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Women's Captain's Report

Well, it's almost done and dusted – another season completed and gearing up for winter bowls and then, before we know it, into the next one.

Our club closing day was well represented, and it was an absolute pleasure to give out the awards for our season's championships. Too many to mention here, but so well done to our singles champions, Liz Kuipers and Sean Wright, and our bowlers of the year, Jenny Duthoor and Sean Wright. To our novice champions, Helen Dilley and Robert Bresser, I wish you many years of championship bowling and moving onto bigger and better things.

It's been a busy month or two with the Wanneroo/Joondalup Trophy, BCIB Drawn Fours, Anzac Day Diggers Trophy and the Champions of Champions events. Warwick hosted some of the Novice Champion of Champion draws on Sunday, 26th April,, but unfortunately due to the forecast weather of rain and more rain, the Monday Champion of Champion finals had to be moved to Innaloo with their all-weather covered greens, lucky them. It was a good decision though as it did rain and rain.

And just one more major event to go – remember Narelle? That nasty cyclone that brought us a weekend of lots of rain. So the Inter Region Round Robin had to be postponed and is now upon us again on 16th and 17th May. Two big days of bowling and a lot of organising. The lists are up on the board for helpers to feed the 96 bowlers and officials coming to us. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered and hopefully we will get it done this time – subject to the weather of course!

My last job is to hand over to the new women's captain after the AGM, an easy job as my predecessor Shirley was so organised and all I have to do is hand over her notes.

It has been a privilege to be on the Executive team helping to guide the club forward and I'd like to thank all of the team for their help and support during the year. I wish the new Executive and elected teams a good year ahead.

A big thanks to the women's and men's match and selections teams, umpires, coaches, social team, our cleaners and bar staff – the people that keep this club going – take a bow!

Liz McIlhone - Women's Captain



Umpires Stuff

1. A player was told that at 10.00am the pace of the green was 10 seconds and that at 12noon the speed was 14 seconds. Was the green faster or slower?
2. What are the specifications for footwear to be worn by players, umpires and markers?
3. A player plays out of turn. The player's bowl does not disturb the head during its course and comes to rest 2 metres from the jack. What must happen?
4. During an end of a fours game, the leads and seconds have played their bowls when there is a downpour of rain followed by a mass exodus of players from the green. The players reappear 20 minutes later. The Skipper of Team "A", who is holding 3 shots asks the umpire "Do we just carry on." What is the Umpire's response?
5. What are the duties of a lead who plays first in an end?

Answers:

1. Faster. Law C26.
2. Flat soled and heel-less. Appendix A 2.
3. The bowl has not disturbed the head so the opponent must choose whether to:
 - a. Leave the bowl where it came to rest and play 2 bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play.
 - b. Return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play.
4. Since the end was not completed when the players left the green, it must be declared dead and the end replayed. Law 33.2.
5. The duties of a lead are:
 - a. Place the mat.
 - b. Deliver the jack and make sure it is centred before delivering the first bowl. Law 40.3.

Richard Booker - Head Umpire



Men's Captain's Report

This will be the last Captain's Magpie report until the start of the 2026/27 Pennant season.

All the Men's competitions have been finished, and congratulations go to Sean Wright for the Men's Singles and Rob Bresser for the Men's Novice Singles.

The Diggers Shield was completed on ANZAC day. There were nearly 90 bowlers competing which was a wonderful sight to see, and thanks go to Jeff Sheppard for the reciting the Ode. And congratulations go to Nola Appleby, Geoff Hinge, Ray Loran and Merv Sandells for their win.



The job of the Match Captain and the match committee doesn't stop with the end of the season, and we are now focused on providing an entertaining social season and trying to keep the members engaged with playing their bowls at Warwick and not supporting other clubs competitions.

Any advice that assists these goals will be listened to.

The committee wants to use the Saturday games to be a mix of traditional popsticks on one rink and different types of 2x4x2 Jack Attack and UBC styles on the other. A suggestion has come up is to charge the non-traditional games \$15 to bump up the prize money and provide those that win 2 games but don't win the main prize will get their money back.

