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## OUR REGIONAL FINALISTS



Wilma Stevenson fought her way through to the Singles final, beating ex-Narre bowler, Jess O'Day, and I can only wish her luck in this as, unfortunately, it won't be played until next Sunday. Whatever the outcome, Wilma has put in a sterling effort in several events, and deserves her berth.

Phillip Howard had a great start to competition bowling, working his way through to the final of the Novices. Great job for a new bowler.



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



*And a happy 2016*

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# DIVISION EVENTS

- by Sandra Lapham

While we have had numerous entries in the men's division events we have struggled to get past the semi-finals, with the Women's Fours going down to Hampton Park in a hard-fought game and their opponents going down to Isobel Partington's team in the final. It was obvious in several matches that the combinations had not just come together for that event but were used to playing together. Cranbourne, for instance, had women's pennant teams until this current season, and maybe a few hard practice matches between the ladies' and men's teams prior to the event could be considered.

The Men's Fours drew a team which plays in Division 2, but was far from disgraced, with the umpire panel clapping on the inside (not wanting

to be seen to be biased) and they gave a good account of themselves.

Wilma Stevenson put her hand up for several events and, on top of her selection in the last region side, had her opponents looking over their shoulders, going down in some close-fought matches.

Our success story to this date is Phillip Howard, who took out one of the Groom brothers on his way through to the final, with both of them playing beautifully, and eventually winning the division final. He went down to a player from Dromana club in the region final which was played last Sunday and when I talked to him about the match he commented that his opponent just played better, especially late in the match when it counted, but he was happy with the way he played.

My grateful thanks go to Micki and Wilma Stevenson who have made themselves available to officiate several times.

All players need to know that they may nominate a coach prior to the match. Also, from some of the comments regarding incidents which happened during the matches, it may be beneficial for the players to have a short Q & A with Peter Bowman and myself regarding match tactics prior to the season next year; we would be happy to assist. I congratulate all who took part. Three or four years ago not many people outside our local area knew who or where Narre Warren Bowls Club was, but that is certainly not the case now – the footsteps our opponents hear are our players coming up behind them – well bowled all!!!

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY

Twenty-nine November saw the annual international day event at Mulgrave. This was the 42nd year for this event. After last year's washout, when not one bowl was played, the day went well.

The team from Narre Warren was represented by Wilma Haringsma (we made Wilma an honorary Scot for the day), Iain and Wilma Stevenson and Jimmy Millar.

Teams were decked out in their country's national colours, so it made for a colour sight over three greens.

There were teams from far and wide representing various countries but we were drawn against teams from Cranbourne, Berwick and Mulgrave, under their respective flags of Holland, Italy and Canada.



Despite not winning, we still had an enjoyable and fun day with our opposition. - *Wilma Stevenson*

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*with Damian Brick*

*29-9-15 - Tuesday Round 1*

The opening round of pennant for the 2015/2016 season got the club off to a mixed start. The first side squeaked in for a narrow three-shot win against Cranbourne on the back of the trifecta - a win, a loss and a draw. **Wilma Haringsma, Bill Brewster, Jimmy Millar, Ian Brotherton** 16-21; **Judy Naughton, Enid Gibb, Wilma Stevenson, Iain Stevenson** 25-17; **Shirley Bell, David Shearer, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 19-19.

The second side went down by 10 shots, with one win and two losses. **Arthur Fitt, Ralph Devonshire, Keith Mark, Alan Mark** 18-17. **Truus Henneman, Gary Gilchrist, Brian Fraser, Reg Johnstone** 15-20; **Nancy Pugh, Pam Uren, Ethel Van Mannen, Micki Horton** 16-22.

The third side had a bye.

*4-10-15 - Saturday Round 1*

The first round of Saturday pennant for the season was not a happy day for the club, with all four sides going down.

The Firsts lost, to local foe, Berwick, only winning one rink. **Wilma Haringsma, Carl Lapham, Bill Brewster, Ian Brotherton** 17-30; **Arthur Scheurer, Enid Gibb, Matthew Fitt, Wilma Stevenson** 18-26; **Reg Young, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar** 21-21; **Joe Selfridge, David Shearer, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 19-16.

