



Drawing Shot

Memorial Bowls Club, Alice Springs, Inc Newsletter

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NEWS

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Saturday 28 October at 12.30pm with a BBQ lunch provided by the club, followed by a game of bowls. Committee nominations can be found on the notice board.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA VISIT



Bowls Australia CEO Neil Dalrymple and President Des Skinner had a quick tour of clubs and progress in the NT. Both men were quite impressed with how pro-active we are with our club and the result we are receiving. We are punching well above our weight.



This is welcome recognition to those working to make our club better. A special thanks to those members and visitors that made themselves available on Sunday to meet these important guys in our sport. It is a credit that you come along to show support for our club, and what Alice Springs has to offer.

NEW FLAG

A thankyou goes out to the town council especially Rex Mooney who donated the councils resources, and scissor lift to get up high enough to free the broken ropes a top the flag pole. Thanks to Tom Ladgrove for organising the work for us. Thanks to Paul Harding for purchasing the ropes, buckles and shackles. Our new flags look great. Thanks to Warren Snowdon MP and Adam Giles for donating the Australian and NT flags respectively.



REMINDERS

NOW – Membership Renewals

Sept 5 -10 –State Championships

Sept 11-13–Territory Wide Shield

Sept 19 – Triples Championship

Sept 28-30 – U18's Aust Sides

Oct 13-16 – O60's Aust Sides

Oct 31 – Handi-Cap Singles

Nov 28 – AGM - 12.30pm

Dec 5 – Presentation Night

NOTE: Thursday Social bowls now in the AFTERNOON **1.00pm**

UMPIRES

A letter of appreciation has been sent to Bowls NT for flying Michael Loughead down to Alice Springs to put four members through the Umpire's course. The skills and understanding of the game will benefit our members in their own personal games, but will also enhance the club when we require an umpire. Well Done. Ray Dienelt, Nardine Collier, Michael Carmody and David Knight. Michael mentioned elite players like Jaydo from Darwin did the umpires course, not because he wanted to be an umpire, but because he wanted to know what he could and couldn't do, which gave him an advantage when playing bowls. You might like to consider doing the umpires course next year. Not to become an umpire, but just to understand the game and laws better. It's surprising how informative and enjoyable it was!



SCHOOL GROUPS

As a result of Colleen Orr's visit to some of the schools in Alice Springs, we have some schools interested in participating in lawn bowls. We already have OLSH Traeger through a four week program. There are plans for OLSH Bath St in the coming weeks.



JUNIORS

The club now has a thriving juniors program where kids under 18, can practice playing bowls with other kids, and learn about the game. We have approximately 10 kids, in only a short time of the program operating. We look forward to fostering the next generation of members and NT state representatives. We practice Saturday mornings 10am -11.30am. If you would like to pop down for a look, or to help.

OVER 60s NATIONAL SIDES

Greg Whelan, Jill Scott, Tom and Leanne Ladgrove have gone off to represent the NT in the Over 60s national sides in Tasmania and we wish them all the best, look forward to some good results.

UNDER 18S NATIONAL SIDES



Jackson Harding went off to represent the NT at the Under 18s National Sides in ACT. We had some great results. Shae Smith from Darwin and Kerrie-Ann from Broome won Silver in the Pairs, while Jackson played for Bronze in the boys fours, but missed out going down to Victoria. We won 9 out of 28 games across the four days of play. A great result for the NT, such a small bowling state. Paul Harding went as the Team Manager and Kaye Tyrell was the coach. Well done to all.

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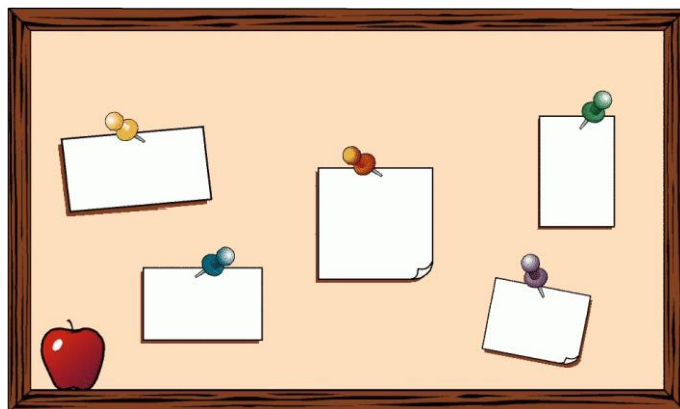
NT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



