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Top Level Bowls
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Perfect Practice

ALL SYSTEMS GO

"Stay true to your purpose and vision"
(Ron Howard)

With the threat of rain and a strong north-easterly wind blowing, forty teams - or one hundred and sixty ladies - from Metropolitan and rural Victoria took to the greens to bowl in the annual Denese Brick Classic Perpetual Shield Invitation Day..

The participants played three games of twelve ends, with prizes being awarded in each for the greatest winning margin. Whilst a team from Mornington Civic were Runners-Up in the competition, it was the unit led by Gail Nadelman that prevailed overall.

A day such as this would neither be successful nor enjoyable if it were not for the magnificent assistance and support provided by the following people:

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Refreshments: Serving the thirsty horde
 Elva Boyce & Michael Flanagan

Catering: An extraordinary group of ladies led by Inge Sommer & Marcelle Karro. (Superbly presented table settings and food)

Raffle: Janet Raitman & Evelyn Lacy
 (employment in sales awaits)

Cards: Ann Sternfeld & Fay Landau
 (Brilliant organisation skills)

The main sponsors for the event were the ever-generous Godel and Rosa Wroby, while *Playgrow* kindly donated the many children's toys and accessories that were provided for the raffle.

Towards the close of play, numerous ladies were asked for their impressions of the day. Generally, comments such as: *great fun; well organised; better than last year, and a wonderful day of bowls*, indicated a satisfying day at the coal face was had by all.



FROM THE OVAL OFFICE

“Obstacles create opportunities.”



Dennis Prince

Welcome back one and all. As we head towards the Season's finale, I'd like to, on behalf of all the members, congratulate the ladies Top and Fourth Sides, and our own Premier and Third Sides, as they gather further momentum for the Finals. Effort deserves reward but.....let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Due to the very hot weather conditions, our Wednesday Triples were cancelled, however, the Monday Triples (held once a month) attracted twenty-two teams, a good effort given the restrictions.

At a recent meeting between the Men's and Ladies' Executive, it was decided to meet monthly to assist in the running of Club social events. Also, with a view towards developing a suitable design for a new Club shirt, a sub-committee (three ladies/three men) was formed.

Discussions were held regarding an important issue; one that impacts heavily on the future of this fine Club, that is the need for each and everyone of us to encourage the joining of new members. With this in mind, we intend to produce a brochure - to be distributed around the local area - which will feature young people/families. Hopefully, this pro-active measure will change the concept of bowls and present the Club in a new light.

On **Saturday 3 March** we will be holding a BBQ to celebrate the End-of-Season. It is requested that all Club members and their partners attend the clubrooms directly after the last Pennant match. Although the festivities will be without charge, a gold coin donation for the BBQ and initial finger food would be greatly appreciated. A number of Novelty Events (including **\$20 Draw**, **Whiskey-a-Go-Go** and **Coin Toss**) will be present for the punters amusement, while the ever reliable '**Whack a Jaffa**' is a must-try for any youngsters attending.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING

“People bring growth.” (Henry Ford)

The qualifying events for this year's Australian Open (held at various clubs throughout the metropolitan area) were conducted between Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 February. Each competitor who entered the qualifying played at least three sectional rounds and potentially a post sectional knockout game.

Nigel Brennan; James Williams; Addy Wetzler; Michael Flanagan and Luke Gattuso were on show in the Singles, where each played matches consisting of two sets (four bowls) of nine ends.

On Wednesday 14 February, Luke Gattuso; Alan Faigen and Nigel Brennan performed in the Pairs discipline. Involving three bowls per player, each match consisted of two sets of nine ends, with a time limit of two hours per match.

With the exception of Nigel Brennan's Quarter Final appearance, the boys' overall results did not reflect their enthusiastic approach and willingness to 'Have-a-go' but, as sure as Connex will continue to cancel Metropolitan train services, they will have gained a great deal from the experience. Well done, fellas.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING

Xavier Strength

Take a look around you. Joyce Park is about to undergo a transformation and, if we get our act together, the Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club is set to become a community showpiece: the jewel in The Park's crown.

As well as the formation of new playgrounds; the establishment of walking paths; new garden beds consisting of native and exotic plants; the building of BBQ areas and the creation of informal, passive open spaces, the Club's boundaries adjoining the Park will undergo a face lift.

In relation to the Club, the access road will be realigned (which will add a further twelve parking spaces); the entrance near 'Box Cottage' is to be upgraded; the northern boundary fence line will receive attention by becoming a black wire mesh so as to reduce visual impact, whilst at the same time allowing visitors to view the bowling activities, and there will also be planting of low to medium height natives in a garden bed running along and outside the northern boundary fence.



