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Foreword from the Editor

The year 2026 is fast coming to a close. The festive season awaits only a few weeks away (Have you done your Christmas shopping already?) and New Year comes straight on its heels. So, I want to wish all of you a merry Christmas and a healthy New Year 2027. Enjoy also the break from bowls in January due to the new schedule.

In the meantime however, there are still some pennant games and a few championships to contest. I wish all those playing in these events good bowls and good company.

Lastly a request from Shirley Bradley, our Sponsorship Executive:

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Werner Tubbe

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President's Report

By the time this issue goes to press the matter of the sub leasing of A Green to Local Padel should have been determined by the City of Joondalup. Whilst not pre-empting their decision I anticipate that the matter will be decided at the 17th November Council meeting. A favourable decision will enable the next phase of the project to commence.

A recent medical episode at the Club involving a visiting player showed the value of having trained responders on hand. A well done to our members for the way in which the situation was handled. The St Johns training course held earlier this year shows that it was money well spent in training some of our people as first aiders.

In life nobody knows what is around the next corner, therefore it has been suggested that the Club needs to have an NOK/Emergency Contact Register which is readily available. How we go about this will be discussed at the next Executive meeting. It will take quite some implementing, and members may be asked to provide relevant details later.

Melbourne Cup function was a success and a well done to all those involved in running the day. Christmas is fast approaching with our function on 11th December. Notices are around the Club and attendance sheets are on the notice board.

Jeff Sheppard – President

Sanity Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, a man asked the director, "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalised?" The director said, "Well, we fill up a bathtub. Then we offer the person a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket and ask them to empty the bathtub."

The man nodded, "Oh, I understand! A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." The director frowned and motioned to the orderlies, "No, a normal person would pull the bathtub drain plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



Women's Captain's Report

The bowls season is now definitely upon us, and our club calendar is very busy.

The Mixed Fours and Ladies Fours Championships have been conducted. Congratulations to all who competed, and to the place getters, well done.

Special Club Bowls Events saw the Reg Wilson Memorial Triples and the Memorial Day Mixed Drawn Fours conducted. These two special club bowls events are examples of why it is important that we respect the past in order to move forward to the future.

The Reg Wilson event was outstanding with over 90 members in attendance. A great day of bowls was had by all which was followed by fellowship and refreshments in the clubrooms. Once again our thanks goes to Margaret Wilson for her generous support.

Memorial Day is an annual event where present day members respectfully acknowledge members who have passed, and their contribution to our club. Participants gathered at the Remembrance Garden where Club President Jeff Sheppard led a minute's silence. An enjoyable day on the green followed with fellowship and refreshments after the game.

Tuesday and Saturday Ladies Pennants have commenced under the new Bowls WA structure. At this stage we have experienced mixed results however the building blocks are sound for an overall successful season. It is pleasing to see many of our players at Monday afternoon practice. Your dedication towards personal improvement, which in turn will help your team achieve its desired results, is impressive. Keep up the good work!

To all our volunteers, thank you. An immense amount of work is done behind the scenes of which many of our club members are not aware. Although we may not express it, we greatly appreciate the work you do for our Club.

A volunteer is a person who willingly gives their time, energy, and skills to help others, a community, or an organization without receiving financial pay or being forced to do so.

Cambridge Dictionary

Nola Appleby - Women's Captain



Men's Captain's Report

The Pennant and Championship seasons are now on us, but the work of the Match committee doesn't stop.

The committee is working with the Men's selectors to organise games for those Bye/Reserve/Bankers players to give them an incentive and a cash reward for turning up at the club and participating.

The Men's Fours Championship has been run and congratulations go to the team of Andrew Dixon, Declan Wilson, Gary Chappell and Andrew Lewis. And for the Plate well done to Ray Loran, Geoff Hinge, Clive Boyle and Ian Davies.

The Men's Triples are next starting on 15 November.

Unfortunately, Nino Pracilio has stepped down from the committee, and we thank him for his service.

