

ADELAIDE BOWLING CLUB
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123rd ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2019 - 2020



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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 123rd Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide Bowling Club Inc. will be held at the Club House, Dequetteville Terrace, Adelaide on Sunday 19th July 2020 commencing at 10:30am

Order of Business

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- (c) President's Report
- (d) Treasurers Report and Accounts
- (e) Election of Patron
- (f) Election of Officers
- (g) Election of Auditors
- (h) Annual Subscription
- (i) General Business

By Order of the Board of Management

J Higgins
President

Note: Lunch will be served for members and guests immediately following the Annual General meeting, commencing approximately at 12.30 pm. Presentation of Club Championship trophies will take place during the lunch.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEASON 2019-2020

This, my third year as President, has been, if nothing else, one that has been exciting, busy, with an element of success, and one that came to an unexpected early close for all of us.

The early end to the season, with the resultant closure of the Club, brought with it a whole new range of challenges for all of us. With no bowling, which I am sure we all miss greatly, with an unsatisfactory end to the finals series when our Premier League side were looking the goods and the personal challenges both physical and mental that we are all suffering, together with the rest of the World, are nothing but one of the biggest challenges of this generation. I sincerely hope we all come out the other end healthy and in a better world.

During this difficult time the Board of the ABC together with our Manager have worked hard to ensure the Club receives all the assistance available for both itself and the staff, in order to put us in the best possible position for a return to normal as soon as the current situation will allow. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be back to some semblance of normality, or as close to normal as we are allowed to be.

The past year has seen us open the season to a refurbished facility, one we can be truly proud of. This task has taken almost seven years to bring to fruition and went through the negotiating with the Adelaide City Council stage, the granting of funds, to planning, to tenders, to demolition and then the rebuild/renovation. What a wonderful improvement for us and all that use the facility. We must now make the most of what is one of the best bowling club facilities in the State. And, on that note, I would like to thank all those that put in a great deal of time and effort in bringing it to fruition. Special mention to Bob Boorman, Bruce Bate, Bob Burton and Phil Smyth, all without whom it would never have happened. And to those that undertook many and varied tasks to assist in the completion of the renovations, thank you.

And I am pleased to be able to report that your Board are not prepared to stop there. We are planning and working hard on applying for every grant available and generally putting effort into raising the funds necessary to take the improvements further. But more about that as and when news becomes available.

On the greens the year saw our Premier League side finish second after the minor round and go on to win the first final against Holdfast at Holdfast, to book our place in the Grand Final. As you all now know, to no avail. The second side also finished the minor round in finals contention, but regrettably, fell at the first hurdle. Our other two Saturday sides finished lower on the ladder than we would have wished for, the fourth side suffering relegation, but this was by no means through the lack of effort. Thanks to all those that acted as selectors during the year and a special thanks to our Chairman of Selectors, Alan Hurst, for holding the whole thing together for the year.

Wednesday saw our First Division side finish in finals contention but, again due to circumstances, to no avail. Our second side finished the season in the middle of the pack. I would like to thank those that undertook the thankless task of selection. Gary Benveniste and Chris Firth in the first side and Bob Burton and Bruce Bate the second.



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We were once again represented at the three levels of the Taylor Cup, with our Gold side making the finals. Thanks to Steve Hicks and Alan Hurst for the organising of teams for another year and to all those that acted as team Managers. A job well done.

And in October we presented to Adelaide, South Australia and the World of Bowls, the World Singles Champion of Champions. A huge success and one that put this Club on the World Bowls map. Although costly to run, the event showcased our Club like never before. We received praise from all corners. The players, Bowls Australia, the World Bowls Management, the officials and volunteers all agreed that it was a great event and one that came to a great conclusion with both the Australian representatives winning their respective titles. Congratulations to all concerned, the umpires, the markers, the volunteers in so many areas. A special thanks to Sandy Wallace and her band for making the tournament run as smooth as silk and our green keeper for preparing the greens that allowed the competitors to perform at their best. It is a great pity that we will not be able to complete our contract what with the 2020 version of the Championship being cancelled, due to the current health situation. A decision has been made to give the ABC first right of refusal for the Championship in 2021. Your committee will be discussing this option with World Bowls, Bowls Aus. and Bowls SA in order to determine if this is a viable proposition. Will report on the outcome of these discussions when news is to hand.

With the cancellation of the Helensvale 5 Aside we entered a team in its replacement tournament held at Broadbeach, with our team consisting of Scotty Thulborn, Tim Hicks, Brett Davis, Adrian Green and, our marquee player, Wayne Ruediger. What a great week it was for all. Cheered on by a great band of supporters from the ABC our team beat some of the best in the world to run out winners. We have been so close so many times, but this year winning against such high quality was a moment not to be forgotten. Congratulations to the players and well done the supporter group.

One of the highlights of the year was Adelaide Bowling Club entering a team in the Bowls Premier League, the Adelaide Pioneers. It is wonderful that we are able to have representation at such a high level of our game, and that we once again have a team from South Australia in this prestigious event. Our team, consisting of our own star, Scotty Thulborn, together with SA's Jackaroo Wayne Ruediger, the Jackaroo captain Rebecca Van Asch and highly regarded coach Les "Bushy" Carter, performed extremely well in both rounds this past season missing out on finals only by percentage. We have committed to a three-year deal, together with our sponsors, CFS Gear and MAINair, consisting of two rounds per year. Pine Rivers in November and Moama in February each year.

Once again for this past year I have proudly represented our Club at the Metropolitan Bowls Association meetings. The MBA is formed of volunteers, who have worked hard on the game for all. We may not always agree on the direction that this committee takes and sometimes think it could have been done better, but now it is the Clubs that run the game and it is up to them in which direction it heads. Over the past year I have seen Metro Bowls Ass. continue to evolve and develop, and mostly for the good. Our contribution as a leading Adelaide metro club is important and our contribution to the efforts of Metro Bowls Ass. must continue to be



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supportive and positive if we want the game to improve for everyone's benefit. Here a word of praise for our very own BOM, Steve Hicks, who once again volunteered to be a part of the MBA Match and Program Committee. Your work in this area is much appreciated Steve.

The ABC is a great Club, and we should be extremely proud to be members of this great Club, it is a place enjoyed by, not only it's members and visitors, but also by our co-tenants the AOBC and the AHOSBC with whom we enjoy a wonderful relationship. Without these two Clubs and their contribution we would be a lesser place. Thank you to their respective Presidents, Graeme Longbottom and Mark Hyland, and to the AHOSBC representative on our board Paul Zerella. Their contributions, as always, are invaluable.

Clubs are nothing without those that have contributed both in the past and in the present. The ABC is lucky in this respect where so many contribute so much, not only on the greens, but also off.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thank the outgoing Board for their hard work and diligence in keeping the Club on track. It is never an easy task and often a thank-less role. Their efforts have managed to leave us in a good position, with potential to improve. And on this point I would like to advise the membership that your Board have appointed four highly regarded members to a sub-committee to review the operations of the Club and all that that entails and asked that they provide a report and recommendations on improvement and how we can best move forward from here. By the time you read this the finalised report, together with any recommendations for improvement, should be with the Board. Also, on a personal note, I would like to thank Jessica Alvaro for stepping in to take up the role of Secretary when we most needed one. Regretfully Jess has chosen to resign the position as at the end of this season.

I think I said similar words last year, but once again thank you Scotty Thulborn, for your work, not only on the greens, but also with selection, coaching and all that you do for the Club, things that a few of us see and most don't. Here's to continuing success both on and off the greens.

There are many others to thank, and please forgive me if I miss anyone. Bruce Bate and his small band of Monday Morning Blues, Chris Firth, Bob Burton, Phil Mac, Greg Jackson, Alistair Behanna and others that occasionally contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the club and surrounds. Those that assist on the greens Good Buddha, Chris Firth, Greg Jackson, Alastair Behanna and Bruce Bate. Night Owls coordinator Paul Wilson, assisted by Good Buddha, Val West, Richard Brown, Karen, Mike McDonagh and all those on the BBQ. Steve Hicks in his many rolls and as BOM organising the Club tournaments. Ron Kuczmarski for keeping and preparing all the stats. Thank you all.

