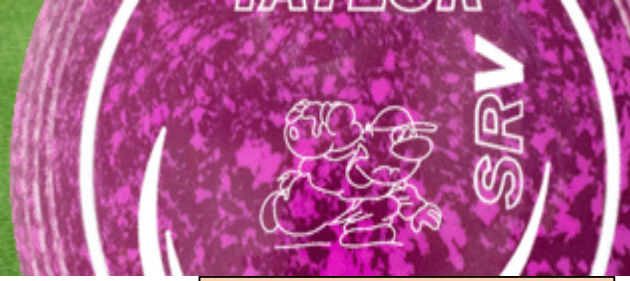


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NEWS

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Just a reminder club memberships fees are due. If you plan to continue bowling, your memberships need to be paid, these funds make you financial for club championships events and help the club going and paying for various expenses. If you are having trouble paying the membership, come and talk to us and see if we can work something out.

INTENSIVE TRAINING

It has been a while since our last newsletter, however in early December 2014. Bowls NT flew State coach Tony Shelley, Men's Selector Mick Holdstock and Women's Selector Sue Aumann to Alice Springs to run an intensive training 2 day weekend to assist players develop and improve. It was also an opportunity for the selectors to see those who nominated for the state teams. We have sent Bowls NT an appreciation letter for making this opportunity available to us. The weekend was full of games, drills and learning about bowls. All who attended had a blast.

CHRISTMAS PARTY/PRESENTATION NIGHT

We held our presentation night and end of year Christmas party on Sunday 7th December after the conclusion of state training. We decided to hold it on a Sunday night, because many people have various engagements and didn't want anyone to miss out due to timing. Being so close to Christmas, the committee made the call and planned it for this night. A HUGE thank you to **Leanne Ladgrove** and **Peter Thornton**. A huge amount of time went into planning, preparing and co-ordinating this night. This night would not have been a success with you both.

A thank you to **Letitia Baldwin** for arranging the beautiful trophies for those recipients. It was a great night, shared with friends and many laughs. **Warren Snowdon MP** was on hand to award our trophies to recipients and made a donation to the club to assist with the cost of the trophies. Thanks Warren, your support and attendance was greatly appreciated. **If you have made a final of any championship event in 2013 or 2014. You may have a trophy**

waiting for you, just ask David Knight for more information. Next year we have planned the date for our presentation night well in advance to give people time to organise the dates. Hope to see you in a years' time!

REMINDERS

NOW – Membership Renewals

Jan 23 – Mixed Pairs Championship

TBA (Late Feb) – Markers, Measurers and Umpire Course

TBA (Feb) Night League 2014

Feb 11 - Jack Attack Comp

Feb 28 Pairs Championships

April 4-5 - 2 Day Carnival

April 18 Singles Championships

May 9 Fours Championships

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



STATE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Mid way through December after the Alice Springs Intensive weekend. The Women's state team was announced first. **Letitia Baldwin, Helen Siganto, Vicky Howie** and **Leanne Ladgrove** were selected to represent the women in Yokine, Perth, in April 2015. **Jill Scott** was also named as a reserve. The men had **Ray Dienelt** and **Greg Whelan** selected. We are over the moon about the women's selections and a little disappointed with the men's selections. This just means we will need to train and work a little harder working towards the state championships in September 2015.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Tony Shelley has asked state reps to attend training on Wednesday and Sundays. The expectation is to complete at least TWO score cards a week minimum. THREE if possible.

MEMO CLUB

Interim General Manager of the Memo Club, Mark Evans has moved on and the club is now in the hands of Ken Dodge who has been appointed General Manager.

MEMO CLUB OPENING HOURS

The club has been contacted indicating due to lack of support from the foundation sporting clubs and the community of Alice Springs. The clubs opening hours are significantly going to be reduced. Not opening Sunday. Monday-Wednesday 11am-6pm. Thursday-Saturday 11am-9pm.

GREEN MAINTENANCE

We closed the green for 3 weeks over the Christmas break. We hope you all had a festive and happy holiday and ready to get back into bowls for the New Year. Special mention needs to be given to the work of **Tony Daw, Paul Harding** and **David Knight**. While most of us were drinking and eating too much, relaxing and enjoying life. The boys were into

upgrading the green. Have a look around and see what's different. Numerous big and little jobs were undertaken to improve our club. Thanks guys for your time and effort. A special mention to **Al and Many Corry** who put us in touch with **Brendan** at Big 4 MacDonnell Range Holiday Park, who donated two trailer loads of Jessie gap sand which went to filling the holes in the ditches and repairing patches in the green. A HUGE thanks to Brendan and MacDonnell Range Holiday Park. The result looks fantastic.



CALENDAR

Some members have asked about our calendar of events for the club this year. One is now in the bowls office. You can also find it on our website www.memo.bowls.com.au

It is accurate as it can be however is subject to change without notice.