Paul Burn – Men's Captain

A Lab & a Chihuahua

Two friends are walking their dogs together. One has a big black lab, while the other has a minuscule chihuahua. They pass a bar, and the lab owner says, "Let's get a drink." The chihuahua walker says, "That would be great, but we can't take our dogs in there." The first responds, "Watch me."

The lab owner strolls in with her dog and orders a drink. The bartender says, "Sorry, you can't bring your dog in here." Feigning offense, the woman says, "He's my seeing eye dog!" The bartender quickly apologizes and serves her the drink.

The other woman follows, her chihuahua in tow, and orders a drink as well. Again, the bartender says, "No dogs allowed in the bar." The second woman replied, "He's my seeing-eye dog." The bartender makes a face. "A chihuahua? Give me a break." Without missing a beat, the woman replies, "They gave me a chihuahua?!"

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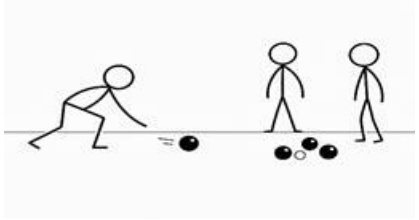
Women's Selection Report

This year's pennant season is well underway, with promising results over the past three weeks in both Tuesday and Saturday competitions.

The Selection Committee has worked to form compatible teams with the skills needed for each division. We aim to keep teams stable so players can build cohesion and develop together, rather than make changes for their own sake.

Clear communication between players and the Skip is essential to team development. Players must discuss any issues with the Skip first. The selection team will then intervene only at the Skip's request.

Ladies and gents, be bold and practise new or different shots during training. The saying "practice makes perfect" is so true in lawn bowls, so let's give it a go and help develop your team's skill.



Above all, continue to enjoy your bowls and the company of others.

Jan Harrington - Chair Women's Selection

The Patient Truck Driver

A truck driver is starving and stops at a biker bar to eat. He goes inside, sits down at the bar, and orders a beer and some food. Right after he's served, a biker gang enters the bar, eager for a fight. One walks up to the trucker, and slaps his hat off. The trucker takes a sip of beer. Another biker swats his food off the bar. The trucker takes another sip of beer. So a third biker grabs the beer and pours it over the trucker's head. The trucker gets up, pays the bill, and leaves. The biker leader says, "That trucker sure wasn't much of a fighter." The bartender glances out the window and says, "He's not much of a driver either. He just smashed his truck into a row of motorcycles."



Men's Selection Report

Finally the season has started. Pennant Practice was disappointing with so many unavailable.

Thanks to all Players for doing the right thing by turning up on time first 2 match days. Please keep that up it makes the selectors job easier. There were a few hiccups on the first Thursday and Saturday with cards and match sheets but should be fixed for the next games. Thursday Pennants is going to be difficult for numbers if we have too many unavailable, last Thursday we only had 3 reserves. The first Saturday Pennants we had six reserves, but this week we have fifteen.

The Selectors have received some feedback, but more would be appreciated. We would like feedback from all of the Skippers.

Congratulations to Saturday five Blue 6 points.

Ray Loran - Chair Men's Selection

The Smartest Man Alive

A small plane is flying from Dallas to Denver when the engine sputters and dies. The pilot runs out of the cockpit, grabs a parachute, opens the door, then says, "Sorry, there are only three parachutes left," and jumps out. This leaves 4 passengers: a boy scout, a college professor, a priest, and a doctor.

The doctor says, "Guys, I need to be saved. I heal people and am a valuable resource to the human population." He grabs a parachute and jumps out.

The professor says, "Well, I've won the Nobel Peace Prize and spoken to the leaders of the free world. The President of the United States has called me the smartest man alive. It is obvious I need to be saved." He grabs a parachute and jumps out, leaving the priest and the boy scout… but only one parachute.