And to our Manager Phil Smyth and team, Vee, Aaron and those others who have managed to make this Club a success as a function centre as well as a great place for our members and visitors to gather and enjoy each other's company over a few quiet beverages, thank you very much.

Finally, this is to be my last year as President. From a personal point of view it has been an interesting, exciting and successful three years, with this year being a particularly busy year, what with being involved in the renovations and their completion in time for the opening of the



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new year, helping with the organising and running of the World Singles Champion of Champions and the introduction of the Adelaide Pioneers, and in many ways a very trying one, one that has ended on a very sad note over which none of us had control. However, I would very much like to continue to serve the Club in my capacity as Immediate Past President, if allowed. I wish the incoming President, whoever that may be, and the incoming Committee every success.

I hope that, over these past three years, I have served the Club well as President, but that is for others to judge. Thank you all for your support and assistance.

J HIGGINS

President, Adelaide Bowling Club Inc.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019-2020

2019/20 has proven to be a difficult trading year, with the Club's net trading deficit for the financial year ended 31st of March 2020 being \$90,596. This included provisions for depreciation and employee entitlements of \$48,185. This is obviously very disappointing and a result caused by a number of factors.

Firstly, gross turnover from Bar and Catering was down substantially by approximately 20% or \$130K, which translates to around \$55K in gross profit. This, combined with a only a marginal reduction in the level of wages when compared to the previous year, has meant that 46% of the gross profit on bar sales was consumed by wages.

In addition, overall expenses were up by approximately \$58K, with the main components relating to costs associated with the Bowls Premier League, the World Champ of Champs and Greens Maintenance, which totalled nearly \$60K net after income.

It is also worth noting that I did a full review of the asset register and dealt with obsolete equipment and items that no longer existed. This had the effect of increasing the depreciation provision by around \$13K.

As part of the Club upgrade, approximately \$108K of the cash reserves was contributed towards the building renovations and items of plant and equipment, which is the significant reason why the cash at bank is down some \$90K.

While members will view this as a disappointing result financially, the Club has incurred considerable costs associated with various tournaments, which while not producing a positive financial outcome, has lifted the profile of the Club, both nationally and internationally. The staging of the World Champ of Champs, while not profitable, was the catalyst for receiving \$294K in Grants, that allowed the fantastic renovations to our facilities.

The key issue, which I have alluded to in the past, is that the Club operates on a "seasonal" basis and many months are not profitable. The busy period, which involves most of our corporate activity is expected to fund the quiet winter months and this impacts on overall profitability. Just opening the doors is a significant cost and most expenses are fixed, so



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turnover is important in generating profits.

The committee has realised that there needs to be a more pro-active approach to the operation of our Club and we have set up a sub-committee to deal with this and the financial wellbeing going forward.

On a further brighter note and due to the implementation of various Federal & State Government initiatives, the Club has benefited to such an extent, that instead of a \$60K loss in the first six (6) months of the year, we are forecasting a potential break-even. This should assist our current years result, assuming we get back to something close to a normal trading year (post Covid-19).

M McDonagh
Treasurer

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT 2019-2020

The club hosted 238 functions in the last financial year (1 April 19 to 31 March 20) before we had to close for Covid19 on Monday 16 March 2020.

We lost 12 functions (457 guests) because of the virus from Monday 16 March to Tuesday 31 March.

This would have given us 250 functions for the year, down approximately 25 from the last financial year.

In Nov and Dec 19, we had 4,202 corporate guests over 117 functions! This number does not include all of the beer/bowl and other smaller bookings where no function forms or deposit were required and also does not include all of the “walk ins” from Sunday SuperBowlz!

This success is due to the hard work of many individuals and the manner in which they all successfully work together, from point of contact in the office, to the hard work from the Bar Staff, caterer Darren Bell and ABC members who volunteer their time.

We are very lucky to have Bar Manager Mulvea McGovern (V) at the Adelaide Bowling Club. She is a great organiser and leader and thrives during our busy season when her ability to interact with our corporate clients is outstanding! V was and is well supported by 2IC Aaron Farrant and a team of talented and hardworking bar staff, Simon Kelly, Harmony Knill, Irene Easton, Ava Sokolowski, Tamzin Jenke and Hannah Tunstill. A big thank you to all of our bar staff, plus, a special mention for Simon Kelly who completed some onerous tasks for the ABC over the last year. In Nov 2018 Emil Nou “took over” the cleaning of the club from long time servant Kym Langford. Emil set new standards in how the club should be cleaned and maintained. Thank you, Emil, for your work during the year.

I want to thank our sponsors.

- Paul Zerella and Project Wine have, once again, been our leading sponsor and also have been generous both in terms of donating wine for club functions/raffles/Night Owls and



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- providing wine at a very reasonable price to support our “Club Wine Offer” which has been a solid fund raiser!
- Garry Benveniste and Chevron Glass have also been a great help to the club over the last year. Garry provided invaluable expertise and financial assistance with that part of the Club Redevelopment Project which related to the replacement of all of our windows and doors.
 - Josh Boorman and Atomix Web Design, for providing our web platform.
 - Dr Paul Van Minnen (Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon) and his practice Grip Hand, Wrist and Reconstructive Surgery came on board this year
 - Adam Davenport and BHC Partners – Accountants and Business Advisers

Bruce Bate, House and Grounds “Chief”, is a champion! He is a constant contributor around the club and provides, not only, strategic direction in terms of what work needs to be done and what we need to do it, but also does the work! He leads a team of Monday morning volunteers including Chris Firth, Greg Jackson, Henry Higgins, Al Behenna and Phil McDonald – thank you all! Life Member, Phil Mac also continues to work tirelessly on our grounds during the week – thank you Phil. I also want to acknowledge and thank Adrian Green for his painting of the main area of the Club House post renovation!

The ABC Club Redevelopment Project is now complete and what an amazing result – the club and surrounds are a credit to all involved! I especially want to thank Bob Boorman, Henry Higgins, Bob Burton, Bruce Bate, Garry Benveniste and Steve Lockwood for their invaluable “free” expertise and commitment to the project.

I want to congratulate Paul Wilson and his crew for an outstanding Night Owls season. I know Paul will detail all of the help he has received but I want to highlight Paul’s outstanding effort to rejuvenate ABC Night Owls. Wednesday night is now a highlight night at the ABC with good food, good music and consistently 20+ teams across two greens enjoying a fun night! Well done Paul, hopefully virus free and onward and upward in season 20/21.

The weather was not kind to Sunday Superbowlz this season BUT we do need to “bring it back”! A solid advertising campaign maybe the answer. I want to thank all of the bar staff and our resident DJ’s who worked hard every Sunday to make it happen.

During the pennant season (early October 19 to mid-March 20) we entertained approx. 7,000 corporate and social guests. Scotty T prepared our “pennant” Greens in this environment and in the circumstance did a great job. When he had more time and more access to the Greens, he prepared Greens of high quality for the 2019 Adelaide Masters and the 2019 World Singles Champ of Champs! Well done mate! I want to thank all of the members who helped Scotty (he is a great organiser!) throughout the year. I am sure Scotty will mention them individually in his report.

Thanks to Dennis and Jill Taylor for providing such tasty sandwiches for the Pennant teams each week.



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Ally Benbow once again has done a terrific job ensuring our book-keeping/accounting processes are of the highest standard. Thank you, Al.

Finally, thanks to outgoing Prez Henry Higgins who has been a great support for me over the last three years and to all of the ABC, AOBC and AHOS member for their cooperation during November and December when we become more of a function centre than a bowling club!

Phil Smyth
Club Manager

GREENS REPORT 2019-202

The past 12 months have been pretty exciting.

We started off the season by hosting the World Champion of Champions singles at our wonderful club and the event was a major Success! The weather was pretty kind and the greens played rather well and we did not receive many complaints at all which is always a relief. The support our club members gave to this event was amazing, so well done to everyone involved!

Once again, we managed to carry out rushed Renovations on all 3 greens over the Christmas Holidays after a really busy few months! Reno's included scarifying, coring and topdressing. A big thankyou to our members who came out to help and they were all thanked officially in Phil's super Newsletter!