As the Council works to consolidate the park for use by family, school groups and the public, one does not have to be Einstein to appreciate what this means to us. Through forward planning and insight, we are in a position to create something unique and lasting. However, to achieve this, every one of us - whether man or woman; old or young; professional or retired - must be prepared to go as far as you can see, and when you get there, to see even further.

*"As a valued member, be inspired to act from the heart and not just from the head."
(Maj Gen Cosgrove)*

Heard during Ladies' Pennant:

"Oh, you've had something done to your hair. It looks so cute."

"Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she gave me the mirror. You don't think it's too fluffy?"

"Oh God, no! No, it's perfect. I'd love to have my hair done like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff I think."

"Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get your hair layered. That would look soooo you. I was actually going to do that except, I was afraid that it would accentuate my long neck."

Oh - that's funny! I would love to have your neck: anything to take the attention away from my awful shoulders."

"GET... OUT! You have a shoulder line to die for. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms, see how short they are?"

"If I had your shoulders, I could buy Designer Labels clothes."

"You know, Armani would look stunning with your hair."

Heard during Men's Pennant:

"Haircut?"

"Yeah."

Unfortunately, in the last issue of 'Drive 'n' Draw', the Team Manager of the Number One Side was overlooked in the 'From the Team Managers' section. We, the Newsletter publishers, apologise to Roger (Simmons) and the boys in the Premier Division Side for our oversight.

Roger reports: "For the record, we are on top at the moment, and we intend to stay there. We are not a Team of Champions but, a Champion Team who are all working together for the ultimate result, a Premier League Championship."



Letters To the Editor:

I sincerely hope that many members, both VLBA and RVBA, will attend the 'Finals' games in support of our teams.

I can assure you that every extra voice added to the applause of excellent bowls will definitely have a very positive affect in lifting the morale and confidence of our fellow Club members.

By playing so well during the season, the boys in Premier Division and the Third Side, and the ladies in Sides One and Four , have earned their place in the upcoming Final Series.

Fingers crossed, I believe winning the ultimate prizes would help to promote us as the Number One Club within the bowls fraternity whilst, at the same time, providing those participating with an enormous sense of personal achievement and satisfaction.

So, let's all spruce up our Club jackets/colours and diarize the dates of the Finals to ensure we are available to support events that will be history in the making.

Harold Saffer



BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

Fay Landau



The bowling scene is changing, and to meet the change clubs need to find new ways to attract members and develop new sources of revenue.

Barefoot/Corporate Bowls is proving to be the saviour of many clubs, and whilst our program has enormous potential, we need to establish a volunteer pool of male/female members, in addition to the men's weekly Duty Group to help.

The *punters* have a right to expect that we operate in an efficient and effective manner, and this can only happen if we have your unequivocal support. Each Wednesday, between 6.00 - 9.30pm, most of those involved will have the very satisfying task of introducing people from all walks of life to the pleasures of lawn bowls, then joining them in friendly competition and a scrumptious BBQ. (evening dinner and practice for you.)

Through Barefoot/Corporate Bowls we have been able to attract six new members to the Club. With your help this number will increase as we encourage many more people to take full advantage of our facilities.

Barefoot/Corporate Bowls is a worthwhile endeavour because, all monies raised will ultimately benefit each and every one of us. So, please be prepared to assist when you are required (ample notification will be given) or , you may wish to be placed on the volunteers' list. [Ring Harold: **0411 858 194** or Guy: **0418 386 076.**]

IN PROFILE: MOIRA CUMMING

A conundrum: iron sharpens iron, but lead will quickly sink us to the bottom.

Gerri Atterick



Moira was born in Bently, on July 15, 1930 - the year of the *Precious Penny*. Way back when, she etched out an education at firstly, St Finbars Primary School, then Star of the Sea.

Moira continued along the path of 'Life's Education' by becoming a book keeper and marrying husband Bill, in 1951. (In anyone's language, that's a fair few years of harmony and bliss: over fifty-five in fact.)

When, in 1975 Moira was bitten by 'The Bug', she joined the McKinnon Bowls Club to become, from 1978 to 1982, its Club Treasurer. From 1984 (when she held the position of Club Vice-President) until 2002, Moira's drive, enthusiasm and vision assisted her in the roles of: Club President; Immediate Past President; Catering Committee; Selection, Recruitment, Match and General Com-

mittees, and Ladies Club Secretary.

During service with the VLBA, Moira continued to use her varied skills and extensive talents. From 1995 - 2000 she served as Sate Councillor; Vice-President and an AWBC Delegate, then added numerous other titles to complete a most impressive resume.

