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Congratulations Club Mixed Pairs

2017 Club Mixed Pairs saw 18 teams take to the greens on July 1st, 2nd. The laughter and friendly calls echoed nicely in the still winter air with the first couple of games starting at 9.30 am in -8 degrees temperatures on both days. It was some of the coldest mornings in Canberra for over a decade. By the end of Sunday's play, in the dark, the finalists were decided by car headlights streaming across the rinks so that the result of the second Semi-Final could be concluded. The Final between Nancy Buck with Ray Brewer up against Julie Hancock with Mannie Brookman was played on Friday 14th July, which started sunny with a strong breeze affecting the first half of the game. Nancy and Ray got away to a good lead, winning the first five ends and showing 9-0 on the board. Julie and Mannie combined well to take the next two ends to claw back to a single point difference after seven ends. On the eighth end Mannie took out their closest bowl leaving Ray with four or five in the head, but Ray's last knocked one of Julie's into third shot so Ray only scored two but then picked up a four point score on the ninth, 15-8 to Ray. Julie drew a beautiful resting toucher on the tenth which held like glue to add one to their score. The eleventh end was exciting. Julie drew a front close bowl, covering the Jack to hold two when Nancy came through and took the white ball to the ditch to hold three. Ray drew a couple close to the ditch which Mannie skilfully took out one with a weighted on-shot to hold second shot. Ray wasn't having any of that and promptly returned the favour and sat Mannie's bowl out to add four to his tally. 19-9 for Ray. Julie and Nancy continued to have a close battle up front with beautiful draw bowls from both ladies. The

twelfth and thirteenth ends went Julie and Mannie's way with them scoring a four and a double to get to within four. On the fourteenth Julie and Mannie were holding four when Nancy again drew through the head, picked up the Jack and held one until Ray clipped one of Mannie's front bowls onto the shot bowl which he then removed to redeem himself, scoring a single. 20-15. With Mannie drawing to the Jack he and Julie started to add to their score slowly but surely over the next three ends to take the lead 22-20 by the seventeenth. On the eighteenth end both teams drew shot for shot off each other until Mannie was holding two when Ray came through and took the Jack to the ditch with his last. The nineteenth kept everyone on the edge of their seats when Julie took the Jack back with her last and sat very close until Ray wicked in off one of Nancy's earlier shots with his last to clip Julie's bowl away from the Jack to hold shot himself. Mannie tried to take Ray out with an on-shot but missed by a hair's breath. Scores level 22-22, with 2 ends to go. The twentieth end seesawed for shot with Nancy getting a resting toucher to start, Mannie moving her off the jack to hold four shots. Then Nancy drew second shot, Julie moved the jack then Ray held two shots when Mannie took out Julie's shot bowl. Mannie again redeeming himself by drawing second shot with his last. 22-23 to Ray. The last end was one of the most exciting and action packed of the game. Julie drew shot, Nancy moved the jack back with her second to hold two. Julie moved the jack further back with her third bowl so she was holding two. Mannie drew beautifully with his last to hold three. After Ray missed the jack by millimetres with his last the game went to Julie and Mannie 25-23. Congratulations to all players. A very exciting Final.



Finalists: J. Hancock, M. Brookman, N. Buck, R. Brewer

Club Open Singles

Once again the club games were played in some of the coldest days this winter, -7.5 and very icy on Saturday 22nd July when twenty-nine players took to the greens to compete in the Club Open Singles 2017. There were some very close scores but mainly the cold and ice had a big bearing on how the scoreboards looked at the end of some of the games. Nevertheless, some of the best bowling seen for a while was also played on the first day. This was then surpassed with even better quality bowling being executed during the Qtr-Final when three of the four games went to 24-24 before the deciding final end. The Semi-Finals didn't reflect the same quality of bowling, possibly because of tiredness or amber liquid affecting some of the players who had shown such promise earlier. It was decided that the Final between Peter Wiget and Lois Waters would be held on Tuesday starting at 11.00 am. Peter continued to play some of the best drawing bowls, which he had done all weekend, to take an early lead, holding Lois to 3-13 after eleven ends. Lois just didn't seem to have the answers as Peter continued to score while keeping Lois' few and measly singles until the seventeenth end when Lois drew four lovely shots and Peter played too heavy, missing his on-shots targets. Peter didn't crumble but came back to take singles on the next two ends, 20-10 to Peter. Lois the got a single shot on the twentieth end and a couple on the twenty first to land on her favourite number 13, but Peter then took the next four ends to hold 24-13 on the board. Lois drew two shots on the twenty fifth end and was holding four in the head on the twenty sixth end when Peter drew with his last, moved the jack slightly and got two to win the title for this year. Well done.