The Seconds lost to Parkdale, despite winning three rinks. **Michael Graham, Bob Gye, Stan Robinson, Greg Cowan** 26-20; **Colin Groom, Ralph Devonshire, Janis Dukats, Geoff Miller** 21-14; **Mark Groom, Rick Hoare, Kerry Davis, Reg Johnstone** 30-26; **Arthur Fitt, Peter Castricum, Keith Mark, Alan Mark** 7-34.



The Thirds also lost, but had three rinks go down to Keys-

borough, winning only one. **Peter Lister, Sharon Bull, Graham Dodd, Brent Grigg** 13-22; **Peter Groom, John Zanon, Ethel Van Maanen, Micki Horton** 15-22; **Darren Moore, Stan Firmin, Peter Rouse, Brian Fraser** 12-25; **Glen Cadman, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, John Green** 26-13.

The Fourths visited Mount Waverley and all rinks lost. **Len O'Brien, Phillip Howard, Gail Bowman, Ian McCluskey** 20-24; **Helen McCarthy, Margaret Hyam, Sep Van Maanen, Peter Pater** 15-27; **Zade Bulmer, Leo McGeary, Jack Castricum, Andy Tobler** 7-23; **Callum Osbourne, Stan Bulmer, Jack Norman, John Uren** 12-24.

*6-10-15 - Tuesday Round 2*

The Firsts continued their good form with an 18-shot win over Camberwell Central. **Wilma Haringsma, Gary Gilchrist, Bill Brewster, Ian Brotherton** 20-23; **Judy Naughton, Enid Gibb, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 25-11; **Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 23-16.

The Seconds turned their form around with an all rinks win against Clayton. **Arthur Fitt, Keith Mark, Ralph Devonshire, Brian Fraser** 11-5; **Alaine Dawson, Pam Uren, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone** 8-5; **Nancy Pugh, Truus Henneman, Ethel Van Maanen, Micki Horton** 12-9.

The Thirds, in their first outing for the year, had the narrowest of wins – by one shot overall – against Murrumbena Park. **Jack Castricum, Jack Norman, Andy**

**Tobler 19-23; Sep Van Maanen, Keryn McCluskey, Ian McCluskey 24-19.**

### *10-10-15 - Saturday Round 2*

This week, both the first and second sides went away and found the going tough.

The Firsts went all the way to Mentone and lost by a total of only nine shots, winning two rinks and losing two. **Wilma Haringsma, Carl Lapham, Bill Brewster, Ian Brotherton 8-27; Arthur Scheurer, Rick Hoare, Matthew Fitt, Wilma Stevenson 14-16; Reg Young, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar 23-16; Joe Selfridge, Keith Mark, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 25-20.**

The Seconds lost to Keysborough, winning only one rink. **Michael Graham, Bob Gye, Enid Gibb, Stan Robinson 14-24; Colin Groom, Ralph Devonshire, Janis Dukats, Geoff Miller 16-22; Mark Groom, Stan Firmin, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone 21-32; Glen Cadman, Peter Rouse, John Zanon, Peter Castricum 22-17.**

The Thirds and Fourths enjoyed the friendly confines of home, both having a win with three winning rinks.

Thirds: **Peter Lister, Sharron Bull, Graham Dodd, Brent Grigg 27-20; Len O'Brien, Peter Groom, Ethel Van Maanen, Micki Horton 25-17; Darren Moore, Phillip Howard, Gail Bowman, Brian Fraser 19-22; Arthur Fitt, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick 30-9.**

Fourth: **Bob Brokenshire, Jack Castricum, Keryn McCluskey, Ian McCluskey 18-17; Helen McCarthy, Leo McGeary, Sep Van Maanen, Peter Pater 21-15; Margo Worsley, Zade Bulmer, Stan Birkett, Andy Tobler 17-24; Callum Osbourne, Stan Bulmer, Jack Norman, John Uren 23-15.**

### *13-10-15 - Tuesday Round 3*

The Firsts stumbled this week with an eight-shot loss to Keysborough, while still winning two of three rinks. **Wilma Haringsma, Gary Gilchrist, Bill Brewster, Ian Brotherton 25-20; Judy Naughton, Enid Gibb, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar 14-29; Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 19-17.**

