

ARMADALE BOWLS CLUB @ SOUTH CAULFIELD

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EDITORIAL(Bernie Gold)

After writing a weekly sports column in the Sydney and Melbourne Jewish Press for over 25 years, one thing I learnt which became my favourite saying is "You can please SOME of the people some of the time but you cannot please ALL the people ALL the time".

So I know it is impossible to please all of the nearly 300 members of our club. I wish to thank those many members who have congratulated me on the production of these weekly newsletters. I decided that instead of just including pennant reports and forthcoming functions etc., the newsletter would include such items as birthday wishes, social news and jokes and cartoons etc. to make the newsletter a little bit more interesting.

This week sees another first with what we are calling "Getting to Know You" a "This is your Life" story of outstanding members of our club. It will appear every now and again.

I also wish thank Jay Klooger who has taken on the task of printing and mailing the newsletters to some of the members who do not have access to the internet.

FIXTURE BOOK

Please note that in the forthcoming 2016/17 club fixture book in addition to your name, address phone numbers, your email address will also be printed.

IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR DETAILS IN THIS YEAR'S BOOK AND IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS PRINTED PLEASE CONTACT DI GROSBERG. HER EMAIL ADDRESS IS dianagrosberg@gmail.com

SOCIAL NEWS

Received a note from our Board Member Jack Cooper who celebrated his birthday on 31 May in Barcelona Spain.

He and his wife nanette are back in Melbourne this week following a visit to Israel and a Mediterranean cruise. In Israel he caught up with former ABC member Greg Goodvach and his wife Nellie and on the cruise were fellow ABC members Roger & Dale Lewis and another Melbourne couple Murray & Rachel Caplan.

PLEASE FORWARD ANY SOCIAL NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS BY SENDING IT TO MY EMAIL ADDRESS.

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MACCABI AUSTRALIA LAWN BOWLS CARNIVAL

The next Maccabi Australia Lawn Bowls Carnival will be conducted by Victoria and will be held at our Armadale Bowls Club at the end of this year. After the last three carnivals have been conducted at the Broadbeach Bowls Club on Queensland's Gold Coast, twice hosted by NSW and last year by Western Australia. This will be the first time in four years that it will be hosted in a capital city.

The carnival will commence on Monday 26th. December, 2016 and conclude on Sunday 1st. January, 2017.

Pairs and fours competition will be held for both men's and ladies. Nominations are now being called for to represent Victoria at the carnival.

Further information can be obtained from the carnival manager our own Les Newman on 0411-086-065

2016-17 PENNANT DATES

Please note the following important dates for the 2016/2017 Bowling Season. We hope this information will help you plan your holidays so that you do not miss any pennant games!!

Last Saturday Pennant Match before Christmas is Saturday 17th December 2016

Last Midweek Pennant Match before Christmas is Tuesday 20th December 2016

Assume our Singles final & Christmas breakup will be Sunday 18th December but we will confirm this.

First Saturday Pennant Match after New Year is Saturday 14th January 2017

First Midweek Pennant Match after New Year is Tuesday 17th January 2017.

There is one Midweek Pennant Match on THURSDAY October 27th 2016. Please try not to make other plans for this day if at all possible.

Last Midweek Pennant Match is Tuesday 21st February 2017 but Midweek Pennant Finals don't finish till Tuesday 14th March 2017.

Last Saturday Pennant Game is Saturday March 4th 2017 but Finals don't finish till Saturday 25th March 2017.

(We've already notified you that there will be no Pennant from Sunday October 30th 2016 till Friday November 11th 2016 because of the Melbourne Cup and Bowls Victoria Open Week)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Our photographs are taken so that we have keepsakes.

You will find these are often now available at the Club at or near to our new noticeboard. Please feel free to take home those that you would like.

SHOWCASE EVENT(Elaine Kovkin)

Sunday 11th. September from 10.00am to midday

A special event to showcase the Club's rooms for potential functions.

We are looking for anyone who can provide prizes/vouchers for the raffles which will be drawn every 15 minutes.

As a number of Elaine's "helpers" will be away on holidays she would be very pleased to have some volunteers. Please contact her on 0419-997-788.

