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Congratulations National Championships



G. Young and P. Bishop after the win against N.S.W.

After taking out the coveted ACT Women's Pairs title in October, Gayle Young and Pam Bishop teamed up to not only represent our club but the ACT at the National Championships, held at Merimbula during the last week of November. The National Championships made a return to the Bowls Australia calendar after a hiatus of 12 years. Each State's Champions in all disciplines play off for the National title at this event and the tournament rivals the CoCC event which was held in Darwin in 2017. Gayle and Pam played well against the WA pair of Therese Hastings and Helen Morss from the Manning Club going down 12-16. Their second game saw the ladies up against Genevieve Delves and Natasha Scott from Raymond Terrace, NSW. Much to the surprise of all, except themselves, our ladies came from behind to defeat the Australian Champion and her partner 15-12 after being down 4-12 after 10 of the required 15 ends. It goes without saying that the NSW team wasn't happy and the result wasn't spoken about on the BA website. The last game in their section against Kerry Leask and Mary Tragardh from Vic. went down to the last

bowl. Our team was holding a draw with 3 shots when the opposing Skip executed the perfect through-the-head-shot to knock out the third closest to win the game by 1 shot. The ladies would like to thank all their supporters who made the effort to travel to Merimbula and give such great encouragement throughout their games.



N. Scott and P. Bishop focussing on the head.

Canberra Hamper Day

Sunday 10th December saw our club fill with teams from many local clubs, vying for the prize of a Christmas Hamper. The number of teams was down again but that didn't deter the enthusiasm of the players on the day to enjoy the perfect weather and company on offer. After the 2 games before lunch Julie Hancock's team were well ahead of the pack but Ken Derbyshire's team soon put a stop to their progress in the sudden death playoff with some of the best executed drives seen in a while on the greens. The tables turned when Ken's team came up against the very experienced team from City, skipped by Robert Kelly in the Final. All games were played in a light hearted but serious manner and win or lose everyone enjoyed the day



Winners: R. Kelly, D. Lalor, S. Lalor, T. Barrie; Runners-Up: B. Stevenson, C. Bishop, K. Derbyshire, P. Flowers

Christmas Carnival 2017

Again the numbers were down in the way of entries in the Christmas Carnival although there were still many players from other local clubs on each day, many returning after the Hamper Day event, having enjoyed playing on the artificial greens so much. The winners varied each day, so it was good to see everyone enjoy themselves in such a friendly tournament.

Men's Major Singles



Finalists R. Jackson, A. Brookman, with Marker W. Wallis

The Men's Championships have been brought forward in the calendar year so that the Major games aren't being played during the cold winter weather as in previous years. To this end it goes without saying that the weather was at the other end of the scale when the Men's Singles got under way on January 20th. The temperature hit the 37.5 degree mark each day causing some players to forfeit or withdraw. Having said that, the first couple of rounds went ahead and there were some very tight and exciting games amongst them too. The Semi-Finals were deferred to the weekend of the 27th to be played on the same day as the Final. This seemed to work better as it made for a very interesting day of bowls with some members turning out to enjoy the great quality of bowling that was on offer.

Both Semi-Finals, Dave Lindbeck playing Reg Jackson and Mark Dulihanty up against Manny Brookman, were very close towards the end with Reg and Manny winning through to the

Final. The weather held off, as rain had been predicted, and the cloud cover made the day a lot more pleasant than the previous weekend's heat.

Manny took the first end by 2 shots, with both he and Reg drawing nicely. Reg managed to take 3 shots on the second end and another on the fourth end when Manny missed the shot bowl with an attempted on-shot. This seemed to unsettle Manny as his drawing rhythm was all over the place while Reg capitalised and scored on the next five ends to lead 11-2 after seven ends. The eighth end was a very tight head with Manny coming away with 1 shot after a measure. Reg then bounced back to score 3 shots on the ninth and then did himself a disservice by knocking Manny's bowl onto the Jack which gave Manny 2 shots on the tenth. 14-5 to Reg. Manny then scored 6 single shots and a 4 shot end to draw equal to Reg by the seventieth end 14-14. Both players continued to use their draw shots, Reg seeming to prefer the shorter end while Manny threw the Jack long. This ploy didn't pay off for Manny as he chipped the Jack closer to Reg's bowl and Reg added another shot on the eighteenth. Then when Manny was holding shot on the nineteenth Reg executed a lovely on-shot to take it out and score himself, 18-15 to Reg. Reg was holding 2 shots on the twentieth when Manny had a runner and took one out. Manny scored one on the twenty-first end then 3 shots on the twenty-second to draw level again 19-19. With the end in sight the tension on the green grew. The twenty-third end was one of the most exciting ends. Manny held shot, Reg took the Jack back, when Manny recaptured the Jack and held what looked like 3 or 4 shots. Not to be outdone, Reg drew the shot with his last. Manny drew level again on the next end. Reg replied with a couple of singles then Manny drew 2 shots on the twenty-seventh to again be level 22-22. On the twenty-eighth end it was Manny's turn to score another couple to lead 24-22 but Reg retaliated and got a double on the next end, 24-24. Last end and Reg had shot 1/2" from the Jack and placed a couple of catches in the right places in case Manny hit the shot and bounced the Jack back. But Manny saw it differently. He had nothing to lose when he put down a ditch-weight runner to hit the shot bowl, take it and a couple Reg's catchers out to end up with shot by about 4". Well done to both players. The onlookers enjoyed the game enormously and the good

sportsmanship of both players was of the highest order.

