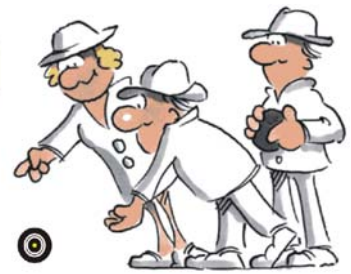




Berwick Bowling Club

Newsletter



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Ladies President Report

CHRISTMAS DINNER – 18/12/2009 “AN AUSTRALIAN BUSH CHRISTMAS”

I must start this article by making my sincere apologies to Margaret Glassenbury and her Berwick Glee Club Singers for not acknowledging their great input into the night's entertainment. It is members like this who make our Berwick Bowling Club such a great club - **not** those other rude people who talked at the top of their voices whilst the main entertainer was being enjoyed by the majority of attendees.

It is no easy job trying to cater for 160 or so members. It is most distressing to those who give of their time and effort to give you a great evening, and then spend their own evening apologising for other people's bad behaviour.

On a happier note, Joan Baxter and Millie Murphy did a fantastic job of organising our Christmas raffle, and they wish to pass on their thanks to all those members who donated towards it.

Winner of the holiday to Moama – Peter Hodgson
Christmas hampers – Barry Cook and Andrew Brock
Gingerbread house – Lois White

Wendy West

Ladies' President

On behalf of the Ladies Committee

LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY

The above title says it all. What a very special day was enjoyed on Tuesday, 12th January. Many ladies invited a friend along for 14 ends of bowls, starting at 10 a.m. It was an extremely hot and humid morning, but most teams managed to finish their game.

Prizes were given by fanning of the cards, with the winning Skip of the day going to a visitor from New Zealand - Ann Perry's mother. excited to be taking home a memento of Berwick Bowling Club.

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District Councillor (or, as she is now known, Bowls Victoria Special Representative) Bernice Helle was introduced. It was her honour that day to present VLBA Super Veteran's Badges to 3 very special members of our Club. These were: Val James, Dora Rooney and Faye Sanders. President Wendy gave a brief resume of each of the ladies' past achievements, bowling and otherwise, and each lady responded with thanks.

Note: As the VLBA has now become part of Bowls Victoria, these badges will become an heirloom, as the last of their kind.

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS – 17th January 2010

Sunday, 17th January, saw 8 very talented bowlers play their final round for the Club Championships.

RVBA finalists were Michael Adams and Roy Down. This was a very exciting match with fantastic bowling from both competitors, with Michael becoming Club Champion for 2009/10.

VLBA finalists were Joan Heggart and Jean Reddy. This was also a gripping contest, played under very trying weather conditions, but both ladies gave an excellent display of precision bowling, with the winner of Club Champion 2009/10 being Jean Reddy.

RVBA Minor Singles finalists were Graeme Croxford and Philip Down, with Phil (a brand new bowler with only a few months experience) coming out the winner. Watch out guys, if Phil keeps us this standard of bowling he will be Club Champion next.

VLBA Minor Singles finalists were Jean Shepherd and Jennifer Bainbridge

Once again, Past Champions and Past Presidents were invited along to enjoy old friendships and great entertainment, and after the 4 games were finalised, all members, visitors and guests were invited into the clubhouse for a beautiful afternoon tea.

The Ladies Committee are to be thanked for providing this for us, especially those wonderful homemade cream sponges.

A big thankyou also to the Markers, Umpires and Scoreboard attendants – a great job well done.

CLUB MAJOR & MINOR SINGLES FINAL – 17th January 2010

At the “Club Major & Minor Singles Final” held on Sunday, 17th January 2010, the men’s final between Michael Adams and Roy Down had an interesting moment that made the crowd laugh.

Michael Adams asked the marker, Peter Artaud (Chairman of Selectors), what was the situation at the head. Peter explained to Michael that he had shot, which was about 10 inches in front of the jack. Michael went on to ask a few more questions in relation of Roy’s bowls to the shot.

The shot Michael had in mind was to play under Roy’s bowl to draw another, but the shot was partially blocked. Michael, trying to get the marker (Peter) to make a mistake by offering advice, asked Peter the question:

“Peter, in relation to what you have told me, what shot would you suggest?” The gallery laughed and Peter smiled, looking at the crowd, and then looked back at Michael with a grin and promptly said, “your shot bowl is 10 inches in front of the jack”.

Well done Peter, you were obviously concentrating and well replied.

In the minor final, Brian Gates also did well as marker but, on one occasion, did raise his arm to suggest a shot for Philip Down to play. He quickly realised his mistake and promptly placed his arm to his side and looked around as if to say, “Did I really do that?” – it is not pennant, Brian.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We will be having a dinner at Georgio’s (Beaconsfield) on 23rd March at 6.30 p.m.

The cost will be \$40 per head for main course + sweet (see Social Board for details).

N. Glassenbury

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

1 st prize	-	\$200
2 nd prize	-	\$100
3 rd prize	-	\$50

Tickets will be selling on Playing day: 3 for \$5 or \$2 each.

Carpet Bowls

The Annual South Group Summer Competition has commenced at Springers with Berwick entering two teams and Mike Adams playing in a composite team.

To date little success for the Berwick teams, with only one win and a draw between them, but still a long way to go.

Mike has enjoyed more success, in the composite team, with three wins from the four rounds so far.

The South Group AGM and first Delegates Meeting, to be held on the 22nd February at the Noble Park Bowling Club, will have nominations for Berwick delegates to hold official positions. More on this in the next newsletter.

John Bignold - Secretary

Corporate Challenge - February 2010

The first evening of the event saw perfect weather and an absolutely great turnout.

Three greens were filled to capacity. BBC members managing each of the 48 teams.

The **Kitchen** and **Bar** teams as always, did a commendable job catering for all the guests and volunteers. The Bar boys even went as far as supplying drinks rink-side. **Geoff Eager** was spotted balancing about 8 stubbies whilst running down to the green in an effort to quench the insatiable thirst of the keen bowlers.

After the match, food was provided in plentiful quantity and was of really good quality.

A round of applause needs to go to **Tony Wynen** for the hours of organisation he put in to make this event such a success.

It was good to see some of the players assisting with collecting glasses, crockery and cutlery and returning them to the kitchen, but once again the task fell to too few people.

It is not a difficult task to at least push your chair in after use, otherwise somebody else has to do it.

It will be more of the same each Monday evening for the rest of February. The weather may not hold as well as the first night, but what the heck! We will still have a great time regardless.

Heard on the Green

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?”

“Yeah, good one, 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!”

