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# AVENUE NEWS - March 2016

## A Word from the Chairman



Berry Bowling Systems (BBS) will commence the re-surfacing of the Lucas green mid March and the green will be out of action for about a month. Surveyors have completed their work for the sub division of our clubhouse lot to create a new block in the south east corner where the workshop is located.

As outlined at our SGM last October, the aim is to sell this as a house block to generate significant funds for the club. The formation of this new block needs to be completed now in conjunction with the Lucas green re-surfacing, since it will be years for this opportunity to arise again.

I understand some members believe we should not be selling an asset, but with our current sources of funding ( membership and green fees, tournaments, corporate challenge events, sponsorships, bar takings, functions etc) we only have enough funds to cover the operation of the club with little left over for any major improvements.

As you all know, we have had to take out a sizable overdraft to pay for the new Lucas green. If the block is sold, the proceeds could be directed towards significantly upgrading the club to make it more appealing to our club members and visitors. From outside the club, we are getting more enquiries to use our club for birthdays, wakes, running training courses, holding AGMs (e.g. Bendigo Bank), barefoot bowls etc which can be a good income source, but our facilities need to be improved e.g. we should have a disabled toilet.

I urge club members to put forward suggestions to our BOD, on what the funds from the block sale could be spent on. Some club members have already provided some suggestions e.g.

1. Install a motor driven retractable shade system over one of the greens which can reduce surface temperatures by up to 20 deg C on hot days. BBS install such systems (see their website).
2. Modernize and brighten up the club house interior
3. Buy a 21 seater bus
4. Install disabled toilet facilities
5. Pay off part or all of our overdraft

We look forward to your ideas.

The next step is to get Council approval for the subdivision, which may take some time. Once approved, the club would be open to receive offers, which would be submitted to our members at a SGM for their approval.

Finally, should we sell the block and use the funds wisely, we hope our upgraded club facilities will attract more club members, have more players on the greens, and encourage outsiders to pay to use our facilities more often e.g. for barefoot bowls events. Additional revenue derived could then be directed to reducing our overdraft.

I wish to express my thanks to Peter Blythe for his hard work compiling and issuing this newsletter.

Yours truly

*Peter Kay*



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## Lorna Lucas



Undoubtedly the best known of all past and present members of Avenue Bowling Club is Lorna Lucas, whose “green” is now in the process of being “changed”, both in size and surface (see *A Word from the Chairman – Page 1*).

In an article prepared recently on Lorna Lucas, Ladies Secretary Fran Ellson states that “After speaking to some members....who had worked and bowled with Lorna Lucas....it became very clear that she was highly respected and held in great esteem. Not only was she a champion bowler but she was also a dedicated and committed club member who worked tirelessly to support her Club and to promote the sport of lawn bowls.”

Fran goes on to say “Current Avenue Club members remember Lorna fondly and warmly as a stickler for correctness including rules, regulations, etiquette, protocol and bowls attire – dress length was measured and a double fronted petticoat was essential”.

Fran also states that “When I began studying the Honours Boards in our Club rooms, I was amazed at her prolific achievements and awards”.

This included being Club Champion 23 times.

Fran’s list of all Lorna’s achievements are included on Page 19 of Avenue News.



## 2015 - 2016 Avenue Bowling Club Singles Champions

**Bill Hawken**



**Doreen Connell**



## New members

At recent meetings, the Board of Directors has been pleased to welcome a number of new members. Some of them have come on transfer from other clubs but it has also been pleasing that the club’s membership has also benefited from activities conducted by the Club such as Corporate Challenge (See page 16) and barefoot bowls.

## Midweek Pennant



President Brenda Robinson said that all Midweek players should be congratulated on a fine season.

Brenda thanked all players and helpers for their support. These included the Selection Committee (**Right**) and Match Committee, Umpire Barbara Giles, Supplies purchaser Lyn Robinson, managers Glenys Kay and Lyn Robinson, Dot Cook and Molly Hughes in the kitchen and to all who set up the rinks.



Lastly to those who have done much of the work behind the scenes, Secretary Fran Ellson and Treasurer Glenys Kay.

The next tournament, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April is to be run jointly with the Mens Section.

### Division 1

Division 1 (**right**) completed the season with a win over Clunes and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the ladder.

Unfortunately the team was defeated in the semi final.

In the final home and away game Brenda Robinson's rink (**below**) had a significant achievement – winning 53 to 6.

