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Our 'Mark Brothers' Alan and Keith were victorious in the Fours at the 2016 Australian Deaf Games. More inside.



President's Report

A lot has transpired in our club over the past months – some good and some not so. On the better side, as the finals approach we have at this stage six of the seven sides in both Saturday and mid-week pennant are in contention. Saturday pennant Divisions 4, 6 and 7 should make the finals.

Mid-week Divisions the, 3 and 5 are all in contention, and all being well, all will make them.

I believe we have had a good season of pennant to date, and hope better things are to come in the finals. I wish all who compete in the finals the best of bowling and, with any luck, bring home the bacon.

There has been some talk from some members that we are spending too much money, as in the replacement of the refrigeration in both the bar and kitchen. Firstly, this was passed by the previous board some the 12 months ago, and minutes. And, at the time, not all agreed, but you must agree it is one of the better updates we have done; it has increased the bar storage by

triple, and the kitchen by X, and this has enabled us to better cater for hall hire, summer challenge events etc, as all of these bring great revenue into the club.

Kitchen and Task Force

I cannot speak highly enough of the effort by **Sandra Lapham** and the people from Task Force, who not only hire the kitchen for their training, but look after the members with wonderful meals for only \$2 on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It has made us the envy of all visiting clubs – some of which have tried to poach them. (Better luck next time, Berwick; you had the opportunity but knocked it

back). It is also helping young people train and get jobs, and we wish them all the best for their future.

On a sad note, unfortunately due to the health of **Gail**, our secretary **Peter Bowman** has resigned, and I will fill this role until the AGM. Thank you, Peter, for your past service, and we trust that Gail's health will improve in the near future.

There are several major committee positions that will need to be filled, as too much has been left to too few this year.

Luke Donnellan MP
State Member for Narre Warren North

If I can be of any assistance to you or a member of your family, please don't hesitate to call me.

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AGM Sunday 8 May

I will soon be sending out the notices and also putting up on the noticeboard a list for board and committee positions for 2016/17. There are several major committee positions that will need to be filled, as too much has been left to foot for this year.

These positions are very important to the financial state of your club, and are: hall hire; social; bar; bowls; greens; catering; and the very important one of sponsorship. So, please, see if you can commit to any of these committees, and put your name on the list.

Sponsorship

The club is delighted to have signed the following for

\$1500 for a one-year sponsorship: **Barry Plant, Narre Warren; Aveo Retirement Living.**

As with all our other major and minor sponsors, all will have to be renegotiated in the coming season; and, as this is a major source of funding for events over the coming season, it is very time consuming, and very difficult if it is left to one person, as was the case this year. So, please put your hand up for this committee.

Remember, this is your club, and we can be only be successful if we all work as one.

Go Narre in the finals.

Reg Johnston,
President, NWBC

Corporate Challenge

Once again our Corporate Challenge is under way, with the teams having a great time, as usual.

Pictured below is Janice Moran with her charges, "Straight out of Narre".



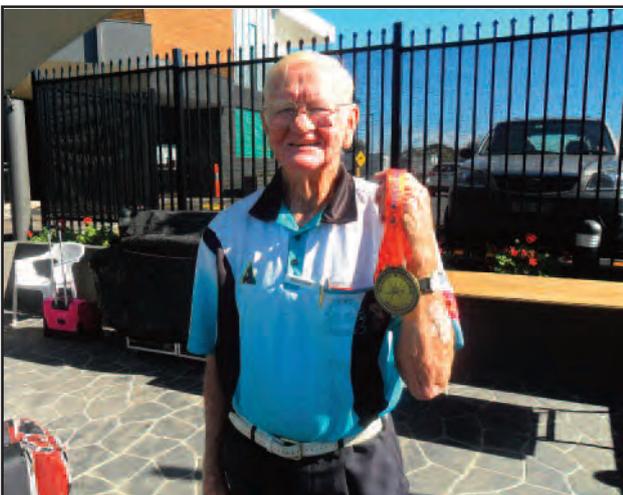
DIVISION EVENTS - by Sandra Lapham

Over the past several weeks, rounds and finals of Casey Division events have been played. Narre Warren



