



From Chairman David:

AUSTRALIAN DEAF BOWLS 2018:

The Wodonga Bowls Club successfully hosted this event from the 21st – 25th January with just under 30 participants from Victoria, NSW, and QLD. Competition was fierce but friendly at all times, with Victoria struggling to match the northern states. Naturally, sign language and lip reading were common throughout the week, but Club members were saved much embarrassment with assistance from those only partially deaf, and interpreters. However, it was a fun time for all, although a big week for Bob, DJ and helpers, particularly as an equally big long weekend of events followed. Although there were few hiccups, and everyone is to be commended. There was also a working bee on

the Friday morning prior which was well attended by 21 loyal members, but when you consider five of those are in their first year at Wodonga, the numbers don't look quite so good! We certainly have picked up some great new Members this season. A final indication of the determination and love for the game of bowls by a duo from the QLD Deaf Bowls team, was their keenness to front up on Australia Day in the 32-strong field for the traditional Major-Minor event, eventually won by Josh Rudd and Gary Howlett who are to be congratulated on their success. Queenslanders are certainly tough!

WEEKEND PENNANT SUCCESS:

In the middle of the long weekend, Wodonga had its best result for the season with all six weekend pennant teams successful. GO WODONGA!!

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING:

As indicated in the additional December Newsletter the Club has not been trading as well as it needs to, and accordingly a Special Members Meeting has been scheduled in conjunction with Happy Hour, on Friday the 9th February. Happy Hour will be extended from 5.30 until 7 pm, with the Meeting starting at 6:00pm sharp, with raffle draws at 7:00pm. Everyone making the effort to be present and get their drinks and raffle tickets before 6:00pm would be appreciated.

APPROACH TO SPECIAL MEETING:

After consulting with interested members each of the four directors will initially put forward relatively easy achieve ideas under the Strategic Plan. "Welcoming and Pleasant Club/Bowling Experience" (Helen), "Facility Management/Improvement" (David Jackaman), "Marketing & Recruitment" (Peter) and "Good Governance" (John). I have the Financial Management portfolio which needs much more in depth thought as it is fundamental to almost everything else we might achieve! I had a brief meeting with Brian Gilby to kick start some ideas, and Brian, Caroline Taylor, Bill Fraser, Peter McLarty and John Evans, further considered these ideas and discussed others on Tues 23rd January.

Once we reach general agreement, because it is a subject more involved than the others, I would be looking to distribute a single A4 sheet to everyone in attendance on the 9th, to stimulate comment and receive further input as we try to answer any questions regarding the ideas/thoughts presented on the night,

I think this will be essential if the meeting is to be contained to within the proposed hour.

It's a starting point following completion of the Strategic Plan and following the last Newsletter detailing the urgent need for change.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This is a reminder the AGM is scheduled for Thursday 22nd March at 7 pm, and members need to be now seriously considering the ongoing administration of the Club and its required committees. As previously stated after five years on the Board I will not be standing for any future position as I now look to concentrate on Christa's ongoing treatment and future health.



Annual General Meeting:

Board Chairman David reminded us the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday March 22nd, not far away, when all club positions become vacant. David has also indicated that after five years as a Board member, because of personal reasons, he will not be seeking any position of office. His exemplarity service and great skills in administration will be a great loss to the club.

It is uncertain at this stage if any of the other members of the Board are also considering retiring, however, while it is important that the Board, from time to time, is infused with new personnel and ideas it is hoped that to give the Board "a degree of continuance" some current Board members seek re-election. The list of Club positions to be filled are listed on the AGM Notice every member receives, and nomination forms are already available on the Club notice board.

Monster Christmas Raffle:

The drawing of the winning tickets in our Monster Christmas Raffle was conducted at the clubrooms on the evening of Friday 23rd December. All in attendance enjoyed a great night with the highlight being popular member Stan Pickett's name being the first name to be drawn out of the barrel. The first time in memory an active member of the Club has won first prize.

A big vote of thanks must go to Chairman David who worked tirelessly and most capably organized the selling of the tickets. Thanks also to the many members who assisted David and sold tickets at various venues and also to all members who bought and sold tickets.

It goes without saying the Club greatly appreciates the effort of all who assisted which raised more than \$8000 for the Club.

The Board of Management consists of seven elected Directors with the positions of Chairman, Director of Administration and Director of Finance all designated positions. At the first Board Meeting following the AGM the four general elected members of the Board are assigned specific managerial positions. The duties and responsibilities for all Director positions are outlined in the Club Regulations; a copy of which is always available in the clubhouse.

