



Drawing Shot

Memorial Bowls Club, Alice Springs, Inc Newsletter

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NEWS

NEWSLETTER

I apologise to our readership that there has been a fair break between newsletters, due to my old living arrangements and not having access to the internet. It made life very difficult. Thank you for your patience as I try to get newsletters out as often as possible.

RADIO – ALICE SPRINGS SPORTS NEWS

We are trying to build the profile of bowls in Alice Springs, we will try and have a new segment or talk bowls on Alice Springs Sport News (ASN) at some point during the show. 96.9FM (Sun FM) between 8-10am.

2015 MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to Bruce Fyfe who defeated Tom Ladgrove 25-11 in the men's singles final. It was a good game in excellent conditions. It was refreshing to have some different club members playing with good form to come through to the final, and that's the beauty of our game. Anyone can beat anyone on any given day. Well played guys.

The Men's Pairs Final we are still chasing a date to play that final between Michael Campion, Greg Whelan and Michael Hewett, Ray Dienelt.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members over the last couple of months Heather Saunders, Andrea Taylor, Pat Legg and welcome back Andrew Leach. Good to see so many people out bowling on a Saturday.

GRANT

Great news came through about the end of April. The NT government have allocated 1.5 million dollars towards a lawns bowls facility in Alice Springs. Ray attended the ministers briefing where they detailed their plan. As expected the money has been allocated to the golf club, to build two new greens along with facilities, like bowls shed and lighting. Ray has been invited to come onto a working committee to steer and guide the building of our new facilities. We look forward to what the future will bring.

2015 MEN'S FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP

After a few short weeks we have completed our Men's fours championships with many close games. While last year's champions had a close battle with Paul Harding's boys, and also Greg Whelan's team. The boys snuck over the line to a well-deserved championship going through undefeated. Paul Harding still has one game to play against Peter

REMINDERS

NOW – Membership Renewals

August 8-9 – Markers, Measurers and Umpire Course

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

Dec 5 – Presentation Night

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

Thurgood to decide who will be our runner's up for 2015. Stay tuned.

2015 LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ladies have flown this year through their championships. In the **pairs**, we had Leanne Ladgrove and Jill Scott, claiming the win this year, with Mandy Corry and Mignon Williams, playing well to be our runner's up.

The **ladies singles** were completed in one weekend, however ALL the games were very tight, with only 5 shots difference. Well done ladies you all played well and had a great championship. We had Mignon Williams in the end overcoming Jill Scott in a close game.

The ladies **triples** were claimed by Leanne Ladgrove, Vicky Howie and Jill Scott. They were closely chased by Linda Hughes, Carol Cartwright and Mignon Williams.



The ladies **fours** seen some old faces brought back to bowls, while we also roped in some new faces to help build the four teams. The victory went to Linda Hughes, Mandy Corry, Carol Cartwright and Mignon Williams. Runners Up were Jill Dienelt, Leanne Ladgrove, Vicky Howie and Jill Scott.

2015 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

As our singles champions Bruce Fyfe and Mignon Williams have qualified for the NT champion of champion's event

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to be held in Alice Springs, Finke weekend 6 June. Mignon played well, but unfortunately went down in both her games against Colleen Orr from Darwin, and Carolyn Smolski from Humpty Doo, with Carolyn going on to win the ladies NT Singles. Bruce was a bit more lucky having a win against Stan Smolski from Humpty Doo, but going down to a worthy opponent Mark Malorgoski from Nightcliff, naming Bruce the runners up, male champion of champions.

KEYS



Most members have received a RED key by now which gives you access to the bowling club. Please feel free to come and roll up at a time that is suitable to you. Just remember to be diligent and look after our facilities and clean up after yourself. A key to the kitchen is in the bowls shed, if you require to use the toilet.

I have been asked by Paul and Tony.

NO roll ups or play on Mondays.

The green gets watered and maintained Sunday afternoon. It needs rest. Otherwise look out for the green closed signs on the green itself.

UMPIRES COURSE

We have locked in the first weekend for our umpire's course being **August 8-9** Those participating have been informed and materials ordered for the course, we are excited about having some newly trained umpires and bank of knowledge in the club. If you would like to come along an listen its start Fri night Aug 7 @ 7pm. Sat Aug 8 & Sun 9 @ 9am. At the bowls club.

ROTARY GUEST SPEAKER

During the promotion of the oncoming Thursday night social bowls competition. Jack Attack. David was invited by Eli Melky to speak to the Rotary club promoting our club, and Jack attack, the speech went well, and many questions were asked, let's hope the good word spreads and we get some more members.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN



The NT have approximately 12 players who competed in the Australian Open on the Gold Coast June 13-28. We had one team competing in the fours being David Knight, Max Prewett, Clive Bell and Tom Ladgrove. The boys played pairs and singles as well. Ray Dienelt also attended playing with some interstate mates. Ray played Alex Marshall (Scottish international player and currently best bowler in the world) and gave him a run for his money in the singles. We had some good wins, and a great time away.



MAINTENANCE

There are starting to appear little jobs around the club. We all have our lives outside the bowls club. If you can see something wrong, have a go at fixing it. If the mats and jacks are not out when you arrive at bowls, take two minutes and put them around. If the flags are not up, have a go at that. If the bin is full, find a place to empty it.

