Div 5 players resting on their laurels after what was a nail-biting win to take the flag for 2015/2016.
Tuesday Division 3

From back left: Ernesto Vergara, Alaine Dawson, Keith Mark, Brian Fraser,
Ralph Devonshire, Alan Mark, Enid Gibb, Pam Uren.

Front: Truus Henneman, Micki Horton, Ethel van Maanen, Nancy Pugh, Carl Lapham (manager).

WINNERS!!!

Saturday Div 5

Tuesday Div 1 Firsts finished third, and played Keysborough away in the final. Tuesday Div 3 Seconds finished fourth and played Cranbourne RSL away. This was to be as far as they went, but they also kept their place in Division 3. Tuesday Div 5 Thirds placed third, and were beaten by Ferntree Gully on their slick green. Although all teams were beaten in the first round, at least they all kept their place in their divisions. It was a fantastic effort, that three out of three sides were in the finals, and I congratulate the players and the selectors - a very successful season.

Saturday Div 2 Firsts finished just outside the four in sixth position. A very creditable effort.

Saturday Div 4 Seconds came second, and although given a home final, went down to Beaumaris. Again a great effort.

Saturday Div 6 Thirds were the stars, finishing top of the ladder, taking out their home final against Heatherdale, and going on to win the flag against Ferntree Gully. A brilliant job by some very hard-working bowlers who kept their ‘heads down and bums up’ right to the end.

Saturday Div 7 Fourths, finishing third, had to challenge Bayswater, but although they played their hearts out, were unsuccessful. Congratulations to them on their first final.


Front: Yanis Dukats, Norm Hosmer, Keith Mark, Reg Johnstone, Ralph Devonshire, Stan Robinson, Keith Mark.

It seems a long time ago now, but for those who do not know, below is a summary of the finals for the 2015/16 season.
I t is with great regret that I submit my final report to the members of the Narre Warren Bowls Club, and reflect on the year that has passed. As my term as President now comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Narre Warren Bowls Club for their support in making 2015/16 a very successful one, both on and off the greens.

To the Board, I thank you for your support over the past 12 months. There were some trying times over this period, firstly with the resignation of Peter Rouse in September due to other commitments and, try as we might, we could not get anyone to fill his board position. Then, Peter Bowman had to resign due to Gail’s health, and I elected to fill the role of Secretary until the AGM.

Club Treasurer, Geoff Miller, who somehow always seems to balance the books to the bank statement and produce an up-to-date balance sheet and annual financial report, duly signed off by our club auditor, showing a trading surplus of $10,614.59. Thank you, Geoff.

I cannot speak highly enough of the effort of Sandra Lapham and the people from Task Force, who not only hire the kitchen for their training and, to date, have increased our income by $6500, with wonderful meals for only $2 on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is also helping young people to train and get jobs, and we wish them all the best for their future.

Opening Day

Our season started in great fashion, which you the members by your attendance made sure this day was again successful and, as usual, well attended by our official guests, Judith Graley MP, Luke Donnellan MP, Minister for Roads and Roads Safety, Minister for Ports, Councillor Louise Berkelmans, Deputy Mayor, and Sam Aziz who handed over to the club the centenary alfresco that covers the barbecue area. Over the past 12 months this has been put to great use, and will service your club for years to come.

Pennant Season and the Selection Committee

The most thankless job in any bowls club – for nobody ever agrees with them – but Eric and his team’s progressive approach to this year’s selections resulted in our most successful year yet, with six of our seven sides making finals, and the Saturday Division 6 winning its Section, therefore being elevated to Division 5. So, with all of the bitching, the selectors were right, and we must commend them on a great job well done, and their report worth reading.
**Bowls Committee**

As with Selection, trying to keep everybody happy is a full-time job, and to Arthur and his committee, your detailed report highlighted the problems you faced, and I commend the effort your committee carried out this season.

**Greens Committee**

John, Andy, Graham and Phillip worked in well with our greens contractor, Mark Walker, and B Green is now up with the best and a pleasure to play on. Mark and his team are to be congratulated on both the greens and the surrounds.

At this point, I offer a very special thank you to Judy, Shirley and the trading table ladies for their donation of a new lawn edger. Thank you all.

**Bar Committee**

To all, thank you. And, as you see in the financial report, this is a major source of income for the club. Without your efforts, this would not have been possible. Again, thank you.

**Catering Committee**

As always, never let the club down, as shown when Gail got ill, Helen, Kevin and all the others rose to the challenge.

