



SORELL BOWLS CLUB INC.

# 2013-14 NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2013



Welcome to the 2013-14 bowls season! I look forward to the challenge of leading this excellent club for the coming term.

Steven Hawkins, Tony Hill, Bradley Knight and the whole Fuller family - Allison, Kevin, Mikayla and Nathan - have joined our club this season. I'm sure you'll join with me in welcoming them (and any I've missed - apologies) to the club and make them feel at home. I wish all our members good bowling for the forthcoming season and, to those who may not be able to make the green, we wish you well.

Darrel Dodge, Betty Brown, Darrel Davis, Dulcie Quin, Rex Blake, Enid Scott, Malcolm Barker, Fergus Carrick, Sheila Harris, David Baatwright, Nancy Reid, Dawn Cure, Alan Grant, Geoff Kerlake, Don Peacock, Bev Hallett, Ruth Best, and Bill Fair have all left us this past year but they are not forgotten.

Your elected board of management are here to assist you in making this club better and better, but ideas and feedback from members is always greatly appreciated. Below are some of the important people you need to know about. A full list is posted on the notice board and office door.

Ron Cowen  
President

### Board of management

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President	Ron Cowen
Vice-President	Shirley Hay
Hon. Secretary	Paul Matthews
Asst. Secretary	Sally Ridgeway
Treasurer	Margaret Robertson
Board members	Sandra Hawksley
	Gary Smart
	Leona Smith
	Darrell Hope

### Other positions

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Selection committees	
- Ladies chair	Bev Bennetts
- Men's chair	Peter Coyle
Bar Manager	Peter Self
Workplace Safety	Darrell Hope
Public Officer	Shirley Hay
BTS delegate (men)	Paul Matthews
BTS delegate (ladies)	Shirley Hay
Clubhouse Hire	Gwen Scott
Providore	Janet Cowen

### Patron

Jack Collett has kindly taken on the role of the club's patron.

### Uniform

It was agreed at the recent AGM that the men would, by the end of the year, adopt the maroon/burgundy trousers to align with the ladies uniform. A price list, from the bowls shop at Buckingham Bowls Club, is posted on the notice board.

## Expressions of interest

We are seeking expressions of interest from any member wishing to help out in any of the following positions:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Duties/details</u>
Social committee	We have three ladies forming the social committee at present (Shirley Hay, Jan Cowen and Bev Kelleher). We would like three more, and applications from men would be most welcome!
Greenkeeping	We are trialling a new role of “Greens administrator” this year. Ron Cowen has taken on the role of coordination between practice sessions and pennant play, maintenance of the green and development of green management practices/standards. Keith and Laurie have already agreed to continue as greenkeepers but they would certainly welcome some additional help. Please talk to Ron if you’re interested.
Gardening	As with greenkeeping, keeping our gardens in order is a task best shared between many. If you have a green thumb, or enjoy the relaxation of gardening and can spare a few hours for the club, please talk to Ron.

## Life membership for Jim Gardner



Congratulations to Jim Gardner on the awarding of his life membership.

Jim has been a member of the club for 30 years and in that time he has held many positions, including chairman of the match committee, chairman of the selection committee, filled various board of management positions, and been President of the club.

He has also been an STBA delegate for five years and on the STBA board of management for two years.

Marion (left) and Mike (right) presented Jim with his certificate.

## Administration

We have a new email address for the official club correspondence. If you wish to email the board of management, or are dealing with someone who would like to do so, please use [secretary@sorellbowlsclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@sorellbowlsclub.com.au). Also, if you’re interested in receiving news and updates via email, please advise our secretary, Paul Matthews, of your email address.

We will follow this, very shortly, with a new website. It is planned that the website, at least initially, will replicate information on our notice boards so that the information can be accessed away from the club. If you are posting anything of interest to members, or wish to have some photos/stories included on the website, again, please contact our secretary, Paul Matthews.

## Looking out for each other

The bar manager has asked that the rostered bar person not be left alone to close up the club and walk alone to their car. If you're amongst the last to leave, please stay just a bit longer and look out for the safety of our hard-working bar staff. Thanks.

## Bowls clinics

In case you're interested, Ross Bannister runs a bowls clinic at Beltana on the first Sunday of each month. For men, it starts at 9.00am, and for women, it starts at 12 noon.

## Ladies Saturday pennant 2013-14?

Bowls Tasmania South (BTS) is seeking feedback from clubs on the possibility of conducting a Ladies Saturday pennant competition for the 2013-14 season. The email is on the ladies notice board. In short, it asks for the club's opinion in regard to:

- **Possible formats:** Suggestions include a Super 8 competition (two rinks of four), six-a-side triples or a five-a-side competition (consisting of singles and fours followed by triples and pairs).
- **Duration:** 18 weeks or a shorter 14 week pennant?
- If enough interest is received:
  - Clubs may be permitted to get together and submit a composite side if necessary.
  - There may be separate Open and B Grade pennants.
- If the pennant is established, what are the club's thoughts on:
  - The Mixed Competition – should it also be held?
  - If so, should it be limited to B Grade players only?
  - Should we make Women's Thursday Division 5 an eight-a-side competition?

Further enquiries regarding the suggested format has revealed the following information:

- **Super eights** - eight players, two rinks of four, play as per normal pennant but only two rinks and not three.
- **Six a side triples** - six players, two rinks of three players playing triples rather than fours.
- **Five a side** - five players, there would be two distinct games played on two rinks, the first games would be a singles game and a fours game, after a break a second lot of two games would be played consisting of a pairs game and a triples game. In other words each of the five players would play two different games in an afternoon - either a singles and a doubles game, a singles and a triples game, a fours and a pairs game or a fours and a triples game. The results of each game would be added together in the same way that we currently do for pennant and six points be awarded to the winning side.

Please provide your feedback/thoughts to the Secretary (Paul Matthews) or Bev Bennetts by no later than 10 July 2013.

## Building works

We plan to construct a temporary office in the corner opposite the existing office so that (a) administration could be streamlined and better organised, the treasurer can have a desk to work at, and (c) the old office space can be returned to bar usage.

The reason this is a temporary arrangement: We are formulating a plan to extend the clubhouse so as to include a meeting room, office and disabled toilets with easy access from the green. We will keep you posted on the development of this proposal.