

Armadale Bowls Club

Newsletter 14th February 2020



New Members.

On Monday night we had a terrific Social Event for Members. Our Newest Members were introduced to everyone, and joined in the bowling. It was a wonderful evening, with warm weather and great company. Welcome – again – to all New Members. We hope you all enjoy your bowling over many years and your Club involvement along with us all - in Social Bowls, Pennant and our Events. You have certainly attacked your induction and coaching with gusto. What a great start. Great Bowling Everyone.

Johnny Goldman

Remy Joalland

Amandine Joalland

Chris Ellis

Sandy Menashe

Fred Hassan

Hilary Malkinson

Benny Porat

Faye Porat

Barry Rogers

Anne Rogers

Alex Palmarczuk

Barry Rockman

Lindie Donsky

Elaine Richardson

Sam Recht

Brian Carey

Steven Todes

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A Member Feature story: Ben Czerniewicz.

We are very proud to feature (life stories) of some of our Members. So often we hear we don't know a lot of the backgrounds of fellow players and people we spend many hours with. Thank you Ben for sharing your extraordinary story, and thank you also for the incredible support and care you provide to many Members where help and companionship are needed.

My name is Ben Czerniewicz and I have been a member of the Armadale Bowls club for over 10 years. I came to Australia when I was 15 years old with very little English. I went to Elwood high school and then studied Electronic Engineering at Swinburne. In 1975 became a full member of the Institute of Engineers Australia.

In 1975 I established my own Company, specialising in the design and manufacture of two way radio communication antennas, multi couplers and accessories. The company had some 400 products which were sold in Australia and exported to over 50 countries. The company employed approximately 40 people.

In 2006, my contribution to the radio communications industry was recognised by my peers in the Australian Radio Communication Industry Association, with the coveted Livingstone Award.

In 2017 I was the recipient of the industry's Professional of the Year Award.

After 43 years I sold the business and have been retired for the last two years. Until today I am saddened that many of my loyal employees, who had been with me for 30+ years, were made redundant, but I am pleased to have contributed approximately 1000 men years of meaningful employment for hundreds of workers.

Until today I love learning and studying and I am a strong believer that knowledge empowers us. I am also grateful for being able to give my own scarce resource, which is "Time", to others in need via my community work. This work includes:-

Bail Justice.

A bail justice is a person who, after hours, hears remand applications from police and decides whether the person should be given bail or incarcerated. When bail is granted, a number of conditions and/or surety may be imposed. My duties also involve work with the Department of Human Services in the approval of Interim Accommodation Orders, which includes the temporary placement of Children in need. I have conducted over 2500 Hearings over a period of 16 years. These hearings have included some high-profile murder cases conducted in front of members of the media.

Justice of the Peace. Constantly signing documents used for official legal purposes.

Civil Marriage Celebrant. I only conduct marriage ceremonies for my friends.

Volunteer at Cabrini Hospital Malvern.

I visit patients prior to coronary and cardiac surgery in order to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Community visitor with the Office of the Public Advocate.

I visited, unannounced, numerous disability accommodation facilities in order to safeguard the rights and interests of people with disability. I no longer perform this work.

Consumer Representative

On both the Patient Staff Experience Committee at Caulfield Hospital and the General Medicine Futures Meeting Committee at the Alfred Hospital.

Visitor to people who are frail and sick and require help and companionship.

Provide welfare support for unwell Armadale Bowls Club members.

Over the years I've had many hobbies and interests which have had a significant impact on my character and well-being. These include:-

I was a Private Pilot for 15 years and have flown extensively in Victoria and beyond. The longest trip was 7.5 hours. I also enjoy boating and walking. I currently ride a road bike at least four days a week and cover approximately 170 km per week and I participate in the Saturday Pennant Bowling competition at Armadale Bowls Club

In summary life is precious and needs to be enjoyed to its fullest extent by all.



Coaching Corner

Coaching Tip # 13

Avoid building a target when holding. Play the hand where you can add shots but do not make the target bigger. E.g. draw around bowls to a safe spot rather than playing the open hand.

Coaching Tip # 14

Create a target when down by drawing close. A second who can draw close without always trying to knock the opponent out is invaluable.

Coaching Tip # 15

Increase the pressure on your opponents at all times by drawing close and hitting targets.



RSA Training

The Club is seeking to increase the number of Responsible Serving of Alcohol holders to assist Xavier and team in the bar from time to time.

The next free course is on Monday 16th March 2020, to qualify you to help in the bar.

Please let Les or Xavier know if you would like to attend this course by Friday 6th March 2020. Places are limited.

- **Monday 16th March 2020: 6:30pm - 10:00pm**
- **Caulfield Park Pavilion Community Room (upstairs) - 280 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North VIC 3161**
- **Light refreshments will be provided**
- **Please note: clubs will be charged a participation fee if they register but do not attend**

Community Contributions: Bread Ties and Bottle Tops

We have done amazingly well with our recent contributions towards the fires, with a lot of fun we all had. Now, we have the opportunity to try something different, to assist an industrious group of people in Robe, South Australia.

Recently you provided 'old shoes'; which is ongoing for this organisation. We'd love more.

They also collect Bread Ties and Bottle Tops.

They are used for Bowls and Platters.

Their last collection sent from Victoria was increased from 50kg to 100kg a month.

