

NURIOOTPA BOWLING CLUB

TIGER TALES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to Debbie for offering to produce this NBC newsletter. The dedication and commitment involved in distributing news, events and upcoming events for NBC members is acknowledged and appreciated by all members of the NBC board. There will be several events conducted over the course of the off season; please support these efforts and join in the fun and help raise much needed funds for planned improvements at the club. Updates are posted on Facebook regularly.

I would also like to express my thanks to those members of the NBC who have played a vital part in modernizing and improving Club house amenities over the last couple of years. They include:

- The BBQ and surrounds at little cost to the club. This improvement, it must also be pointed out, resulted in a new major sponsor for the club.
- The removal of trees and up- grade of the car parking area at the rear of the club at almost no cost to the Club.
- The recent upgrading of Club lighting inside and out to full LED, enabling substantial savings in electricity usage and at a cost of \$600. The full cost would have been around \$4,000.
- The new bar window, a cost covered by the club in this instance, however, volunteers did assist in this much needed upgrade and reduced the impact on club funds.
- A new touchless water dispenser to be plumbed in at the front of the club to replace the old water bottles and trollies etc. This has been donated by a club member, the cost to the club for the plumbing only - minimal cost to NBC.
- Internal upgrade of the club including covering the old brick wall, painting and rearranging trophies and honor boards, not to forget our new large screen TV, plus a low cost but high impact upgrade and cleanup of the bar area. These improvements have had a massive impact on the amenities within the NBC and those responsible deserve a huge pat on the back and a well-earned cold beer or two! Clearly there has been a cost to the club for these improvements, however, due to the generosity of sponsors and a few individuals within the club in-terms of labor and cash or cash in kind, the total cost to the club has been very modest in comparison to the impact these improvements have made. I would also like to add that because of these improvements a new major sponsor has offered to make a cash contribution of \$1500 in installments prior to the start of the season with a bonus contribution of \$1000 to the club should any NBC division win a pennant in the

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- up-coming season. Once again, the club has seen substantial improvements and when examined, completed at very reasonable cost to the club.

Other projects in the pipeline include the installation of an automatic watering system for the greens and a synthetic surface for A green. The board and relevant sub committees are working hard to turn these plans into a reality. I will have much more to say later, however, be assured that NBC members have some reason to be confident that these improvements are feasible and that we can expect some outside assistance subject to relevant assessments and approvals in time. The installation of the watering system is also subject to NBC member approval at a special general meeting at a date to be determined in coming days. For those members who wish to be involved or want to know more, please note that the Board would welcome your contribution or be happy to assist with your enquiry.

Whilst on the subject of improvements, we also have a sub-committee formed for the purpose of implementing a plan for the upgrade of the kitchen area. I look forward to advising on the group's findings and recommendations and progress for much need improvements in this part of the club. As members, your positive contributions are both encouraged and welcome.

Members are (and will continue to be) welcome to attend board meetings as visitors, or if required, we will make time available for members to contribute at meetings should they wish. Minutes are available to members upon request.

I would like to welcome the following new members:

1. Joshua House
2. Maria Booth full membership

Thanks for joining the Tigers in time for the 23/24 Bowls season. Please make these new members are made welcome.

Happy bowling and go the Tigers,

Andrew Booth

SEASON 2023/2024

The 2023/2024 season commences in October, but the date has not been confirmed at the time this newsletter goes to members.

AROUND THE TIGERS' CLUB

- The bar is now stocking some Mengler View wines as well as the usual wines available. Try a Menglers View sparkling or a semillon when you next visit the bar.
- A new point-of-sale cash register system is being considered for the bar to make transactions and auditing more straightforward. No firm decision has been made as yet.
- Have you noticed the freshly painted back wall and newly installed TV? Many thanks to the volunteers who used their skills and time to upgrade this area.
- Milton Medlow has withdrawn from the Bar Manager's position and his position on the board due to ill health. We wish Milton a strong recovery and all the best. We hope that Milton is back with us and bowling soon.
- Graham McCormack has had a fall, Neville Nolan has had an operation and Ed Shoesmith has had surgery. The Club wishes these members speedy recoveries and any others who have or are experiencing ill health.
- We need you all on the green this season!!
- Gary Chapman is waiting on responses from about 10 NBC members to indicate they are willing to be available for selection this season. New members are also very welcome!