The priest smiles sadly at the boy and says, "Son, I've lived a long and fruitful life. You are young and have the rest of your life in front of you. Take the last parachute." The scout replies, "It's okay, Father. The smartest man alive just jumped out of the plane with my knapsack."



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Honest Job Applicant: A guy goes into a company for a job interview. The interviewer asks him, "What would you consider to be your biggest weakness?" The guy thinks for a minute and says, "I'm honest with everyone. I don't know how to be anything other than completely honest, no matter what someone asks me." The interviewer says, "I don't really see how honesty could be considered a weakness. In fact, I think it's a great strength!" The guy looks the interviewer right in the eye and says, "I don't really care what you think."

The Cure: A lady goes to her doctor for a checkup. The doctor asks her if she is having any problems. "Yes, doctor," she says. "I have to fart a lot. Fortunately, no one can hear them or smell them. In fact, I've farted twice since you came in and they were silent and odorless." The doctor nods and says, "I can treat this problem with an over-the-counter medication, a prescription, and a referral. The medication will help your body produce less gas. The prescription will help you recover your sense of smell. I'm giving you a referral to an audiologist to see if they can help you hear better."

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Umpires Stuff

1. During a Fours game, Team A is holding 5 shots, closely grouped around the jack. The skip of Team A, wanting to protect the head, walks past the head in the direction of the mat. Standing 3 metres from the head says to his third, who is on the mat "I want a bowl here."

   (a) Is this permissible?

   (b) What must the skip do next?

2. The jack is in the ditch. Under what circumstances is it possible for a bowl on its original course to come to rest in contact with the jack, be considered a live bowl but not a toucher?
3. The lead in Team A delivers the jack and plays the first bowl. The lead in Team B realises that he should delivered the jack. What must happen?
4. In a pairs match the scores are tied after the required number of ends have been completed. Who delivers the jack in the extra end?

Answers

1. (a) Yes.

   (b) The skip must take a position behind the jack as soon as the bowl has been delivered. Law 12.1.3.

2. A bowl in its original course has come to rest in contact with the jack in the ditch and remains partly on the green and partly overhanging the ditch. The bowl is still live but IS NOT a toucher. Laws 14.3 and 18.3.2.
3. The end must be re-started with the lead from Team B delivering the jack. Law 9.5.
4. The skips must toss a coin to decide who will play first in the extra end. The winner of the toss can choose whether to place the mat and deliver the jack and the first bowl or tell the opponents to do so. Law 28.2.



Grounds Report

Greetings, Club Members and others. Well, the Pennant season is now upon us. We, the Ground Crew, have prepared the grounds - 2 Synthetic and possibly 1 grass, if needed. So, I hope you have all been practicing on B and D greens over the Winter. At the moment we are concentrating on making good the surrounds, especially the trenches they dug to install the power cables for the lights on C green. We have also sprayed over the Winter B and D green for Fungus and remarked both N and S and E and W ,so we are good to go.

Thanks again to the Ground Crew who turn up on Mondays to do all the bits of maintenance that needs doing both Outside and Inside. Even though some of it is above our pay grade, we get it done.

After more than 30 years WBC have moved with the times and now have 2 Fire Wardens, myself as Chief and Heath Berryman as my Deputy. We have now installed Escape signs and a Muster Area sign. So, have a look for them; you may need to know where they are located one day. So, if you are directed to evacuate the club house Do Not Hesitate, stop what you are doing and in an orderly manner exit the club house by the 2 rear back doors and proceed along the walkway in an easterly direction till the very end near the water cooler, and that's where the Muster Area is located.

The lights on C green have now been installed and signed off by the contractor. Welcome now to two new members of the Ground Crew: Jess Dixon and Mabel Berwick. The club room windows have also been cleaned thanks to Club Person of the Year (can you remember who it is). Cheers.

Peter Coffey – Greens Chair

Double Positive:

A MIT linguistics professor was lecturing his class the other day. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative." A voice from the back of the room said, "Yeah, right."

