



# ON THE JACK

April 2023

## Armadale BC Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

#### Presentation Evening

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Clubhouse  
7 pm

#### Gary Peer Day

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
12.45

#### AGM

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Clubhouse  
7 pm

### And The Bowl Rolls On

It's hard to believe that the 2022-2023 season is all over: Pennant, club championships, President's Shield, Tatts days, Master Builder's day, social events, Sandbelt events and State championships. And what an incredible season it has been.

In Weekday Pennant, no fewer than 5 sides qualified for the finals, with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> sides bringing home small flags and qualifying for divisional finals

In Weekend Pennant, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sides qualified for finals, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> side bringing home the small flag and making it through to the second round of divisional finals

Credit must go to the selectors, coaches and players of all sides, particularly those bowlers who have improved their performance this season through hard work and commitment.



## News From The Boardroom

The Board has continued to be very active in the past few months.

Following a meeting with both selection committees, a new document has been developed to support selectors and bowlers. These guidelines have been already emailed to members and will be available on the club website.

Coaches were invited to complete a survey to review the 2022 – 2023 season. These responses have been compiled and distributed to coaches and selectors.

Membership fees for the 2023 – 2024 season were considered and it was decided to return to the pre-COVID fees. The fees during COVID were heavily subsidised to account for the reduction in availability of Club facilities and possible COVID related hardships. As a result the Club ran at a loss during this time

which cannot be sustained ongoing.

Fees paid before the AGM are reduced:  
Affiliated members \$275  
Social members \$145  
Life members \$0  
Non-bowling members \$50

Members are reminded that only affiliated members who have paid full fees are entitled to vote at the AGM

A new hot water system is being installed, changing over from the old gas unit to a new electricity unit.

In light of modern practice, no more plastic products will be purchased by the Club. The remaining plastics will however be used until run out. Members are to be reminded to bring their own drink bottles and fill/refill them from any of the 3 (chilled) water fountains provided.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

And last but definitely not least, there are finally new lights over the synthetic green, to enable night events to be held without shadows and patches of darkness. The delay was partly due to the thorough evaluation of which is the most appropriate way of approaching this project together, the difficulty in sourcing, procuring and trialling the necessary globes as well as labour issues. Thanks again goes to the very patient Ben Czerniewicz who utilised his knowledge to ensure that this project came to fruition.

*Some of the members of the Board will be retiring at the next AGM. The Club thanks them for their commitment in time and energy. Each one has contributed significantly to the smooth flowing and betterment of the Club.*

### Sad News

Sadly, 3 former members of Armadale Bowls Club have passed away since the last newsletter

**Harold Goldberg** – former President of the Club  
**Jacque Herman** – formerly active in the Social Committee, sister to Rodney Goldsmith  
**Ronald (Ron) Jackson** – former member



## Individual successes

There have also been amazing performances at individual levels too.

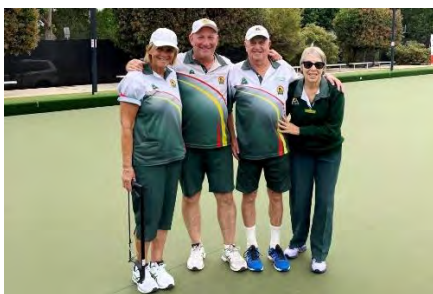
Xavier Cerreto, as over 60's Sandbelt champion, represented Sandbelt and Armadale at the State over 60's trials. Whilst he narrowly lost his 1<sup>st</sup> round match, his opponent went on to win the State Championship, with much larger winning margins in subsequent matches than against Xavier.

Tonny van Haastert and Karen Rubenstien, as club singles champions, went on to represent the club in the Sandbelt Champion of Champions.

Karen made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and Tonny to round 2, both playing well on a very hot day with temperatures in the mid 30's.



