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HAPPY NEW YEAR for 2019

Congratulations

Christmas Carnival

Thanks to the mammoth effort by Robyn Moxon and Helen Eggins, the 40th Christmas Carnival at least partially went ahead. The 2 days of Open Pairs had sufficient numbers and enthusiasm to be played with the Sunday 29th games starting closer to 8.45 am than the scheduled 10.00 am. Friday 27th saw D. Walsh and W. Russell from QRSLM take the winners prize with L. Waters and D. Lindbeck taking runners up. Lois and Dave went one better on Sunday 29th by winning with G. Young and A. Thatcher taking the runners up position. Thank you to all the players in helping to keep the Carnival on the local calendar and playing in the extreme weather conditions.



W. Russell and D. Walsh



D. Lindbeck and L. Waters

CBC Women's Bowls Program 2020

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Women's Major Singles – 5th February

Women's Minor Singles – TBA – *due to weather conditions, the date has been deferred*

Women's Major Pairs – 4th March

Women's Triples – 18th March

Women's Minor Pairs – 8th April

Helen Dengate Consistency – 29th April

Women's Fours – 13th May

Open Singles – 27th, 28th June

Mixed Pairs – 22nd, 23rd August

Sports Day – 26th August

Minor Triples – 17th September

Mixed Fours – 19th, 20th September

Prestige Pairs – TBA

All events will commence on the dates advised above. Follow on play will be within the next week. For example, the winners of the first round of singles played on Wed, 29 Jan 20, will have to complete their next match (2nd round) by EOD Wed, 5 Feb 20, 3rd round by EOD Wed, 12 Feb 20, and so on. This applies to all events.

CBC Men's Bowls Program 2020

Please note some changes from earlier posting

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Men's Minor Singles – 9th, 10th May

Men's Major Singles – 23rd, 24th May

Men's Major Pairs – 30th, 31st May

Open Singles – 27th, 28th June

Mixed Pairs – 22nd, 23rd August

Mixed Fours – 19th, 20th September

Men's Triples – 17th, 18th October

Men's Fours – 24th, 25th October

Men's Minor Pairs – TBA

Lightning Triples – 14th, 15th November

As each game is played, the results are not only updated on the Notice Board but on our Club website too, under 'Bowling Program'

The club's top bowler, a guy who had won every club championship numerous times, was known for carrying a little black book which regularly consulted during games. Whenever he stood on the mat, with a particularly difficult situation, he would take out this little book and then make a brilliant shot. Eventually he died and there was great interest in this book. Many of the club's members approached the man's widow asking what she was planning to do with this legendary book. As a shrewd woman who was also in need of funds, she decided to auction the book off to the highest bidder. The auction was held at the club and after some very spirited bidding a member, who had often finished second to the now deceased champion, took possession of the much sought after and now quite expensive book. He could scarcely wait to take the book home and peruse its pages at leisure. He sat himself down in his study and began to leaf through the pages - and he found that the pages were blank! He finally came to a single page that had one sentence on it. It said; "Small circle on the inside."

The Bowlers' own language - how to translate

The Sport of Bowls has its very own language which can totally mystify anyone who hears it, but hasn't had the pleasure of throwing a bowl in fun or earnest. For the information of the uninitiated, here are a few terms translated into standard English.

- "Good weight!" = lousy line
- "Good line" = lousy weight
- "Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch
- "That's in their way" = that's in my way
- "That could be useful up there" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack
- "Get it next time" = you sure didn't get it this time
- "He's surprisingly good" = you're surprised he ever makes a shot
- "I'd bowl with him any day" = he always buys the first round



Vale:
Keith Bird

It was with much sadness that we farewelled one of our past champions. Keith was a Life Member of CBC having been a well-known player, representing our club and ACT over many years. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Mavis and family at this sad time.



Vale:
Gary Johnson

Gary may not have been a champion on the green but he was a very friendly and affable member who never had a bad word to say about anyone. Our sympathy has been relayed to Jane and his family on behalf of the club.



Not praying, just deciding a very close measure.

Congratulations to our club members, men and women, who played in the ACT Triples Championship this year. You may have not won but it is great to see you flying the club colours.