We had 5 representatives in Darwin this year for the NT State Championships. Tony Daw, Michael Carmody, Paul Harding and David Knight drove to Darwin to play in the singles, pairs and fours. There were some good results early in the week. With the boys winning 3/4 games in sectional play, and coming second in the section to eventual winners Nightcliff. Paul and David had a few wins in the pairs, and all the boys fought gallantly in the singles. Paul won his first round against Martin Miller, but went down in the second round in a good game.

We had super sub Jackson Harding fly in to make up our 5 for the Territory Shield Side. We had many close games, however under-performed towards the end of the week. We all had a great time, playing bowls, making new friends and having some time away. I would encourage anyone who enjoys their bowls. CONSIDER going up to Darwin in 2016, for the state championships carnival. It will most likely be held at Darwin, with their brand new greens, and covered green. Very exciting time to be in Darwin. Plan your holidays for 2016 and come along for the fun!

NOTICE BOARD



Please check the notice board regularly. Important information is being put up there. We have our AGM, committee nominations, Bowls NT Board nominations. State Team expressions of interest, plus important dates and information.

Michael and Andrea Hewett have invited ALL bowling club members for a BBQ at their caravan park at Ilparpa, Wangardi (apologises for spelling). Check board for dates and times.

PENNANTS



Bowls NT are looking at funding and grants available for a new NT Pennant competition. Pennants has not been available to Alice Springs, due to us being so far away. However Bowls NT are proposing that selected Alice Springs Players will be billeted out in Darwin with other bowlers, and Bowls NT will pay for return flight air fare, so that Alice Springs can participate, re-inventing the pennant, for more competitive bowls. The format is also looking at changing. Rather than 2 mixed fours rinks. A Side will consist of 3 rinks of two bowl triples, making nine Alice Springs players in our pennant side. As mentioned Bowls NT will pay our air fares and we will play four of our first round games in one weekend while being billeted out. While Darwin teams will play each Saturday, over a month period. Second round will commence two months later due to Darwin Bowls Clubs carnivals.

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Again we will be flown to Darwin and play our second set of four games in one weekend. While not ideal to play this many games in one weekend, we are now being included in high level competitive bowls in the NT. The concept is still evolving for Bowls NT, but the prospect is exciting, that nine Alice Springs players who are selected will be able to participate in the pennant.

DAPTO BOWLERS



We recently had 15 visiting bowlers from Dapto, who came to explore the red centre and play a few test matches against us. All who played had a great time on the Sunday! Unfortunately we lost the VB man to Dapto. We will have to win it back off them, by visiting them over there!

2016 ALICE SPRINGS MASTERS GAMES

Michael Hewett and David Knight attended the 1 year to go function for the 2016 Alice Springs Master's Games recently. Those looking to register or pass on information to family and friends, check out <http://www.alicespringsmastersgames.com.au/>

SPONSORS



CUB have donated an additional five cartons of great northern beer stubbies, in addition to the original five cartons, they have also donated an esky for us, which we will raffle off. We appreciate their support, however this does not automatically just happen. Thanks to David Knight, Ray Dienelt and Paul Harding for obtaining this valuable sponsor.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to.... Happy Birthday to...

Aug 8 – Letitia Baldwin

Aug 10 – Max Prewett

Aug 20 – Steve Sawyer

Aug 23 – Frank Boehm

Aug 24 – Tom Ladgrove

Aug 31 – Jill Dienelt

Oct 19 – Brendan Meney

**If I have missed your birthday. I apologise. We are working with the information on our database. Please let us know to update it!*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to another newsletter,
We were recently honoured with a visit from the hierarchy from Bowls Australia, in President Des Skinner and CEO Neil Dalrymple. Both men were most impressed with the Club Facilities, and its

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welcoming attitude. They enjoyed the impromptu Game of Triples and lovely BBQ lunch and asked me to convey their appreciation to the members that were able to attend. Whilst in Alice Springs, they held a meeting with Adam Giles in order to thank his Government for the 1.5 Million Dollar Grant to build two new Greens at the Golf Club. They also met with officials from the Alice Springs Golf Club and discussed the project, as well as visited the site for the new proposal. They were indeed excited with the prospect of two new greens in a stunning location.

