

Club Singles Championship Finals

Club Championships Day 1

The club singles championships will be played on Sunday 16 December, with the men's, women's and bowling arm champion to be decided.

The men's final sees either past champion Rod Squire, who has returned to Tranmere after a sojourn with Payneham and Munno Para, or Max Davidson, up against first-year member, Ian Brown. All players are quality draw bowlers and it should be an enthralling contest.

In the women's final, two new club members will be fighting it out for the honour of representing Tranmere in the Champion of Champions event; Carol Rankin vs Jackie Gardiner.

The bowling-arm bowlers' championship is being contested the first time this year, in recognition of the many club members who have taken to the bowling arm to allow them to continue to enjoy the game of lawn bowls. The final sees Rodney Egge up against either Eddie Dolan or Des Butler.

Please come along to support our finalists in what promises to be a morning of quality bowling.

Call the Umpire

Why are we seemingly so reluctant to call an umpire? Consider these three scenarios:

One: As the third on your rink you are measuring for the second shot when you accidentally move the jack with your tape. What to do?

Two: With your final bowl as skipper you are not holding shot and decide to run into the head. You're not pleased with your bowl, but it looks like it might wick off a resting bowl and possibly disturb the jack or shot bowl, with a potentially favourable outcome.



Bizarrely, an opposing player lifts the resting bowl, to allow your bowl to pass through. Why he did this remains a mystery – but, there you have it. What to do?

Three: After going to the mat-end, the first bowl from the two skippers is played out of turn. It's a great bowl and carries the jack with it to go from one shot down to three shots up. What to do?

Each of these scenarios happened during recent pennant matches.

Believe it or not, no-one called an umpire and, in each case, the wrong decision was taken. In one case, it cost Tranmere a premiership point.

What do you and your teammates think? Read more on page 3.

Winter Bowls Wrap

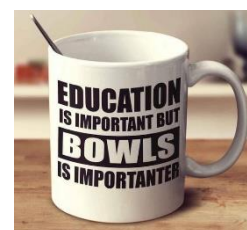
This year we welcomed a total of 4870 registrants over 68 playing days on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There were 201 different people to feature among the bowling prize winners. Of those, 74 were one-time winners. Players who featured most often were Mike Sandon, 15 times, with Bob Taylor and Geoff Thomas both featuring 14 times.

Read more on page 4.

Did You Know?

Which of our women pennant bowlers was born in Germany?

Upcoming Events		
Sat	15 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Sun	16 Dec	Club Singles Championship Finals
Wed	19 Dec	Men's Drawn Pairs
Thu	20 Dec	Women's Drawn Pairs
Mon	21 Jan	State 60+ Supa Series Tournament
Sat	26 Jan	Australia Day Cosmo Triples



Hats Off To Lee Hammond



Is there a doctor in the house?

Yes, there is! However, if you're expecting Dr Lee Hammond to produce a stethoscope or prescription pad, you'd be mistaken. Instead, ask Lee about the history of the West End of Adelaide and you'll be privileged to hear a wealth of

information and interesting stories from the early 1900s. More about that later!

Lee was born just 11 days before Great Britain and France declared war on Germany, starting World War II. Lee's father subsequently enlisted in the Air Force, representing Australia and the Allies in New Guinea. This was much to the disapproval of Lee's grandfather who was leader of the opposition and head of the Labor Party. He did everything he could to dissuade her dad from going. This meant that Lee's dad was away for a few years during her childhood and she never really caught up on that time with him. As Lee says, "he was unsure how to cope with a little girl." Lee did spend time with her grandparents and some of her enduring memories are of going to parliament house with her grandfather and playing cards with her grandmother who would run around the chair to bring her luck in poker!

Lee played tennis and netball and was twice selected for the state team in calisthenics, but her very strict mother would not allow her to go to Ballarat to compete in the national competition. Lee went to Glen Osmond and Aldgate Primary schools and then Unley High where she very reluctantly had to take the commercial course. Coming from a socialist background with very rigid gender borders, she was expected to work briefly until marriage and then retire. Lee left high school after three years and worked as a stenographer for the Electricity Trust

of South Australia. While there, the ETSA ball came on the calendar and Lee, with much urging from her girlfriend, gathered the courage to invite John Hammond whom she had met briefly at a dance, to be her partner. The only way to contact him was to ring him at his work. Imagine Lee's consternation when John's boss answered the phone!

So, off to the ball went Lee and John and the rest is history. They were engaged on 1 April 1960. Lee says she didn't think about April Fools' Day, and they were married on 25 February 1961. Lee and John now have 4 sons, 4 daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren and 3 little great-grandchildren, with families in China, Melbourne and Adelaide. Lee considers her family her greatest achievement.

When her children were growing up Lee was heavily involved in all their activities, including being secretary of the kindy, secretary of the school Mother's Club, camp cook for cubs and even footy coach when John couldn't get to training. After ten years Lee re-joined the workforce and the job that she enjoyed most was with the Children's Services Office where Lee administered a Home and Community Care program that offered respite for families caring for children living with disabilities. Unfortunately, Lee's health suffered a downturn and in 1990 she was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and her doctor suggested it was in her best interest to give up work until her health improved.

To help with her recovery Lee and John bought a caravan and became keen travellers, not only around Australia in their van, but also touring around Europe and Asia. Now, Lee says, the caravan has been swapped for cruise liners!