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

Congratulations to Noel Hein on being awarded a Life Membership.

Noel started his bowls at the Nuriootpa Bowling Club in 1987 and apart from a short hiatus away from the club in the middle stages of his career, Noel has been an invaluable member, and a volunteer worker for the club over many years.

Noel has always involved himself in the greenkeeping side of things, being highly experienced with the mowing and rolling and anything else that is required to do on the greens and surrounds each and every week of the summer season.

Always one of the first at the many work bees that are held each and every year, and if there was something to repair or fix in or around the club.....well, ask Noel.

Noel also obtained an RSA so he could help with the running of the Bar and never shies away from helping out when there is a BBQ to be organized.

Noel's talents are also apparent on the green when he has a bowl in hand. Success has come with two club pairs championships, together with one Division One pennant premiership as well as eight Division Two Premierships.

Noel is not the one to go home early after Grand Final success either, and has been involved in some memorable celebrations, including 'tripping' the light fantastic while trying to get home from the AP Snake Pit....several times. He's also been known to recite some eloquent poetry from atop the tables in the clubrooms! He certainly has a way with words, does Noel.

GREENS REPORT

Both greens have been "put to bed" during the winter break but with Robert Grope keeping a close eye on them.

It was unfortunate that we weren't successful in obtaining a government grant for a new synthetic turf for one green. Information given to the board has indicated that there will be no further grants of this nature again this year. Meanwhile we are thankful for the work done by a few to keep our greens in great condition – some of the best!

The Greens Manager, Robert and President, Andrew, attended a council forum to find out what type of support we might be able to expect from the Barossa Council. Our members were warmly welcomed and felt listened to. The board is continuing to look at how the club can improve its facilities, including an artificial turf in the future.

An automatic irrigation system is also being quoted for both greens.

2023/2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The board has agreed on the subscription fees for the new bowls season. Before publishing this, a Special General Meeting being held in August needs to ratify the proposals.

UNIFORMS

Pauline Eichner will be happy to see to your uniform requirements. Catch her at the club.

KEYS AND CO-OP CARDS

If you or any player or past players of Nuriootpa Bowling Club have a key or keys or Co-Op card used for purchasing, please let Margaret Buckley know, along with the details of the card or key so that she can update her register. If you no longer need these items, you can give them to Margaret. Thank you

KNOW THE RULES

Stopping Bowls:

New rules were released at the end of last season regarding a player stopping one of their own

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team's bowls or lifting a bowl to alleviate the head being disturbed. Some clubs published these two rules.

Please be aware that Bowls Australia has rescinded these new rules.

BOARD NEWS

Discussion:

- Possible clubroom and grounds upgrades
- Implementation of Food Safety Standards must be in place by December 8th.
- Grants applications

Two changes are being made for next year's Bowls SA Country Carnival competition.

1. Draws will not be conducted randomly. If players from the same region are drawn to be in the same team, it will be redrawn.
2. There will be a return to traditional four-player sections for singles.

The changes were made as a result of feedback from participants.

Strategic Plan

As per the strategic plan developed last year following a special meeting, the following subcommittees were formed, to be led by board members and with a view to include non-board club members. The purpose is to discuss and then advise and give ideas to the board. No decisions will be made by these committees without board approval.

1. **Bowling and Player Development** – Gary Chapman, Brenton Brown, Stuart Forbes
2. **Governance Administration** – Hanika Booth, Debbie Blenkiron, Marg Buckley,
3. **Social Committee** – Carmen Isbel, Brenton Brown.
4. **Clubhouse and Car Park** – All Board members
5. **Greens and Surrounds** – Robert Grope, Andrew Booth and KR Club
6. **Financial Committee** – Andrew Booth, Richard Doyle, Alan Fyfe

All club members are encouraged to join a committee or...

if you are unable to, but have some ideas, please approach the relevant committee leaders.

New Water Dispenser

A new water dispenser has been kindly donated to the club by the Booth family. It has hands free operation and won't need to be filled as often as the old one. The water can also be set to chilled or room temperature.

Fill up on H2O this season!

QUIZMAS

There was Christmas cheer aplenty in the NBC clubrooms on July 8th; lots of jolly people, Father Christmas and even some Wise Men (and women). Everyone who attended were winners but the team who took out the top prize were the Christmas Carolers – well done to Noel Hein's table!

