



SORELL BOWLS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings members



With the AGM now over, it is time to roll up the sleeves. I have stepped into the breach after some controversy (of which I make no comment) prior to the AGM. My goal is to provide stability at the executive level of the club.

And so we head towards the coming pennant season, amid much debate and disagreement regarding the non-gender issue. I can assure members that the Club's Board and Selectors will do what is in the best interests of the members and the club. Please be patient and have faith in those you have elected.

On the social scene, Wednesday and Saturday Social Bowls continues to be well-patronised and the weather has been kind so far. Praise for this event must go to Doug Jeffrey and his band of helpers. Having attended many of these, there seems to be a happy feeling within the club and I hope this continues.

Graham Innes has agreed to take over the Green Keeping with help from a few of his fellow members. I expect cooperation from members to provide Graham with any help he made need in his endeavours to maintain a high standard for the benefit of all.

Our AUSMAS lunch was a huge success due to the hard work of Lindy, Bev K, Helen and Shirley, who took on the catering and provided a feast for all. Also thanks go to Marion and Dennis on the desk and in the bar. This lunch was an example of what can be achieved if we are prepared to have a go.

Many hands make light work, so if yours are free, please put them to good use!

Chris Smith
President

Bequest from Mr Trevor Shephard

As some of you may know, Trevor Shephard has bequeathed the sum of **\$16,469.91** to the Sorell Bowls Club "to be specifically used for the purposes of the provision of facilities for club members". With thanks to Gwen Scott, here is some background on Trevor's involvement with the club:

About 35 years ago, six Richmond bowlers (Trevor Shephard, Jack Jones, Ted Dunn, Sam Page, Reg Kelly and Bob McKay) joined the Sorell Bowls Club. They had played at the Richmond Arms Hotel grass green at the back of the hotel before it closed. With these bowlers came the Sir Francis Drake print that hangs at our club to this day. Trevor, Jack and Ted helped out with the green and gardens until their retirement. Ted Dunn was President from 1987-89 and Patron from 1994 to 2001.

Trevor was an active member on the committee, a bowls umpire and an STBA delegate. Trevor and Ted always wore their green blazers and ties to play pennant. Trevor played in the 1997-98 Division 5 Southern and State finals that were won by Sorell. He retired from bowls the next year and was never married.

Per Trevor's bequest, if you have any ideas or suggestions for "the provision of facilities for club members" pop them in the suggestion box or hand them directly to the Secretary.

Clarification - BTS delegates vote

An enquiry in the suggestion box asked:

“Why did Sorell Bowls Club delegates vote against the members’ survey at the Special General Meeting on Sunday 15 June?”

I can assure every member that this is **not** the case. Here is the sequence of events that lead to the vote taken by Sorell delegates:

- At the Ladies meeting (before the AGM) the ladies voted to reject the motion to overturn the BTS decision regarding Saturday Open-Gender competition.
- At the Men’s meeting (before the AGM) the men voted to support the motion to overturn the BTS decision regarding Saturday Open-Gender competition.
- At the AGM, Shirley Hay pointed out that if each delegate were to vote as instructed above, then these votes would cancel each other out and we might as well not attend.
- Sally Ridgeway made it clear that we were voting on whether or not a decision made by our governing body should be supported or overturned.
- Marion Florence moved that we, as a club, support the decision of the BTS Board and Sally Ridgeway seconded this motion.
- This motion was carried (with 34 for and 9 against) so both club delegates were instructed to vote in accordance with this decision, which is what they did.

The motion to overturn the BTS decision re Saturday non-gender pennant was defeated at the SGM by one vote (23 to 22).

Veterans/Super-veterans badges

The Bowls Shop (at Bucks) has advised that they now have stocks of Veterans and Super-veterans badges.

If you are eligible, and would like one, please request your badge in writing to the Board of Management. Either hand-deliver it to a Board member or pop it in the suggestion box.

Saturday non-gender pennant

The Saturday Pennant divisions have been altered for non-gender competition as follows:

Premier League

Old Name	New Name
Division 1	Premier Division
Division 2	Division 1
Division 2 Reserve	Division 2
Division 3	Division 3
Division 3 Reserve	Division 4
Division 4	Division 5
Division 4 Reserve	Division 6

Premier League divisions will be 16 players per side and will compete in the State Pennant Finals.

Premier Division and Division 1 will be deemed A Grade with the remaining Divisions to be deemed B Grade.

Challenger League

Old Name	New Name
Division 5	Division 1
	Division 2
	Division 3

Challenger League divisions will be 12 players per side and will be B Grade.

Items of interest

A **Club Coaching Course** will be held at the Derwent City Bowls Club on 6-7 August. The cost will be \$50 and you must register for the course online. A copy of the email has been sent to those with email but if you are having trouble registering, corner the Secretary and he will help you.

Rosny Park Ladies are holding their annual **soup and sandwich luncheon** on Tuesday 9 September from 11.30am (or a 12 noon start). There will be a Fashion Parade by *Allure by the Bay* Boutique, produce stalls (vegies, cakes, jams), a raffle, lucky door prize and spins. The cost is \$15 per head.