While no era in a club's history is more important than another it cannot be over stressed the importance of the need for careful management of the club at this stage of development. Members are earnestly requested to give a great deal of consideration to the filling of all club positions and to the nomination of potential office bearers.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS:

Congratulations to:

Fred Baldock.

Winner of the Men's Club Singles Championship.

Kylie Whitehead.

Winner of the Ladies' Club Singles Championship.

Winner of the Women's Australian Singles Championship.

Josh Rudd and Garry Howlett.

Winners of the Australia Day Major/Minor Pairs.



Ladies' Singles Championship:

Australian Women's Singles Champion, popular and ever modest member, Kylie Whitehead added to her string of victories over the past twelve months when she won her 5th consecutive Ladies' Club Singles Championship with a 25 - 17 victory over veteran Lea Taylor in the final played on 21/12/17.

Although Kylie held the upper hand throughout the game Lea was extremely competitive, never stopped trying, and played some excellent bowls.

Once again, we congratulate Kylie on her win and the remarkable run of success this season.

A happy Kylie is pictured left after a presentation to the finalists by Ladies' President, Pat.

Men's Singles Championship:

Fred "Doc" Baldock is the new Men's Singles Champion of the Wodonga Bowling Club defeating John Howes by two shots in the final played early in December. The game was keenly contested from start to finish with the competitors going shot for shot and there was a somewhat dramatic climax with Fred holding "game" only to see John move the shot bowl out. However, unfortunately for John, he trailed the kitty back at the same time and it ended up closest to a back-bowl of Fred's thus giving him the championship.

Congratulations to both bowlers on a high-standard match which could have gone either way. Fred proved himself a worthy champion having defeating several of the Club's top bowlers on his way to the final.

Cammo



Fred trying not to grin after his great win!



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Australia Day Annual Major-Minor Pairs:

Thirty-two teams competed in the Annual Major-Minor Pairs Event conducted on Australia Day, once again sponsored by Terry and Robyn Bradbury from GET OFF ROAD whose great support for the Club is greatly appreciated.

After the preliminary rounds, eight teams were left to contest sudden-death play-offs which resulted as follows;

Bruno Meneguzzi and Graeme Oates (Wangaratta) defeated B. Mahlo and G. Wake (Albury),
 David King and John Hodson (Wodonga) defeated Ian Lewis and R. Davey (Corowa Civic),
 Brett Barton and Dale Mastenbroek (Combined) defeated Peter Ralph and Mick O'Brien (Wodonga),
 Josh Rudd and Gary Howlett (Wodonga) defeated Ashley Bates and John Boyd (Wodonga).

The semi-finals

Meneguzzi and Oates defeated King and Hodson with Rudd and Howlett downing Barton and Mastenbroek.

The final

Josh and Garry then went on to defeat Bruno and Graeme. Congratulations to the Wodonga pair.

Diary Dates - February

Sun	4 Men's Handicap Singles Rnds 3 – on or Before	
Mon	5 Ladies Info Meeting	1.00pm
Thu	8 Ladies Club Pairs Rnd 2	9.30am
Fri	9 Special Meeting of all Members	6.00pm
Sun	11 Men's Club Pairs Rnd 1	9.30am
Thu	15 Ladies Club Pairs C'ship Rnd 3	9.30am
Sat	17 Weekend Pennant Rnd Elimination Finals	Note: 1.00pm
Sun	18 Club Mixed Pairs Rnd 1	9.30am
	Men's Handicap Singles Rnd 4 – on or before	9.30am
Fri	23 Ladies 'McHargs Solicitors' Medley	9.30am
Sat	24 Weekend Pennant Preliminary Finals	1.00pm
Sun	25 Club Mixed Pairs Rnd 2	9.30am
	Men's Handicap Singles Final – on or before	
	Men's Club Pairs Rnd 2	9.30am
Tue	27 Midweek Pennant Elimination Finals	9.30am

MEMBERS
INFORMATION
MEETING
 Monday 5th February
 1:00pm

MEMBERS
SPECIAL
MEETING
 Friday 9th February
 6:00pm



WODONGA



Lady members are pleased to invite
your ladies to enter our

Fours Medley Tournament

Proudly sponsored by

**McHargs Solicitors
Conway Funeral Home
UPA Aged Care Services**

on Friday 23rd February 2018

commencing at 9.30am

Due to a change in club catering arrangements
our traditional lunch supplied by the members
will be provided