Opening Day Bowls



Championship Finalists – Major 2026/2027



Mixed Fours Championship

Champions: Ray and Angela Loran, Stephanie and Clive Boyle

Runner-Ups: Jeff Sheppard, Nola Appleby, Colene Bell, Ivan Sparrowhawk



Women's Fours Championship

Champions: Jan Ridley, Angela Loran, Jenny Duthoor, Colene Bell

Runner-Ups: Jules Matheson, Wendy Rees, Lyn Cole, Denise Castles



Men's Fours Championship

Champions: Andrew Lewis, Declan Wilson, Gary Chappell, Andrew Dixon

Runner-Ups: Glen Yakuba, Jeff Sheppard, Colin Rudrum, Ivan Sparrowhawk

Championship Finalists – Plate 2026/2027



Mixed Fours Championship

Plate Winners: JJ Landman, Cheryle and Caryle Smith, Heath Berryman

Plate Runner-Ups: Kath Fenning, Richard and Ireene Hill, Alan Bradley



Women's Fours Championship

Plate Winners: Maggie Eddy, Gail Davies, Sue Hinge, Stephanie Boyle

Plate Runner-Ups: Noeleen Weymouth, Jan Jenzen, Nancy Sutton, Trish O'Connell



Men's Fours Championship

Plate Winners: Ian Davies, Clive Boyle, Geoff Hinge, Ray Loran

Plate Runner-Ups: JJ Landman, John Dunham, Mario Minervini, Bill Shand

Opening Day Lunch and Bowls Winners



Opening Day Winners

Stephanie Boyle, Max Chapman, Jan Ridley (Charles Speary missing)

Opening Day Runner-Up

Stephen Hurley, Jan Jenzen, Colene Bell, Nino Pracilio



Personality Profile – Kath Fenning

I was born in Narrogin on the 11th November 1942. My dad was in Borneo serving in the army, and Mum had to travel by train from Darkan to Narrogin for my birth. After returning from Borneo he took over running the farm in Darkan. Times were tough, the main source of income was the sale of cream to Watsons butter factory in Spearwood.

There was no school bus to take us to school in Darkan, so we had to do lessons by correspondence. When a bus became available we had to walk a mile to catch it. Before doing so we had to milk two cows by hand. We had to milk three after we got home from school. I made a lot of friends in primary school and still catch up with three of them a couple of times a year. Secondary school was at Bunbury High School (met Jim O'Connell there}. Played a lot of sport, basketball, netball, hockey and swimming. Though I am a good swimmer I did not enjoy it.

On leaving school, I worked in the local garage doing general office work. I obtained a position with Dalgety's in Morawa, general office and sales duties, my aunt was the matron of the hospital, so I was able to board with her. I continued playing a lot of different sports and won the Ladies golf championship twice.

I was there for approximately two years during which time I made a good friend named Pam who said she would like to travel to the UK and Europe. In 1969 I resigned and off we went. We sailed on the Arcadia, around Cape of Good Hope, It was a six week voyage. In London we worked at various job, in a biscuit factory, vegetable market, even picking strawberries.

My grandfather came from the Orkney Islands, so we went up there for a visit and had a lot of fun. Following that we joined a youth tour{under 26} of Europe. We camped in tents, and each of us had duties like cooking or washing up, sometimes we put up at youth hostels. It was an exciting adventure. I was away for nearly a year. While away my father died unexpectantly.

I returned home intending to help out on the farm but my former boss in Morawa had been transferred to Narrogin and heard that I was home and asked me to rejoin Dalgety's in Narrogin, which I did. I boarded in town during the week and went home on weekends. In Narrogin I took up a new sport {for me}, badminton. After my transfer to Perth I continued playing and won a state B grade championship.

In 1973 I transferred to Spearwood. My new duties there were in the fertiliser sales department. Farmers wishing to purchase fertilizer on credit had to have prior approval from the Finance Department. Peter worked in Finance, and that is how we initially met, over the phone. We used to meet at company functions and sundowners. I needed a plus one for Pam's wedding in September 1973, so I asked Peter to come with me and he agreed. We became engaged on the 11 November and married on 28 January 1974. We have two caring and loving daughters and four grandsons that we love dearly.