The Seconds managed a four-shot win over Oakleigh,

despite winning only one rink. **Arthur Fitt, Keith Mark, Ralph Devonshire, Brian Fraser 29-16; Pam Uren, Jack Norman, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone 21-23; Nancy Pugh, Truus Henneman, Ethel Van Maanen, Micki Horton 16-23.**

The Thirds continued their winning ways with a comprehensive win over Brighton Beach. **Cathy Pater, Jack Castricum, Andy Tobler 33-14; Len O'Brien, Peter Pater, Ian McCluskey 32-12.**

### *17-10-15 - Saturday Round 3*

The tables were turned this week, with the first and second sides at home, and having good wins.

The Firsts, playing top-of-the-table Burden Park, showed what they are capable of, winning all four rinks. **Wilma Haringsma, Bill Brewster, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton 23-18; Arthur Scheurer, Carl Lapham, Matthew Fitt, Wilma Stevenson 24-11; Reg Young, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar 21-15; Joe Selfridge, Keith Mark, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley 17-15.**

The Seconds also had a good win over Mulgrave, winning three rinks. **Michael Graham, Ralph Devonshire, Enid Gibb, Stan Robinson 21-26; Mark Groom, David Shearer, Norm Hosmer, Kerry Davis 15-14; Colin Groom, Ethel Van Maanen, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone 19-13; Glen Cadman, Peter Rouse, John Zanon, Peter Castricum 30-17.**

The Thirds and Fourths travelled extensively this week.

The thirds went to Ferntree Gully, a notoriously difficult green to play on, and lost all rinks. **Zade Bulmer, Peter Lister, Sharron Bull, Brent Grigg 19-22; Len O'Brien, Peter Groom, Bob Gye, Micki Horton 8-26; Darren Moore, Stan Firmin, Gail Bowman, Brian Fraser 10-42; Arthur Fitt, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick 20-21.**

The Fourth took a cut lunch and compass to find their way to North Balwyn, but came home with a good three-rink win. **Helen McCarthy, Margaret Hyam, Sep Van Maanen, Jack Norman 22-16; Bob Brokenshire, Cathy Pater, Leo McGeary, Peter Pater 10-21; Rose Rasmussen, Margo Worsley, Stan Birkett, Andy Tobler 26-19; Callum Osbourne, Stan Bulmer, Phillip Howard, John Uren 31-10.**

## 20-10-15 - Tuesday Round 4

The Div 1 Firsts resumed their winning ways this week with an all-rinks-up win against Elsternwick Club. **Wilma Haringsma, Gary Gilchrist, Bill Brewster, Ian Brotherton** 23-20; **Judy Naughton, Enid Gibb, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 26-10; **Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Iain Stevenson** 28-10.

The Div 3 Seconds had a draw with Waverley Golf, on the strength of Micki Horton's rink's win. **Arthur Fitt, Keith Mark, Ralph Devonshire, Brian Fraser** 16-23; **Alaine Dawson, Pam Uren, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone** 21-22; **Nancy Pugh, Truus Henneman, Ethel Van Mannen, Micki Horton** 22-14.

The Div 5 Thirds continued their winning ways with a comprehensive win over MCC Kew. **Cathy Pater, Sep Van Maanen, Andy Tobler** 27-14; **Len O'Brien, Jack Norman, Peter Pater** 30-20.

## 24-10-15 - Saturday Round 4

The Div 2 Firsts, playing on the carpet at Pakenham, put up a good fight, going down by a mere five shots, while winning two and losing two rinks. **Wilma Haringsma, Bill Brewster, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 19-26; **Arthur Scheurer, Carl Lapham, Matthew Fitt, Wilma Stevenson** 20-19; **Reg Young, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar** 22-17; **Joe Selfridge, Keith Mark, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 17-21.

The Div 4 Seconds, playing local foe Berwick, came home heads held high, winning all four rinks. **Michael Graham, Enid Gibb, Stan Robinson, Greg Cowan** 29-25; **Ralph Devonshire, Janis Dukats, Norm Hosmer, Kerry Davis** 22-16; **Colin Groom, Ethel Van Mannen, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone** 22-21; **Glen Cadman, Peter Rouse, John Zanon, Peter Casticum** 24-18.

