

RETRACTABLE SHADE SYSTEM FOR C GREEN



From this to that

Berry Bowling Systems will install a retractable shade system over our back green from mid April 2016. Completion is scheduled for mid May.

Thankfully our neighbours in Tranmere House, Mr and Mrs Connolly, have agreed to give us access through their property to enable a more efficient installation of the support posts at the northern end of the green.

The shade system will cover the entire C green from the fence on the tennis courts to 1 metre in from the eastern side floodlight poles. The system will run from north to south as per the front greens (no room to run east to west) and will fold back to the workshed end.

The current shades at the workshed end are very old and will be scrapped. The current shades at the tennis court end will be removed and hopefully sold off. Does anyone want to make use of these shades, available in early April?

A new veranda, similar to the front veranda, but lighter, will be installed to cover all the seats at the tennis court end of the green. We will screen off access to our green bin area by the brick shed.

The power supply cables for the floodlight towers will be replaced and cables integrated with the shade system poles.

We will need some assistance from members to take down the old shelters, to remove pavers because of foundation requirements, to put rubbish into take away bins, and to put back the pavers when the job is complete.

We are fortunate at Tranmere to have consistent support from you, the members and our visitors, to generate sufficient funds to finance these projects and thereby give us some of the best club facilities to enjoy in South Australia.

On a seasonal note, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. We are so fortunate that we can all enjoy the peace of living in Adelaide when there is so much turmoil in so many parts of the world today. Then we play bowls and, on some occasions, get a little uptight with ourselves - amazing?! C'est la vie.

Mike Porter

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Many thanks to Robert of Bridgestone Magill, who once again has donated a new set of tyres for first prize in our annual Christmas raffle.

Robert has continued his support for us for all the years he has owned the franchise of Bridgestone Magill. In addition to his usual tyre service he now offers logbook auto service. He is ideally located for members to drop in their vehicle for tyres or service, then walk down to the club, have a bowl, and go back to pick their vehicle up afterwards.

At The Half-Way Mark

Here we are at the half-way mark of the 2015-16 pennant season and Tranmere sides have much to be proud of. Once again we are fielding 18 sides over the three days of competition and doing so quite competitively.

Our ladies, after eight rounds (the 9th round will be completed this Thursday after a late start to the season) hold down top place in both Major North and Metro 1 East, 3rd in Metro 1 West and 3rd in Metro 2 North. On that showing, they are all serious contenders for premiership success. A special mention to Mary Feddersen, whose rinks have been undefeated so far.

On Wednesdays, two of our six men's sides are extremely well placed, with Metro 1 East top of the table and Metro 3 North in 2nd place. Our Premier side is mid-table in a very even competition. Just how even is reflected in results and table position movements for rounds four to six.

Stranger than fiction: In round four, the side won on all rinks to secure 20 valuable premiership points. That moved them from 8th to 7th place on the ladder. The following round, the side only won on two rinks and lost the match. That returned four premiership points and, wait for it, moved them up ... yes up ... from 7th to 5th place. Then, in round six, they played second-placed Payneham, winning the match with three rinks up, for 16 premiership points. You guessed it. That moved them down the ladder from 5th to 6th place. After nine rounds, the side is in 5th place and a great chance to play in the finals at the end of the full season.

The Major North side ended the first round of home and away matches with a solid win against Kensington-Marryatville to move to 7th place but still has a serious challenge ahead to avoid relegation. Metro 1 North and Metro 3 East are 6th and 7th respectively.

In the Saturday open competition two of our sides, Metro 3 North East and Metro 4 Central are top of the table and contenders for end-of-season premiership success and promotion. Our top side is in 3rd position and hopeful of playing finals and earning promotion to the Premier division. The remaining five sides are in solid mid-table positions.

For more detailed information about our sides' performances, which of our skippers' rinks have done best, which skippers feature prominently in their respective sections, and which skippers have been undefeated, check out our new look website at www.tranmerebowlingandtennis.club.

Tranmere Facts

Another Tournament Triumph

Perhaps it was the prospect of another delicious lunch provided by the renowned Tranmere Ladies (TT Sep 2015). Perhaps it was the opportunity to bowl under shades on the Tranmere greens. Perhaps it was the prizes on offer for bowling winners, for raffle winners and as handouts by our fabulous sponsors – **Helloworld (Norwood)** and **Emirates Airlines**. Nah! - it's all of the above.

