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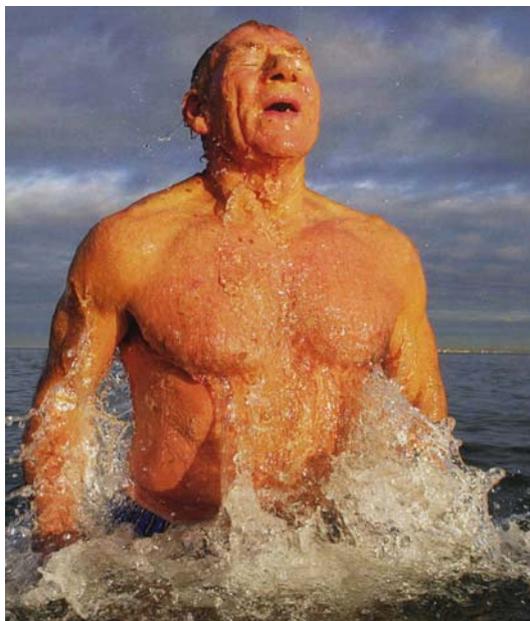
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JUST LIKE THE TIGER OF OLD

"Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning, a lion wakes up. It knows it must out-run the slowest gazelles or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you're a lion or a gazelle; when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."

Tom Hafey



Following the May elections and the formation of the current team of Selectors, it was decided to try to change the method of selection by exploring new ideas and methods. After many meetings, ideas began to formulate, and among them the idea of changing the format of the 'Meet the Selectors' night was given some attention. It was decided to replace the old traditional meeting with a 'Selectors Pre-Season Dinner' that included bowlers; their spouses; partners or friends, and a motivational speaker to give the bowlers some food for thought. After a lot of hard work and fast talking, I was fortunate in securing the services of Tommy Hafey, MBE.

During his talk Tom contrasted the game of a battling individual (who by always giving one hundred and ten percent, received value through commitment and effort) with that of a more gifted and talented player (who by choice, continually underachieved). In Tom's experience it was the 'Ugly Duckling', rather than the one who merely turned up to play, who earned the team's respect and admiration.

We were hoping the idea would take off and, I guess, with a captivated audience of around 200 people being motivated by the great Tommy Hafey, whilst enjoying a terrific meal within a friendly, fun atmosphere, provided the answer: "What a roaring success." Thank you all for your support.

Barry Berkovitch

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FROM THE OVAL OFFICES



At present the vibe around the Club seems to indicate that 2006/7 will be an excellent season, both from a bowling and social perspective. Coupled with the Board of Management, the Men's RVBA Affiliated Section will be working hard to maximise your enjoyment and satisfaction. To share in the rewards, all we need is for you to come on board and become involved through participation.. Just imagine the impact it would have on our club if one and all worked hard and enthusiastically towards making sure the growth of our Special Events and social activities;

the Night Pennant; Wednesday Triples; Club Tournaments; Barefoot/Corporate Bowls; the Newsletter; Secondary Schools Bowls, and so on., continued. So, people, don't be backward in coming forward. Step up to the plate and have a go. In the words of the late, great, Peter Brock, 'MAKE IT HAPPEN'.

In competition we have always been proud of our boys in the Top Side. With undeniable (and enviable) skill and talent, your achievements have done much to raise the profile of our club, both within the local community and the wider bowls fraternity. Now, through your increasing off-field involvement (chatting with and encouraging others; Thursday nights post practice informal family get-togethers; Saturday pre-pennant nibbles, etc) it seems a new and vibrant dimension is about to filter through the ranks. Well done lads!

Gentlemen, I hope the game treats you well this season. Keep in mind that a positive personal attitude, built on a foundation of concentration; confidence; co-operation, and commitment will, this season, enable us to achieve glory for self and team .

Dennis Prince



The VLBA Section Opening Day was a great success. Gigi Wippen, last season's Minor Winner, commenced proceedings by rolling the first jack., then Jill Diamond, the 2005/6 Champion of the Green put down the first bowl. This was followed by a light lunch, the organisation of which was overseen by Beryl Nirens, with the help of the Ladies Committee, whilst Cecelia Moskow capably organised the cards for the game.

