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TUGGERANONG VIKINGS BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Prezzo's Report

Dear members,

The committee held its third meeting last week and again it was a mammoth session of nearly 4 hours as it deals with numerous issues and bedding in and getting an understanding of the what's and where's of the now amalgamated club.

The meetings have highlighted some areas where the committee need to focus to ensure we maintain operational effectiveness as well as potential financial prospects going forward.

The club operates around an organisational structure with Committee members now having portfolios with assigned responsibilities with report chains. This will provide definitive accountabilities to activities within the club and externally.

In other news, I am very pleased to see the reactivation of Saturday \$5 social bowls, which has so far been a roaring success with good attendance and I am hopeful this will continue in the future with additional **member only** initiatives to be implemented should the uptake continue.

We also held our first event as a combined club on 2 August – Mixed Sports Day - which was an incredible success with players once again commenting on the organisation of the event and especially the catering provided by Chef Peter who was ably assisted by many helpers once again.

The weekend of 6/7 August saw Glenn Morton and Chloe Morrison represent the club at the Bowls ACT Champion of Club Champions Singles. Whilst Glenn was unfortunately unsuccessful going down in the Semi-Final, Chloe won her 5th Champion of Club Champions Singles (and 4th consecutive), once again demonstrating why she has been selected in the emerging Jackeroos squad.

Mid-week Pennant commenced 13 September and so far, we are going well, although Round 3 matches were cancelled this week due to the wet weather.

As the Weekly update has indicated, we have several championships coming up along with a new championship (Open Consistency) in October, the King and Queen (29/30 Oct) and the Summer Triples (10/11 Dec).

On the subject of the number of events we are running or have run in recent weeks, I would like to thank our Umpires. No matter how cold and miserable the weather can be our fabulous band of Umpires show up to assist in the success of these events. My gratitude goes out to Heather, Garry and Robbie for a job well done. Thanks folks.

To top off the year, we will be holding our 1st Presentation Day as a combined club on the 12th November, an event I am looking forward to, as I am sure are others.

It is with great pride that I note 14 club members will be representing the ACT and TVBC in the next couple of weeks. This high level of representation shows the club and players are well regarded to be considered for representative duties. Refer to the reports further on in this Newsletter.

We are awaiting the draft plans from Vikings Group regarding the redevelopment of the Town Centre facility and how it affects (if applicable) the club and bowls through the period and what the actual changes will be. From recent discussions with Vikings Group, we should be seeing plans in the near future.

In the meantime, I have been holding informal discussions with Queanbeyan Bowls Club and QRSL to ascertain if green sharing can be facilitated for Championships and if necessary, Pennants. These discussions will be formalised once we have more certainty around construction timeframes and disruptions.

On a sombre note, I was shocked, as I know many of you will be, to hear of the passing of Bernie Miller. RIP mate.

In closing, please stay vigilant in these uncertain times and take precautions to protect yourselves and others as there have been a number of our members who have been struck down with COVID in the past month whom are now either recovered or recovering.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you on the greens and at the club.

Regards, Dave

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS FOR TVBC MEMBERS

TVBC MEMBERS SELECTED FOR HIGHER HONOURS

14 Club members will be representing the ACT or TVBC during September/October.

TVBC will be well represented at The Nationals at Broadbeach in October. Andrew Ashlin, Benny Hill, Dave Pruss and Dave Harris (Men's Seniors), Jenny Clout and Gillian Harris-Mayes (Women's Seniors), Chloe Morrison (Women's Open), Sean Donnelly (Juniors) together with our Men's Fours team of Tony Barry, John Beaumont, Craig Southwell and Benny Hill who will be competing in the Australian Championships.

Also, Greg Ratford, Anthony Reid, Paul Hulands and Miles Kemp are representing the ACT at the NSW/ACT Deaf Bowls Championships being held in Sydney from 30 September to 3 October. See separate article on these gents later in this newsletter.

MID-WEEK PENNANTS - LADIES

Mid-Week Pennants commenced on 13 September for the ladies.

Results to date have been very good. Our Ladies Grade 1 side have won both games, defeating QRSL 42-35 and QBC 44-27. In Grade 2, Vikings 2 soundly defeated QBC 2, 63-26 in Round 1 but lost to Crookwell 41-31 in Round 2. Vikings 3 have yet to record a win, losing to a very strong Crookwell team in Round 1 – 13-55 but went very close in Round 2 losing by only two shots, 38-40, against QBC 2.

MID-WEEK PENNANTS - MEN

The Men's competition commenced on 14 September.

Grade 2 got off to great start to the season defeating Yowani 45-29 but unfortunately, went down to a very strong Weston Creek side in Round 2, 52-22.

Grade 1 had a bye in Round 1. In Round 2 they had a solid start to the season with a comprehensive win over Yowani, 49-23.

DEAF BOWLERS TO COMPETE IN NSW/ACT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Article by Patrick Robertson, BA accredited Coach



Pictured Gregory Ratford, Anthony Reid, Paul Hulands and Miles Kemp, members of Vikings, who will represent the ACT at the NSW/ACT State Deaf Singles and Fours Championships from 30 September to 3 October 2022 at Ashfield Bowling Club, Sydney. Competitors from NSW will comprise teams from Sydney, Newcastle, Southern Districts and North Coast.