IDEAS

Do you have a good idea, or way of making our club better? Would you like to see more plants around? Would you like nights available for a game? If you have a good idea please put it in writing and pass it on to David Knight, to take to a committee meeting.

“We would love to hear what would make the club better from our members. What do you want?”

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PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Welcome to another newsletter and may I wish everyone a happy new year and hope everyone has had a good break over Christmas. Since our last newsletter in November, we have had a few noteworthy things happen within the club. We had the state selectors visit for an intensive weekend whereby we had around 15 bowlers attend for a full on training camp. I was most impressed with the quality of the bowls put forward by our bowlers throughout the weekend, keeping the Memorial Bowls Club in the spotlight for higher duties. The sides were announced in early December with our ladies leading the way with four selected players. Helen and Letitia were again given the honour of representing the Territory and the inclusion of debutants Leanne Ladgrove and Vicky Howie. Then men have two members in the side, being Greg Whelan and myself. We also have Jill Scott, Paul Harding and David Knight named on the emergency list, well done to all concerned. An interesting note that six players from the Memorial Club represents 1/4 of the overall team and is the second highest number of any club in the N.T. The green has been rested through the Christmas break and with the aid of 250 ml of beautiful summer rain it is now in absolute pristine condition. A great job done by Tony Daw and his little helper Paul Harding. Thanks guys. I think everyone is in agree that the removal of the internal fencing on the eastern boundary has given the club a real lift. Its great driving past and seeing our beautiful club and it will certainly add much needed exposure to the general public. I think the beautiful breezes and the view through the Todd River are a welcome addition to our facilities. The mixed pairs is underway on Friday evenings with seven team nominated. Beautiful balmy summer nights are a true delight to play in. We are also gradually building up our number on a Saturday afternoon social, hope to see you out there bowling.

Until the next Newsletter,

Ray 'Ninja' Dienelt,
El Presidente

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BIRTHDAYS

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

Dec 15 – Kylie Ladgrove

Dec 30 – Paul Harding

Jan 19 – David Knight

Jan 26 – Greg Wells

Jan 27 – Ray Dienelt

Apologies if I have missed your Dec/Jan Birthday. I'm working with the information currently entered on our database. It may need to be updated.

TRAINING...

With the results of our state men's selections failing to meet our expectations. Training and drills will be set up regularly on **Wednesday 5pm – 6pm ish**. Keep Wednesdays free and come down for 20 mins, 40 mins or until we pack up. It's a great chance to practice shots and practice improves your game day performances.



HOLIDAYS

Have you got your holidays planned for 2015? Maybe consider taking a week in September? The NT State Championships are held in Darwin. Every year we take more and more bowlers up for the competition and to test our skills. Ask anyone who has been

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before... It's a great week or bowls, relaxation and new friendships. If you are serious about bowls or looking for a different holiday this year, just remember September and Darwin. After bowls you are free to stroll through the markets. Go to the beach, test your luck at the Casino and a range of other things. Would love to see all Alice Springs bowlers head up to Darwin. Bowls NT subsidise our travel, contributing \$350 to each competitor who travels. Think about it

ANOTHER WRONG BIAS

DO WHATEVER...

One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very sexy nightie. 'Tie me up', she purred, 'and you can do anything you want.' So he tied her up and went and had a game of bowls.

BOWLS TACTICS

#4 - It is always good tactics to play the shot offering more than one opportunity of attaining your object. In other words play the shot that gives the easiest and perhaps an extra chance of success if you happen to be slightly astray with grass or pace.

ALICE SPRINGS NIGHT OWLS

A special hello to our social and night bowlers. Because you became social members last year, existing members have no membership fees. YES! Just touching base with you all. We are starting a new Thursday night league competition. Start organising your teams, it won't be far away. Furthermore we have registered as a JACK ATTACK club (read next news post). It is a Twenty-20 version of bowls. 3 players per team, No skips (Captains) Music, Beer, Fun. Played and done in 1 hour and 15 minutes. We are looking at having business houses JACK ATTACK on Wednesday night 6-7.15pm and the Young Guns (Under 30s) JACK ATTACK Friday night 6-7.15pm, giving people time to go out for dinner or

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kick on for the night. Think about getting a team of 3 together.

BAREFOOT BOWLS



A new **Thursday night league** competition is just around the corner. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and watch your emails. Start thinking about getting a team together. ANOTHER exciting announcement, you may have heard about the Bowls APL (Australian Premier League). It is the Twenty-20 version of Bowls called “**Jack Attack**”. It fast and exciting. Each game only lasts about 1 hour. We are looking at having music, which will be a great night out for all.

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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. If you are interested or know someone who is, get in contact Paul Harding - 0400 350 075 Ray Dienelt - 0413 638 393

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