Wilma Stevenson with her biggest fan, husband Iain, who attended every match, right through to the end.

has been ably represented in most of them, and there have been some great matches. Since I have had a ringside seat at many of them as the officiating umpire, I have been privileged to see many of our club bowlers in action. Amongst the highlights, **Judy Naughton** came back from an early deficit to claw her way to level the match in the Champion of Champion singles, but her opponent gained a mul-



Keith Mark, proudly holding the medal he won in Adelaide.

tipple end in the dying stage of the match to come out the winner.

Keith Marks had an extremely close match in the men's Champion of Champion singles and led 24 to 21, but his opponent was very consistent and we all know how difficult it can be to get that final shot, and he eventually went down in a nail biter by one shot.

Wilma Stevenson and **Wilma Haringsma** lost in very hot conditions to the Pakenham pair

skipped by **Sue Hudson**, which would go on to taken out the Division title, going down to a countback tie at Region level to the pair from Flinders.

Philip Howard continued the club tradition and played beautifully to take out a Hampton Park player from a much higher grade and then lost in what he described as a great game to a 17-year-old with no fear.

Finally, **Wilma Stevenson** won the Division State Singles, and after holding an early lead, went down to the Flinders player **Sandra McConechie** by just a few shots.

All in all the club can be very proud of their representation both in the way they played and their demeanour on the green – they were truly a credit to the Division.



Philip Howard has enjoyed a very successful year of competition.



Even a narrow defeat can't stop Judy Naughton smiling

XCII AUSTRALIAN Deaf Games

Cover story

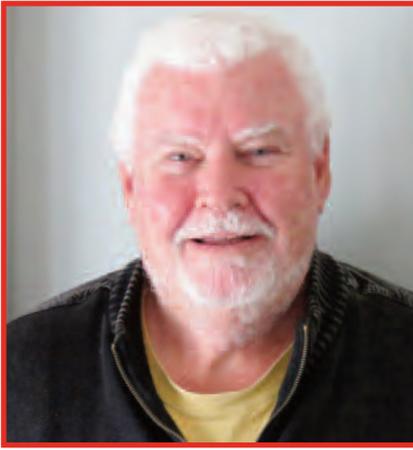
The first 'deaf' games were held in Sydney in December 1964 through to January 1965, and have travelled around the country every four years since, this year being held in Adelaide.

The first Deaf President at Vicdeaf, **John Michael Lovett AM**, became President of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and was honoured, after his death, by having the Australian Deaf Sports Federation Cup – the JML Cup – named after him for his tireless work in the deaf community.

As well as lawn bowls, many other sports are included, from athletics to touch football.

In January of this year, Alan and Keith, along with skip **Michael Barac** and lead **Leslie Mansergh** from Croydon Bowls Club in Adelaide, entered the Lawn Bowls Fours (the only bowls in the competition) and came away with first place. Well done to two of our members who, as you can tell by the pictures, are quite chuffed with their success. Congratulations!





SELECTION REPORT

by

Eric Sydenham

Chairman of Selectors

At time of writing, we have just one week of the Saturday

home and away pennant rounds to be played. We are in the very good position of having three teams out of four in the top four of their sections and the 2nd division team is now safe from the threat of relegation.

The 4th division side cannot be beaten for a top-of-the-table finish -an outstanding result! This will guarantee a home final.

Division 6 is in second position, only a handful of points behind the top side and should also secure a home final.

Division 7 is in third position and is well placed to compete in the finals. They beat the top-placed side in round 17.

Midweek results have been just as encouraging with two rounds remaining; all three teams are in the top four and all looking at playoffs (subject to results in the remaining two rounds).

What a great result - six out of seven teams to be involved in post-season playoffs!

During the lead-up to this season I outlined our objectives for the season. On Saturdays we hoped to retain 2nd division, get 4th division promoted to 3rd division and 6th division promoted to 5th division. We also hoped to get 7th division into the playoffs.