Sadly, our pennant season came to an abrupt halt with Covid 19 invading our lives but It was an enjoyable, challenging and pretty successful season once again.

From the greens side there will always be room for improvement and they would not be as good as they are without my fantastic and committed volunteers and helpers! I wish to thank in no particular order Bruce Bate, Chris Firth, Greg Jackson, President Henry Higgins, Al Behenna, Tim Hicks, Steve Hicks, Scott (Buddah) Hocking, Phil McDonald, Simon Kelly, Ash Farren and Dennis Taylor just to name a few who consistently offer there help regularly and who are all passionate about the clubs appearance!

A special mention has to go to Bruce, Chrisco, Henry, Al and Greg who spend a great deal of hours and days full of rolling, weeding, cleaning and taking care of all things outdoors throughout the whole of the season - you guys are amazing and I will be forever thankful! With the brilliant instructions and guidance, I have been giving you over the year you boys sure have become very skilled and valuable volunteers!! Thanks once again and I hope the rest of our members can acknowledge the time and effort you boys put in!

A quick shout out to all the other little helpers who just do small things all the time like pop Into bowls an hour early just to see if anything needs to be done and the members who just wander over and help out before or after a practice when jobs are on the go there are too many of you to name but you guys are awesome too!!



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Another person to mention is Rob Corpe from the AOBC who has become a fantastic source for anything in the engineering department and a thank you to Ross Tilly for his assistance in rolling greens through the year as well, thanks gents.

I would also like to mention the passing of Don Germain and Toby K this year. These two boys really have done a great deal of volunteer work at ABC for me over the years and it was really tragic to say goodbye to those two legends. RIP.

I wish to thank Phil and the board for my continued employment and support and still as always, I love working here at the best club in South Australia and will continue to try and improve our greens and club in the best way I can.

Stay safe and look forward to seeing you all in the 2020-2021 season.

Scott Thulborn
Greens Manager

HOUSE and GROUNDS REPORT 2019-2020

Since the completion of the last bowls season the Club has embarked on the Adelaide Bowling Club Redevelopment Project (RDP). This has resulted in a substantial upgrading to the appearance and amenity of the Clubhouse and surrounds.

Between April and September 2019 there has been the total refurbishment and consolidation of change rooms, toilets, ambulant facilities and showers along the western side of the building. In addition:

- entrance trip hazards removed with paving over main concreted areas,
- northern fence replaced and shade structures installed,
- all external doors replaced with code compliant doors,
- trifold doors installed to improve access to bar,
- all windows replaced with energy efficient glass,
- main areas of the clubhouse repainted,
- women's toilet converted to office space.

The cost of this work exceeded \$514,000 (ex GST) comprising:

- City of Adelaide - \$365,000
- Accumulated Club Funds - \$128,000
- Adelaide Oval Bowling Club - \$11,000
- Commonwealth Grant through the office of the Federal Member for Adelaide - \$10,000

Externally approximately 500 m² of pavers have replaced areas that were previously uneven concrete in various states of dis-repair and with numerous level differences. The new paving is basically at one level and eliminates the need for ramps to provide wheelchair access into the club. To accommodate the revised paving levels, 250 m² of Santa Anna turf was laid beneath the palms between the club-house and the Jack Gerard C Green.

The Redevelopment Project was completed as a consequence of the efforts of many and for some, the efforts go back over many years. The success of the project is in no small way a



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consequence of the efforts of the following individuals and organisations (in no particular order):

- City of Adelaide – Funding and involvement with site meetings.
- Sarah Construction – Project Management guidance and access to their preferred subcontractor network.
- Bob Boorman – Immediate Past President, providing initial project concepts, documentation to convince the City of Adelaide and contacts in the building industry.
- RDP Sub Committee, Site Management– Bob Burton, John Higgins, Bruce Bate, Steve Lockwood
- Gary Benveniste – Life Member, providing advice and supply of highest quality glazing and glass tint to all windows and doors at extremely favourable pricing
- GMR Interiors – providing “at cost” supply and installation of windows and doors which were not covered by City of Adelaide Scope, relining of the office which was previously the women’s toilets.
- Image Brick Paving (Steve & Tim Hicks) for a very favourable price for laying pavers
- Adrian Green – repairing, preparation and painting of the main area of the Club House
- Ross DeLaine – painting over of external window surfaces of the upper level windows, painting of external walls of the veranda area.
- James Gregory – guidance and assistance with replacing the turf beneath the palms.
- Stewart Lee – assistance with the administrative requirements for project sign off
- Phil Smyth & Scott Thulborn for the completion of many ad hoc tasks that assisted in the completion of the project within scope, within budget and on time.

As a result of the redevelopment works and the need for code compliance, the City of Adelaide has installed a Fire Main from Dequetteville Tce to the Clubhouse. The Club negotiated direct with the contractor for the installation of fully compliant gas pipework at a materials only cost (gas pipe) to the Club. The future connection of mains gas to our building will remove our dependence on expensive bottled gas and pave the way for future much needed redevelopment of the kitchen.

Other achievements in the reporting period and outside of that directly associated with the Redevelopment Project, the club has progressed the following:

- A new Scott Bonner 3 phase electric Greens mower.
- 52 Lockers for storage of member’s personal equipment.
- Repairs to the remaining 100 Clubhouse chairs.
- Coring, levelling and dusting of 3 greens prior to season commencement and during the Christmas recess.
- Upgraded Umpire’s equipment.
- Replacement rink boundary markers and rink numbers.
- New jack markers (thanks to AOBC member Rob Corpe who manufactured them)
- 24 new mats and jacks
- Rink level wind direction flags

In conclusion I would like The President John Higgins, other ABC Board Members, Club Manager Phil Smyth and Green Keeper, Scott Thulborn for their support and involvement during the past 12 months.



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I would also especially thank the Monday Blues team (and the roller support team) for their continued attendance and much appreciated input – including President John Higgins, Chris Firth, Phil McDonald, Greg Jackson, Scott Hocking and Alister Behenna. I am indebted to these volunteers and club members should be extremely appreciative of their efforts.

Bruce Bate

House and Grounds Committee Chair

CHAIR of the SELECTION PANEL REPORT 2019-2020

To critique this seasons selection is like asking an apple to provide pineapple juice. But here I go.

We know all selections are a subjective view with selectors putting up in their minds the best teams available each week. This year all selectors put together teams, players and sides that they saw as winning sides each week. The encouraging thing from a chairman's view is that all selectors learnt from their selections and tried to adjust each team accordingly for better outcomes.

Team selections become very interesting when members are unavailable from week to week. This is fine if we only have one or two missing but creates a domino effect when players from the top down are unavailable. Making the selectors life interesting to say the least.

Premier League side selectors Tim Hicks and Scott Thulborn were blessed to not only have talent and experience to choose from, but Adelaide has several up and coming members who can all fit into the top side if called upon. This made their job both easier and hard. To make it into the finals and win through to the Grand Final was outstanding. I guess due to COVID-19 we will never know what could have been.

Second side selectors Gary Benveniste and Greg Arnfield had more than a few selection headaches throughout the year. They managed to get through the home and away games and make it into the finals. Only to lose at the last hurdle. A very successful year.

Third team selectors Phil McDonald and Don Stevens had a steady run of players throughout the year and managed to try and keep some combinations intact from game to game. Cleverly changing one or two sides at a time. This tactic kept them in good stead for when players were unavailable.

Fourth team Selectors Val West and initially Dawn Lilley then Dennis Taylor probably had the hardest task of all the selectors. Week in and week out they were the custodians of the Domino effect. Any changes from teams above meant they either had a glut of players or were searching for players to make up teams. This made for some hard decisions on their part. Val chose to roster off players and even though this did not go down well with some players it was



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on all accounts visionary on her part. I guess she saw it as a fair and equitable way to give everybody a go, especially when they had many players left over some weeks.

In Lawn Bowls, hindsight is a great thing to have but when you are on the fly like the Fourth team selectors were, from time to time I guess some very hard lessons are going to be learnt. Having said that they managed to put teams out every week. Maybe they were not the teams they wanted but their job was one of either “The Devil you know and the Devil you don’t”.

I believe going forward we should be encouraging our members to become selectors for various divisions rather than just take volunteers. Being a good player is not necessarily a qualification to be a good selector. But getting astute people who are visionaries is.

