

10 SEPTEMBER NEWS ITEM

Well, the Men's Captain is back after spending three lovely months in sunny Exmouth and having missed all of that Winter rain you have been subjected to. Before moving on, I would like to sincerely thank Vice-captain Denny Berson for taking on the responsibility of running the Men's bowls program in my absence. He has done a great job with the assistance of Keith Granger, Jeff Allen, John Parker, Bob Paul, Harry Williams and others who have chipped to help when needed.

This season's fixture booklet is now available to financial members of the club and thanks must go to Bob Day for pulling all of the information together again. Bob has been performing this function for many years and always produces an excellent result.

New Ladies' Captain Chris Starbuck and I worked through the men's and ladies' fixtures while we were both in Exmouth and were able to communicate with Bob via the magical internet. Chris and I were amazed at the number of new bowling members who have joined our club while we were away. Great to see so many new faces.

The new season got off to an excellent start with 90 bowlers attending the Club Opening and Patron's day. Local MLA and Club Patron Zac Kirkup and his wife Michelle participated in a wonderful day of social bowls that showcased our splendid club.

Men's Nominated Pairs continues to be a very popular fixture and last Monday was no exception to this trend when 76 bowlers enjoyed some excellent conditions on our greens. We are trying to cash in on this popularity by using the same format on Monday public holidays. On these occasions, bowlers can nominate teams of any gender so nominated pairs can consist of two men, two ladies or one of each.

Bob Plater and his team have been extremely busy over the Winter months, including the removal of a limestone retaining wall at the back of the clubrooms which has created much needed extra parking space. The redundant limestone blocks have been utilised by creating a raised garden bed near the club workshop.

Bob and his team have established a bore near the workshop which is producing very good quality water to be used on our bowling greens. This represents significant savings for the club as we have been using scheme water for this purpose in recent times.

Teams are required to nominate for the 2019/20 Mixed Fours Championship that will commence on Sunday 17 September and conclude on Sunday 22 September.

Finally, special thanks to Ed Sticken for his efforts in getting our lovely gardens back in shape after a harsh Winter period. Ed assures me that they will look much better when the multitude of plants begin to flower.

Doug Myers
Men's Captain