



**PORT ELLIOT BOWLING CLUB**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 2022**

**AGM 2022**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Good evening Life members, members and new members to the PEBC Club.

Before I get into the formalities of the evening, I will start by saying that I have been proud to be your President during these, rather testing 2 previous years. Proud, in that the members of this Club have taken on the challenge to respond to what COVID put in front of us and we have provided a safe environment for our members and the community to utilise our facilities. It has not all been plain sailing, never the less you all should be just as proud in the role that you played,

During this season we were saddened by the loss of past members, Bill Richards, Dereck Shoveller and John Mezzino.

While we all knew that when Ian Herron made the decision to stop medication, the end result would be inevitable. However, we were still shocked when his passing away, occurred. It was great to have Helen and Ken with us this evening to present the inaugural Men's Triple Club Championship Shield.

As witnessed earlier, with the presentation of gifts to Life members, Phil Beckett and Jim Gamble for the valued service they have given this Club, a sincere thank you on behalf of the bowling community.

Max Maxfield and his team and Ron Lind with his sub-committee have some big shoes to fill.

I thank all the members of the Board for the valued contribution they have made to the running of the Port Elliot Bowling Club.

On page 4 of our Club Directory you will see a list of members who have taken on various roles as managers and coordinators. This group I thank on your behalf for the contribution that they make to the Club.

Some positions will become vacant tonight and at other times throughout the year. Don't wait to be asked. If you feel that you can assist in any way please do not hesitate in making your intentions known.

The report that I present to you this evening includes the reports by Vice President's, Tournament Director's, Sponsorship Director and managers or coordinators of various activities. Their full reports will be available for your perusal in the AGM Binder.

## **THURSDAY PENNANTS**

This season we have been able to field 3 sides, one in each division with all women players, most weeks. This season Division 1 finished 4<sup>th</sup> and were only beaten by one shot in the first semi-final by McLaren Vale who went on to successfully to claim their first pennant.

Division 2 finished well, securing second place on the ladder from Encounter Bay but were unable to capitalize on second place.

Division 3 finished ninth out of nine Clubs.

To have 2 divisions in the finals is a great feat. The clubs that finished above us on the ladders are much bigger clubs, with a larger number of players to choose from (Goolwa, Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay).

The players gave a strong commitment each week to Tuesday skills and team practice which showed in the final results.

All players gave many volunteer hours in helping in various ways for the success of tournaments, night owls and Friday night teas.

Thanks must go to Lynn Wenman Chairperson and the Selection Panel, Anthea Faull for the Championships, Jan Lind for Night Owls and Tournaments, Kym McRostie, Joy Caldicott, Janice Patterson, Chris Brindle and the numerous volunteers that provide all the meals to members and visitors.

## **SATURDAY PENNANTS**

Les Carter an accredited coach from McLaren Vale Bowling Club ran several coaching clinics in the early stages of the pennant season. These sessions were well attended by members and Les will be invited back this year to run further clinics.

After Christmas, Peter Cullen instigated skills training for Saturday Pennant Players. This initiative, which many believe was a long time coming, will be continued next season under the guidance of Club Coaches.

The New Year saw some significant changes made to Division 2 and Division 3 teams which resulted in Division 2 being saved from relegation. The down side was that Division 3 missed what may have been an opportunity to play in finals.

Sadly Division 5 has been relegated, but they will accept the challenge to regain Division 5 status.

As Division 6 only has 2 rink sides, the incoming Board will be giving strong consideration to nominating 2 sides for this Division. It is a long time since we have had red and black sides in the same Division.

This pennant season became just as challenging as last season with the resignation of selector's and unavailability of bowlers.

The selection panel recently met and presented the Board with a discussion paper referring to our By Laws that relate to selection.

These are now incorporated in our revised By Laws.

I thank Lyn Mole, Peter Cullen, Ian McLeod, Ern Taylor, Sandra Monk, Lynton Jacquier and Chris Brindle for their contribution at the pointy end of the season.

