



# ARMADALE BOWLERS NEWSLETTER

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### 125TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Our momentous 125th Opening Day and Gala Dinner Celebrations have been celebrated with great gusto this past weekend. Thanks to our members for supporting these events in wonderful numbers. It is exciting that so many of us have been able to be together to honour our prosperous history and ongoing future success at these two events.

We were very proud to be joined by dignitaries representing World Bowls, Bowls Australia, Bowls Victoria, Glen Eira Council and politicians who have acknowledged our achievement by attending our events. Along with our very generous sponsors, neighbouring bowling clubs and organisations such as the Heart Foundation, they have recognised the Club's contribution to the community, to sport and to the health and wellbeing of our members in our Commemorative History Book. In an interview with "The Shot" magazine editor this week, he confirmed to us that he has not come across another 125th celebration in a bowling club; but that 100th celebrations have been more common. It is a great credit to us. "The Shot" will feature our celebrations in October.

We have also had coverage recognising our anniversary in "The Jewish News" the "Weekly Review On-Line" and shortly it will appear in the "Glen Eira Newsletter". We thank each of these publications for their support.

We would like to thank our members and many committee members for supporting our raffles and fund-raising efforts throughout the year. Every contribution has assisted the Club to host all our events cost effectively for both members and the Club. Many hours were spent at the Club and at outside venues to maximise our sales.

A little about our winners and their tickets .....

- Our \$4000 travel prize donated by Synergy Funds Management, Travelscene Malvern and Sutton Partners, was won by very excited winners with a ticket bought on one of our ventures to Southland Shopping Centre.
- The diamond pendant donated by Ian Sharp Jewellery was very happily won by Ann and Tony McArdle, from Armadale.
- The magnificent luggage donated by Cache Group of Companies was won by Denise Setton, daughter of Ann Aarons from Armadale.
- The bowls, bag and shoes donated by Resting Toucher Bowls Shop were won by Ruth Barton, who bought her ticket at our Card Day in May. Ruth had until now always used the same set of bowls and is thrilled to finally have a new set.
- The Tyres donated by Goodyear Autocare Mentone were won by a very happy South Caulfield couple, who bought their ticket on one of our freezing cold days selling tickets at Coles in Elsternwick.

Events still to come to celebrate our 125th Anniversary:

- November 5th - A fun "Cup Day" celebration.

Our Social Committee will update us on this.

- Dec 1st - Armadale will host VACC's 95th Anniversary Celebration (Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce) in conjunction with Armadale's 125th Celebrations.



*Guests at the dinner listening to MC Phillip Kingston*



### AWARD TO HARRY HERTZ

Life Member awarded 2013 Victoria Volunteer Award for the Caulfield District.

Our popular life member Harry Hertz was the recipient of this prestigious award presented by David Southwick MP, at our 125th Gala Dinner.

Following surgery to his leg, Harry was not able to be present, but his wife Norma (also a life member) proudly accepted the medallion on his behalf. In presenting this award to Harry, Mr Southwick congratulated him on his tireless efforts on behalf of the Club over his 26 years of membership.

We all wish Harry a speedy recovery, and we look forward to having him back on the green with some new jokes.

It is with deep sorrow to report that Nick Petrie passed away on Sunday 25th August. His time at Armadale was brief but he was a very active coach and passionate in his endeavour to create a winning culture into our club.

He was very forthright and certainly made his presence felt. Armadale members frequently were in contact with Nick and I know that meant so much to him. He was realistic of his battle and went down fighting. He is survived by his lovely wife Jan, children and grandchildren.

Tough, but a gentleman through and through.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



The new season is fast approaching and I look forward to the many challenges ahead.

Since retiring from my business I have discovered what being busy really means.

Fortunately we are blessed to have such great members who give so much of themselves for the good of the club. Not till I got involved did I realise how much effort goes into running a bowling club.

This our 125th. year is so special and exciting. The many things that have been planned should make this a really memorable season.

