



GAZETTE - JANUARY 2016.

From the Chairman ...

Graeme McIntosh will retire as our Treasurer at the end of his current term. Graeme took on the job back in 2010 and has handled the role really well since that time.

As we're to lose him within a few short months I thought it perhaps prudent to pass on to you the fact that a vacancy is coming up and to give you some time to decide whether or not you might like to take on this role. There's absolutely no discrimination here – a man or a woman will suit this role perfectly!

Perhaps your background is such that you had exposure to accounting practices or perhaps you're just interested in getting the books to balance. Either way, we need someone to step up and agree to be nominated for this important position.

By all means discuss the specifics of the task with Graeme so that you have a clear understanding of just what it is that he does. I think I'm right in saying that Graeme has always found the job to be particularly interesting and enjoyable. Hopefully any new incumbent will share a similar experience.

The nomination process gets under way in April and the ballots start in May. The AGM will be held in June. All of which will be on us in no time flat and so I urge you to give this matter some serious and fairly urgent consideration.

Should you be interested in taking on this role, please liaise with Graeme at the earliest possible opportunity.

Happy New Year to all of our members.

Harvey Fuller

HAMO's *TeeBeeCee* REPORT

FINANCIAL

- ◆ P&L covering the first eight months of our 2015/16 financial year shows a loss of \$25,736 which is \$14,300 worse than for the same period last year (i.e. loss of \$11,436).
- ◆ YTD **Profit** before allowing for noncash items (depreciation) is \$26,838.
- ◆ Total current assets of \$263,685 (\$293,409: 2014): This includes cash assets totalling \$226,171 (\$257,587: 2014) despite net Capital Expenditure (i.e. excluding GST) YTD of \$35,097.

HOUSE

- ◆ Gaming Machine Net Income is **down** by \$24,017 (16%) with turnover decreasing by \$35,341 over the same period last year. Return to player for the year to date = 89.99%.
- ◆ I trust that you have been enjoying the special wine prices applied for lines being discontinued. We have entered into a mutually beneficial joint sponsorship arrangement with Treasury Wine Estates (TWE) with some exciting new lines being introduced early 2016. Some sale prices will be changed (some up / some down) on introduction but we at TBC have generally enjoyed beneficial prices, at least according to our advisors. Generous discounts will still be available to current financial members. Wine sales are becoming more important to clubs financially with declining draft beer sales evident throughout Australia. Apart from cash and goods sponsorships, TWE will provide generous discounts on purchases, staff training to suit our needs, a promotional calendar with promotions throughout the year plus printing of professional Wine List & Point of Sale.
- ◆ Charles Skelly has been promoted to our Head Barperson position following the resignation of Simon Greenfield. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Charlie well whilst he settles into this most important role.

BOWLS & MEMBERSHIP (TB&MC)

- ◆ Position as @ 13/11/15 = Voting Membership 234, Social Membership 383: Total = 617.
- ◆ Welcome to our four (4) new social members.

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB (TMBC)

- ◆ Repeat advice: Players changing declared Club for 2016 are required to be **cleared and become registered with their new club** before they become eligible to enter or play any Association Events with their new club (reflecting new procedures): Multi Members are no longer registered (RNSWBA Regulation 7.2). See Hamo if you require further information &/or desire a clearance.
- ◆ Congratulation to the winners of 2015 Les Wadham Shield, Jack Watts, Ian Allan & John Hunter following their convincing win in the final (31/18) over Geoff Morris, Ed Barbour & Kevin Stutchbury.
- ◆ Nomination sheets are on the notice board for the 2016 Club Pairs and also for the relative State / Zone Events for Triples & Fours.



Congratulations to our 2015 Fours Championship team of Alby Fonti, John Dade, Peter Low & Geoff Martz following their hard fought win (18/15) over Warwick Bridge, George Lee, Harvey Fuller & Ken Wallis in the final.

Rowdy's team got away to a steady start and led by 8 shots halfway through the match only to drop a 3 followed by a 6 which put Ken's team in front with six ends remaining. Rowdy's team regained the ascendancy, picking up shots on the next few ends, ultimately holding on for an exciting win.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR LADIES CLUB

December was very busy with Christmas lunch, dinner and bowls. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Salvation Army Reverse Christmas Tree collection, all gifts were greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all members who contributed to and bought tickets in our club raffle.

