

# Drawing Shot

Memorial Bowls Club, Alice Springs, Inc Newsletter

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### NEWS

#### NEW MEMBERS

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Nardine Collier and Geoff Hunter to our club. Both Nardine and Geoff are enthusiastic to be involved with our club. If you see them around, please introduce yourself and make them feel most welcome the Alice way!

#### 2015 AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our state rep players, best of luck in the coming weeks as you go off to represent the Northern Territory and Alice Springs at the Australian Sides Championships in Yokine, Perth. Ray Dienelt, Greg Whelan, Letitia Baldwin, Helen Siganto, Vicky Howie, Leanne Ladgrove and Jill Scott. Go Crocs !!!!

#### 2015 MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONS



Congratulations Jill Scott and Greg Whelan, our 2015 Mixed Pairs Champions. With only one lost and a

couple of big wins, gave Jill and Greg a huge lead in shots, making them very difficult to catch. Finishing with 5 wins, 10 points and +49 shots. Both of you played well, and very deserving winners. Helen Siganto and Paul Harding were our runners up. While Helen and Paul also had 5 wins, 10 points, they were a close second with +24 shots. Well done to all who played or substituted. It was a great

competition, and would have only been made better if we had more teams. Ray mentioned at the beginning of the championship his disappointment that many of our men bowlers missed out due our club having limited female players. We would hope in this coming year with the introduction of "Jack Attack" Night Bowls, we may pick up a few more lady bowlers and even men bowlers. This being said, Ray

### REMINDERS

**NOW** – Membership Renewals

**TBA (May/June)** – Markers, Measurers and Umpire Course

**April 4-5** - 2 Day Carnival

**April 18** Singles Championships

**May 9** Fours Championships

**June 6-8** Ch of Champions

**June 27** – Super Series

**Sept** – State Championships

**Sept** – Territory Wide Shield

**NOTE:** Thursday Social bowls now in the morning **9.30am**



Intensive Training Weekend with Faye Luke – Feb 28, 2015

suggested we change the tournament into a “Mixed Triples” instead of a Mixed Pairs, this way each team will require an additional player either male or female, hoping to include more of our members into competitive championship bowls. Everyone wants to play for something, this is a great way to achieve this. Something to think about, but looking forward the club will need to decide where we go from here. Furthermore, the Mixed Pairs our first club championship for the year, had some people commenting they did not enjoy bowling at night time for one reason or another. The reason we play at night, is because of the summer day time temperature gets too hot to be in the sun all day. If we decide to move away from night bowls for championships. It means that our season will not be able to begin until early-mid March, compared with end of January. As a club we can choose to run events whenever the committee plan for them. If you have some thoughts, the committee would love to hear your input.

## 2015 MENS SINGLES NOMINATIONS

2015 Men’s Singles Nomination sheet is up the cupboard in the bowls office for those wishing to nominate. Starting **Approximately April 18.**

## 2015 MENS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Thanks guys for being flexible and making an effort to get the Men’s Pairs Championship started so suddenly. The Mixed Pairs went longer than we anticipated, and with a few other things going on at the time. The nomination sheet did not go up. Thanks to Ray for getting the championships organised, up and running so quickly. It’s great to see many bowlers out there enjoying our game. It’s exciting to be back out there playing competitive bowls. We now know that Michael Campion and Greg Whelan have won section A, and Michael Hewett and Ray Dienelt have won section B. Our final will be played pending an available time as Greg and Ray are involved in the Australian Sides in Perth. Watch this spot. I would like to take this moment

though to comment somewhat on the competition. This year saw some surprise wins and defeats, and some big margins. I have learnt that just like in pennant bowls, every ‘single’ bowl counts. Losing a game in round two by 5 shots instead of giving up and losing by 25 shots may be the difference in winning the section. There are so many variables over five founds, and that one bowl you thought didn’t matter, may be the difference in winning the section and coming a close second. Every time you step on the mat, fight for every shot, every bowl counts whether you can see it in the moment or five weeks away. The competitive bowls at present is making us a stronger club, and better players.