**Clare Carlton Molly Whiting Brenda Robinson & Barry McConnell**



### Division 2

By winning the final game for the season, Division 2 (**below**) finished a creditable 8<sup>th</sup> on the ladder.



Below:

The Simpson Green during the final round on 22<sup>nd</sup> February



Below right:

After the game on 8<sup>th</sup> February



## Ladies Bowls Section

### Christmas Raffle

After the final round of Mid week Pennant, a wind up afternoon tea was held. It also involved the drawing of the Christmas raffle, with a total of 16 prizes, including a homemade Christmas cake, hampers, a money tree, toiletry packs, plants and wine.

**Right: the table laden with prizes**

The first prize, the main hamper, was won by Frank Seymour



Ladies Secretary Fran Ellson would like to thank the many Club members who supported the Christmas Raffle. Generous donations of a wide variety of goods resulted in many great prizes.

Hundreds of dollars worth of tickets was purchased by Club members – keeping up with demand was at times a challenge. All money raised will no doubt be wisely spent by our Club.

### Music Show and Christmas Break-Up

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December the Clubhouse was the venue for a Sing Along with Jan White and her brother Steve Bartlett.

We were entertained with ukulele accompaniment that encouraged us all to join in with songs that we all knew.

Dinner was chicken provided by the Club and salads etc. brought along by members.

Jan White had provided a hand knitted Santa to be raffled and this was won by Peter Thistlethwaite (**below**).



# Avenue Bowling Club annual meetings

Ladies section - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00AM

Mens Section - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00PM

**Club AGM – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00PM**

Nomination forms will be placed on the respective Notice Boards

## Indoor bowls



Indoor bowls has for many years been an important part of the Club's bowls program.

At the Annual General Meeting held on February 29<sup>th</sup> the following appointments were made:

President	Lyn Robinson
Secretary	Peter Thistlethwaite
Treasurer	David Murfin
Selectors	Peter Thistlethwaite, Christine Appleby and Lyn Robinson

### Monday Indoor Social Bowls

Social bowls will begin on Monday of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and is open to everyone who would like to have a go at indoor bowls. The starting time is 1pm.

Pictured right at social indoor bowls last year are Molly Hughes, David Murfin & Val Sartori



### Pennant

The Pennant Competition starts on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm. Last year we had 4 teams playing pennant and 2 of these teams played in the finals.

They were teams skipped by Kevin Gilmore and Lyn Robinson. Although neither team made the Grand Final this was still a good result for the Club.

This year we have sufficient players for 5 Pennant teams, as well as emergency players, including nine (9) new players. We would like to say "Welcome" to them and we trust you will enjoy playing carpet bowls at Avenue.

For any information about indoor bowls please contact Lyn Robinson (0448 032 342) or Peter Thistlethwaite (0428 038 479).

## Important Club Bowls Events

These brochures provide details of 3 events to be conducted by the Club in the coming months.

Both Bowls Sections are sharing in the conduct of these events.

Members are encouraged to be involved both by participating and inviting members of other clubs to enter.

**Note: Jack Attack has already started.**

## Weekend Pennant 2015/2016



### Selectors Report Card –

#### Report from Graham Day, Chairman, Weekend Pennant Selection Committee

The November 2015 Avenue News Selector's Report was headed "Renewal – a New Beginning". We took this seriously and realised that to provide a spring board for the future that we would have to take an unusual approach to selection.

The Premier Division team would be unlikely to hold their position in the 1916/17 season. We saw this as a wonderful chance to give players the opportunity to develop their skills playing against the best players in the Ballarat and Geelong regions (several of whom had played at national and international level. It was pleasing to see Avenue players giving their best each week against such strong opposition. Games were not won but we did develop a group of players who will form the basis of a strong Division 1 team in 1916/17.

To provide 'backup' for Division 1 it was considered important to retain Division 2. Accordingly players were selected to give us the best opportunity to achieve this outcome. We were successful in retaining Division 2 for season 1916/17.

Similarly we wanted to retain Divisions 5 and 7. This proved a little more difficult as some players (for various reasons) were unable to travel away. This meant rinks were regularly changed and far from the ideal of stable rinks. Thanks go to all those players for their forbearance and persistence which resulted in both Divisions retaining their positions for season 2016/17.