**House Committee**

It would be remiss of me not to express on behalf of the members, the sincere appreciation we owe to John Uren, Len O’Brien and Glen Cadman for their outstanding effort over the past years for the spotless condition they keep our clubrooms – right up until the job got too much for so few.

**Sponsorship**

It was my pleasure this year to sign up three new major sponsors to the Narre Warren Bowls Club in Barry Plant, Main Street Village and Aveo Retirement Living (all at $1500 per year) which, along with our existing sponsors, form a major part of our income (this year was $10,445.76). All at some time in the coming year will have to be renegotiated, and as this is very time consuming, please do not leave it one person like this year.

To all the members who gave their time to help at the various functions that were held over the year (barefoot bowls, summer challenge, Christmas parties etc), you are too many to name, and I thank you all.

To the incoming board and committees, I trust you have a very successful year, and to the members, it has been my privilege to have served your club as both secretary and president over the past three years. I believe this club has made great progress in many areas, but we still let ourselves down by leaving too much to too few, then complain that this is not the way we used to do it.

*Reg Johnstone*
Presenting the Board for 2015/2016

Our new President for 2015/2016 is Eric Sydenham (above). Peter Bowman (below left) is Secretary, and our Treasurer is once again Geoff Miller.

Welcome to these office bearers and their board.
Committees and other office bearers

Although there are still several positions to be filled below is a list of those who have accepted positions

President: Eric Sydenham
Secretary: Peter Bowman
Treasurer: Geoff Miller
Board: Sandra Lapham, Erick Luyters, Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson
Communications Officer: Carl Lapham
Press Officer: Micki Horton
Greens & Surrounds: Graham Dodd, Janis Dukats, Philip Howard, Andy Tobler
Sponsorship: Philip Howard
Almoner: Enid Gibb
Provider: Gail Bowman, Helen McCarthy
Catering: Gail Bowman, Helen McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy
Selection: Enid Gibb, Micki Horton, Philip Howard, Jimmy Millar, Arthur Scheurer
Bowls: Graham Dodd, Jimmy Millar, Andy Tobler

Pictured are some of the committee members and other office bearers

Sandra Lapham, Board Member
Wilma Stevenson, Board Member

Iain Stevenson
Board Member
Jimmy Millar, Selector

Enid Gibb, Selector, Almoner

Micki Horton, Selector

Graham Dodd and Andy Tobler, Bowls Committee and Greens and Surrounds

Philip Howard, Selector

Carl Lapham, Communications Officer

Jimmy Millar, Selector
Thank you to all who supported the “lolly basket”. I regretted having to discontinue it because it was well supported, but the wholesaler put up the prices by such a large amount that it wasn’t worth selling them - we would have been making 20c/bag.

Added to this was the problem that the money quite often didn’t balance with the number of bags taken, and on a very regular basis there was $1 missing, so someone obviously thought they warranted pensioner discount!!

The money from the sales has been paid into the Trading Table account which recently bought a new edger for the club, costing almost $500.

Judy Naughton
THE Indoor Bowls Section held its AGM on 29 February, and once again Enid Gibb was voted in as President, with Micki Horton as Secretary and Nancy Pugh continuing her role as Treasurer.

The Selectors for the season are Micki Horton, Derrick Noble and Nancy Pugh, with Enid reprising her duties as Delegate, along with Kevin McCarthy.

It was decided to field only two teams this season, as we will have fewer players available. (Any outdoor bowler is welcome to come along on a Tuesday to give it a try).

As the outdoor home sides were provided with lunch on their home games, our chefs have kindly agreed to give us lunch on our social Tuesdays. Any bowler is welcome to take advantage of this (along with guests, if any), so long as names are put on the list beforehand.
The trophy and badge winners for season 2015/2016 are as follows:

**Super Veteran**
John Uren, Rudi Pompe and Fred Fox

**Eight Badges** (earned on 27/02/2016 on the second-last end)
Callum Osbourne, Pam Uren, Leo McGeary and John Uren

**Ruby Jenner Ladies' Pairs**
Winners: Pam Uren and Judy Naughton

**Stan Tolley Mixed Pairs**
Winners: Wilma Haringsma and Jimmy Millar. Runners-up: Nancy Pugh and Keith Mark

**Open 100-Up**
Winner: Peter Lister. Runner-up: Brent Grigg

**President’s Handicap**
Winner: Peter Lister. Runner-up: Wilma Stevenson

**Minor Champion**
Winner: Colin Groom. Runner-up Brent Grigg

**Open Triples**
Winners: Damian Brick, Alan Mark and Keith Mark. Runners-up: Joe Selfridge, Iain Stevenson and Wilma Stevenson