Our team commenced training in March 2021 initially for the Australian Deaf Games scheduled for April 2022 which were postponed due to Covid. They came with zero lawn bowls experience except for the patriarchal Miles Kemp who has been one of the club's valued leads in Pennants for several years. Paul and Anthony had a Tenpin bowling background while Gregory was an accomplished leg spinner and Touch Football referee. Some of our members who played a bit of Touch have reason to remember Gregory as a no-nonsense administrator of the rules.

On the green, their limited lawn bowling background was offset by their eagerness to learn, their attentiveness to and retention of instructions and their preparedness to practise. Despite their work commitments, rarely have they missed a weekly practice. Moreover, it has been remarkable how they have applied themselves repetitively to their weekly drills.

Over-laid on this is their bonding as a team and their good humour.

They are going on a great challenge against more seasoned players, but we can be confident they have merited this opportunity. They will not lack determination and will play fiercely to succeed. Without doubt they will enjoy themselves. Let us all wish them well.

Vale Bernie Miller

Club members were saddened to hear of the passing of Bernie Miller.

Bernie's family have advised that they will be holding a private service.

Our sincere condolences to Betty and her family.

Upcoming Events

Open Consistency

To be held on *Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October*.
Entries Close – *30 September*.

Men's Minor Pairs

22-23 October and 5-6 November 2022.
Nominations close *14 October*.

King and Queen

29-30 October 2022

Entries Close 10.00am on *Wednesday 19 October*, or when 42 teams have entered and paid.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held on Saturday **12 November 2022**.

A flyer with further details will be distributed in the next few days.

Profile – Heather Goodman

I was born on the 19th October 1948 in Mudgee, NSW. My parents owned a small acreage of land a couple of miles out of Mudgee on the Cudgegong River where their income was from dairy farming, growing vegetables for IXL and Edgells and a poultry farm. I had a brother who was 20 years older than me exactly to the day, and with no other siblings and with that age gap we both grew up as an “only child” during our respective childhood years.

I went to Mudgee Infants, Primary and High Schools and after gaining the Leaving Certificate in Year 5, (the equivalent to year 12 these days) I didn't have a clue what work I wanted to pursue. My first job, one could say was that I earned pocket money during my childhood years on the farm picking tomatoes, beans, gherkins etc. Then I thought I would be adventurous working for a little while for Coles in town, but that wasn't my cup of tea! Next job was in Loneragans Automotive Spare Parts, that I didn't mind but after 6 months or so, and heeding to my mother's advice over the years – “get yourself an education and then a profession”.

I had never given nursing a thought but on the spur of the moment I made a decision to try nursing and that apparently was my calling! After an interview with the Matron of Mudgee Hospital, I was accepted, then onto 6 weeks of introductory lectures, then hospital training on the job and with various ongoing lectures and passing the various exams throughout the following years of training, I became a Registered Nurse during 1969 (I was granted 3 months off my 4 years training time for some reason that came about dealing with the nursing profession at that time). It was during my nursing training I met Garry, was engaged before he went to Vietnam for a year to fight in the Vietnam War (national serviceman call up), we married after he finished his time in the army and moved to Canberra in 1970.

We settled in Canberra, being the place of employment as an Accountant for Garry. At the old Canberra Hospital our two daughters were born in the 70's, being parents has brought us both joy then, throughout their childhood, and into their adult years and up to today, we have been and still very proud parents of our two girls of whom they have become and their respective achievements.

In the 1980's we bought a Jayco Campervan and during this period we travelled various parts of Australia, a lot of the travels were during a school holiday with a few weeks added on sometimes. Lots of good family times were had on these holidays and a great learning experience of our country for us all.

It was also in 1980's we bought our 100 acre bush block near Tarago where the back to basics and bush life was introduced to our girls. One could write a book on some of the happenings but I'll leave that for someone else to do, I'll just say many a good time was had together with some very hard work. We still have the block to escape to for some peace!

I put the nursing career on hold while our two daughters were little and when the youngest started school I went on the relief list at a child care centre, that progressed to being employed as a full time/part time nurse. I stayed employed at the child care centre for over 20 years working in different positions (Nurse, Assistant Director, Director, Room Leader) and with Childcare workers being acknowledged as educators, and to keep up to date for the duty of care for the precious young children, I studied again to receive my “Diploma in Early Education” in 1998. At the end of 2006 I retired.

Now, the question what to do? Well, I thought I would catch up on those chores that were put aside during the working years. 2007 I attempted but didn't get very far! Around that time our youngest daughter's career and employment commenced overseas, thus overseas travel holiday adventures began for the next decade to see

her wherever home was. I'm lucky that our eldest, married daughter stayed in Canberra, therefore was able to be part of many enjoyable times with our one and only grandchild and also to do voluntary work at his school canteen until he commenced high school. In 2008 I discovered the game bowls!

