



**WELCOME TO**

**CLUB TRANMERE**  
**BOWLING and TENNIS CLUB Inc.**

**FOUNDED JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1925**

**LOCATION:**

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**A GUIDE TO THE CLUB OF YOUR CHOICE**

**2021/22**

## CLUB HISTORY

The Tranmere Bowling, Tennis and Croquet Club was officially opened on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1925, and that day has always been considered to be the Clubs "Foundation Day".

Tranmere House was built in 1893 set amongst 150 acres of estate. Our Clubhouse, bowls greens and tennis courts were once part of the gardens of that house. The pillars on Magill Road were the Southern boundary of the house.

A Sunday afternoon outing was a trip to the Eastern foothills of Adelaide to view all the grand old houses that were located there.

Jackman and Treloar Ltd acquired the property in 1912 for a sum of 10,000 pounds, and that included the land from Magill Road through to Brookside Avenue. Mr. Charles Treloar lived in Tranmere House for a short period, after which the building was re-arranged and set up into flats. The company very generously made a gift of all the land extending from the house to Magill Road to our Club.

Charles Treloar became the Clubs Foundation President. With the contributions of so many people over the many decades our Club now owns an asset valued at over \$3,800,000. The clubrooms provide a focal point for members, visitors and guests to enjoy the playing of bowls and tennis and to attend social events. The Club has the facilities to provide for seven tennis courts and three bowling greens with a maximum of 20 rinks. The bowling greens have excellent LED floodlight facilities for night bowling.

Around the clubrooms there are many honour boards, shields, cups, pennant flags and plaques. They remember and honour the many members who have served as office bearers. They also acknowledge those members who have achieved individual success with the Clubs many house championships and success awards for Tennis and Bowls. What cannot be seen is that so many members have given so much of their time to contribute to the progress and success of Tranmere as a sports and community Club.

Members are welcome to visit our Archives and Library room to view and peruse some of the old shields, cups and memorabilia of years gone by.

These are the words of Bill Fielden, who was a member of Tranmere for over 60 years, "My rich and fond memories of my Tranmere years were not so much of the buildings and the improvements to the Club, but of the members and character of the Club itself".

The Club converted to synthetic bowling greens during 2008. The greens were installed by KCL Sports, a Newcastle based synthetic playing surfaces contractor. We have installed a product called "DryMax Pro" that requires little water except to keep the surface clean.

In 2013, Berry Bowling Systems, installed a retractable shade system over our two front bowling greens, a first for South Australia. The system will give members and visitors a very welcome protection from the sun's damaging UV rays as well as prolonging the life span of the synthetic greens. In 2016 we added another shade system to our "C" green.

Overall management of the Club is conducted by a General Committee that is responsible for the management of Club finances, maintenance and upgrades of facilities for both bowls and tennis, the Club bar facility and its' legal requirements as a fully licensed Club, and many other obligations that are required to run a successful Club facility. The Bowls and Tennis sections both maintain separate committees to organize their individual requirements for their bowls and tennis members.

The clubrooms, gardens and surrounds of the Club are maintained by a very enthusiastic group of members. One day you may wish to join them, and continue the trend of members of Tranmere being more involved than just bowling and playing tennis. As a Club we hope that all of our members enjoy many years of bowling, tennis and social activities with the Club of your choice as have many members since 1925.

## **OVERALL CLUB MANAGEMENT**

The overall management of the Club is under the control of a General Committee with the following positions: -

General President:	Greg Ferris
General Secretary:	Mike Porter
General Treasurer:	Mike Sandon
Vice President (Bowls President)	Dino De Corso
Vice President (Tennis President)	Greg Parker
Delegates (2) from each section	Mary Diestel-Feddersen & Darryl Stanton (Bowls) Carol Davis & Daniel Venning (Tennis)
Bar Facility Manager	Louise Lycett
Greens Manager	Bob Gilby

Each year, an annual general meeting is held to present the annual audited financial report that includes a full income/expenditure report, balance sheet, budget recommendations for the next financial year and a variety of sub section reports. Elections are held for the three main general office bearers.

## **BOWLS SECTION**

The Bowls section of the Club has one committee that manages all of the requirements for bowls at Tranmere. Three members of that committee then also serve on the Clubs General Committee. Likewise for the tennis section.