We will keep the members abreast through the emails and on the board what types of games and their rules will be provided.

Enjoy the off season but don't forget to support your club.

Paul Burn – Men's Captain.



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Women's Selection Report

Another season has come and gone and with it a restructuring of Bowls WA divisions to eight team competitions for next season. The new structure will see some divisional changes for Warwick.

Our Division 1 White started the season slowly as some players were new to this level, however won 5 games in the second round. Unfortunately, we finished 9th by half a point and thus face relegation. If the player group continues where it left off, next season should be successful.

Division 1 Green North had some very close games on a number of rinks throughout the season. If a little luck had gone our way the ladder position would have been a lot higher. Next season the players will be competing in Division 2 and the calibre of the playing group available should ensure success.

Division 2 Blue (Warwick Red) started the season well and was situated midway on the ladder. The players worked hard and again, some very close games did not go our way in the second round and we finished 9th. Under the new system, to avoid relegation we needed to finish 7th but missed by 1 point.

Division 2 Green (Warwick Black) was promoted from Division 3 last season. Each rink experienced wins during the season but the aggregate was elusive on occasions. Next season we will compete in Division 3.

Our Saturday ladies played a magnificent last game of the round to qualify for the finals. Representing the Warwick Bowling Club in the finals was a great achievement but unfortunately success did not come our way on the day. Well done ladies on a great season.

On more than one occasion during the Tuesday season we had the equivalent of a whole division not available to play. This definitely stretched our player reserves list. Thank you to the men who, often on short notice, filled in for us.

Thank you to Clive Boyle who each week volunteered his services at the bar for our ladies and visiting clubs. It was very much appreciated by our ladies.

(please turn over >)

Also a big thank you to Werner who was there for us each Tuesday and, as usual, was most professional in his umpiring duties.

To my fellow selectors in Denise Castles, Jan Harrington, Jan Ridley and Nancy Sutton, thank you for your support and professional diligence towards all aspects of selection during the past two seasons. It was an absolute pleasure to work with you.

To all our ladies and men who played pennants on Tuesday and/or Saturday, enjoy your winter break, stay safe, and come back refreshed for a great 2026/2027 Pennant Season.

Whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you're right.

Henry Ford

Nola Appleby – Chair Women's Selection



Men's Selection Report

As this will be my last report as Chair of the Men's Selection Committee there is not much more I can add to my post season address.

As you should all be aware, there will be changes to the playing conditions for next season, i.e. a shorter playing season with an extended break during December/January. There are further items up for consideration at the Bowls WA May forum. Members will be kept informed of any changes resulting from that forum.

Over the past few years we have seen our numbers decreasing which necessitated the dropping of 1 team from Thursday Pennants. This coming season the Selectors will need to assess our numbers to see if the Club can maintain our current allocation of teams.

To the incoming Selection Committee, I wish you good results and thank you to the members that served with me over the past three years.

To all bowlers, please support your new Committee.

Jeff Sheppard – Chair Men's Selection

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Entertainment Report

"Custers Last Stand". The last twelve months have flown by. Your Social & Entertainment Group thank the members who have supported functions that were organised during the year. Starting with a very wet early festive season. Reg Wilson Triples, what a great club day, two full greens of Warwick Bowlers. Our Melbourne Cup was next, always a great day. 2025 was no exception, good crowd. The Xmas party will be long remembered as "You Should Have Been There".

To the Ladies of the Social & Entertainment Group, You are special, Thank You for always being ready to help out. The marvellous Warwick members who are always available when needed; your efforts are truly appreciated.

For the next Social & Entertainment Committee, yes, it is a little bit of work, but the rewards are bountiful.

Catch you around the club,

Trevor Gardiner – Chair Entertainment



A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?" The survey was a huge failure. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant. And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.



