

## Mike Porter Outstanding Service Award

### The End of An Era

An excellent attendance of 84 members was at the bowls section Annual General Meeting held on 28 April 2019. The usual business was attended to, including presentation of various reports, and the election of the new committee.

With Mike Porter having made the decision to conclude his tenure as Bowls Section President, a role he has held for 16 years, it was timely for his contributions to the club to be recognised, through the inauguration of a new award, the Mike Porter Outstanding Service Award.

Excerpts from Graeme Parkinson's speech honouring Mike follow.

*Mike joined the club in 2000 and immediately made his presence felt by becoming a bowls committee member in that year, meaning that he has served on that body for 19 years. Under the organisation at that time he became Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President and then elected as Bowls Section President in 2003.*

*Whilst in that role he has been instrumental in firstly promoting and then overseeing the completion of improvements to the club and its facilities.*

*It's not unusual to see Mike painting or cleaning or attending to some maintenance task. He seems unable to sit still for more than a moment.*

*He was the author of several grant applications to State and Local Government, which in the main were successful and resulted in significant funds flowing to the club for our various projects.*

*Mike has worked tirelessly to promote the credentials and facilities offered by the Tranmere Bowling Club to the hierarchy of Bowls SA and the recently established Metropolitan Bowls Association to position the club well for hosting major events.*

*Mike's determination, enthusiasm and foresight undoubtedly were major factors in the club being in the position that it is today.*

*From time to time there will be members who make outstanding contributions to the club without necessarily qualifying for life membership. To that end, and to complement the life membership award, a new award, "The Mike Porter Outstanding Service Award" has been established.*

*It is fitting, and I have the honour of presenting, the inaugural Mike Porter Award for Outstanding Service to the Club, to the man himself.*



Brenda and Mike Porter with family; Nathan, Adam, Riley and Judy Sharp

### Honour Board

#### Men's Singles

Max Davidson

#### Women's Singles

Jackie Gardiner

#### Bowling Arm Singles

Rodney Egge

#### Men's Pairs

Ian Brown – Geoff Thomas

#### Women's Pairs

Claire Pope – Judy Brooks

#### Open Singles

Rodney Egge

#### Open Pairs

Rodney Egge – Barrie Robran

#### Mixed Pairs

Claire Pope – Roger Kairl

#### Open 100 Up

Rodney Egge

#### Men's Drawn Pairs

John Bartram – Claus Schonfeldt

#### Women's Drawn Pairs

Ann Ellis – Margaret Mealor

### Tranmere Bowling Club Committee 2019-20

President:	Dino De Corso
Past President:	Mike Porter
VP (Women):	Mary Feddersen
VP (Men):	Max Davidson
Secretary:	Julie McGirr
Treasurer:	Claus Schonfeldt
Committee:	Di Ferris Darryl Stanton Tom Lycett

#### Trivia Question:

Which four Adelaide Metropolitan Bowling Clubs have won the most premierships over the past seven pennant seasons?

## 2018-19 Pennant Wrap

In 2018-19 Tranmere fielded 18 sides over the three days of competition, the highest number of sides of any of the metropolitan clubs. Overall the club's sides did very well compared with 2017-18, improving our ranking from 14<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> out of 51 clubs.

We won 2 premierships and had 7 other sides contesting finals. Unfortunately, none of those resulted in a pennant, but we played in 3 grand finals and 4 preliminary finals.

At the beginning of the year the bowls committee set objectives for pennant success. We achieved those objectives for six of our sides, including promotion of our top side on Wednesday to Premier division. Three others just fell short of achieving the specific objective of promotion, but played in the grand final to just miss out.

None of our sides were demoted.

Importantly, we never had to roster any players off and nor did we ever have to forfeit. That is testament to the super efforts of Paul Maslin and Ian Abraham (with some support from other selectors) to seek players to make up full sides in our bottom sides on both Wednesday and Saturday. It is a healthy sign for our club that many members and temporary players (ex night-owls) are willing to help out.

Congratulations to all players on another successful and enjoyable season.

### Life's Little Instruction Book

Life's Little Instruction Book has 477 suggestions, observations and reminders for living a happy and rewarding life. When the MC at the Presentation Night called upon Carol Rankin to choose a number, she chose 283, which was:

**Don't use a toothpick in public**



Busy in the kitchen on presentation night: Chris Douglas, Brenda Porter, Di Ferris, Louise Lycett, Ann Ellis and Grace Murphy.

## Presentation Dinner

The Pennant Season Finale Presentation Dinner was held on 10 April, a full evening with an extensive list of recipients to receive accolades, acknowledgements and awards.

Claus Schonfeldt as MC outlined the evening's proceedings, welcoming David Godfrey who presented the men's singles championship cup. Mike Porter gave an overview of the club's activities and achievements together with acknowledging volunteer support.



David Godfrey, centre, presenting the Harry Godfrey Cup to the Men's Singles Winner, Max Davidson, with runner-up, Ian Brown.

Together with the many awards presented, a fabulous meal was enjoyed, thanks again to the hard-working crew in the kitchen.

Our website has many more photos to enjoy, have a look at the [Presentation Dinner Article](#) on the noticeboard page.

Tranmere fielded 158 players across all three days in the pennant competition and 110 of them featured at least once in the best rink award. How good is that!

### Pennant Winners Thursday Division 3 Central

16 players during the season



Joan Thomson (side manager), Ivka Petrunic, Margaret Mealar, Julie McGirr, Cynthia McCreanor, Kathy Day, Jackie Langworthy, Pat Miller. Absent: Di Born, Janet Caon, Val Hill, Marie Holland, Janne Todd.