**Entry Fee : \$ 15.00 per player
\$60.00 per team
with Single Entries welcome**



TOTAL PRIZE MONEY \$500

**Entries Close
Tuesday 20th February 2018**

**Games Format:
1 game 4's; 2 games 2 bowl pairs; 1 game 4's**

To enter your team OR single entry please contact:

POSTAL ENTRIES:
Ladies Match Committee
Wodonga Bowling Club Inc
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THE BARE FACTS

It was Ladies' day at Wodonga,
The sun was shining bright,
A perfect day for bowling,
With the girls in blue and white.
There were cries of "Good shot Dawnie",
And very quiet applause,
There were draw shots and a drive or two
All within the laws.

The day was quiet as usual,
No trouble so it seems,
But you never guess what happened,
Not in your wildest dreams.
Just as Louise played a very fine shot,
The best you've ever seen,
A man devoid of clothing,
Dashed across the green.

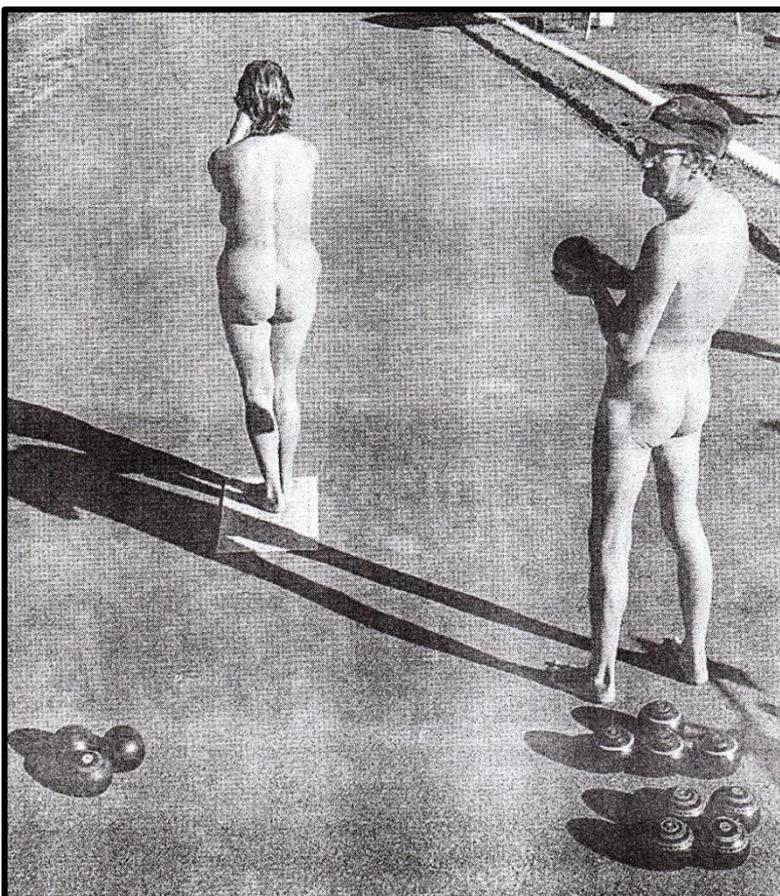
A STREAKER! YES, A STREAKER!
The ladies screamed as one,
As the streaker flashed his hairy chest,
And showed his pale white bum.
He made a dash across the green,
The girls could only stare,
As he displayed his wrinkly bits,
With everything quite bare.

Well, some ladies got excited,
Some fainted with the fright,
Some looked away in horror,
Others cheered with delight.
Cheryl made a mighty lunge
And tried to trip the bloke,
Pat called excitedly,
"I nearly had a stroke!"

Julie took a piece of chalk
And chased him down the track,
She said, "I'll mark his toucher,
I think he moved the jack.
Maxine said, "He's not my husband,
I had a look and didn't have to ponder,
And clever Caroline cried,
"He's not a member at Wodonga!"

As the streaker disappeared from sight,
Alice was heard to say,
"That streaker brought back memories,
I'd forgotten 'til today!"

Now on Ladies' Day there's trouble,
You'll see lots of wayward bowls,
They simply cannot concentrate,
They wander off --- poor Souls!
Their form is quite erratic,
There shots are getting weaker,
They're praying for a nice warm day,
And another bloody streaker!



MORE BARE FACTS!