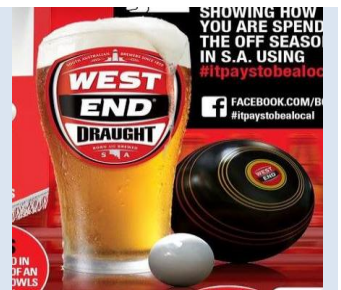


PROSPECT – BROADVIEW BOWLING CLUB

NEWS AND VIEWS

December 2016



Spare A Thought For The Selectors

Those brave souls who put their names forward each year generally have the same difficulty in pleasing the players as those selectors who travelled before them. I guess that at times we all wonder what goes on in that mysterious selection room and ask ourselves what master plan is at work. However, as in any team sport we need to accept what we are dealt with and play the game we are chosen to play as best we can, and with a minimum of fuss.

Bowls club selection seems to be a bit more contentious than other sports, probably because we are an older and crankier demographic. Most weeks I sit after the game having a drink with the opposition and invariably their topic of conversation is selection. Of course if they have lost it is a lot more negative. It is an issue across the game and at the end of the day it does not reflect well on us, the players. At this stage I have to put my hand up and plead guilty as charged but I am working on it.

It is with some wonderment that we see players hop from club to club thinking that they should be able to pick and choose their own position and grade. Sadly we lost one such person last week who came to us in exactly the same circumstances from another club. Selector knocking is a sub culture of bowls but it need not be. If you really think you meet all the relevant criteria, including a good knowledge of the playing group, and believe you can do a better job, for the club and not necessarily yourself, then put your name forward next year and see if the club will give you a go.

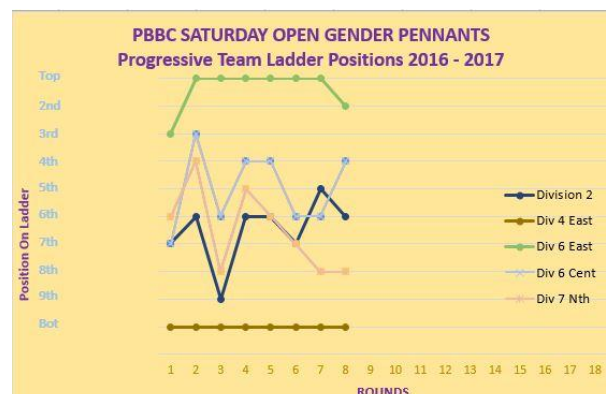
Best Performing Skippers To Round 8

Your editors records indicate 2016-17 is proving to be a very good season for skipper Ian Larcombe. He has chalked up 6.5 Saturday wins from 8 outings. This is just ahead of Pat Parish with 6 Thursday wins and Ian Brown with 5 Div1 wins on Wed. Keep up the good work.

Night Owls Great to see that player numbers are on the rise and it has been some years since we have had so many teams entered. Obviously some good work going on there with Rose and her helpers.

Attracting Attention New bowlers and newcomers to the club can often be selected and become invisible in the bottom side, particularly if it is a losing team. One such player recently found an unorthodox way to showcase his ability. Selected as a reserve, Alex Donnelly turned up dutifully in case he was needed. As it happened our team was fully manned but the opposition, Edwardstown, were a couple short. So Alex got a game for the 'Towns'. His four blitzed our boys 30 - 13 and guess who did all the damage. He was showered with offers of beers after the game - by the visitors of course. Well played Alex.

Calling Foot Faults We addressed the foot fault issue last year but there still seems to be some confusion regarding the rule and what umpires can do about it. Bottom line is that if the umpire of the day is playing there is little point in raising it as an issue unless in some way the offending player is gaining an obvious unfair advantage. Ongoing observation by an umpire in these circumstances is not going to happen. The rules again are as follow *Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or part of at least one foot. At the moment of delivery the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat. An umpire in the first instance must warn the player in the presence of the skipper. Any further instances the umpire must have the players bowl stopped and declared dead.*



The AED **device** mentioned on page 5 may need to be applied to our flat lining Div 4E side in an effort to get a heartbeat.