## CLUB WEBSITE

Our Club website is [www.memo.bowls.com.au](http://www.memo.bowls.com.au) would be in the top 20 bowling club websites in the

country. The amount of information and accessibility it has. We are moving towards having most things at fingers reach. You can already log on and look at AND UPDATE your details. Our online store will soon, be operational. We are preparing events that people can register online

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for. What we need though is feedback! If you have a spare 5-10 minutes log on to our site. Have a look around! Click things and see what happens. Tell us what you think! What works, what doesn't work? So we can make it better!

## THIS IS YOUR CLUB

Many of us, do little jobs around the club, whether it is emptying a bin, cleaning a table, tidying up or putting mats and jacks around ready to start. We all have a vested interest that the club does well, because it means we can continue to play bowls and spend time with our friends. I would encourage you to find a small job and make it your own. Many hands makes light work. Completing what may seem like an easy small job, means someone who is doing lots of things has one less thing to do and it will be muchly appreciated.

## ARTICLES

Each month, I start a new newsletter adding all the components. As things happen around the club, I write small articles each night. It takes one month to compile each newsletter, looking for the stories and events etc, however it also takes time writing the stories each night. This is OUR club. If you would like to write an article to include in a monthly newsletter, please feel free to have a go and pass it onto David. I would love to see members taking ownership and writing an article or monthly column. The sky is the limited, it's up to you.

## PHOTOS

The hardest part of creating the newsletter is photos. If you have taken a photo, send it in preferably before the last week in the month. They are much better to see than reading walls of my writing.

## SPEAKER

The committee has purchased a small LG "boom" box to play music on for Jack Attack, Night Bowls, Social Bowls or Private Function Hire. Please take care of this new equipment. It is here to create a fun atmosphere while bowling at selected times.



## GOLF BOWLS UNITE

Many of you may have seen an article on the back page of the Centralian Advocate "Golf Bowls Unite" – Friday 6 March 2015. At the end of 2014. The government planned to sell off its ownership of TIO. Ray and David prepared and sent off an application for grant money as part of the sale. Little to our knowledge the Alice Springs Golf Club had also put an application in. Considering Golf and Lawn Bowls both use a green to play on, it would seem like an ideal marriage of the two sports at the same venue. In our grant proposal, we asked for the ability to have a second green in whatever way we could receive. The golf club put forward a \$2.5 million proposal to redevelop its site and building some new synthetic bowling greens with the intention of attracting the bowling club. From our point of view, this is a very exciting opportunity for us, to move into a professionally managed club with green keepers to care for our facilities. The fact remains, we have a lease with Centre corp for everything inside the bowling club fences for the next four years until May 2019. For the bowling club to "consider" changing facilities, we would need to have access to one green with a second green not very far away so that we could run tournaments. As well we would need to either serve our lease for the Memorial Bowling Club grounds or pay our way out of the lease. Many many things will need to happen to make sure bowls is advocated for and to ensure if a move does occur that bowls will be

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secure long in to the future. After this article appeared in the newspaper. Ray was asked to appear of ASN (Alice Springs Sport News) Sports Talk Radio Program SUN 96.9FM If you would like to listen to Ray thoughts of the article. The interview can be heard online at our Sound Cloud channel.

<https://soundcloud.com/memorial-bowls-club-as/>

## PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Welcome to another newsletter, a lot has been happening in the background this month. I am not able to disclose what has been going on just yet, but I hope in the coming weeks, I will be able to share the news.

I am excited that Jack Attack our new Thursday night bowls is starting to pick up some speed. Many who play love everything about it. Whenever you take a risk and start something new, there are times you ask yourself did we make the right decision. Well the evidence is in the growing numbers of people coming to play bowls on a Thursday night in the Jack Attack Competition. We can only hope it goes from strength to strength and we can show the community what a great sport, lawn bowls actually is.

I would like to thank Michael Carmody, Al and Mandy Corry, Tommy Ladgrove and Graeme Berryman for donating their time to come and assist running Jack Attack and social nights, you make a difference, thanks!