Do not be afraid to put your name up next year to be a selector, so long as you are in it for the right reasons, that is to make Adelaide Bowling Club a stronger club. I also have some positive feedback to the board which I would like to discuss at another time on selection strategies going forward.

Thank you all for the season and making my job a pleasant one.

Alan Hurst

Chair of Selection Panel

SELECTOR’S REPORT SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE 2019-2020 SEASON

I’m very pleased to say the 2019/2020 was a successful one!

I have been a selector for around 10 years for our top team and I must say it is getting harder and harder each year with the talent we have in the club to pick a side week in week out!

We used 21 players throughout the season and all 21 played well enough and are good enough to be in our top team permanently but obviously and sadly that can’t happen. People tell me it’s a good problem to have but I’m not so sure.

We went through the minor rounds with 11 wins and 7 Losses.

We won four of our last 5 games with also mentioning picking up 6 points in our round 16 loss to earn us 2nd spot on the ladder which entitled us to a double chance in the final series looking like the in-form team!

We went out to Holdfast Bay to take on the minor premiers and got the job in great fashion and you would have to think we would then be favourites to take out the title! Oh, what could have been!

Sadly, the Covid 19 outbreak prevented us from having the opportunity to take out the premiership but none the less we all know it could have very well been ours to take out!

I would like to thank all our players who contributed to what could have been a major success, we all wear the Adelaide Bowling club Shirt with pride and give 110% in every game!



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Fun facts for the year are, no team ever beat us twice for the season, we won 6 out of 9 at home and 5 out of 9 away which is great indicator we have a versatile team that handle various conditions!

Going forward we have to be working towards giving more members opportunities to perform well in our Premier Side and this must include our younger gun members who are the future stars of our sport and I for one sure hope they remain at Adelaide and become our clubs future stars!

Please feel free to talk to me at any stage during the off season if you have ambition to play at the next level!

A big thankyou goes to my fellow Premier Selector, the man himself Tim Hicks who has now become a State Selector as well, congratulations and thanks Timmy!

Stay safe and I'm very excited for the 2020/2021 season .

Scott Thulborn and Tim Hicks
Premier League Selectors

SELECTOR'S REPORT DIVISION 2 2019-2020 SEASON

Another season but an odd – strange ending with the Covid-19 putting an end with finals played not counting and season declared finished as at the end of the minor round!

I wish to thank Greg (Barney) Arnfield as the other selector for the season and to note it is not an easy task to select players and sides to ensure the best results for the team overall but we tried.

We had 24 players used over the 18 minor rounds (and the knockout Semi which I have not included in the stats) with only 5 playing every game with Richard (Hoops) Hooper and Phil Smyth winning 13 and +77 shots up a great effort.

Rachel Krebbekx won 10 drew 2 +51up a top effort.

Bruce (Harry) Wallace 9 wins drew 2 +35 keeps going on.

Steve Hicks 9 wins +5 at least at 50% the same result as the team over the season, while I ended up with 6 wins +4 draws but -42!

Others to have good seasons include Michael McDonagh 11 wins and 1 draw from 16 games, Sandy Wallace played 15 with 10 wins and a draw Ron Kuczarski 9 wins from 17 games.

I would like to mention players that had good seasons establishing themselves as players on the way up as it seems. Ron Davidson, Paul Wilson, Alister Behenna, Richard Brown, Matthew Sexton and Stewart Jones along with Jessica Alvaro and Charlie Hicks.



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As the second side at the ABC we are always called upon to give the Premier 1 team players during the year as needed Vicki Degenhardt and Corey Hicks started in P1 while Stuart Lea and Cooper Hocking were promoted late in the season to play in a winning Semi to gain direct passage to the Grand Final – only to have the game and finals cancelled. If the side had won the GF I wonder if Cooper would be the youngest player to win in P1 I would say almost certain for the ABC!

The future is looking good with plans in place to strengthen the 3rd side and to bring more up and coming players into the 2nd side which will help the top side as well with players pushing for promotion.

Finally, I have to thank all players from the ABC in any team when we put on the club colours, we represent a long and proud history.

I trust everyone has a safe time away from the greens but as I write the medical advice seems to be lifting restrictions so bowls maybe on again depending on the rain!

Garry Benveniste & Greg Arnfield
Division 2 Selectors

SELECTOR'S REPORT METROPOLITAN DIVISION 4 EAST 2019-2020 SEASON

It is a pleasure for Don Stevens and I to report on the results for the season in review.

In the last report it was said that there would be 5 players from this division ready for promotion in 2019-2020. We can see that the development has occurred with Richard Brown, Ronnie Davidson, Corey Hicks, Richard Wilson, Jess Alvaro, Cooper Hocking, and Aaron Davenport all tasting the higher-grade exposure. The unlucky player being Matt Sexton, who obtained promotion but circumstances prevailed to thwart that promotion. Cooper Hocking in fact progressed to our Premier 1 side. Alistair Behenna was a good gain to our club from Sturt. He had a great start to the season with 8 games in this division before also being elevated to our second side.

In all we had 28 players represent this division over the season. There were 35 winning rinks, 8 draws and 29 rinks that lost. In aggregate we had 1359 shots for and 1246 against. With this record a rink win here or there and we would have made the final series.

We had mixed results against all clubs but competitive in all games and next season looks encouraging for our division again.

We have been encouraged by all players in this division and trust you all enjoyed your season at ABC.

Phil Mc Donald and Don Stevens
Metro Division 4 East Selectors



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SELECTOR'S REPORT METROPOLITAN DIVISION 5 EAST 2019-2020 SEASON

A disappointing end to this season resulting in probable relegation back to a 3 rink Div 6.

The challenges faced by the bottom side – rotation of players, up and down movement of players and the varying standards across the side (after combining Div. 7 and Div. 6 players from last season) made the selection process extremely difficult.

In all other division's players are selected to either progress up to the higher side or, if experiencing a slump in form, given time in side below.

As the lowest side in the club it was unfair and impossible to always select our “best players” especially, when on several occasions this season, we had 5 surplus players available to play and they were asked to sit out. If we are to attract new bowlers to the club the attitude by the top sides that “the bottom side does not matter” has to change. All players faced rotation, some were unlucky enough to be rotated more than once and didn't play, some were recalled to play at last minute and others managed to get a game with another club.

Dennis and I would like to thank those players that accepted the rotation process for what it was, but were disappointed with the abuse received and unsportsmanship like attitude of several of our players.

Val West and Dennis Taylor
Metro Division 5 East Selectors

SELECTOR'S REPORT WEDNESDAY Division 1 2019-2020 SEASON

Again, as with my fellow selector Chris Firth, and all the 26 players that played this season in Division 1 Wednesday I say thank you.

A most disappointing way to finish the season without getting to play in finals after finishing third the need to be protected from the virus took precedent.

A few highlights from the player stats I reviewed shows only 4 played all 18 games

Paul “Zac” Zerella with an outstanding 13 wins and 1 draw +67 shots!

Paul Young with 10 wins and 1 draw +2 , Chris Firth 10 wins +45 and Richard Hooper 8 wins -6.

Special mention to Vince Violi with 16 matches played 12 wins +59 , Paul Wilson 11 wins from 16 games +64 shots.

With 3 regular Saturday P1 players this season and 5 others filling in with Scott Thulborn and Pat Impagnatiello having 100%-win record played 1 won 1!



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Finals would have been interesting as we finished 3rd heading to Somerton to play Hawthorn with what would have been one of our best / strongest line ups.

Overall, the team won 10 and drew 1- against the then top side Lockleys away and with the round we played Hawthorn early getting to 38° and stopped just as we played enough ends for the game to count!

So, we are still in Div 1 next season and will look to try and get back to P1 the following year.

I trust everyone had a safe isolated break due to the “BUG” which as I write seems to be under control here in SA so maybe some bowls can be played over the winter so whatever you do keep well and look forward to next season!

Garry Benveniste and Chris Firth
Wednesday Premier League Selectors

BOWLS OPERATIONS REPORT

The season started frantic and finished with a whimper.