The Weekend Pennant Teams are set for a new "beginning" in 1916/17 and Avenue Bowling Club as a whole is set for Renewal. Consider:

- The new Lucas Green
- The influx of such keen new members
- The enthusiasm of the players and organisers of Corporate Challenge
- Where do we stop? The support staff each week, the greens staff – the list goes on.
- AVENUE IS ALIVE AND SET FOR THE FUTURE

The responsibility vested in a Selection Committee by Club members can only lead to success if there is ongoing support. We would like to thank all members for that support during the past season.

### How the Divisions went – report by Peter Glass

#### Premier Division

Players competing at this elite level for Avenue should be lauded if for no other reason than them putting the club's interests ahead of their own. The Division fared better against the middle and lower teams in the competition, often winning one or two rinks but not obtaining the points for the game.

#### Division 2

After a number of unsuccessful finals appearances in Division 3, particularly over the past few years, our Division 3 players were able to win the flag last season and achieve promotion to Division 2. It would have been an injustice if Division 2 had lasted only 1 season there, given the effort made by so many to get there in the first place.

The side recorded some good wins, including Victoria (twice), which was significant given Victoria finished second on the ladder after the last game. It is to be expected that some of the Premier standard players who played in Division 2 this season will move up and play Division 1 next season, so the club needs to look at some recruitment to enable Division 2 to remain competitive.

### Division 5

**Photo: Before the final home and away game - Division 5 players: Bob Delaney, Alf Ciancio, Bob Whitefield, Frank Seymour & Dennis Hardiment**

Like Division 2, this Division struggled to win games during the season. One of the reasons was that each week there were quite a number of “unavailables” which meant Divisions 5 & 7 were subject to large-scale personnel changes each week to prop-up the higher Divisions.

This did cause some concern by the players in these Divisions, however it simply could not be helped.

Early on in the season the side was bottom of the ladder, however the side won some crucial games late in the season to gain enough points to avoid relegation. Again, there were some new bowlers rotated through this Division and the experienced gained will also be a benefit to all next season.



### Division 7

As always, this Division was most affected by players being unavailable in the higher grades.

Nonetheless this gave the club the opportunity to provide the newer bowlers on the list with an opportunity to play weekend pennant.

Over the season the improvement of a number of newer players was indeed noticeable and these bowlers should go on and represent the club at higher levels in years to come. Despite the unfortunate loss of 2 points late in the season, a couple of solid late season wins put the Division outside the relegation zone a few weeks before the last game.



All players who donned the Avenue colours this year should be proud of their achievements and aspire to do better next season.

After Pennant matches most bowlers involved came back to the Club and socialised before the analysis of the Pennant results.

The photo on the left was taken as members relaxed after the final Home and Away match. NB – Do you recognise the visitor in the Melton shirt?

## Memorable Moments

Despite there being some disappointments during the season, there were many memorable moments as well. Below are just a few.



1. You cannot do much better than Dennis Hardiment (left) when he trailed the kitty into the ditch (at Central Wendouree).

2. Service with a smile always (right) - from Judy and her assistants Kelsey, Joanne and Anne.



3. Kevin Gilmore as first time skip in Premier Division winning by two shots (in the final Home and Away game) with team mates Stan Cumming, Malcolm Smith and Barry Townsend.



4. Stewart Wilson (left) being awarded his Super Veterans badge – congratulations to “Stewie”, who provided the following as his bowls “profile”:

- Started playing bowls at Beachmere Bowling Club in mid 1990
- Was President of Beachmere BC in 2001
- Was Runner up in District Singles about 2004/2005
- Was singles champion at Beachmere and G H Mounts

5. The cricketers who said they would play when they had a bye – but Ben Gould (right) could not stay away! He just kept playing all the season and has even agreed to get involved in the Club’s latest venture into barefoot bowls, Jack Attack! Well done Ben.



6. Super veteran Wally Van Looey making a come back – and playing in most games!

7. Division 2 beating much higher fancied Victoria on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

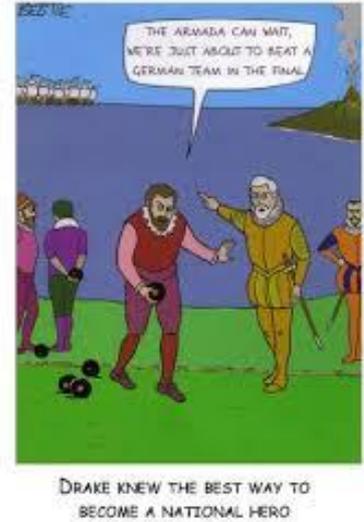
8. Division 5 winning against Webconna in the last round – as a result Webconna missed the finals.

