



Drawing Shot

Memorial Bowls Club, Alice Springs, Inc Newsletter

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NEWS

MEMBERSHIP FEES

2016 Membership Fees are now payable. **Members need to be financial for championship games!**

- \$85 Full Member
- \$55 Senior (Over 60 with a senior's card and no longer working).
- \$20 Social Member.
- \$15 Junior Member

You can pay via cash or cheque, to the treasurer Trent, David or Letitia.

You can also pay online via a credit card, saves chasing money. (There is a 4.4% surcharge for this service, about a \$1 or \$2).

HOW TO: Members can log into: memo.bowls.com.au > Membership Registration > login > first.lastname (*username*) or you can reset it > Registration Renewal > choose membership, put credit card details in and done!

DATABASE UPDATE

Bowls Australia, requires the club to maintain our members records and database. This is now online. When paying your membership fees, **please check your current details are up to date.**

memo.bowls.com.au > member registration > login > firstname.lastname (*username*) request your password if needed > click member update, and you can change your own details. Any problems send an email to memobowls@gmail.com or ring David 0434 616 960. Your birthday if incorrect needs to be changed by David.

NEW COLOURED BOWLS

The new committee approved the purchase of 30 brand new coloured sets of bowls from Henselite (Dreamline XG). We now have 10x sets of size 1, 10 sets of size 2 and 10x sets of size three in a variety of colours. These are for those who are members and use the

facilities. This move was made to attract people to play with new colourful bowls, rather than the old donated brown bowls. We hope it is an investment in the clubs the future and assets.

REMINDERS

NOW – Membership Renewals

Jan 14 – Green Re-opens

Jan 23 – Mixed Triples - 6pm

Jan 28 – Jack Attack Starts - 6pm

Feb 13-14 – State Intensive Training Weekend (Nightcliff)

TBA – Presentation Night

NOTE: Thursday Social bowls now in the **MORNING 9.00AM**



PRESENTATION NIGHT

Trophies for all 2015 winners and runners up have been ordered. Watch this space for details of when and where the Presentation Night will take place.

2016 COMMITTEE

President:	Letitia Baldwin
Vice President:	Greg Whelan
Treasurer:	Trent Walton
Secretary:	Letitia Baldwin/ David Knight
Committee Member:	Bruce Fyfe
Committee Member:	Michael Carmody
Committee Member:	David Knight
Committee Member:	Helen Siganto

2016 NT STATE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT



The announcement of the NT State Representative sides is due soon. Watch this space!

WASLEYS, SA

The club raised **\$5,163.00**, which has been transferred to help the Wasleys B.C, as their club house burnt down.

Thanks to all the sponsors who supported the night and to Ray for organising the event.

GREEN HIRE



CUB Christmas Party (above)

Are you someone who might like to hire the green for a **social or charity event**? There are a range of

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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

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



2015 was a busy year for social functions being held at the club. This is a lot of work for someone to manage. If you have time and are willing to lend a hand to assist in any way please put your name and contact details (email and mobile phone number) forward to David Knight. The ways in which you can help are endless. We need people willing to clean the bar area, ensure toilets are clean and there is enough toilet paper and soap available.

Bins to be emptied, grounds to be maintained. People to help show people how to bowl, cook BBQs, run the bar..... the list goes on. When taking a booking for a social function, David will send out information and request assistance from the list of members who have offered to help. Many hands make light work. Your assistance is very much appreciated. Thanks Letitia.