Finalists: P. Wiget and L. Waters with Marker G. McKay (centre)

The bowls committee would like to thank all the non-playing members who turned out on such a cold morning to mark the games, allowing the competition to proceed in a very well organised fashion.

CBC Women's Bowls Program 2017

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Mixed Fours – 30th Sept, 1st Oct

CBC Men's Bowls Program 2016

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Men's Minor Pairs – Deferred

Men's Consistency – TBA

Men's Triples – 9th, 10th September

Men's Fours – 16th, 17th September

Mixed Fours – 30th Sept, 1st Oct

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. Third A in a trial end has a drive and sends the jack into the ditch and invites the opposing third to draw to the ditched jack. Is this allowed?

Q2. Second A drives. Their bowl misses the head, hits the face of the bank and rebounds onto the rink and rests on the jack. Skip A claims that it is a toucher as it was still in course. Skip B objects and says the bowl is dead. Who is correct?

Q3. A bowl from Rink 3 is played wide and appears likely to pass over the mat on Rink 4. Can the mat on Rink 4 be lifted?

Q4. A player's bowl in course is deflected by a spectator's hat which has blown onto the rink. The bowl subsequently displaced the head on its own rink. What would happen?

Q5. Player A is unable to play in the third round of the club triples due to work commitments. A substitute was found. During the game player A arrived at the club as their work finished early. As their team was well ahead player A decided to relax and let the substitute continue. Is this permissible?

A1. No. The team which starts the trial ends must place the mat, deliver the jack and place the jack on the centre line of the rink at a distance they choose from the mat line (the distance must not be changed during the course of the trial end)

A2. Skip B. A bowl is dead if it is not a toucher and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank.

A3. Yes. Provided the bowl was in its original course and on a bias which would take it back into its own Rink, any player on Rink 4 can lift the mat so the bowl can pass and then replace the mat in its original position.

A4. As the bowl was displaced by a neutral object the skips must attempt to agree where the bowl would have come to rest and how to replace the part of the head disturbed after the displacement. If they cannot agree the end must be declared dead.

A5. No. A constituted player for whom a substitute was obtained will, if available and physically capable re-join the team in the player's original position at the start of the next end.

Seniors Moments

My neighbour was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's licence anymore."

"You don't need a driver's licence anymore?!?"

"That's right! The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's licence. I told him 'yes' and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the licence into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore'. So I thanked him and left!"

ACT EVENTS

Club Events and deadlines highlighted in yellow

August 2017 Planner (Draft Version dated 30/11/2016)

Bowls ACT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 31		1	2	3 <i>Selection Module (5-9:30pm)</i>	4	5	6
Week 32	7 <i>Mixed Winter Tournament Rd 6</i>	8 <i>Sports Day Tuggeranong Women</i>	9 <i>ACT Triples Entries Open ACT Triples Entries Close</i>	10	11 <i>Squad Practice (W) Open and Senior</i>	12 <i>ACT Fours</i>	13 <i>ACT Fours</i>
Week 33	14 <i>Mixed Winter Tournament Rd 7</i>	15 <i>ACT 60+ Fours</i>	16 <i>ACT 60+ Fours</i>	17	18 Men's Triples Open	19 <i>ACT Vs NSW Zone 8 TBC</i>	20 <i>ACT Vs NSW Zone 8 TBC Over 60s Trial (M)</i>
Week 34	21 <i>Mixed Winter Tournament SF</i>	22 <i>Seniors Practice (W)</i>	23 <i>ACT Fours Entries Open White Lady Mid-Week Pennants – Entries Close Doran Bowl Entries Open</i>	24 <i>Seniors Practice (W)</i>	25 Men's Fours Open	26 <i>ACT Triples ACT Fours Finals</i>	27 <i>ACT Triples Australian Indoors NSW Tweed Heads practice</i>
Week 35	28 <i>Mixed Winter Tournament Finals</i>	29 <i>Seniors Practice (W)</i>	30 <i>ACT Pairs Entries Open Twilight Entries Open Sports Day Canberra</i>	31 <i>Seniors Practice (W)</i>	Australian Indoors NSW Tweed Heads		

As I am travelling up north hopefully soaking up some sun and playing some bowls this post is in advance. This month I will talk about a useful app for your smart phone. For Android users then the one I prefer is Simple Scanner which can be downloaded free from the Google store. What it does is use your phone's camera to scan any document or receipt and store it on your phone as a PDF file plus as a picture. This is very handy for warranties and the like or just to make a quick and simple copy of any document such as a bowls draw hanging on the wall. Then there are copies of personal documents especially medical scripts, passports and things like that when travelling. If you are concerned about storing these things locally on your phone then just store it in the cloud or a secure email address. As long as you have decent light the quality is just as good as if you scanned it on a flatbed scanner. It can make life a whole lot easier to prove your identity to a bank or institution if the occasion arises. On the iPhone Evernote Scannable is it's equivalent for doing the same thing. There may be lots of others but Evernote is also available for Android. I just find the simple scanner does the job far quicker.

