

Drawing Shot

Alice Springs Memorial Bowls Club Monthly Newsletter

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NEWS

THE MEMO CLUB

You may have heard, Grant Kennedy the general manger of The Memo Club, has resigned his position and is returning home to the central coast of NSW. He will be replaced by Mark Evans, a hospitality consultant as interim general manager. We thank Grant for all he has done to help and support our club and wish him and Carol all the best

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

You should have received an email from Letitia. The AGM will be help on Sunday 9 November, 10.30am at the Memo Club. Members are encouraged to attend and vote. Please note 'social' and 'junior' members are unable to vote, however your attendance is important.

MEMBERS

Just an update how our member base in going. Our club numbers continue to grow which is very encouraging. At the time of publishing, we have 35 full members, 40 social members, 1 junior member. It's great to see our club doing so well. Grab a friend who isn't a bowler and bring them along to join in the fun.

MASTERS GAMES

We had 58 Men and 27 Women participate in the games during Oct 11-18, 2014. Some great results came out for our club. Mick Hewett made the semi finals of the singles and won the pairs with the last bowl 12-11. Chris Lane came second in the fours.



Leanne Ladgrove won the singles. Jill Scott won a very close game against Helen Siganto in the pairs. Mandy Corry and Mignon Williams gained bronze in the ladies fours. A great result for our club. Our visitors were very happy with our facilities and hope to return in two years time.

VOLUNTEERS (MASTERS)

A huge thankyou goes out to all our members, wives, and volunteers that helped around during the masters games. To the ladies who prepared lunches. To the guys that prepared a cooked breakfast. To those who helped set up. To those cleaning and organising water top ups. If you gave up some time to help do a job, thank you. The games were a great success and that was only possible to all those who gave their time to help out thank you.

REMINDERS

Nov 9 (10.30am) – Annual General Meeting

TBA (Nov/Dec) - Presentation Dinner

Jan 1 – Membership Renewals

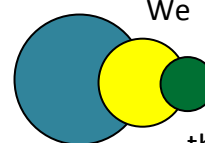
TBA (Jan) – Markers and Umpire Course

NOTE: Thursday Social bowls now in the morning **9.30am** for 10am start. (From 2 Oct 2014).

MARKERS AND UMPIRES COURSE

There will be a markers and umpires course help in January (Date: TBA).

We have about five people already interested in doing this course. If you are interested in participating in this course, could you please contact a



Mick Hewett. This is the umpire course talked about at the last special general meeting. The course has been revamped to include marking as well as umpiring. A great way to develop your understanding of the game.

BINS

Dennis McKinnon has modified some of our green otto wheelie bins, by cutting a round hole in the top. PLEASE ONLY USE FOR CANS AND BOTTLES. Mick Hewett recycles the bottles and cans from the club, generating additional income for the club. It takes considerable time to sort, and transport the bottles to the recycling centre. Please be thoughtful and use the correct bin. The bins are clearly labelled! Putting your rubbish in the correct bin makes someone else's life better. Thanks.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

This month saw **Jackson Harding** represent Alice Springs and the Northern Territory at the National Under 18s Championships. All reports were great, and Jackson played well. We are proud to have Jackson represent us at these championships. Furthermore **Tommy Ladgrove** and **Max Prewett** represented us in Tweed Heads, NSW, in the Over 60s National Championships. Great bowls were played and fun had by all. In this past year we have had more Northern Territory representatives at state level, then the combined previous 50+ years of Alice Springs bowling community. This definitely is a great gauge showing we are an up and coming club to be not taken lightly.

BOLLARDS

You will have noticed at the club, new poles or bollards have been erected, with a rope joining them just outside the entrance to the club. This has been done because people have been cutting corners and walking across the corner of the green. The green can be damaged. Please don't cut corners and walk around the green.

LIGHTING

If you have been around the green at night time, especially night league bowls, you will notice we have had additional lighting installed around the bowls shed and extra spotlights on the club. This has been done for all members' safety.

FRIDAY NIGHT

What do you do Friday nights? Some of us help run the raffles at the club Friday night, but more than that it's a chance to sit around have a beer, a laugh and maybe something to eat. Our numbers continue to grow on Friday nights at the club. It's important for the community to see the bowlers supporting the club. Bring your partners, wives, kids, cousins, relatives, friends and your next door neighbours down to the club. It's a great chance to get to know other bowlers and their friends and families. Those of us who go down enjoy ourselves every Friday. Make plans to come down for a meal and a drink on a Friday afternoon and enjoy the entertainment and HUGE meat raffles, you won't regret it!