## **COMMITTEE**

President	Dino DeCorso
Vice President	Darryl Stanton
Vice President	Mary Diestel-Feddersen
Secretary	Julie McGirr
Treasurer	Chris Douglas
Committee members	Grace Murphy, Peter Richards, Kieran Gavin & Rod Fraser.

The Bowls committee normally meets on the first Monday of each month. If you have any queries regarding procedures or any Club activity, then you are welcome to discuss the

same with any committee member for clarification. You are welcome to give to the Bowls committee your suggestions or recommendations that you wish to be considered.

The Bowls committee has various sub-committees that administer the many activities organized by the Club for our members. Each sub-committee reports directly to the bowls committee on a monthly basis or as required.

The Bowls section A.G.M. is normally held in April or May each year. A full report is presented from the committee, along with reports from all sub-committees. Elections are held for all committee positions each year.

## **BOWLS SA**

Bowls SA is the official organization that oversees lawn bowls at all levels in SA.

Bowls SA is responsible for State representative sides, State Championships, Junior development with schools, coaching courses, umpire and measurer courses, and everything else to do with bowls in SA.

For those members who attend umpire and coaching courses, the Club will pay for the cost of course fees and any manuals and handbooks that are required.

## **METROPOLITAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

The new MBA introduced in 2017 manages the pennant program for all the Metropolitan Bowling Clubs.

## **PENNANT COMPETITIONS**

There are more players available to play on a Saturday and therefore the Saturday OPEN Pennants competition is stronger and regarded as more prestigious over the Wednesday and Thursday competitions. There are many levels of Pennant competition. The highest level is the Premier League with 10 Club sides. Many of the other levels are zoned into North, South, East and West regions to try and reduce travelling times to away venues.

From 2010/11 Bowls SA confirmed that on Saturdays there will be OPEN Fours competitions. ALL bowlers, of either gender, will be allowed to participate in these competitions, if they wish. Side selection must take into consideration the ability and compatibility with all other bowlers available for selection regardless of gender.

## **PENNANTS SIDES**

On Saturdays we have 7 sides in the OPEN Fours. Our highest ranked side is in Division 1. Wednesday is a MEN'S competition, where we will have 5 sides, with our 1<sup>st</sup> side in the First Division, the rest of our sides will be in various other divisions mainly in the Eastern region. Thursday is a WOMEN'S competition, where we will have 3 sides, with our 1<sup>st</sup> side in the Premier League. Note that in the Wednesday and Thursday competitions, players of the opposite gender can be used to fill the lowest side of each Club, if required.

## **SIDES SELECTION PANELS AND PROCEDURES**

The Side's selection panels are appointed by the Bowls committee, from members that express an interest to volunteer for these important roles for each bowls season.

There are three Side selection panels. With Panels for the Saturday OPEN competition, panels for the Wednesday Men's competition and for our Thursday Women's competition.

The Side's Selection Panels will normally meet every Monday.

**The selection panels will assume that all bowlers are available for selection unless a bowler has entered their name on the appropriate **NOT AVAILABLE TO PLAY LIST**.**

If you have been selected to play and then for any reason you cannot meet that commitment, then you must notify your side selectors as soon as possible so that sides can be adjusted accordingly. Please **DO NOT** just add your name to the not available to play list after sides have been selected and placed upon the outside selected sides board.

**It is the responsibility of every bowler to view the selection board whether on our club website or at the club to see where they have been selected to play.**

Bowlers should also check to see whether they have been allocated to be an **"INDOOR or OUTDOOR DUTY RINK"**. All of our umpires and measurers should also check to see if they have been allocated to be on umpire or measurer duties.

If you have a query on your selected status then please direct your query to the side selectors for explanation. It would be appreciated that no one approaches any side selectors before the commencement of a pennant match. Everyone should be focussing on their match expectations.

Note that our Side selection panels must adhere to a selection manual of instructions as given to them by our Bowls committee. This manual is in place to provide, so far as possible, a consistent policy and approach to selection with a view to selecting our strongest sides for our highest ranked pennant sides and overall give everybody a fair go and create harmony for our bowlers. Every endeavour will be made to give all bowlers at least one game per week. Please remember it is not an easy task at the best of times to keep everybody happy all the time.