The Div 6 Thirds played Heatherdale at home, and came away with a good win, winning two rinks, and drawing one. **Zade Bulmer, Peter Lister, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg** 19-17; **Len O'Brien, Phillip Howard, Gail Bowman, Micki Horton** 17-28; **Mark Groom, Bob Gye, Graham Dodd, Brian Fraser** 31-7; **Arthur Fitt, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick** 15-15.

The Div 7 fourths had a bye.

## 14-11-15 - Saturday Round 6

The Div 2 Firsts went south (in both senses of the term) to Cranbourne RSL, winning only one rink. **Wilma Haringsma, Bill Brewster, Matthew Fitt, Ian Brotherton** 10-28; **Arthur Scheurer, Carl Lapham, Wilma Stevenson, Iain Stevenson** 14-22; **Reg Young, Alan Dawson, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar** 13-23; **Joe Selfridge, Eric Sydenham, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 14-13.

The Div 4 Seconds were at home to MCC Bowls, and had a very good win with three rinks up. **Michael Graham, Enid Gibb, Stan Robinson, Greg Cowan** 31-15; **Phillip Howard, Keith Mark, Peter Casticum, Kerry Davis** 23-15; **Colin Groom, Enid Gibb, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone** 31-19; **Glen Cadman, Peter Rouse, Janis Dukats, Norm Hosmer** 14-22.

The Div 6 Thirds went away to Ringwood and, with two rinks up and two down, squeaked in for a five-shot win overall. **Zade Bulmer, Andy Tobler, Sharron Bull, Brent Grigg** 22-31; **Sep Van Maanen, Graham Dodd, Ethel Van Maanen, Micki Horton** 14-21; **David Shearer, Peter Groom, Rick Hoare, Brian Fraser** 21-17; **Arthur Fitt, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick** 28-11.

The Div 7 Fourth's were given a walkover by Greensborough.

## 24-11-15 - Tuesday Round 8

The Div 1 firsts played host to Vermont South this week and had a resounding all-rinks-up win. **Wilma Haringsma, Alan Mark, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 32-13; **Judy Naughton, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 22-15; **Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 30-18.

The Div 3 Seconds played away at notoriously difficult Ferntree Gully; they came home with an overall win, including the trifecta – one up, one down and one draw. **Nancy Pugh, Keith Mark, Micki Horton, Brian Fraser** 15-15; **Alaine Dawson, Gary Gilchrist, Ethel Van Maanen, Reg Johnstone** 26-9; **Arthur Fitt, Truus Henneman, Ralph Devonshire, Enid Gibb** 8-20.

The Div 5 Thirds were at home to Ferntree Gully, and had a good overall victory, winning one rink and losing one. **Helen McCarthy, Pam Uren, Andy Tobler**

17-22; **Len O'Brien, Sep Van Maanen, Jack Norman** 28-11.

### *28-11-15 - Saturday Round 8*

The Div 2 Firsts travelled to Edithvale this week, and had an overall win with two rinks up and two down. **Wilma Haringsma, Bill Brewster, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 13-25; **Shirley Bell, Carl Lapham, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson** 25-14; **Judy Naughton, Reg Young, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar** 22-24; **Joe Selfridge, Arthur Scheurer, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 25-11.

The Div 4 Seconds were at home to Beaumaris, and were successful, with two rinks up and two down. **Michael Graham, Ralph Devonshire, Stan Robinson, Greg Cowan** 14-20; **Phillip Howard, Janis Dukats, Peter Castricum, Matt Fitt** 29-8; **Colin Groom, John Heathcote, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone** 21-15; **Glen Cadman, Enid Gibb, Keith Mark, Norm Hosmer** 14-20.

The Div 6 Thirds went away to Vermont South and won the day, with three successful rinks. **Peter Lister, Bob Gye, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg** 27-19; **Fred Fox, Peter Groom, Ethel Van Maanen, Micki Horton** 16-20; **Sep Van Maanen, Mark Groom, Peter Rouse, Brian Fraser** 20-19; **Arthur Fitt, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick** 21-17.

