

Senior Supa Series At Tranmere

On Monday 15 January Tranmere hosted the first of the Bowls SA Seniors Supa Over 60s tournaments for 2018. It could not have been a more spectacular day with perfect weather conditions, the club greens and facilities presented in sparkling fashion, and players from as far afield as Streaky Bay, Keith and the Riverland participating.

The club hosted the maximum possible number of teams with several others on the stand-by list in case an opportunity became available to play.



Above: Rob Walton (Somerton) winning the first resting touchers prize.

Top Left: Max Amber, Campbelltown City councillor, with Mike Porter.

Left: Anne Lippis and Max Amber presenting the winning team of Bob Taylor, Bob Payne, Bob Aistrope and Trevor Morris their cheques.



STOP PRESS: The Australia Day Cosmo Triples event has been cancelled due to the forecast hot weather.

Upcoming Events

Cancelled	Australia Day Cosmo Triples
Wed 7 Feb	Men's Australia v ROW Challenge
Fri 23 Feb	Super Quiz Night
Sun 25 Feb	Club Championships Day 2
Mon 12 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day Cosmo Triples

New Committee Member

Dino de Corso has been appointed to the bowls committee to fill the casual vacancy created when Max Davidson was appointed to the role of Vice President.



Teams and bowlers from 30 different clubs competed on the day. Only one team won all four games – two games of fours and two games of pairs – and that was the winning team of Bob Aistrophe, Trevor Morris, Bob Taylor and Bob Payne from Tranmere. [Fun Fact: How did Trevor Morris get a gig in that team when we have eight other Bobs in the club to choose from?]



The runners-up, shown in the photo above receiving their cheques from Anne Lippis and Max Amber, were Ian Huckel, Di Harvey and Colin Harvey from Ascot Park with Geoff Hams from Keith. They won three games and drew the other.

We very much appreciate the support of our sponsors, KCL Sports (who installed our greens), Berry Bowling Systems (who installed our shade system), and the Campbelltown City Council. In his opening remarks before presenting the winning cheques, Max Amber very generously complimented the Tranmere Bowling Club on how well it is run by many volunteers, as indeed there were for this event.

Bob Gilby, Dino de Corso and Darryl Stanton presented the greens and club in superb condition. The event was organised by Eddie Dolan, Bob Bussenschutt, Anne Lippis and Mike Porter. The catering team, led by Val Hill, Brenda Porter and Sue Sanders plus many helpers, provided another delicious meal. Richard and Ann Ellis, Denise Abraham and Julie McGirr served at the bar. And thank you too, to Taylor Smith, from Bowls SA, for assisting and taking official photos for the Bowls SA website.

Tranmere is the only metropolitan bowling club that has hosted one of the Seniors Supa Over 60s tournaments for the 2017-18 event. It will again host the event in 2018-19 and, with the huge interest in it, the event may be extended over two days.

Trivia Question: How many of our club pennant players share the same birth date?

Liquor Licensing Laws

Sweeping changes are set to be made to the Liquor Licensing Act. One of the changes is in relation to staff training. In future all bar staff will need to do a course in “responsible service of alcohol training.” This includes those people at our club who have done the in-house training.

Clubs SA will be conducting a training course at our club on Monday 12 February 2018, the cost for which will be met by our club. All our bar staff have been contacted and informed about this course, however we are hopeful there are others in the club who may be keen to do the course and join our band of wonderful volunteers behind the bar.



If you are interested in doing this course, please contact Richard Ellis on 8431 9392 or email kamalorian@hotmail.com.

Taylor Bowls Challenge Update

The 2017-18 Taylor Bowls Super Challenge Series is now closing in on finals time. While all three Tranmere sides are putting up a strong showing, it is our Bronze North side that is well placed to defend its current title as Bronze Division Champion.

The Silver North side started the season well being second after round 2, but then dropped to fifth after round 3 and seventh (last) after round 4. Following the most recent match on Sunday 21 January, it remains in seventh place. But, with two wins from its four matches and a close competition, it remains a chance for the top four and a spot in the finals.

The Bronze North side has started brilliantly, winning all four of its matches to date. It is top of the table and looks certain to contest the finals, to build on its imposing record of winning three of the past four championships.

The Bronze Central side has been competitive but has had mixed results, winning two but losing four of its six matches to date. It currently sits eighth out of nine on the table and, with only two matches to go in the preliminary rounds, a spot in the finals is unlikely to be realised.

Australia v Rest-of-the-World

The annual challenge match between players born in Australia and those born overseas will take place on Wednesday 7 February.

This is a popular, fun day coinciding with a hiatus in the regular pennant season due to the Country Carnival being played around Metro Adelaide Clubs. This will be the eighth year running for this keenly played match and Australia is yet to win it. Could this be the year?