Cosmo Triples Day attracted a record participation of players from 26 other clubs in addition to the Tranmere contingent and the club is very appreciative of everyone's support. The Tranmere Ladies, ably marshalled together by chef extraordinaire, Brenda Porter, excelled again and provided a two-course lunch which alone covered the cost of the entry fee. Thank you to **Fasta Pasta** for sponsoring the main course.

Rebecca from **Emirates Airlines** and Bek from **Helloworld (Norwood)** were on hand to present the prizes to the winners, including the winning team of Peter Hammond, Mike Veal and Paul Prior from Holdfast Bay.

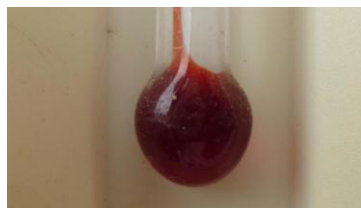


How much attention have you been paying and how well do you know your club?

Q1: Who has won the most club singles championships?

Q2: So far in the 2015-16 pennant season, which skipper's rinks have been most successful in winning premiership points?

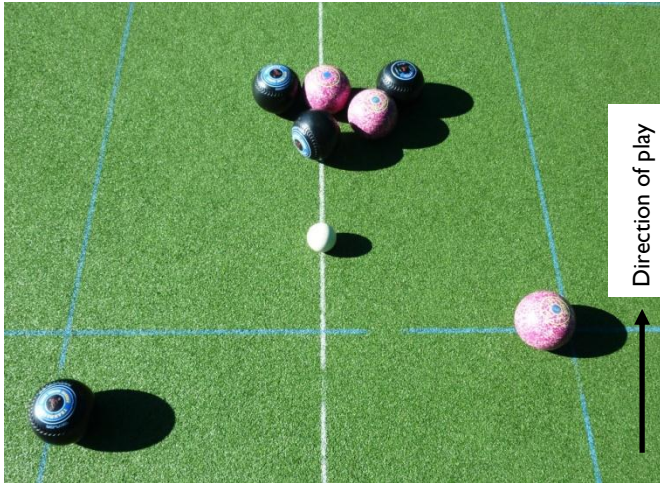
Q3: Where around the club would you find this?



Q4: Which of our current club members has played pennant bowls at the most clubs?

What Shot?

The head shown in the image below occurred in the final end of a 3-end tie-break in a recent Taylor Bowls Super Challenge match. John Feddersen, with only his final bowl to come, required three shots to draw, which would force the tie-break into an extra and deciding end, or four shots to win.



The green is running truly on both sides and both players have been drawing outstandingly well throughout the contest. John is playing the magenta bowls. Is it possible to get the required three or four shots and, if so, what shot would you attempt to play? Bear in mind, there are no dead ends – if the jack is hit out of bounds, it is re-spotted on the T position.

The consensus amongst the spectators was that it is possible, but highly improbable. It would require a magnificent bowl, played on the forehand (right-hander), to come in underneath the magenta bowl (at 4 o'clock) without disturbing it and to connect on the right-hand side of the black bowl that is currently holding shot, with just the correct weight to hit it out of contention to the left of the head and, in doing so, for it to knock the other black out at the same time. The bowl itself would come to rest on the magenta bowl (at 1 o'clock), which is protected from being hit out of contention by the black bowl directly behind it.

Did John do it? No, he didn't. But he gave it one hell of a fright that had the spectators holding their breath. It was an enthralling finish to a wonderful tie-break.

Believe It Or Not

Here are two 'facts' about club members that you may not know. The thing is, only one of these facts is true. Can you guess which it is?

Fact 1: Shirley Willis has won a silver medal at the World Masters Games with the New Zealand women's rowing team made up of former Olympians.

Fact 2: Barry Robran and Bob Bussenchutt were small-share part-owners of a Melbourne Cup runner that finished 16th in the 1992 Melbourne Cup.

Don't Panic – We'll Find Them

When one of our Bronze section Taylor Bowls Super Challenge players, let's call her June, thought she'd lost her car keys after a recent match at Tranmere, she had the whole place in turmoil.

She and her husband, let's call him Brian, have two cars. Brian had driven one to his Taylor Bowls Super Challenge match at Ascot Park and June had driven the other to Tranmere. This is an important bit of information. Having driven the car here, she must have had the keys.