In 1985 Peter (who was now working with Elders) was transferred to Narrogin with a company house provided. While he worked I kept busy playing tennis, squash and golf. In my spare time I helped teach our girls basketball and netball. I was coach of the ladies' squash team, paid by the Rec Centre.

We returned to Perth in 1989. I joined Lakelands Country Club where I played golf for eleven years before moving to Wanneroo Golf Club. I remained there until the end of 2007. During 2007 I played a season of community bowls and a few games with Pos-Tel Bowls Club. In 2008 although I was no longer a member of Wanneroo I was invited to travel to Malaysia on a golfing exchange trip. We played competitions at four different clubs and won more than our fair share of matches. On return I sold my clubs and have not touched one since. I have no regrets.

I joined Warwick Bowling Club at the end of 2007. I was made very welcome and fitted in quickly. I played half a pennant season in 2008. I won the Ladies Novice championship in my first year and was runner up in the State Novice championship.

Around that time I met a lovely man named Ron Ahrens. While he never actually coached me he would watch me play and later leave an envelope on the notice board containing tips and articles about different aspects of my game. I kept all of them in a file. Over the years I have made them available to newer players who have wanted to read them.

The tips Ron gave me must have helped because in my first full season I was promoted to the club's number one pennant side. I remained there until 2025 when, at my own request, I went down a division. This year I intend to move down another division. I think I am wearing out.

I am very proud of the fact that I have won every ladies' championship at least once and have had the honour of being named Lady Bowler of the year three times. I have enjoyed every minute of my time at Warwick Bowling Club and hope to continue playing bowls for Warwick for many more years to come.

Kath Fenning


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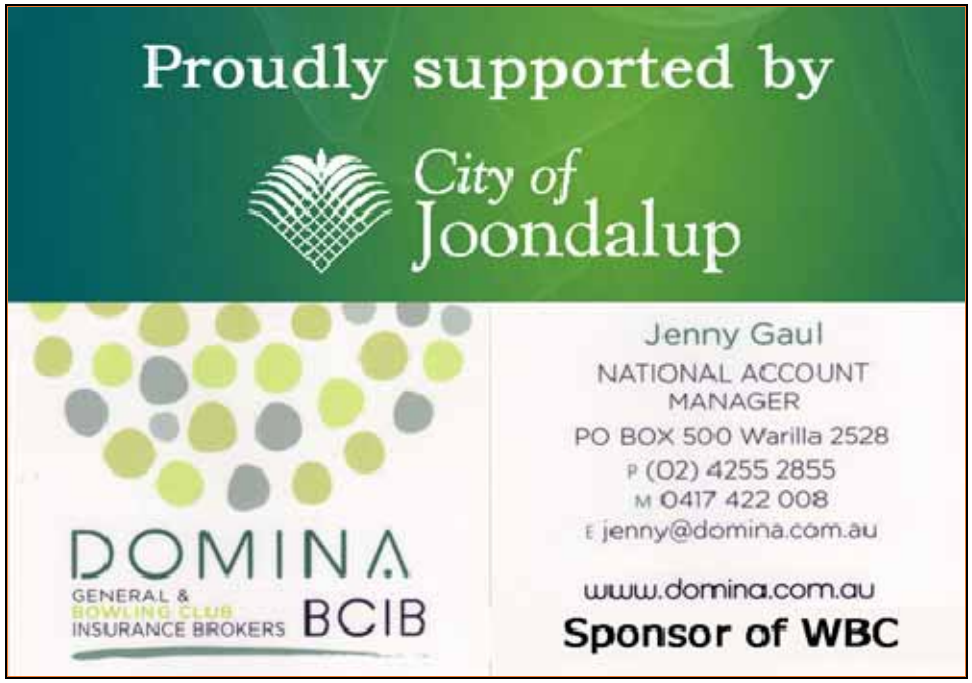
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Community Bowls / Scroungers Report

The Community Bowls season has started and there is nothing more pleasing than to see our 2 synthetic greens being utilised to the Max.