The new year is set to be a busy one with the North Shore District fours, club major singles and club mixed fours. Pennants is not far off either. Good bowling to all who are entering these games.

We look forward to seeing all our bowlers back on the green in 2016.

Kind regards Sue Hamilton President

MAHJONG AND CARD DAY

We would like more Card and Bridge players to join us, **men and women** are most welcome to join our friendly Card Day, held on the third Monday each month at 10.30 am, \$12 including lunch.

Also if you would like to learn Mahjong, Jenny Wallis is only too willing to teach you. Mahjong is on the first Monday of each month at 1.30pm \$5.

So first Mahjong afternoon is Monday January 4th 2016, and first Card Day will be Monday 18th January 2016. For more enquiries please ring Jeanette Staniland 9489 5616.

Mixed Bowls Report

Welcome to 2016 to all bowlers.

The first Championship for 2016 is the Mixed Fours with the first round scheduled for Sunday the 31st January. Card call at 12.45p.m. Entries close on Thursday 28th January at 3p.m. You could win if you enter, you certainly won't if you don't !

Don't forget Friday Mixed Bowls for 2016. The next scheduled date is the 8th January. Dorothy McDermott welcomes all bowlers to her afternoon delights at teatime.

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CHRISTMAS STORY.

A few days after Christmas just gone a TBC bowler and his wife had a much anticipated visit from their son, daughter –in-law and grandson who had flown in from America, where they live.

Much happiness was seen in the St Ives household as the grandson, Hank was only two years old and adored by the grandparents.(on Skype).

The son wanted to see a friend of his so the grandmother was more than delighted to mind Hank and our TBC bowler and his son drove down to Mona Vale. As they were approaching a Mercedes Dealership the son asked our Bowler to pull in to see the new cars. Once inside, the usual 1st class service was shown to the 'potential' buyers. A brand new silver C200 4door gleaming Mercedes was shown to our intrepid pair and the son asked our Bowler if he liked it. 'Yes he did' was the reply. The son then said 'It's yours !'

Did this really happen? Has any one heard of this happening before? There was an episode of 'Seinfeld' where he bought his father a Cadillac but that was make believe.

This story about our TBC bowler is true. And the dumbfounded, ecstatic bowler is 'Nugget' otherwise known as Gary Nugent. His son Geoffrey is a Comedian and writer and has had a TV Series and other film parts in America and the U.K.

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MENS & MIXED BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2016

FRI	1	JAN	All	NEW YEARS DAY		
SAT	2	JAN	All	Sponsored Day		BCIB
SUN	3	JAN	All	1st Sun SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall H/cap Pairs		SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
WED	6	JAN	M	Sponsored Day		I.G.A. BOBBIN HEAD
SAT	9	JAN	All	Sponsored Day		NORTH TURRA PHARMACY
SUN	10	JAN	All	2nd Sunday Jackpot Mixed Pairs		SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
SUN	10	JAN	M	Club Pairs Championships	P1	SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
WED	13	JAN	M	Sponsored Day		GUARDIAN FUNERALS
SAT	16	JAN	All	Sponsored Day		TURRAMURRA COMMUNITY BANK
SUN	17	JAN	M	Club Pairs Championships	P2	SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
SUN	17	JAN	All	3rd Sunday Mufti		SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
WED	20	JAN	M	Sponsored Day		SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
SAT	23	JAN	M	Sponsored Day		TURRAMURRA PLUMBING
SUN	24	JAN	All	Australia Day		SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
SUN	24	JAN	All	4th Sunday Open		SAVILLS Cordeau Marshall
TUES	26	JAN	All	Australia Day Public Holiday	Triple S	ITALK TRAVEL
WED	27	JAN	M	Sponsored Day		McCARROLL'S AUTO GROUP
SAT	30	JAN	All	Sponsored Day		EXCLUSIVE MEATS
SAT	30	JAN	M	State, Senior, & Zone Reserve Triples	R1&2	Zone 9
SUN	31	JAN	M	State, Senior, & Zone Reserve Triples	R3&4	Zone 9
SUN	31	JAN	All	5th Sunday Special Day		
SUN	31	JAN	All	Mixed Fours Championship	MF1	