Terry Hogg ran a very successful Men's Championship. Congratulations to all participants and thank you to Peter Barclay for filling in at the last minute on behalf of Ron Lind and Jan Lind for hosting this segment of the evening.

New members to the Club have participated in pennants and also played in our Wednesday Supa pairs. Almost all have taken on a volunteering role within the Club which is greatly appreciated by the various coordinators.

If the more experienced members of the club are playing in tournaments away from our club please invite the newer members to be part of your team. This will allow them to become better known within the club and just as importantly the experience of playing on different bowling greens.

## **TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On your behalf I thank Ron Gebert for continuing with the Wednesday Supa Pairs. A special thanks to Iain Love, Bill May, Peter Cullen, Michael Geisler for providing assistance. A big thank you to Jan Lind for being the scorer for this event

Thanks to Jan Lind for, Ladies Tournaments and Night Owls plus Supa Pairs. Thanks to Lyn Mole for providing assistance with Tournaments and Anthea Faull for Ladies' Club championships  
I apologise if I have missed any one out.

The Board thanks, Phil Hollow for stepping up to ensure that the final 2 events of the Men's tournaments still went ahead.

The Men's tournaments started in September last year with the Macklin 2 day event. This was the 13th occasion that our champion member, John MacNamara has fully sponsored this tournament. Over that time he has contributed around \$40,000 in prize money. This alone has brought a further \$110,000 into the Club, making this event one of the most successful in the Clubs history.  
John has stated that he no longer will be the sponsor of this event. Thanks John for your sponsorship it has been greatly appreciated.

The 2 day carnival will continue in 2022 with sponsorship coming from Dodd and Page, South Coast Windows and Doors and a PEBC member who wishes to remain anonymous.

### **Men's V.P. Day**

was another successful event with all rinks full. Bowlers from far and wide just love coming to Port Elliot.

### **Men's Seafood Day**

As with the Women's Seafood Day, is always very easy to secure full rinks for this event. In relation to the meal provided at this tournament, Daryl Hammat, President of Victor Harbor Bowling Club, in giving his "thank you" speech said that in the 30 years of travelling all over Australia playing bowls, that was the best "bowls" lunch he had ever had.

## **Men's Skins Day**

Another very successful day with full rinks and a great lunch. "Skins' days are now not the most favoured days in the bowling calendar and this was highlighted in the fact that it was difficult to fill all the rinks.

Members should be proud of the work they put in making these events a success. Michael Yeoman and The Green Team for the presentation of the greens and surrounds, Kym McRostie and the kitchen staff for meals supplied, Helen Taylor and helpers for the table settings, the team of bar staff, who also took on the role as wine pourers, Jan, Bill May, Jeff Owen, Lyn Mole as computer operators or collection of Entry Fees, Lynn Wenman and Nancy Petherick as raffle sellers and all who were appointed as COVID Marshals. It is such a huge list and I apologise if I have missed you out.

## **NIGHT OWLS**

RAA at Victor Harbor was again the sponsors.

The season was fully subscribed with 28 teams.

Despite restriction with COVID, the season progressed well with only a couple of nights cancelled.

I thank Jan Lind for being the coordinator. As with all functions and events that this club hosts we rely heavily on a band of volunteers.

Helping out on Tuesday Nights were, Chris Brindal, Lyn Wenman, Eileen Love, Iain Love, Win Syson, Margaret Malone, Lynne Trennery, Anthea Faull, Joy Liebelt, Kym McRostie, Kaye Cammack, Rosie and Lynton Jacquier and Ron Lind. Thank you all for making yourselves available.

## **RAA LADIES SUPA PAIRS**

This competition was again fully subscribed with 28 teams. The format is extremely popular with the local ladies.

## **NORTHPOINT FLEURIEU SUPA PAIRS**

Thank you to Ron Gebert for coordinating this event and to those who assisted him. As far as I am aware this is the only men's pair's event played on the South Coast. It is appreciated by outsiders that this Club has hosted the competition for a number of years and that is why we see the same faces coming year after year. For this event to continue we require the services of 3 coordinators for the morning competition and 3 for the afternoon.