ALMONER'S REPORT(Cedric Gould)

Good News -Nothing to report this week

Please contact Cedric on 0412-489-545 if anyone is ill or in hospital.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following members

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Morris Broder	1
June Wabnik	1
Kay Bond	6
Jeffrey Greenberg	7
Hunny Lipson	7
Geoffrey Sadler	8
Jay Klooger	10
Tony McArdie	11
Peter Darwin	13
Allan Weissman	14
Issy Lieberthal	15
Joe Shneider OAM	15
Fred Wurzel	16
Rochelle Hyams	19
Lorna Luber	19
David Boymal AM	20
Ivan Movitz	20
Campbell Hymans	24
Erica Windmiller	24
Norma Zandle	25
Herbert Lobel	26
Bernie Gold OAM	27
Estelle Simon	28

If your birthday is in June and is not included in the above list and you wish to be included please contact me at my email address. bernieg27@gmail.com

There are about 35 members who did not register their birthdays on the membership list. If you wish to have your birthday acknowledged please let me know and you will be added to the list.

GARLIC YES, GARLIC NO

As a child I developed a real hatred of garlic - and today I use it in almost half the meals that I prepare...

I was born in the forests outside Warsaw in 1943. We were captured, my father disappeared, and my mother and I were sent to a labour camp in Siberia. My mother spent her time either chopping wood in the snow with rags on her feet, or sewing and mending uniforms for the army. I had to be as invisible as possible for fear I might be taken away. And there I contracted tuberculosis [TB] and various other illnesses. After the liberation we got to the American Zone and had to find the nearest hospital for me to go to. We spent almost three years moving from one hospital to another: no one wanted to keep a contagious child for long. In order to stay with me, my mother did any job at the hospitals - cleaning, cooking or mending clothes. Sometimes she had nowhere to sleep or no food, and would sneak in through a window to share my bed. The other children and I would hide food for her so that she had something to eat.

For two and a half years my mother tried frantically to find us a homeland. The disease affecting my hip and back turned out to be a rare strain of TB which eats away at the marrow of the bones - and the bone disintegrates. No one wanted to touch me with a barge pole, nor promise to welcome us even if I got better.

Finally, the Red Cross stepped in. To save a Holocaust child survivor they agreed to take me to a Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Switzerland – but without my mother. I was five years old, had spent two years in plaster and bed ridden, bewildered by moves between places and languages ... Polish, Russian, German and now French. Nuns ran the Sanatorium with Germanic efficiency: we could tell what day of the week it was by the breakfasts we had.

Sunday breakfast: - the highlight of the week. White bread and jam and no cod liver oil. Then mass - perhaps to capture your soul?

Monday breakfast: - black rye bread with three cloves of garlic to be rubbed on it, chamomile tea. And cod liver oil.

Tuesday breakfast: - porridge with garlic cooked in it – and cod liver oil.

and so on through the week... GARLIC, GARLIC AND GARLIC – ugh.

In 1949 my mother entered into a contract with the Australian Government and was assured that I would be allowed to join her when I got well. She was to work as a domestic in a Victorian country town ... an environment completely foreign to a woman with not a word of English, from an orthodox family of 12 siblings.

It took six years for me to get better and for the Government of Australia to be convinced that I was no longer a contagious threat. This was the pre-email era, telephone was prohibitively expensive, so communication with me was non-existent. I thought that I had been abandoned and was re-infected due to stress and anxiety – and the waiting cycle began again.

I finally flew in to Australia in March 1955, exhausted, frightened, and unable to talk to my mother who had never learnt a word of French, the language I then spoke. Within two weeks the TB flared up again and I was sent back to the familiarity of a hospital ward at the Children's Hospital at Mt. Eliza.

At the Royal Children's it felt like I had gone to heaven. People laughed. Uncle Bob's Club came with toys. Volunteers came to teach me English, and read us stories. I saw my first movie, which was Snow White. And the Fire Brigade came at Christmas time with toys for all of us. But the food we had was bland Australian food, with NO GARLIC.

My mother came every Sunday - she taught me Yiddish, brought me books in French, and sweets and clothes she made especially for me.

It took a while for us to get to know each other. It was never going to be the normal mother-and-daughter relationship. I could not cope with her crying every time she

looked at me. I was confused and wondered what I had done to make this strange lady cry. I could count on one hand the number of times someone had kissed or hugged me in the last six years. I had learnt to keep a lid on my emotions and had no tools to make sense of my mother's pain. There was too much pain on both sides but we became each others best friends, which I think proved more valuable in the many years to follow.

I had to spend yet another year and a half at the Children's'. First to get over this TB bout and then, after the infection cleared, they decided to stunt my growth by putting 14 staples in my healthy leg. For good measure they also put a few metal plates in to strengthen my TB ravaged leg so I that would have a leg to stand on!!