## Some thoughts on bowls Frank Pomeroy

Another pennant season is done and dusted. Now is a great time to look back and assess our individual performances over the last pennant season and maybe set some goals to be achieved before the start of next pennant season.

- Were you happy with your performances last pennant season?
- Are you happy with your delivery?
- Is your weight all over the place or maybe your line is not as consistent as you would like?
- Are you thinking of changing your bowls?

The next 8 months is a great opportunity to make improvements to your game.



### A few tips

- 1 **Do you** have a wobble in your delivery? If so the most probable cause is the position of the little finger being placed up the side of the bowl or your thumb being placed on top of the bowl?

There are several recommended methods for gripping the bowl. If you have either or both of these problems seek help from one of the coaches or one of the more experienced players.

- 2 **If you** are thinking of buying another set of bowls and you have “wobble” problem do not buy a tight set because whilst the bowl is wobbling it will run basically in a straight line until the wobble finally runs out.

In deciding what size to buy, select the largest size you can comfortably hold. Having said that it is far better to be slightly under size than oversize.

- 3 **Now** let's look at your delivery position on the mat. If you are a new or inexperienced bowler it most important that your aiming foot (R foot for a right hander, left foot for a left hander) is placed in exactly the same spot for every delivery. If your foot is not placed in the same position for every delivery then your angle will change, which will result in bowling an inconsistent line.

- 4 **Do you** have a problem with too many short bowls?

There are many possible causes of this problem. One simple suggestion to overcome the problem is that as you complete your delivery you bring your right foot forward alongside your left foot. In other words, you finish in front of the mat (i.e. you do not step back over the mat). This ensures that your momentum is forward and along the draw line. This can be very important on a slow green and it also helps to maintain a better line.

### 5 A few dos and don'ts

- **Never** turn your back on a bowl, no matter how poor, even if it is on the wrong bias. Whilst you are standing on the mat, think about what needs to be done to make sure the next bowl is an effective one. The time between your two bowls in pennant should be a time of concentration.
- **Always** be switched on when it is your turn to bowl. Watch every delivery, including those of the opposition.
- **When** your skipper calls you to play a particular shot, play it to the best of your ability, even if you are not particularly happy with the call.

## 6 Some things to think about

- A **No 4** size bowl travels 15.5 inches in one revolution. This means that if this bowl completes only 3 revolutions after reaching jack high it will finish approximately 4 feet past the jack. Think about this when you are trying to control your weight.
- **Leads and seconds** - you don't always have to get shot. What is needed is bowls within the yard stick. If my lead had all 50 bowls within one yard of the jack and never got shot once for the day I would give 10 out of 10 for the day's effort.
- **Let's all look forward to our new green and a bright new pennant season.**

## Hello Travel Bank

Remember that the Club has an agreement with Anne Peirce, proprietor of **helloworld Bacchus Marsh**, relating to sponsorship.

This is based on Hello Travel Bank, a "Pool of Money" to be distributed according to the support of members of participating groups.

The information brochure (right) sets out the details.

Please ensure you mention you are a member of Avenue Bowling Club when you make your next travel arrangements with **helloworld Bacchus Marsh**.



## Maintenance Team

We all appreciate the work our maintenance team do to keep our greens and grounds looking so well.

But what do they do in their spare time?

Pictured are Gil Tudball and Kevin Gilmore with their latest invention for "Beating the Heat" – this has been much appreciated in recent times of 30 plus temperatures.

The hose snakes along the central covered walkway and at intervals provides a water spray to help cool down bowlers on the day..

What will they think of next?



## Looking after our greens

**Lionel Simpson Green** – in order to ensure even wear in the green we have been asked to bowl in a West/Easterly direction over the winter months – except for Club events requiring additional rinks.

**Lorna Lucas Green** – the new surface will be "Dales Pro Weave 1000" which is made in the United Kingdom. It is a new generation woven carpet designed specifically for the harsh UV conditions in Australia.

This is the same surface as the second green at Bacchus Marsh Bowling Club and the new green at Gisborne. When installed it is important that all members heed the instructions of the Greens Committee.

## The Development and Manufacture of Lawn Bowls from Wood to Phenol Formaldehyde

### Graham Day

I recently acquired some wooden bowls (pictured at right) made in Scotland by Thomas Taylor in 1912. The bowls were marked 3 Full Bias B A C and numbered 9524. The bowls have ivory discs (probably bone) on the bias side that are individually numbered from 1 to 4, the largest disc A L (maybe the owner's initials).