When she went out to the car after the match it was already dark and, fiddling for the keys in her bag and finding them, she found that they wouldn't let her in to the car. These must have been the keys to the other car, but there were no other keys in her bag. Panic stations. Ann Ellis helped her empty and search the contents of her bag – twice. No luck; she must have dropped them somewhere.

Search parties, with hand held torches, were quickly dispatched, but, alas, also without success. The flood lights were turned back on and a massive key-hunt followed. When even that failed to produce the misplaced keys, June tried hard to re-think the situation and retrace her steps. Going back out to the car, she thought it strange that someone else was getting into it. Aha! Lightbulb moment. June had driven the second family car and when she first went out in the dark, she had headed straight for a car not dissimilar to the main family car as would normally have been the case. No wonder the keys didn't work – the car wasn't hers! I'm guessing the owner of that car would be very pleased to know this.

And, of course, the keys she had worked perfectly when she finally tried them on the right car.

It's impossible to keep John Coppe away from the game he loves. Having been off the scene with health issues for a few weeks, he just had to roll a couple down the green before his BBQ duties on Night Owls Night.

And how did he go? All four bowls within a mat-width of the kitty on his first end, is how he went!



Know Your Rules

It's not a good idea to stop bowls before they come to rest, but it happened again in a recent pennant match, so it's timely to remind everyone.

Here's what happened. It was the final end of the match. The result couldn't influence the rink or match points, but could affect shot difference. It was a very heavy green. The mat was placed on the back mat line and a shortish length was being played, with the jack just past the front mat line at the other end.

Down on the end, but holding three seconds, skipper A decided to run at the shot bowl. The players at the other end milled around just behind the head (as they so often do) and when the running shot just missed and continued on behind the head, one of opposition players stopped it in its tracks and picked it up.

The gallery gasped. Given the pace of the bowl and how heavy the green was, there was no certainty that the bowl would have run either out of bounds or into the ditch. To everyone's surprise, no-one on the rink said or did anything.

What should have happened? Law 37 covers the many situations that might arise with bowl displacement. Law 37.1 covers displacement by another player and, 37.1.1 covers a bowl that is in its original course and has not disturbed the head. Specifically law 37.1.1.3 covers the above situation, as follows

If the bowl is displaced by an opponent and it has not disturbed the head after it is displaced, the skip of the team that played the bowl must chose whether to;

- have the bowl replayed;
- place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to rest; or
- leave the bowl where it came to rest.

Note that the skipper who had played the bowl could have chosen to replay that bowl, although that would have been cheeky given the original bowl had gone beyond the head and not hit anything. But neither did the bowl get placed on the green where it might have come to rest, or on the bank. The opposition player continued to hold on to the bowl until the end was over, at which time he handed it back to the skipper who had bowled it. In the meantime more bowls had to be played.

With his second bowl, the skipper again ran at the shot bowl. This time he connected but, unluckily, only sliced the jack to the side of the rink, where it came to rest just inside the boundary. He still lost the end by one shot. The consensus in the gallery was that, even if the previous bowl had not been stopped and had ended up live at the back of the rink, it would not have counted.

However, had the jack been hit more squarely with the skipper's second bowl and settled at the back of the rink, his first bowl might have counted had it stayed live.

Claus' Conundrum

Unless you've previously seen last month's conundrum, I suspect the answer revealed below wouldn't have been immediately obvious. It required some lateral thinking to escape the obvious temptation to find a numerical solution.



So, the answer is the letter R. Fair enough if you tried to come up with a number other than 6, which you were told was not the answer. I could accept 5 for example, on the basis that $1+4=5$, hence $2+3=5$. If you had a different solution, for which there was a logical basis, good on you.

This month's challenge will do your head in. Taken together, are the following two statements logically correct or not:

The following sentence is true. The preceding sentence is false.

Tranmere Facts – The Answers

- Q1: It's not any of our current club members and, if your immediate thought was of men's champions, think again. Joy Harris won the women's championship nine times between 1956 and 1975 (TT Feb 2015).
- Q2: Pennant bowling is a team sport and success is achieved by everyone, not just the skipper. That said, the skipper whose rinks have yielded the most premierships points so far this season is Geoff Thorpe, with 26 points.
- Q3: The image is of the alcohol bulb on the thermometer on the outside of the kitchen wall overlooking the C Green.
- Q4: Quite a few members have played at four different clubs. But Darryl Hemsley has played at seven (eight if you count Kensington-Marryatville twice after he re-joined there a second time). Darryl has also played competitive indoor curling in Canada and won a championship with his team.