The Div 7 fourths finally had a game this week, after a period of byes and walkovers. They played host to Donvale, and the rust of inaction showed, as they went down three rinks to one. **Len O'Brien, Zade Bulmer, Leo McGeary, Jack Norman** 16-20; **Darren Moore, Stan Bulmer, Margaret Hyam, Andy Tobler** 19-22; **Helen McCarthy, Bob Brokenshire, Gail Bowman, John Zanon** 17-14; **Callum Osborne, Jack Castricum, Stan Birkett, John Uren** 15-19.

### *1-12-15 - Tuesday Round 9*

The Div 1 Firsts visited the Dandenong Club this week and won well. **Wilma Haringsma, Alan Mark, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 15-21; **Judy Naughton, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson, Jimmy Millar** 19-17; **Shirley Bell, Reg Young, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 34-11.

The Div 3 Seconds played Noble Park at home and had the best of wins, all three rinks up. **Nancy Pugh, Keith Mark, Micki Horton, Brian Fraser** 20-11; **Alaine Dawson, Gary Gilchrist, Ethel Van Maanen, Reg Johnstone** 19-13; **Arthur Fitt, Truus Henne- man, Ralph Devonshire, Enid Gibb** 24-13.

The Div 5 Thirds travelled to East Bentleigh, and had a good outcome, winning both rinks. **Cathy Pater, Pam Uren, Peter Pater** 22-19; **Len O'Brien, Sep Van Maanen, Jack Norman** 23-21.

### *5-12-15 - Saturday Round 9*

The Div 2 Firsts played host to the Elsternwick Club this week and had a very good win with three rinks up and one draw. **Wilma Haringsma, Bill Brewster, Iain Stevenson, Ian Brotherton** 23-23; **Shirley Bell, Carl Lapham, Eric Sydenham, Wilma Stevenson** 25-12; **Phillip Howard, Reg Young, Erik Luyters, Jimmy Millar** 18-13; **Joe Selfridge, John Zanon, Rod Lane, Neville Bradley** 30-11.

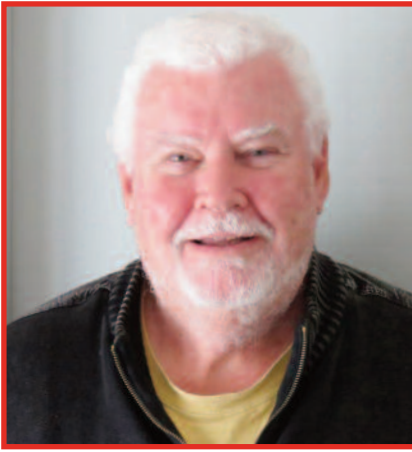
The Div 4 Seconds were away at Murrumbena, coming home with the bacon, having a slim win – by just three shots - with two rinks up and two down. **Michael Graham, Peter Groom, Ralph Devonshire, Stan Robinson** 20-10; **Arthur Fitt, Janis Dukats, Peter Castricum, Matt Fitt** 23-15; **Colin Groom, John Heathcote, Alan Mark, Reg Johnstone** 18-23; **Glen Cadman, Enid Gibb, Keith Mark, Norm Hosmer** 14-24.

The Div 6 Thirds were at home to Eastwood Golf, and had a resounding win, with all four rinks up. **Zade Bulmer, Bob Gye, Sharon Bull, Brent Grigg** 29-14; **Stan Firmin, Fred Fox, Rick Hoare, Micki Horton** 25-11; **Peter Lister, Mark Groom, Peter Rouse, Brian Fraser** 26-9; **Janice Moran, Rudi Pompe, Steven Boyd, Damian Brick** 19-16.

The Div 7 Fourth's went to Blackburn North this week, coming home with a good two-up, two-down win. **Darren Moore, Margaret Hyam, Steve Hyam, Jack Norman** 20-10; **Jack Castricum, Stan Bulmer, Cathy Pater, Peter Pater** 17-24; **Len O'Brien, Helen McCarthy, Leo McGeary, Gail Bowman** 29-14; **Callum Osborne, Margo Worsley, Stan Birkett, John Uren** 12-28.