Socially we are the envy of many clubs, so now we must focus to put our heads down a make a really strong effort to put our energies to being successful on the green. We went close last season and hopefully with REAL commitment we can take a step further this coming season.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding in that the Board has increased our Green Fees this season by \$2. Along with some rigorous debate, which as always is welcome, you have also given us your support and this is appreciated.

The Board considers these decisions very carefully and the ultimate criteria reflect prudent and conservative budget management for our future. We will continue to do this to ensure we can provide the best for our Club in the short and long term.

Proudly we can say we will achieve a break-even result for the 125th anniversary celebrations, or possibly even exceed this when all functions are concluded. Given the fun and special celebrations we have enjoyed together, we are pleased that the funding which might have been necessary from the Club, will not be required. With your generous support, our sponsors and the efforts of our Planning Teams, together we weren't going to rest until we did succeed, and we got there. You are assured that every effort is taken to value our funds.

We would like to thank you again for your support on this change as our focus turns to bowling and our success on the green this coming season.

**Tom Weisler**  
*Chairman*



## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Having just recently become part of the House Committee, I would like to mention a few people in appreciation of the tireless work they do for the club.

Firstly, thank you to David Kweitel for looking after the House Committee and handing it over to me with all the contacts and relevant information.

Our resident 'handyman' Geoff Sadler, goes from painting to high pressure cleaning, to filling, to carpeting and metal work. His talents are endless. If you want a job done, give it to a busy person. We owe you huge thanks.

A big thank you must also go to Malcolm Lutchner for his commitment to sound, lighting, electrical and a sounding board for all the little problems that need to be dealt with. Thanks also to Ken Rosengarten, Lionel Aarons and Harry Hertz for their amazing job of the 'greens' and surrounds. These facilities will ensure we have a great pennant season.

A small request to all bowlers. Please make sure that all rubbish and disposable cups are put into bins provided and if you see something that requires cleaning (ie Benches etc) just take it upon yourself to do the job. Many hands make light work.

In order for this club to run smoothly, we in the House Committee are just one cog in the vast machinery enabling a safe, clean and enjoyable environment to play bowls.

**Colin Lubner**

## TUESDAY PENNANT

Welcome back everyone to Season 2013/2014. Winter is over and the bowling greens beckon! I hope you all had a terrific break and are keen to get practicing.

I look forward to the support of my Tuesday Bowls Ladies Committee: Vice-President Leila Levy, Secretary Shirley Johnston, Treasurer Sharonna Brott, IPP Rose-Marie Todes and Committee members Chris Brame, Gaby Cohen, Marcelle Karro, Sue Hofbauer and a very special welcome to the new members of the team Estelle Simon, Helen Basist and Lorna Lubner. I hope they all enjoy the year ahead.

I'd like to wish Tom Weisler well as he takes over the Chairmanship of the Board, ably assisted by Rose-Marie Todes as Vice-Chairman. I'd also like to welcome our 2 new Board members Colin Lubner and Steven Rubenstein who are already hard at work in their new portfolios of House & Grounds and Coaching respectively.

Tuesday Pennant bowls starts nice and early on September 17 so you all need to come down whenever possible to get in as much practice as possible. We will be fielding 7 teams again. We have our Ladies Premier side, 2 Open Division 1 sides, 1 Division 2 side who won the flag in their section last season. Well done for that terrific effort! Also we have 2 Open Division 3 sides and 1 Open Division 4 side. I wish everyone a really good season of focused bowling!

Use your Fixture Book! It's full of valuable information and important dates! A special thank you to David Brame for all his hard work in putting it all together!! Also well done to Jack Cooper on the sponsorship for the book.

We will be running our annual Club Tournaments again so be sure to enter them as they are great experience and good practice. Remember you can practice or play socially before a match as long as it's not on the same rink. Entries close on September 30 and Fay Lutchner as Tournament Director ably assisted by Denese Brick and Zara Simon will answer any questions you may have.

We will be holding Try Bowls sessions for any of your friends or family who would like to give bowling a try on Thursday November 21 from 6.30 - 9.30 pm with a sausage sizzle and again on Sunday November 24 with a morning tea from 10am -12pm. So make sure to spread the word to anyone interested.