The bowls are made from Lignum Vitae (*Latin for the Tree of Life*) which is the national tree of the Bahamas. This is the world's densest and hardest timber, which makes it ideal for the production of lawn bowls.



This sparked my interest to discover more about the development and production of bowls. The following is a précis of my findings.

- Bowls were manufactured in England and Scotland by a number of makers including John Jacques & Sons 1795, Thomas Taylor 1796, my favourite because they were famous Rocking Horse makers F.H.Ayers Ltd.
- The Scottish Bowling Association was formed in 1893, the English Bowling Association in 1903
- 1844 – the first game recorded in Australia, at a green built alongside a tavern in Sandy Beach, Hobart (*usually the other way around - the green, then the refreshments*).
- 1864 – Alcock & Co., billiard table manufacturers located in Russell Street, Melbourne, turned several sets of bowls for the newly formed Melbourne Bowling Club.
- 1869 – D.Johnston bowls manufacturer, 34 Latrobe Street Melbourne. Opposite E.C.Johnston at 34 Latrobe Street billiard table maker including bowls manufacture as part of his business.
- 1882 – William David Hensell born in Richmond Victoria. At the age of 16 he became apprenticed to the wood turning trade, two years later transferred to Alcock & Co. to turn billiard balls, later to turn and reshape wooden bowls (*they often warped in our climate*). Alcocks became the official testers for a number of State Bowls Associations.
- 1918 – Hensell commenced his own business at 386 Little Bourke Street Melbourne. He commenced in partnership with Dunlop Rubber Co who produced a solid rubber compound bowl and Hensell's turned, biased and finished the bowls. During the period from 1918 to 1924 these bowls became so popular that the importation into Australia of lignum vitae for wooden bowls manufacture virtually ceased.
- 1930 – Dunlop Rubber Co decided to turn and finish the moulded bowls in their own factory located in Montague Victoria.
- W.D.Hensell and his son Ray had been experimenting for a number of years to produce a bowl superior to rubber which was affected by heat and climatic conditions. Working with a scientist "Dr. Lang" they produced a compound using Phenol formaldehyde to produce a material which proved outstanding for the production of bowls.
- 1931 – The first Henselite Bowl was produced
- The same basic formula is still being used to produce bowls for our great game.



### References:

- The Romance of Bowls Manufacture, by the late J.P.Munro, bowls Historian and former Hon Sec Royal Victorian Bowls Association
- The history of Henselite bowls – web site
- Various articles relating to the early manufacture of bowls



## Lerderderg Valley District Seniors Bowling Association (LVDSBA) - "The Over 60's"

Teams in this competition come from Avenue, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan, Melton and Mt. Cottrell.

There were originally 18 teams, but in November Mt. Cottrell withdrew one of its teams, resulting in a bye each week.

**Photo: Over 60's lunch time break at Bacchus Marsh Bowling Club**



The only criteria to be met to be a part of this competition is that you must be 60 years of age (or older) and be affiliated with Bowls Victoria.

This season Avenue entered 7 teams and 2 of these are in the finals, Avenue 1 (skip Laurie Burke) and Avenue 7 (skip Stewart Wilson). Both teams played Melton sides in the semi finals.

The winner of the 2016 LVDSBA Pennant Competition was the Melton Blue team which defeated the Melton Red team in a Melton derby!



### Over 60's Singles Champion

Each club involved is invited to conduct a singles event among its players. The winner from each club plays for the LVDSBA Singles title. This year Avenue will host this event.

Our representative is Stewart Wilson.

**Pictured left: Avenue's singles semi finalists. Geoff Smith, Kevin Gilmore, Peter Blythe, Stewart Wilson**

### Season 2016/2017

Early in July a sheet will be placed on the Over 60's Notice Board inviting eligible members who intend to participate next season to "Sign up".

### Who scores in fours?

- The seconds of course!
- Except for one day in the Over 60's Competition when.....

If you want to know more ask Ron Millington or Frank Seymour.



## Social Bowls

During the “off” season (April to August) the Club offers a range of opportunities for members and visitors to the club to participate in social bowls, and details are set out below.

The Entry fee (as set by the Board of Directors) is \$6 per bowler.

Lunch (fast food) is normally available for purchase.

