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Foreword from the Editor

Here we are again at the start of another season. Some things will change while others will remain the same. Let's welcome the changes and approach them positively.

With less pennant games we need to be on top of things from the word go so we can achieve good results for our club. Remember that we are playing as a team and not for personal glory.

In this edition we welcome Auto Masters Greenwood as a new sponsor. Please consider them for your car care and mention that you are a member here when you book your service.

Werner Tubbe



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President's Report

As you can appreciate everyday products have increased substantially over the last year. Bar products are no exception due to twice yearly excise increases and fuel levies by suppliers. These increases have not been passed on to members for the past 12 months. Therefore, our prices increased on Tuesday

18th August. Members are encouraged to produce their Members Card to receive club discounts.

The installation of the automatic front doors has all but finished with some minor works to be completed. All members who are responsible for the security of the Club should familiarise themselves with the entry and exit procedures. Installation of lights on C Green is nearing final completion with some minor refurbishment work to be completed.

Pennant season is fast approaching and those members who have either not paid their fees or indicated to the Selectors of availability should do so without delay. Availability sheets are on the Men's notice board. Unavailable sheets will be going up shortly. Check your dates so that Selectors have plenty of notice of your intended absences.

You will have noticed flags have been laid out on A Green. This is just an indicator of where the padel courts will be situated. Approval of the sub lease by City of Joondalup is still pending. We hope this will go before the Councils October meeting (fingers crossed) and once approval has been given, we will see more activity around the Club.

Jeff Sheppard – President



Two elderly bowlers were having a keen tussle. No 1 bowler, "Look Bill, go down and tell those two women to keep off our green."

Bill goes down and hurries back. "No way, I'm not telling them, one's my wife and the other is my girlfriend."

No 2 goes down the green and comes hurrying back. "What a coincidence," he said thoughtfully.

My husband said he would leave me if I didn't give up bowls. I will probably miss him.



Women's Captain's Report

Congratulations ladies on your combined support of the Warwick Bowling Club. All full fees were paid promptly and presently we have had approximately 80% of ladies full members attend Wednesday Ladies Club Day. Well done!

Also coming on Ladies Club Day are some Associate Members. It is great to see them attending and we welcome more to join us on Wednesday.

Welcome to our new ladies committee members who will take Warwick Ladies forward in the coming season. Jan Harrington returns to Selection and takes on the position of Chair. Also returning from last season is Jan Ridley with Gail Davies returning after some years of 'R&R'. Our new members are Dianne Hornby and Jan Jenzen. I wish you all a stress free season.

Ladies Match has three returning in Colene Bell (Chair), Trish Bobridge and Julie Cusworth. Added to this experience are first year Match Committee members in Stephanie Boyle and Kathy Dawson. Good luck for the coming season.

Congratulations to Richard Booker who has been appointed Club Umpiring Coordinator, and Jan Ridley who has been appointed Club Coaching Coordinator. Both are enthusiastic and committed members of our club. I am hopeful they will be well supported by all our members.

The Ladies Wednesday Lotto Club has experienced weekly returns however we are a little short of the amount required to put a roof over 'B' green. We will keep trying and our luck may change.

To all our bowling members, have a healthy and happy 2026-2027 season. And may all your bowls run true.

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

Henry Ford

Nola Appleby - Women's Captain



Men's Captain's Report

The Social season has been very well attended, and it's good to see the members supporting their own club.

The special games on Saturday have kept it interesting, and we are still running the popsticks

for those that want it.

As we are now coming into the Pennants season and Club Championships, it's time to think about really focusing on your game and how improvements can be made. Coaching is always available to those that reach out for it. Practice between games is also highly recommended.

For those that are being put into new positions, it's always handy to check out YouTube or your coach as to how to best prepare for those games and what sort of practice routines will help you the most.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Men's Match Committee who have dedicated the Social season to providing the games. It takes a lot of effort to make everything look seamless.