The organising team of Brenton Brown, Carmen Isbel, Maureen Brown and their helpers did a fantastic job to make sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

There will be more events at the club, as the year progresses, so don't miss out on what is to come.

Thankyou to all those who attended. It was a great night.

WATCH OUT FOR SOME MORE EXCITING EVENTS!

Brenton Brown and Carmen Isbel (social event coordinators) have been busy coming up with a variety of social events which began with Quizmas and will continue throughout the year and bowls season. Their efforts are appreciated in both raising money for the club but just as importantly, to give NBC members and friends good opportunities to engage with one another and the community.

Please support these events as they are advertised and as you can.

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EVENING OF FOOTY FUN!

Saturday 5th August at 5:45 pm

CHEER AS WE WATCH

PORT POWER VS GEELONG!

Delicious Casseroles from 6pm, Sweets at the half time break. Trivia fun will include; test your footy knowledge, pick the player to kick the 1st score, guess the margin? leading goal kicker.

Will you be able to predict the outcome?

Winners will be rewarded!

DRESS IN YOUR FOOTY COLOURS



lets fill the Club with a sea of banners, team guernseys and scarves.

Ticket price: \$20 per person
(includes a 2-course meal)

BYO corkage- \$10 per bottle

Spread the word amongst family and friends!

for bookings and further information contact Carmen Isbel
0417926086 or Brenton Brown 0429466483

WANTED – CAN YOU HELP?

Team photos of the **1998/99 1st division premiership and the 1998/99 2nd division premiership**. The existing photos have faded and need replacing. Thank you. (See Brenton Brown)

MAJOR RAFFLE

A major raffle is being planned to be drawn at our Christmas Dinner.

Tickets will be available throughout the season, over the bar and in books of tickets given to members to sell.

Players may like to contribute to the major prize, a wheelbarrow full of items, with some items already donated.

WE'RE COLLECTING...

Refundable cans and bottles can be brought to the club and put in the container at the back of the clubrooms.



It's the small things that count!

RAFFLE NIGHT VINE INN

On the second Friday of every month The Vine Inn hosts, from 5.30pm in Billy Jacks Bar, a series of four raffles.

It is a great opportunity to catch up with others from our club and to promote ourselves in the community.

Maybe stay for a meal.

LAWN BOWLS ETIQUETTE

MOVING ON TO THE MAT

- Wait until the bowler, before you, has delivered his or her bowl and it has come to rest before moving onto the mat.
- Once it is your turn to bowl, come onto the mat from the left side and once you are done bowling, step off from the right side of the mat. It is customary to observe this suggestion to avoid bumping into other players as you exit the mat.
- When it's your team's turn to bowl, it's your mat and head; your opponents should be away from both but if they are not, ask them politely, to move.
- Give your skipper time to give you directions before delivering your bowl.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July	Fri 28th	12:30	Kapunda	Winter Pennant
Aug	Sat 5th		NBC	An Evening of Footy Fun
	Mon 14th		NBC	Special general Meeting
	Sun 13th	9:00 – 2:30p	Mitre 10	Sausage Sizzle
Sept	Sat 15th		NBC	Wedding in clubrooms

Note: *The State Bowls Singles are being held in the Barossa Region this season.

EARLY BIRD SAVE
\$30 ON
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LAWN BOWLS

XIX AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES ADELAIDE
7-14 OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER
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<https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/lawn-bowls/>

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**LADIES' SPRING GALA DAY
FOURS TOURNAMENT**
(come along in something floral)

Tuesday, 24th October 2023

9.30 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start

Entry: \$100/ team

Morning Tea – Lunch – Afternoon Tea - Raffles
CADDIESHACK IN ATTENDANCE



Entries to: Carmen Isbel
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If you have any articles or information for the newsletter, please email to Debbie Blenkiron by the second Tuesday of the month.

dbwalker9@gmail.com



QUIZMAS PHOTO GALLERY



The Christmas Carolers - The winning table (all very wise!)

Even the food was Christmas themed!



What? No bowls questions?



Organisers, Brenton Brown and Carmen Isabel with best dressed prize winner, Noel Hein (Wise Man)