On the same weekend, I was joined by Michael Carmody, Nardine Collier and David Knight as we toiled through the rulebook on our way to becoming accredited Markers, Measurers' and Umpires. The course was conducted by International Umpire Michael Loughead from Darwin, who flew down for the weekend to run the course. We have been short on umpires at the club, with only Mick Hewett still remaining from the original course conducted 4 years ago. It is a necessity to have a qualified umpire during any club championship game, and from here on we should have that box ticked.

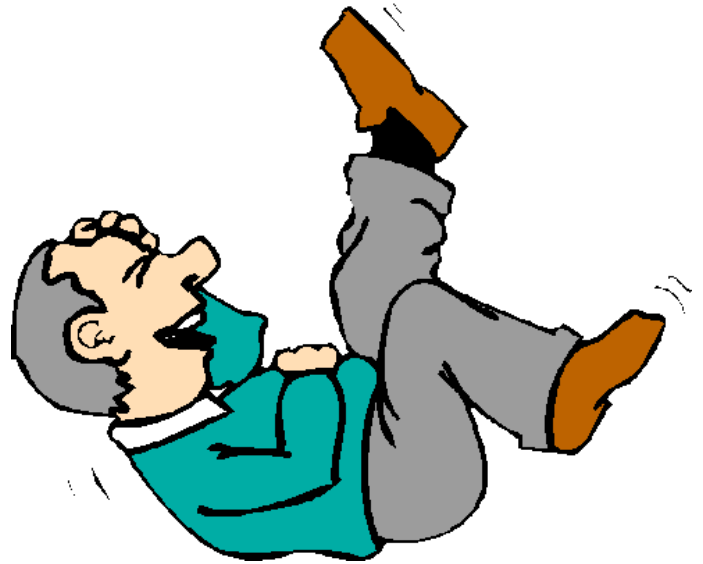
With the approach of spring, it is noticeable that we have that beautiful green tinge beginning to appear on the green that is just so appealing. The work Tony and Paul have done in the past year or so has been outstanding, and I think the green played wonderfully well right through the winter. It was good to play at some Gold Coast Venues to do a comparison, and without a doubt our green stands up against the best of them.

It was great to be able to get away from work recently and come down and watch the kids from OLSH Traeger Park playing bowls for their activities session. David had them well drilled and with the help of Mr Michael Hurley the session went wonderfully well. I saw plenty of potential there, and hopefully we can convert a few of them into Junior Bowlers.

Until the next Newsletter,

Ray 'Ninja' Dienelt,
El Presidente

ANOTHER WRONG BIAS



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."

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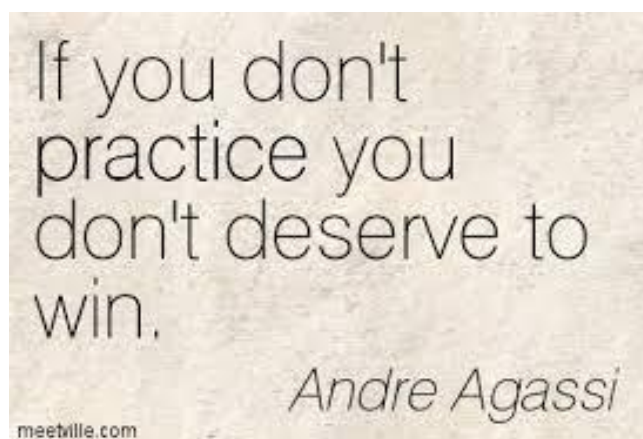
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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Wednesday training
4.30pm – 6.30pm

Have a go at this practice drill? How many points can you get?