RAFFLES

The raffles continue to go well. The fundraising we do through a variety of measures ensures our debts are paid, like our rent, the chemicals and needs of the green, wages for the greenkeeper and the continual improvement you see happening around the club.

PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Welcome to another newsletter, many things have happened this month. Firstly I would like to thank Grant Kennedy and his wife Carol for the support of our club. We wish them all the best as they return home to NSW.

I would like to congratulate all those who participated in the masters games and thank those who volunteered in some way. It really shows what we can run in terms

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of only one green in Alice Springs.

Special mention of the AGM our annual general meeting. There will be issues to be discussed and a new committee to be voted in by the members. You may have noticed the nominations on the board. Please try and get along to the meeting it is really important that you attend and have a say.

Over the next few weeks you will start to notice the fences coming down. When the memo club first reopened, it was discussed they would erect a new high clear fence so people could see through. This is particularly important because lots of people don't know the memo club has reopened let alone there is a bowling club here. This is exciting news and we look forward to the next stage of our development plan.

I would like to thank Tony Daw and Paul Harding for their continued efforts preparing and maintaining our green. It is looking great and playing well. Thanks boys keep up the good work.

We have our presentation dinner coming up, a good night where there will be a meal, drinks and entertainment. Presentation of all the club championships, and recognition of player's achievements this year. It should be a great night stay tuned for further details.

The club has started a juniors coaching program. If you know anyone especially under 18, come down Saturday morning 10am-11.30am. We are looking to have some drills and games to encourage younger people taking up bowls for an active and social lifestyle.

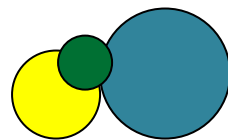
Final reminder for club uniforms orders. After the AGM I will be taking orders especially for leg wear (shorts and trousers), there will be an expectation in the near future that this will be required for club championships and other nominated events, get in now while you can, as we will not be placing another order for quite some time. I would encourage anyone considering a winter jacket or vest to do this also. If money is a problem come and have a talk, maybe we can work something out.

Finally we are looking at running a small

competition leading up to Christmas. A few ideas have been thrown around including a singles comp, jack attack, handicapped triples. We should have something organised shortly.

Until the next Newsletter,

Ray 'Ninja' Dienelt,
El Presidente



YOU MEAN I HAVE TO PRACTICE?

Wednesday 5pm is a practice day. Come for a roll up and practice different things you have thought about trying in a game. Drills may be set up, depending who is available to set them up. **Sunday 9.30am**—State training - anyone nominated for state selection needs to attend. Members may attend.

BOWLS TACTICS

Try moving the mat to upset their rhythm of delivery rather than their length can be very helpful.

ALICE SPRINGS NIGHT OWLS

The competition is heating up, with three teams pulling out in front, with 4-5 weeks remaining the comp is still up for grabs. Make every bowl count.



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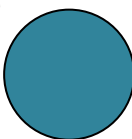
TIP – If you don't have FLAT sole shoes i.e. thongs or something with no grip, bare feet is best so we don't damage our green.

LADDER: * After 5 Rounds *

RANK	TEAM	POINTS	SHOTS
1	Bush Turkeys Gap View	10	37
2	Guzzlers	8	27
3	Comets	8	11
4	Burgess Quartet	6	33
5	Boozies	6	7
6	Shifty	6	4
7	Nek Minnit	6	-7
8	SDA	5	-3
9	Jockeys	5	-10
10	S.H.I.T	4	-18
11	RAUS	2	-11
12	Jockeys 2	2	-21
13	Ceylon	0	0
14	Unbiased	0	-39

CLUB HEADWEAR

Our new club hats (baseball caps) (\$25) have arrived with "Spike" on the front and Bowls Australia Logo on the back. They are soft and hold their shape, or if you prefer a bucket hat with a broad brim are now available through the bowls office. Club clothing is still available for those wanting to purchase items. Ray has asked if you are considering buying club items it needs to be now, as another order will not be happening for a while.



GREEN HIRE



Are you someone who might like to hire the green for a social or charity event? There are a range of options available to people wanting to use our facilities. If you are interested or know someone who is, get in contact Paul Harding - 0400 350 075 Ray Dienelt - 0413 638 393



Clothing

Social Membership + Shirt	\$75.00
Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$85.00
Shirt - Long Sleeve	\$90.00
Jacket	\$160.00
Vest	\$140.00
Shorts	\$70.00
Trousers	\$80.00

Accessories

Bowls Cloth	\$15.00
Memo Bowls Hat	\$25.00



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