Perhaps the highlight of Moira's involvement in lawn bowls came in 2000 when a letter, informing this humble and gentle lady that she had been awarded the Australian Sports Medal, was sent from Government House. It was due recognition for a job well done!

MIXED BLESSINGS

Anne Arecsic



Two contrasting days; one a memorial, the other a fundraiser, were held at the beginning and the end of February. Although the George Smorgon and the Masada/The Avenue Day appeared poles apart in their purpose, they both had something great in common.

The many committed and relaxed Glenmacians (apologies to Michael Flanagan) who turned out to support the events appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was interesting to note that, as the company was mixed, the sledging and 'Toilet Humour' used on the greens was thankfully kept to the bare minimum, with only the odd comment or two occasionally upsetting the men folk. All round, the days were something to write home about.

A SUPERIOR COMBINATION

Addy Wetzler

With two fairly comfortable wins against opposition from Mordialloc and Parkdale, Dan Rushton and I began our Group Pairs campaign at Black Rock. After a 7-5-1 start in the first three ends of our morning game, we cruised through to our next assignment, at Hampton, the following day.

After surviving a tricky tie against Neil Stanfield from Cheltenham, we then earned a Quarter-Final against club mates, Simon Huggins and Michael Wilks. In a hard-fought match, it came down to a couple of match-winning bowls from 'Rushy' on the third and second-last ends.

Having knocked out our Pennant team mates, we were determined not to lose to bowlers from other clubs, especially as the final day of competition was to take place on our home greens. We snuck through a surprisingly tight Semi against Maurice Lee and Ting Silom, of Cheltenham, before taking the Final 22-6 against Mentone bowlers, Harley Harber and Noel Williamson.

The support we received during the Final was tremendous, and it played a big part in our success. We look forward to representing the Club and the Group, at Mitcham, for the State Finals.

"In sport, it takes a lot of unspectacular planning to produce spectacular results."(David Parkin)



GIRLS HOLD THE ACES

Leila Levy

As one of the five teams entered by the Ladies Section in the State Fours competition., the unit comprising Denese Brick (S), Gail Nadelman (T), Heather Hauesler (S) and Leila Levy won through to the final sixteen in the State by defeating Laura Grayden (S), Daphne Reed (T), Janice Frydman (S) and Marita Mulcahy (L) in what was an exciting Group 15 Final. The continuation of the State Four Series will be played at Darebin State Bowls Centre, commencing Wednesday 28 March.

[Ed] On behalf of everyone at the Club, we wish the girls the very best of luck in their endeavours.

RVBA/VLBA SECTIONS

'END of PENNANT' BBQ

SATURDAY 3 MARCH

7.00pm for 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

\$20 Draw
Whacka Jaffa
Coin Toss

FULL BAR
FACILITIES

A FULL HOUSE

Hugo Furst

“Master your thoughts or your thoughts will master you.” (Jack Nicholas)

Apprehension and expectation were in the air as many members attended a meeting that centred around three major issues: water restrictions and their present and future effects on the Club; the establishment of a synthetic green, and the appointment of Club Coaches for next season.

Firstly, a concise and detailed report, given by Nigel (Brennan), not only provided information concerning the current maintenance program for the greens, but also reasons as to why the bore and the rather large green water tank (situated on the club's northern boundary) were not in use, given the Club's present circumstances. To end this section of the meeting on a positive note it was suggested that, having continuing dialogue with Lewis' Timber (situated on Jasper Road), may well see the Club having access to the vast quantity of rainwater coming from their huge area of roof space.

Hal Levy's report concerning the establishment (because of the lights) of a synthetic surface to replace the #2 green gained more applause than Annie's mud wrestling girls at the Lido Bar. By reacting accordingly, those in attendance could see both the internal and external benefits of being able to bowl all year round. Now what's needed is to accept the challenge of finding the necessary \$60 000 to match the Federal Government's grant. (Perhaps the publishing of a calendar, or the washing of cars could produce sound capital gains.)

Undoubtedly, the evening's most contentious issue for discussion was that of 'coaching' within the Club. Although the current arrangements, put in place by the previous Board of Management, caused many members to vent their anger and frustration, it was the more positive contributions that created an impression.

Whilst playing the Devil's Advocate, Alan (Faigan) eloquently highlighted the future need for the Club to retain the talents, skills and services of the boys in the Premier Division Side, whilst Nathan (Frydman) added further fuel to the debate by suggesting, among other things, that the Men's Committee be charged with appointing their own Head Coach, to cater specifically for the needs of the Section. On the other side of the coin, Pat (Derrick) made an impassioned plea for a Coach-in-Residence (Joyce Lindores, if available) to be appointed to the Ladies Section as a matter of urgency.

