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No bowling news to report this month so this issue is a little early as the 'Tech Tips' may help members cope with isolation. Also here are a couple of pictures to jog the memory and a reminder of happier days. Guess which members in these snaps have birthdays in the month of May?



As it is still against government directions to celebrate Birthdays in numbers, here is a Happy Birthday shout to all members who will be notching up another milestone in May. So keep washing your hands and sing 'Happy Birthday' while you think of Martin, Terry, Mary, Marko, Tom, Michael, Peter Victor, Helmut, Brian, Leigh, Peter, Jerzy, Erika, Margaret, Pam, Carole, Pam, Mick, and Ulrich.



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### CBC Women's Bowls Program 2020

**PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT**

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

**Women's Major Pairs** – Underway

**Women's Triples** – TBA

**Women's Minor Pairs** – TBA

**Helen Dengate Consistency** – TBA

**Women's Fours** – TBA

**Open Singles** – 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Mixed Pairs** – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**Sports Day** – 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Minor Triples** – 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Mixed Fours** – 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Prestige Pairs** – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> September

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.

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### CBC Men's Bowls Program 2020

**PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT**

**Men's Minor Singles** – TBA

**Men's Major Singles** – TBA

**Men's Major Pairs** – TBA

**Open Singles** – 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Mixed Pairs** – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**Mixed Fours** – 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Men's Triples** – 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Men's Fours** – 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Men's Minor Pairs** – TBA

**Lightning Triples** – 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 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'



## Bugsy's Tech Notes

Well another few weeks has gone by since we all became very familiar with our own home surroundings along with every celebrity on the planet's home. I hope everyone is still well and I can imagine there might be a few well-polished bowls by the time we get back out on the greens. This month I am going to deviate a bit from what I normally write about and put on some very amateur hats that are relevant to passing the time whilst being confined. First of all I imagine most members with NBN type internet connections have streaming services like Netflix or Stan. While this is just my personal household taste I can make some recommendations for things to watch on both streaming services. I apologise to those who are already aware of all these shows but basically it's info for members who might have just joined streaming services during the lock down and perhaps others who might have missed them. Firstly on Netflix, top of the list is Ozarks this is an interesting crime drama about an accountant who gets trapped into a money laundering scheme with powerful drug lords. If you haven't watched it, it's three series long so quite a few hours viewing. Just a warning with all of these it can be a little bit violent in parts and there is no censorship on the language either. For political dramas House of Cards should be on your list as well. Along with Bloodline, and the series that is based on Technology called Black Mirror. Meaning every story has a link to technology in some way and while it can be weird sometimes with offbeat horror in its story lines however you can skip an episode as each one is individual. But other parts of the series can actually reflect real life before it happens. Especially social media monitoring (S3 Ep1 Nosedive) which is now active in China tracking people movements & behaviour on a points

system. Then if you like SciFi Stranger Things is also a very well made series that is shot in the style of a Steven Spielberg movie. Only this could be best described as ET meets Alien a mix of kids and adults that battle strange creatures. Designated Survivor is also OK even though it goes over the top with far too much cheesy patriotic dialogue but if you can overlook that a good story line.

As for movies the Irishman is good, made exclusively for Netflix but bring a packed lunch, it's long. Also Marriage Story that had a barrage of academy award nominations for all the actors. In documentaries on Netflix Our Planet is well worth a look, narrated by David Attenborough. Moving on to Stan, it has a lot of good series as well. A sleeper series in my view is one called Get Shorty, it's a little slow first couple of episodes then you are hooked. Its worth just getting Stan for this show. A great story line, not unlike the movie called Get Shorty but in every other way different. A place where crime wants to get into the movie business. While on Stan it has the full series of Breaking Bad which I assume most of everyone has seen. Associated with that series is another named Better Call Saul. Which is basically the prequel to Breaking Bad and it's very good. Also the Loudest Voice a political drama behind the Fox news story in the USA. Another pick of mine is the drama series Ray Donovan which is best described as a Hollywood fix it man getting celebrities out of trouble. Last but not least on Stan is one of it's exclusive series called Bloom, this is an Australian made series about a magical plant that can make old people young again. :) Now while this may sound intriguing, it has drawbacks it's only temporary so you don't get a chance to relive your whole youth. :) I never included Amazon Prime or Disney as I just don't think they offer best bang per buck as yet. Unless of course you are forever minding the grand kids or spending the inheritance shopping online. Much like Foxtel who are also going to be struggling to stay financially afloat following this pandemic. But don't forget the freebie streaming services like the ABC's Iview and SBS On Demand. SBS in my view has by far the best free to air TV shows along with its world movies. A list too long for this column but I would say at least half of the world movie content is in English language anyway. Also probably seventy percent of SBS top TV series would be also. One of their shows which is topical at the moment is called Last man on Earth, a dark comedy where a virus wipes out all human existence but leaves a few who are immune. It largely depends on taste, but for me the lead character is so annoying your TV screen

might be at risk from something thrown at it. However if you can get past that it's interesting how entire cities are left empty where the show's characters have to make use of limited resources. Let's just hope it's not Hollywood predicting the future once again. So over all SBS & ABC content offers much better entertainment than those stupid reality shows that the other commercial channels only seem to offer. I mean how many times can you watch two strangers marry, bake a cake or get covered in mud.

