

## Tranmere Sides Win 6 Premierships

In a stunning near-repeat of the club's 2014-15 successes, Tranmere sides have had another highly rewarding pennant season, winning six premierships.

The ladies were again particularly strong, winning three out of four and coming second in the other, and that one slipped out of our hands only on shot difference after equalling Henley's premiership points tally.

Congratulations to the ladies top side, which was undefeated for the entire season in the Major North competition. More remarkable, and likely to be very much rarer, is the undefeated run for the entire season of Mary Feddersen's teams in that side.

As a consequence of this year's results, the ladies will field all four sides at the highest possible level of competition in 2016-17, provided we have the player numbers to support that.

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With both Betty Williamson and Tim Huston having won their way through to three grand finals in this year's club championships, not all events could be completed on Grand Final Day. The club champions who played and won their events after that are listed below. Congratulations to all our winners.

### Honour Board

#### Women's Singles

Julie Ludlow

#### Men's 100 Up

Tim Huston

#### Women's 100 Up

Marlene Roberts

#### Women's Drawn Pairs

Di Born – Ivka Petrunic

If you haven't yet had a chance to check out our website for all the details and more photos from this year's club championships, now's the time to do it. You won't be disappointed.

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### Club AGM

Sunday 1 May at 11:00am



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## Season Wrap

The Wednesday men won one premiership and our second side staged a remarkable second-half resurgence to find itself in third place and a final's play-off spot. It was languishing in last place and hoping to avoid relegation, after the first six rounds had been completed.

Having made the finals the side won the first elimination final against Happy Valley, but then went down to Salisbury in the semi-final the following week.

This season Tranmere was the only club to have fielded its top four sides at the highest possible level of the Wednesday competition. With the premiership and promotion earned by our fifth side, next year we will field our top five sides at the highest possible level of the competition.

Our Saturday sides won two premierships, which means that next year we will be fielding two sides in the Metro 2 competition as well as two in Metro 1. Both the top side in Major division and our second side in the Metro 1 division are ever so close to winning premierships and we wish them well for 2016-17 to hopefully emulate our Thursday and Wednesday successes.

## Club Championships

Well done and thank you to Bob Gilby and Veronica Dolan for organising the club championship events. Thanks too to everyone who entered into the many events and to the members who turned out to watch them compete. There were many close and exciting tussles.



The fabulous Tranmere ladies

## Presentation Night



Can you believe it? Our catering team, coordinated by Anne Lippis, catered for no less than 17 events this season. Each and every one of them has delivered delicious meals and fabulous value for money. The catering team comprises about 20 ladies, organised into three syndicates led by Sue Sanders, Brenda Porter and Anne herself. Sue's syndicate (above) served up another fabulous meal at the presentation night dinner.

The Godfrey family has been represented at every presentation night since 1984 to present the Harry Godfrey trophy to the men's singles champion. This year Peter Godfrey attended and presented the trophy to Greg Ferris.

Congratulations to Denise Abraham, Veronica Dolan, Peter Holland, June Hodgkinson and Anne Lippis for each winning three pennant badges this season. To cap it off, amongst many others, Veronica also won an eight badge.

## Allan Hill



Allan Hill was first and foremost a ten-pin bowler. He was good at it too; very good in fact. Allan was the first ten-pin bowler in Australia to bowl a 200-game when he did it at the Glynde Bowl in 1959. Nowadays, a 200-game is a low score for top flight bowlers, but back then, in the infancy of the sport in Australia, it was a considerable achievement.

Allan bowled on TV in the early 1960s, together with another Tranmere favourite, Augie Centofanti (TT July 2015). Allan and his wife Jan were both keen ten-pin bowlers and represented South Australia in national competitions. Allan was state captain three times.

Allan's father-in-law was a lawn bowler at the Clearview Bowling Club and after Jan took up the sport, he did too at the age of 50. He kept up ten-pin bowling at the same time until about ten years ago when his first hip replacement put an end to that. Since then he has had a second hip replacement but has continued lawn bowling with the assistance of a bowling arm. As the B Grade singles champion this year, he was the first player using a bowling arm to win a club championship at Tranmere.

From Clearview, Allan transferred initially to Walkerville and then, last year, to Tranmere. He began the 2015-16 season playing in our fifth side, Metro 3NE. He was skipper and his rinks were undefeated from R2 to R7. Allan was then promoted several times through the ranks, finishing up as a regular bowler in our second side, Metro 1E, from R15 onwards. In similar fashion, on Wednesdays, Allan rose through the ranks to become a regular bowler in our second side, Major N, from R11 onwards.

## Taylor Super Challenge

In the final match for the season in the **GOLD** division Tranmere took on Hawthorn at Brighton. Buoyed by its success and first win for the season in the previous round, Tranmere had high hopes of finishing the season with a second win to avoid last place on the premiership table. The match was keenly contested across all four disciplines, with the fours and triples losing and the pairs and singles winning. At two rubbers each, the match would be decided by another three-end tie-breaker, the fifth in eight matches for the Gold side.