Grounds Report

Greetings, club members and others. So, the end of another year. Some changes have been made and some to come. I think it will be an exciting time for WBC. A green has been closed down and C green to follow in June. So, we are going to have to work within our boundaries, that is 2 synthetic which are under lights. Some thoughts are Club Events, Ladies on one green and Men on the other, perhaps in the afternoon (keep an open mind). Shed news, we sold a grass roller to Yanchep and with money we bought a new manual state of the art sweeper. We also had another grass roller fixed and have money left in the kitty. Now, due to overwhelming and popular demand I have put my hand up for Chairman of Grounds for another year. So, thanks to all the regulars and not so regulars who have helped this year maintaining the grounds. New helpers are always welcome.

Cheers - Peter Coffey – Greens Chair



Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Closing Day – Bowls and Lunch - Photos



Winners of the Day:
Ian Davies, John Downer, Bernie McNamara, Irene Hill

Championship Singles Finalists for 2025/2026



Women's Singles Championship

Champion:
Liz Kuipers

Runner-Up: Cathy Little
Plate Winner: Nola Wilson

Plate Runner-Up:
Stephanie Boyle



Men's Singles Championship

Champion:
Sean Wright

Runner-Up: Ray Lorán
Plate Winner: Gary Chappell

Plate Runner-Up:
Paul Burn



Men's and Women's Novice Singles Championship

Men's Champion:
Robert Bresser

Runner-Up: Duncan Ridley
Women's Champion: Helen Dilley

Runner-Up:
Stephanie Boyle

Our Champions from the Season 2025/2026



Singles Championships
Ladies' Champion: Liz Kuipers Men's Champion: Sean Wright
Novice Singles Championships
Ladies' Champion: Helen Dilley Men's Champion: Robert Bresser



Pairs Championships
Ladies' Champions: Angela Loran and Jill Martin
Mixed Champions: Jenny Duthoor and Bernie McNamara
Men's Champions: Dean Herbert and Sean Wright



Triplets Championships
Ladies' Champions: Lesley Berwick, Jenny Duthoor, Jan Ridley
Men's Champions: Ian Davies, Geoff Hinge, Ray Lorán



Fours Championships
Ladies' Champions: Nola Wilson, Angie Scammell, Jan Barker, Liz Kuipers
Mixed Champions: Keith Willett, Jan Jenzen, Nancy Sutton, Stew Fraser
Men's Champions: Bernie McNamara, Heath Berryman, Sean Wright, Troy McNeill

Closing Day – Lunch and Presentations – Photos



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

4. Over-Gripping or Excessive Tension

Pressure situations make even calm_players tighten their grip. Unfortunately, tension stiffens the wrist and forearm, causing jerky motion and inconsistent release. Over-gripping also forces the bowl out early, disrupting the line.

The Fix:

Check that your grip pressure allows the bowl to feel secure yet comfortable, firm enough that it won't slip, but light enough that your hand remains flexible. Before each delivery, take one deep breath and consciously release shoulder tension. Try the "towel drill": hold a towel in your bowling hand and keep it balanced using minimal pressure, that's the level of relaxation you want in your delivery. Over time, this relaxed control becomes automatic.

5. Looking Up Too Early

A subtle but costly mistake is lifting your head or eyes too soon after release. When this happens, your shoulders follow, altering the path of your arm and the bowl. Even a slight head lift can cause your line to stray or your bowl to fall short.

The Fix:

Keep your eyes locked on a focal point 3 to 6 metres in front of you until the bowl has left your hand. Hold your follow-through posture for two full seconds before straightening up. This reinforces body discipline and prevents premature movement. Elite players often use a mental cue like "eyes down, bowl down" to remind themselves to stay anchored through release.

(to be continued)

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



**Community Bowls/Jack Attack/
Scroungers Report**

The Scrounger numbers had been growing each Friday night, and the weather has been beautiful.

I expect the numbers will start to drop as the less hardy succumb to the cooler evenings.

Remember, there is no bad weather, just bad weather clothing choices.

Scroungers runs every Friday night through the year unless it's raining and is open to all Warwick and other club bowlers.

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



Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Six." Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven!" Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!" Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



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From The Secretary's Desk

The strength of our club both financially and on the greens is dependent on a regular growth of new members.