All the best for the upcoming Pennants season and please look at getting involved with Championship games. These are a great way of testing yourselves.

Paul Burn – Men's Captain

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When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head. The first one says, "You need to eat the chocolate." The second one says, "You heard. Eat the chocolate."

Wife: You need to do more chores around the house.

Husband: Can we change the subject?

Wife: Okay. More chores around the house need to be done by you.

~~~~~  
One windmill asks the other, "What kind of music do you like?"

The other windmill replies, "Me? I'm a metal fan."

A snail's shell was ripped off in a tragic accident. His friend rushed over to him and asked, "How are you feeling?", to which he replied, "Sluggish".

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## Women's Selection Report

I would like to begin by welcoming our new members of the Selection Committee for 2026/2027 season: **Jan Jenzen, Dianne Hornby and Gail Davies**, and welcome back **Jan Ridley**.

The team has had a couple of initial meetings to become familiar with our roles within the committee and the role of the committee, as well as the overall role of the Selection Committee within the bowling club.

One major change from the previous two years is that Gail Davies will now be your contact for unavailability. Please contact Gail as early as possible if you are unavailable for participation on a particular date. This is very important to ensure the smooth running of the pennant teams throughout the season. The **Unavailable File** has also been updated and is back in its usual place on the shelf below the Ladies information board.

For the **2026/27 season** we have requested the following:

### **Tuesday Open Gender Pennants;**

- 1 side - Division 1
- 1 Side - Division 2 and
- 2 Sides - Division 3

### **Saturday Pennants;**

- 1 Side – Division 2

We are hoping there will be enough teams for the Saturday Division 2 competition to continue this year.

We are also hoping to receive further information regarding our allocations by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, just in time for the beginning of our Trial games **October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

As I've mentioned to the ladies on Wednesdays, the Selection Committee takes the selection of our Sides very seriously. Please don't be put off if you see a member of the Selection Committee standing nearby with a clipboard watching play!

We are all making observations of the players who have indicated that they are willing to participate in the 2026 /27 Pennant season. The information collected helps us make well- informed decisions when compiling the Sides for each Decision.

And I haven't forgotten our gentlemen who have indicated they would like to participate this season - **we have our eyes on YOU too!**

We have some very enthusiastic players in our club, and it would be wonderful to see everyone enjoying their pennants during the 2026 /27 season.

Don't be afraid to try something new, challenge yourself and enjoy being part of the team.

**The challenge has begun – here's to a successful and enjoyable pennant season!**

Jan Harrington - Chair Women's Selection



## Men's Selection Report

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Pennant Season. Pennant selection will be very interesting this year, We have 3 new selectors this year, Mark Curtin, John Downer, Ray Loran (Selected as Chair of Selection), Geoff Hinge and Alan Dowson.

This season Thursday Pennants has changed to Open Gender. Currently we may just have enough players to field the allocated Divisions with the half a dozen reserves including four Ladies. We could do with a few more players.

Saturday Pennants, we are very low on numbers. We require 88 players, so far, we currently have 94 signed up.

As you are all aware at certain times of the year, we can have up to 20 - 25 players unavailable to play.

The Club would appreciate those members wishing to play Pennants this season to place your names on the Thursday and Saturday Pennant sheets as soon as possible. There will be a Selectors meeting on 7 September to discuss whether we are going to drop 1 of the Divisions on Saturday.

To the Club Members committed to play this season remember the Selectors are doing a voluntary job.