#### **SELECTION NOTICE BOARD and MATCH DAY PROCEDURE.**

The Sides selections are normally updated by Monday afternoon, on our club website and on the club outdoor notice board, with the selected sides for Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday displayed.

The Club now has a very pro-active website. All the selected Sides will be updated on the website as soon as possible each week. Note that any players affected by a change due to the withdrawal of a player after the selection process will be personally notified of a change that affects them.

As highlighted above it is the **responsibility of ALL bowlers** to come along and view the selected sides notice board and make good note of where you are playing and remember ALL bowlers should be at the correct venue with at least 15 minutes before starting times.

Players can arrive a little early and have a quick practice session, get the feel of the greens and playing conditions? The MBA has requested all Clubs to allow visiting sides to practice for up to 30 minutes before starting time is scheduled to commence. Under the current rules practice must cease when the rinks for play have been drawn and allocated.

If you are playing at an away venue, there are TWO choices to consider: -

1. Meet at the Club at a set time and just use a few cars to drive to the away venue.
2. Go direct to the away venue. If you use this option, you **MUST** put your name on the **GOING DIRECT LIST**. The other members of your team will join you at the away venue and not have to wait for you to turn up at our Club for a lift.

At home matches a DUTY rink will be allocated for Indoors and outdoors. On the side selection board, the rink allocated will have the DUTY RINKS label under their names. These DUTY rinks are responsible for putting out the bowls mats, jacks, flags, cleaning the seats and ensuring the drinking water areas have plenty of cups and the cleaning of facilities within the clubrooms. At the end of the day the DUTY rinks put everything away.

At home matches each bowler will contribute a small sum towards afternoon tea. This does not apply to the Women's Thursday competition where everybody brings along their own lunch.

At all matches, all of our bowlers from all sides will be entered into the best winning rink award for the day. At the end of the day all side managers would have entered up all rink scores for all sides on the Clubs scoreboard. The members of the highest winning rink of the day will each receive a \$6 voucher to spend over the Club bar.

Members need to be aware of the arrangements in place in respect of possible match cancellations due to inclement or hot weather – refer the MBA Pennant hand book with conditions of play: -

**HOT WEATHER:**

**WED MEN'S** - If a temperature of 36c or over is forecast for Wednesday on Monday at 4.30pm, then ALL divisions will commence practice ends at 9.15am on the Wednesday morning.

**SATURDAY OPEN** - If a temperature of 36c or over is forecast for Saturday on Thursday at 4.30pm, then ALL divisions will commence play with practice ends at 9.15am.

**THUR WOMEN'S** - If a temperature of 36c or over for Thursday on Tuesday at 4.30pm then practice ends will commence at 9.15am.

Note that in the conditions of play for any competition if at any time the actual temperature reaches 38c (36c Thursday) or over then matches have to cease. There are restart conditions at a later date for some divisions in the Saturday Open competition and the Thursday competition.

**WET WEATHER:**

Our greens manager will decide if our greens are unfit for play and that decision will be made as soon as possible on the day. Bowlers can phone the Club from 11.00am,

Wednesday and Saturday, or from 9.00am for Thursday pennants to determine if play has been cancelled. **DO NOT PHONE BOWLS SA, the MBA or the RADIO STATION.**

**MATCH IN PROGRESS:** In the event that inclement weather disrupts a pennant match in progress it is the responsibility of the allocated match umpire to declare any halts in play. Under the laws of the game of bowls the match umpire has the power to cancel the days play. The handbook issued by the MBA contains all the relevant information of what to do in respect of match cancellation. All of our side managers should be aware of the rules pertaining to match cancellation.

### **CANCELLED PENNANT ROUNDS**

Refer to the MBA handbook where the Saturday Open higher ranked divisions will have postponed rounds re-scheduled for play at a later date. Cancelled Thursday rounds will probably be scheduled to be played the following Tuesday.

### **PENNANT FINALS**

At the end of round 18, the Sides finishing in the top four positions of ALL divisions for ALL days, will playoff in division finals to win their respective division pennant.

