

TVBC News

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Look after the greens

*All Bowlers are reminded that
bowls are not to be dropped on
to the green from the bank.
Doing so causes damage to the
green and is one of the reasons
that bowls do not pull up before
the gutter, the way they should.*



TUGGERANONG VIKINGS BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

BUNNINGS BBQ IS A SUCCESS



Our first Bunnings BBQ has produced a great financial outcome for the club. We cooked over 750 sausages and around 15kgs of onions with our net profit for the day being \$2,092.

Best of all the team had a good time, worked extremely well together and got to meet some members for the first time. Well done to those who even arranged for family and friends to call in on the day to purchase a sausage and/or a drink.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the day – Steve Cottle, Patrick Robertson, Sandy Pretorious, Mike McAppion, Jenny Watt, Adrian Berry, Lynne Signor, Dave

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Pruss, Maree Smith, Kerrie Brooker, Greg Ratford, Miles Kemp, Garry Schumacher, Noel Schubert, Cobber Seears, Sherry Seears, Brian Smith, Andy Branson, Dave Sarll, Dave Harris, Kevin O'Hanlon, Jenny Clout, Andrew Ashlin, Peter Barendrecht, Pat Walsh, Helen Sandland, Wayne Willimott, Tony Melville, Chris Smith Darrin Beauchamp and Garry Fisk. Having such a good number of volunteers to assist on the day meant that nobody had to work more than 2 hours.

A special thanks to Peter Tait. Peter did most of the purchasing (at a good price), cut up all the onions (20kgs), and delivered everything to the BBQ site.

Also, the organisers would like to thank Steve Smith, who put in many hours counting the receipts for the day and calculating the profit.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Some of the items discussed at recent Committee meetings are as follows:

New Uniform

The uniform sub-committee has recommended a preferred supplier and are now arranging sample designs for the Committee to consider.

While every effort is being made to expedite the new uniform, it is not expected to be available until the last quarter of the year.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised:

- we have paid our half yearly fees to BACT. Overall financial position is very good.
- all funds from ANZAC Day function, a total of \$950, are to be donated to Legacy.
- Wayne Willimott has volunteered to take on the Assistant Treasurer's role in the absence of Steve Smith. Steve and Maree will be taking a well-earned break and escaping the Canberra winter.

Women's Bowls Organiser

Maree Smith advised:

- due to ongoing health issues, the final of the Silver Belles is yet to be played.
- numbers for Social Bowls are good with up to 26 players on Tuesdays and 44 on Thursdays. More men have been participating in the mixed Thursday games lately.

SAINTS

1. *Our Catering Manager, Peter Tait. Although suffering from shoulder and neck problems, Peter continues to contribute in every way he physically and mentally can.*
2. *Our band of new members who have put their hand up to help out at the club, some who haven't even had a chance to play social bowls yet. Thanks to these members generously giving up their time, our club will continue to prosper.*

SINNERS

Those members who continually harp on about any little issue and are willing to tell all and sundry how it could be done better but are reluctant to put their hand up to help out around the club.

- in her absence, Lynne Signor will be taking on the Bowls Organiser role.

Men's Bowls Organiser

Patrick Robertson:

- Advised that an average of 40-46 bowlers have been participating on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Noted that in recent weeks a number of gents from other clubs in the area have been joining us for our social days. Our good reputation has also seen us attract a number of gents from outside of Canberra, many of who return to the club on a number of occasions.

General Business

Vikings' Ladies' Major Minor Tournament

Committee agreed to putting the Vikings' Ladies' Major Minor Tournament back on the calendar. It will be played on 2-3 September 2023. This event is considered to be a highlight for female bowlers from Canberra, the surrounding areas and Sydney. The event will be part sponsored by Beaumont Tiles.

Mid-Week Pennants

Women's Mid-Week Pennant – The Selectors and the Committee have graciously accepted the offer from Carmen Crosland and Sue Willis to assist with the running of the Women's Mid-Week Pennant for 2023.

Men's Mid-Week Pennant – Selectors will soon be seeking expressions of interest for participation in the mid-week competition.