**Di Grosberg**

## SATURDAY PENNANT

The Saturday Pennant season is about to commence and it promises to be another great season. We have two Division 2 teams, one Division 3, one Division 4, one Division 5, one Division 6 team and one Division 7 team.

The new Saturday Selectors have been elected and they are Noel Rubenstein (Head of Selectors), Jack Cooper, David Brame, Abe Engel and Stan Todes.

This season we are also moving from Tuesday Night Pennant to Wednesday Night Pennant. If you would like to play there is a list up in the first shed, so please put your name down. There are 2 teams of 3 rinks scheduled to play. It should be a great night of competitive bowls and we highly recommend it, with a start date of 6 November 2013.

This year will we be hosting two Monday 2 Bowl Triples events each month on the second and fourth Mondays starting on 14 and 28 October 2013. As usual we hope they will both be a huge success with all rinks on both greens used. All visiting bowlers still consider the Armadale event the best run compared to similar events put on by our esteemed surrounding clubs. They will run through to the end of March.

The Club Tournaments forms are out and are available on the website, as well as at the club, so please fill in your forms and do not miss out on these great competitions.

The Grand Final of the Singles and Pairs will be played on Sunday 15 December 2013. This will be followed by the "End of Year" breakup lunch. Make this a Red Letter Day in your diary.

As usual David Janover and David Winestone are putting a lot of effort into organising and running the Nominated Mixed Triples on Wednesdays. Attendances have been excellent and I'm sure this will continue for the rest of the season.

In this our 125th year I would like to wish all members a happy, healthy and successful season.

**Abe Stiglec**

## COACHING CORNER

Hi, as a newly appointed Board of Management member, it would be prudent to tell you a little about myself. I am married with three wonderful daughters of which two are at University and one is doing year 11 (only one more year of school fees to go!!). I started bowling at the age of 19 due to the influence of my parents and played for some twenty odd years with reasonable success. I then had a ten year break from the game as the girls were heavily into weekend sport and I became their personal chauffeur. Now that they drive, the time was right to take up this wonderful game again and I had no hesitation in joining the Armadale Bowling Club.

Everyone has made me feel so welcome and it is a credit to the personalities here that it feels like home in just a very short time. One of my roles this year is to be the liaison person with the Club Coaches.

The Club Coaches are willing and able to help you with any issues you may have. They can be identified by their new "Club Coach" Badges and are available on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings for individual coaching. Please approach them and organise a time to meet. The current Club Coaches are as follows: Denise Brick, Gaby Cohen, Lucy Gould, Hunny Lipson, Leon Cohen, Keith Faiman, Wolfe Groch & Bernard Levin. We are also pleased that Alan Faigen and John Scerri are in their final stages of sitting their exams and hopefully, will also be fully accredited coaches by the time you read this.

### Training and Skills Day

Sunday 8 September we ran a very successful skills and training session and we plan to hold another in October.

### Mentoring Teams

Club Coaches will be allocated teams to mentor in both the Saturday and Tuesday Pennant. This will be your first point of contact in order to improve your game.

### New Bowlers

New bowlers will be allocated a specific coach as their primary source of knowledge together with being allocated a player from the top two sides who will be able to guide them through activities within the club.

### Steven Rubenstein

## NEW FIXTURE BOOK

The new Fixture Book 2013-14 has been released. It is significantly different in appearance to previous years and is now being produced "in-house", where previous editions were produced by a third party marketing company.

The new Fixture Book has a spiral bound spine for easy page turning. The sponsors now have a choice of full colour, full page advertising, along with the traditional half and full page black & white.

David Brame, Abe Stiglec, Di Grosberg, Jack Cooper and others were instrumental in getting this publication into your hands. We hope you enjoy using it and please give us feedback with some constructive ideas in improving this book for the future. Also if you know of prospective advertisers, please contact Jack Cooper.



Another photo from the past - who do you recognise?