### Tuesdays at 10.00AM

Pairs – alternate weeks 3 bowl or 2-4-2 format  
Team entry or teams formed from single entries

### Thursdays at 10.00AM

Pairs or triples depending on the number entering  
Single entry only

Photo at right shows participants on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016



### Saturdays at 11.00AM

“Scroungers” format  
Single entry only

Photo at right shows participants in Scroungers during Winter 2015



### What happens if it rains during social bowls?

We keep playing of course and bowlers don a range of “protective gear”. See photo below taken on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March.



Photo above: New member David McKenzie teamed with David McKendrick on 10<sup>th</sup> March to “win the money”. It was David McKenzie’s first win in social bowls. Well done!

# Corporate Challenge 2016

This popular team event has been held by the Club annually for at least 17 years. We are again grateful to **Arbee Real Estate** for their support of this event (all the prize money) and to those who provided prizes for the raffle each week (see list on Page 17).



This year there were 26 teams made up of employees of local business, members of local service clubs, members of families (and friends ie, from the same street), local schools and 3 teams from Moorabool Shire Council. Each week 104 bowlers took part and as always, in addition to playing lawn bowls, there was a real sense of having fun and plenty of social activity.

On the final evening Steve Creese of Arbee Real Estate made presentations in the 4 categories available!



Above: **Winners, Hartley Harlotts (2 years in a row)**



Above: **Runners up team, Devenny Payne**

Below: **3<sup>rd</sup> Placed team, Bacchus Marsh Mens' Shed**



Below: **Consolation prize: Bacchus Marsh Easter Fest**



The diverse list of participating teams is shown below.

Thistledo	Hit and Kill	Workers *	Devenny Payne	Parks & Gardens *
Hit and Miss	H & K Skirts	Get Shredded	Councillors *	Bacchus Marsh Lions Club
Three Plus One	Rotary Wheelers	Bendigo Bank	Rotary Scroungers	Whipper Snappers
Rotary BBQers	The Trasks	Harley Harlotts	Darley Primary School	Bacchus Marsh Mens Shed
Accountable 1	Accountable 2	Easter Fest Bowling Bunnies		
Professionals	Crackerjacks	BM Community Bank Board	* Moorabool Shire Council teams	

Below are some general views taken over the 6 weeks of Corporate Challenge 2016. These photographs should help us all to remember this very enjoyable 6 weeks of competition.

There is also a comprehensive photographic display featuring most participating teams on pages 21 to 24 of March Avenue News.



- Above - Action on the Lionel Simpson Green

- Above - Lawn bowls is a game for all ages – including Corporate Challenge!



- Above - Registrations

- Above - Under the lights – final night

### Corporate Challenge Sponsors (major sponsor Arbee Real Estate)



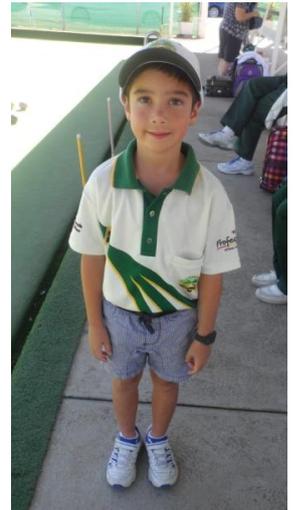
## Avenue people in the news (Past, Present and future)

### Owen Delaney

Pictured at right is the youngest member of Avenue Bowling Club – actually Owen Delaney is not a paid up member but just likes to wear the same outfit as his grandfather – Bob Delaney.

Whenever he visits his grandparents, Owen (who lives on the Gold Coast) proudly dons his Avenue gear and pesters Bob for a “roll”! From casual observation Owen looks set for a career in lawn bowls.

Note – Since this photo was taken Owen has improved his outfit by acquiring Club shorts as well. We welcome Owen to the Club and look forward to his next visit.



### Guess who?

This photo is of a current member of the Club who started playing bowls in 1974.

Have you any idea who the member is?

Members are invited to guess who this is (by telling bar manager Judy) and your suggestion will be recorded. There will be a draw of correct entries at the Club's AGM and the winner will be entitled to a free drink from the Bar (at Judy's discretion).

A profile on our mystery member will be a feature of a future edition of Avenue News.

### Ves Culjak (Jack)

This is Ves having his first go at lawn bowls. Ves has lived in Bacchus Marsh for about 2 years and has decided that it is about time he had a go at lawn bowls.