Remember we are all playing for the Warwick Bowling Club and have a great season.

Ray Loran - Chair Men's Selection



**Jessica Stojkovski**

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## Umpires Stuff

Questions have been asked around the club as to whether a bowl entering a rink from the neighbouring rink and threatening to make contact with a bowl at rest should be stopped or the bowl at rest be lifted.

Bowls in the head should never be touched and even lifting bowls that are some distance from the head can cause a dead end.

The explanation for this is:

For a Singles game the answer is easy. The marker **MUST** stop the incoming bowl. Law 37.6.2.

For Teams games (Pairs, Triples and Fours) the answer is more complex.

If the incoming bowl threatens to move the jack it must be stopped. Law 38.6.

If the incoming bowl threatens to dislodge a bowl at rest Law 37.6.1 gives a player the option of:

1. Stopping the bowl, or
2. Lifting the bowl to allow the bowl to pass and then replace it, as long as this action would not **influence** the outcome of the head.

The word "influence" is important. A variation in position does not have to change the outcome of the head to breach the law. It is enough to cause a change in a choice of shot or tactics.

E.g. if a bowl that is several meters short has its position altered so that it blocks a shot a player wanted to play and forces him/her to play a different shot it has influenced the outcome of the head by preventing a shot that may have changed the outcome of the head.

A player moving to prevent an incoming bowl is usually moving as quick as they can and the bowl is never lifted with the care needed making it undesirable to lift any bowl as it is almost impossible to lift a bowl high enough to allow a bowl to pass under it and then replace it in the exactly the same position it occupied prior to being lifted.

Disputes on whether a lifted bowl was replaced exactly in its previous position will always end up in the Umpire declaring a dead end.

There are also reported incidents where "Win at all Cost" players, when they faced losing an end have claimed a lifted bowl was not placed

back in its original position in order to have a "Dead End" declared. This is rare but it does happen.

To avoid any of these incidents happening all incoming bowls should be stopped and NO BOWLS LIFTED. Remember that your first priority is to safeguard your head at all times.

**NOTE:** All the above applies to bowls that are on the correct bias. Bowls that are on the wrong bias or bowls entering from an adjacent rink as a consequence of a weighted shot are "dead" bowls as soon as they leave their rink of origin and must be stopped.

Richard Booker - Head Umpire



## Grounds Report

Greetings, club members and others. Yes, it has been a wet and cold winter. So, spare a thought for the Volunteer Ground Crew who turn up every Monday, hail, rain or shine to do club maintenance.

Around the grounds at the moment everything is under control. If you have been to the club lately you would have noticed some activity on C green, and that is for the installation of 4 light poles, for which we received a grant and nothing to do with Paddel Ball, which hopefully will be on A green. The contractor has done their best to make good the trenches, but they will need a lot of TLC from the Ground Crew to get them back.

Richard, the Greenkeeper, is no longer employed by WBC, but has agreed to come back as a Volunteer in the Shed and help out from time to time. Richard is also going to play bowls for WBC (only if he can be my 3rd). You will notice that the Ground Crew will be working on C green from time to time, as suggested we will try and keep it in to play as long as possible.

Please note: If you have any suggestions on or about the Grounds, put them in writing and sign them and put them in the Suggestions Box, and we, the Ground Crew, will look at them. Cheers.

Peter Coffey – Greens Chair



## Entertainment Report

Immediately after the AGM we still didn't have an Entertainment Committee, so I approached our new president and put myself forward to be chair without even considering the fact that I would need a committee.

This was also a role totally remote to anything I had ever done before.

My sincere thanks goes to Denise Castles, Jules Matheson, Wendy Rees, Angie Scammell and Andrea Fletcher who wasted no time in their support as Entertainment Committee members.