But due to some off-season attrition we commenced with 4 Saturday teams of 16 down from 3 X 16 and 2 x 12. No sooner were we into the pennant season when our bowling clubs hosting of the World Bowls Champion of Champions commenced. Eight days of full on hard work, some stress but also enjoyment for our members and friends of our club. It does occur to me, is there another club that could facilitate the running of a singles event of this quality organisation and quality officials certainly a flow on effect of the Adelaide Masters.

As the season progressed, we had our usual drama surrounding getting the Club Championships finished in time. Timing our singles finals with the Fringe providing a crescendo of debatable quality music in the background. Adrian Green played last year's runner up Pat Impagnatiello. In a match where Adrian led all game, however Pat made several surges to tighten the scoring only to see Adrian win 25/15. Adrian successfully competed in the Champion of Champions making it through to the never played finals week. The Women's final was a genuine cliff hanger with both Sandy Wallace and Cassandra Harvey looking at times to be getting on top. In the end Cass first saved the game with a precision drive then won the game with the perfect draw scores being 25/24. Championship pairs were completed with Cassandra Harvey and Rachel Krebbekx winning their fourth title and Paul Young and Allan Hurst winning their first. Unfortunately, the minor events were shut down before they had commenced.

Our club was once again well represented at State level with Scott Thulborn & Cassandra Harvey and Corey Hicks (under 18) along with Rachel Krebbekx and Vick Degenhardt being the State Squad. Exciting times with our younger brigade as Jayden Green became our 4th under 15 to play pennant this season. Corey & Cooper have now had the opportunity to play premier league and Charlie reached Division 2 at seasons end. What would be exciting is if we can entice more youth to the club and be a hub for growing the game for juniors.



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The disappointment of the season was the march to finals and ultimate glory. Firstly, our Third team who were at seasons start, predicted by some to have a season ahead where avoiding relegation should be their main ambition. This however could not have been further from the truth, as they flirted with the top four all season. Ultimately a tough end of season draw saw them miss out. The second team fought a great battle to win fourth spot but lost in the elimination final. Our Premier side does what it has done best in the past decade and rolled into finals on the back of some hot form finishing second and the double chance. This meant playing top of the table Holdfast on their home greens, this proved no obstacle for the spirited Adelaide team. Now we would have to sit back and wait to see the revealing of our GF opponents either Holdfast or Ascot. And we wait!!!!

Surely the highlight of the season would be Adelaide Bowling Club being crowned the Australian 5 Aside Champions in September at the Broadbeach Club. Beating some of the richest high-profile clubs with well paid players out of our competition season, was an upset of the highest degree.

Steve Hicks
Bowls Operations Manager



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SELECTOR'S REPORT WEDNESDAY METRO LEAGUE DIVISION 3 2019-2020 SEASON

Last season we won 8 games and finished 6th in a 12-team competition. This season (2019-20) the Adelaide Division Three East team avoided relegation by finishing eighth in a 10-team competition with 5 wins, 11 losses and 2 drawn games, one of which was a weather affected draw against Toorak / Burnside.

Congratulations to Greg Jackson and Phil MacDonald who finished 85th and 86th respectively on the 333 strong player ladder for Division Three East.

We again struggled to field the required numbers each week with the exception of school holidays when Cory and Charlie Hicks and Cooper Hocking provided a welcome boost to total numbers available for Wednesday Pennants. Adelaide High Old Scholars again assisted with numbers which was great and further reinforced the camaraderie between our two clubs. Malcolm Allen in particular was a welcome addition on many Wednesdays from the AHOS.

From a team selection point of view, wherever possible we need more ABC members making themselves available more regularly on Wednesdays – hopefully we will have two or three additional retirees becoming available for Wednesday Pennants in 2020/2021.

Bruce Bate & Bob Burton

Wednesday Metro League Division 3 East Selector

TAYLOR CUP GOLD REPORT 2019-2020

The Taylor Cup Gold had another stellar year.

We played our first game against Lockleys at Payneham and came away with a win. In total we played six games to make it into first position at the end of all rounds.

This year we made the Preliminary finals and just went down to West Lakes in a titanic battle.

This year's teams consisted of a mix of up and comers and well-established players and it never fails to amaze me how everybody puts in their best performances game after game.

A special mention must go to Adrian Green, Andrew McGorman, Gary Benveniste, Pat Impanantello, Tim Hicks and Paul Young who have been the backbone of the team throughout the year. Their performances were of a high standard and they all showed the way and never stopped encouraging their teammates with their exemplary standard and continued support.

I would also like to thank Cooper Hocking and Charlie Hicks who could not be faulted with their performance, endeavour and commitment for improvement. They both stepped up and played as asked to make their skips life easier. Ronnie Davidson put in a great performance against Lockleys and a standout performance against West Lakes at Grange. It is extremely encouraging as a selector to watch all our players when called upon to challenge themselves by stepping up and showing their skills. This is what we at Adelaide Bowling Club do the best. This is most visible and encouraging when several different players were asked to step up in a tie-break and accepted the challenge head on.



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Taylor Cup is always an enjoyable time with players asked to play in different positions throughout the season. Teams change, positions change from week to week and the spirit is always layback, fun but when Adelaide get on the green, we set the standard and teams know they are going to be challenged.

To all those players who played Taylor Cup Gold this year, congratulations again on a great season, you and your club can be very proud of your achievements.

Alan Hurst

Taylor Cup Gold Selector

NIGHT OWLS REPORT 2019-2020

I'm very happy to report that our 2019/20 Night Owls season was the best yet under my watch. On the books we had a total of 40 teams registered and averaged 24 teams playing each week with the club now having just short of 100 Social members.

The feedback has been very good and a highlight was featuring on Channel 7's SA Weekender show twice during the season. The club has now fine-tuned our preparation for what always proves to be a busy night and involves a lot of effort.

First shout out and huge appreciation goes to Scott Hocking for his super-smart formula that controls the wildest of each night's entries, be them late, half a team, combined teams or sometimes random walk-ins as well as preparing the ladder. I'll say now that I couldn't do this without Scott's vast knowledge and input – thank you.

Special mention also to DJ Mojo Hannah who I feel is a big draw card and sets us apart from all the other Night Owls venues by spinning a new set of unique tunes every week and has many players dancing on the green. Another massive improvement and draw card are our amazing spread of homemade salads that attract SO much praise prepared by Richard Brown and his partner Karen.

Also, huge appreciation to our club sponsor Paul Zerella from Project Wines who donates at least a carton of wine each fortnight towards our prizes.

Appreciation also to our famous Greenkeeper Scott Thulborn for keeping the greens in superb condition each week, and also to Club Manager Phil Smyth making sure we are stocked up with all that is needed and never complains, as I do buy a lot of Toblerone for prizes!

To our coach Mike McDonough and also John Frangos for their generous time in supper preparation. To the staff Aaron, Vee and others who work hard on what are always busy and late nights. The BBQ has certainly been a challenge this season since Mark Elgar left after tirelessly doing it for 3 years, and thank you to Alistair H, Chris Firth, Dawn & Barry Lilley and even Barnie for all his sausage counting. Plus, all those I have missed and I will be asking you all again next season!



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Final appreciation goes to our President Henry Higgins who has assisted the Night Owls team to function as well as it does and will continue to for what I am confident will be a bigger and better 2020/21 season.

Paul Wilson

Night Owls Coordinator

ADELAIDE OVAL BOWLING CLUB REPORT 2019-2020

Our bowls year started on April Fool's Day and it finished on St Patrick's day, with a bang! An unusual year for many reasons. We started out with our AGM where, amongst other important things, we made alterations to our Constitution. We made it possible for the Club to operate efficiently using technology that embraces the way we live and communicate today. Who would have known how relevant that issue is now?

It was always going to be different. The Adelaide Bowling Club commenced and completed its redevelopment of the Clubhouse. What a difference that has made. We gave up our old lockers, relics of the Adelaide Oval residency and Vice President Rob Corpe saw to it that we had new ones procured, installed and ready for the summer pennant year.

Our Chairman of Selectors Ross Tilly began a recruitment program to find members willing and sufficient to fill our Pennant team for participation in the Wednesday competition. He did a wonderful job ensuring we did not have to withdraw or concede any matches. In fact, we closed out the season with some very competitive bowling with good results.