So Ves is a “potential” member and if you see him or anyone else at the Club – if they are looking for more information make them welcome and put them on to Secretary Peter Glass on 5367 3167.

If possible go for a tour of the Club, see if you can answer their questions and above all make them very welcome.





## The Friday Group

Any Friday evening you care to visit the Club, the Friday Group will be there.

It is definitely social and there is a warm welcome to join in at any time!

## Paul O'Farrell and Bob Whitefield

This is a very common sight at the Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre – Paul and Bob having coffee with 3 ladies who have no interest in bowls!

Pictured with Paul and Bob are Mary Whitefield, Sylvie and Laurie Costa.

Last year Paul, Laurie, Bob and Mary went together on a cruise to the Pacific Islands and also had a week together on Norfolk Island.



## Jean and Bill Lindsay



**Jean and Bill** first played lawn bowls with Alva Bowling Club (near Stirling in Scotland). When they migrated to Australia in 1973 they joined the Doutta Gala Bowling Club (North Essendon).

In 1989 they moved to Bacchus Marsh and joined Avenue Bowling Club, where both played in Pennant and other competitions.

Jean, who is 90 plus has now taken up residence at Providence and has donated Bill's large collection of club badges and this collection will in due course be displayed at the Clubhouse. Jean recalls Avenue Bowling Club as a very good club and one of her happiest memories is of playing with Lorna Lucas, even if Lorna said one day that when playing bowls "Jean lacked the devil".

Bill was a pastry cook by trade and Jean says that for over 5 years he provided scones for afternoon tea, which were always appreciated by members and visitors.

Prior to retiring from competitive bowls, Bill was awarded with his super veteran's badge. Bill died in 1995.

## Achievements by Lorna Lucas in the Lawn Bowls Arena

(Compiled by Fran Ellson)

Year	Achievements
1959/60 to 1991/92	Lorna Lucas was Avenue Bowling Club Ladies Singles Champion 23 times during these years. She was also a member of a number of Avenue Bowling Club Pennant Winning Teams.
1973	Victorian Open Singles Victorian Country Fours
1974	World Pairs World Fours Runners Up
1975	Australian Pairs Champion BDLBA District Singles Champion
1977	World Fours Winner World Pairs Runners Up
1978	Victorian Country Singles Champion Country Champion of Champions
1979	Round Robin Winner – Victorian Team
1980	Master Singles Champion BDLBA Champion of Champions
1981	Master Singles Champion BDLBA Champion of Champions Country Champion of Champions
1982	Master Singles Champion Victorian Country Open Pairs
1983	BDLBA A1 Pennant - Member of Avenue Bowling Club Team BDLBA District Singles Champion
1984	Hotham All- States Runner Up
1985	Australian Games Silver Medal BDLBA Champion of Champions
1986	BDLBA Champion of Champions
1988	BDLBA Pairs Champion
1989	BDLBA Pairs Champion

- In recognition of her greatness and phenomenal achievements as a lawn bowler, in 2000 Lorna Lucas was honoured as the recipient of the **Australian Sports Medal**. This medal was instituted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to commemorate Australian Sporting Achievements.
- Lorna was honoured by the **Ballarat Sportsman's Club in 1973**, declaring her **Sportsperson of the Year** – recognition of the highest level of sporting achievement.
- Lorna's picture hangs proudly on the wall at Avenue Bowling Club along with a record of her amazing achievements and awards.
- Lorna was made a **Life Member of the Club in 1979** and is remembered with pride each time we step out to bowl on the **Lorna Lucas Green**.



## Corporate Challenge 2016

Photographic gallery - how many teams and people can you name? (there is a listing of teams at the end of the gallery)



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### Corporate Challenge 2016 Photo Listing

1	Hit & Kill and H & K Skirts	11	H & K Skirts and Rotary BBQ
2	Accountable Accountants & Devenny Payne	12	Professionals & Whippersnippers
3	All in on Lucas Green	13	Mens Shed and Hit & Miss
4	BB Directors and Workers	14	Crackerjacks
5	BM Lions and BM Easter Fest	15	Trasks and Rotary Wheelers
6	CC Kids	16	Thistledo
7	Councillors and DPS1	17	CC Kids
8	Hartley Harlotts and Crackerjacks	18	Registrations
9	Devenny Payne and Parks & Gardens	19	All in on Simpson Green
10	3 in 1 and Get Shredded		

Apologies to any teams missing out!