## Pennant Winners Saturday Division 7 East White

43 players during the season



Barbara Christiansen, Bob Christiansen, Ivka Petrunic, Lee Carr, Louise Lycett, Richard Rasheed (side manager), Barry Martin, Grace Murphy, Ezio Centofanti, Joe Saleeba, Nick Callisto, Lew White, with Anne Lippis presenting pennant badges. Absent: Laurie Trestrail, Trevor Davy, Lee Heggie.

If you looked closely at the “Honour Board” on page one, you may have noticed Rodney Egge won four of our club championship events this year, which is a darned good achievement. The last person to do that was a club legend, André Eiler, who did that in 1996-97 and again in 2000-01. André was also runner-up in two other events in 1996-97 and in the club singles championship in 2000-01. The singles champion that year, in case you’re interested, was Frank de Conti.



Open Singles: Runner-up John Daire and winner Rodney Egge, with the CH Treloar Bowl presented by Vice-President, Max Davidson.

Nine rinks won 8-badges, including a rink from our top side. Among the players to win 8-badges were Nick Callisto and Ezio Centofanti, who regularly helped out in our bottom side on Saturdays. Some people play a lifetime of bowls and never get an 8-badge.

Two rinks won 50 badges. The players to win 50 badges were

- Pat Miller, Tony Frangos, Denis Marsden, Ivor Mowat
- Kerron Gillen, Joe Saleeba, Leigh Hall, John Bartram

## How It All Started

For some of our members and regular pennant bowlers, it all began with a letter-box drop back in 2007. Tranmere had decided to undertake a recruiting drive and invited anyone interested to a 5-week introductory course to lawn bowls. The letter-box campaign was coordinated by Mike Porter, Terry Sanders and Ken Warmington and covered a wide catchment area. The 5-week course was run by Mike Porter and Malcolm Miller. Each ‘lesson’ ran for 90 minutes, either on Friday mornings or, for those who were working, on Friday evenings, from late September to the end of October. It was a great initiative and attracted quite a response.

Three of the eager participants were Julie Ludlow, Marg Filmer and Grace Murphy. Marg, living in Paradise at the time, was encouraged by her daughter and son-in-law to all have a go together. “They didn’t stay on after the course,” Marg told the Tranmere Times, “but I was hooked.” She and Julie Ludlow continued on to evening bowls on Thursday nights, coordinated by Lee and John Hammond. Tutors included the Hammonds, Kathy Day, Bob Gilby, Augie Centofanti and André Eiler. Thursday night bowls attracted quite a following, including current members such as Barry Handke, plus a lot of night-owls who played on Tuesday nights as well.



Julie Ludlow, Marg Filmer and Grace Murphy.

Grace continued on to winter bowls after the introductory course and all three remain friends to this day. They joined the club in 2009 and have thoroughly enjoyed pennant bowling and sociable engagement with friends and colleagues at the club ever since. Julie Ludlow is currently taking a break from bowling, but both Marg and Grace continue on. Even though Marg has moved to Salisbury East, she’s quite happy to make the trip to play at Tranmere. “It’s such a friendly club,” she said. “I have been made to feel very welcome and made lots of friends.” Grace highlights the extensive volunteer culture at Tranmere as one of its many positive features.

(continued from previous page ...) So, who else came through the introductory course and has stayed on? Well, there's Ivka Petrunic and Kathlyn Starkie. Barb and Bob Christiansen also played night bowls on Thursday nights to begin their venture into lawn bowling.

Perhaps it's time for another recruiting drive.

#### Trivia Answer:

Tranmere	20 premierships
Hope Valley	15 premierships
Ascot Park	14 premierships
Salisbury	14 premierships

## Who am I?

This is obviously Allan Hill. But who is the statue?

Well, you'll need to get the details from either Allan or Rodney Egge. Actually, it's Rodney's great grandfather, who opened up river trade on the Murray. The photo of Captain John Egge was taken at Wentworth. Rodney is very proud of his Chinese heritage.

For more detailed history, you can click on the link below:

<http://www.murrayriver.com.au/paddleboats/john-egge/>



## Louise's Conundrum

Solution to the previous edition's conundrum: Xoraks have four digits on each hand.

Now to this month's conundrum, an easy one:

Louise's twin sisters Lynette and Rosalie live in the country and have a large enclosure for peacocks. Sometimes they escape and roam around Wilmington. If a peacock escapes and lays an egg in the neighbour's garden, who is the rightful owner of the egg?

### What do you call a group of Lawn Bowlers?

In the last edition of the Tranmere Times we asked for a good collective name for a group of lawn bowlers.

We received many creative suggestions, and the prize of a free game of winter bowls goes to Bob Cecchi, whose ideas included

- A measure of bowlers
- A bias of bowlers
- A weight of bowlers

Well done, Bob, and thanks to all who participated!

## From the Archives

Over the years there have been several newsletters, beginning on 8 October 1949 with the inaugural Monthly Bulletin, produced each month from October to April in the pennant season. The inaugural bulletin was produced to bring in the Silver Jubilee season of 1949-50. A sub-committee of four members was established to produce the bulletins with Ralph Whitehorn appointed as editor.

The then club general president, Charles Arnold, noted that the club wanted three things during the silver jubilee year;

1. 100% happy members
2. Success in sport
3. A new mower.

He went on to say that 'the first, which comes from within us, is available to all; the second depends on our individual effort and team work; while the third can be purchased if we all work for it.'

The desire for a new mower may have changed to another form of infrastructure today, but the first two remain pertinent. Tranmere is your club. What you get out of it depends on what you put into it and success at pennant bowls is founded on recognising that it is a team sport.