That equates to **six wheelchairs a year for people in need in South Africa**, from the collection within Victoria alone.

Water, milk and soft drink bottle tops are melted down and made into some great products; the most amazing of which is 3D printed for prosthetic arms for children.

CONTAINERS FOR EACH OF THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

OUR COLLECTIVE ARMADALE CONTRIBUTION CAN ASSIST with items that we throw away.



Thanks Armadale.

Then and Now

These groups seem to come in 3's.

This time, we have 3 Octogenarians -- (left to right) Keith Rubenstein, Marcus Levy and Leon Cohen, spanning 60+ years in this amazing story.



Leon is the Junior of the 3. Keith just a few months older. Marcus is proudly the Senior among them. (Secretly we can tell you they are 83, 84 and 88). Fantastic.

At the time of the Junior shot – they were teenagers representing Jewish Young Peoples' Association (JYPA) in Tennis, winning the Southern Districts Section, all playing at accomplished Victorian Pennant levels.

Leon and Marcus have also kindly shared some outstanding Maccabi/ Ajax sporting career highlights:

Marcus – Badminton Titles

12 Victorian Jewish Singles; 6 Doubles; 6 Mixed Doubles; 7 Vic Open

Bronze Medals at Masters Games

Only Life Member of Maccabi Badminton

And most remarkably of all – remains undefeated as Jewish Champion, since 1957.

Leon – Tennis Titles

Jewish Junior Champion 3 times, and Doubles twice

Ranked #4 in Maccabi/ Ajax Victoria

Thanks for sharing this with us. It is wonderful to see your amazing energy and ongoing enjoyment in bowls.

School Bowls : Child Safety Policy

We will shortly be welcoming Year 10 students from Shelford Grammar for several sessions on Fridays.

Thanks to all the volunteers assisting.

Our Schools Program will include (a few) local schools who have shown interest over several years.

We love our “success story”: Adrian Lim participated as a teenager.

He left for several years during his studies And now is a fantastic Member and top side player.

Maybe others will follow; regardless, however it is a contribution to very interested schools.

It is also very timely, therefore, to include the Club’s “Child Safety Policy” – see below.

Armadale’s Policy is taken very seriously, and is consistent with Bowls Victoria’s requirements.

We thank everyone for keeping all children visiting our Club safe and protected.

Child Safety Policy

Commitment to Child Safety

The Club’s Board of Management holds each member accountable to provide a safe environment for all children in any program undertaken by Armadale Bowls Club. Each child is respected, valued and encouraged to strive to reach their best potential.

Our Board of Management takes full responsibility for:

- Proactive, preventative Safety Leadership
- Considering the strengths of all children fairly, regardless of cultural background or physical abilities.
- Ensuring all Members (children and adults) are aware of immediate actions to take if they observe or are subject to inappropriate behaviour.
- Ensuring all Coaches and Volunteers recognise the essential importance of safety of all children at all times.
- Monitoring appropriate behaviour between children.
- Treating any child abuse allegation very seriously and immediately, ensuring an appropriate response. Children will be fully listened to if any concerns for their safety or the safety of other children are brought forward.
- Identifying and responding to any possible child abuse risks.
- Ensuring that risks or suspected risks of abuse would officially be reported to authorities as appropriate.

Staffing Policy

We take all reasonable steps to ensure that the most suitable and appropriate people are in contact with children.

This includes Working with Children certification as required.

Ongoing training is undertaken to ensure the supervision standards for children are maintained.

Reporting Procedures

Any child who is concerned about any inappropriate physical or verbal behaviour, must immediately report this to a Board or Committee Member, or any adult that they feel comfortable to talk to.

Any adult aware of or observing inappropriate behaviour, must immediately advise any Board or Committee Member.

This matter will be immediately and appropriately investigated, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of the child and person reporting this matter.

Champion of Champions

Congratulations Abe and Karen for representing Armadale as our Club Singles Champions.

Abe had a very tight first round and was defeated very narrowly .

Karen has progressed through both rounds last Sunday very strongly. **Well done Karen.**

We look forward to lots of Armadale shouts for Karen on Sunday 9am at Hampton - Vs Andy Barraclough from Malvern.



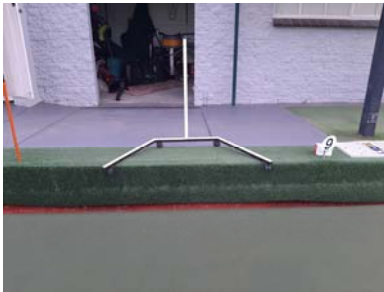
Housekeeping

Rakes: please note:

1. Rakes facing inwards ON THE BANK are EXCELLENT. Thank you for observing this for "Safety".
2. Rakes facing inwards but sitting over the banks of the green ARE NOT PERMITTED.

They impinge on the playing area of the green.

Please can you keep the rakes on the bank only, and NOT as shown in the pictures.



Parking: (Alternatives)

We know that for events or even Pennant days our car park fills very quickly; with others sport sharing this area.

We encourage Members to use the 2 car-parks surrounding our Club, which are only metres away.

Entrances are from BEECH Street, and DOVER Street.

They each have ample parking at all times.

Disabled Parking:

If you arrive early and can access an alternate nearby space available, you will assist others to utilise the allocated spaces.