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I received a couple of replies to the question of what members may be doing during their isolation:

Looks like Stephanie Vezina (in Canada) is honing her hopscotch skills for the next Commonwealth Games. Go Steph.



"Some days are hopscotch kind of days, some days are getting-nailed-at-dodgeball kind of days."

Meanwhile Larry, hubbie, is hard at work finishing the basement, sanding the drywall:



"I reckon he was trying to do some baking while Stephanie was out 'exercising'."

Closer to home Neville Bleakley has been working on renovating his old concreted wine cellar (that holds 300 bottles) and if you look closely you will see where to go for that extra toilet paper next pandemic, God forbid.



Stage 2 will come into effect on June 1. We will then be able to have groups of 20 in number which means we still can't celebrate birthdays properly as social distancing will still be the correct way to proceed. So wishing a very Happy Birthday to these members who will be notching up another milestone in June. Tony, Tass, Alan, Richard, Barrie, Lee, Russ, Geoff, and Ken.

A special 'Get Well Soon' to members who have been going through hard times with illness, isolation, and those in hospital.



These dates are subject to change due to COVID-19 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 – 27th, 28th June

Mixed Pairs – 22nd, 23rd August

Sports Day – 26th August

Minor Triples – 17th September

Mixed Fours – 19th, 20th September

Prestige Pairs – 3rd, 4th 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.

These dates are subject to change due to COVID-19 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 – 27th, 28th June

Mixed Pairs – 22nd, 23rd August

Mixed Fours – 19th, 20th September

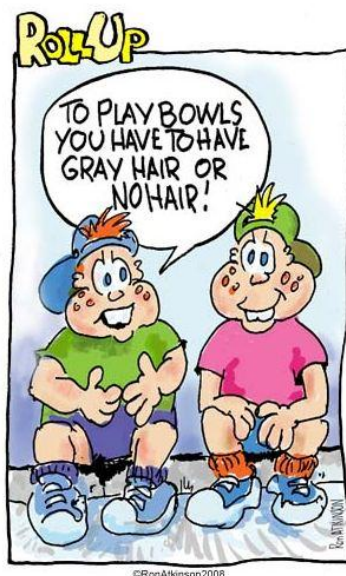
Men's Triples – 17th, 18th October

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'



Bugsy's Tech Notes

As we are edging closer to the new normal where more of us can congregate as a group. I will state this as only a personal opinion given our club's age demographic saying it would be very wise for the majority of the membership to install the Government CovidSafe app on your mobile phone. Now before people jump up and down about privacy, this app makes use of Bluetooth technology which only has a limit of around 10 meters in proximity. So it's just recording people who have come in contact with each other and it's not interested in the amount of times you went to your Doctor or Bunnings. That's what Google, Apple and Social media are interested in and they already record that anyway without passing any of this data onto Governments. So if you have a smart phone and are worried about privacy, well I'm sorry the news is in that environment, there is none. Corporations keep this information to target you with advertising, which is a far more of an invasive process to privacy than any Government safe app will ever be. So in weighing up concerns think about what is more important. That Google (no choice tracking) could recommend where you buy your next cup of coffee from or that you may have come in contact with a person who later tested positive to covid. Which means you will then be notified and stay in isolation until all clear or you get tested yourself. This also protects other members who would also be in the high risk category. This is a choice you do have, and below is the link to the

Government web site with more information on the app.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

One of the other unforeseen minor annoyances with the virus lock-down was how this would impact on different things that we never tend to give a second thought as being available when we need it. It started with the toilet rolls and has now gravitated to other items normally found outside the supermarket. Like Tech products for instance, I don't know if any of you have had the experience trying to buy bits and pieces for your computer equipment but most of it is very hard to get now, even online. Especially things like webcams, keyboards and other accessories that were once everywhere. Unless of course you are willing to pay exorbitant prices for high end equipment which is always on the shelves.