Of the 104 men bowlers in our club, 68 were born in Australia. That's almost twice as many as were born overseas: 18 were born in England, 6 in Italy, 4 in Scotland, 4 in Germany, 2 in Greece, 1 in Wales and 1 in Malaysia.

The entry form is posted on the whiteboard. Easy rules - born in Oz - put your name in the Oz column. Born overseas - put your name in the Rest of the World column.

Tranmere Christmas Songs

If you haven't been to one of our club Christmas dinners, you've been missing out on a wonderful tradition. Each year, one bracket of songs comprises well-known sing-a-long tunes with the words rewritten for the bowls community.

In years gone by we've had *Jingle Bowls*, *The Twelve Bowls of Christmas*, *Roll, Roll, Roll Your Bowls* and many others. Last year we had *Why, Why, Why Selectors* sung to the tune of *Delilah*.

Why, Why, Why Selectors

It was close to the end but we still had a good chance to win it
I stood on the mat and I felt it was surely my time
He was my skipper
As I sent down my bowl he just watched and went out of his mind.

My, my, my selectors
Why, why, why selectors
I'm sure you can see that the problem is not only me
But the skip said it was and that's how it's just going to be.

As I stepped on the mat I could see that we needed one more
The skip gave directions and said he just wanted a draw
He stood there watching
I gave shot away and he just couldn't watch anymore.

My, my, my selectors
Why, why, why selectors
So before you come to show me the door
Forgive me selectors my form it just wasn't that poor.

BAND SOLO

We all gave ratings
The skip gave me one but I thought that it should have been more.

My, my, my selectors
No, no, no don't drop me
So, before you come to show me the door
Forgive me selectors my form it just wasn't that poor.
Forgive me selectors my form it just wasn't that poor!

We also had *That's Amore*, a popular sing-a-long tune if ever there was one (even Sam Caon knew this one).

That's Amore

When your bowl rests the jack
And your team is on track, that's amore.
When you score more than four
You just can't ask for more, that's amore.

Pennant winning team, it's not a dream
And you'll sing, vita bella
When you score with a wick
Make opponents feel sick, lucky fellah.

When it's over and done
And the game has been won, that's amore.
When you stroll down King's Grove
And your face is aglow, it feels good.

Winning seems like a dream
But you know you're not dreamin', senore
Scooza me, can't you see
That the winner was me, that's amore.

VALE – George Fullarton

13.9.1934 – 20.12.2017



A gentle man of the finest character, George will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. He joined our club in 1974, a year after Pam. He was an active club member, playing both tennis and bowls and serving in many capacities. He was President of the tennis section for five years from 1976 to 1980 and the men's bowls section for two years from 2001 to 2003. George made strong in-roads into bringing the tennis and bowls sections closer together and established the groundwork for others to build on. At that time, we still had a separate women's bowls section and he and Pam were presidents of their respective sections at the same time. George was recognised for his service and contribution to our club with life membership in 2004, as was Pam in 2005.

George loved his sport and, as well as tennis and bowls, he was a top-class wicket keeper in grade cricket. Mostly though, George enjoyed the social camaraderie that is such a cornerstone of club membership and club life. Long may it be so.

Footnote: In the photo above (purely by chance), behind George's right shoulder, you will see a photo on the wall of George when he was about 3 or 4 years old. Over his left shoulder, there is a photo of Pam at about the same age.

Trivia Answer: Many of our pennant players share the same birthday. This is to be expected with upwards of 150 of them. In fact, with a group of only 23 people, it is even money that at least two of them will share the same day. The most number of players who share the same day is three and this occurs on five days throughout the year. But, how many share the same birth date – day and year? There is a 1 in 4 chance that at least two people in our club do that. In fact, this happens once on 12 April and again on 15 October. And, in 2018, those players will be celebrating their 75th and 80th birthdays respectively. Do you know who they are?

Keeping Cool in Hot Weather

Keeping cool in hot weather is essential for our health. We should all know the importance of keeping up our water intake and, having a cool drink from the water fountain certainly refreshes as well as replenishes. Another simple thing to do, but not as often used as it should be, is a wet 'towel' around your neck. You see these increasingly used in sports such as tennis and their use is on the up amongst lawn bowlers too. Placing damp towels around the neck will help promote evaporation. Such is the power of evaporation, cooling potential is much greater than drinking cold or even iced water.

You can get some snazzy ones these days and even look 'cool'. Check out Ronny Brooks next time he's playing on a really sweltering day.

Claus' Conundrum

Solution to last month's conundrum: whether you put the milk in to your tea before you take the phone call or afterwards will make little discernible difference. However, your tea will be hotter if you put the milk in before you take the phone call. Why? Because the hotter the liquid is, the more heat it will lose. Therefore, if you leave the tea as is rather than putting milk into it, it will have cooled down more by the time you get around to putting the milk in.

Aren't you glad you know that now (if you didn't remember it from your school day physics)?

And now, for something a little different. Not a true conundrum, but whose legs are these?