**A MAGICAL WEEK  
FOR THE CLUB IN THE  
FIRST WEEK OF  
DECEMBER –  
CHRISTMAS COME  
EARLY, IN FACT – AS ALL  
SEVEN OF OUR PEN-  
NANT SIDES WON  
THIS WEEK.**



# SELECTION REPORT

by

**Eric Sydenham**

*Chairman of Selectors*

**W**e are now one third of the way through the season, and results so far have been, in most cases, encouraging.

Saturday teams are doing very well, although Division 2 is struggling to keep pace with the top teams and is currently in seventh position.

Division 4 is going well and currently sits in third position, as does 6th Division.

Seventh Division is on top of the table but, unfortunately, there have been a number of opposition teams either withdraw or forfeit which has denied our players more regular competition. We really appreciate the efforts of the players selected in this side for making

themselves available each week despite the absence of opposition teams.

Tuesday teams are still very competitive with Division 1 in third position, Division 3 in eighth position and Division 5 running fourth.

Our depth of reserves has been tested at times, but most members have tried very hard to enable us to field full teams each week. We appreciate everyone who has played where selected without complaint. Selection is not an easy job and we spend many hours each week trying to come up with the best combinations available.

Several new initiatives have been introduced by the Selection Committee this year and these are proving to be very popular with all members. The Thursday afternoon practice session and free sausage sizzle have proven to be very popular with good numbers attending each week. This event is combined with the Lucky Member's Draw

which is sponsored by our greenkeeper, **Mark Walker**, and has been claimed by several lucky members who were present when their number was called.

Our other new reward is the Rink of the Week, which goes to the rink each week that has the largest winning margin. The members of the winning rink each receive a free drink courtesy of the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other selectors for the great job they have done whilst I was away on holidays. It is also good to have **Norm Hosmer** and **John Heathcote** back on deck after recent serious illnesses.

The festive season is now upon us and the selectors would like to extend the compliments of the season to all members and their families at this special time of the year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

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## Ladies' Meeting

On Tuesday 17 October, **Arthur Scheurer** called a meeting of the ladies on behalf of the Bowls Committee. He is of the strong belief that it will again be sanctioned to play ladies-only events.

As such, he is endeavouring to get organised before this happens, so we at NWBC will be ready to go when this happens.

The Bowls Committee is trying to inject variety into our social bowls days, and encourage more socialising after the game.

He was also soliciting ideas for social activities within the club, as we no longer have a Social Committee, and have had nothing in that area this season.

Arthur also put forward the sugges-

tion that from the end of January until the end of February, Wednesday bowls could be played at twilight, to evade the heat of the day during what the Weather Bureau assures us will be an extreme and protracted summer.

Another suggestion was a Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Awareness day be held on 2 April 2016 as an Invitation Day. **Micki Horton**.



# Breaking News

Saturday 5 December was an outstanding day for the club in that we had victories in all four divisions for the first time!

This in itself is a remarkable achievement but it is even more impressive considering the problems we had in selecting the teams leading up to Saturday.

After the selectors had completed selecting the teams on Tuesday afternoon we were five players short of the minimum number we needed to fill all positions. We then got word that another player had pulled out at short notice due to something that was said in a social game.

We scoured the club on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, and eventually got enough people to fill all the positions. We sincerely thank all those who agreed to help us out.

However, this is not the end of the story. As a result of the teams being posted on the website on Tuesday, we still had a number of unfilled positions.

**Andy Tobler** was unavailable due to the fact he had just had a cataract operation, but had checked the team selections on the club website. When he saw we were a number of players short, he phoned me and offered to play to help the club out despite his very recent surgery. He also asked to be considered as an emergency if needed.

The second story from Saturday was that of **Neville Bradley**. Neville had facial surgery on Friday which necessitated a skin graft from the side of his face to his nose. When he arrived at the club on Saturday I was shocked by the extent of his wounds. He wasn't feeling very well and had considered pulling out on Saturday morning; however, knowing the predicament we had with a shortage of players he decided to play.

These two players epitomise what a **TRUE CLUB MEMBER** is and I think we could all learn something from these bowlers.