As we stand at the moment, all these outcomes are within our reach; what an achievement when you also consider we will have two home finals.

Good luck to everyone involved in the finals.

Over the past few weeks we have been very occupied ensuring that as many players as possible will be eligible to play in finals. This has been something of a nightmare but we have been fortunate to have a special computer program which answers many of the questions regarding eligibility. We appreciate very much the way players have been gracious enough to play where selected (even though this may have involved playing in different positions or teams than they were used to).

We also need to recognise the people who have stood up and agreed to play on days when they would not normally be involved in pennant. Getting sufficient players some weeks recently has placed an enormous strain on our resources (at one stage we got the last player we needed to fill all teams at 10:30am on Saturday as a team was leaving to travel to Greensborough).

However, we are delighted to report that we have fielded full teams for 17 rounds so far; a great credit to the members of this club who epitomise TRUE CLUB SPIRIT. Our 7th division has suffered at the hands of other clubs which have chosen not to travel to Narre Warren and thereby left our willing players without an opposition. However, they have never been left without a game, and we appreciate the spirit of these players who are generally the most changed side in our club week to week. Well done to all concerned.

Selection is probably the most difficult job in the club. Everyone has their own ideas about who should be playing where, and generally these opinions don't always match up with the teams selected each week. In the face of quite a bit of criticism during the year your selectors have diligently turned up each week to do the job they were elected to do despite serious illness affecting the health of two of our committee. We have had to call on temporary selectors at times to cover these absences.

I cannot speak highly enough about the work my fellow selectors have put in during the season. Many members are unaware of the enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work which goes into putting seven sides on the greens each week. **Carl Lapham, Erik Luyters, Norm Hosmer, John Heathcote** and **Enid Gibb** (deputy) have all made huge contributions to the selection process, and I cannot thank them enough for their support and effort during this season.

I hope the final report for the season will contain details of victories for all our teams who compete in the finals.

Good bowling.

Coach's Comments

Coach Arthur Scheurer

Over the past few weeks I have not been able to play, so I took off up north for R & R which allowed me to review my concepts of how, why and where of bowls coaching

As exciting as this may seem I managed to read several books authored by well respected coaches of lawn bowls, and have come to the conclusion that my methods and explanations of how to achieve a good result from each delivery, grip, stance, direction and delivery action are basically the same as prescribed by these eminent authors.

There was one aspect of

bowling that appears to be lacking for the average bowler that is very prevalent with all elite bowlers, that being SELF BELIEF.

As a new bowler, we are all shown the basics of how to bowl, how to practise, how to play various shots (running, drive, draw and yard-over placement), and I, as a coach, have followed this practice with the added advantage of coaching manuals etc, and have really relied upon you, the student, to improve yourselves by getting results, thus building your ego as you go, resulting in maybe an elite bowler.

Self belief is a very simple method of improving your results. Firstly

you must have an understanding of how to bowl for good results (grip, direction, delivery), and this is where I believe we, as coaches, let the bowler down by not continuing to support then through to SELF BELIEF.

Secondly, when playing in a game, do not move on to the mat until you



bowl on the right line with the correct weight and you will get the desired result (self belief)

6 with this in your mind, *bowl*, then watch the bowl travel its path and come to rest with the perfect result (self belief becomes confidence)

It must be remembered that even

elite bowlers have bad shots and even bad days, which means that the previous shot played good or bad should not be in your mind as it will not have any effect on the one you are playing now unless you let it

I was also fortunate enough to discuss self belief and some other matters regarding coaching practices with two Queensland state players and these guys are given specific exercises to practise from the state and Australian coaches so as to improve their self belief and confidence. That is probably a bit much for us.

Arthur Scheurer - Coach

SEE THE SHOT ↔ SELF BELIEF
PLAY THE SHOT ↔ WIN THE SHOT

know what shot you will be required to play (direction from skip, partner, etc).