### **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

All of our bowlers are required to wear our Club uniform. We also encourage bowlers to purchase rain jackets, fleecy tops, a cap and/or a bucket hat in Club colours. All clothing is sold at cost or cheaper thanks to our Sponsors support. Look good, feel good, and bowl well for Tranmere. **Remember please put your name on your property.** With over 300 blue rain jackets, hats and caps in circulation it is easy to pick up the wrong gear.

All of our bowlers will be supplied with Club stickers, sponsored by Paradise MAZDA, to put on their bowls. **It is a must do.**

### **ETIQUETTE**

All of our bowlers especially at home matches should always invite their opposing player to partake in a little refreshment during or after a match.

Please learn and use the etiquette of playing lawn bowls and you will appreciate all those little acts that make our chosen game more sociable and friendly with acknowledgement of good play when it occurs.

**Be careful with your comments when a poor or lucky bowl gets a good result, it's like a tennis ball striking the net and falling in your favour, please acknowledge as such. Don't forget there is an element of good and hard luck in any game of bowls.**

Please drink plenty of fluids on hot days, and don't forget the sunscreen.

### **PRACTICE SESSIONS**

Subject to weather conditions the greens will be available for practice any time.

Our Ladies have a specific practice session on Tuesdays from 9.30am – 1.00pm. But there may be another green available for Men to practice early, especially on predicted hot days.

Please check the outside notice board for possible restrictions as indicated by the greens committee. Sometimes rinks may have been allocated for Club tournament matches, or green maintenance routines.

Remember that if some bowlers are playing off a Club tournament round, then please give them priority and don't forget your bowling etiquette at all times.

## **CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

The Club organizes and runs a variety of Tournaments for the benefit of members and visitors. Except for our Club Championships, we send invitations to many other Clubs and individual bowlers.

Our tournament committee has specific tasks that they are responsible for: -

Major Tournaments      Eddie Dolan & John Feddersen

Women's Gala Day      Mary Diestel-Feddersen

Cosmo Events              Eddie Dolan & John Feddersen

Club Championships      Bob Cecchi & Claire Pope

All of our tournaments have a sponsor. Each sponsor has donated cash or goods to be used as prizes for a variety of events. Please support our Sponsors where possible.

## **MAJOR TOURNAMENTS**

All of our Club organized Tournaments have prize money or goods donated by our Club Sponsors. Please refer to our Sponsors booklet for Sponsor details. Your support for our Sponsors services or products is most welcome at all times.

Competition entry forms will be on our Tournament board so members can assemble their own teams and have a go. You will always improve your game against good opposition. The word "Cosmo" means that the team format can be all men, all women or a combination of men and women. Mixed competition means a combination of both Men & Women.

We also have two Tournaments where one is just for Women and one just for Men.

Most of these are all day events, where lunch is served after rounds 1 or 2, then further rounds, then nibbles and then presentation time.

## **COSMO EVENTS**

Open to all of our men and lady bowlers. Competition entry forms will be on our Tournament board so members can enter with partners of their choice. In pairs you use four bowls, normally both leads bowl 2, each skipper bowls 2, and then the leads bowl their last 2, with the skippers finishing the end with their last 2 bowls.

Another pairs format can be of 3 bowls each, with the leads playing their three bowls followed by the skippers with their three bowls.

A 2-4-2 format is where leads and skippers alternate their roles. The bowler going first plays two bowls, the bowler going second plays four bowls, and the first bowler then completes the end with their final two bowls.

Triples may be either 2 bowls or 3 bowls.

These are good competitions so although the opposition may be a bit strong at times it is really good for practice and can be very enjoyable.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All full members are to be encouraged to enter our Club Championships. There are a variety of events to enter, and good competition will always improve your game. There are many honour boards around the Club walls and also shields and cups within the Archives room that recognize many of the Champions of years gone by. You never know one day your name might just join them.

Entry forms will be available for each type of Championship event, with the appropriate rules of play for each of them.

A close off date for entry will be on the forms. Each event entered will cost you \$5. Entries must be entered on the appropriate event entry form as well as on the event envelope containing your entry fees to be placed in the competition entry box.

The Club championship organizers will draw the competitors into playoff rounds that must be completed by specific play by dates. The first drawn competitor/s should contact their opponent/s to arrange an agreeable play date and time to ensure that matches are played by the dates set by the tournament organizers.

