



Halls Head Bowling & Recreation Club

Club of the Year 2016 – City of Mandurah

The Bias Newsletter

Good afternoon everyone

Such a wonderful start to Spring. The birds are singing, our garden at the club is in full bloom, thanks to Eddie Sticken. We have had so many comments from many visitors at how wonderful our club house and grounds are. To all our volunteers and Greens crew – congratulations. You certainly do not go unnoticed!!

Men's Bowls – Doug Myers, Captain

The Club Opening Day was a good start to a new official start of the 2020/21 season, with 94 bowlers turning up to celebrate the day. Getting the game organised proved to be a moving feast with some players pulling out late and others arriving without previous notification. However, cool heads prevailed in the Match Office with Chris Hill, Chris Starbuck and Bob Paul taking it all in their stride.

There was some confusion surrounding the final results because I followed our normal nominated pairs format in only using scores from the second game as the deciding margins. I did look at the implications of counting scores from both games and found that it didn't affect the final placings. In future, we will count the scores in both winning games in competitions like Opening Day to avoid any future uncertainty about results.

You may now be aware that Wayne Langborne has purchased a place in the **Everest** of Bowls tournament that is being held at Dudley Park in early October and wants to provide that position to a Halls Head bowler. We are calling for **Expressions of Interest from men and lady bowlers** to participate in a knockout singles competition to determine who will get that opportunity.

Because of time and fixturing constraints, we are restricting the number of participants to 24 bowlers. If we receive more than 24 Expressions of Interest, the Match Committee and Chairmen of Selectors will select the people most likely to prevail in an extremely high standard of bowls. Relevant sheets have been posted on the men's and ladies' notice boards with a **closing date of Thursday, 17th September.**

Just a reminder that the Mixed Fours Championship commences on Sunday 20 September so you need to nominate your team by next Friday. Please contact me if you have forgotten who you played with last season.

The Tyrepower Open Men's Fours competition, scheduled for Wednesday 7 October, is filling up quickly with teams coming from many different clubs. There are a few spots left so get your team in soon if you want to play in this event.

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Nobody has as yet volunteered to be our Catering Convenor. We absolutely need someone to be the organiser – we have plenty of willing workers. If we do not have a Catering Convenor, then we will have to make other arrangements for catering which may include outsourcing.

Ladies Bowls – Chris Starbuck, Captain

The time has arrived, another new bowling season is upon us and what a busy season it will be. First and foremost I would like to say what a great turnout on Saturday for our Patrons, life members and foundation members' day. I believe a good time was had by all, a lovely afternoon tea provided by the members was very appreciated. I would like to thank Doug for running this event together with the help of some of his match committee.

Ladies don't forget Ladies Championship fours will commence this Thursday 17th September with the final to be played the following Thursday the 24th, club uniform must be worn for this event. We will be playing the first game of the Veterans singles Championship on the 29th September, don't forget to put your name down the nomination sheet is on the ladies board. We will require markers so if you are available please put your name down on the nomination form on the markers side.

Well not a lot to say this week but look out there will be plenty to say once the season is under way. One last thing, if there are any ladies that would like to put their names down to play in a competition that will ultimately see the winner playing in the **Everest** please see me. **The knockout games will start this Saturday** we require six capable lady bowlers and as Doug Myers said at the opening day, be realistic, this is a very stiff competition. Look forward to seeing who is up for the challenge.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Gentlemen – are you due a haircut? Our sponsor at Blue Bay Barber Shop is ready and waiting for you. Seniors haircuts are less than 2 pints of beer and Men's haircuts are less than 3 pints. Blue Bay has been a wonderful sponsor of ours for a number of years and always do a fantastic job. They are located at Old Coast Plaza, cnr of Mary Street and Old Coast Road, Halls Head and can be contacted on 9535 9350.



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Chase the Ace of Hearts is a little bit exciting. We are at **\$2,450**. Remember, every drink you purchase entitles you to one free ticket from the bar or, 3 tickets for a bottle of wine. **Chase & the raffles** are drawn after happy hour.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW

JACKPOTS BY \$50 EACH WEEK

The Members draw here we go.....