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Player				Date: / /		
Drill 1: 40 Bowl Draw Drill						
Conditions						
End	No of Bowl	Hand played	Jack Position	1st Bowl	2nd Bowl	Total Score
1	2	F/H	Long			
	2	F/H	Short			
2	2	B/H	Long			
	2	B/H	Short			
3	2	F/H	Short			
	2	F/H	Long			
4	2	B/H	Short			
	2	B/H	Long			
5	2	F/H	Mat Up			
	2	F/H	Mat Up			
6	2	B/H	Long			
	2	B/H	Short			
7	2	F/H	Long			
	2	F/H	Short			
8	2	B/H	Short			
	2	B/H	Long			
9	2	F/H	Short			
	2	F/H	Long			
10	2	B/H	Short			
	2	B/H	Long			
			TOTAL			
SCORES						
1 Point for each bowl within a mat length						
4 Points total per end						
Total on short ends						/22
Total on long ends						/18
Total on Forehand SHORT				/10		
Total on Forehand LONG				/8		
Total on Backhand SHORT				/12		
Total on Backhand LONG				/10		
If no score - Mark the cell with reason.						
N=Narrow, W=Wide, S=Short, L=Long						

BOWLS TACTICS

It is good tactics to observe and note the length which your opposition use when they gain the mat. Often they will reveal where their particular strengths are, and an astute Skip can take advantage when the mat is regained.

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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. You can find a range of information on our website www.memo.bowls.com.au click on **"Functions"**.

If you are interested or know someone who is, get in contact David Knight – 0434 616 960

ALICE SPRINGS NIGHT OWLS



Jack Attack has been up and running again, since September, upon returning from the NT State Championships in Darwin. We have had at least half the teams from Season 1 return to the competition for Season 2.

You can see, by talking to the players, they are enjoying their bowls. Players are smiling, dancing and laughing and meeting new people and networking with other businesses. Michael Carmody has been a fantastic help, with setting up, cooking the BBQ, teaching people how to play. Would also like to thank Ray Dienelt for selling raffles tickets, and Paul Harding for manning the bar. These nights are worth considerable amount of income to the club. We have Prime Cut Meats

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donating 80 sausages to the event each week. We have Coles Supermarkets donating three small meat trays to the night, which we raffle off. We also have Chifley Alice Springs Resort donating, 3 meal vouchers as a major prize of the night. Barefoot bowls could not happen without these sponsors and the members who donate their time to come down and talk to the barefoot bowlers. If you have a spare 15 mins – 60 mins on a Thursday night, your presence and /or help would be most appreciated. The players are all very eager to learn and meet "real" bowlers. Saturday bowlers understand the rules of the game, and have experiences to share with new "potential" members. As a club we need to make these players feel welcome and encourage them to take the next step and play on Saturdays. We are developing a concept of a PRO-AM. Where a Saturday bowler teams up with a Barefoot Bowler, for a few games on Sunday. Prize money being put up by the club, to encourage players coming along. I would urge all Saturday bowlers, come along for 15 minutes and see the good work that is happening in the club. You might even pick a good partner for the PRO-AM. I heard a quote the other day....

"It's not what the club can give you....
It's what can I do for my club" to ensure it continues to grow, is strong and is financially viable.

Are you able to arrive at bowls 5 minutes early, and put some jacks and mats around?

Are you able to pick up some milk and coffee?

Are you able to mow around the surrounds?

Are you able to empty a few bins?

Can you sort some glass bottles?

Many hands makes light work, for a small club.

How can you help the club?

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UNDER THE MICROSCOPE



- 12. **Favourite Bands:** The Doors
- 13. **Favourite Food:** Lamb Roast
- 14. **Favourite Movie:** The Green Mile
- 15. **If you did not bowl what would you be doing?**
Home in the garden having a beer with "Lucky" the Jack Russell

AN INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

- 1. **Name:** Tony Daw, Our Greenkeeper
- 2. **Occupation:** Storeman at the Alice Springs Hospital
- 3. **When did you arrive in Alice Springs?** 2001
- 4. **What brought you to Alice Springs?**
A holiday, just passing through
- 5. **How do you like to relax, spend your spare time?** Walking "Lucky" the Jack Russell, or a few beers at the local hotel
- 6. **Where would I find you on a Friday night?** At the bull bar (Bowls Club)
- 7. **How many people in your family?** 2 kids
- 8. **Do you have any hobbies?** Bowls, Gardening, Punting, Couple of cold beers
- 9. **What's something most people don't know about you?** "I have a soft side!"
- 10. **Where is your favourite spot in Alice?**
Mt Gillen
- 11. **Name one thing you would add to improve our club:** A Permanent Venue

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