

# PROSPECT – BROADVIEW BOWLING CLUB

## NEWS AND VIEWS

December 2015



### ***A Message From The President***

This is the last Newsletter for 2015 and as we approach our mid season break I wish everyone a happy and safe time over the festive season and look forward to you all returning refreshed and fired up to tackle our pennant, club, and state championship events. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Although 'A'Green is scheduled to be top dressed on Dec 4 there will be one green open for practice and tournament play throughout the entire holiday period.

Don't forget our Christmas Raffle. Please give this your support and you just may be a lucky winner as we go into our pennant break.

Region 9 is to be well represented by Prospect-Broadview players at this year's Prestige Medley to be played at Ardrossan on 11 - 12 Dec. Denise, Vicki, Carol, Eunice, Rose and yours truly will be flying the flag.

Our Taylors Cup team got off to a good start at Salisbury with a win against Walkerville. Keep up the good work team.

Don't forget that Fred's Friday Frolics gets underway 11th Dec. Not too late to get involved

*Janet*



### ***Pennant Progress***

The step up in grades for Season 2015-16 was always going to be a challenge and results are proving to be a mixed bag.

The Wednesday boys have the bragging rights at the moment with our **Major League North** team winning 6 of its 7 games to date and sitting second on the ladder just behind Salisbury. These results are in

large part due to our rotating pairs combinations of Balin-Francis-Thompson and the triples combo headed brilliantly by Ian Brown.

The **Metro 2E** team is also second dropping only last week's game to top side Unley. As he did last year Boris Balin keeps on winning while up and coming skipper Jamie Pearce has dropped only one game. Fantastic results from both newly promoted teams.

After dropping their first two games, our **Thursday Premier League** team has been on a winning roll and has worked up to second on the ladder. Brighton has been the pacesetter this season but is now only 8 points clear of our girls. Carol Prior's rink has had a lot to do with the turnaround stringing 4 wins together on the trot. Good to see Rose Harnett and Margaret Cornelius have been rewarded with a well earned promotion and they seems to have made a difference.

Our Thursday **Major League North** team is sitting 5th and by no means out of contention.

After winning two early rounds our **Saturday Major League** team has found wins hard to come by. The away game against second placed Rosewater this week going into the break is super important. The **Metro 2E** team is still well in the mix sitting third after round 8. Faye Smithson's rink has won all 8 but it took a well delivered last bowl on Saturday to keep the unbeaten run going..



### Volunteers Appreciation Morning at the Capri

Thank you to the 300 Volunteers that attended the Bowls SA Volunteer Appreciation Morning, on Friday 6 November. The morning was a great success with the screening of "The Dressmaker" and a performance from Bowls SA new Partner Camp Quality. Congratulations to Ron Mulliner, Riina Bradbrook, TJ Saunders, Patricia Parish, John Bevin and Natalie Coad on their certificate of appreciation. Bowls SA thanks and recognises the effort of all volunteers and we thank you.



Nice to see **Pat Parish** being recognised by Bowls SA for her years of volunteer officiating at all levels of competition. Pat is umpire accredited to international level and her expertise is regularly called upon. When the call goes out she almost always makes herself available. (She also makes a great sandwich for the Wed and Sat PBBC teams).

### MICHAEL CHURKIN

Has received Order of Australia honours in the past for his lifetime of work assisting the Russian Community . Great to see the acknowledgement of his community work continue with a Government House reception on his 90th birthday. Peter Goers also took notice in his What's Hot column. Michael recently had the pleasure of assisting with the visit of Russian Cosmonauts



### Vice-Regal News

Sunday, November 1, 2015

On Sunday morning in Rundle Mall, the Governor, accompanied by Mrs Le, addressed guests at the 2015 Multicultural Festival.

In the afternoon at Norwood, the Governor, accompanied by Mrs Le, as guests of the Russian Community Centre, attended a banquet to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Mr Michael Churkin OAM.



<<< **Max Medwell** answered the club's call this year and came out of a five year retirement. He has had no trouble finding some of his old form. Max has had a lifetime of sports involvement including high level table tennis, baseball, softball umpiring, and car rallying. Max is a life member of The Aust PS Table Tennis Association and is currently Vice Patron of Table Tennis SA.



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>>> Max Medwell (above) is one of many who confuse Boris and Rob (me). I often have people asking me some deep meaningful philosophical question, or what I think of the current Russian situation, or how to drive into a bowls head and finish 5 up. When they do, I need to tell them I am not who they think and refer them to Boris. Max took this photo and has worked out that Boris is shorter than him and Rob taller. I still don't think he will be game enough to talk to either of us if we are seated.



<<<<< This is the club's new ride on roller. Looks like a lot of fun to drive. If you want a test drive Josh might take bookings for am on any Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday.

>>> The body language is not looking good here. Could be the start of a Irish Jig but I don't think so.