Whilst speaking from the heart about what bowling in the Premier Division Side meant to him, Addy (Wetzler) issued a challenge to the members by declaring that, if the Club wanted to create and shape a new and successful era, there was no better time than the present for the current members to start.

Two of the buzz words around the Club at the moment are *youth and recruit*. Well, you can dress me in a frock and call me Margaret if we don't have, at our finger tips, a group of young men who, as well as being alright-type of people, happen to be blessed with enthusiasm, self-confidence and amazing skills. If asked, the boys in the Top Side would be only too pleased to share their thoughts and ideas concerning the shaping and creating of something unique within the Club.

*Goal setting,
hard work and
unity are the
keys to a
successful
future.*

GATTUSO SNATCHES FINAL

“We can only learn from the past; savour the present, and anticipate the future.” (Lauren Jackson)

Chris Hannaford

During a difficult weekend, weatherwise, Luke played in the Group 15 Singles Championship on January 6-7. Three games were played at Mordialloc on the Saturday, and again, three at Black Rock on the Sunday.

After winning most of his games comfortably [the exceptions being the second (25-21) and the Final (25-24)], the *Champ* played Sean Hanrahan of Cheltenham Bowls Club in the Semi Final, then was matched against Nigel Brennan in ‘The Big One’.

This game was a hard fought contest, with the result hinging on the last bowl. Nigel played some fantastic bowls to keep himself in the game after Luke had come from behind to lead 23-18. As the pressure mounted and each player fought to gain the ascendancy, the game was to last another eight ends, with only ‘ones’ being scored.

Luke was relieved to have won such a close game as, five years ago, he had lost the same Final, also by one shot.

NOT PRETTY.....BUT EFFECTIVE

Solly Aboutat

Three games of Sectional (consisting of fifteen ends) play ushered in the Group 15 Triples Championship, played at Beaumaris.

Enduring typical drought conditions in game one, squadrons of flies continually buzzed around the mat as if it was a sheep’s carcass decaying in the hot sun.

However, the team of Brennan, Wetzler and Hannaford adapted quickly to the weather conditions and ‘holding’ green to record a hard fought 14-11 win over Edithvale. In the second game against Mordialloc, a cool change provided some welcome relief as the boys easily roved victorious, 19-7. Bowling in the third game with Greenmaster ‘Power’ and ABT ‘Evos’, the opposition from Mentone found it difficult to master the windy conditions with such narrow bowls and, as a result, were easily defeated 23-7.

On a slow green in the Semi-Final, the lads skipped away to an early lead (against Beaumaris) through the use of long ends. The opposition, skipped by Mick Burge, eventually woke to the ploy and came back hard to catch us with three or four ends to play. Luckily, we held on to win 20-15.

Cheltenham, our opponents in the Final, went straight through after winning their Section, so we had the benefit of already playing beforehand. This held us in good stead as, on a green that had freed up a little, we were able to work a victory the ‘hard way’ over a competent, Ting Silom led Cheltenham, 24-12.

With: MICHAEL WILKS
BRAD MARTIN
DAVID SHORTAL

CLUB COACHING
SUNDAY 4 MARCH

10.00am
12 noon

IN PROFILE: HARRY BRAND

“Thinking big creates purpose.” (Tony Roche)

Harry Brand, the owner of the whacking big Rolls Royce that is usually parked outside the Clubhouse, joined City of St Kilda in the season of 1979 - 80 and two years later undertook his first positions of responsibility. In 84/85, Harry served on that Club's General Committee, and assisted on the greens with Huntly Carnall and Ben Finklestein. During this time (and for the next three seasons), as a member of the Liquor Committee, he was given his own set of keys to the grog cabinet. (The keys were, according to persistent rumours, only found and returned to the Club after the police raided and searched his place of residence while he was in rehab.)

Although Harry served at 'City' in Presidential-type roles for eight years, from 1987/88 - 1994/95, it has been his fondness for watching grass grow that has taken up much of his time. From 1986/87 until this point-in-time, Harry has worked with green keepers (and others) to ensure the existence of well-presented, even playing fields.

During the 1995 season, two years before City of St Kilda merged with Carnegie to become the Glen Eira Bowls Club, Harry was honoured for his tireless work and commitment by being awarded 'Life Member' status while serving as Club Vice-Chairman.