Self belief requires:

- 1 check for the correct bias
- 2 play the shot in your mind: direction, weight, around or under other bowls to finish as required
- 3 step onto the mat in the direction to which you will deliver the bowl
- 4 check your aiming point with feet alignment and the proposed delivery line of the bowl and let your mind see the bowl in its travel
- 5 know that you will deliver the

Garden Guru

by Sandra LAPHAM

HAVE YOU BEEN BUGGED?



Recently one of our members asked me about bug damage to vegetable plants and I am sure that many people have had the same issue. I am always reluctant to recommend quite a lot of the chemicals on the market as I am not a big washer or peeler of vegies preferring to serve them skin and all.

There are a couple of tried and true things which can be used; the old-fashioned tomato dust is a good all-round solution, but take care to squirt it under the leaves, too, as that is where the varmint usually

hang out. The other thing if you have only a few plants is a pressure pack of bug spray. There are a number on the market, but take care to wash all produce before eating it.

While that is not the problem which has affected pre-packaged lettuce recently, it is a timely warning of how careful you have to be around food preparation. We don't want any tummy upsets from eating vegies which haven't been cleaned, and since I am enthusiastic user of the recalled products I will be taking my own advice.



Get Well Soon

*A few of our members have had a rough trod healthwise lately.
Gail Bowman, Margo Worsley and Miles Rudelic
(and anyone else I haven't been told about), we all wish you well
and hope you are firing on all cylinders soon.*

The Dark Web

Those of you who use the internet will be familiar with the 'dark web', which is frequented by a shadowy group of people known as 'black hats'.

I am here to inform you that we have our very own 'black hat' masquerading as a club pennant player otherwise known as Ralph. *Anonymous*.



Big Day at Dromana

On 17 January, three triples teams from Narre competed at Dromana Bowls Club.

Unfortunately, none of the teams took the big prize, but it was a great day out, and **Sharon Bull** and **Brent Grigg** took two great raffles

with plenty of booze to keep them going for a month.

The picture was taken with all the Narre players around a Model T Ford.



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with Damian Brick

This week, the first round of rematches from round 1, began as last week left off – with all teams playing on Tuesday having a win.

8-12-15 - Tuesday Round 10

The Div 1 Firsts this week were away again, this time to Cranbourne. Again they had a good win. **Wilma Haringsma, Alan Mark, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton 17-24; Judy Naughton, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar 20-19; Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 28-14.**

The Div 3 Seconds played Pakenham at home and also had a good win, winning two rinks and losing one. **Nancy Pugh, Keith Mark, Micki Horton, Brian Fraser 17-22; Elaine Dawson, Gary Gilchrist, Ethel Van Maanen, Reg Johnstone 17-15; Arthur Fitt, Truus Henneman, Ralph Devonshire, Enid Gibb 27-11.**

The Div 5 Thirds had a bye

12-12-15 - Saturday Round 10

The Div 2 Firsts went to visit Berwick this week and unfortunately lost, while managing to win two rinks and lose two. **Wilma Haringsma, Greg Cowan, Eric Sydenham, Ian Brotherton 9-27; Arthur Scheurer, Carl Lapham, Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson 17-11; Reg Young, Phillip Howard, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar 15-24; Joe Selfridge, John Zanon, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 23-22.**

The Div 4 Seconds went to Parkdale for their first round rematch, turning the tables and coming home the winners, with three rinks up.



Michael Graham, Peter Groom, Ralph Devonshire,

Stan Robinson 23-15; Arthur Fitt, Janis Dukats, Peter Castricum, Matt Fitt 29-10; Colin Groom, Alan Mark, John Heathcote, Reg Johnstone 35-12; Geoff Miller, Bill Brewster, Keith Mark, Norm Hosmer 13-22.