Thank you to Ray Edsor, Pam Cass and Heather Leonard for acting as umpires over the trying time that has presented its self with all the fire and smoke drama. The games ended up finishing on time, thanks to Helen Eggins for managing the tournament over the fortnight. Congratulations to the QRSLM team of M. Kavas, J. Hancock, and C. Hunt on winning over the Belconnen team of J. Trounce, N. Mengel, and H. Megee in the Final held on Sunday 19th January.



Bugsy's Tech Notes

Over the past couple of weeks saw the club start the process of switching over to the NBN. This was kind of an unplanned schedule as originally the NBN web site gave us an eight month window in 2020 for the changeover. Then all of a sudden we received a notice from our provider that all the phones were going to be cut off by the end of the month. So given those constraints we had to act in a hurry. Which meant the original plan of a month overlap with two phone systems operating went out the window. However NBN being the entity it is, along with other issues related to cabling to the premises that pre-dates NBN we have had some setbacks. Which means we are stuck in limbo at the moment until this problem is rectified or another solution is offered.

As a result the bowlers phone is now a mobile number which is a plus in my view as it adds more versatility to book a bowls session via a simple text message and get it right. Plus it leaves a way of contacting the club should the internet service be broken which can happen often with the NBN infrastructure being tweaked all the time. For those of us who might be a little uncomfortable about the change my only reply to that is sometimes a little change is necessary in order to evolve and survive. No better example of not dealing with reality was experienced this summer with those horrific bush fires nationwide along with weather on steroids. That's the price of denial shown on the largest scale imagined.

Getting back to the phone, voice mails left come in as a packet recording attachment to a text message so this why they need to be precise & short. State your name, the day you wish to play and to repeat the message at the end. But the preference should always be a text message or email as voice mails add to our data usage regardless of WiFi. For those with only a landline then of course voice mail will work. As will Emails and if you want to be efficient. Just make a template up in your email drafts with the days you wish to bowl on. In the subject line type your name and playing day then save that draft without ever sending.

After this you can keep copying this email draft (highlight the text you want and press CTRL C) and pasting the content (CTRL V) into a new

email. You can do the same with SMS (Text messages) on your phone by selecting an old message holding your finger over the message until it's highlighted and then paste into a new message just change the playing date at the end of it before sending.

Which brings me to my next point, anyone reading the messages please delete that message once you have written the name on the booking sheet. This makes it easier for everyone that follows you on different days. Even if the booking is not for your particular playing group. Also remember to check the email by tapping your finger over the email icon on the phone. Once this method is established it will be a smooth hassle free way of all bowlers including bowlers from other clubs to book games easily at our club. Especially visiting bowlers or day trippers who may want a game. It will make the Canberra Bowling Club the easiest of all the clubs in the surrounding district to book a bowls session without having to physically attend the club or rely on the right person to be there answering the phone in order to add a name to a list. Keeping in mind before this we were the only club with an answering machine booking facility as well.

This month's web site, is Text or SMS messages for beginners or those with a mobile but might be a little anxious texting as a normal practice with their phone.

<https://www.wikihow.life/Text>

Next is a video tutorial on how to make a email template in Gmail.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr57V5os5M8>

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)



Bowls For Sale
AERO Optima
Size: 3.5 Heavy
Dated: 2026

Price: \$350.00 ono

Contact: G. Young gyoung1@tpg.com.au
 Selling on behalf of John Bodman's wife



ACT EVENTS

Club Events and deadlines highlighted in yellow

February 2020 Planner (Version dated 25/11/2019)

Bowls ACT

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 5						1 Women's Pennant Rd 1	2 Men's Pennants Rd 1
Week 6	3	4	5 Twilight	6	7	8 Women's Pennant Rd 2	9 Men's Pennant Rd 2
Week 7	10	11	12 Twilight	13	14 Coaches Courses – Selection Module (Afternoon)>	15 Women's Pennant Rd 3	16 Men's Pennants Rd 3
Week 8	17	18	19 Women's Minor Singles Women's Major Pairs Open	20 Goulburn Men's Triples Carnival	21 Goulburn Men's Triples Carnival	22 Women's Pennant Rd 4 Goulburn Women's Triples Carnival World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	23 Men's Pennants Rd 4 goulburn Women's Triples Carnival World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD
Week 9	24 World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	25 World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	26 ACT Singles M/W CLOSE World Youth Championships Broadbeach, QLD	27	28	29 Women's Pennant Rd 5	

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