Most Armadale BC Tournaments were closely contested and provided exciting entertainment to spectators. Winners and runners up of all events are respectively:



Women's singles	<b>Karen Rubenstein</b>	<b>Di Grosberg</b>
Men's singles	<b>Tonny van Haastert</b>	<b>Xavier Cerreto</b>
Women's pairs	<b>Di Grosberg/Ruth Maserow</b>	<b>Annette Wester/Shelley Beder</b>
Men's pairs	<b>Ashley Beckwith/Stan Todes</b>	<b>Alan Coulter/Barry Wicks</b>
Mixed pairs	<b>Annette Wester/Michael Sher</b>	<b>Barry Wicks/Nancy Wicks</b>
Women's proportional	<b>Jan Kamien</b>	<b>Ruth Maserow</b>
Men's proportional	<b>Neville Karro</b>	<b>Martin Block</b>
Women's minors	<b>Jan Kamien</b>	<b>Annette Wester</b>
Men's minors	<b>Lawrence Hirsch</b>	<b>Stan Maserow</b>

## EVENTS

### Ladies' President Shield Day

In the past this was an annual event but has not been held since 2019.

This extremely successful event was organised by the new team of Annette Wester and Shelley Beder, who had both become members of ABC during the COVID interruptions and had no experience of participating in this event, under the guidance of the ever reliable Leila Levy. The team left absolutely no stone unturned.

The event was a sellout with 28 teams competing, with bowlers from no less than 21 clubs. There was a buzz and hype on the day with bowlers claiming to be thrilled to return and praising the organisation and delicious food.

Special thanks to Marcelle and her team as well as to Deneese Brick for her assistance on the day.



### Pallas Capital Triples Day

The bowling season finished off on a high with the flagship event, the Pallas Capital Triples Day. On a stunning April afternoon, 72 bowlers played for a share of a total prize pool of \$2500.

The day's success must be attributed to the same team of members who have contributed to all our functions this season and we hope they will continue, together with some new blood, to be involved again next season.

The representatives of Pallas Capital, were so impressed by the event that they indicated that they wish to continue with their generous sponsorship next year.

### Season Closing - BBQ lunch and Bowls

This year the season closing took on a different format being a BBQ lunch followed by triples bowls and then afternoon tea.

A very generous donation was made by Annette Silman, together with her mother Freda Salter, in memory of her husband Howard, a well respected member who had been passionate about his bowls. There was \$2000 to share amongst the winners and for novelty prizes together with a grand raffle.

All members who participated enjoyed themselves immensely. Many members were involved in making this event so special. The afternoon was organised by the social committee with Danny Miller in the forefront yet again and Lorraine Kindler as Chairperson. Thanks to Jan Kamien for taking on the difficult task of keeping track of who has paid. The well experienced Davids can always be relied upon for making the teams as they do every Wednesday and, during the off-season, every Saturday as well. The catering team excelled as usual. And there are so many others to thank without which the event would not have been so successful.



## Health and Safety Event

The Safety Response Team organised a very pertinent evening with 2 esteemed presenters.

The first was Alex Stockman, a rheumatologist at both Epworth and Royal Melbourne hospitals. He discussed common rheumatic conditions in the older age group (which undoubtedly includes most of us).

The second speaker was our club member Associate Professor Geoff Sussman OAM who spoke on sports injuries, first aid treatment and dressings. Geoff prepared an excellent Powerpoint presentation which can be found on the ABC website under Safety Response Procedures

<https://armadalebowlsclub.com.au/documents/woundcareinsport.pdf>

It is extremely important that ALL members look at this powerpoint because mistakes can be costly.

Thanks to our proactive Occupational Health and Safety Officer Ben Czerniewicz for organising this event and for updating our first aid kit which is located in the Bowls Shed.

Incidentally, an important video to watch periodically is also on ABC website - Safety response procedures - what to do in case of emergency resuscitation and defibrillation (DRSABCD) – Surf Life Saving NZ

<https://armadalebowlsclub.com.au/videodrsabcd/>

## Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Clubhouse

Nomination forms for positions on the Board and for the Midweek and Weekend selection committees were emailed to members on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Completed nomination forms must be placed in the Ballot Box in the Clubhouse, scanned and emailed to the Honorary Secretary or handed to the Honorary Secretary by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm**.

