From the Committee

As mentioned in the Dec. edition of our newsletter the Committee wish to continue to pass on any progress towards the proposed relocation generally on a quarterly basis or sooner if any info. becomes available. During the holiday as a courtesy we contacted the Red Hill Residents Assoc. and the Inner South Canberra Community Council to see if they would like to meet and be informed about our proposed relocation the concept looked like becoming something like a Town Hall meeting this resulted in a phone call from I.S.C.C.C. during which I passed the info. that we were investigating relocating which turned out they were aware of, after informing the caller our intention was to try and control our destiny by selling our present site and moving whilst in a financial position to do so because our Title was Market value not concessional and the move may take up to 3 years I was again asked was I sure our lease was not concessional after which the caller said if I had no objection she would pass that information on and didn't consider a meeting necessary. In the New year with the guidance of the lobbyist we were able to commence researching the process to be followed and the associated costs, this is a tedious process at this point most of the items involved are estimated costs and when confirmed will passed on immediately, one cost we do know is the lobbyist whose charges will be around $2500 if we don't have too much Government delays involving additional information. Last week we met with 2 Valuators so both were aware what details we wanted before they submitted their quotes for consideration, the value of the site will be very important to assessing our position against our costs. Another item we followed up was the light rail impact on the site and it appears that there will no impact on our area. Also, we continued the research re any other easements, the electric poles depending on the voltage carried require a clearance of 1.5 to 2.5 metres which will have little impact, after securing an Icon map it shows a sewer line along the eastern side of the site which Icon have no issue with moving we are assessing cost for this and the good thing is that all these services are already available at the site. Another point of interest is that we have just combined with other small and medium clubs in response to an inquiry into licencing fees by submitting a joint recommendation for a reduction in fees, our current annual fees are $4,800, the submission requests a 50% reduction, will wait and see what comes of this also although nothing to do with us but bears consideration in the future a small club that has an outdoor eating area is charged $6,000 by the Government for that facility.

Canberra Bowling Club Committee
1. The starting time for social bowls will change first week of March

Tuesday – 3rd March – 12.30 pm
Wednesday – 4th March - 10.00 am
Friday - 5th March – 12.30 pm
Saturday – 7th March – 10.00am

2. There will be no social bowls on Saturday 14th March as both greens are required for the ACT Men’s Singles Championship event.

Canberra Bowling Club will be hosting the ACT Men’s Singles event commencing Sat 14 March 2020. As hosts, we are required to ensure there are markers for each match and particularly for 1st round matches on 14th March, roll-up time 9.15 am. The losers of each round are then required to mark in the following round. The Women’s Singles are to be played at QRSLM, starting on Sunday 15th March.

CBC Men’s Bowls Program 2020
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

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

Congratulations

The Women’s Major Singles Final was played on Wednesday 26th February between M. Bannerman and G. Young. The weather was typically ‘Canberra Autumn’ weather, cool, then rainy, then windy, and finally hot and sunny. The game started evenly with both ladies drawing around the jack, but not worrying it too much. Then Gayle got her rhythm going and she seemed to get the measure of the Rink. Mina kept drawing in and near but couldn’t keep the shot, to her dismay. It was a good and friendly game with Gayle coming away with this year’s title. Congratulations to both players and all who entered.

Without club Championship events our club members won’t be able to represent CBC or compete at the State events.

Many thanks to the many supporters who have attend each week to enjoy the games.

Finalists and Marker: G. Young, P. Cass, M. Bannerman
Bugsy's Tech Notes

The saga of the club's telecommunications continues that hopefully will result in a resolution by the end of the month. Apart from some minor hiccups with the club's booking line mobile where the service provider removed the account access and re-engaged the voice mail service which we didn't require. As a result voice messages had to be retrieved from a server instead of residing on the phone which made it more cumbersome to process. However it should be rectified soon or at least before this column is published. Meanwhile SMS (txt) messages have no issues, so that should be the preference where possible.

Those unfortunate among us who may have lost cars in that wild hail storm in January of this year. Well one of the things you might take into consideration when choosing a new vehicle is the ability of the multimedia unit in the car to support Android auto and Apple car play. While this is not very important in the scheme of things but if you had a choice of two vehicles where they ticked all the boxes regarding what you were looking for and one lacked the ability to support car play then guess which one I'd choose. Particularly if you use your car for trips. With this feature you can pre-download all the maps from the areas you are travelling using the off line selection in Google maps. It is then stored on your phone via a download using your home WiFi. This will save on (mobile) data usage while travelling as the navigation doesn't need to retrieve data from the cloud. With Car play & Android auto you can project those maps onto the car screen and use it for navigation which is far more accurate and up to date. I mentioned this because from my experience car manufacturing navigation maps are usually out of date within 6 months of purchase. Especially where major highway modifications take place all the time and there are alternative routes which are nowhere near the original mapped road.

Which brings me to this month’s link, Google celebrated its 15th year with maps with a new logo and update with extra features. Those features include real time traffic updates for both cars and those using other forms of transportation. This is a real bonus when road closures occur due to floods or bush fires or some other disaster that was unforeseen.

https://tinyurl.com/t4cyunb

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)
MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open.

He turns and asks, "Anyone know whose phone this is?"

ACT EVENTS

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