Your Executive Committee is undertaking a membership drive and the first stage is already underway.

A letterbox flyer has been designed that includes an application form on the reverse side and this is being distributed by members in the area that they reside in.

If you would like to get some exercise by distributing these flyers in your area please contact Peter Craig for supplies.

To complement this program we are also running an advertisement in both the "Wanneroo Times" and "Stirling Times" early in September inviting people to join our club as playing or social members.

If anyone receives enquiries for membership from the public please pass the name of the person and their address, onto Peter Craig. We also have an "Information Brochure" giving a history of our club and listing the cost of membership and contact phone numbers. I will happily pass this information onto the person

enquiring about prospective membership.

On Saturday, September 19, we will also have the RWABA Roadshow trailer complete with videos and a mat at the Kingsway Shopping Centre. We require members to assist the RWABA staff by handing out information on our club and encouraging them to join.

Please put your name on the list in the clubhouse or contact Trevor Leppard.

**Peter Craig,
Secretary**



Anyone can get old. . .
All you have to do is live long enough.

Groucho Marx

HELP IS NEEDED ON BUSY BEES

For the time being all play will be restricted to "B" & "D" greens which are shaping up very well for this time of the season.

Recently "B" green was timed at 15 seconds (a bit too quick for some), and "D" green was consistently running at around 13 seconds.

Work has commenced on "A" green in preparation for laser levelling.

The Executive Committee have approved finance for reticulation of the banks and beautification of the southern and eastern sides of "D" green with native plants.

With all this work coming up we will be calling for volunteers to man (or woman) the

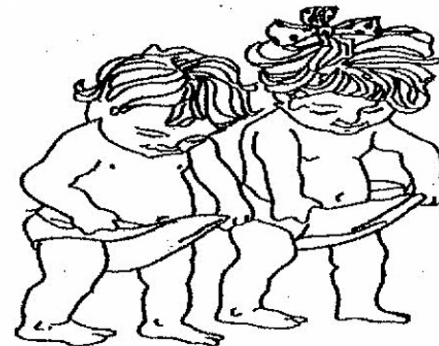
spade/shovel; so if you can lend a hand, come along to the busy bees.

Remember "*Many hands make light work*". It is amazing the sense of pride and satisfaction you feel when the job is completed.

While I am on the crusade for helpers, don't forget the daily work being done on the greens and surrounds. If you can help in this area please let me or any of the committee know.

You can be assured your offer will not be refused!

**Alan Howgarth
Grounds Chairman**



"Gee I didn't know that there was this much difference between Protestants and Catholics!"

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Nominations for Office Bearers for 2026/2027

Executive:

President	Jeff Sheppard	
Vice President	Barry Bryce	
Secretary	Ian Secomb	
Treasurer	Clive Boyle	
Ladies' Captain	Nola Appleby	
Men's Captain	Paul Burn	
Grounds Chairperson	Peter Coffey	
Entertainment Chairperson	- no nominations	
Sponsorship	Shirley Bradley	
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Convenor	- no nominations	
Ladies' Bowls Secretary	- no nominations	
Men's Bowls Secretary	- no nominations	
Ladies' Bowls Committee	Colene Bell	Trish Bobridge
	Stephanie Boyle	Julie Cusworth
	Kathy Dawson	
Men's Bowls Committee	Mike Albert	Jock Hastie
	Steven Hurley	Bernie McNamara
	Nino Pracilio	
Ladies' Pennant Selectors	Gail Davies	Jan Harrington
	Dianne Hornby	Jan Jenzen
	Jan Ridley	
Men's Pennant Selectors	Mark Curtin	John Downer
	Alan Dowson	Geoff Hinge
	Ray Loran	
Grounds	Boy Gillis	John Henderson
	Andy Howitt	Alan Lacey
	Trevor Winters	
Entertainment	- no nominations	



Personality Profile – Dianne Hornby

Born in Perth in the 1950's, my childhood in the suburbs was one typical of many Baby-Boomers with the freedom to cycle anywhere (we wanted to be the Famous Five), swim in the Swan River, climb (and fall out of) trees and stay out until we were hungry or it got dark, whichever came first. I attended North Inglewood Primary School and then John Forrest High School – my mother always said that I was the only kid she knew who liked school!