New Members

Six new members accepted at the last two Committee meetings.

CPR Certification

The club will pay for any member who needs to undertake the renewal of their CPR certification, which they obtained at last year's First Aid Training sessions run by the club. The next training session will be held on 7 August.

Green's Sub-Committee Formed

A green's sub-Committee has been formed and have held fruitful discussions with the Greenkeeper and Vikings on maintaining the greens in good order.

King and Queen of the Valley

Notwithstanding the current work taking place at the club the Committee decided to proceed with the King and Queen

of the Valley tournament in 2023. While it is expected that all three greens will be available in time, it has been decided to go ahead even if we are limited to two greens. As the King and Queen is considered to be one of the club's premier events, it was decided to increase the total prizemoney available to \$7,000 and reduce the entry fee to \$120 per team. The tournament will be held on the long weekend of Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October.

Saturday Social Bowls

The Committee was pleased to accept an offer from Kathy Bourbon to run Social Bowls on Saturday afternoons, commencing sometime in August.

Prezzo's Report

Members,

I hope you and your families are well. While there are still significant COVID issues around, we need to ensure that we don't become complacent with adhering to being safe and wary of the possible impacts associated with this illness. I'm sure we have many members who can testify to how bad COVID can be.

Our championship program is up and running. While we appear to generally have some good winter weather, there have been some days that have been nothing short of miserable. On the morning of the first round of the major singles it was just 'lousy'. On that note please be aware that we are trying to revamp the schedule but the club has been confronted with some issues - especially ensuring that we meet BACT requirements and the champion of champion events.

I had the privilege recently of marking both the Ladies and the Men's major singles finals. The Ladies game was unfortunately not great weather wise but both were two very, very good games and my congratulations go to all four bowlers who participated. To Jen and Benny, well done on your efforts to win the event. To Chloe and Shane - you should be proud of your efforts.

I should make a mention and offer congratulations to Sally Winter who has just completed her second in a row win in the Ladies Queen of the Green. Well done, Sally.



Please keep an eye on the notice board as there are many more championship events occurring over the next months.

Recently Vice President Garry Fisk was instrumental in organising the club to participate in a Bunnings BBQ which was incredibly successful. Thank you to Garry and Master Chef Peter for his efforts as well as all of those that volunteered to help. On a personal note Peter and I were particularly pleased that there are now so many qualified people that we can call on for the Breakfast on the Green events.

There are a number of things occurring around the club at present, so I will endeavour to keep you abreast of these matters but via emails. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me separately.

I look forward to seeing you around the club.

All the very best,

Ian

THANK YOU FROM THE SOUTHWELL FAMILY

Frank Southwell and Family would like to thank members of the club for their condolences after Frank's mum's passing. Thanks also for well wishes and support for Frank's recent health issues.

WEBSITE

Members are reminded that the club has a website where you can find all sorts of interesting information. Documents recently added include the updated Conditions of Play for our club events and one on Bowlers' Etiquette.

Our website can be found at
tuggeranong.bowls.com.au.

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tuggeranong.bowls.com.au.*

*Did you know we also have a
Facebook page?*



PENNANT END OF SEASON PARTY

Pennant players enjoyed a fun evening at the end of season party on Saturday 27 May.

There was plenty of food on offer, a few drinks were imbibed which may, or may not, have led to the tribute to Tina Turner with a number of our team showing their dancing moves with a Nutbush.

It was a great night and would not have been possible without the efforts of Lynne Signor and Sherry Seears, her able assistant. Many thanks also to Dave Harris for providing the music.

It would be remiss of your reporter not to mention that the evening highlight was Glenn Freebody leading everyone in a rousing rendition of the Vikings' team song. Well done, Speed.

The Pennant Raffle for the \$500 Henselite pack, was won by Marta Kavas from Queanbeyan RSL.

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Marta receiving the Pennant Raffle Prize from VP Garry



We are delighted that Bakers Delight, South Point Shopping Centre, are supporting us this year with our catering. As such we encourage members to support them and when you do, let them know you are a member of the bowls club.

Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	CLOSING DATE
Breakfast on the Green	Sunday 25 June	24 June
Major Minor Pairs	8-9 July 15-16 July	30 June
Open Consistency Singles	22-23 July 29-30 July	14 July
Novice Singles	5-6 August	28 July
Major Pairs	19-20 August 26-27 August	11 August
VIKINGS LADIES' OPEN MAJOR MINOR TOURNAMENT	1-2 Sep	Details to be issued soon
KING AND QUEEN OF THE VALLEY	30 Sep – 1 Oct	20 Sept
Open Singles	11-12 Nov 25-26 Nov	3 Nov
Men's Over 60's Pairs	23 and 30 November	17 Nov

Our club is also co-hosting the early rounds of the ACT Mixed Pairs on 1-2 July. Weston Creek is the host club and will host the final on 8-9 July.

Sage advice from Jim

“My advice to new bowlers would be to play Pennant if you possibly can. It will improve you as a bowler”.

MEMBER PROFILE – JIM QUICK

I was born in Colac Victoria in 1947 and joined the Royal Australian Navy from there when I was 16.

I served in the RAN for 20 years including active service in Vietnam. At the 20 year point of my Naval Career my wife was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Our two daughters were only one and two years old at the time so I had to terminate my Navy time which I had really enjoyed. My wife wanted to be able to bring up our daughters largely unaffected by her medical condition which we were largely able to achieve. My wife's condition has slowly deteriorated over the years but she battles on bravely.

After leaving the Navy I worked for the Victorian Police, as a public servant, for seven years but the states critical financial situation at the time forced the suspension of the project I was working on. I then applied for a position in the Department of Foreign Affairs based in Canberra. We moved to Canberra in 1992 and apart from two years when I was posted to the Northern Territory have been in the ACT ever since. I now regard myself as a Territorian. I was employed at DFAT until my retirement in 2010.

I had played a lot of sport over the years including cricket, tennis and Australian Rules footy. Prior to coming to the ACT I had been a regular weekend golfer but an old footy shoulder injury was starting to give me a bit of a grief on the golf course. The Vikings Bowls Club was just starting at that point so I joined wanting something that would keep my competitive juices flowing and keep me out of trouble. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years at the club, meeting and playing with and against some great people. Sadly we have lost a lot from the early years along the way but thankfully there are plenty still with us.

I guess my greatest achievement with the club has been in never missing a Pennant season since I joined which is just short of 30 years now. I did manage to jag a Novice Singles title in my first year with a win over Mike Corby which he loves to be reminded about. The difference between myself and Mike as bowlers is he improved from then on and I didn't. Somewhere in the ensuing years I won a Minor Singles and Minor Pairs. I served as a Director on the Bowls Club Board for a few years and also a few years as Chairman of Selectors. I have great respect for the job that our selectors do as I know how difficult it can be.

My wife and I moved to LDK Greenway Views three years ago and we enjoy the lifestyle. I also do not have to drive as far now to get to the club. I want to dispel the myth within the club that I am Mayor of Greenway Views although I am heavily involved in village matters.

I have been President of the HMAS Sydney Association (ACT) for the last 27 years and can be seen leading our contingent to the AWM on ANZAC Day. I keep myself busy looking after 19 Legacy Widows and have been a member of Canberra legacy for almost 30 years.

I look forward to continuing my membership of our club and racking up a few more years, with the good grace of the selectors, of pennant.

My advice to new bowlers would be to play Pennant if you possibly can. It will improve you as a bowler.



The **South Pacific Pairs** is a great late summer bowling tournament and in 2024 it's running from 16 - 25 February.

Holiday packages for this event includes **flights, accommodation, car hire plus bonuses**. Due to competition play dates, packages are for 7 nights departing Brisbane, priced from \$1669pp twin share, or 9 nights departing Sydney priced from \$1959.

An Information Pack with full accommodation choices is available to make your selection. For details, please contact louisa@travelcentre.nf or on 1800 1400 66.

NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR MEMBERS TRAVELLING AROUND OZ

Mal and Jean's Excellent Adventure

Mal Gunner and his wife Jean have been on the road now for about eight months in which time they have travelled many thousands of kilometres and have visited over 160 bowls clubs, so far, and there will be plenty more that they will visit and play a game.