It would be great to see an additional 8 teams for the afternoon event.

The challenge is, can you assist in recruiting these extra teams and be involved in the running of it.

## **IT TEAM**

This small group under the guidance of Bill May and Iain Love provide a valued service to the Club. If you have a background in computers and communications please make yourself known to Bill and Iain.

Currently they are looking at installing a new phone system that has a virtual receptionist. The concept is when you phone the Clubhouse; "Elli" the receptionist will advise you to press 1 if you want the kitchen, 2 if you want Ladies Tournaments, 3 if you want Monday winter bowls etc., etc. This means there should be no calls left on message bank for several days without being answered.

## **SPONSORSHIP MANAGEMENT**

Phil Hollow took his Tournament Director hat off and replaced it with the Director of Sponsorship hat.

The foundation laid by Ron and Jan Lind I am sure that Phil would agree made for a smooth transition into his new role.

Phil has stated that Ron & Jan during the past 9 years not only retained existing sponsors and recruited new ones, that they also built a great repour with the local businesses.

We have now about 55 sponsors who contribute well over \$20,000 to our Club each year.

A number of new sponsors have come on board this year adding extra funds, which has to be measured against a number that we have lost. This still gives us a healthy net gain in dollar terms

Removing one level of the A green plank seating has provided a great opportunity to site our Major sponsors flanked on either side by other sponsors.

Phil thanks those members who use our sponsors to purchase products or use their services, and I also encourage all members, if you do contact a sponsor, to ensure that you thank them for their contribution. They need to know that Club members are supporting them.

Our Sponsors Appreciation Evening was held last Friday and, whilst Covid impacted negatively on numbers we still had around 40 sponsors attending. Thank you Dianne for sending out an email to thank the contribution made by Club members on the night

## **BAR MANAGEMENT**

With the retirement of Jim Gamble from being the Bar Manager for over ten years and with no one indicating that they wanted to take on the role as Bar Manager, Jan Lind suggested that we form a Bar sub-committee to take on all the tasks that Jim did single handily. Prior to the end of last year a group of ten formed this committee, to keep the bar running. Many of us already had our certificates for RSA. Responsible Serving of Alcohol.

Those who wanted to offer their services but did not have their RSA's gained their certificates, on line. Two of our member's wives Faye Cullen and Kath May have also been assisting in the Bar.

Recently the Board appointed Ron Lind as Bar Manager and he will be chair of the Bar Management sub-committee.

The services of Dennis Wright, Peter Faull and others in handling recyclables is appreciated by all, otherwise you would\`d not get free pizza's every now and then.

## **MAINTENANCE**

For a number of years this Club has benefitted from the services of Jeff Owen who has been our Maintenance Manager.

While it is not expected that Jeff is to do the maintenance himself, his role is to ensure that what needs fixing or requires to be maintained he gets the right people in to get it done.

If you are wondering where some of your subs are going. They are being spent on such projects as;

- Painting A Green retaining wall and timber seats.

- Altering the seat arrangement on The Cutting side of A Green so that the sponsor signs that were on the glass balustrade had a new home.

- External painting of the Main Clubhouse and McDonald House.

- Upgrade the security system, including an upgrade from 3G to 4G.

- Agreements have been made with contractors for periodic maintenance checks on fridges, freezers, cold room, gas supply, smoke alarms and other areas of the Club.

- A new boundary fence has been installed along The Cutting.

- We thank Alexandrina Council for providing financial assistance with this project.

- LED flood lights on order and are due for delivery next Month.

- It is anticipated with the new floodlights it will give the Club the opportunity to re-schedule some events including tournaments and Club Championships as a twilight or night time event.

- During the winter months the salt damaged light poles and steel frames of the shelters will be cleaned and a cold gal applied.

- The sign on McDonald House to be repainted.

- The "Gunners" shed and Recycle shed to be replaced.

- As we are in a Heritage area development approval and building permit are required.

On behalf of all our members we owe Dorothy Price a huge thank you for the amount of work that she puts in filling out grant applications to seek funds so that we can undertake projects that I have just talked about.