In addition, minutes from the last AGM were emailed to members at the same time as the Notice of AGM.

It's now time to consider what you can offer the Club!!!!

How well do you know our members?  
Who is this good looking?



Mr X

## New Members

Since the last newsletter in January we have gained even more new members some of whom have been playing elsewhere and others showing promise as new bowlers. We welcome

**Mark Braude**  
**Harry Zalzman**  
**David and Liz Sonenberg**  
**Maurice Silver**

**Denise Fontana**  
**Abe Hechtman**  
**Bradley Potts**  
**Leon Diamond**

## Life Without Committees

Have you ever thought when you come down to play?  
If things weren't the same as they are today  
If the car park was covered in rubbish and clutter  
And cans and weeds were clogging the gutter  
If the flower bed plants were choked and sighing  
All the flowers and shrubs were dried up and dying  
Into the clubrooms with dirt on the floor  
Nothing cleaned up from the night before  
Dirty plates left out you'd soon get picky  
With tables unwashed all smelly and sticky  
Up for a drink but nobody's serving  
The bar not getting the clean it's deserving  
Glasses not clean with chipping and cracking  
The service and hygiene both of them lacking  
Look at the board to see where we play  
But it seems there's been another delay  
There used to be one other place to look  
But no one's bothered to produce this year's book  
Before we go out lets put on some cream  
But the darn things empty and the toilets unclean  
There's no match committee so arrange your own teams  
Just think of the shambles there'll be on the greens  
Get your own jacks and mats you'll need them to play  
And put them back at the end of the day  
Don't call an umpire he's never been paid  
All decisions by you will have to be made  
There was nobody there to work out the draw  
So who can we get now to workout the score?  
Who was it arranged all the veges and meat  
Delivered it cool stored and ready to eat?  
Who sets up tables, banks all the cash?  
Pulls up the flag and bags up the trash  
The twilight BBQ you just can't beat  
When all you do is just come eat  
But someone must cook & clean up the mess  
That someone's not me I have to confess  
And maybe not you you're too busy see  
Like sitting at home and watching TV  
When we play an event on a wet September  
Sponsored by someone we just can't remember  
When you climb the steps and crave a hot drink  
Do you occasionally stop and bother to think  
What if we had to do it ourselves?

Make it and clean up and stock up the shelves  
You really do hear how the members howl  
When they come to the end of the roller towel  
The committees not doing its job they say  
Why only the other Tournament Day  
I went to the cabinet and found it was bare  
Not one single wine glass in the clubroom to spare  
What terrible things and what a great pity,  
Just think of the club without a committee  
Where would we be, playing our great game?  
Without the committee there would be no blame  
It's not the fairies that come out at night  
That keeps the club rolling shiny and bright  
The committee guys get no pay  
But they still labour every day  
And if they weren't there you surely must see  
How much work there would be left for you and me?  
G-D made the world in seven days and seven nights,  
A MIRACLE they say – Oh! What might's,  
G-D must have had a whole working bee  
She surely must have had --- An active COMMITTEE!

"Don't ever  
question the  
value of  
volunteers.  
Noah's Ark was  
built by  
volunteers; the  
Titanic was  
built by  
professionals."

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## Important New Bowls Laws

A new (4<sup>th</sup>) edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls came into effect April 1, 2023.

Here is a summary of new and changed laws that ALL bowlers need to know:

- No bowl belonging to the players on the rink of play should be lifted, stopped, or displaced. This includes preventing a bowl from falling into the ditch. This includes during Pennant. The penalty is forfeiture of the game

### When can a bowl be stopped legally?

(Law 42.2.11) A marker must stop a bowl from a neighbouring rink if the bowl could move a jack or bowl at rest.

(Law 37.6.1.2) Any player on a rink can stop a bowl if a bowl at rest is in danger of being moved by a bowl from a neighbouring rink.