Hopefully, the warm and cheerful atmosphere shared on this occasion augers well for all of our future bowling events.

So that we will all be able to mix together and get to know one another, the social side of our bowling is a very important part of our club. Your Ladies and Men's Committees are working hard to make this side of our bowling as pleasing for everyone as possible, so please give your support by coming to as many social bowling events as possible.

With your support and positive attitude, I am sure this will be a bumper season, both on the green and also socially. Good luck and good bowling

Judith Same

This season, in each issue of 'DRIVE 'N' DRAW', we will feature a Member from the Ladies and Men's Sections as our 'People in Profile' or 'Personalities of the Month'. In this, our first addition of the Newsletter, our focus is on an extraordinary husband and wife team.

NOT ONLY, BUT ALSO



CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO ANN AND BEN STERNFELD ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50th (GOLDEN) WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ann Sternfeld was born and raised in Carlton. After attending Leigh Street Primary School she moved on to Princes Hill and University High Secondary Schools. At the age of fifteen this netball-playing girl moved with her parents across town to East St Kilda, to work as a shop assistant in her parent's dress shop.

Ben Sternfeld was born in London but migrated to Australia, in 1930, at the age five months. Like Ann, his early years were spent in Carlton, the suburb in which he attended school, and where his father spent many years practising medicine. After attending University High (a few years ahead of Ann though), Ben studied at university to earn a B Comm. As an accountant he then engaged in a short stint of work experience prior to forming a life-long, fifty year partnership with Myer Green

Ben and Ann's future was sealed after meeting at a dance in Kew. History shows that, even as a 'Cradle Snatcher', they married and had two children a daughter, living in Israel, and a son, living in Australia. Ben and Ann are also the proud grandparents of eight.

For nearly all of their adult life this couple have been involved in sport, whether as participants, or in an administrative capacity. In 1969, Ben managed the Australian team to the Maccabi Games whilst, at the same time, Ann served as a chaperone for the young ladies.

Whilst Ann's bowling numbers are impressive: she has been a Club Pairs Champion, and a team member in five Metropolitan Pennant and two State Pennant Premierships, Ben's Order of Australia Medal (OAM) is something that's not found every day in a box of Weetbix. This honour was awarded for service to the sporting community (since 1948), and is a reflection of his boundless energy, enthusiasm, and very giving nature.

You will undoubtedly see both Ann and Ben swanning about the club they have been members of since 1980. If time permits, why not just stop and chat, or just sit down and listen to remarkable jewels in the Glen Eira - McKinnon Bowling Club's crown.

ANN & BEN STERNFELD DAY
SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER
~ Nominated mixed fours single entries ~

***A LIGHT LUNCH &
AFTERNOON TEA***

1.00pm

COOL RUNNING



Hi to all members, and welcome to another season of bowling at the Club. After a winter of hard work, which involved renovating the three greens and a second top-dress in late July, we have the greens up to a solid standard. The dry start to Spring has meant we have been watering a bit earlier than usual so, you may see the boys with the hoses a lot this Summer. I have enquired with Melbourne Water regarding restrictions and have found recreation turf is exempt from the current water restrictions, but we are very conscious of the need to save water.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the Members who sent their wishes to Kristen and me after the birth of our second child, Ryder Robin Trim. He is doing very well. Good luck for the start of the Pennant Season

Haydan Trim

OPENING OF THE GREENS

The 2006/7 season was declared open on Saturday, 2 September, when approximately 140 people attended a Clubroom lunch. Among the attending Honoured Guests were RVBA Vice-President, Doug Kneebone, who not only declared the season open, but spoke about the need for Secondary School Students to be taught the art of lawn bowls.

Both State MP, Rob Hudson, and the Mayor of the City of Glen Eira, David Feldman, directed their comments towards 'Growth Through Action'. Generally it was thought that the installation of a synthetic green (an idea being considered at the moment) would prove highly advantageous in helping us to further build on our already formidable local community and 'bowling circles' reputation and standing.