You will need to book a rink to play on. A tournament booking sheet will be available. Note that the Club championship organizers will allocate the rinks to be used for matches. If you are fortunate enough to reach a Grand Final, we now have a finals day in December and March. We expect all finalists to be available to play on Grand Final days.

However, should you not make a grand final then why not come along on finals day and watch all the finalists play for our Club honours.

Open Singles (The C H Treloar cup)

Open Pairs (The Devondale cup)

100 up Singles Shield

Open to ALL bowlers

Open to ALL bowlers Open

Open to ALL bowlers

Men's Singles (The Harry Godfrey cup)

Open to men bowlers

Men's Pairs (Benny's Motors Shield)	Open to men bowlers
Men's Drawn Pairs (Lawrence-Evans Shield)	Open to men bowlers
Mixed Pairs (Stone-Townsend Shield)	Open to men and women bowlers
Women's Singles (The Melva Roach tray)	Open to women bowlers
Women's Pairs (The Nita Thomson cup)	Open to women bowlers
Women's Drawn pairs (A & L Lippis Shield)	Open to women bowlers

## **TUESDAY SOCIAL NIGHT OWLS**

Our Co-ordinator for The Owls is: - Greg Ferris

From late October till late March the Club runs a Night Owls competition under floodlights each Tuesday evening. Up to 150 bowlers making up 38 teams compete on a weekly basis and have a lot of fun at Tranmere playing bowls. You may have been a Night Owl bowler with us and the Club thanks you for taking the next step by becoming a full member and keen to play pennant bowls with us.

## **FRIDAY MORNING SOCIAL BOWLS**

Our Co-ordinator is Ms. Cynthia McCreanor

Throughout the year you can play social bowls on most Friday morning from 9.15am to about 12.00pm. It's a good introduction for new bowlers and their friends, and no booking is required just turn up for a game and enjoy.

## **WINTER BOWLS**

Winter bowls is played in the non-pennant season, between late March and early September. There are Cosmo two bowl triples competitions played regularly on a Wednesdays and Open Pairs competitions on Fridays and Saturdays, all rolling off at 12noon. You can also enter as a single entry. The organisers will place you in a team, so everybody gets a game.

The dress code is casual wear and the competition is open to members, visitors, friends and new bowlers.

As well as being good fun, it brings welcome revenue to the Club. We do apply a restriction that only one of our 1<sup>st</sup> side bowlers is allowed per team on Wednesdays.

Our co-ordinator for this competition is: - John Feddersen, assisted by Claus Schonfeldt, and many others.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Tranmere has a social committee that will put together an entertaining calendar of events each year.

You and your family and friends are most welcome to come along and join us. A list of events to be held will be on the notice board. Events are also announced on pennant days and at Club functions.

Our pricing policy for events is good value for your money. Prior to each event there is plenty of advertising around and an attendance list will be on the notice board for members to indicate numbers of family and friends coming along.

We hope to enjoy the pleasure of your company at the events that may interest you.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Club has now adopted a Code of Conduct for members, visitors and guests to adhere to whilst on Club property. Members are also expected to abide by the Code when representing the Club at away venues or whilst taking part in State events.

## **NON - SMOKING POLICY**

Strictly **NO SMOKING** within the Club grounds and the Club rooms.

We ask **ALL** members to remind those members and visitors that are smoking in the wrong locations to direct them to where they can smoke.

## **YOU WANT TO JOIN IN AND HELP?**

Well, if you do that's great. What better way to get more involved than just by playing BOWLS! As that famous American President nearly said was "It's not what your Club does for you but what can you do for your Club"?

Welcome to your TRANMERE Club where you can enjoy good playing conditions – ALL YEAR round from our "DRYMAX PRO" synthetic bowling greens. And with our shade systems you also have good protection from the sun on those hot days.

This little booklet should cover a fair proportion of what goes on at the Club of your choice. However, you are always welcome to have a chat with any committee member to assist you with any Club activities that you wish to know more about.

We try to keep most of the members happy for most of the time.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER THE SELECTORS PRAYER**

Blessed are those who can play the sport and blessed are those who can still be taught and blessed are those who accept with grace to play in any selected place. ANON