A few members have discussed the possibility of opening the green on a Friday afternoon after work, putting the lights on and having, some "grudge" matches, whoever turns up and get some games going. Some roll ups, training, but the real intention is to open the green to new comers. Anyone who might like to have a go? Well Friday arvo might be a great option. We are still a little way off making this happen, however it is something we want to do to cater for those wanting to try bowls. Watch this space.

Until the next Newsletter,  
Ray 'Ninja' Dienelt,  
El Presidente

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## BIRTHDAYS

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



Mar 1 – Tony Daw

Mar 5 – Geoffrey McEwin

Mar 11 – Trent Walton

Mar 19 – Stuart Renwick

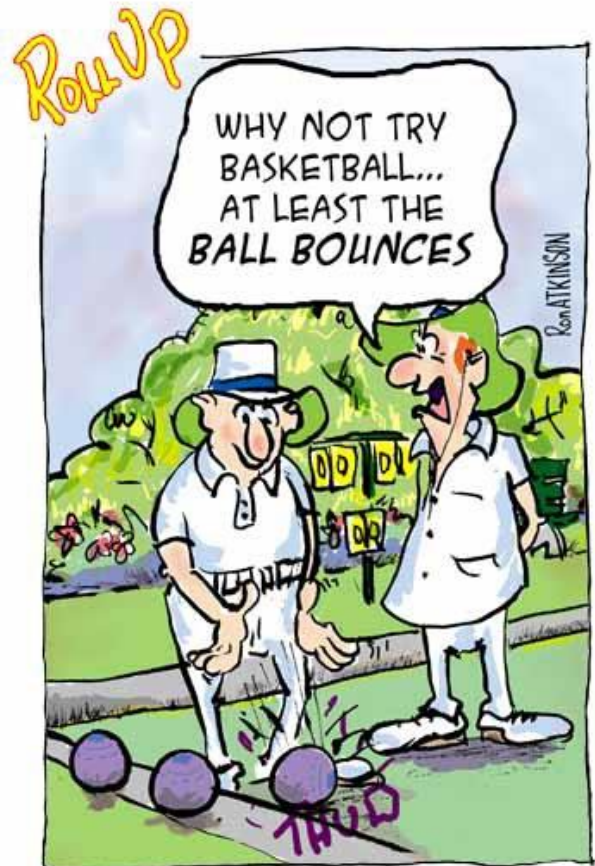
Mar 20 – Warren Snowdon MP

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

## ANOTHER WRONG BIAS

Tom had always played bowls every Sunday after going to Church with Martha for the last 20 years. However one Sunday the Vicar notices Tom missing from the congregation and Martha looking quite distressed. The Vicar approaches Martha and asks what is troubling her.

"It's Tom" she replied sobbing "he's dead"



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"Oh I'm sorry to hear that" exclaimed the vicar." Did he say anything before he died? What were his last words?"  
"Put that gun down" she replied.

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

With the State team just about to head off. Sunday practice is taking a break. However if you would like to practice or come down for a game, get in touch we might be able to accommodate you. **Wednesday training 5pm – 6pm** will continue. Like all sports, if you want to improve you need to put time into practicing, and bowls is no different.

## BOWLS TACTICS

Be aware of your opponents' tactics when the length is altered or when the mat is shifted.

## ALICE SPRINGS NIGHT OWLS

Welcome back to our social and night bowlers. By this point, we hope you have put a few bowls down. Enjoyed the new revamped Night League / Jack Attack Competition. Our new speaker and music is a great addition to the atmosphere of night bowls. Our competition is a little different than in seasons gone by. We welcome those new members who have signed up and enjoying their bowls. To those who have slipped away, we are still here. If you are unsure about the new competition, please come down and have a look. Five mins, and you will see how much fun everyone is having. We still have room for more teams. Check out our website [www.memo.bowls.com.au](http://www.memo.bowls.com.au) and click on Jack Attack for more information. Would be great to see a green full of people enjoying bowls. Our season has suffered a few hiccups and setbacks, however we are intending **launching on Thursday April 9**. Come down for a look on April 2 if you are available!

## 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 David Knight – 0434 616 960  
Ray Dienelt - 0413 638 393



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