There is a few teams that are leading the charge for that magnificent Bowl on a Plinth prize.

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 have braved through the Winter months, and are now starting to look forward to the warmer weather. We are looking forward to seeing more people, particularly our Social members rocking up and enjoying the balmy nights under lights.

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 Toppolinis.

Come down and support your club.

6 PM for 6.30, cost is $10 and uniform is mufti. 3 Bowls of 12 ends with the winners going into a 4 end final. If you want a meal, get down a bit earlier as it is always popular.

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

Jamie Oliver has been accused of shoplifting a kitchen utensil from Tesco.

Oliver says it was a whisk he was prepared to take.



Entertainment Report

We held our first Melbourne Cup Day as a new committee with 97 attendees.

The food was plentiful, a huge thank you to Barry and Wendy Bryce who worked long and hard to provide us with a lovely lunch.

Thank you also to Shirley Bradley and Nola Appleby for their invaluable support, and to all those who stepped in to help on the day.

Also, to Dennis Hahnel, Graeme Smith and Bernie McNamara who worked on the betting panel.

To Jed Carter, Heath Berryman and JD who filled in as jockeys as well as Denise, Wendy and Jules, you all did a great job with very little training. This race was not too mimic a professional race but to have fun, we hope we did that.

We have received a lot of positive comments which were very welcome and encouraging.

We now look forward to our Christmas party to be held on the night of Friday, December 11th. Hope to see you there.

Lyn Cole – Chair Entertainment

Stranded in the Desert

Three men are in the middle of a desert when their car breaks down. For their hike to town, they each decide to take one thing with them. One man takes a jug of water. The second man takes a sandwich. The last man takes one of the car doors. The first man says to the last man, "I'm bringing the water because if I get thirsty, I can take a drink. And it makes sense to bring a sandwich in case we get hungry, but why bring a car door?" The last man replies, "If I get hot, I can just roll down the window."

Melbourne Cup Function – 3 November 2026







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

Key Takeaways

- Consistency begins with a clean, repeatable delivery.
- Wobble, bounce, step drift, tension, early head lift, poor balance, and rushed follow-through are the seven biggest culprits.
- Fix one at a time through focused drills and video feedback.
- Even elite players periodically re-check fundamentals.
- Build awareness → make small corrections → embed through repetition.

Pair these insights with *The Bowls Academy Purposeful Practice Targets* or solid on-green drills framework to turn good habits into instinctive ones.

FINAL END

Every bowler, no matter the level, battles delivery drift. The difference between frustration and improvement lies in awareness and structured correction. Next time your bowls start missing for no clear reason, return to this checklist - you'll likely find the answer within these seven fundamentals.

From "The Bowls Academy Blog" -
https://www.thebowlsacademy.com/blog

Golf Wife: Tim decided to tie the knot with his long-time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was out in the garage organizing his golfing equipment. His wife came to the door and after a long period of silence, she said, "Tim, I've been thinking, now that we're married, maybe it's time you quit golfing. You spend so much time on the course. I'm sure you could probably get a good price for your clubs." Tim got a horrified look on his face. His wife said, "Darling, what's wrong?" Tim shook his head and said, "For a minute there, you started to sound like my ex-wife." "Ex-wife!" she screamed, "I didn't know you were married before!" He gave her a pointed look and said, "I wasn't."

Retro Magpie – Today from No. 25 / May 1999

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The Magpie

NEWSLETTER OF WARWICK BOWLING CLUB INC
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Established 1993

Warwick moving into an exciting new phase

Warwick members can look back on 1998/99 season with pride and satisfaction.

Our Pennant teams performed very well, winning promotion in ladies and men's competition with a Pennant an added bonus for the men.