Still unable to return to work, Lee was going stir crazy, so she decided to try to go to University, something that she had always wanted to do. Having passed the mature age entry exam with flying colours, Lee started a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in the mid-nineties, followed by honours, and then she was offered a scholarship to do a PhD which she completed and was awarded in August 2007. Lee's thesis, *MAKING PLACE: Maps and Memories in the creation of the West End of Adelaide*, was inspired by the story of John's grandmother who was extremely poor and brought up eight children in a 2-room "dump" with no running water in the West End. Lee discovered through her research that many women in the West End struggled in similar circumstances to raise their children in the face of persistent hardship. These women, Lee decided, deserved some recognition. Lee also discovered that although Adelaide was known as the "city of churches", it was also the prostitution capital of Australia! Lee's mentors at the university were more interested in this angle and in a way, Lee feels her PhD was hijacked to follow this theme. Lee has spoken on radio about her work and found it very strange being introduced as Dr Hammond. She has also written newspaper articles, and her work has been published in the Historical Journal of South Australia.

Lee's bowls career commenced with Night Owls during her time at university and progressed to pennants. She helped run Friday morning bowls for a couple of years with Cynthia McCreanor. Lee says, "I love the social aspect of the game and the lovely people I have met and although I will never be a Premier I bowler, I love the game as well."

Lee's Favourite Country To Visit

Turkey. You'll have to ask her why!

Ackland – Shearing Shield

The annual pre-pennant challenge against Kensington-Marryatville has been going for 57 years.

The Ackland – Shearing Shield (TT #26 Oct 2016) was, once more, retained by Tranmere when all four sides won to record an overall victory by 368 shots to 277.

The annual pre-pennant challenge against Payneham was not contested this year.



Call The Umpire

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One: When a player moves the jack (or bowl) while measuring, the opposing third **must** place the jack (or bowl) back to where they believe it was before being moved, after which the measuring resumes. It is not, as was decided on the day, a case of not being able to reset the position with the winning team having to be content with a single shot on that end. [Rule 38.1.3]

Two: Clearly, the at-rest bowl was picked up because the bowl delivered by the skipper was going to hit it. Had the at-rest bowl not been picked up, the skipper who played the shot believes his bowl would have wicked off the resting bowl and could have altered the situation. Exactly how is not clear but, by picking up the bowl, it averted the possibility. As it was, with the bowl continuing through and not affecting the result, the team lost two shots.

This situation is not fully covered in the Laws. Therefore players, markers and umpires must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play. In this case the delivered bowl did not disturb the head and should have been replayed. [Introduction to the laws of the game].

Three: After some discussion, the skippers, not sure of the rules, decided that the second skipper would play two bowls in a row. He was unable to rescue the situation and lost that end by four shots, when the first skipper drew another shot with his final bowl.

Had an umpire been called, the options open to the second skipper would have been clear. In fact, because the bowl has disturbed the head, he had three options: 1) agree to leave the head as it was and continue as they did [Rule 29.1.3.1], 2) replace the head as it was before the out-of-turn bowl hit into it, and then bowl in turn [Rule 29.1.3.2], or 3) declare the end dead [Rule 29.1.3.3] – which, had he realised this at the time, is the one he would have chosen.

From The Archives

In which year was Tranmere recognized with an award as Best Bowling Club?

Collective Noun For A Group of Lawn Bowlers

What is the collective name for a group of taxi drivers? A drive, perhaps!

OK. So, what would make a good collective name for a group of lawn bowlers? What have you got? Best suggestions published in the next edition of the Tranmere Times.

Winter Bowls

Another outstanding winter bowls season ended at the end August. All in all, very few days were lost to rain this year.

On several occasions it rained furiously overnight and things looked grim with the greens awash in the morning. Thanks to a dedicated gang of sweepers, the greens were cleared in time for the winter bowls enthusiasts to enjoy an afternoon's competitive social bowling in glorious winter sunshine.

The players to feature most often in the prize pools this year were Mike Sandon, who featured 15 times, with Bob Taylor and Geoff Thomas both featuring 14 times.

Not everyone bowls on all three days and the bowlers to feature among the bowling



prize winners most often on the separate days were Geoff Thomas on Wednesdays, Brian Lines (Walkerville) on Fridays, and John Daire on Saturdays.



In total, close to \$15900 in prize money was handed out. It was so rewarding to see so many Tranmere bowlers and visitors alike enjoying their winter bowls and the fun at the after-bowls presentations.

From The Archives (Nov 2014)

On Saturday 8 November 2014, our then vice-president Ann Ellis, accompanied by our bar manager, Richard Ellis, were presented with the 2014 Clubs SA Excellence Award as 'Best Bowls Club'.

Claus' Conundrum

Solution to previous conundrum: 'Bowls' was the word you would have solved after identifying these five members from the cryptic clues given:

Postcode 5017	Bob O sborne
Legal Offspring	Greg L awson
This Simpson is sheepish	Libby B artram
"What you talkin' bout"	Shirley W illis
A weighty streaming service	Darryl S anton

It was Ann Thomas that you would have revealed had you unscrambled the image in Who Can It Be Now.

This month, something a little different.

There is intelligent life on the planet Xorak. The major sport played by Xoraks is lawn bowls and, in a recent Xorakian Lawn Bowls Championship Final, Qygor beat Zixon by 6 shots, 31 to 23.

Xoraks have two hands. How many digits do they have on each hand?

Did You Know?

Lee Carr was born in Germany. Veronica Dolan was born in Scotland, Marie Holland was born in Ireland and Ivka Petrunic was born in Croatia. Other than those four, the remaining women pennant bowlers were either born in Australia or England.

Ladies Fours Medley Skins Tournament organiser, Anne Lippis, with tournament sponsors, Sarina Capoccia (National Pharmacies) and Ivana Beltrame (Blackwell Funerals). Another hugely successful tournament!