Another favourite app is HP ePrint of which there are varieties available from the Google store free. This is especially handy for use at the bowls club because the network printer there is HP. Just connect to the WiFi network with your smart phone and the document you may have just scanned will be able to print out on the club's printer or at your home if it's the same brand. There are apps available for a variety of different brand printers such as Samsung to print directly from phone.

Finally a follow up from last month's article on NBN where Neville another bowls member has been doing his own research on pressure placed on clients for NBN quick sign ups. Once NBN is connected, you have 18 months before your current connections are switched off. That will include your landline phone and a some other devices. Don't wait until the last minute to decide what ISP/plan you want as changes take time to implement. In the meantime, keep a fully-charged mobile to act as a back-up phone if you are a regular landline user. Sometimes things turn pear-shaped. Don't listen to your ISP if they tell you that you have e.g. 30 days to decide your ISP/plan after you are NBN-

connected. <http://www.nbnco.com.au/> In short arm yourself with as much information as you can before making a decision. As most of the older suburbs will not be direct cable connections only fibre to the node.

Further to this an interesting article rating Telco providers conducted by the Choice organisation which is available through a link on the Whirlpool site.

<http://forums.whirlpool.net.au/archive/2648165>

Greg Bourke



Solving the Crossword will reveal a bonus word.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Q			
8				10		
	Q	3				
11					12	
			Q	13		14
15	16				17	18
					19	
20			21			
					23	
22				24		25
Q	1					

Across:

- Partial darkness (4)
- Scholarly (6)
- Polish (5)
- Throw out (5)
- Mechanize (8)
- Harmful chemical (1,1,1)
- Swing to and ___ (3)
- Name (8)
- Tall military headdress with plume (5)
- Frutti, Little Richard hit song (5)
- Apprehension (8)
- She Lovely, song (3,1)

Down:

- Feeling of shock (6)
- Holy man (5)
- Device for securing lines on vessels (5)
- Fabric colourer (4)
- Handed out (5)
- Thick, light tree bark (4)
- Sports sides (5)
- Long narrow estuary (5)
- Jennifer Love ___ star of If Only (6)
- Dangers (5)
- Wind instruments (5)
- Voices (5)
- Congeries (4)
- Walk in water (4)

Answer Next Issue

A	C	C	O	R	I	A	N	D	E
S	O	A	A	U	E				
K	I	N	E	T	I	G	S	E	M
E	T	H	K	P	X	P			
W	I	R	Y	T	E	R	I	Y	A
A	S	T	C	M	T				
C	Y	C	E	V	I				
C	Y	C	E	V	I				
U	T	N	S	S	N				
P	R	I	S	T	E	B	A	G	S
C	L	E	A	H	T	A			
A	H	E	R	N	C	A	R	I	O
K	C	K	C	O	I				
E	N	D	I	L	E				
F	N	D	I	L	E				
E	N	D	I	L	E				
L	E	N	D	I	L				
S	L	E	N	D	I				
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Last Issue's Solution

Actual call centre conversations !!!!!

Customer: 'I've been ringing 0800 2100 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?'
Operator: 'Where did you get that number from, sir?'
Customer: 'It was on the door to the Travel Centre.'
Operator: 'Sir, those are their opening hours.'

Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'
Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about'.
Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'
Operator: 'I think you mean the telephone point on the wall'.

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: 'Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am travelling in Australia?'
Operator: 'Doesn't the product name give you a clue?'

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: 'Woven? Are you sure?'
Caller: 'Yes. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland'.

Tech Support: 'I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop'.
Customer: 'OK'.
Tech Support: 'Did you get a pop-up menu?'
Customer: 'No'.
Tech Support: 'OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?'
Customer: 'No'.
Tech Support: 'OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?'
Customer: 'Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'.

Members are reminded that if they wish to enter their names on the list for any bowling session that they may do so via the phone: **6174 3661** or via email: cbcbowls@gmail.com

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