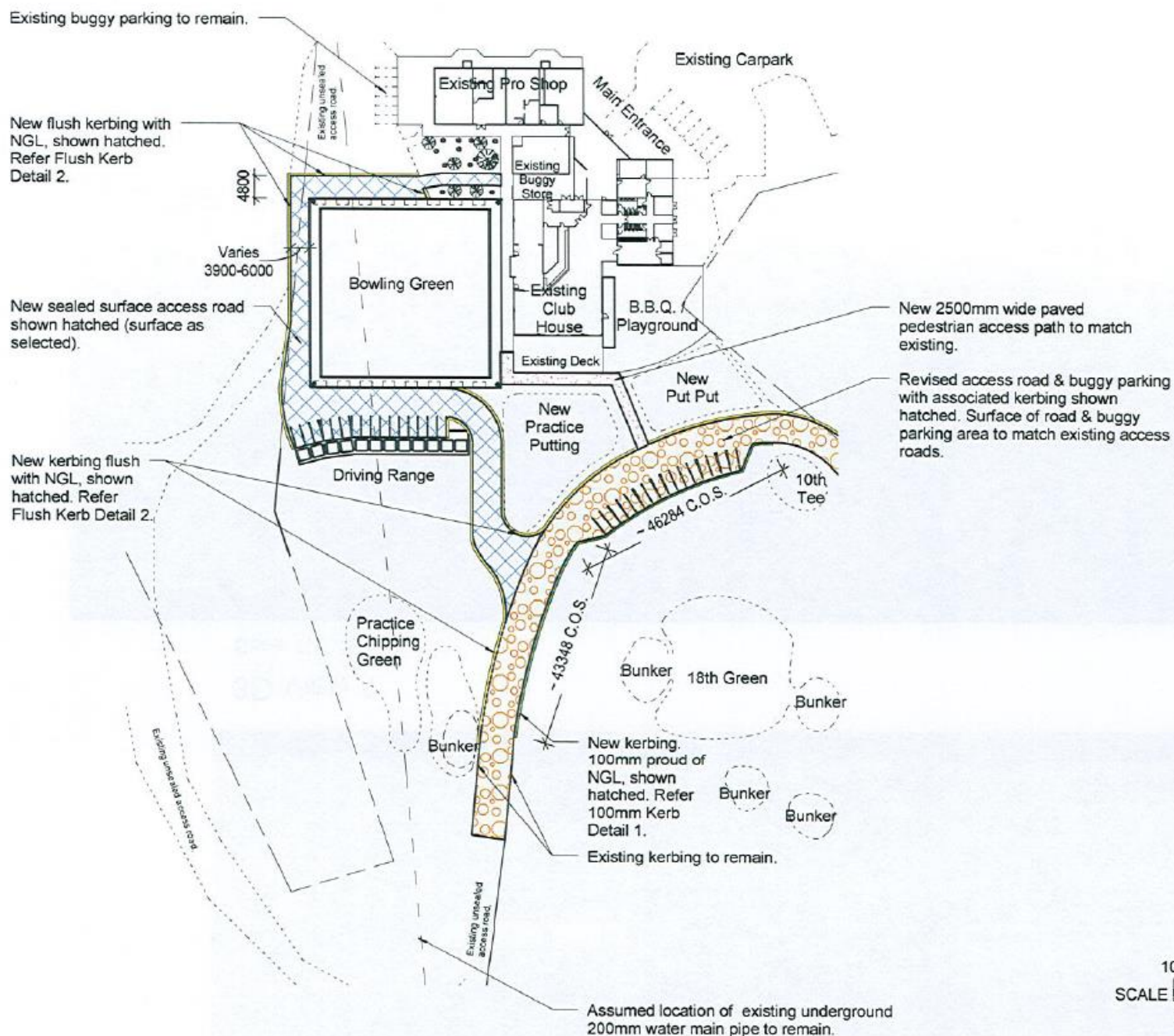
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GOLF CLUB BOWLING GREEN UPDATE

As advised by Ray at the recent AGM the Golf Club are going ahead with their plans to construct a bowling green at their property. Also, as advised **this venture is not a merger between us and the Golf Club**. We will remain two separate entities. Once the green is built, anyone wishing to join the Golf Club and play there is free to do so. As much as this new green is exciting for our sport and will

offer lovely new surroundings and amenities that we no longer have here, we still need to try and continue to exist here. We are only half way through our lease and as soon as we leave here there is no coming back.

Below is a brief picture of the development plans. These are available on the wall in the foyer of the Golf Club.



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BIRTHDAYS

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



Nov 9 – Jill Scott

Nov 21 – Steve Glenie

Dec 7 – Sarah Burdick

Dec 9 – Carol Cartwright

Dec 30 - Paul Harding

Jan 19 – David Knight

Jan 21 – Acaia Murray

Jan 24 - Nardine Collier

Jan 27 – Ray Dienelt

**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 CORNER

Happy New Year to you all. I trust you all had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed the festive season.

2015 was a busy year for us. Our greens proved very popular with Jack Attack, Junior Jack Attack and many social bookings throughout the year.

We were represented at the national level from Under 18's to Over 60's and we received exciting news of a new bowling green being built at the Golf Course.