(Law 37.6.1.1) Also allows a player to lift a bowl at rest to allow the bowl from the neighbouring rink to pass and then replace it. The preference is to stop a bowl from a neighbouring rink in preference to lifting, but both are permissible under the Laws of the Sport.

- A player should not be on the mat until the previous bowl has come to rest
- If a bowl has been played out of order by both players (Singles and teams) the order of play remains the same for that end
- There must be no further play in a knockout competition if it is impossible to win the game given the number of ends left

## Interference

Old George Jones of bowling fame  
Was always quoting the "Laws of the Game"  
But one day he failed me an answer to give  
And I'll never forget it as long as I live  
An old jersey cow strolled onto the green  
And dropped the biggest dollop I've ever seen  
It was only a metre away from the jack  
His bowl got stuck in it and he wanted it back  
I said "You can't have it, don't be a fool ...  
If you touch that bowl you'll be breaking a rule"  
So he rushed to his bag and took out his book  
Turned over the pages and had a good look  
Then he said "There's nothing in here to say,  
that I can't get my bowl and continue to play"  
I said "Now listen George, and don't cause a commotion,  
Rule 37 says ... you can't interfere with a bowl that's in motion"





## There's a clown at every Club

A man took his 8-year-old son to the Bowling Club for "Take Your Kid To Bowls Day"

As they were walking around the club the man noticed that his son was not impressed and was becoming more and more cranky

When they got to a large group of bowlers enjoying a drink between games the kid finally broke out crying

One of the bowlers asked the boy "What's the matter little fella?" to which the boy then sobbed out "Where are all the clowns Daddy said he bowled with?!?"



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## Mr X

Mr X was born in Palestine 4 months before it became the independent state of Israel. His mother came to Palestine from Latvia at the age of 2. His father was born in Palestine but his parents (Mr X's grandparents) came from Yemen. They left Yemen on foot until they caught a barge on the Red Sea arriving in Palestine as teenagers in 1882. In 1902 Baron Rothschild purchased a large portion of land for a new settlement and sought volunteers to work in and develop the area. 18 families including Mr X's grandparents took on the challenge. They were the only Mizrahi family, that is, the only family not from Europe. In time the settlement, which was named Kfar Tabor, grew to 45 families.

[The inspiration of the very wealthy Frenchman Baron Abraham Benjamin Edmond James de Rothschild (or more simply, Baron Edmond Rothschild) to develop settlements in Israel was the riots against Jews of Russia in 1881-1882. He was only 35 years old when he realised that the Jews who had settled in Palestine needed to be supported. He was nicknamed Hanadiv – The Known Benefactor. The first moshav (settlement) he supported was Rishon Letzion]

Mr X's father was a teacher in an high agricultural school only 4kms from their village. Sadly he passed away when Mr X was only 2 years old. He had an older sister only 4 years old. Life was difficult for their mother to support their family on her own. After a few years, his mother made the decision to make the move to a kibbutz (kibbutz Allonym) between Haifa and Nazareth in the north of Israel. Mr X remembers this as a happy time in his life. In those days on a kibbutz, children lived separately from their parents. They saw her in the afternoons and she would tuck them in at night. The rest of the time the children were so busy they didn't have the opportunity to miss their mother.

After finishing primary school Mr X attended a nautical boarding college to study nautical engineering. When he completed his studies he joined the Israeli Navy where he served for 3 years. He worked as an engineer on the frigates, medium sized warships. He later transferred to the base to teach about firefighting and damage control on the ships.

After completing his army service Mr X was employed by an Israeli refrigeration shipping

company transporting fruit, fish, meat and sometimes cars where he worked for 4 years as an engineer. He quickly advanced up the ranks. After only 3 years he became 1<sup>st</sup> engineer.

Because this was before containers, Mr X spent a lot of time in ports. Whilst in Australia on one occasion, he met an old friend who's girlfriend introduced him to a wonderful girl, Mrs X, who was to become his wife. They continued their relationship via mail for the next 12 months. Mrs X then came to Israel to visit family. The long and short of it is they were married in 1973, about to celebrate 50 years in June.