Pat Cashmore

[Editor's note: After the speeches, which seemed to roll on and on like the 'Liquid Gold' at Tasmania's Cascade Brewery, numerous members were observed hightailing it towards Sandringham's Trevor Barker Oval where eventually St Bedes Mentone defeated Ajax in what proved to be a sensational, heart stopping game of football. At the end of the game the one point winning margin gave St Bedes boasting Premiership rights.]

MATTERS OF HOUSEKEEPING

Ben Sternfeld, the Board of Management Chairman, reports the following actions:

- ◆ The appointment of Arnold O'Brien OAM as Coach of the VLBA Section
- ◆ Various applications for State and Federal Grants have been addressed
- ◆ The compilation and distribution of Fixture Books
- ◆ Further creating a positive Club atmosphere through the display of Club paraphernalia in the Bar Lounge (an ongoing commitment as more items are provided)
- ◆ Consideration of reports from the Corporate Events Management Committee dealing with such matters as: Corporate/Private Functions; Barefoot Bowls; arrangements for bowlers with disabilities, and the viability of installing a synthetic green
- ◆ Admission of new members
- ◆ Cleaning up and improving the appearance of many areas of the premises (not yet completed)

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD



Glen Eira - McKinnon's prospects for a 2006/7 Season have been bolstered over the past few months. Our recruiting campaign for our top two sides has resulted in us acquiring some good talent. Among our new recruits we have secured the services of David Willey who, some of you may know from our Night Bowls Premiership Team from last year.

David is a former Division One Skip from Tasmania and has also played for that state at representative level. David has had several years away from the game and feels keen to make an impression on the Victorian bowls scene. On a personal note, we all wish both David and his wife Karen, well on the imminent birth of their third child.

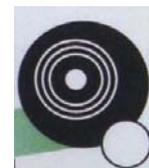
We have also been fortunate enough to secure the services of Luke Gattusso. Luke has joined us from Hampton Bowling Club and is considered by most of our senior players to be the best player in our area, outside of our Club over the last few seasons. Luke, who has Skipped in Division One for a number of seasons, will be a valued inclusion to our ranks.

Another quality acquisition we have managed to lure to the Club is Alan Faigen. I am sure a lot of our members are familiar with Alan but, for those who are not, Alan has joined us from Caulfield Park. He has played both Third and Skip in Premier Division, and was the driving force in Caulfield Park's time at the highest level. Alan's experience and passion to succeed will no doubt be of great assistance to our Club's upcoming campaign.

We feel the opportunity for success in our Men's Pennant ranks is stronger this year than it has been in the past. To me, our Second Side looks stronger and more balanced than it has before and, as a result, the prospect of this team having a successful season will create pressure on our First Side to perform. Our Premier Division team has had an ideal pre-season preparation by defeating both Altona and Melbourne (last years two Grand Finalists) over the past month. Good bowling to everyone for the upcoming season.

Michael Wilks

BOWLING WITH THE BUGS (Night Pennant)



After comprehensively winning First Division last year, the Top Side has been promoted to Premier Division for the 2006 - 07 season.

With the continued support of the Club's top bowlers, and the hard work put in by Ron Leigh, we expect this side to be highly competitive and to do well.

Side Two struggled a little last year however, after relegation to Division Three, we look forward to the team's performance improving.

Both Ron Leigh and myself, the Night Pennant Selectors, are hopeful that you, the Club members will support the teams by making yourselves available for as many matches as possible. All the very best for the season.

Ross Maver

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS - Corporate/Barefoot Bowls

Our new season of Barefoot/Corporate Bowls will commence with Daylight Saving on Wednesday, 1 November. By combining both events we have become more streamlined and will make much better use of our manpower and yes, womanpower as well.

The Corporate Bowls competition will consist of 4 x 6 weekly events. Prizes for the best weekly, six weekly, and overall best average team-winning aggregate scores will be available. Any Club members wishing to sponsor one or more of the competitions will be very much appreciated. As well, the competition results will be displayed on the Club's website which (as Peter Costello would agree) would be a fantastic opportunity for some free advertising

Many members have enquired about the difference between the two forms of bowls. Basically, barefoot bowlers will attend on a casual basis whereas corporate bowlers will be more organised. Teams will be formed, with each being in contention for weekly prizes. (Some of the barefoot bowlers may choose to enter into the organised competition too.)