# WE ARE

Young At Heart

Nonagenarians

# AWESOME



<<<< Michael Churkin, Paul Malcolm and Jimmy McGivern are three of our members who have achieved Nonagenarian status. Yes all are in their 90's. They turn up regularly each Wednesday and Saturday for their pennant games. Long may it continue. Tony Byrne is also in their age bracket but he has had a few health problems of late and we look forward to him returning to the greens soon. Of course Michael is well known for his work with the Russian Community, Paul for his work in rocket science, and Irish Jimmy ensures that the share price of Guinness remains at a premium.

## Gordon Winkley Mens Fours Day Monday 9 November

Another well attended and organised day. Particular thanks to Bernie Mullins ably assisted by Rose Harnett, Faye Smithson and Len Proctor. As usual the ladies in the kitchen under Executive Chef Margaret Clarke's guidance did a marvelous job. They not only presented a top class meal but also set up the hall a treat. It stayed that way until 120 hot sweaty blokes came in for lunch. Ray Tuckfield carefully selected his team mates from other clubs and took home first prize on the day. Thanks to sponsors West End and Blackwell Funerals



## Our Movember Man - Jason Wholohan



Jason Wholohan

Clean cut all Australian boy



3 day dark Italian look



30 day Handle Bar Look

**Jason skippered last Wednesday winning 34-7 against Walkerville. Keep the mo JW**

***Lawn Bowling and Golf Putting Similarities***

As a former golfer taking up bowls I found myself adopting many of the techniques and thought processes I applied to putting. To confirm this approach I recall reading "Putting Out Of Your Mind" by sports psychologist Dr Bob Rotella. I have listed a few of his tips below. What do you think?

- Devotion to an unvarying routine is one of the hallmarks of a good putter
- Your first impression of how a putt will break will be right more often than any other impression you might form
- In putting, the inability to forget is infinitely more devastating than the ability to remember. There is nothing worse than dwelling on the putt you have missed.
- The smaller the target you have, the better the brain and body can function in getting the ball there.
- Thinking the way you have always thought will almost certainly assure that you putt the way you have always putted

## What does it take to be a good Leader?

- Should you be leading because you cannot fill any other team spot?
- Should you be called on to draw a resting toucher with every bowl?
- Should you be ideally aged under 30? Should you be Leader, but if you play well, be promoted to Second next week?

These are but a few of the myths, which surround the position of Leader.

If you wish to be a good leader, consider the following points.

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One of the main factors in successful team play is compatibility. The leader as a team member must be able to get on well with their team mates. A good leader will give encouragement to each player in the team. This not only promotes confidence in each member, but also helps players concentrate harder as they are involved all the time, with the action on their own rink.

Always try to do what your skipper asks of you and do not show dissent on the bowling rink. A good Leader, in fact a good team member, having played their bowls, does not then spend time wondering what is going on next door.

There is nothing more annoying in a team game to see a bowler who has delivered their bowls, chatting to members of another rink or standing watching what is happening in another game.

The Leader's first duty is to place the mat and deliver the jack to the length required by the skipper.

Always pay attention to your skipper at the completion of an end so you know where the mat is to be placed

Next, attempt to place your two bowls as close to the jack as possible, if not, at least in the scoring zone that may be used by players following.

The scoring zone is an area no more than 30cm in front of the jack on either side, or no more than 75cm behind within an area 30cm wide either side of the jack.

While many skippers expect every Leader's bowl to be on the jack, many will see the value of having bowls in the scoring zone. Some will argue that a short bowl is useless, however a bowl within 30cm of the jack on either hand can be used, or promoted.

Likewise, a bowl behind the head in the scoring zone is a good covering bowl and will be in the count should the jack be moved back.

This will be achieved by constantly practicing the draw shot.

If every Leader placed their bowl in this area, they would make it very easy for their team-mates following.

The biggest fault in many Leaders is that they must try to draw a flat toucher with every bowl, hence many times they finish up a metre short of the head causing problems for those following.

Short bowls in the draw cause immense problems for the bowlers following. Also, if the head is moved later in the game, the jack will rarely come forward.

So Leaders, give your team a chance by reaching the scoring zone with your bowls, to give the players following, a chance to build a successful head to score from.

If you are enthusiastic and strive to carry out your role as Leader with confidence, you will build team spirit by inspiring those who bowl after you, to do equally as well.

(Thanks to **Bob Turner** for providing the above. Second, third and skipper notes will follow in future editions)

## Joke Of The Month

**Three Ladies are playing the fourth end at a well-known bowls club on the edge of Adelaide's sandbelt, when a naked man wearing a paper bag over his head jumps from the trees and runs across the rink. The three ladies stand in awe at the size of his manhood. The first lady says, 'He is definitely not my husband.' The second lady, gazes at his manhood and says, 'He is not mine either.' After a very considered inspection, the third lady finally says, 'He's not even a member of this club.'**

# THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER PENNANT ACTION