We held our first event, a Christmas in July quiz on Saturday night 18th. It was a great success with attendance of 116 participants who all seemed to enjoy the evening.

Many thanks to Liz McIlhone and her quiz masters for a great fun quiz.

Shirley Bradley for her time and effort along with her other duties to make amazing raffles.

Nota Appleby, Heath Berryman and the Entertainment Committee for their invaluable support.

Thanks also to Stephanie Boyle for the donation of her beautiful paintings for the silent auction.

The winners of the quiz on the night were "The Wishful Thinkers" on table 8, with the "Village People" on table 2 from Timberside village coming a very close second, missing first place by only one point.

This was the first of our events as a new committee, we look forward to our next event which is to be the Melbourne Cup on the 3rd of November. We hope it will be as much fun, laughter and success as this one.

Lyn Cole – Chair Entertainment



## Christmas in July Quiz Night on 18 July 2026



The winners were "The Wishful Thinkers".



Runner up were the "Village People" from Timberside Village.

## Women's Scroungers 2026/2027

'Queen of Scroungers'  
Gail Davies

'Princess in Waiting'  
Jan Ridley

Congratulations.



Vale Life Member Ron Ahrens – May he rest in peace.



## Personality Profile – Shaun Fraser



Contrary to popular opinion I am the **younger** brother of Stew Fraser. The youngest of three kids, we grew up in the Outer Western Suburbs of Sydney. We were happy kids, and always out playing with the neighbours' kids. Years later I remember telling someone where we grew up and there was an immediate assumption that I was some kind of tough guy. Obviously, the place had changed a lot from the days we were there.

Stew and I both played soccer and cricket while growing up and I started playing music in primary school with the school band. Upon moving to Perth in around 1981 as a family, the principal of my school called mum and dad in for an interview to tell them about a music scholarship school called Perth Modern School. Long story short, I auditioned and got in and thus began my musical journey.

Through school, I played trombone with a lot of different ensembles in and out of the school, including brass bands, swing bands and wind symphonies. The highlight during these years was playing bass trombone with the WA Youth Concert Band. An association that would last nearly a decade before joining the 5MD Band Corp.

I didn't finish high school; it wasn't really my happy place. Getting a job in the bank was one of the more common roads taken for early school leavers who didn't go into trades. So off I went to Westpac Bank, a job I would stay with for 12+ years, while doing 8 years of country service. One round in Dalwallinu in the Central Wheat Belt, before heading south to Donnybrook. Next up was running a finance brokerage and it was through this that I fell into Investment Banking which included lots of international travel and living out of suitcases.

By now I had a young family, a son Angus and daughter Alice, and this along with the constant travel and work became a difficult balance. When I got home from overseas, I was always exhausted and I was burning the candle at both ends. Bottom line the fast pace of the type of business I was in resulted in a bit of a medical crisis which just happened to coincide with the GFC. The dual impact of the GFC and my health scare served a definitive turning point and forced me to take a step back and seek a new direction. My health issues continued through some

complications that resulted in me using a Zimmer frame for a long period and then walking with a stick for some 13 years. Multiple operations over several years period made holding down a fulltime job extremely difficult. The whole combination of things led to the breakdown of my marriage to the kid's mum.

Cut forward a few years when I met a wonderful woman who supported me in trying to reinvent myself, I decided to try my hand at tertiary study for the first time. Entering a university as a mature age student was a little confronting, though something I enjoyed immensely. Completing my undergraduate studies, led to honours and in turn a full scholarship PhD. As some of you know, new studies and a new wife also led to a surprising text message while on my way to gig, letting me know that I was going to be a dad again (a mature, aged dad). Maybe not something I had envisaged for my life, but in looking back, not much happened that I had.