Next little diversion being house bound is online board games. One of the sites I have tried is called <https://en.boardgamearena.com/> another one is called <https://tabletopia.com/>. All you need to do is register with an email address and it's all free. My suggestion with any of these free sites that you register with a junk email address. Do not use your regular email as you will be targeted with advertising, that's the reason its free :) They are easy to create on Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook or anywhere else. Of course if you have a Playstation or Xbox the gaming experience is much more enriched but you will need a lot quicker reflexes in most of that content compared to board games. Like the one I have that the grandson uses, he always seems to pick up the working controller and I get the broken one despite both being identical. :)

Finally some interesting YouTube channels, for people who had a lot of time on their hands well before Corona came along. One of my favourites is a Swedish musician who also has a second life as an engineer. He has created a marble machine that plays music like an old music box only on a much grander scale. However the amount of detail and precision involved is mind boggling. This project is completely crowd funded and he usually puts up a video each week showing his progress. Not only do I think it's clever I like the music he creates as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/wintergatan2000>  
The group is called Wintergatan which is Swedish for Milky Way. They even use an old typewriter in their performances and he can pretty much play any instrument as well as compose all the content. If you check out last week's video you can see just how complex this machine is as he is fast approaching the project's completion. You wouldn't want to count how many hours have gone into this creation.

Next is a channel called 5-Minute Crafts which can give some really handy cooking hacks as

well as life hacks with some ingenious tips with everyday items lying around the house. Now I won't declare all their videos are useful and being American in origin the cooking tips oddly enough mostly end up in the deep fry. But some of the other tips are clever if you can ignore the less useful ones. Like this sample one for other uses with hair dryers, coat hangers, tennis balls and old bowlers chalk. :)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qm-mx2yx0>

As most of the USA talk shows are now quarantined at home however they are still posting on YouTube which can be a bit of comic relief. People like Bill Maher, John Oliver, Stephen Colbert, Seth Meyers, and Jimmy Fallon all do comedy from home. Just search while on YouTube and they will come up but it's not stand-up comedy just observations of current events through a comedy eye. Sometimes the best perspective. Next month, perhaps a little bit of culture :)

*Greg Bourke (Bugsy)*

THE 4 UPS IN BOWLS.  
SKIPS MUST BE UP  
THIRDS MUST MEASURE UP  
SECONDS MUST CHALK UP  
LEADS MUST SHUT UP



# Aussie Trivia Quiz

Some home-grown questions. You should be able to answer most of them without Googling.

Answers at the end.

Q1: What is a bushman's clock?

Q2: Which former Australian Prime Minister set a beer drinking world record?

Q3: What is the more common slang term for Fish frighteners?

Q4: Before being named Melbourne, what was the city known as?

Q5: Which Aussie promised to "Go all the way with LBJ"?

Q6: What is Aussie slang for a 4WD that has never been driven off-road and is typically driven in the inner-city?

Q7: When an Aussie tried selling New Zealand on eBay, what was the starting price?

Q8: With the 5,000 km long Dingo Fence, Australia has the longest fence in the world. What else does it have the longest of?

Q9: Australia was the second country in the world to give women the vote. Who was the first?

Q10: What is a triantiwontigongolope?

Q11: How long would it take to visit every beach in Australia if you could only visit one per day?

Q12: Why was Australian Football invented?

Q13: What is the highest grossing Australian movie?

Q14: Who is the longest serving presenter of *Playschool*?

Q15: What was the design of the Sydney Opera House inspired by?

A1: A kookaburra laughing  
A2: Bob Hawke; drinking 2.5 pints in 11 seconds.  
A3: Budgee smugglers.  
A4: Batmania—named after John Batman who built a settlement on the Yarra River.  
A5: Prime Minister Harold Holt.  
A6: Toorak tractor.  
A7: 1 cent.  
A8: We have the longest golf course in the world.  
A9: New Zealand.  
A10: A mythical insect.  
A11: 29 years. Australia has 10, 685 beaches.  
A12: To keep cricketers fit in the off season.  
A13: *Crocodile Dundee*.  
A14: Benita.  
A15: An orange.



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