Through the merger between McKinnon and Glen Eira in 2002/3, Harry has continued to shine in the roles of Ombudsman, National Umpire and Greens Director. You'll catch him at the Club most mornings, doing what he does best: smiling; joking; abusing those who have lost keys to the maintenance shed, and scratching around in the ditch sand like an old chook. Well done, Harry. Keep on keeping on.



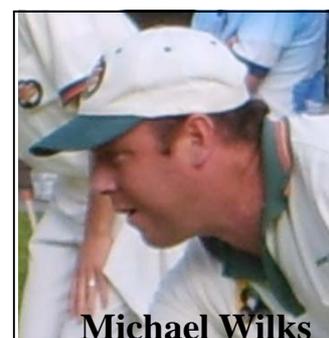
FINALS IN SIGHT

“Opportunities are created, not inherited.” (Nelson Mandela)

With only a couple of weeks remaining of the Home and Away rounds, our men's Premier Division Side has guaranteed itself a Finals berth. With the Final Four virtually decided, the Premiership looks to be an even race between these teams. For as long as I can remember, I do not think that I have seen four sides that are so evenly matched at this stage of the season.

With the way that the draw has landed, we do appear to have the toughest run into the Finals. In my opinion, the fact that we will have to earn each win from this point is an advantage to us. Often it is the team with the greatest level of character that wins the big titles, such as Premier Division. Over the past few weeks this is exactly what has been asked of our team, with pleasing results. Our recent 18 points to nil, thirty-five shots demolition of Yarraville/Footscray has sent the message to our rivals, **We have character in abundance.**

At this stage the commitment of our boys at this stage of the season is outstanding. They are leading by example, and for any of our members intending to come and see our boys contest the Final Series, you will not be disappointed with their efforts.



Mik-Wil and Anton the Bactrian

Michael Flanagan

“Don’t fear it, face it.”
(Sylvester Stallone)



Once upon a time, in a faraway land called Glentankia, there lived King Tigerbill, a wise old king. Now, King Tigerbill wasn’t just wise, he was a friendly chap as well so, all were welcome in the happy land of Glentankia, and no-one was more welcoming than the good king. One day however, an evil knight took advantage of the good citizens of Glentankia.

Sir Anton the Bactrian had arrived mysteriously in Glentankia, just as they were in the middle of a war with the barbarians of the Hamptonian Mountains. He immediately offered his services to King Tigerbill and became a hero. Sir Anton was cheered wherever he went, and the grateful citizens eagerly catered for his every want and need. But Sir Anton became more and more demanding.

One day he went to see Good King Tigerbill and said, “I am your greatest warrior. Without me, the people of Glentankia would be slaves. Without me, you would no longer have a kingdom to rule. I want a thousand Glentankian ducats every month or I will leave.” He then said with a sneer, “Your enemies might be willing to pay me if you won’t.”

Happy King Tigerbill was no longer happy, in fact, he was very angry indeed. “How dare you demand payment from us! We welcomed you and took care of your every need. Yes, you are a great champion, but we are a greater nation. Be gone ungrateful varlet, you are banished!” And with that King Tigerbill summoned the Royal Guards to escort Sir Anton the Bactrian to the border, where he was ordered never to return.....on pain of ridicule, the most vile punishment in all Glentankia.

Soon after, Glentankia was attacked by their oldest and most hated of enemies, the Armas-of-Dale, who were constantly trying (with little success) to defeat Glentankia in battle. This time however, they were led by the arrogant Sir Anton, and as such were causing many problems for the soldiers of Good King Tigerbill, whose bravest knights were being vanquished one by one. At the hands of Sir Anton, they could hardly land a blow. Some could not even manage to score against him.

The king despaired, “Can no-one defeat the evil Anton?”

“I can,” came a voice from a doorway. “I *will* defeat him.”

King Tigerbill quickly turned. There in front of him was his son, Prince Mik-Wil, who had been away at the Castle Alton, seeking education in the ways of a Knight, He had returned a strong young man; brave, honourable and without fear. The king frowned, struggling with the idea of sending his much-loved only son into such a treacherous situation. Before he could think however, Prince Mik-Wil was striding purposefully towards his battle steed. He then mounted and galloped off.

The ensuing battle was intense. Sir Anton the Bactrian had started well, seriously wounding Prince Mik-Wil six times to one. Things seemed grim for the gallant Glentankian prince when, as all things seemed lost, something strange happened. During a break in battle, Prince Mik-Wil reached into his armour and pulled out three small glass vials which contained an extremely cold, golden liquid that glistened in the warm sunlight. He immediately drank all three then resumed the battle. He charged headlong at Sir Anton. Before Sir Anton could react, the brave prince had rained twenty-three almighty blows upon the hapless, beaten knight, who then became *ridiculed* and was never seen near Glentankia again. Good King Tigerbill’s happy land was once more.