It's starting again at **\$300**. This has gone off a few times lately. Make sure you are here on Friday night. You need to be here to win. Come on down and join in the fun. Happy Hour starts 5:30pm.

Live Entertainment

18th September

Best Friends

25th September

Raelene & Mal



2nd October

No Strings

9th October

★ **Imitations**
New Talent

Friday Bistro

Bookings Essential – Bistro from 6pm and Raffles drawn after Happy Hour. We have a great night planned this Friday and we are still taking bookings. Come down to your club for a great meal and a fun atmosphere.

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A wonderful show of members at our Club AGM on Monday night with over 89 attending and 21 apologies. Thank you to all who placed proxy and absentee voting prior to the AGM.



We would like to welcome back Bruce Walter as Club President.

The following positions of the Executive Board for the year 2020/2021 are as follows:

Deputy President	to be appointed at 1 st Board Meeting, 25 th September 2020
Director Men's Bowls	Les Wilkinson
Director Ladies Bowls	Margaret Hall
Director Social	Hugh Donnelly
Director Greens & Grounds	Bob Plater
Director Sponsorship / Marketing / Membership	Max Hughes
Director Bar	Kevin Lobb
Director Finance	Mick O'Halloran
Director House	Brian Barrett

We have 2 Director positions that were not filled, being Director Bingo (although John Fowler will still coordinate) and Director Junior Bowls.

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We also had the pleasure of presenting 15 Year Membership badges (not all could attend), but it was wonderful to see so many reach this milestone – being 26 members in total.



An honour was given out on Monday night to 3 of our very respected and valued members, being Coral Anning, Bill Cousins and Mick O’Halloran; that being Life Membership. It was wonderful to hear the cheers and applause for these members. Congratulations to you all again.



**Coral Anning
Life Member**



**Bill Cousins
Life Member**



**Mick O’Halloran
Life Member**

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A note from Vicki Bowden

On Monday 7th September, two presenters & assessors from Bowls WA, Brian Jeppesen & Tony Hockey, attended our Club with the assistants, Willie and Barry. With approximately 20 participants from near and far for each session, Brian and Tony gave us a great overview of selection processes and options during the morning session. This was a very useful presentation and discussion where samples of Club selection policies were also presented. The purpose of these policies being to provide all players with a clear understanding of requirements and criteria for selection in order to minimise actual or perceived conflicts of interests. With transparency and clear guidelines helping everyone to understand the process it was felt this would, hopefully, remove some of the pressure from the position of selection.

A delicious lunch was provided by Jenni Petty and Margaret Hall. My personal thanks go to them for all their help with morning tea and lunch, and Tony also asked for his thanks to be given to them on behalf of Bowls WA.

After lunch the next module was addressed. This was the Competition Module. Some people thought this was about Match Committee work. However, although this was a common misunderstanding this module was actually about how an individual player could improve their own and their team's competitiveness. Consequently, it's a very useful module for anyone wanting to learn more about preparation and means to improve their game.

My thanks also go to Louise, June Lewer and Dawn Draper who helped me during the day. Needless to say there were quite a few positive comments about our Club and its presentation.

Social life of the Ladies

48 Ladies joined together for a pre-season lunch at The Cut recently, and by the looks of it they had a fantastic time. Well done Ladies. You are all such a fantastic bunch.



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We would also like to commend Jenny Berson and her team of volunteers for catering the Men's Open Triples. This was very successful and a fantastic job all round. The visiting clubs always comment that when they visit Halls Head Bowling Club, the quality of the food is outstanding. So once again, thank you.



Members, please remember that we are still at Stage 4 of Covid safety measures. If you would like to access the kitchen, you must have completed and provided a copy of your Covid hygiene safety certificate to the office prior to entering. You cannot just head in to the kitchen and make a cuppa. No Certificate – No Cuppa. Unfortunately this is the times that we are currently in, and your health and safety is absolutely paramount. When we reach Stage 5, things will look a little different.

Thank you for your respect and understanding with this.

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