When I was 14, my family moved to Bridgetown, where my parents became the licensees of the Bridgetown Hotel. As a city girl, this came as a major culture-shock, not only the small country town aspect but life in a pub was huge change from suburbia. I attended Bridgetown High School and then Manjimup Senior High School. After completing Leaving and Matriculation, I worked at Bridgetown Hospital as a Nursing Assistant where I met my future husband, Allan, as I was testing urine in the Pan Room. He had been involved in a car accident (surprise, surprise!). How romantic!

In 1971, I commenced nursing training at Princess Margaret Hospital. Good old hands-on training – some of it scary and stressful but mostly rewarding and definitely a privilege. "Living-in" was mandatory for the first year and wow, did we have fun in those quarters, though many times we unloaded and had a cry together – these girls are my Ya-Ya Sisters (Wikipedia Definition: fierce female friendship, unconditional support, and a "chosen family" of women who share a deep, rebellious, and loving bond). After my General Training, I completed Midwifery at St Anne's, Mt Lawley and, many years later a Bachelor of Nursing at Edith Cowan University. As paediatric nursing was my first love, I drifted back to P.M.H, between marriage and children, and spent my last 14 years there as an After-hours Nurse Manager.

Since retirement in 2014, my "happy place" of voluntary work is the Army Museum of W.A. where I work in the archives and as a Gallery Guide. Apart from my interest Military History, my time is spent sewing, crocheting and bear and doll making. There are numerous UFO's (Unfinished Objects), fabric and craft supplies galore stashed around the house.

Over the years, I have given many sports a go. Hockey was my thing for many years until I decided it was too painful. I discovered Indoor Cricket in my 30's and played into my 50's. How I miss that game! Lawn Bowls?? Allan had played bowls for many years thus I had been in and around Warwick Bowling Club for a long time, vowing I would never play that stupid game! Famous last words as this is my fifth year and I have recently qualified as an umpire. On Friday nights, I assist with the money board, Chase the Ace and Bingo. My bowls and I currently have a love-hate relationship.

My philosophy in life is "count your blessings" and I have many – still above ground and on my feet at 72, a husband and two kids I wouldn't trade for the world, three amazing grandchildren, family and friends I can count on. What more does anyone need?

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from New York and has a better education than a sheriff from West Virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration, and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "That sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The sheriff says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, "I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replies, "And how would you do that?" The woman says, "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb." The boss then says, "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?" The man says, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

UPCOMING EVENTS

24 May	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Tue / Sat / Sundays	Mixed Fours Social Bowls – names in by 12.30pm
Wednesdays	Ladies' Fours Social Bowls – names in by 9.30am
Thursdays	Men's Fours Social Bowls – names in by 12.30pm

If you are not travelling why not join the friendly players and use this social time to practice and enhance your bowling skills.



Paddy wants a job, but the foreman won't hire him until he passes a little maths test.

"Here is your first question," the foreman says. "Without using numbers, represent the number nine."

"Without numbers?" Paddy says. "That's easy." And he proceeds to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asks.

"Have you no brain? Tree plus tree plus tree makes nine," says Paddy.

"Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99."

Paddy stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree and hands it back.

The boss scratches his head and says: "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"

"Each of them trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree plus dirty tree plus dirty tree. That makes 99."

"All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100."

Paddy stares into space again; he then picks up the picture and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and hands it back.

The boss looks at Paddy's picture. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"

Paddy leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers: "A little dog came along and pooped by each tree. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, plus dirty tree and a turd, plus dirty tree and a turd, which makes 100!"

Finally:

"Above everything else I've done, I've always said I've had more guts than I've got talent."

Dolly Parton *Singer-songwriter, actress, author, philanthropist*



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