Our membership increased by approximately 20% and we now have three good greens ready for the coming season. Our club is financially sound and will finish the year ahead of budget.

Now let's look ahead!! 1999/2000 year promises to be very exciting with our club entering a whole new phase of development, which will include:

Within a month we shall finally move into our new clubhouse;

Warwick Bowling Club will become an active part of the Warwick Recreation Association which will manage the new clubhouse and bar;

We can expect an influx of new members with the advent of the new clubhouse and our elevation-to higher divisions;

A fulltime greenkeeper will be appointed to maintain our three greens in tiptop condition.

Our club has made extraordinary progress in its short 5 year existence and is now recognised by the bowling fraternity as a vibrant and progressive club.

The challenge facing members now is to maintain the momentum of the club development and also maintain the excellent club spirit and co-operation that has enabled us to reach our present stage of development in such a short period of time. A very good sign of a healthy club is the number of nominations received for Executive and Committee positions.

It is very pleasing to see that ballots will be necessary for many positions and demonstrates that members are very interested in the wellbeing of the club.

Please make sure you vote and support your new board members and committees throughout the coming season and into the next century!

Ken O'Brien, President

Retro Magpie – Today from No. 25 / May 1999

Greens at 'High Standard'

I believe the standard of greens presented for Pennant and championship play during the past season has been of extremely high standard considering the age of the club and the lack of a fulltime greenkeeper.

Our success has been largely due to the hard work of Eric Rodgers with the assistance of a small group of volunteers, some of whom spend upwards of 12 hours per week in greens and grounds preparation.

I am pleased to report that a small group of ladies have now become involved in gardening duties. We look forward to their continued support and growth in number.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to all those who have assisted.

I know there are some members who consider our greens should be running at 18 or 19 seconds as they do at Sorrento or Osborne Park. I note with interest that these people are not waiting outside the greenkeeper's workshop at 5.30am, or for that matter, any other time to achieve their demands. I do, however, look forward to their assistance in the 1999/2000 season.

As our area of responsibility is for the grounds, not all the work centres around greens preparation. So if you are a handyman, (or woman) and can spare an hour or two once a week to help with the construction or maintenance of our equipment, please do not hesitate to come forward. Every little bit helps.

Alan Hogarth
Grounds Chairman

This is a Get Well message to all our ailing members. . .
Bernie Smith is a patient in Osborne Park Hospital and would love to have visitors to help cheer him up and get him out of there. Also the club wishes all members feeling poorly at this stage good health and hope to see you back at the club ASAP. We need you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

15, 22, 29 Nov	Men's Triples Championship
18, 25 Nov, 2, 9, 16 Dec	Women's Triples Championship
6, 13, 20, 27 Dec	Mixed Pairs Championship
11 Dec	Club Christmas Function
16 Dec	Women's Christmas Lunch
6, 13, 20 Jan	Women's Pairs Championship
17, 24, 31 Jan	Men's Pairs Championship

Favourite Patients: Five surgeons were talking about their favourite patients. The first surgeon says, "Accountants are the best to operate on because when you open them up, everything on the inside is numbered." The second surgeon says, "Nah, librarians are the best. Everything inside them is in alphabetical order." The third surgeon says, "You have to operate on electricians. Everything inside them is colour coded!" The fourth surgeon smirks and says, "I prefer lawyers. They're heartless, spineless, and gutless, and their heads and butts are interchangeable." After quietly listening to the entire conversation, the fifth surgeon pipes up and says, "I like engineers because they always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end."

New Fathers: Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first man and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." The man says, "That's odd. I work for the Minnesota Twins!" Another nurse goes up to the second man and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" The second man laughs and says, "That's weird. I work for the 3M company!" A third nurse goes up the third man and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" He says, "That's strange. I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" As soon as he says that, the last man starts groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. The man says, "I work for 7Up."

Finally:

"The truth of your character is expressed through the choice of your actions."

Steve Maraboli *Author*

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