Once in Melbourne, Mr X had wished to open his own garage like other Israelis he knew. So he worked for a company which fixes cars and trucks to gain some experience in the trade. However, he found this work heavy and with little return. When an opportunity arose, he went to work for a shipping repair company. After 10 years the company closed down so he moved to another shipping company where he worked for 9 years after which he recognised cracks appearing in their financial status. This was an opportune time for Mr X and 10 of his workmates to go out on their own. They established a ship repair company called Waterside Engineering. Despite being told that they wouldn't succeed because they didn't have the skills to run a business, he remained as a partner for 27 years until he retired at the age of 67.

Mr X always enjoyed being active. For the last 35 years of his working life, he swam 5 times a week before starting work. Now he still swims twice a week.

Mr X joined Armadale BC more than 8 years ago. He enjoys being part of the club and likes to bowl as often as he can. When he's not at the club he is very hands-on with his family. He and Mrs X have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Mr X is well known to members because he spends an enormous amount of time on maintenance at the club. His opinion is highly valued and nothing is too much trouble. Recently he was instrumental in the much appreciated upgrade of the bag shed.

Who is Mr X?

### **Kitty and Jack**

My husband took up bowling  
and he bragged upon the phone  
about some dame called Kitty  
whom he couldn't leave alone

He played with Kitty  
he stayed with Kitty  
he picked her up without a hitch  
He missed Kitty  
he kissed Kitty  
he even laid beside her in the ditch

So I took up bowling  
to win my hubby back  
and found that what he could do with Kitty,  
I could do with Jack



### **Little Black Book**

The club's top bowler, a guy who had won every club championship numerous times, was known for carrying a little black book which regularly consulted during games. Whenever he stood on the mat, with a particularly difficult situation, he would take out this little book and then make a brilliant shot. Eventually he died and there was great interest in this book. many of the club's members approached the man's widow asking what she was planning to do with this legendary book. As a shrewd woman who was also in need of

funds, she decided to auction the book off to the highest bidder. The auction was held at the club and after some very spirited bidding a member, who had often finished second to the now deceased champion, took possession of the much sought after and now quite expensive book. He could scarcely wait to take the book home and peruse its pages at leisure. He sat himself down in his study and began to leaf through the pages - and he found that the pages were blank! He finally came to a single page that had one sentence on it. It said;

"Small circle on the inside."

### **Half Hour Late**

A couple of weeks ago, I practiced bowling with a new member.

We had fun during the practice, so I asked him if he wanted to practice next week.

He said: "Sure, but I might be a half hour late."

The following week he shows up right on time, and we practiced, this time he plays left- handed.

I asked him if he wanted to practice again next week.

He replied: "Sure but I might be a half hour late."

I then asked him : "How come sometimes you play right- handed and other times, left-handed."

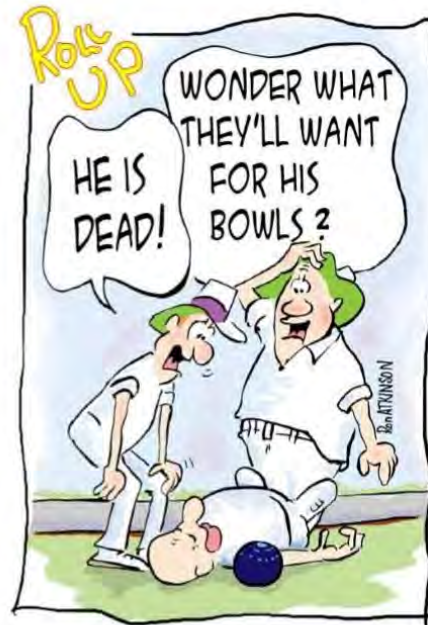
He said : "When I wake up in the morning and my wife is sleeping on her left side, I play left- handed and if she is on her right side, then I play right- handed."

I then ask : "So, what if she is lying flat on her back?"

"That's when I'll be a half hour late!" he replied.