The Board would appreciate it if another member could work with Dorothy as an understudy to assist Dorothy in this important position.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

This was a fledging committee set up to address the fall in number of full time members. At the time of its first meeting we had 104 members.

The goal set by the committee was to grow the membership up to 150 members.

Several initiatives were put in place including hosting an information night for interested night owlers, consulting with Council in getting better road signage, running a course via Uni3A and a challenge to play against a local sporting body.

While some of these did not proceed they will be continued to be reviewed.

You can't quite get rid of me as I will be chairing the Membership sub-committee and I would welcome in views from members how better we can serve our new members and just as importantly retain and improve our membership.

## **CLOSURE**

I also acknowledge the work that Tina Geisler has put in producing our Monthly magazine. The articles, photos and layout all make it a joy to read. The magazine is also sent to our sponsors which is a way for them to see where their sponsorship money is going.

I also hope you enjoy the humour put into emails sent out by Dianne Thomas. We all need to be reminded at times we should lighten up.

Once again, you all should be proud of yourselves in that the policies that were implemented under the direction of SA Health, Bowls SA and the GSBA were accepted though not always agreed upon. It has been calculated that the amount of lost revenue between the 2019 and 2022 calendar years is \$56,000.

The Port Elliot Bowling Club relies very heavily on the support of its members in providing a voluntary service to the benefit of all.

We are seen as being custodians of this prominent piece of real estate and it is our responsibility to ensure that we have the infrastructure to maintain our buildings and facilities to the highest standard as possible.

Our lease expires in December 2028 and we cannot reapply for an extension not sooner than 6 months and no later than 3 months before this date.

You would think that logic would tell you that if Council wanted to shift us we would require more notice than this. In the meantime we must continue in ensuring we maintain the high standards that we currently have.

Our finances are healthy, thanks to the people who oversight the income generating areas, this includes Bar Staff, Tournament Directors, Mid-week and winter bowls coordinators, Friday Night Teas, Night Owls and Membership. This is all watched very carefully by our treasurer Phil Beckett and his assistants Peter Cullen and Max Maxfield.

In closing I wish the incoming Board members and all who have taken on a management or coordinators role all the best and trust that you get support from all members.

**Don Gifford**  
**President**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**





## PORT ELLIOT BOWLING CLUB BOARD MEMBERS 2022

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Iain Love
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Ron Lind
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Libby Henschke
<b>ADMIN SECRETARY</b>	Dianne Thomas
<b>TREASURER</b>	Ian (Max) Maxfield
<b>SOCIAL</b>	Lynn Wenman
<b>IT</b>	Bill May
<b>MEDIA</b>	Tina Geisler
<b>GREENS</b>	Michael Yeoman
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	Phil Beckett

### Programme Coordinator's

Bar Manager	Ron Lind
Sponsorship Manager	Phil Hollow
Tournament Director (Men)	Bill May
Tournament Director (Women)	Jan Lind
Catering Manager	Kym McRostie
Night Owls	Jan & Ron Lind
Chair of Selector's (Open)	Lyn Mole
Chair of Selector's (Women)	Anthea Faull
Men's Northpoint Supa Pairs	Trevor Wilson
Women's RAA Supa Pairs	Jan Lind
Club Championships (Men)	Michael Geisler
Club Championships (Women)	Anthea Faull
Umpire Coordinator	Dorothy Price
Winter Bowls Coordinator's	Kym McRostie (Monday)
	Dorothy Price (Wednesday)
	Jonathon Hogg, Peter Barclay (Saturday)
Group Social Bowls	Michael Yeoman
Membership Manager	Lynne Trenerry
Welfare Officer	Sandra Monk
Social Coordinator	Lynn Wenman
Green's Manager	Michael Yeoman
Maintenance Manager	Jeff Owen
Recycling Manager	Dennis Wright, Peter Faull
IT Team Leader	Bill May
Grants Officer	Dorothy Price
Uniforms	<b>VACANT</b>