Competitive Sports were not on the top of my list. During childhood/teen years swimming and hockey; loved hiking/climbing the surrounding Mudgee hills; cycling for miles around the Mudgee local areas; the occasional social game of tennis on the tennis courts at the nurses' home during those years, also a memorable game of football – Nurses V Town, don't remember who won but I do remember I bought my first pair of jeans to play the game in!

In Canberra, social tennis, social squash was a means of meeting people. Now living so close to the snowfields had many a family fun times skiing. We enjoyed camping and on one of these camping trips we were introduced to water skiing, a sport I learnt when I was nearing 40 and I continued up into my 70th year, such good family/friends times spent camping/skiing. The competitive sport played by me in Canberra before bowls was Indoor Cricket, where I played in a ladies' team and also a mixed team over a period of about 8 years and many a trophy was won by both the teams that I was involved in.

It was a spur of the moment decision to try bowls, the necessary enquiries were made and during 2008 I commenced coaching sessions with John Glenn, and have been involved with the bowling world ever since.

Club Championship Winnings/Runner up achievements:

2011 TVWBC Minor Pairs Championship

2017 TVWBC Minor Singles Championship.

2019 TVWBC Fours Championship.

2021 VLBC Major Pairs runner up.

Major/Minor club championship? 2016 win.

E&B Trophy club championship 2021 Runner Up.

Silver Bells club championship 2021 Runner Up.

Bowls ACT Achievements: 2015 ACT Fours Runner Up:

Ladies Weekend State Pennant 2019 Grade 2 win;

Ladies Weekend State Pennant 2021 Grade 2 win.

Past Presidents Association achievements: At the National Past Presidents Carnival that was held in Canberra 2018, I played in the ACT mixed Fours team that became the ACT Champions.

There have been other club championships that I've been the "bridesmaid" over the years, Novice Singles and another E & B to put a name to a couple (but have no record of the year) and of course not to mention the participation in ACT Doran Bowl in the early years, the Mid -Week Ladies Pennant and the Ladies Wednesday Twilight Bowls Tournament, all very enjoyable but one cannot beat a game of **social bowls, that's what I like the most.**

Another highlight **was the Under 18's National Sides Championship that was held at Tuggeranong in 2015**, I was President at the time and because of this event I did a Marker and Measurer Course under the guidance of Roz Waters and Gillian Harris-Mayes. I was chosen by Sandy Wallace (national head umpire official for the

tournament) to do officiating Markers and Measurer duties for the Championship. The positive guidance and feedback from Sandy I will forever, and now still, I hear her when I am umpiring.

A club needs volunteers to operate and in 2016 I was awarded **TWBC 2016 Volunteer of the year** and also in 2016 I was awarded the **Vikings Group's Fitness Award for my Contribution to Sport**.

Yes, the bowls world became my second home, playing and being involved with the various committees.

Voluntary duties commenced a year after I joined the Club, 2009 on the Social Committee; then Match; Then Vice President for a couple of years; then President for 3 years (from 2013 to 2016); then Publicity Officer for a year; a year being a Selector; 2017 Accredited Umpire and Accredited Club Coach. Introducing and coaching new bowlers to the game is very rewarding and when I hear "I enjoyed that" after their sessions, it makes me happy to see them become club members and hopefully to be allowed to progress with their game at their level of capabilities.

With my bowls journey I've met some amazing people, and it appears that's all I'm involved in, well not quite, still walking and hiking, and in the last year have taken up cycling again. During the Pandemic I started pencil sketching and dabbling with the paints and it's been rewarding to discover my creative side, plus it stopped me from climbing the walls when lockdown was enforced. Oh, and mustn't forget visits to the bush block still, guess you can't take the country away from a country girl!

How many times have we heard "I wish I had started playing bowls when I was younger", how I wished I had done so too.

Bowls Shop

The following items are available from our bowls store:

BOWLS REQUISITES – PRICE LIST (as at Jan 2022)

CRACK-A-JACK	\$10
GRIPPO	\$10
WILGRIP	\$10
BULLDOG GRIP	\$10
BETTS GRIP	\$10
GET-A-GRIP CLOTH	\$15
TOUCHA SPRAY (White or Lilac)	\$10
BOWLS MEASURE	\$45- \$50
CLUB CAPS (White or Red)	\$20
BUCKET HATS (White or Red) (S/M or L/XL)	\$20
BEANIES	\$20
SOCIAL SHIRTS (RED)	\$40
UNIFORM SHIRTS (SHORT SLEEVE)	\$45
(LONG SLEEVE)	\$50
UNIFORM PANTS	\$45
UNIFORM SHORTS	\$40
CLUB JACKETS	\$70
VESTS	\$35
SUN SLEEVES (pair)	\$10
BOWLS GLOVES	\$25

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John Beaumont and Andrew Ashlin – Men’s Major Pairs Champions



Jenny Clout and Annette Tye – Women’s Major Pairs Champions



Liz Naughton and Carmen Crosland – Women’s Major/Minor Pairs Champions



Marilyn McInnes – Women’s Minor Singles Champion

Men's Mid-Week Pennants action – Grade 2 – 14 September 2022

