



SORELL BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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From the President ...



Here we are two thirds of the way through another winter, one that seems colder than the last!

I must welcome the 2015-16 Board of Management and in particular new Vice

President Kathy Matthews, new Treasurer Sally Ridgeway, new Bar Manager Steve Lang, and caretakers of the green Darrell Hope and David Long aided by myself as needed.

Shirley Hay has filled the position of Provedore and will work closely with the new Social Committee of Faye, Vicky, Janet, Gwen and Margaret. I thank them all for being prepared to have a go and support our club.

Doug Jeffrey continues his Wednesday and Saturday Social Bowls unaided by some very ordinary weather this year and hopefully as the Season draws near more members will turn up and support the club – as do Vicky and Gwen who regularly assist with preparation and clean-up of kitchen after bowls eats at the end of the social bowls day. Many thanks.

The Draw for the Patron's Plate is on the board at present with a new handicap system on trial. We extend our thanks to Paul and Kathy Matthews for their work in this area. Thanks also to our Life Members Peter and Gwen Scott for the shield and cash incentive.

Our **\$1000 Fours** event is set for Saturday, **5 September** so now is the time to form your team ready for a fun day of bowls.

The Lions Club of Sorell has supported our club with the donation of a Defibrillator (Automatic External Defibrillator or AED). This will be housed at the club and a "hands on" demonstration and familiarisation is being organised for all interested members on our **Open Day on the 12 September**.

As we did last year, the Open Day will be held in conjunction with the final Saturday Social Bowls Day. Wednesday Social Bowls will continue until October.

Chris Smith
President

From the Vice President ...



Hello everyone, my name is Kathy Matthews. I have just taken on the position of Vice President of the Sorell Bowls Club. I am really looking forward to the next 12 months and I hope I can serve the Club well.

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you a little more about myself so you can get to know me as more than the Secretary's wife!

I have worked in Local, State and Federal Government for the past 25 years. I have Certificates in Business Administration and Local Government (Governance and Administration). In that time my main role has been working in a Customer Service environment, in which I have attended many training programs such as Excellence in Customer Service, Satisfying Difficult Customer, Complaint Handling, and Building the Customer Service Team.

At this point in time there is no roles and responsibilities document for the position of Vice President, although I am told by the secretary it is on his list so I will help him with that! I do tend to think of it as a role that is similar to working in Customer Service. We all share the same passion for Lawn Bowls, but not all of us think the same. It is important to recognise individual differences, and to respect and value them, and to be aware of factors that affect our players in the club including coaching, leadership, team vision and values.

My personally vision is to grow the club; the club does need more membership to be sustainable and furthermore have an environment that has an equal opportunity for all, younger and older, men and women, A grade and B grade, and social members.

I am very keen to build on the club's success from last year. I am aware that this can only be achieved if the club pulls together as a whole. Each and every person is as equally as important as the next. I am also keen on hearing your thoughts, concerns, vision for the club. My personal motto is "How can we work together to move forward".

Just to finish up, I am going to put on another hat and that's my coach's hat. I am going to touch on another matter that I have a passion for and that is a pathway for B grade players who would like to improve their skills and then be able to progress up to a higher division.

The Sorell Bowls club does have a good number of people that are accredited coaches, Paul and I included. If you would like some informal coaching Paul and I are happy to help. We both work though, so if you would like some coaching during the week please contact Leona, Shirley or Janet for assistance.

Please if you have any thoughts on this topic, I would love to hear them.

Happy bowling everyone!

Kathy Matthews
Vice President

From the Secretary ...



Thank you all for electing me to the most important position in the club for another year. Hey – I'm trying to sell the idea in case anyone wants a crack at it!

I would personally like to acknowledge all the people who volunteer in our club – whether on "formal" committees or as "informal" helpers. The club is stronger for your help and would struggle without it. I encourage all members to consider helping out if they can.

Speaking of which, we are holding a **Sausage Sizzle fund-raiser** at the Rosny Park Bunnings store on Saturday, 15 August. If you're able to help out, there's a sheet on the board – we'd appreciate the help!

As Chris mentioned, the **Patron's Plate** draw has been conducted. The first round games need to be completed by Sunday, 16 August but this year, we're holding a "first round" day on Sunday 9 August with a BBQ to follow, so if you can organize your game for that day, or can support the players with your cheers, we'll make a day of it! OK – that whole sentence got away from me but the point is that there's a BBQ to which players and supporters are invited.

Membership renewal is due by mid-September. You can pay by direct debit – make sure you put your name in as the reference – or over the bar. There is a sheet behind the bar that you must complete in order to keep our records up-to-date. Please ensure you fill in all fields but particularly the emergency contact details.

Like Kathy – and I do! – I am keen to increase our coaching activities. A few people I've spoken with have seemed interested in some drill sessions so we will try and organize a few. Stay tuned.

Paul Matthews
Honorary Secretary

From Bowls Tas South ...

A Delegates Meeting will be on Monday 21 September at the Buckingham Bowls Club. Clubs will be asked to consider and decide on a number of issues regarding pennant for the coming season including:

- Eligibility for B Grade Championships in 2015-16 – Should B Grade be determined to be Division 2 and below instead of Division 3 and below?
- Women's Thursday Pennant Division 5 – should it remain at 12 players (3 rinks of 4 players) or be changed to nine players (3 rinks of 3 players playing 18 ends).
- Men's Wednesday Midweek Pennant Division 4 – should it remain at 16 players (4 rinks of 4 players) or be changed to 12 players (3 rinks of 4 players).
- Men's Wednesday Midweek Pennant – Current Conditions of Play require that every rink must include a minimum of two players eligible for B Grade events. Should this condition be removed in full or perhaps just be removed for Midweek Division 1?

The Board will meet on 15 September and determine the club's response for the delegates meeting the following week, so **if you have any thoughts or suggestions, please pass them on to the Secretary by 10 September.**

In other matters, the BTS newsletter has a blurb on stickers which I've copied below ... sorry it's not very clear but this is the advice being provided.

Bowls stickers

New laws apply to the use of bowls stickers for the coming season. Players in team or a side may use bowls stickers that are different in size. The stickers must, however, be the same design and colour and where used must be adhered to both sides of the bowl. On the bias side (the small ring) the stickers may be a small ring and/or the dot. The small ring and/or dot may cover the distinctive mark (engraving) but must not cover the World Bowls stamp or serial number. It is acceptable for one or more members of a side to use a small ring and another use the dot (these are stickers of

different size). The stickers used on the bias side of the bowls may be partially trimmed to ensure that the World Bowls Stamp and serial number remain visible. It is acceptable for players to have the rings cut into sections, accommodating the large distinctive mark (engraving) now found on some models of bowls. Further, it is acceptable for only some members of the team/side to have the rings cut into sections. It is not contrary to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls for the stickers used on the non-bias side (that is, the large ring) to partly cover the distinctive mark (engraving) on the non-bias side. The stickers must be applied to each set of bowls in the same way (from example, if the dot is used on the bias side, it must be used on each of a player's bowls used in that match).

Calendar

We're working a calendar for the coming season – in the interim, here's what's been set:

	Patron's Plate First Round Day Sunday, 9 August 2015 (+ BBQ)
	Sausage Sizzle fund-raiser Saturday, 15 August 2015
	BCIB \$1,000 Fours Saturday, 5 September 2015
	Opening Day / Last Sat Social Day Saturday, 12 September 2015
	Patron's Plate Final Sunday, 4 October 2015 (+ BBQ)
	Farmer's Day Monday, 8 February 2016
	DJ Motors BCIB \$1,000 Triples Saturday, 21 May 2016