David Clarnette and Rob Corpe teamed up to provide a trophy for players that enjoyed competition in the winter months. With a somewhat contrived methodology we determined a winner for 2019, Napier Turner. I thank David and Rob for their generosity and enthusiasm. Congratulations Napier.

Our Club witnessed the world Champion of Champions 2019 tournament presented by Adelaide Bowling Club. International competition on our greens at its best. ABC is to be congratulated on bringing the event to Adelaide, and, on presenting it to our city with great success.

Our club members enjoy the very best of greens. This is a big plus for new members to be attracted to join our Club. We are privileged to play socially, and/or competitively, every week of the year on an internationally recognised surface. On membership it is pleasing to record a wonderfully strong flow of new faces throughout the bowling year and we finished with a total of 72 members.

Our Treasurer Michael Snow has kept us on top of the Club's financial stability. We concluded the year with a surplus after providing substantial benefit to those members attending Club functions.



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Club member Andrew Sutherland died after a short period in hospital. His enthusiasm for bowling and close friendship with many members will be missed by the Club. Our deepest sympathy to Sibby and her family has been conveyed.

John Scales oversaw the Club's annual tournament. There were many close matches that saw the very finest of margins. In fact, one event was decided by the penultimate bowl that fell by "a breath of fresh air"! The final of the Championship Singles saw Ross Sweet play Rob Corpe. Ross bowled expertly in the final two ends and so earned our congratulations for his very skillful bowling.

The annual President's Clubman Award has been held by Tom McCurdy. Thank you, Tom, for your continued efforts around the Club. It is a pleasure to announce that the award now goes to Neil Sarah. Congratulations Neil, I thank you for your contribution to our Club through your authorship of the Personal Profiles, much enjoyed by the members for the last two years.

All members of the Club's Committee have played a part in this now completed twelve months. Fortunately, as a group, they have decided to carry on until the Club can hold its Annual General Meeting for 2019/20, now determined for July. Their continuing contributions are much appreciated, and particularly so because of the extended year resulting from the prolonged pandemic.

I take this opportunity to record, for members but also for future historians, that in the closing days of our Club calendar and three months on, we reflect on our Government having made it possible for small businesses like the Adelaide Bowling Club to retain their staff during the period of potential unemployment and significant loss of wellbeing. Our members have been isolated with an uncertain outlook but as we emerge, I trust you are all safe and in good health. We wait out the future, not only for bowling but for the future of our families.

Graeme Longbottom
President AOB

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

The Club made an application to remain in a 4 rink (16 player) team for the 2019 / 2020 Saturday Pennant Season after an unfortunate 2018/ 2019 season, where injury and work commitments in addition to overseas travel, meant that for most of that Season, we struggled for players and were unable to field settled rinks, with the ultimate result being that we came last in Division 5 East, with the possibility of relegation.

However, we were able to remain in the 4 rink (16 player) Division 5 East competition and returned the faith of the Bowls SA Competition Committee in the Club, by being competitive for most of the Season, in what was a very tight and competitive competition. After round four we were in 4th. place, although then unfortunately dropping away in the middle stages. However, we then stormed back in the later stage of the Season with a great run winning consecutively against the 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. position sides. This enabled us to be in 4th. place and



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a finals spot leading up to our last game for the Season against Toorak Burnside. However, we unfortunately lost that game and therefore slid from 4th. and a final 4 spot, to 7th. overall.

Our regular playing members were:

Mal Allen / Andrew Barratt / Mike Blackeby / Gary Hagen / Mark Hyland / Jack Monaghan / Catherine Rhen / Bill Ryan / Alex Sawley / Will Sawley / Silvija Svencis / Ross Tilly / Napier Turner / Peter Thring / Dave Young and Paul Zerella in addition to:

Mark Barratt / Gerry Bounsanto / Mark Johnson / Sean Morrison / Andrew Ryan / Courtney Sawley, Barry Smalldon and Mark Williams as well as ABC players:

Jon Cooper / Ross de Laine / Wayne Darling / Paul Eckhold / Ellen Garratt / Simon Kelly / Barry Lilley and Val West, all who greatly assisted, with appreciation, by filling in.

A number of our members also assisted both the Adelaide Bowling Club and also the Adelaide Oval Bowling Club, by filling in for both Clubs during the Wednesday pennant competition. We also thank all supporters for their support, in particular Mike Lucas and Steve Visentin.

Again, our signature trait displayed of exceptional comradery continued throughout the Season, and as an integral part of this, the good natured Australian “larrikinism” displayed by members, bemused many opposition players. The comradery was never more on show, when despite unfortunate losses we were still able to enjoy post game celebrations, either at home or away.



Our continued comradery and *slight* good old-fashioned Australia larrikinism is the mainstay of the Club, virtually from we first commenced in October 1997, after acquiring the former Railways Oval bowling club complex and facilities. This *uniqueness* no doubt adds to the *anticipation* of those Clubs playing against us during the Season.

We also met quite a number of Old Scholars playing for other Clubs and it is very gratifying to see their pleasure in the Old Scholars fielding a team in pennant competition.

I particularly appreciated the exemplary role undertaken by Alex Sawley as Club captain and selector, Dave *Crab* Young, who through the running of the raffle with assistance from Silvija Svencis; and also the raising of sponsorship monies, enabled the Club to be on a sound financial footing in addition to the continued donations of wine by Paul *Zac* Zerella as raffle prizes.

Management has been effectively and efficiently undertaken by Club Secretary Jack Monaghan and Club Treasurer Gary *Gazz* Hagen with Paul Zerella representing us on the ABC Board.

Additionally, thanks also to our principal sponsor Gomersal Wines (Gabriel & Barry *Bazz* White and Paul Zerella) and supporting sponsors, the Hutt Street Cellars, Gerard McCabe Jewelers (Past President, Will Sawley) and DPR Insurance Brokers (Old Scholar Dennis Rebbeck).

The Club undertook a number of Social events which were well attended enhancing the comradery again displayed throughout the season, this being an important part of the Club ethos which was reflected by all members of the Club. We also observed the traditional Remembrance  Observance with the reciting of *the Ode* and observance of *one minute's silence* on the closest Saturday to Remembrance  Day. *Lest We Forget*.



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Again, the Club is proud of its tradition as being the only Old Scholars Club playing pennant bowls competition in Australia and the traditions established over the 22 years of competition.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to wish all associated with the Club especially members and their families, all the very best in health and life through these very difficult and troubling times which I trust are gradually coming to an end hopefully enabling us to look forward with confidence to the forthcoming 2020 / 2021 Season.

Mark Hyland
President AHOSBC



Vale Brian Clarence Gum

31 October 1935 – 10 July 2019

Past President and Life Member

Brian Gum was a member who loved the old traditions and values of the Adelaide Bowling Club. Brian joined our Club in 1967 following in his father Clarrie's footsteps who was also a long-term member of Adelaide.

Brian personal achievements on the green were many including 3 times club 4s winner, 3 times handicap pairs winner including two in a row in his first years as a full member, and the B Grade champion in 1984/1985 season.

Brian had the honour of being elected as Club Chairman / President in 1995/1996 and again in 1996/1997. These were very special years for the Adelaide Bowling Club and would take all of Brian administrative and personal skills to lead the Board through this period. 1996/1997 was the club centenary year and, as Brian wrote in his President's report for that year, it was the beginning of the second 100 years for the Club. Adelaide was the first club in South Australia to achieve the 100-year milestone.

Not long after his years on the Board in 1998 Brian was bestowed with Life membership of the Club, something that he held dear to his heart. He loved the traditions of the Club and took his Life Membership seriously. Brian work was never finished and he remained as the Sponsorship Manager raising thousands of much needed funds to keep the club alive.

Around 1980 Brian and Betty moved to Moonta and Brian continued his bowling and administrative commitment at the Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club. Brian continued his work in Sponsorship and after 13 years as the Public Relations Managers (Sponsorship) Brian was also bestowed Life Membership at his new club.

A quote from Past President Bob Boorman sums up the man we all remember and admire: "There are a few people who are born with the full set of first-class qualities and who consistently display them all of their lives. They bring their honesty, great values, humour, genuine concern for others, passion for everything they do, untiring interest in trying new ideas and that decency that is just so endearing and inspirational to all of us. Brian was one of those people. He and Betty have been a great example of devotion and teamwork for ever."

