UNIFORMS:

Director John Harding was absent in Coffs Harbour for our September Meeting, but in his absence, recognition was given to the fact that "Finer Embroidery" now has access to a registered supplier with Bowls Australia of official Bowling Uniforms. Accordingly in future the Wodonga Bowls Club will be negotiating with the local agent to see if a better deal and greater satisfaction can be achieved when next making a purchase.

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Board again met with Josh Thornton, Bowls Aust. Regional Bowls Manager for the North East of Victoria, on the 4<sup>th</sup> September to further develop a Strategic Plan for the Club going forward over the next 2-5 years, and the input from members in this process has been very helpful. Further discussions will take place soon.

### WASTE DISPOSAL:

The Club has also reviewed its waste disposal operation, and hopefully has become a better Corporate Citizen, and saved money in the process. The Club now has separate bins for general kitchen waste, etc., familiar yellow lid bins for recycling of cans and bottles, a special bin for cardboard only, and another bin for general waste that might come from the greenkeeper or discarded furniture for example. But the Club only pays for bins that are put out for collection!! Everyone's help in assisting with this process would be appreciated.

### CLUBHOUSE LIGHTING:

While being very careful about expenditure, the Board is also looking at Clubhouse lighting and aesthetics, which is particularly important if we are to remain competitive in attracting function hire, and we are currently waiting for a report on the cost /benefit evaluation of installing cheaper operational LED lighting.

### BINGO:

The Board has resolved that "Bingo" will definitely operate between Xmas & New Year on Tues. Night the 29<sup>th</sup> of December. Experienced volunteers needed!

Have you noticed the new "no Cost" Rose Garden to the right of the Club front entrance which replaces the diseased bushes removed in July, and Liz & Ralph's precision planting?

## WINNERS ARE GRINNERS:

Congratulations to:

**Ashley Bates, Alan Sampson (Torquey) and Tony Nelson (Burden Park).**

Winners of the FINER EMBROIDERY/WESTMONT Spring Triples.

**Klive Liverton and Kylie Whitehead.**

Winners of the HILDA HAWKINS Mixed Pairs.

**Lyn Retallick, Joy Packer, Pat Polley and Maxine Nielsen (Tallangatta).**

Winners of the GENERATIONS Women's Fours.

**Louise Farrar.**

Runner-up in the *Ladies O&M Novice Singles.*



## HILDA HAWKINS MIXED PAIRS:



In ideal weather conditions 24 pairs competed in the prestigious 55th HILDA HAWKINS MIXED PAIRS held on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Played over three games of 10 ends the event was taken out by Kylie Whitehead and Klive Liverton, three games plus 28 shots, with Marg Vlacci and Gary King, three games plus 23 shots runners-up. The best last game winners were Alan and Cheryl Morgan.

Once again the club is greatly appreciative of WODONGA BORDER CARPETS for their generous sponsorship of this event which is held annually in memory of past long time member and office bearer Hilda Hawkins who until her death a few years ago sponsored this event.

## SPRING SINGLES and INVITATION SPRING TRIPLES:

What a great weekend. An extremely successful tournament for the club.

Beginning on Friday with the knockout singles. A small but competitive field of 26 players both male and female, paying \$10 each, took to the green in a game format not seen at the club for many years. Starting at 2.00pm games were played continuously through to 6:00pm, culminating in a great and tight final with Lance Bradshaw from Swanpool just getting over the top of our own Fred Baldock. The final being played at this time ensured we had a large and happy crowd in attendance for our regular Friday night Happy Hour. (A sideline to this event MAY lead to further Friday afternoon knockout singles / pairs events – two bowl or three bowl - being played in the future.)

The winner / runner-up take all format was greatly appreciated by all, so many thanks to the Board of Management for allowing this format.

Saturday and Sunday saw strong competition in the triples when 26 teams played six games of 18 ends. Each day beginning with a breakfast, put on by the club, was another great initiative appreciated by the players. Lunch with a difference was also greatly appreciated. The greens over the two days were a credit to the green staff who had some trying conditions to contend with in the lead up to the weekend.

Although entries were a little less than expected with the weather perfect for bowls a great three days of bowling was experienced by all participants – especially by the eight visiting teams.

It is always fine to see match committees come up with bright ideas liking putting on tournaments BUT it takes a big effort from members to help make the events successful. Thanks to a huge team effort from the ladies in the kitchen, preparing meals on Thursday & Friday, then serving and cleaning up on Saturday & Sunday. Likewise to the boys for the BBQ breakfasts each day and to the bar staff who worked all day from 7.00am each day. Without the support of members, successful events at our club would not happen!