## Opportunist



A woman goes into the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is published

The editor informs her there is a charge of \$1.00 per word

She pauses, reflects, then says "Well, then, let it read: Fred Brown died"

Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her there is a seven word minimum for all obituaries

She thinks it over and in a few seconds, says "In that case let it read, **Fred Brown died: bowls equipment for sale**"

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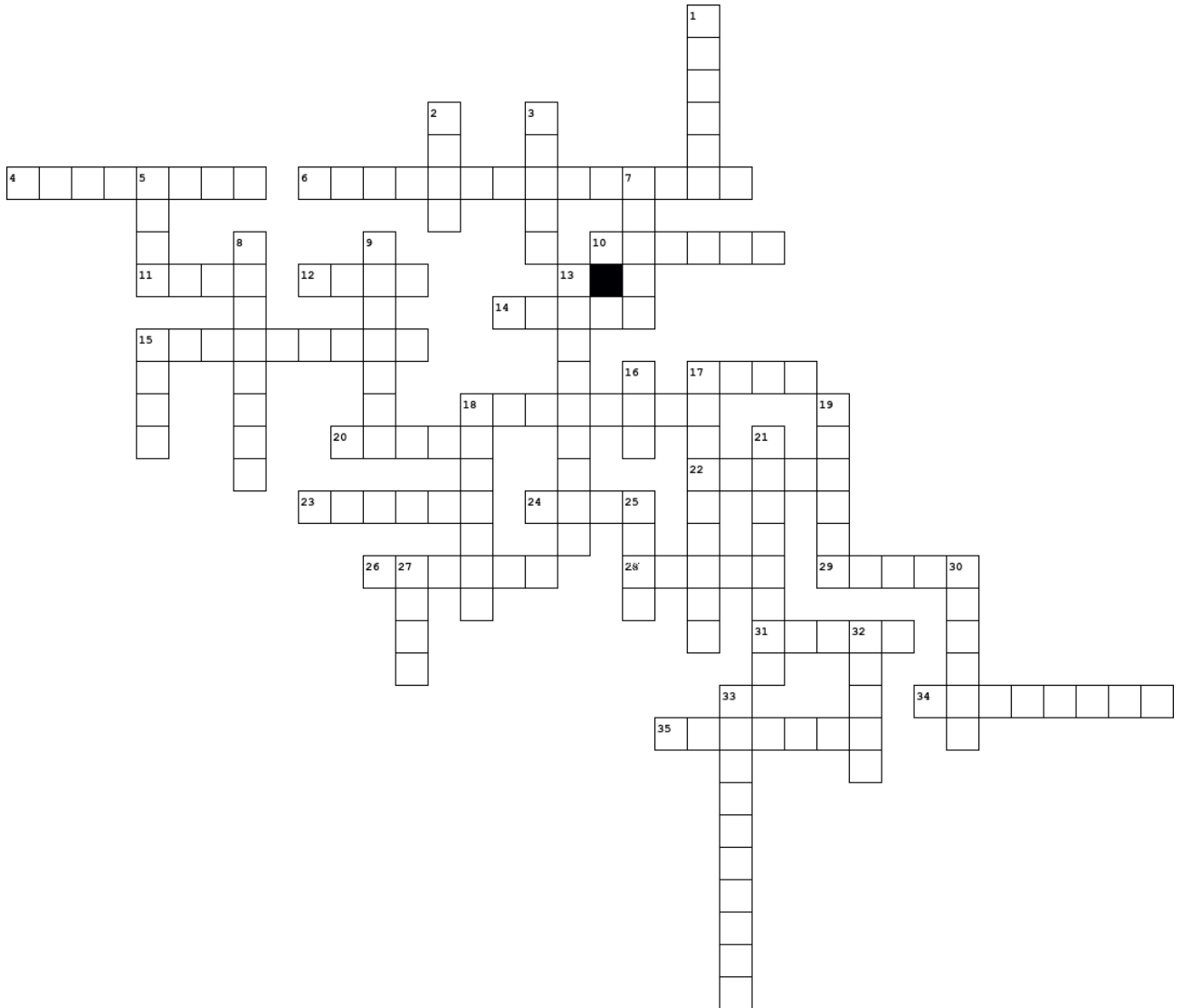
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## Armadale Bowls Club Crossword