Please contact Cedric Gould on 9509 8930 if you hear of any member sick, injured or in need of help. Latest information is marked on the whiteboard inside the clubhouse.

## SATURDAY SELECTION

We are all looking forward to an excellent bowling season in 2013-14 and we plan to go a long way to further lift the performance of the Club as a whole.

We had an excellent meeting of the playing group on Monday 26 August at the Club during which we put forward the reasons why you should participate in an enthusiastic and cooperative way. There were 84 members there that evening and all were asked to fill in a questionnaire. The submissions you made in that paper, we hope will help you to understand what you want from the club. They should also help the Match Committee understand your ambitions and how you want to best help the club achieve its goals this season. My thanks to those members that completed the forms that night.

Some of you were not there and we will get a copy of the questionnaire to you so we have all players' completed forms. The information you gave on those forms is being processed for use this season and there is a lot to digest.

Below are the set of principles we discussed at the meeting and we hope you will abide by these principles now and into the future. We, the Match Committee intend to stick to our side of the bargain we made that night.

I am going to ask each of you to abide by a set of principles as follows:

- I will let my bowls do my talking for me. I will play well and contribute to my team's success. Why, because my actions will speak louder than words!!!
- I will set myself personal development goals.
- I will acknowledge areas where I am weak and approach my club coaches for assistance and practice my problems areas and turn these into my strengths.
- I will put the team goals ahead of my own aspirations.
- I will trust the decisions of the match committee and support those decisions in every way possible.
- I will only discuss team selection off the green and in a constructive way.
- I will play as part of a team and act as part of the team both on and off the green.

In turn, we the Club Selectors promise that we will:

- Make selection decisions that will first and foremost help us achieve the clubs goal of getting our first side into division 1 and improving the overall standing of all the pennant sides.
- Give all players opportunities to play to the best of their ability and potential.
- Consider players capability, skills, experience, current form and compatibility when making selection decisions.
- We will be open and transparent about selection considerations.
- We pledge to be objective and unprejudiced in our selection.
- We will endeavour to accommodate player's preferences where possible as long as that aligns with the team goal and doesn't put the overall success of the team at risk.

Along with the coaches and other interested parties, we are developing a "Game Plan". The Game Plan will help to focus our concentration on the green and we hope that it will contribute to gaining that winning edge for the club. We will be introducing the game plan to you as soon as possible.

Please don't forget the advantage that good practice and strong coaching can make to your game. You know the comments your opponents make on the green, such as "that was a lucky shot" etc., well it's interesting but I've noticed that the more I practice the "luckier" I get.

Go out there, play those "lucky" shots and enjoy your game. Good luck and good bowling.

### Noel Rubenstein

## TUESDAY SELECTION

Welcome to season 2013-14, I hope you all had a nice winter break. The Selection Committee for this season is Kay Bond, Hunny Lipson, Fay Lutchner, Zara Simon & Gaby Cohen.

We are fielding 7 sides again: Premier league (ladies only), also two Div1, one Div 2, and two Div3 and one Div 4 open sides. The first pennant game will commence on Tuesday 17 September.

Please all try and practice in your own time as well, prior to pennant commencing. Coaches will be at the club on Sunday mornings from 10:00am.

### Gaby Cohen

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## OFFER FROM TRAVELSCENE - MALVERN

We were sorry that you were unavailable to attend our Information Session with APT on Wednesday 28 August. We had a wonderful evening and there were some amazing deals on offer!

As a valued client of Travelscene Malvern we would love to extend and offer exclusively to Armadale Bowls Club Members, family and friends your choice of either:

**Free iPad Mini or \$300 off your booking for any APT or Travelmarvel booking deposited by Monday 30 September 3013\***

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For all enquiries regarding hiring of the Clubhouse please contact Elaine Kovkin on 9599 2429 or 0419 997 788

## MEMBERS WITH PROBLEMS

There is now a conduit to help resolve any problems or issues. The committee comprising Rose-Marie Todes, Danny Miller and Tom Weisler will be the go-between to selectors, coaches, players and the Board.

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