Stew introduced me to the Warwick Bowling Club after he himself found you after a 'Have a Go Day.' I remember coming down to watch him compete in his first tournament and thinking I wouldn't mind trying this. Having Stew teach me was fantastic and it was great just spending time together on the green. We have both had our struggles in getting through seasons, but it has been a wonderful time and I have met some great people and rekindled old friendships with Trevor and Cherrie Gardiner (who were my bosses back in the day when I hung out in their shop on long weekends in Donnybrook to break the monotony of being the local Bank Manager).

Life continues to throw up challenges, but I am enjoying working with a couple of schools, UWA, and ECU teaching music and sharing my first real passion. I am still actively out there making music as a conductor, musical director and artistic director with several groups and on occasion playing a musical instrument for fun. Music and my kids bring me great joy and keep me young.

I find it interesting now when teaching year twelves and university students who are regularly being told that decisions today can impact the rest of their lives and they need to settle on a path for their future. Noone knows what the future may hold and what challenges we will face, more importantly, because of the country where we will live, unlike so many others, we will always have the opportunity to change our mind, to choose another path and explore endless possibilities. It is never too late.



## **Coach's Corner: 7 Common Lawn Bowls Delivery Mistakes (and How to Fix Them) - continued**

### **6. Poor Balance and Stance**

Balance is everything. Feet too close together, a stride that's too long or too short, or an uneven weight shift can all send your body swaying. Once your balance breaks, your delivery path shifts, no matter how clean your arm swing feels.

#### **The Fix:**

Start from a stable base, feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly flexed. When stepping out, aim for a natural stride (not a lunge) at roughly 45 degrees. Keep your back leg acting as a stabiliser rather than swinging it behind. Practise "hold-finish" drills: deliver slowly and freeze your body at the end of the motion. If you can stay balanced for two seconds without wobbling, your stance is sound.

### **7. Inconsistent or Rushed Follow-Through**

Many bowlers decelerate their arm before the natural end of the swing or stop abruptly after releasing the bowl. This shortens the kinetic chain and often results in under-weight or offline shots.

#### **The Fix:**

Think of your follow-through as *finishing your story*. Keep your hand travelling along the intended line and finish with your fingers pointing toward your target. Hold the position until the bowl crosses your aiming point. To build consistency, practise "slow-motion deliveries," exaggerating a smooth, continuous arm swing from start to finish.

When you review footage of top international players, notice how their arms always extend fully toward the target, that's no accident.

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## Community Bowls / Scroungers Report

The Community Bowls season will be starting on Wednesday, 21 October.

This is a great event for the Club as it brings in a different dynamic to the normal members.

We are always scouting those players that show potential to get them further involved in the club.

As always we are on the lookout for volunteers to assist in areas like the service of food, and assisting out on the Greens.

Please let me know if you're available as it always seems to be the same ones putting their hands up.

We cannot run these types of events without your support.

The Scroungers continue to brave the Winter months, and we are expecting more bowlers to join us as it starts to warm up, and the Football season finally finishes.

On Friday night there is not only a great game to be had, but also Happy Hour, the Money Board, Chase the Ace, either Bingo or Trivia and don't forget the lovely food supplied by Topolini's.

Come down and support your club.

Paul Burn – Coordinator for Community Bowls, Jack Attack and Scroungers – 0415 631 509



1. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?

It had great food, but no atmosphere.

2. Why should you never trust stairs? - They're always up to something.