### Words to choose from

Backbowl • Bias • Blocker • Bowlingarm • Callipers • Chalk • Chock • Deadend • Delivery • Ditch • Draw • Drive • Forehand • Grass • Grip • Heavy • Jackhigh • Kitty • Lead • Manager • Openhand • Peg • Polish • Restingtoucher • Rollup • Second • Short • Shot • Skip • Stance • Synthetic • Tiff • Trail • Umpire • Wick • Wide • Wrongbias • Yardon

Clues over the page

### Across

4. A bowl placed behind the head, positioned so that if the opposition trails the jack from its current position towards the back of the rink this bowl may become shot or reduce the number of shots that the opposition may have
6. A bowl that remains in direct physical contact with the jack after being delivered
10. A warm up end without scoring to enable players to test their bowls in the conditions before a game starts
11. In a team of 3 or more the player who delivers his bowl last
12. The player who delivers his bowl first
14. Used to indicate a bowl that has touched the jack as part of its initial delivery during an end
15. A bowl delivered where the biased side of the bowl has been placed opposite to the desired position for a given delivery
17. The bowl closest to the jack, often in relation to other bowls surrounding the head
18. The action performed by a player to propel the bowl from the mat end of the rink to the head at the other end of the rink
20. A bowl delivered with the maximum force that a player can exert the aim being to kill the end disturb the head or hit opposition bowls out of the head
22. Playing a bowl so that it moves the jack from its current position to a position further sideways or backwards along the rink
23. In a team of 3 or more the player who delivers his bowl immediately after the lead
24. A bowl delivered finishes close to the jack, without the need to move or touch other bowls in the head
26. The position a player adopts in preparation for delivering the bowl
28. The area surrounding a green usually identifiable as a shallow trench at the edges of the green
29. A bowl delivered with more force than required to deliver it to a desired position on the rink
31. The width of the bowl required to enable it to stop at a designated point within the rink
34. For a right handed player delivering a bowl to the right hand side of the rink with the bias facing towards the centre line of the rink

### Down

1. An official nominated by the competition organiser to provide adjudication of the rules of competition and to interpret the rules of bowls in the event of a dispute
2. The way a player holds the bowl in preparation for delivery
3. The small white ball that defines the target for all other bowls to be played towards
5. The natural curve built into a bowl
7. A piece of material placed under a bowl to hold it in place on the green when measuring
8. The side of the rink that has the clearest path for a draw shot
9. Whose role it is to fill in the scorecards agree the match up of rinks between teams tally the total scores of all rinks at the end of a game and submit the results to the selectors
13. A piece of equipment used by an umpire to measure a relative short distance between the jack and one or more bowls
15. When a bowl is deflected during its progress after delivery from contacting a bowl or jack
16. A marker placed on the bank to indicate the outside boundary of a rink
17. A bowls surface made of man made materials, as compared to grass greens
18. A partially completed end that has to be replayed by reason of the jack going outside the rink or green boundaries or an umpire ruling that due to an action the head cannot be returned to its previous state
19. A type of thick liquid compound applied to the surface of a bowl which is then rubbed into the surface using a hand or cloth or sleeve
21. A bowl whose front edge, which is closest to the bowler on the mat, is level with the front edge of the jack
25. If a bowl is delivered and finishes to the outer side of the intended target it is said to have been....
27. A type of grass (also known as Titdwarf a Bermuda grass hybrid) used for the construction of lawn bowls greens
30. Deliver the bowl with sufficient weight to finish 1 yard past the objective
32. A jack when delivered that stops at a point less than the minimum length allowed within the rules of competition

**35.** A bowl positioned on the green such that it would stop an opponents bowl from reaching a defined point

**33.** A device that enables players who have an inability to bend as part of a standard delivery action to bowl in an upright position

# Armadale Bowls Club Crossword (solution)