"Did you give any consideration to playing me in the tie-break?" Claus asked John quizzically. "No," came the immediate and resounding chorus from all the team mates, "Tim's our man." Well, whatever Tim Huston's on, I want some of it. What a stellar season he has had. Coming off a Men's 100 Up club championship win earlier in the day, he now not only excelled in the singles match, but backed that up with another superb display in the tie-break. Tim is never beaten. He remained calm and resolute to win a thriller. Tim's the man.

Tranmere always knew that fielding a side in the Gold section was setting ourselves a huge challenge. But two match wins and three narrow losses in tie-breaks, as well as several solid rink wins during the season has been a good result and provided the team members with terrific exposure to quality bowling.

With three sides in this year's competition, our winning side from the Bronze division over the past two seasons, found itself elevated to play in the **SILVER** division. A very competitive showing saw the side in the top four of its division for most of the season, but to just miss out on finals by 4 points.

Our third Taylor Super Challenge side played in the **BRONZE** division and finished top of the Central section after the home and away series, to automatically qualify for the quarter finals. Tranmere fronted Walkerville at West Lakes. Both the singles and triples went down rather easily, but the pairing of Peter Douglas and Bob Gilby had a convincing win. The fours were 4 shots down with three ends to play, but clawed their way to victory on the back of loud support and cheering from the rest of the team. At 2 rubbers each, it came down to three individual tie-breaks, played by Peter Douglas, John Daire and Richard Ellis. Unfortunately they each lost and Tranmere bowed out.

Tranmere earned \$625 in prize money for the season thanks to the three side managers; John Feddersen, Tom Lycett and Ian Abraham, as well as all the players who represented Tranmere.

## How It All Began



Jack and Bev Cowles hadn't given lawn bowling much thought. They were golfers, and good ones at that. At their best, Jack was playing off a 9 handicap and Bev off 18. They'd both scored holes-in-one; in fact Bev has done it twice. But, with age-related aches and pains and after surgery, Jack found it harder and harder to play. When they moved into their retirement village at the Elms, the facilities included a synthetic bowling green and they thought, why not? The rest is history as they say. Jim Jolly, who also lived at the village and who, at that time, must have been Modbury's main recruiting officer, saw the potential and signed them up. That was thirteen years ago. Jack went on to become club champion at Modbury before he and Bev joined Tranmere in 2013.

"In retrospect, we should have done it much earlier," Jack told Tranmere Times. He meant lawn bowling, not joining Tranmere, but we're pleased he made the move.

## Believe It or Not

### Kieran Gavin wins a Mercedes

"If your last bowl is also a toucher, you'll win a Mercedes," Geoff Thomas declared after Kieran Gavin's first three bowls on the eighth end of their round 18 pennant pairs match were all touchers. Not only were they all touchers, they were all outstanding draw bowls, coming to rest within centimetres of the jack.

I'm guessing you can see where this is heading. Pretty much the whole rink stopped to watch Kieran's fourth bowl home in on the jack and, sure enough, glance it for a fourth toucher. Great bowling, Kieran.

### Jack Cowles Auditions for Car Insurance Ad

You've no doubt seen those car insurance ads where the elderly driver accidentally hits the accelerator rather than the break and careers through cars and shops, wreaking havoc. You might have thought it a bit amusing but unrealistic; just an advertising executive's creative imagination running wild. In any event, as remotely possible as it might be, it could never happen to you. Well, you might want to think again. Just ask Jack Cowles or, better still, Ron Brooks, his passenger at the time. They can both laugh about it now, but it was scary at the time when Jack got his foot stuck between the accelerator and the brake and the car charged out-of-control across Payneham Road. Luckily it was the curb that brought the car to a halt rather than a collision with another vehicle.

## Claus' Conundrum

If you discovered the hidden sentence in the grid of letters in the February challenge, by beginning at the 'W' in R3C4 and following a circular, clockwise path, you would have revealed the following question: 'Which skipper has had the longest no-lose run?'

Pennant bowling is of course a team game. Results depend not just on the skipper but on how all the players in the team perform. A more precise question could have been, 'Which skipper's teams have had the longest no-lose run?' but that wouldn't have fitted into the grid. An equally valid question might have been, 'Which player has had the longest no-lose run?' the answer to which would have required us to keep track of the results against every player.

So, to the answer. Mary Feddersen had the longest no-lose run of 17 consecutive matches. Her teams were undefeated for the entire season, a remarkable achievement. In the Wednesday men's competition the longest no-lose run was achieved by Guy Stanley and his team mate Richard Ellis, in the Premier division pairs. They won 8 straight games from round 3 to round 10. Then John Feddersen put the mockers on by telling them, before the round 11 game, that were they to win that day, they would have achieved a clean sweep for an entire home-and-away cycle. In the Saturday open competition the longest no-lose run has been achieved by Rodney Egge's teams in Metro 1 North and then in Metro 1 East from round 3 to round 11.

This month's challenge – black is the new black. What's with all the new fancy-coloured bowls? It seems like Ian Hall has a new colour and a new set of bowls each week. If Geoff Thomas is using black bowls, Lui Lippis white bowls, Bev Cowles purple bowls, Betty Williamson orange bowls and Kathy Day sky-blue bowls, what colour bowls is Barrie Robran using?