Brian always loved the Adelaide Bowling Club and was a most worthy and proud Life Member. We have lost a great friend who will remain with us in our hearts and our history forever.



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ABC INDIVIDUAL PLAYER RESULTS

SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Pat Impagnatiello	19	14	0	5	28	67
Brett Davis	19	14	0	5	28	67
Vince Violi	16	12	0	4	24	60
Steven McDonald	19	12	0	7	24	38
Scott Thulborn	19	11	2	6	24	36
Kaleb Walding	14	11	0	3	22	61
Paul Young	19	11	0	8	22	21
Alan Hurst	19	11	0	8	22	21
Chris Thulborn	19	9	2	8	20	-7
Tim Hicks	19	9	2	8	20	-8
Chris Firth	19	8	2	9	18	-21
Andrew Feijen	19	9	0	10	18	-22
Adrian Green	18	8	1	9	17	-21
Cassandra Harvey	18	7	2	9	16	-25
Vicki Degenhardt	11	5	2	4	12	23
Graham Cass	19	5	2	12	12	-78
Stuart Lea	7	5	1	1	11	31
Cooper Hocking	4	3	0	1	6	9
Corey Hicks	5	3	0	2	6	-13
Adam Davenport	1	1	0	0	2	4
Sandra Wallace	1	0	0	1	0	-3



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SATURDAY DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Phil Smyth	19	13	0	6	26	69
Richard Hooper	19	13	0	6	26	69
Mike McDonagh	17	11	1	5	23	39
Rachel Krebbekx	19	10	2	7	22	50
Sandra Wallace	16	10	1	5	21	60
Bruce Wallace	19	9	2	8	20	34
Ron Davidson	17	9	0	8	18	15
Ron Kuczmariski	18	9	0	9	18	4
Steve Hicks	19	9	0	10	18	-4
Stuart Lea	11	7	2	2	16	49
Greg Arnfield	18	7	2	9	16	-27
Garry Benveniste	19	6	4	9	16	-55
Paul Wilson	14	7	1	6	15	23
Corey Hicks	14	7	1	6	15	15
Cooper Hocking	15	6	2	7	14	-18
Alister Behenna	11	6	1	4	13	36
Vicki Degenhardt	8	4	1	3	9	-12
Scott Hocking	9	3	2	4	8	-22
Mark Elgar	8	3	0	5	6	-21
Richard Brown	3	2	0	1	4	-3
Jessica Alvaro	4	1	1	2	3	-6
Charlie Hicks	5	0	1	4	1	-39
Stewart Jones	1	0	0	1	0	-8
Matthew Sexton	1	0	0	1	0	-8



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SATURDAY DIVISION FOUR EAST

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Stewart Jones	15	10	2	3	22	64
Ken Smith	17	10	2	5	22	38
Don Stevens	17	10	1	6	21	66
Henry Higgins	14	8	1	5	17	63
Richard Brown	14	8	1	5	17	46
Mick Moffatt	13	8	0	5	16	65
Bill Scott	17	7	1	9	15	20
Phil McDonald	17	7	1	9	15	20
Bruce Bate	14	7	0	7	14	16
Matthew Sexton	14	7	0	7	14	10
Greg Jackson	13	6	2	5	14	5
Stephen Heath	14	6	1	7	13	12
Charlie Hicks	13	5	0	8	10	-21
Alister Behenna	8	4	1	3	9	37
Josh Wiles	7	4	1	2	9	11
Bob Boorman	8	4	0	4	8	23
Paul Lilley	5	4	0	1	8	14
Paul Lilley	5	4	0	1	8	14
Barry Lilley	9	4	0	5	8	-12
Jessica Alvaro	12	4	0	8	8	-26
Bob Burton	3	2	1	0	5	18
James Wilson	9	2	1	6	5	-26
Ellen Garrett	2	2	0	0	4	2
Adam Davenport	6	2	0	4	4	-23
Mark Elgar	1	1	0	0	2	26
Dawn Lilley	4	1	0	3	2	8
Ron Davidson	1	1	0	0	2	6
Paul Wilson	4	1	0	3	2	-11



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SATURDAY DIVISION FIVE EAST

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Dennis Taylor	17	11	1	5	23	3
Val West	15	8	1	6	17	42
Paul Eckhold	15	8	0	7	16	32
Don Blesing	18	7	1	10	15	-87
Hayley Walding	15	6	1	8	13	8
Dawn Lilley	14	6	0	8	12	-5
Lee Sydenham	17	6	0	11	12	-34
Bob Burton	15	6	0	9	12	-50
Ian Andrae	16	6	0	10	12	-55
Nick Buvinic	14	6	0	8	12	-65
Peter Rose	13	5	1	7	11	-55
Simon Kelly	11	5	0	6	10	-65
Ellen Garrett	10	4	0	6	8	-56
John Cooper	12	3	1	8	7	-50
Ross DeLaine	16	3	1	12	7	-151
Wayne Darling	16	3	0	13	6	-154
Jon Evans	6	2	0	4	4	-8
Paul Lilley	7	2	0	5	4	-38
Ashley Farren	11	2	0	9	4	-59
Bill Dunbar	13	2	0	11	4	-167
Emil Nou	1	1	0	0	2	4
Bruce Bate	3	1	0	2	2	-39
Barry Lilley	8	1	0	7	2	-50
Jayden Green	2	0	1	1	1	-8
James Wilson	1	0	0	1	0	-15



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WEDNESDAY DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Paul Zerella	18	14	1	3	29	89
Vince Violi	16	13	0	3	26	81
Paul Wilson	16	12	0	4	24	86
Alister Behenna	14	11	0	3	22	54
Paul Young	18	10	1	7	21	3
Mike McDonagh	17	9	1	7	19	-2
Bruce Wallace	17	9	1	7	19	-9
Greg Arnfield	17	9	1	7	19	-11
Chris Firth	18	9	0	9	18	37
Garry Benveniste	16	8	1	7	17	-21
Phil Smyth	16	8	0	8	16	18
Richard Hooper	18	8	0	10	16	-6
Henry Higgins	10	7	1	2	15	34
Ron Davidson	16	7	0	9	14	-18
Stuart Lea	7	6	0	1	12	43
Steve Hicks	14	6	0	8	12	8
Bob Boorman	6	4	1	1	9	33
Mark Elgar	10	4	1	5	9	19
Mick Moffatt	7	4	1	2	9	-14
Josh Wiles	4	2	1	1	5	11
Tim Hicks	4	2	0	2	4	12
Pat Impagnatiello	1	1	0	0	2	12
Scott Thulborn	1	1	0	0	2	7
Cooper Hocking	3	1	0	2	2	-11
Ken Smith	1	0	0	1	0	-12
Bruce Bate	3	0	0	3	0	-31



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WEDNESDAY DIVISION THREE EAST

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Phil McDonald	17	6	1	10	13	-44
Greg Jackson	13	6	0	7	12	-4
Nick Buvinic	11	6	0	5	12	-55
Peter Rose	12	5	1	6	11	-34
Ross DeLaine	16	5	1	10	11	-120
Bill Scott	15	5	0	10	10	-66
Barry Lilley	17	4	2	11	10	-87
Bob Burton	15	5	0	10	10	-101
Don Blesing	13	5	0	8	10	-106
Ken Smith	16	4	2	10	10	-115
Dennis Taylor	16	4	1	11	9	-87
Bruce Bate	13	4	0	9	8	-67
Wayne Darling	15	4	0	11	8	-145
Henry Higgins	5	3	0	2	6	7
Bob Boorman	5	3	0	2	6	0
Lee Sydenham	16	3	0	13	6	-178
Paul Eckhold	14	2	1	11	5	-89
Charlie Hicks	2	2	0	0	4	10
Mick Moffatt	7	1	2	4	4	-31
Corey Hicks	2	1	0	1	2	-1
Malcolm Allen	3	1	0	2	2	-2
Jon Evans	5	1	0	4	2	-21
Peter Thring	2	0	1	1	1	-4
Josh Wiles	1	0	0	1	0	-6
Shane Daniher	1	0	0	1	0	-8
Cooper Hocking	1	0	0	1	0	-8
Ron Davidson	1	0	0	1	0	-11
Ian Andrae	1	0	0	1	0	-15
Dawn Lilley	2	0	0	2	0	-18
Alister Behenna	2	0	0	2	0	-25



