



MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB. NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2007

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YOUR CLUB

You have been accepted in your club and are now a working part of it. At the outset, don't believe you have only joined to play bowls. As every member assumes responsibilities immediately he or she is admitted, you will find that you have office-bearers, who generously give their time and energy so that you can play and enjoy your game. Be appreciative of them; do everything you can to make their work as easy as possible; be punctual; willing to abide by their decisions; support all social functions and such-like organized for the good of the Club and your own enjoyment.

The cost of maintaining your club is ever exercising the thoughts of your office bearers. Without stable and sufficient finance, no club can be successful, so you are earnestly entreated to generously accept your portion of the financial responsibilities and support all revenue returning activities.

Never let your club down. Be proud of it and at all times put it before yourself. Do nothing in your actions, words or appearance which will reflect against your Club. Do your part to enhance its reputation so that it be known as a fine Club. (extract from Victorian bowlers guidance for new bowlers.)

RAFFLES

Raffle tickets for a set of Greenmaster Bowls are now available at the office. Please contact the Secretary or Treasurer and collect a book of 5 tickets and sell them. Remember this is assisting your club.

We also have some tickets from Bowls SA for a trip on the Ghan—The club gets half the proceeds from the sale of tickets.

WHO WAS IT

Who turned up dressed in all their whites at the club a week before the event????

CONGRATUULATIONS

To all Bowlers who have taken part in competitions in and out of the club, you have done us proud.

Also to Beryl Versluis and David Babb medal winners in the Glenelg Games for the Alpha Modern Waltz. This shows that some of our members also have hidden talents in other fields.

LOCATION OF PLAYERS

All players at the mat end shall be not less than 2 metres behind the rear of the mat. All players at the head end, when on the green, shall be not less than 2 metres behind the jack. Always stand with the confines of your rink and remain still while others are delivering.

NIGHT PENNANT TRIPLES

Sponsored by Pilkington Glass are underway with 22 teams competing. A big thank you to all participants whether you are out on the green or working behind the scenes. Your input is invaluable to the club.

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Terry Seiler is doing a great job in arranging this night which has play commencing at 6.30 pm. Any person can come and play, you do not have to be a member and it is a great opportunity for anyone to try our great game.

OUTSIDE TOILETS

Work has commenced on the outside toilets to make them user friendly for Ladies on Ladies days and Men on Men's days.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP

- Every Friday Happy Hour 6 pm
- Ladies Classic Invitation Day Wednesday November 7th Sponsored by Australian Executor Trustee.
- Goods required for the Trading Table on Wednesday 7th November
- Men's Veterans Singles Thursday 8th November—Sponsored by Noreen Hoath.
- Men's Ham's Day Thursday 15th November—Sponsored by MGA Insurance.
- Club Championship Mixed Pairs Sunday 18th November—Sponsored by A & M Norman.
- Mixed Memorial Day Sunday 25th November—Sponsored by Chapmans News-agency & John Balshaw.
- Night Pennants continues on Thursday Nights.
- Drawn Social Bowls continues of Wednesday Nights.
- Men's and Ladies Pennants on Saturday and Friday respectfully.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome to the club Brian Zeitz transferring from Naracoorte and William (Bill) Arbery a new Bowler.

TACTICS— TOPIC II

Head Building is the decision making process as to where each of the available shot of the game is appropriate during the course of each end played.

Head Building is a particularly complex part of the game and even before a skipper makes any shot selection decisions there is much analysis that one must make, especially in the team environment.

Skipper's must know the ability of the players in the team and the shots that they are most comfortable with and are able to play.

For example, there is little point asking a player to drive at a head if the shot calls for speed that is beyond them.

Further, skippers must know the ability of the team at the various lengths of end and on each of their hands, i.e. forehand or backhand shots and are well advised to play to the strengths of the team where possible.

Knowledge of the opposition is also important with respect to these points play to the oppositions weaknesses wherever possible. This knowledge can be picked up from previous matches or can, in fact, be picked up quickly during the first few ends of a current match.

The skipper must study the conditions with respect of wind and more particularly the green conditions as these points greatly affect the choice of shots during the game. For example if a green is running particularly fast then the yard-on and resting shots are more difficult due to the precision they require and the skipper may need to seek easier alternatives.

All of these points must be considered before the commencement of the game and they form the basis of the "game plan" one should take into a match.

We are now ready to commence our match with a firm understanding of the shots which will be most appropriate for the main part dur-

ing the game.

Each end of bowls is like a game of chess, with each move made by your opposition requiring you to react to defend against an adverse result from any positive opposition play. Head Building is mainly defensive and must remain so until the head is secure against a loss of multiple score. Once you achieve this you may switch from a defensive mode to an aggressive mode and seek to expose opportunities to convert a head to a favourable multiple score.

Correct shot selection is an extremely difficult point to discuss as not two ends of play are ever identical; there are always several options to choose from when selecting shots to build the head but, as a general rule you should pick the shot which has the most chances to succeed should be selected. This is known as the percentage shot and the team which regularly plays the higher percentage shots will generally emerge victorious over the risk takers.

Head Building is a difficult skill to teach. Participating in many matches and watching experienced and successful players are the best methods of gaining head building knowledge.

HOW AUSTRALIAN

Telephone conversation goes;

"Hello, it this the police?"

"Yes it is. How can we help you?"

"I'm calling to report about my neighbour, Fred He's hiding cocaine inside his firewood!"

The next day, police officers descend on Fred's house in great numbers.

They search the house and then go out to the shed where the firewood is kept.

Using axes, they bust open every piece of firewood but they find no cocaine.

They swear at Fred and leave.

The phone rings at Fred's house.

"Hey Fred. Did the cops come?"

"Yeah!"

"Did they chop up your firewood?"

"Yep."

"Happy Birthday ", maaaaaate!!