I celebrated my 12th and 13th birthdays in hospital, and came home ready to start school, with my English almost perfect. I loved my mother's cooking, it was so tasty and full of flavour. I asked her what the secret was and guess what she said?

"Yes, I put a lot of GARLIC in it."

I now love garlic and use it all the time. Before penicillin, folklore had it that it was a wonder drug. I guess that the nuns knew that - but try telling a six year old you have to eat it everyday for six years!

Sixty-seven years later I think how blessed I was to have had such a determined, strong, and loving mother who would almost have sold her soul to give the gift of life to her child. Now that I have a daughter of my own I can appreciate what it must have been like for her to have missed all those childhood years without her daughter by her side.

I give thanks for her strength, determination, love and support



The story was included in a B'nai Brith book called "Snapshots from our Lives" in 2011.

This picture was taken when Sima was nominated as an elder care volunteer by Dr. Sally Coburn (Australia's Dr. Feelgood on 3AW), which was presented on Australia Day.

Because of the many languages Sima speaks, she is particularly able to help people who start having dementia and revert to the language of their childhood.

She speaks French and German from her 8 years in Switzerland. Yiddish from her mother and also Polish and Russian which are less fluent but adequate to get by.

Sima would like her story to promote the notion that even if you have a disadvantage or a handicap, it need not dictate how you live your life, and to make the best of what you can.

INDOOR BOWLS PENNANT RESULTS

Tuesday Night vs. MCC

Round 8

Team 1

John Maver(s)
Martin Simon
Neville Karro
Adrian Lim
WON BY 3 SHOTS

Team 2

David Brame(s)
Sid Buchbinder
Anthony Klooger
Ashley Beckwith
WON by 11 SHOTS

Wednesday Night vs. CLAYTON

Round 8

Team 1

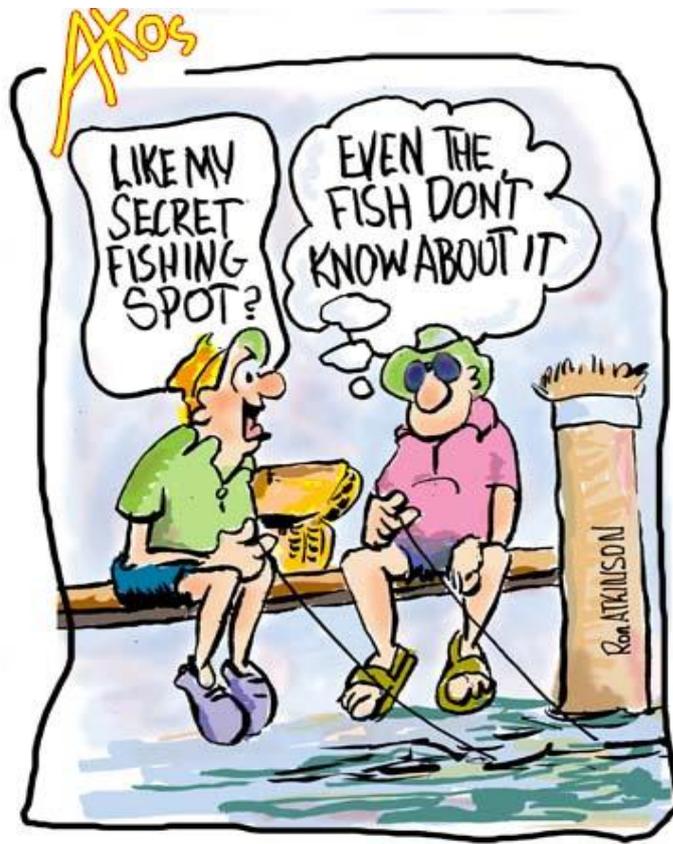
Abe Engel(s)
Wolfe Groch
Barry Rimer
Barry Wicks
WON BY 2 SHOTS

Team 2

Ben Kotek(s)
Tom Weisler
Stan Todes
Tonny VanHaastert
LOST BY 6 SHOTS

CARTOONS OF THE WEEK





JOKE OF THE WEEK

I apologise to those members who felt that some of the jokes last week were inappropriate and were offended by them. I trust you will enjoy this weeks joke.

THE PERFECT HUSBAND

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker- function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2016 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$65,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing. The house we wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer, but just offer \$900,000."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you!"

MAN: "Bye, I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are looking at him in astonishment.

Then he smiles and asks: "Anyone know whose phone this is?"