The moral of this story is.....**Good things come in glass.**

“The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year.” (Dame Judith Dench)

TALE OF THE TAGS

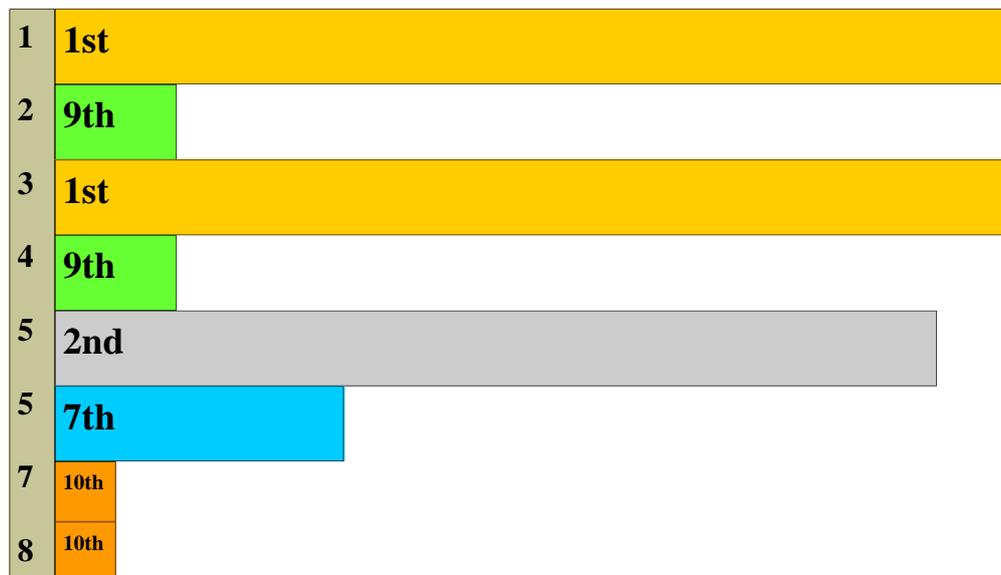
“Keep a positive attitude and develop a winning approach to your bowls.” (Geoff Maskell)



It gives me great pleasure to submit this short report following the result of our Pennant wins, week ending 10.02.07 - **7 WINNING SIDES**. Well done to all. This was a really great effort by all the players: we knew it could be done so, how about trying for an 8 SIDE WIN before the season finishes.

Our PREMIER DIVISION SIDE, and SIDES THREE and FIVE have a big chance of playing off in the Finals. Sides Two and Four are now playing much better, and with more confidence; Side Six is safe from relegation in its Division, but Sides Seven and Eight are down and will probably slip back to a more suitable Division and hopefully, a **better draw**.

PENNANT LADDER POSITIONS: ROUND 15



With hard work and as much practice as possible over these next few weeks, three sides should play in the Finals Series. This would be a great achievement for the Club so we, the Selectors, hope that each and every member will make an effort to support every side that makes the play-offs.

Barry Berkovitch
RVBA Section Chairman of Selectors

VLBA PENNANT POST SECTIONALS

**TUES 6 MARCH
10.30 am**

VLBA PENNANT SEMI-FINALS

**THURS 8 MARCH
10.30am**

RUSHTON HOLDS FORM

Ivor Krookney

“ Just by trying, we are already succeeding. Doing nothing is the greatest failure.”
(Michael Langdon: Psychologist)

The form that has enabled Daniel Rushton to bypass the Qualifying Rounds of the Australian Open (and march directly into the main draw) was on display when playing Nigel Brennan in the Final of the Club's Men's Singles Championship.

In the early stages of the game Brennan flew out of the blocks to kick to a 5-0 early lead. As the small crowd of spectators watched, enthralled, the combatants were keen to play mainly draw bowls, with the occasional weighted shot. The first full-blooded drive came with the score at 10/9, when Rushton turned a three shot deficit in a loose head into a two shot gain.

As the game gathered momentum, the introduction of the Rushton entourage seemed to raise their player's confidence to a new level for, as the bar was raised, he shot to a 14/9 lead without effort. The two boys went shot for shot until the game entered its second phase. At this point those watching were stunned when the score suddenly ballooned out to an unbelievable 21/13 as a result of Brennan giving away a lazy four shots to a pumped up Rushton.