We are planning at having another **working bee** somewhere in the near future to get a few things tidied up. We really would appreciate as many members who can attend to help get all the jobs done quickly as possible so we can get on with our weekends.

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BIRTHDAYS

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



May 5 – Fritz Hadke

May 20 – Andrea Taylor

May 26 – Greg Pankhurst

May 28 – Mandy Corry

May 29 – Rod Dodd

June 16 – Corrine Whalen

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

JUNIOR SPIKES



Colleen Orr (Regional Bowls Manager - RBM) for the NT came down prior to the Champion of Champions event, and going around local school to promote lawn bowls, especially with the new Junior Jack Attack soft bowls kits that can be used on any hard playing surface like a basketball court, ideal for schools. We had a great day and

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made some good contacts. Through the efforts being put in behind the seen. Colleen has arranged for our club to get a Junior Jack Attack kit for FREE (worth \$750), because we are trying to develop our junior ranks. This is a lovely surprise as these kits are an investment in the club's future. We thank Bowls Australia for the donation and Colleen's effort to help us. As a result we have teamed up with OLSH Traegar who are brining two groups of students for a four week period. We hope to gain some junior bowlers from this group.

SCHOOL SPORTING VOUCHERS

Kids who present a \$100 or \$75 school sporting voucher will be entitled to a junior pack including shirt, hat, and membership to the club. These vouchers are a way to encourage kids to take up sport. At no cost to their parents, we might find the next Arron Sherriff or Alex Marshall. If you would like one of these vouchers you can ask for a replacement through the website. Ask David for more information.

ANOTHER WRONG BIAS

I rang up my local bowling club. I said "is that the local bowling club?" He said "it depends where you're calling from!"

How was your bowling game?

How was your bowling game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Tracy. "Well, I was bowling well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad I couldn't see where the bowl went." "But you're seventy-five years old, Jack!" Admonished his wife, "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?" "But he's eighty-five and doesn't even bowl anymore," protested Jack. "But he's got perfect eyesight. He could watch your bowl," Tracy pointed out. The next day Jack bowled with Scott looking on. Jack bowled to a long jack. "Do you see it?" asked Jack. "Yes," Scott answered. "Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering up the green. "I forgot".



BOWLS TACTICS

If you can't get the shot. Try for second shot, it ensures you only go one down, and keeps you in the game. With a bit of luck you might even draw the shot, while attempting to draw second.

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GREEN HIRE



Beautiful day for a birthday party

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 Ray Dienelt - 0413 638 393

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

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.

Try this practice drill how many points can you get?

No jack. Roll your first bowl to length specified. That now becomes your jack. Your next three bowls are to draw as close as you can to your original bowl.

Player			Date / /			
Drill 5: Grouping						
Conditions						
End	Length	Hand	2nd bowl	3rd bowl	4th bowl	Total
1	L	F/H				/3
2	S	B/H				/3
3	S	F/H				/3
4	L	B/H				/3
5	L	F/H				/3
6	S	B/H				/3
7	S	F/H				/3
8	L	B/H				/3
9	L	F/H				/3
10	S	B/H				/3
11	S	F/H				/3
12	L	B/H				/3
		TOTAL				
Total points scored =						/36
Total F/H. =						/36
Total B/H. =						/36
Total F/H. LONG =						/9
Total F/H. SHORT =						/9
Total B/H. LONG =						/9
Total B/H. SHORT =						/9
SCORES						
1 Point: for Drawing within a mat length of the first bowl						
If no score - Mark the cell with reason. N=Narrow, W=Wide, S=Short, L=Long.						

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ALICE SPRINGS NIGHT OWLS



The next season of Jack Attack is just around the corner. We are just waiting for the weather to warm up in the evening. We have planned the season for September 17 – November 5. Talk to your friends, start saving and get you teams ready.

\$240/ team entry for eight week competition equals about \$10/person/night. Unfortunately the fee needs to be paid upfront to lessen the burden of dealing with money each week. Suggestion: Start putting your \$10 a week in to a container now, and it will be ready by September. If this is an issue give us a call to see if we can help.

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UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

AN INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

1. **Name:** Mandy Corry
2. **Occupation:** Front Office Supervisor at Big 4 Caravan Park.
3. **When did you arrive in Alice Springs?** June 2011
4. **What brought you to Alice Springs?** On leave from "Memorial Bowls Club"

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Medicare, travelling around and was told plenty of work in Alice Springs, and walked into job at the caravan park.

5. **How do you like to relax, spend your spare time?**

Listening to music, reading, baking and playing bowls.

6. **Where would I find you on a Friday night?** At

home chilling out having a drink with others in the park.

7. **How many people in your family?** Al and Myself

8. **Do you have any hobbies?** Reading, Sudoku

9. **What's something most people don't know about you?** AC/DC is my favourite band.

10. **Where is your favourite spot in Alice?** My Kitchen Window faces the gap. Never get tired of looking at the gap.

11. **Name one thing you would add to improve our club:** Having a larger bowls office/clubroom and more toilets.

12. **Favourite Bands:** AC/DC

13. **Favourite Food:** Pasta

14. **Favourite Movie:** Shawshank Redemption.

15. **If you did not bowl what would you be doing?**

More time relaxing, listening to music and trying to get some baking done.



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