With a new committee being voted in at the AGM, I'm confident that together with your support we will be able to continue to build on the positives of 2015 and make 2016 even greater.

Now that the holidays are over and the green has been rested our playing season is about to kick off. As always the season is headed up with the Mixed Championship.

This event is normally Mixed Pairs, but with the number of Lady Members declining we struggle to get enough teams in to make the competition worthwhile. This year we have changed from Pairs to Triples. Teams must have at least one lady member. Competition will commence on Saturday 23rd January at 6pm.

Please check the Nomination sheet on the board in the bowls shed for more information.

January also sees the return of Jack Attack. The committee have purchased and received 30 sets of new coloured Henselite bowls to replace all the old out of date sets that the Jack Attack players use. These will look great on the green and should add a little more spunk to this already fun atmosphere.

Once again, welcome to 2016 and I'll see you all on the green.

Letitia Baldwin
President

ANOTHER WRONG BIAS

DON'T LET THE TEAM DOWN.

The boys had arranged to have a practice before the championship game.

Sunday morning was chosen, and they all arrived on time except Steve.

When he finally arrived, the others all asked; "What kept you?"

"It was a toss-up as to whether I went to church or joined you blokes bowling", Steve replied.

"That shouldn't have taken long", said the skip.

"Well it did, I had to toss 13 times".



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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.

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. Have a go at the weight control practice drill, below.

Weight Control Drill						
Name and D:				BOWLS AUSTRALIA		
Venue/Condi				eed		
End	Hand	Length	2nd Bowl	3rd Bowl	4th Bowl	Total Score
1	F/Hand	Short to Long				
2	B/Hand	Long to Short				
3	F/Hand	Short to Long				
4	B/Hand	Long to Short				
5	F/Hand	Long to Short				
6	B/Hand	Short to Long				
7	F/Hand	Long to Short				
8	B/Hand	Short to Long				
9	F/Hand	Long to Short				
10	B/Hand	Short to Long				
Totals						/ 30
Percentage						
Bowls inside 3m Short to Long						15
Bowls inside 3m Long to Short						15
Bowls inside 3m on Forehand						15
Bowls inside 3m on Backhand						15
OBJECTIVE						
This drill is to improve Weight Control						
Play your first bowl to the length required, long or short.						
Increase or decrease each bowl so that, on a perfect end your 4 bowls, by increasing or decreasing each bowl, finish inside 3 metres from the first bowl						
(see examples page)						
You only count bowls which increase or decrease in length. Once you fail to increase or decrease on the previous bowl, you forfeit the other bowls.						

ALICE SPRINGS NIGHT OWLS



Thursday night social barefoot bowls competition named Jack Attack is about to start again. We have increased the amount of weeks from 8 TO 12 week competition, due to player demand.

Comp starts on Jan 28 – April 14, 2016. More information or to register can be found on our website www.memo.bowls.com.au

It's a great night, lots of laughs, music, and plenty of bowls. With the addition of the clubs new coloured bowls. We don't have the room to fit everyone in. So be quick to register and get in!

Club member's presence would be appreciated for 20 mins or stay the whole night. It's about welcoming new bowlers and encouraging and supporting them to play bowls. When a new bowler, arrives at the club, rather than being intimidated by the vast grounds. The new bowler may recognise your face, feeling welcomed come in and say hello and may even stay / join the club.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

AN INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

1. **Name:** John Healy
2. **Occupation:** Retired/Book Keeping/Elders Pastoral –Merchandising/Office Manager (1980)
3. **When did you arrive in Alice Springs?** 1971
4. **What brought you to Alice Springs?** Work Transfer
5. **How do you like to relax, spend your spare time?** Playing bowls and having a few beers

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

At Home

7. **How many people in your family?** Wife

Margaret and daughter Benita

8. **Do you have any hobbies?** Bowls

twice/week. Enjoy overseas cruises to Mediterranean (Going again shortly)

9. **What's something most people don't know about you?** My second name is Joseph

10. **Where is your favourite spot in Alice?** Up til a few years ago. The original Memo club

11. **Name one thing you would add to improve our club:** A retractable cover for the green

12. **Favourite Bands:** The Good Tenors

13. **Favourite Food:** Steak & Vegies

14. **Favourite TV Show:** New Tricks (Cold Cases and Unsolved Crimes)

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



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