By now there was some serious heat coming from Rushton. Brennan tried something different by rolling to minimum length, and it seemed to have worked, with two *touchers* resting in the ditch and the Jack sitting a mere metre from the edge. Rushton must have had a four leaf clover in his pocket because, in his hand he held two trump cards. The first was to draw his own *toucher* for shot, then he put down a Billy Turner-like 'bomb' to draw to the ditch, between the jack and the bowls sitting in the Mediterranean lawn.



In successive ends, with their opponent holdin, each player drove successfully for the kill. Rushton then came back to pick up shots in what was the first sign of player nervousness, a very scattered head. With Rushton holding game, Brennan took the gamble of playing with weight to win the end and stave off what was to be the inevitable. Rushton's reply was to come back with an almost *resting toucher*, so close that Brennan had little choice but to once again drive with his last bowl. The shot left his hand as smooth as silk; it ran as straight as a die but.....it was wide. After twenty-four ends, and with the score at 27/16, there was to be no reprieve for Brennan. Rushton did not have to play his last bowl.

This season, those VLBA and RVBA Section Tournaments not affected by the drought conditions, would not have been possible if it were not for the efforts and superb organisational skills of some hard-working people. So, to Tess Green; Thelma Meerkin; Daphne Reed; Lore Zent; Morris Sher; Abe Grauman and David Shortal, on behalf of those who competed in the Tournaments, many thanks.

Remember your political correctness: If someone is a shoplifter, they are now called a *Non-Traditional Shopper*, and any of their goods will have been *creatively acquired*, not stolen.

NO SHORTAGE HERE

“If at first you don’t succeed, redefine success.”
(Jerry Lewis)

Sue Donym

ROLL of HONOUR

DAVID ACKERSTEIN: Tenpin Bowling - Soccer

BILL BOYCE: Soccer (Birmingham City)

DENESE BRICK: Lawn Bowls

DICK CHAPMAN: Baseball Umpire

LUCILLE COHEN: Table Tennis

**LES COLES: Jockey (Won Caulfield/Melbourne
Cup double on ‘Light Fingers’)**

NOEL DERRICK: Hockey (Olympic Games)

HEATHER HAEUSLER: Lawn Bowls

PHIL KLEID: Weightlifting - (Olympic Games)

LEILA LEVY: Lawn Bowls

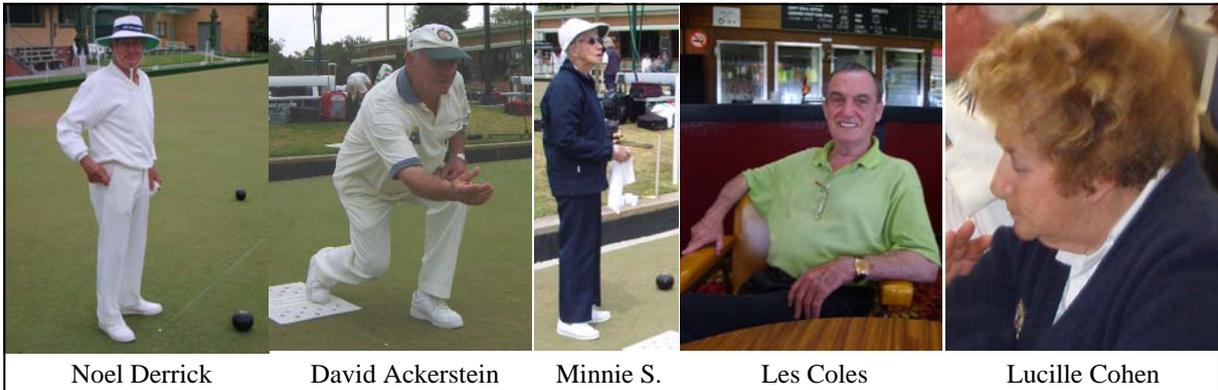
BRAD MARTIN: Lawn Bowls

GAIL NADELMAN: Lawn Bowls

BARNEY PETERS: Table Tennis

MINNIE SADMAN: Lawn Bowls

MICHAEL WILKS: Lawn Bowls



Given the outstanding level of personal success achieved by the men and women who have bowled in this season’s Group Titles, we started thinking about the many others in the Club who possessed the necessary talent to participate in a sport - other than bowls* - at a high level of competition. This proved to be time consuming so, we decided to narrow things down a little by focusing on those who have played representative sport at either State or International level. (If we have missed anyone, please accept our apology.)

After sniffing around for the relevant information (like a customs dog at an Indonesian Airport), we came to the conclusion that there wouldn’t be too many Bowls Clubs within the Metropolitan area that can boast a line-up* such as ours.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PRACTICE

John Snell in focus

The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way we use them.