The Div 6 Thirds were at home to Keysborough, reversing their first-round disappointment with a good win, taking two rinks, drawing one and losing one. **Zade Bulmer, Bob Gye, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg 25-16; Glen Cadman, Rick Hoare, Micki Horton, Enid Gibb 17-17; Mark Groom, Ethel Van Maanen, Peter Rouse, Brian Fraser 22-25; Peter Lister, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick 20-19.**

The Div 7 Fourth's weren't up to beating Mount Waverley this week, winning only one rink. **Darren Moore, Margaret Hyam, Steve Hyam, Jack Norman 19-21; Jack Castricum, Stan Bulmer, Fred Fox, Peter Pater 23-13; Margo Worsley, Helen McCarthy, Leo McGeary, Gail Bowman 15-22; Callum Osborne, Sep Van Maanen, Stan Birkett, Andy Tobler 13-27.**

The Christmas break gave us all time to recharge our batteries and be ready to go again.

16-01-16 - Saturday Round 12

The Div 2 Firsts travelled away to Burden Park for their first match of 2016. While winning two and losing two rinks, they came away losers by 20 shots overall. **Wilma Haringsma, Eric Sydenham, Carl Lapham, Ian Broth-**

erton 29-15; Arthur Scheurer, Keith Mark, Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson 15-25; Reg Young, Phillip Howard, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar 7-32; Shirley Bell, Joe Selfridge, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 17-16.

Like the firsts, the Div 4 Seconds also travelled away – to Mulgrave CC – for their first game back, Like the firsts, they won two and lost two rinks; unlike them, however, they home came with a seven-shot overall win. Michael Graham, Peter Groom, Ralph Devonshire, Stan Robinson 24-16; Arthur Fitt, Mark Groom, Peter Castricum, Greg Cowan 34-18; Colin Groom, Alan Mark, John Heathcote, Reg Johnstone 14-19; Luca Klarica, Bill Brewster, Janis Dukats, Norm Hosmer 15-27.

The Div 6 Thirds stayed home and played host to top-four rivals, Ferntree Gully. Like the top two sides, they won two and lost two rinks, having a tight battle to win overall by just five shots. Zade Bulmer, Bob Gye, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg 29-18; Glen Cadman, Graham Dodd, Micki Horton, Enid Gibb 26-8, Ernesto Vergara, Ethel Van Maanen, Peter Rouse, Brian Fraser 14-21; Peter Lister, Rudi Pompe, Steve Boyd, Damian Brick 11-28.

The Div 7 Fourths had yet another walkover, this time from North Balwyn.

19-1-16 - Tuesday Round 12

The first round of Tuesday pennant after the Christmas break saw a mixed bag of results for the club.

The Div 1 Firsts hosted Keysborough's first side; unfortunately, they only won one rink and lost overall. Wilma Haringsma, Gry Gilchrist, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton 16-20; Judy Naughton, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar 19-27; Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 26-17.

The Div 3 Seconds went away to Oakleigh and came back with the same result as the first – won one rink and lost overall. Truus Henneman, Keith Mark, Micki Horton, Brian Fraser 17-13; Alaine Dawson, Pam Uren, Ethel Van Maanen, Reg Johnstone 15-22; Nancy Pugh, Alan Mark, Ralph Devonshire, Enid Gibb 11-24.

The Div 5 third side played Brighton Beach at home

and had a good win. Arthur Fitt, Jack Norman, Peter Pater 29-13; Len O'Brien, Sep Van Maanen, Andy Tobler 22-23.

23-01-16 - Saturday Round 13

The Div 2 Firsts hosted the Pakenham side this week and, with three rinks up, had a good win. Wilma Haringsma, Eric Sydenham, Carl Lapham, Ian Brotherton 29-8; Mark Groom, Keith Mark, Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson 10-23; Reg Young, Phillip Howard, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar 21-19; Shirley Bell, Joe Selfridge, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 22-19.

Like the firsts, the Div 4 Seconds played at home against local rival Berwick. They won two rinks, drew one and had an overall win. Michael Graham, Peter Groom, Alan Mark, Stan Robinson 21-13; Arthur Fitt, John Zanon, Peter Castricum, Greg Cowan 29-8; Colin Groom, Peter Lister, John Heathcote, Reg Johnstone 18-30; Luca Klarica, Rick Hoare, Bill Brewster, Norm Hosmer 17-17.