Once again, what a great weekend. If you're not in it, then you can't enjoy it!

*David King* – Men's Match Committee

## INVITATION SPRING TRIPLES:



Ashley Bates being congratulated by ***FINER EMBROIDERY*** sponsor John Harding. Also pictured Alan Sampson (Torquey), Tony Nelson (Burden Park) and Glen Harding.

In ideal conditions for bowls seventy-eight bowlers from around the state and the Riverina took to the greens at Wodonga earlier in the month to battle it out in the inaugural Invitation Spring Two Bowl Triples sponsored by ***FINER EMBROIDERY*** and ***WESTMONT***. The competition of six games of 18 ends saw some high standard bowling and close contests.

Going into the last end Josh Thornton's triple, a combined rink, having won all five games and all three members playing excellent bowls appeared firm favourites to be tournament winners. Ashley Bates' rink, also a combined rink, were the early tournament favourites but with four wins and a draw looked as though they would miss out on the major prize if Josh's triple won their last game.

The opposition to Josh's rink in the last game Noel Murrell, Phil Peers and Don Driver, all past office bearers at Wodonga, till then only had a "mediocre" tournament but got their act together and all played superb bowls to have a convincing win over Josh's triple which relegated Josh to fifth place.

Ashley, ably supported by Alan Sampson from Torquay and Tony Nelson from Burdon Park, won the last game which gave them five wins, a draw, plus 42 shots and the money. Second were Josh Rudd, David King and Bob Breen with five wins and 42 shots up.

## **Auction for Wodonga Bowling Club Premiership Photos**

Invitations are invited from past players or family members of past players to bid for the purchase of large framed photographs of the players who participated in those "exciting victories" over the past two decades, particularly in the A1 division of the Ovens & Murray

This is a once in a life time opportunity to acquire a piece of Wodonga Bowling Club and Personal history.

Offers of purchase will be accepted up until 4pm on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

## OPENING/CHARITY DAY:

Opening day for the 2015-2016 season was held on 13th September and incorporated a charity day with all monies raised going to brain cancer research. On the day approximately \$2500 was raised, a really magnificent effort, and special thanks to Geoff Bath for arranging sponsorship and his organisation of the day.

In glorious conditions seventy-seven bowlers participated in three games of two bowl triples with lunch provided. Prize winning teams for the day were as follows:

Pat Jackaman, Lesley Duncan and Ron Miller(S), David Jackaman, Brian Gilby and Elaine Gilby(S), Audrey McGrath, Fred Baldock and Gary King(S) and Lyn Walsh, Philip Sebire and Rob Ashworth(S).

Many thanks to the ladies and men who worked to provide lunch and to all others who helped in any way to make the day a success. The club also thanks the following sponsors for their generosity in supporting the day:

BODMAN TRANSPORT (MAJOR SPONSOR), O'CONNELL REFRIGERATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING, UNCLE TOBY'S, BEAZLEY'S MEATS, COMMERCIAL CLUB, SS&A CLUB, MARS PET CARE, AMCAL BIRALLEE PHARMACY, ALBURY BAKERY, FOX N' HAIR, GEOFF BATH and DAVID KING.



Once again the club is extremely appreciative of **GENERATIONS** great support club in sponsoring the Ladies Fours Tournament held last week and the Melbourne Dup Day Tournament to be held in November.

Left: Winners of the **GENERATIONS** Ladies Fours.

Lyn Retallick,  
Maxine Neilsen  
Joy Packer  
Pat Polley

## OCTOBER DATES TO HIGHLIGHT IN YOUR DIARY:

Thu	1	Ladies State 60 & Over Singles - Rnds 1 & 2 Mens State 60 & Over Singles - Rnds 1 & 2
Fri	2	Ladies State 60 & Over Singles - Rnds 3 & 4
Sat	3	Mens State Triples - Sectional
Sun	4	Mens State Pairs - Post Sectional Ladies State 60 & Over Singles Final
Thu	8	Mens State 60 & Over Singles Rnds 3 & 4
Sun	11	Mens Novice State Singles - Rnds 1 & 2
Thu	15	Mens State 60 & Over State Pairs – Sectional Ladies State 60 & Over Pairs
Fri	16	Ladies State 60 & Over Pairs
Sun	18	'Hallawell' Drawn Mixed Triples
Thu	22	Ladies Club Triples C'ship - Rnds 1 & 2 Mens State 60 & Over Pairs - Post Sectional
Sun	25	Mens State Triples – Sectional Mens State Novice Singles - Rnds 3 & 4
Thu	29	Ladies Club Triples C'ship - Rnds 3 & 4
Fri	30	Ladies O & M Vs. Goulb Valley

### LADIES MEETING MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCT.

1:00pm

#### AGENDA:

John Gill – Director of Admin.  
President's Report  
Match Committee Report  
Selection Committee Report  
Delegate's Report  
Catering  
General discussion on areas pertaining to the smooth running of season 20015-16.