Obviously working from home and children doing schooling from home has had a big impact on Tech demands in the household. So people are doing upgrades and looking for extra items they didn't need previously. The result of which any online ordering coming from overseas is probably going to be at least a two month wait. So if you are planning an upgrade then keep this in mind, the wait might be longer than you think.

Now getting back to isolation pastimes apart from the few I mentioned last month. One of the hidden gems that often get overlooked is virtual tours of the world's most famous museums and art galleries. The quickest way to find a collection of these is within Google home page. A word of warning before you venture on some of the more elaborate three dimensional tours. You will need a fairly modern computer (or it will be like towing a large caravan up the Clyde with a Morris Minor) plus good internet speed. Either on the Chrome browser or Edge if you have selected google.com.au as the home page or just go to that address. Located on the top right hand of the browser window is a cube type icon. Click on that and you will be presented with a whole bunch of Google apps however if you click on the scroll bar to the right of the window. Move down past shopping and right at the bottom is an icon labelled Arts & Culture. To short cut your journey there are different categories which you can choose. Like collections for instance which will take you to virtually any museum or art gallery you wish to explore. Even places like a walk along the Great Wall of China for instance. But not all interesting places live

under the banner of Google's Arts & Culture. On the link below is a pathway to a whole bunch of places to explore including Zoos & Aquariums plus theme parks around the world. So things like experiencing virtual rides in the Disney parks are all things that are available online. If you have a chrome-cast then they can be also be projected to a large screen TV. Plus other entertainment like Broadway shows for instance, although these are pay per view.

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/#>

My personal favourite is the Smithsonian History Museum

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

Plus the Air and Space Museum

<https://airandspace.si.edu/anywhere>

Then if you're the handy type and want to start a project building a play house for the Grandkids in the back yard you might be inspired by this guy. It's social isolation on steroids making use of limited resources that not only includes a shelter but its own swimming pool & a gym :)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mq0Rwnd4Nk>

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)



**“You think you're having a bad game?
I'm looking for a **bowling ball!**”**

Aussie Trivia Quiz

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

Answers at the end.

Q1: What unexpected animal does Australia export to Saudi Arabia?

Q2: What natural Australian landmark has its own mailbox?

Q3: Are there more kangaroos or humans in Australia?

Q4: Of the 25 deadliest snakes in the world, how many are found in Australia?

Q5: Has Australia ever had the world's richest city in the World?

Q6: What's the ratio of sheep per person in Australia?

Q7: What Australian animal did England scientists think was a prank?

Q8: Which alcoholic beverage holder was invented in Australia?

Q9: Does Australia have a cattle station larger than the entire nation of Israel?

Q10: What was Vegemite invented from?

Q11: When security guards at Parliament House in Canberra were banned from calling people 'mate', how long did the ban last?

Q12: In Aussie slang, what does it mean to have a 'bo-peep'?

Q13: Where is the Big Prawn?

Q14: Australia is the world record holder for which Christmas decorative item?

Q15: Which actors played the characters, *Kath and Kim*?

A1: Camels.
A2: The Great Barrier Reef. You can send it a postcard.
A3: Kangaroos. There are over 40 million of them.
A4: 21.
A5: Yes, in 1980.
A6: 6 to 1. There are over 150 million sheep in Australia.
A7: The platypus. They believed us Aussies had stitched a duck's bill onto a rat.
A8: The wine cask.
A9: Yes.
A10: Leftover yeast used to make beer.
A11: One day.
A12: A sleep.
A13: Ballina.
A14: The world's largest Christmas cracker.
A15: Jane Turner and Gina Riley.



Half of us are gonna come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks and the other half gonna come out with a drinking problem. No in between.

25th May 2020: As a result of the ACT Government's easing of restrictions to allow 10 people in non-contact sport in one area, the committee is pleased to pass these conditions on and as such the club can now allow 10 players per green. **BUT WE STRESS THAT ALL OTHER GUIDELINES BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO ESPECIALLY BOOKINGS**, the bowls organiser will as normal put people together the most likely scenario will be 2 games of pairs and 1 singles per green
On Behalf of the committee

Geoff

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