LADIES BOWLING PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2016

Tue	5	JAN		Bowls resume / Social bowls		SAVILLS CORDEAU MARSHALL
Thu	7	JAN		Social bowls		
Tue	12	JAN		Social		GUARDIAN FUNERALS
Thu	14	JAN		Major Club Singles Championships	R1	
Tue	19	JAN		Social bowls / Committee meeting		THE LANDINGS
	19	JAN		Major Club Singles Championships	R2	
Thu	21	JAN		Major Club Singles Championships	R3	
Tue	26	JAN		AUSTRALIA DAY		ITALK TRAVEL
Thu	28	JAN		Major Club Singles Championships	R4	



Christmas Party 2015





Ladies Christmas Lunch 15th December 2015







LAFF TIME! - (thanks to Kevin Stutchbury)

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God". The teacher paused and said "But no one knows what God looks like". Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute".

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Here I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha' gonna do about that?" he says menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on man:, the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve: then you show up and drink the whole thing!"

But enough about me, how's your day going?

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MARRIAGE OR RELATIONSHIP

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never say it's not quite as good as his mother's...then get a dog.

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, as long and wherever you want...then get a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't care about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies...then get a dog.

If you want someone who is content to get on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he snores...then get a dog.

If you want someone who never criticises what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to, and loves you unconditionally, perpetually...then get a dog.

BUT, on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness...then get a cat!

You thought I was gonna say....Marry a man didn't you?

The email below is from the USA – but its contents could equally apply in Australia. I believe the predictions are probably accurate.

Ten Things That Will Disappear In Our Lifetime

Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come.

Maybe not in our lifetimes but during our children's.

1. The Post Office

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

2. The Cheque

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with the cheque by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process cheques. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the cheque. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.

3. The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

4. The Book

You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.

5. The Land Line Telephone

Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes.

6. Music

This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption

is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

7. Television Revenues

The networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.

8. The "Things" That You Own

Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of that is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

9. Joined Handwriting (Cursive Writing)

Already gone in some schools who no longer teach "joined handwriting" because nearly everything is done now on computers or keyboards of some type (pun not intended).

10. Privacy

If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway.. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and mobile phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again and again.

All we will have left that which can't be changed are our "Memories".

And some of us have already lost that!

Thank you David Walcot for this information.

The Driving Lead

I will have to settle down;
Play the game my skippers way;
Because we're playing championships;
He won't let me drive today.
He will stand at the other end;
Smile at me for sure;
And say I'm hoping mate;
You won't drive any more.
I am tempted by the bowl;
That sits there on the jack;
I know it needs a little knock;
Or, perhaps a heavy wack.
I wish I was allowed;
To drive at it some way;
Bash it off the bowling green;
And win this game today.
I stand there on the mat;
With a look he really knows;
Just waiting for the skip to say;
"Brian. have a go"!

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Ode to Plurals

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse, or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Then why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot, and show you my feet,
If I give you a boot, would a pair be a beet?
If one is a tooth, and a whole set are called teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If one can be "that", then three would be "those",
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But, though we say mother, we never say methren.
The masculine pronouns are he, him and his,
Then shouldn't the feminine be she, shim and shis!

Let's face it, English is a crazy language. Consider: There is
no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger, and neither apple
nor pine in pineapple.
Also, English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes,
we find that:

1. Quicksand can work slowly.
2. Boxing rings are square.
3. A guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce,
and hammers don't ham?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends, but not just one amend.

If you have a bunch of odds and ends, and you get rid of all
but one of them, what do you call what is left?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

In what other language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.

We have noses that run and feet that smell.

We park on a driveway and drive on a parkway.

Why is a slim chance and a fat chance the same thing, while a
wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which:

1. Your house can burn up as it burns down.
2. You fill in a form by filling it out.
3. An alarm goes off by going on.

In closing, if Father is called Pop, how come Mother is called Mom and not Mop?