Physical Practice:

On aspects of physical practice, I suggest that you schedule at least one of the following four segments into each of the sessions on your own.

Drawing, trail shots, controlled weighted shots and drives are all parts of the game and



should be practiced. Just because you are, for instance, a leader, doesn't mean you should neglect the latter. It can

become a very intimidating weapon, particularly if you are successful with one early in a singles or team game.

Prior to the advent of the narrower drawing bowl, I'd always advocated that one should spend 95% of the practice time perfecting their delivery on the draw shot but, the present bowl type calls for a slightly different approach. That figure should be reduced to say, 90%, with the additional 10%

being directed towards controlled weight shots. Trail shots are really only a draw played to an imaginary jack and can be practiced sparingly with two jacks, one on the line and the other 600-1000mm behind, in a position where your bowl should finish.

Approximately 5% of your practice time can be allotted to practicing the drive shot. Make sure that you strive for perfect rhythm no matter what segment you are practicing.

Mental Practice:

This comes down to combining the inner-self with the use of mental exercises. Practice visualisation as much as you can. Get into a regular habit of visualising your perfect delivery in every possible detail. (Read as much as you can on the subject or, ask the Club Coach for assistance.) Also visualise yourself winning a major event. Experience in your mind the joy, pride and ecstasy you'd feel, and again, don't miss any of the detail.

Affirmation: at home, before attending the game, tell yourself (in private) audibly, that you are competent, getting better all the time. Whilst relaxing as best you can, use the late Sir Robert Menzies' method of selecting a spot on the wall and staring at it, examining it in all detail until all outside interference has ceased then, up the ante and visualise yourself

"If 'Think Positive' sounds dumb to you, take a look at the alternatives."

(Tiger Woods)

Delivering each bowl in a totally relaxed and perfect state. See it in vivid detail, as the bowl travels down the green, coming to rest on or near the jack. See yourself then celebrating your success. Now you are ready to go out and play the game of your life!

RVBA POST-SECTIONAL QUARTER FINALS

1pm

SATURDAY 10 MARCH, 2007

IT'S TIME

SPICKS AND SPECKS



Gotta be the Club's Volunteer of the Year. Thanks for all your great work, Elva.



Does anyone know if this bloke's ever done an honest days work in his life?



Every picture tells a story



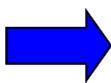
Someone contact the Health Dept, for goodness sake!

Men's Roster

Week Ending Sunday 25 February, 2007



- Oscar Zent
- Noel Tighe
- Ronald Woolf
- Abe Lourie
- Alan Cohen
- David Friedman
- Peter Felbel
- Chris Hannaford

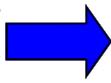


Group Eight

Week Ending 4 March, 2007



- Brian Rosengarten
- Simon Huggins
- Jack Slomoi
- Lou Silber
- Myer Green
- Lionel Meerkin
- Howard Beaconsfield

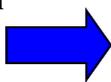


Group Nine

Week Ending 11 March, 2007



- Abe Grauman
- Jacob Van veen
- Stanley Janet
- Ross Maver
- Harry Leiba
- Barrie Goldsmith



Group Ten

"Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking your potential." (Winston Churchill)

Hands up if you've ever had an experience such as this.

You arrive home. Sleep comes instantly. You score about two hours of shut-eye until the noises inside your head wake you up. You notice that your bed has been cleared for take-off and is flying relentlessly around the room. You're now going to chuck. After walking along the skirting boards on alternating walls (knocking off all the pictures) you find the toilet. If you are lucky you'll remember to lift the lid before you spontaneously explode and wake the whole house up with your impersonation of walrus mating calls. You sit there on the floor in your undies, randomly spitting, farting and cuddling the toilet, the only friend you have left in the world. Help usually arrives at this stage, even if it is only short lived. Tears stream down your face and your abdomen hurts. Help now turns into abuse and he/she usually goes back to bed, leaving you in the dark. With your stomach totally empty, your spontaneous eruptions have died back to 15 minute intervals but, your body won't relent. You're convinced that you're starting to turn yourself inside-out and swear that you saw your tonsils shoot out of your mouth on the last occasion. It is now dawn as you pass your disgusted partner getting up for the day. As you try to climb into bed he/she abuses you again for making this attempt with lumpy bits of dried vomit in your hair. You reluctantly accept their advice and have a shower in exchange for them driving you to the hospital. Work is not an option. The whole day is spent trying to avoid anything that might make you sick again, like moving. You vow never to touch a drop again and, who knows, for the next two or three days at least, you may even succeed.

"Share the goals, divide the workload, and multiply the successes." (Les Twentyman)