CBC Women's Bowls Program 2018

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Women's Pairs – 31st January
Women's Singles – 28th February
Women's Triples – 14th March
Women's Fours – 28th March
Women's Minor Singles – 18th April
Women's Minor Pairs – 16th May
Helen Dengate Consistency – 13th June
Mixed Pairs – 11th, 12th August
Open Singles – 15th, 16th September
Mixed Fours – 5th, 6th October

2018 Weekend Pennants

Disappointingly Canberra has only entered 2 Sides into the Men's Pennants this year after fielding 4 in 2017. We have a Side in the Grade 1 and one in Grade 4. We wish both teams the best bowling during the season. The teams, with opposition and venue, will be entered onto the website prior to each week's game, hopefully with any late changes as they come to light.

The ladies start their Pennant season with a home game on Saturday 3rd February. All the best for their playing season as well.

Please note that **WR Engineering** is the new sponsor for both Pennant competitions. So if you require any fencing, garage, or shed type work around your home, give WR Engineering a call and mention you are involved with bowls and receive not only a discount but very friendly service too.

Here are the Men's teams and positions for Round 1. Each week the teams will be listed on our web page.

Round 1	4th February				Start	
	LEAD	SECOND	THIRD	SKIP		
GRADE 1	M. Carroll	K. Derbyshire	P. Kirkland	D. Lindbeck	<i>Away</i>	10.30 am Mgr: G. McKay Res: G. McKay
	B. Wallis	T. Miller	M. Dulihty	A. Brookman	vs	
	K. Winstanley	D. Kimber	A. Tonkin	M. Fawthrop	<i>Queanbeyan</i>	
GRADE 4	R. Edsor	V. Pulling	L. Lange	P. Kirby	<i>Away</i>	10.30 am Mgr: L. Naoumidis Res: J. Campion
	P. Flowers	G. Bourke	P. Wiget	A. Morgan	vs	
	D. Spencer	C. Bishop	K. Dalglish	H. Hepburn	<i>City</i>	

CBC Men's Bowls Program 2018

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Men's Minor Singles – 24th February, 10th March
Men's Triples – 5th, 6th May
Men's Fours – 19th, 20th May
Men's Handicap Singles – 16th, 17th June
Men's Minor Pairs – 23rd, 24th June
Mixed Pairs – 11th, 12th August
Open Singles – 15th, 16th September
Mixed Fours – 5th, 6th October

As each game is played, the results are not only updated on the Notice Board but on our Club website too, under 'Bowling Program'.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Q1. Having tossed the coin for opening play the winner of the toss chooses to tell the opponent to place the mat and play first. May they do this?

Q2. In a Singles match Player 'A' has not arrived by the due starting time. How long should be allowed for player 'A' to arrive before the match is awarded to their opponent?

Q3. In a game of pairs Lead 'A' becomes ill and cannot continue. A substitute takes the Lead's place. Several ends later the substitute cannot continue. Is another substitute allowed to take their place?

A1. Yes. The opponent player will place the mat and play the first bowl. They cannot refuse.

A2. In all Events the match will be awarded to the opponent if a player has failed to appear 30 minutes after the specified time of starting.

A3. Yes. The substitute can be replaced by another substitute as long as they are an eligible player.

ACT EVENTS

Club Events and deadlines highlighted in yellow

February 2018 Planner (Version dated 13/11/2017)

Bowls ACT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 5				1	2 Men's Pairs	3 Women's Pennant Rd 1 Men's Pairs	4 Men's Pennants Rd 1
Week 6	5	6	7 Twilight Women's Singles Open	8	9	10 Women's Pennant Rd 2 Men's Pairs Men's Minor Singles Open	11 Men's Pennants Rd 2
Week 7	12	13	14 Twilight ACT M/ W Singles Close	15	16 Women's Singles Close	17 Women's Pennant Rd 3 Men's Minor Singles Close	18 Men's Pennants Rd 3
Week 8	19 BPL07 Auckland, NZ	20 BPL07 Auckland, NZ	21 Twilight BPL07 Auckland, NZ	22 Goulburn Men's Triples Carnival BPL07 Auckland, NZ	23 Goulburn Men's Triples Carnival	24 Goulburn Women's Triples Carnival Men's Minor Singles Women's Pennant Rd 4 World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	25 Goulburn Women's Triples Carnival Men's Pennants Rd 4 World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD
Week 9	26 World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	27 Squad Prac M/W Lead into Sides World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	28 Twilight Aust. Indoor Qualifier Entries Open M/W Women's Singles World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD Women's Triples Open				