Congratulations to all bowlers who achieved such an outstanding result this week.

*Eric Sydenham*

# From the Coach

**THE COACH IS A HAPPY CHAPPIE DUE TO THE RESPONSE THAT THE THURSDAY SELECTORS' BARBECUE HAS ACHIEVED.**



In November Phillip Howard won his way through to the regional finals of the Men's Novice Singles and from here we hope to see him win his way through these rounds and then represent the region at the state finals in Bendigo

The point I am trying to make is that we have a novice-bowler who has come into the sport, learnt the disciplines and applied them with plenty of practice and talking to other experienced bowlers, then sussing out what is best for him and how they fit into the basics of his action and game plan.

Congratulations, Phillip. Well done!

I am sure those of you who come for the food and also to PRACTISE may at some point see the benefit that your bowling is improving and that your attitude may become LET'S GO TO PRACTICE and then enjoy the selectors' barbecue.

It is accepted that Tuesday practice is now not on for those of you who play in the midweek pennant, and just come to roll-up for practice on Thursday is not really helping to improve those difficult shots you are sometimes called upon to play.

## SOLUTION

Thursdays, as we do on Tuesday afternoons, will have some rinks set up with skill exercises that I would, and do, encourage you to have a go at, and then be surprised at how different your perception to the so-called difficult shots can change.

Practice then becomes the factor that will help you improve and enjoy your efforts in pennant or any other form of the game

To conclude in my normal manner PRACTICE,PRACTICE,PRACTICE is the only way to improve.

## Bowls Committee - Arthur Scheurer

The Bowls Committee can now report that we have been able to finalise the dates for all the club championship events and, at the time of writing, entry forms are up on the board

I would like to thank the committee members for their efforts in finalising these events due to the extra difficulties of not having dates that clashed with Division or Regional events and changes of venues to

our greens for their events. Well done, guys.

The Club Fours and Triples will be open events this season due to the lack of entries expected for individual-gender events. It was also very disappointing for the lack of entries to our club singles events, and if it had not been for most of our new bowlers in the club entering there was a good chance the club may not have had this event. Good luck

to all who still have a chance of becoming NARRE WARREN BOWLS CLUB CHAMPS.

On 17 November, I met with the lady members and a report has been compiled by Micki Horton.

It is also pleasing to report that our Wednesday attendances for social bowls is up and there are a few visitors finding out that Narre is the place to bowl.

*Arthur Scheurer*

# Garden Gnome Gossip

## Lemons or Lemonade



Coach Arthur Scheurer

I am constantly being asked what to do to spruce up citrus trees. There is no great secret to any garden.

Success stories are simply attention to detail. One of the reasons that lemons, particularly, are small and dry is lack of water. So, the simple way to jazz up your lemon tree is take a garden fork and stand under your tree level with the outside spread of the tree canopy, work your way around the tree pushing the fork in to the depth of the tines. Work in to about a hand-spread from the trunk to avoid damaging the roots.

Set a sprinkler or soaker hose very low and leave until the ground is thoroughly drenched. Using a full bag, spread blood and bone liberally in the same area and water in thoroughly. Using a sharp pair of secateurs, trim any spindly or damaged branches back to a robust upward-facing bud and generally tidy up the tree. Repeat this treatment coming into Autumn, and your reward will be a healthy robust fruit-producing asset to your garden. We will then put the results to a few lemon meringue pies.



## OUR WONDERFUL CHEFS

Back row: Sean, Brendan.  
Front: Shae, Sera, Rachel, Angela

Over the past several weeks we have been lucky to have the Taskforce Kitchen crew providing us with hot meals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This initiative has been enthusiastically embraced both by our members and visiting bowlers, even to the point of two clubs seeking to poach them.

The culmination will be the special Christmas lunch they are preparing for Wednesday 16 December, with puddings already appearing in our fridge.

We hope they will have the funding to return in the new year, as it is beneficial to our club – as well as to them - with the income they are adding to our club coffers, and I ask all members to continue to support them.



# Family Album



*Left: Enid Gibb proudly shows off her new great-grandson, Ace.*

*Below:*

*Alan Pugh celebrated his 80th birthday surrounded by wife Nancy and family.*