The Div 6 Thirds went to visit another top 4 rival, Heatherdale. Like the top side, they won three rinks and came away with a comfortable win. Zade Bulmer, Bob Gye, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg 16-14; Len O'Brien, Graham Dodd, Micki Horton, Enid Gibb 32-14, Glen Cadman, Peter Rouse, Ethel Van Maanen, Brian Fraser 16-23; Rudi Pompe, Ernesto Vergara, Steve Boyd, Damian Brick 20-14.

The Div 7 Fourths went away to the slick green at Bayswater and, depleted by injuries and unavailables throughout the upper sides, came home dragging their tails behind them, having lost all four rinks. Rose Rasmussen, Darren Moore, Sep Van Maanen, Jack Norman 11-31; Jack Castricum, Keryn McCluskey, Ian McCluskey, Peter Pater 12-24; Helen McCarthy, Margaret Hyam, Leo McGeary, John Uren 10-31; Dale Collins, Stan Bulmer, Stan Birkett, Andy Tobler 10-14.

28-1-16 - Tuesday Round 13

This week's round of Tuesday pennant was played on Thursday, due to the Australia Day holiday.

The Div 1 Firsts went away to Elsternwick Club and

came home with a win. **Wilma Haringsma, Gary Gilchrist, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 16-16; **Judy Naughton, Ernesto Vergara, Alan Mark, Wilma Stevenson** 20-12; **Reg Young, Alan Dawson, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 20-8.

The Div 3 Seconds hosted Waverley Golf and had a resounding victory, winning all rinks. **Truus Henneman, Peter Rouse, Micki Horton, Brian Fraser** 20-7; **Alaine Dawson, Pam Uren, Ethel Van Maanen, Keith Mark** 15-10; **Nancy Pugh, Sep Van Maanen, Ralph Devonshire, Enid Gibb** 14-12.

The Div 5 Third side played away at MCC Kew and had a good win, despite losing one rink. **Helen McCarthy, Jack Norman, Peter Pater** 33-7; **Len O'Brien, Cathy Pater, Andy Tobler** 16-26.

30-01-16 - Saturday Round 14

The Div 2 Firsts went to Mulgrave Country Club this week and, with three rinks down, took a hiding. **Wilma Haringsma, Eric Sydenham, Carl Lapham, Ian Brotherton** 11-38; **Mark Groom, Alan Mark, Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson** 16-24; **Colin**

Groom, Reg Young, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar 17-16; **Zade Bulmer, Joe Selfridge, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 13-27.

The Div 4 Seconds played at home against Cheltenham; they took three very tight rinks, and had a close overall win. **Michael Graham, Peter Groom, Alan Mark, Stan Robinson** 21-16; **Arthur Fitt, Rick Hoare, Peter Castricum, Greg Cowan** 19-16; **Phillip Howard, Keith Mark, John Heathcote, Reg Johnstone** 17-20; **Luca Klarica, Rick Hoare, Bill Brewster, Norm Hosmer** 23-19.

The Div 6 Thirds went to visit yet another top 4 rival, Willow Lodge (the third such in three weeks). While only winning two rinks, they came away with a narrow win. **Peter Lister, Bob Gye, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg** 21-18; **Len O'Brien, Graham Dodd, Micki Horton, Enid Gibb** 17-19; **Glen Cadman, John Zanon, Ethel Van Maanen, Brian Fraser** 14-24; **Peter Rouse, Ernesto Vergara, Steve Boyd, Damian Brick** 15-13.

The Div 7 Fourths had a bye.



Our lovely Truus Henneman and her husband Henk pose proudly with their five great-grandchildren. This pic was taken on the occasion of their first visit to meet the latest addition to the brood, Kai Loui, born on 30 January to their grandson Dean Henneman and his wife, Sandra.