**Open Fours**
Winners: Andy Tobler, Graham Dodd, Keith Mark and Alan Mark. Runners-up: Shirley Bell, Joe Selfridge, Rod Lane and Neville Bradley

**Ladies’ Pairs**
Winners: Shirley Bell and Judy Naughton. Runners-up: Wilma Haringsma and Pam Uren

**Men’s Pairs**
Winners: Damian Brick and Reg Young. Runners-up: Michael Graham and Andy Tobler

**Ladies’ Singles**
Winner: Judy Naughton. Runner-up Enid Gibb

**Men’s Singles**
Winner: Keith Mark. Runner-up: Arthur Scheurer
Singles Runner-up, Female: Enid Gibb

Wilma Harinoma, with Jimmy Miller, won the Stan Tolley Mixed Pairs

This Season’s

Open 100-up Winner: Peter Lister
Runner Up Brent Grigg

Stan Tolley Mixed Pairs
Runners-up: Nancy Pugh and Keith Mark

Club Champion, Female: Judy Naughton

This Season’s

Singles Runner-up, Female: Enid Gibb
Trophy Winners

Singles Runner-up, Male: Arthur Scheurer

Club Champion Male: Keith Mark

President’s Handicap Winner: Peter Lister

President’s Handicap Runner-up: Wilma Stevenson

Minor Champion Winner: Colin Groom

Minor Champion Runner-up: Brent Grigg

Minor Champion Winner: Colin Groom

President’s Handicap Winner: Peter Lister

President’s Handicap Runner-up: Wilma Stevenson

Minor Champion Winner: Colin Groom

Minor Champion Runner-up: Brent Grigg
Open Triples Runners-up:
Joe Selfridge (absent), Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson

Open Triples Winners:
Damian Brick, Alan Mark, Keith Mark

Open Fours Winners:
Alan Mark,
Andy Tobler,
Graham Dodd,
Keith Mark,

Ruby Jenner Pairs:
Judy Naughton and Pam Uren

Ladies Pairs Runners-up:
Wilma Haringsma and Wilma Stevenson
Men’s Pairs Winners: Damian Brick and Reg Young

Men’s Pairs Runners-up: Michael Graham (absent) and Andy Tobler

Eight Badge: John Uren, Callum Osbourne, Pam Uren, Leo McGeary (absent)

Super Veteran
John Uren

Super Veteran
Rudi Pompe
Coach’s Comments

Coach Arthur Scheurer

Winter is upon us, but that does not mean that we hibernate and forget our sporting or social life at the bowls club.

We should have evaluated our performance over the past season by now for what we achieved, and also what we were not happy with and could have done better, and I bet there are quite a number of you who feel that more could have been achieved in your results.

As the club coach I am always looking for ways to encourage you to improve your game and make playing socially or serious competition much more enjoyable and, believe it or not, much more fun when you win. To achieve this I am introducing a DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM to help those of you who are interested to participate in over the winter period and into the next summer season.

The program will be a series of group instructions, then it is up to each of the participants to work on the set tasks at their convenience and report their progress at the next group session. At the time of writing this article there are a few minor details to be finalised before I call for those keen enough to want to improve their game.

As you have come to expect from me, winter is here, the bowling green is also here, and improvement is here IF YOU PRACTISE and use the slower greens to perfect those difficult shots for next session.

For those of you who are going away for a break, be safe, be healthy and have a great time.

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Editorial

We’ve had a very successful year on the green pennant-wise, and I believe the selectors deserve a resounding cheer for getting six out of our seven sides into the finals. This was one heck of an achievement.

I have been disappointed in Kitty Whispers this season. As I now live in Pakenham, I am not spending as much time at the club as I used to, therefore have not been up-to-date on all the goings-on. So, I am asking if you know of anything that you think would be interesting to your bowling clubmates – either personally or to do with bowls – please let me know about it, either by telling me in person, or emailing your story (with pix, if possible) to me. If you are new, I am the one pictured, so grab me when you see me and introduce yourself.

I extend a big thank you to Reg and everyone else for their efforts in keeping the club going, and wish the new board and committees all the best for the coming season. - Micki, ed