

ALDINGA BAY BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2019.

Hello Everyone,

A big *Dolphins* welcome to new members **Saskia Viergever, Garry Norman, Marion Yallup, Richard Beale** and **Christopher Hurley** (who won the free membership offered at the “Come and Try Bowls”). Introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

NEWS :-

Season opening day was held on Saturday September 14th. in fine and warm conditions. **Ken Coxell** rolled the first kitty and **Tony Smith** rolled the first bowl. A limited roll up on “A” green by players for the first time since the winter showed it to be rolling well. (Well done greenkeepers). The general enthusiasm and camaradarie of those present shows promise for an excellent summer season to come.



Ken Coxell rolls the first kitty whilst **Tony Smith** rolls the first bowl.

Disabled Bowls Day was held at the Club on Monday 16th. September. It could be seen by the look of joy on the faces of the disabled bowlers how much they enjoyed the day. One innovative bowler even tried bowling facing backwards and bowling between his legs! (The result was much better than some of our more experienced bowlers - something to consider?) Special thanks to those members who helped supervise the bowling, and helped with the sausage sizzle.

Trevor Henderson giving guidance to **Bradley** on the green



Congratulations to **Sandra Rudman** who has been appointed as a selector for the Association sides in matches for the GSBA in the coming season.

Sandra Buttery and **Chris Kuchel** have kindly agreed to organise raffle prizes for the gala/tournament days to be held this season. They would appreciate if any member can contribute a prize for these events.

Special Report – Selection.

This season will see the unusual situation where our club has 2 teams in Div. 3 and 2 teams in Div. 6 in Saturdays pennants. This is not an ideal scenario as it means there will be a huge jump for someone being promoted from Div. 6 to Div. 3, likewise a huge drop for someone to be dropped from Div. 3 to Div. 6. Also the Association requires that the best players are to be put into a “primary” team ahead of the next best players in a “secondary” team if two teams are in the same division. This however is our lot for this season - so we shall have to go with it. Selectors will have to make some difficult and brave moves, and I for one having previously been a selector do not envy them.

At some other clubs some players have done “dummy spits” if things haven't gone their way and they haven't agreed with the selectors' decisions. Let's NOT go down that line. Let's put our own egos aside. Let's give the selectors every support. The club is ALWAYS more important than the individual. There is no “I” in the spelling of team.

If we are to continue to improve to be a mature, responsible and successful club, we all need to back our committee and selectors for the betterment of the club and all concerned.

Ron Dearing - editor.

Calendar reminders :-

Pennant selection trials on Sunday 29th. September and Saturday 5th. October at 1-00 p.m.
Saturday pennants commence 12th. October. (Check notice board for teams and venues).
Thursday pennants commence 17th. October. (Check notice board for teams and venues).
Barefoot Bowls commence Wednesday 16th. October. (submit teams ASAP please).
17th. Australian Masters Games are to be held in Adelaide from 5th. to 12th. October. (Refer to information on the notice board).

Umpires Corner with Sandra.

Refer rule 17.1.2 “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” - Crystal Mark 3rd. Edition:

A bowl is a dead bowl if it is not a toucher and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank, or with the jack or a toucher in the ditch.

This happened very recently at our weekly Thursday practice/social game. It can happen occasionally if a drive is a little too heavy.

Sandra.



Dolphin Tales.

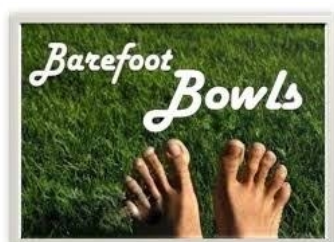


A group of our leading lady bowlers went to Renmark last month to compete in the Renmark Spring Carnival bowls tournament. They acquitted themselves very well, winning matches and were a credit as representatives of our club on the greens. What happened after the matches off the greens however is a mystery. Presumably everyone was well behaved, however one lady bowler upon returning home immediately asked her husband to buy her a bottle of

whiskey. Coincidental? Apparently she may have taken a liking to the particular beverage over the Renmark weekend? No names to be mentioned – whatever happens in Renmark stays in Renmark!

Once again as mentioned in previous newsletters, this is YOUR club newsletter, so do not hesitate to contact me if you have any news to add or want a subject covered. Feel free to contact me at the club, or at **Ron Dearing** at email dearing@iinet.net.au or phone 85576818.

Barefoot Bowls



Season commences Wednesday 16th. October.
Contact **Julie** or **Dave** to nominate a team or to play and be put in to a team. Member volunteers needed to help run the night and competition.



Club Personality.

Peter McMahon was born in 1945 at North Adelaide to Australian born parents and grew up in Prospect attending Blair Athol Primary School and Nailsworth High School. His father was a wool classer. After schooling he started as an apprentice sheet metal worker, then went to a drawing office where he was a draughtsman for mechanical electrical design. He later became a sales manager for a wholesaling company. One of his tasks there was to arrange for the import of a helicopter from the U.S.A. for a local client, (with all the associated paperwork), which he did. He lived at O'Sullivan's Beach, Tea Tree Gully and had a stint at Mount Gambier.



Peter had 3 children from a previous marriage, (and now has 3 grandchildren). He has now been with his current partner **Wendy** for 42 years. They live at Aldinga Beach. **Wendy** has family in Norfolk, U.K. They visit them as often as possible. As a husband and wife team they ran the Snapper Point deli. on the Esplanade, Aldinga Beach for 5 years from 1998 – 2003.

Peter played football and lacrosse, (where he represented the state). He started playing bowls at Aldinga Bay in 2018. In his own words he felt that he had to get off his a... and do something. He has been assisting greenkeeper **Gary Shiers**, and despite complaining of sore hands and feet, has been pleased to help. He has enjoyed the socialising and playing bowls despite his perceived own low ability at the game.

Hobbies enjoyed by **Peter** are carpentry and general handyman work around the house. He follows North Adelaide, the Crows and supports any other team who plays against Victorian clubs in the football.

Blast from the past.

Lyndon Rowe, the late **Doctor Digby Harris O.A.M.** and **Randall Callaghan** at a trophy presentation at the Club in 2010. (**Randall**, who won the Club championship that year, was to later leave our Club and play Metropolitan pennants premier division bowls for Ascot Park where he became a State Fours champion).



Best Wishes.



Harvey Huxtable was admitted to hospital recently, and has now been transferred to Daws Road Repatriation Hospital to start recovery. We wish him well. Apparently he has started doing his push-ups, so he must be on the way to recovery.

Great to see **Brian Smart** spectating at the Club recently, after his extended stay in hospital in Sydney on return from his holiday to America. He even won a bottle of wine in the Club raffle.



Club sponsors list

This is the list of sponsors who supported the Club last season. It is hoped that they all can continue their much appreciated support again this season. Sponsors will need to contact president **Dave Rudman** at phone, 0407105994 or any other committee member of the Club if they are known to them to renew their support. If any members knows of a potential sponsor, please let **Dave** or anyone else on committee know.

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See you on the greens,

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Ron Dearing.

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