The 'sausage sizzle' of 2005 will be replaced by a BBQ. Bowlers will still receive the freebies however, for a price, a wider range of food will also be provided.

To avoid placing further demands (and stress) on our Club coaches, we're looking for additional members to lend a hand by giving these new bowlers some basic instructions like, how to hold the bowl; how the bias works, and the mechanics of delivery.

Please put the Barefoot/Corporate Bowls message 'out there'. Those who embrace our wonderful game will enjoy many great nights of fun and, as a side benefit, our Club may well gain a percentage of these new bowlers as members.

Harold Saffer

Amendments/Corrections to the Members' Handbook

- **Social member** - correct spelling: Morry Wolfson
- **Life member** - correct spelling: Lesley Toomey
- **Phone number** - Esther & Sam Michaels: 9533 0565
- **Mobile number** - Keith McKay: 0401 228 736
- **Changed Pennant fixture:** Side One
VLBA Section: Division One, Section 5
- **VLBA State Triples Title:**
Wed 18 Oct, Thurs 19 Oct, Wed 1 Nov
- **VLBA Section Club Singles**
Rounds 1 & 2, Thurs 12 Oct
- **VLBA Section: Nominated 2-bowl Triples**
Morning tea 10.00am, start 10.30am
- **New members:**
Gersh Brick (#110) Ph. 9569 2649 Mob 0403 922 718
Mervyn Kalmek (#28) Ph. 9572 0605 Mob 0401 142 647
Percy Sheiman (#16) Ph. 9557 7962 Mob 0417 322 072
Luke Gattuso (#22) Ph. 9593 1393 Mob 0411 989292

FOR YOUR DIARY

**SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER:
RVBA UMPIRE'S COURSE
(Contact: Brian Rosengarten)**

**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER
CAULFIELD CUP**

**SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER:
TRY BOWLS DAY**

**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER
COX PLATE**

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER
ANN/BEN STERNFELD DAY**

**MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER:
CUP EVE SOCIAL FUNCTION**

THE TALE OF THE TAGS - Selectors Corner

The lady Selectors are delighted to welcome and affiliate five men to the VLBA Tuesday Pennant Competition. We wish both them and the ladies a very happy and successful season. (If there are any other gentlemen who wish to also affiliate, they too would be most welcome.)

The first and second rounds of Pennant have been completed, with the First, Third and Fourth Sides unbeaten. In round one, congratulations go to Peg Mead, Daphne Clarke, Dinah Elfman and Gigi Wippen who were the best performing rink with 21 shots up. Round two saw the Fifth Side unluckily defeated by a 3 shot margin overall, whilst the rinks of Inge Sommer, Moira Cumming, Rosemary Michael and Paul Lambert, and Marie Blanchfield, Bev Brand, Zelda Siritzky and Ruth Barton were the best performed rinks with a winning margin of 18 shots.

Thus far, the only downside to the Ladies Penant is the fact that four of our five sides do not wear our club shirts. The ruling from the VLBA is that all sixteen players in a team must wear matching club shirts. If this is not possible, then every player must wear white.

It is our recommendation that the club gives some serious thought to a shirt where the the colours and fabric are the same for both Sections.

We are all very thrilled to have Arnold O'Brien as our coach. It is pleasing to see the enthusiasm in his coaching program as many of the ladies avail themselves of Arnold's wealth of knowledge and bowling expertise. It can only improve our overall play.

Well done to everyone playing Pennant. We, the Selectors wish you continued success.

Denese Brick

To the ladies in the State Squads: Denese Brick; Gail Nadelman; and Laura Grayden (U25 Squad), congratulations....good luck, and good bowling.

Judith Same

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING MEMBER SPONSORS:

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It goes without saying that more sponsors are urgently needed to cover the large number of social bowling days from mid-week to Sundays. Perhaps you would like to mark a special birthday or anniversary with sponsorship, or you may have ties with a business firm that is seeking to promote itself.