Bugsy's Tech Notes

I hope everyone has recovered after the festive season ready for another year of competitive bowls. The recent hot weather has put a little bit of a damper on things for being out on the green for long periods but the air con in the club afterwards is surely appreciated. With all the recent connections of some members to NBN there has been a variety of glitches. One common one is, the connection keeps dropping out or slowing down, now this could mean numerous things but more than likely comes back to the service provider. Sometimes its due to the NBN work being carried out in your suburb while the change over takes place or some other work in the exchange. A good way to test your connection to the internet is via a ping. To run a Ping test in Windows 10 Click the Search icon (magnifying glass) in the bottom left-hand corner and type "cmd" into the search bar. Select the Command Prompt app - it will be at the top of the list of search results as the best match. A black box with a flashing cursor will open; this is the Command Prompt. Type "ping google.com" without the quotes. If you have a reasonable connection it should come back in less than 50 ms if it is rubbish then it might never come back or take a lot longer than that. In which case you should be

contacting your service provider for solutions. In most cases service providers will also have a web page which can be accessed via a smart mobile device to let you know of any outages in your area. Check this before contacting the help desk then wasting time listening to piped music for what seems like forever then only to be told the problem is yours. Needless to say a recent study just out showed Australia's fixed broadband speed is now below Kazakhstan in terms of global ranking of internet speeds. We can all thank our wonderful government for turning what should have been a leading edge project into something a lot less than that due to some politicians non interest in tech or the ramifications it means when competing on the global stage.

This month's web site recommendation is called LifeHacker accessed from this link <https://www.lifehacker.com.au/> Lifehacker is like a central hub of productivity tips, tricks, and downloads. It's basically an archive of all the information it that people might find useful but up until this point was kept secret. Aside from productivity, they also cover topics such as money-saving tips, clever uses for household items, and so on.

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)



"Just for you Ken"



"My memory really sucks Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect"

NO SPEAKAH DE ENGLISH

A bus stops and 2 Italian men get on. They sit down and engage in an animated conversation. The lady sitting next to them ignores them at first, but her attention is galvanized when she hears one of them say the following:

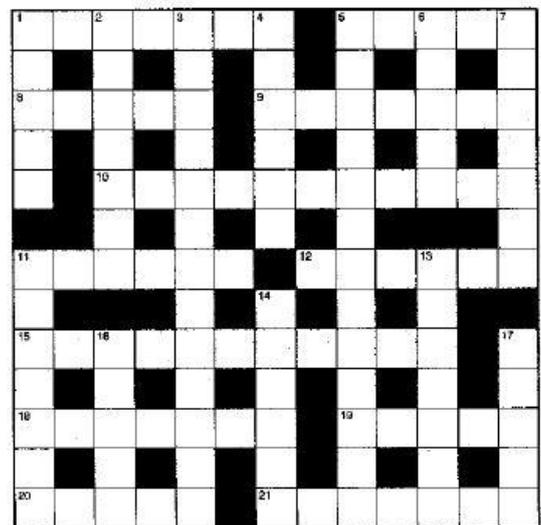
"Emma come first. Den I come. Den two asses come together. I come once-a-more!.. Two asses, they come together again, I come again and pee twice. Then I come one lasta time."

The lady can't take this anymore. *"You foul-mouthed sex obsessed pig!"* She retorted indignantly.

"In this country, we don't speak aloud in public places about our sex lives!"

"Hey, coola down lady," said the man, "Whooza talkin' about sex? I'm a justa tellin' my frienda how to spell ' Mississippi '..

\$5.00 says you're gonna read this again!



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| Across | Down |
| 1. Constitution (7) | 1. Programmer (5) |
| 5. Ends of sleeves at the wrist (5) | 2. End a meeting (7) |
| 8. French city (5) | 3. Kind (6-7) |
| 9. Canal boat (7) | 4. Area, district (6) |
| 10. Cool (11) | 5. Quality of being thoughtful (13) |
| 11. Oscar-winning biopic starring Ben Kingsley (6) | 6. Contract the brow (5) |
| 12. Crime (6) | 7. ___ Matthews, footballer (7) |
| 15. Estimate the value of (11) | 11. Extremely (7) |
| 18. Crooked (7) | 13. Fill with fear (7) |
| 19. Adult insect (5) | 14. Scandinavian (6) |
| 20. A financial return (5) | 16. Three-wheeled cycle (5) |
| 21. Remove from sight (7) | 17. Cook meat on a gridiron (5) |

Answer Next Issue



Last Issue's Solution

Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you" ... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?" ... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



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NORMAL.
BUT IT GETS BORING...
SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.**

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