They left Canberra last October to travel to the Riverina, and then across to the south coast then down through western Victoria. From there they came up the west through Mildura to Broken Hill where they travelled to Hervey Bay in Qld for Mal's family reunion. Since then, they have travelled south through the Sunshine and Gold Coasts. Now they are in the Tweed before heading up to Gladstone to spend a weekend on Heron Island for Jean's sister's 50th.

Mal and Jean's favourite club so far has been Maldon in Victoria. Maldon is a tiny little volunteer club where the President and Secretary went out to the town to get twenty new members. They had no coach so Jean spent two hours there on a Sunday to give them some coaching.

Mal and Jean try to play every day but most weeks manage five days.

VINCE AND PATRICIA COLLINS

Hello Bowlers

A story of our whereabouts and Voluntary work in Warmun WA.

We left Canberra on the 30th April in the rain and cold and arrived in Warmun on the 30th May to beautiful blue skies and sunshine. Average daily temperature 30 degrees.

We travelled up through NSW, Qld, NT and into WA stopping at the following towns: Nyngan, Cunnamulla, Quilpie, Augathella, Tambo, Blackall, Longreach, Winton, Cloncurry, Mt Isa, Camooweal, Barkly Homestead, Mataranka, Edith Falls, Katherine, Lake Argyle, Kununurra and finally Warmun. Each town has its own unique history.

Wayne Batchelor, you must have played football at Cloncurry and left your trophy in the museum for the Most Intelligent Player.

We have settled into Warmun looking after the Mirrilingki Kimberley Retreat Centre which is location on the Great Northern Highway between Kununurra and Halls Creek. The centre is situated on 6 acres of land. It has 3 x 2 bedroom Cottages and 23 single bed Dongas, a large Homestead (where we live during the day) and 3 cottages for the volunteers accommodation. We are the caretakers along with an 18 y.o. boy from Sydney doing a Gap Year before he starts his studies.

The Centre is owned by the Catholic Broome Diocese and is always manned by volunteers from all over Australia. The Gija people are the traditional owners of the area, having inhabited it for thousands of years.

We have committed ourselves for 6 months and during this time our roles will be to perform guest housekeeping duties, upkeep of the gardens, general grounds maintenance, building maintenance and generally keeping the property safe and secure.

At 9am each day Patricia wanders out to the Stevenson Screen (located on the property) which holds the instruments required to record the daily weather temperatures and to supply this information back to the Bureau of Meteorology. Patricia also has the administration responsibility for guest accommodation bookings, invoicing and generally first point of contact for anything related to the centre. There is no cooking involved as guests have access to Cottage or community kitchen or they can eat at the Roadhouse next door.

We've been here 2 weeks now and have undergone a "Welcome/Smoking ceremony" conducted by 2 of the Elders in the community, we've been into the school to meet the children and teachers (who live in the property next door to us). When we settle in a little more we will have the opportunity to go bush with an Elder to explore more on this amazing countryside.

Last night Pat Farmer came into town on his journey around Australia. It was an interesting and informative night with many locals attending. It gave us the opportunity to listen first hand to the difficulties the First Nation people face living in a remote community.

Although we are 5,000kms from home we enjoy reading and keeping up to date with what's happening in the Club and all being well we will be back playing bowls in 2024.

Regards

Patricia and Vince

Paul Gerbich is also travelling out west and was recently at Monkey Mia in WA, where he reported that the day time temperatures were in the mid-20s. Paul said he was not missing the cold weather we are all currently enduring.

Supporting our sponsors

A big thanks to the following businesses for their continued support of TVBC: LDK, Tuggeranong Building Services (John Beaumont), A&A Contracting (Don Angel), Southlands Travel and Cruise, Beaumont Tiles and of course, our major sponsors, the Vikings Group.



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Bucket List
Best Wild Places To Visit & When

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BUNNINGS BBQ





LADIES' VERSATILE FOURS

Some of the action from the recent Versatile Fours