3. Why did the bullet end up losing his job? - He got fired.

4. How do you measure a snake? - In inches—they don't have feet.

5. Why are toilets always so good at poker? - They always get a flush.

6. How do you make an egg roll? - You push it.

7. What did one plate say to the other? - Dinner's on me.



## Sponsorship Report

On behalf of the Warwick Bowling Club, I would sincerely like to THANK our Sponsors both continuing and new for their generous support. Your contributions help us provide better opportunities for our members and the wider community. It is where community meets business

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To our members Thank you for supporting our Sponsors as it is an important part of our sponsorship partnerships because by letting them know we appreciate them. It helps us to grow lasting relationships and together continue to grow our Club so we can play our choice of sport bowls in the best environment and together, we roll to success. I personally Thank those members that have gone that extra mile in helping me assist our Sponsors in the manner which highlights the professionalism of our Club.

Have a great season all enjoy and keep safe.

Shirley Bradley

Sponsorship Co-Ordinator



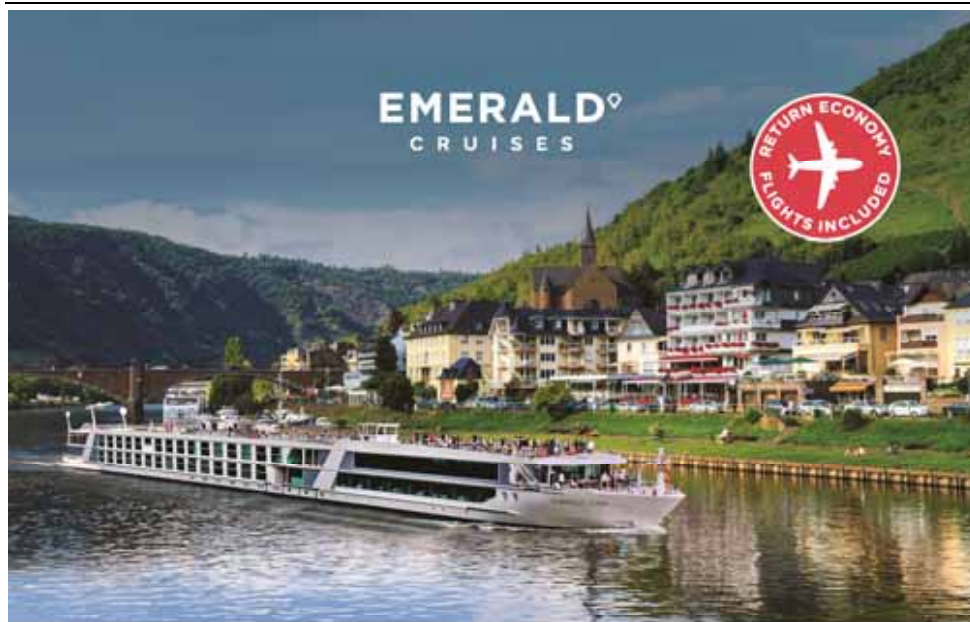
A good lead shows intelligence and promise when they can spot a flaw in their skip's bowling . . . they show wisdom as well if they refrain from pointing it out.

*Q: What does a busy housewife do when she sees something that is way past its "use by" date?*

*A: She packs its lunch and sends it off to bowls.*

It is quite ironic sometimes to see a game start with handshakes, good bowling, best wishes and smiles all around, only to hear a skip mutter to his team at the crossover: "We've got the bastards worried."

*"Why don't you ever see elephants hiding in trees? Because they're really good at it."*



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**Retro Magpie – Today from No. 24 December 1998****10****Successful Club Championships**

The summer season brings out the serious side of the bowls with the Pennants and Championship events now in full swing and isn't great the see our greens and club being utilised almost every day of the week.

The most exciting and stimulating day for Club unity, during the past month, was the challenge match when the Ladies played the Men. After 14 games the Men had 8 rink wins and the Ladies 6. However, the Ladies had an aggregate of 156 to the Men's 155 making the fairer sex the winners. Allan and Shirley Hunt have donated a Shield for this competition to become an Annual event. This Shield will be presented at the Christmas Dinner.

The first of our Championship events, the Mixed Fours, was won by Alan and Fran Hogarth, Betty Breuchert and Frank Phillips in a close final with Anne Jones, Barry Pass, Bob Clark and Norma Houston. The Plate final was a tight game with Frank Klesura, Gloria and Norm Cook and June Imms getting up to win on the last end!! The entries were poor but the competition was strong. The gratifying thing in the Men's Triples was the performance of novice bowler Graeme Connor and Terry Ryan, teamed with the wily Eddie Walker, who at the time this report goes to press, have made the semifinals. Let's hope they can go on to win.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sunday, December 20** -- Our bowls Christmas break up. This will be a mixed mufti day so you can bring your friends and visitors. If we get a good field Ken may even ring the bell!!

**Sunday, January 17** -- Novice Singles commence.

**February 27 & 28** -- Our inaugural Carnival will be held on these dates and we will need support from every member to make this event a success.

**March 21** -- This is the rescheduled Lancelin trip.

It is with regret we learn of the sad passing of club stalwart Cliff Duthie. I had the privilege of first playing Pennant bowls against Cliff in the early 70s in our Country League. He was a true sportsman and a tough competitor. His contribution to the Warwick Bowling Club will be long remembered. We extend our sympathy to Nell and Family.

Mal Gibbon has been appointed our official Umpires Coordinator. He will be responsible for rotating umpires' duties, keeping umpires up to the required standard and rules interpretations. If you have any queries on rules please consult Mal.