If so, please contact Brian Rosengarten, the Sponsorship Convenor, for further information.

TRY BOWLS DAY
SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

Bring a friend and, from 10am til 12noon, enjoy a barbeque and a fun morning on the greens

TALE OF THE TAGS (CONT)



Your team of Selectors, Barry Berkovitch, David Dingle, David Rose, Len Rosenblatt and Allan Walvisch, take this opportunity to wish you all a very successful and happy 2006-2007 bowling season.

We are fielding 8 sides this season. In a perfect world we would like to win 8 flags and you, the bowlers, would like to play 'Premier Division', but you know that this is probably not possible. So please, when looking where you have been selected to play, look at the DIVISION you are selected in before making any complaints.

We believe that our collective mix of abilities, knowledge and comradeship will be strong enough to select teams on ability and, in the long run, give the Club a chance at many successes. If you are unhappy or have a problem, please speak to the Selectors. From your mouth to our ears is much more accurate than gossip.....My home phone or mobile are available to you at all times. We will attempt to speak to as many bowlers as possible during the season and will also be talking to the 'Skippers' to try and gauge their team's compatibility. Please do your assessments honestly, and remember that your comments are important to us.

Practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights is the only way that your bowls will improve. If you can't practise both nights I suggest you come along on Thursday, which is the traditional Club night and features after-practice social time, with drinks and nibbles at a very small charge. Also, remember Saturdays before Pennant Michael Wilks and his merry men make lunches available to the bowlers for a small cost.

We wish the VLBA Selection President, Judith Same, Chairman of Selectors, Denese Brick, and all of their bowlers a very successful and happy season.

In conclusion, I would like to remind members that they belong to a great club. We hope you will protect the image of good will and good sportsmanship, and continue to make this Club one to be envied.

Barry Berkovitch - Chairman of Selectors

NO BIAS LAWN BOWLS

FOR LAWN BOWLERS WITH A DISABILITY

SUNDAYS: 10.00am - 12.00 midday

FORWARD DATES FOR 2006 - 2007

October 22 - January 7 - February 4 & 18 - March 18 - April 8 & 15

For further information please contact Faye Landau or Harold Saffer

STRAIGHT RUNNING BOWLS

The most enthusiastic bowlers at Glenmac could well be our 'No Bias' bowlers. Consisting of about ten young adults from the cities of Bayside, Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington, these intellectually disabled people eagerly arrive each Sunday, ready to 'have a go'. Some are independent, others are accompanied by a carer but, each and every one enjoys meeting the Club volunteers who tell us they find their involvement rewarding and very worthwhile. In part, the following is a letter written by the mother of one of the boys.

" My son is a young man who has an intellectual disability. He, and two of his friends (all in their thirties) are participating in the 'No Bias' bowls program at your Club. Every Sunday, this group who have limited resources available to them, are given the opportunity to socialise, whilst receiving some excellent personal instruction from Club members who show the utmost patience, warmth and generosity. The young people are gaining enormously from the experience. It is truly heart-warming to watch them concentrating intently at a new and challenging sport, and to observe their obvious pleasure as they achieve significant success. Thanks to your marvellous volunteers, these young people's lives are being enriched by having this busy and constructive Sunday activity to look forward to.."

Fay Landau



COACHES CORNER

Normally at this time of the year coaches would be focusing on slow green play however, due to the current climatic conditions we may not see slow greens for quite some time.

So, let us remind ourselves of what makes a good side tick. **COMPATIBILITY:**

~ get to know your team-mates; understand their strengths and weaknesses (we all have them), and always be supportive and positive because the latter can be contagious.

~ Always try to be self-motivated and encourage others to do the same.

~ Always focus on the job at hand. Do not blame the conditions or people around you; this may cause resentment or loss of confidence in your team-mates.

~ You have been selected to represent our Club and your mates. It is imperative that you do so to the best of your ability. Remember, a good team member displays more **HARMONY** than an individual.

Wishing you a bl..dy good Pennant Season

David Shortal