GORDON WINKLEY MENS FOURS NOVEMBER 2016



Bernie Mullins addresses the players before the first game



A visiting Modbury Four took out the honours on the day



We had great sponsors on the day including West End and Blackwell Funerals. Foodland, Sefton Park were also extremely generous with product donations making wonderful raffle prizes. Thanks to these and others including our 80+ year old anonymous member who always gives generously



There has been a recent reshuffle in management portfolios. After doing such a great job as maintenance manager **Neville Etchells** has been reassigned (sound like the public service doesn't it). Neville and wife **Wendy** have, out of necessity taken over the bar operation and of course are doing a fine job there as well



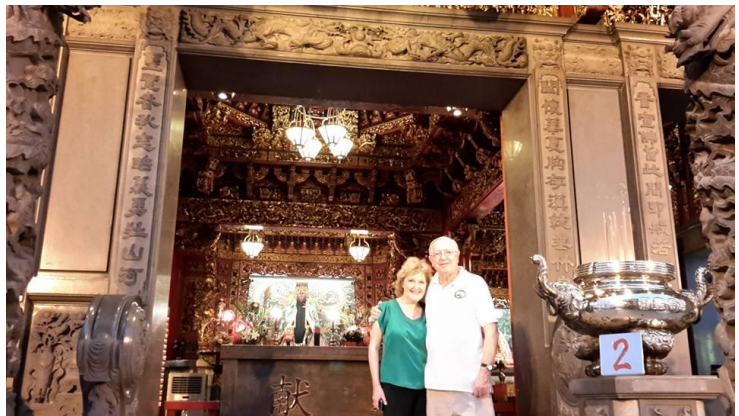
Our gardens surrounding the greens have been looking pretty good lately thanks to some willing helpers. Spotted recently was **Sandra McGowan** working in this colourful and picturesque setting.



Tom and Angela Sandery recently holidayed in Melbourne over the Spring racing carnival staying with son David and daughter in law Misako.

They are pictured here at the Melbourne Cup. Tom was very happy backing the winner after reading and having faith in the *Racing Stars*

One reason we have not seen **Ray Tuckfield** around this season is that he has been travelling extensively, taking in some very exotic places including China, Japan, Singapore and Vietnam. He filled in time swanning around the oceans on luxury cruise ships including the Diamond Princess. Giving up bowls for a few months like that doesn't sound so bad



<<<< I had this pic sent to me recently with the caption '4 birdies in a row'. It did arouse my curiosity wondering whether they thought of themselves as a:

Brood of hens
Gaggle of geese
Siege of herons
Chattering of starlings
Bevy of quail
Watch of nightingales

I am thinking 'a company of parrots'

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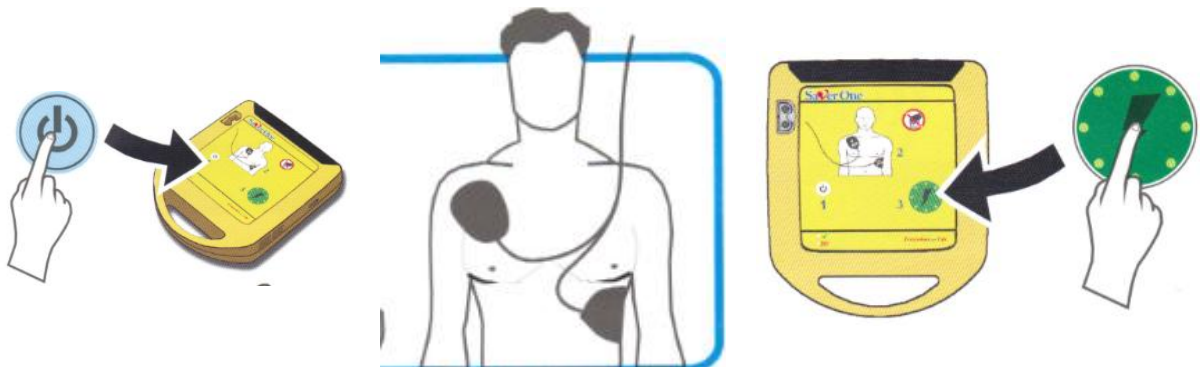
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Members should be aware that the club has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) mounted on the kitchen wall. It may well be needed one of these days so the more that are aware of how it operates the better the chance that a life may one day be saved. Please take a moment to check out the YouTube video via the link provided below.

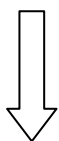
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➡ **BEWITCHED.** It is not often you can get away with calling a member a witch, but we actually have four undisputed sorcerers. They are pictured here warming up their environmentally friendly brooms to fly off to a cross town Halloween function. None are called Samantha. They go by the names Janet, Rose, Judy and Chris.

Vicki Arbon turned up at the club recently in her jarmies. She had to get out of bed so early to get to club, then travel to Morphett Vale, that she forgot to put her bowls gear on. Believe it or not.



New Faces In 2016-2017