**Good Bowling — Captain Paddy**

## SUCCESS FOR MEN'S PENNANT TEAMS

Time passes quickly and we have already played five Pennant games leaving 13 to be contested at the time of writing this report.

Warwick teams are enjoying success.

### SATURDAYS

|          |                      |      |        |
|----------|----------------------|------|--------|
| 3 Red    | first position with  | 31.5 | points |
| 4 Purple | second position with | 27   | points |
| 4 Silver | second position with | 32.5 | points |
| 5 White  | eighth position with | 8    | points |
| 5 Blue   | fifth position with  | 13   | points |
| 5 Gold   | ninth position with  | 7    | points |

### THURSDAYS

|          |                     |      |        |
|----------|---------------------|------|--------|
| 3 Red    | first position with | 18   | points |
| 3 Purple | sixth position with | 10.5 | points |
| 3 Yellow | first position with | 16   | points |
| 4 Lime   | ninth position with | 8    | points |
| 5 Red    | ninth position with | 3    | points |

Our 3rd Division and 4th Division teams are acquitting themselves well while our 5th Divisions are not winning so many games.

However, this situation will improve as the new bowlers gain more valuable skills and experience.

Once teams have been posted on the board any players involved in changes will be advised as soon as possible.

Bear in mind that some of these withdrawals occur at 12.30pm on the day of play. This leaves little time and places pressure on all concerned.

Conversely, after teams have been chosen, and listed on the board, any players who become unavailable should advise the selectors of their changed circumstances as early as possible.

At this point I would to express the appreciation of the selectors and the club as a whole to those people who fill the gaps with a minimum of fuss and complaint.

**Duty Team:** As requested by members in future one team only will be nominated as Duty Team and not the whole division as is now the policy.

### Notice:

**4 Purple.** Floreat Park have withdrawn their team from the competition.

**5 Red** will play a return "Friendly" game against Wembley at home on January 25, 1999.

**Question:** Is this our Newsletter No 24? (Nope, I think No 23.--Ed.)

**A thought:** Success breeds Success.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                           |                                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 13 Sep                    | Club Opening Day                                  |
| 16 Sep                    | Women's Opening Day                               |
| 20, 27 Sep, 4 Oct         | Mixed Fours Championship                          |
| 30 Sep, 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct | Women's Fours Championship                        |
| 6, 13, 20 Oct             | Tuesday Pennants Trials                           |
| 8, 15, 22 Oct             | Thursday Pennants Trials                          |
| 10, 17, 24 Oct            | Saturday Women's Pennants Trials                  |
| 11, 18, 25 Oct            | Men's Fours Championship                          |
| 17, 24 Oct                | Saturday Open Gender Pennants Trials              |
| 26 Oct ongoing            | Women's Pennant Teams Practice                    |
| 27 Oct                    | Tuesday Pennants Round 1                          |
| 29 Oct                    | Thursday Pennants Round 1                         |
| 31 Oct                    | Saturday Open Gender and Women's Pennants Round 1 |
| 3 Nov                     | Melbourne Cup Lunch                               |
| 8 Nov                     | Memorial Day Mixed Drawn Fours                    |
| 15, 22, 29 Nov            | Men's Triples Championship                        |
| 18, 25 Nov, 2, 9 Dec      | Women's Triples Championship                      |



A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk."

The horse says, "Me neither!"

A guy goes into a lawyer's office and asks the lawyer: "Excuse me, how much do you charge?"

The lawyer responds: "I charge £1,000 to answer three questions."

"Bloody hell – That's a bit expensive isn't it?"

"Yes. What's your third question?"

What did the green grape say to the purple grape?

OMG!!!!!! BREATHE!! BREATHEEEEE!!!!!!

### Finally:

*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."*

**Native American Proverb**

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