## VCAT EXCEPTION and EXEMPTION APPLICATION SURVEY:

The Victorian Civil and administrative Tribunal (VCAT) will decide soon whether Clubs and Bowls Victoria can continue to run gender-based club events and state championships in Victoria.

Bowls Victoria has been requested to provide extra information from members and clubs in order to further support their applications to gain exemption for gender-based club events and state championships and consequently are surveying clubs and members to gain support for their applications.

The survey information Bowls Victoria receives from their members and clubs is vital in Bowls Victoria's bid to ensure they provide the views of bowlers in seeking to gain exceptions and exemptions.

If you currently receive information online from Bowls Victoria, such as ***Heads Up***, you should have received a copy of the survey and we urge you to complete and return it as instructed. If you do not have access to online copies of the survey they are available from Director of Administration, John Gill.

Once again we urge all members to complete and return the survey to support Bowls Victoria's application to retain single gender events.

## **MELBOURNE CUP DAY TOURNAMENT**



TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015

@10:00am

**2 BOWL MIXED TRIPLES**

**TEAM OR SINGLE ENTRY**



**INCLUDES 2 COURSE LUNCHEON  
CHAMPAGNE, CHICKEN & DESERT  
PLUS AFTERNOON TEA, SWEEPS, RAFFLE &  
Fashions on the field**

**PRIZES 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Best 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> game winner not in prize money.**

Place name on sheet provided at Clubhouse  
or phone

Bob Ellwood 6024 1554 or Brian Gilby 6024 6447

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# Galaxy of Stars



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BUTLER OAM



SHAZA  
LEIGH



GREG  
BAIN



PEGGY  
GILCHRIST

## Wodonga Bowling Club

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm**

**Adult \$20    Child \$5 (under 10 Free)    BYO Nibbles**

**Tickets & Info at the club: 02-60241554 or Bernie Jones:  
0438411488**

### UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER @ 7:30 pm**

*'Multi Award Winning'*

### **Amber Joy Poulton & Band**

*'A Tribute to the First Queens of Country'*

*Songs by Tammy Wynette, Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline & more*

*Plus the touching story of Loretta Lynn*

**Tickets \$15**

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## "FRIDGE CALENDAR"

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			<b>1</b> Ladies State 60 & Over Singles Rnds 1 & 2 Mens State 60 & Over Singles Rnds 1 & 2	<b>2</b> Ladies State 60 & Over Singles Rnds 3 & 4  Happy Hour & Raffles	<b>3</b> Jackpot Pairs 2:4:2 10:00am AFL Grand Final  Mens State Triples Sectional	<b>4</b> Mens State Triples Post Sectional  Start of Daylight Saving
<b>5</b> Ladies State 60 & Over Singles Final  Wodonga Greens Closed	<b>6</b> Mid-Week Pennant  Mid-Week Pennant Practice	<b>7</b> Men's Pairs 2:4:2	<b>8</b> Mens State 60 & Over Singles Rnds 3 & 4  Ladies Social	<b>9</b> Happy Hour & Raffles	<b>10</b> Weekend Pennant Round 1	<b>11</b> Mens State Novice Singles Rnds 1 & 2
<b>12</b> Greens Closed	<b>13</b> Mid-Week Pennant  Mid-Week Pennant Practice	<b>14</b> Men's Pairs 2:4:2	<b>15</b> Ladies State 60 & Over Pairs  Mens State 60 & Over Pairs	<b>16</b> Ladies State 60 & Over Pairs  Happy Hour & Raffles	<b>17</b> Weekend Pennant	<b>18</b> CONWAYS FUNERAL HOME Hallawell Mixed Triples
<b>19</b> Greens Closed	<b>20</b> Mid-Week Pennant	<b>21</b> Men's Pairs 2:4:2	<b>22</b> Ladies Club Triples Cham 'ship Rnds 1 & 2  Mens State 60 & Over Pairs	<b>23</b> Happy Hour & Raffles	<b>24</b> Weekend Pennant	<b>25</b> Mens State Triples Sectional
<b>26</b> Greens Closed	<b>27</b> Mid-Week Pennant  Ladies Social	<b>28</b> Men's Pairs 2:4:2	<b>29</b> Ladies Club Triples Cham 'ship Rnds 3 & 4	<b>30</b> Happy Hour & Raffles  Ladies O&M Vs Goulb Val	<b>31</b> Weekend Pennant	