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SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Brett Davis	19	14	0	5	28	67
Scott Thulborn	19	11	2	6	24	36
Andrew Feijen	19	9	0	10	18	-22
Adrian Green	18	8	1	9	17	-21
Cassandra Harvey	1	0	1	0	1	0

SATURDAY DIVISION TWO SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Richard Hooper	19	13	0	6	26	69
Sandra Wallace	16	10	1	5	21	60
Ron Kuczmariski	18	9	0	9	18	4
Garry Benveniste	17	5	3	9	13	-56
Stuart Lea	2	1	1	0	3	1
Bruce Wallace	3	0	1	2	1	-10
Stewart Jones	1	0	0	1	0	-8

SATURDAY DIVISION FOUR EAST SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Stewart Jones	12	8	2	2	18	45
Henry Higgins	13	8	1	4	17	70
Phil McDonald	17	7	1	9	15	20
Bob Boorman	7	4	0	3	8	26
Jessica Alvaro	9	3	0	6	6	-18
Ken Smith	5	2	0	3	4	-7
Matthew Sexton	4	2	0	2	4	-17
Alister Behenna	1	0	0	1	0	-6



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SATURDAY DIVISION FIVE EAST SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Val West	15	8	1	6	17	42
Ian Andrae	15	6	0	9	12	-46
Don Blesing	12	5	1	6	11	-67
Dennis Taylor	4	2	0	2	4	-34
Bruce Bate	2	1	0	1	2	-16
Simon Kelly	3	1	0	2	2	-37
Barry Lilley	7	1	0	6	2	-38
Bob Burton	6	1	0	5	2	-39
Paul Lilley	6	1	0	5	2	-42
Ross DeLaine	1	0	0	1	0	-5
Ellen Garrett	1	0	0	1	0	-8



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WEDNESDAY PREMIER LEAGUE SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Vince Violi	16	13	0	3	26	81
Paul Young	18	10	1	7	21	3
Garry Benveniste	16	8	1	7	17	-21
Chris Firth	16	8	0	8	16	34
Richard Hooper	18	8	0	10	16	-6
Tim Hicks	4	2	0	2	4	12
Scott Thulborn	1	1	0	0	2	7
Bob Boorman	1	0	1	0	1	0

WEDNESDAY DIVISION THREE EAST SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Phil McDonald	17	6	1	10	13	-44
Bob Boorman	5	3	0	2	6	0
Don Blesing	7	3	0	4	6	-53
Barry Lilley	11	2	2	7	6	-65
Ken Smith	13	2	2	9	6	-101
Bob Burton	3	2	0	1	4	-15
Corey Hicks	2	1	0	1	2	-1
Henry Higgins	3	1	0	2	2	-22
Mick Moffatt	2	0	1	1	1	-9
Greg Jackson	1	0	0	1	0	-5
Josh Wiles	1	0	0	1	0	-6
Bruce Bate	3	0	0	3	0	-41



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SEASON 2019/2019 ABC SATURDAY TEAM OF THE WEEK

Round	Division	Lead	Second	Third	Skip	Shots Up
1	Premier	Pat Impagnatiello	Kaleb Walding	Vince Violi	Brett Davis	14
2	Division 2	Ron Davidson	Mike McDonagh	Phil Smyth	Richard Hooper	8
3	Division 4	Richard Brown	Paul Wilson	Ken Smith	Stewart Jones	18
4	Division 2	Rachel Krebbekx	Stuart Lea	Bruce Wallace	Sandra Wallace	14
5	Division 4	Mick Moffatt	Don Stevens	Alister Behenna	Henry Higgins	15
5	Division 4	Stephen Heath	Bill Scott	Matthew Sexton	Phil McDonald	15
6	Division 6	Paul Eckhold	Simon Kelly	Dawn Lilley	Val West	18
7	Division 2	Corey Hicks	Mike McDonagh	Phil Smyth	Richard Hooper	30
8	Division 4	Mick Moffatt	Don Stevens	Alister Behenna	Henry Higgins	21
9	Division 4	Mick Moffatt	Don Stevens	Mark Elgar	Henry Higgins	26
9	Division 4	Stephen Heath	Bill Scott	Matthew Sexton	Phil McDonald	26
10	Division 2	Ron Davidson	Steve Hicks	Stuart Lea	Ron Kuczmariski	19
11	Division 4	Dawn Lilley	Bob Burton	Bill Scott	Phil McDonald	16
12	Premier	Pat Impagnatiello	Kaleb Walding	Vince Violi	Brett Davis	7
13	Premier	Steven McDonald	Alan Hurst	Paul Young	Andrew Feijen	15
13	Division 2	Paul Wilson	Corey Hicks	Phil Smyth	Richard Hooper	15
14	Division 4	Richard Brown	Bruce Bate	Charlie Hicks	Bob Boorman	20
15	Premier	Stuart Lea	Chris Thulborn	Tim Hicks	Scott Thulborn	10
16	Division 4	Richard Brown	Bruce Bate	Stewart Jones	Bob Boorman	18
17	Division 2	Ron Davidson	Greg Arnfield	Steve Hicks	Ron Kuczmariski	15
18	Division 2	Rachel Krebbekx	Alister Behenna	Bruce Wallace	Sandra Wallace	19



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SEASON 2019/2020 ABC WEDNESDAY TEAM OF THE WEEK

Round	Division	Lead	Second	Third	Skip	Shots Up
1	Division 3	Peter Rose	Greg Jackson	Bill Scott	Phil McDonald	15
2	Division 1			Steve Hicks	Richard Hooper	14
3	Division 1		Ron Davidson	Bruce Wallace	Paul Young	23
4	Division 1		Ron Davidson	Bruce Wallace	Paul Young	13
5	Division 1	Mark Elgar	Mike McDonagh	Greg Arnfield	Garry Benveniste	12
6	Division 1	Paul Zerella	Henry Higgins	Alister Behenna	Vince Violi	3
7	Division 1		Paul Wilson	Chris Firth	Scott Thulborn	7
8	Division 1	Paul Zerella	Henry Higgins	Alister Behenna	Vince Violi	21
9	Division 1		Paul Wilson	Mark Elgar	Chris Firth	13
10	Division 1	Mick Moffatt	Mike McDonagh	Greg Arnfield	Garry Benveniste	8
11	Division 3	Greg Jackson	Peter Rose	Henry Higgins	Phil McDonald	22
12	Division 1		Mick Moffatt	Bruce Wallace	Paul Young	6
13	Division 1			Phil Smyth	Richard Hooper	8
14	Division 1			Phil Smyth	Richard Hooper	17
15	Division 1		Paul Wilson	Steve Hicks	Chris Firth	6
16	Division 1		Ron Davidson	Pat Impagnatiello	Paul Young	12
17	Division 1	Henry Higgins	Mike McDonagh	Greg Arnfield	Garry Benveniste	13
18	Division 1	Paul Zerella	Alister Behenna	Bob Boorman	Vince Violi	20



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SEASON 2019/2020 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jack Gerard Club 4's

Winners: Ash Farren Bill Scott Rachel Krebbekx Sandy Wallace (Skip)

Len A Beasley Championship Singles

Winner: Adrian Green Runner Up: Pat Impagnatiello

Championship Pairs

Winners: Allan Hurst Paul Young (Skip)

Runners Up: Phil McDonald Steven McDonald (Skip)

Women's Singles Championship

Winner: Cassandra Harvey Runner Up: Sandy Wallace

Women's Championships Pairs

Winners: Rachel Krebbekx Cassandra Harvey (Skip)

Runners Up: Hayley Walding Jess Alvaro (Skip)

Les Luke Triples 2019/2020

Winners: Mark Hyland Paul Zerella Paul Wilson (Skip)

B Grade Singles 2019/2020

Not completed

Handicap Singles 2019/2020

Not Completed

2 Bowls Singles 2019/2020

Not completed