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Wishing one and all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year

Congratulations

ACT Men's 60+ Pairs

Congratulations to Ted Smith and Manny Brookman for finishing in second place in the ACT Men's Over 60's Pairs Championship, played at Tuggeranong Bowling Club on Wednesday 11th November.



Finalists: T. Smith, M. Brookman, A. Ashlin, and I. Peric

Lightning Triples 2020

This year's Lightning Triples was held 14th, 15th November in splendid Spring weather. The first day went well with many skilled teams vying for a place in the top four. Players from far and wide enjoyed the great conditions on offer at Canberra Bowling Club. Teams from Braidwood, the South Coast, Condobolin, Weston Creek, Belconnen, QRSLM as well as CBC players turned out in their array of brightly coloured

attire. The highlight of the weekend being a couple of teams from Warilla with members Aaron Teys, Jeremy Henry playing with Mark Casey, who is now playing at CBC, and Corey Wedlock along with Gary Kelly with one other very experienced player in another team. The tournament, sponsored by Hip Pocket, Woden, was enjoyed by all players and a big thank you to those members behind the scenes who helped make the weekend a memorable one for all players, one way or another.



Winners: J. Henry, M. Casey, Aaron Teys



Second Place: P. McInnes, M. Sargeant, P. Watts



Third Place: I. Whybrow, A. Monfries, R. Chestire(absent)



Fourth Place: G. Young, K. Derbyshire, G. Bourke

Women's Mid-Week Pennants

Congratulations to the Canberra Bowling Club's Grade 1 Women's Pennant team. The Ladies took out the flag Tuesday, 24th November, with a win over Queanbeyan Bowls Club ladies in a very friendly and closely contested game. CBC won both rinks and scored the necessary points to 'leap-frog' all the other teams. The game played was the washed out, washed out game from Round 4 and whoever won on the day took out the flag. Well done to all players in all the teams for their great sportsmanship and competitive games throughout the season.



Grade 1 Pennant team: J. Ogle, M. Maroney, G. Young, R. Moxon, L. Waters, B. Fardell, H. Eggins, M. Bannerman



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**
- Women's Triples – Cancelled**
- Women's Minor Pairs – TBA**
- Helen Dengate Consistency – TBA**
- Women's Fours – TBA**
- Open Singles – TBA**
- Mixed Pairs – TBA**
- Minor Triples – TBA**
- Mixed Fours – TBA**
- Prestige Pairs – Cancelled**

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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- 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'



Bugsy's Tech Notes

While 2020 has been like a gap year in many respects, there are still some useful new gadgets coming out for a somewhat subdued festive season this year. One is a streaming device from Google, this is a Chromecast with Google TV built in. Even if you already have a Chromecast it's time to use it for something else as this product addresses all the annoyances of smart TV's that are not so smart plus it makes any TV with a HDMI connection a lot user friendly for online streaming services. A one-stop solution for all your audio and video streaming needs, part Chromecast and part Android TV, with an extra layer of Google TV on top. Now Trump might have mutilated the phrase "Believe me" which prevents me from saying that but I still think the screen interface on this product is far superior than any smart TV I have come across. Google TV will also replace the Google Play Movies & TV app on Android and iOS plus supports 4K. This means users will have one uniform video interface across all your devices, so you can access Google's library, plus services like Netflix, Stan, Disney, Amazon Prime, Kayo etc, all in the same place. At the moment they can be found at all the usual retail outlets for around \$100-130 but currently as you would expect there is high demand. So when I personally went out to source one all the major chains were out of stock but they can be sourced online for a marginally cheaper price. The Amazon Firestick is a competitor that could be also considered along with the Roku but in this article it's about the Google product due to its broader appeal. The best part about this device is everything can be done from one remote when it comes to watching streaming services. For example if you wanted to watch the bowls show at a time that is convenient to you then you can install the 7plus app and it's there with all the current episodes. Plus the google remote control device can be set up to turn on and control the volume on your TV. As well as making it easy to switch back to another selection even on another streaming service. If you are really lazy, then it also has a built in mic on the remote where you can say "play Christmas music" and it will turn on the TV or audio device and start doing just that.

A good instructional video on how to set it up is included on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DTnjC6F3uw>

Other gadgets out now include much cheaper smartwatches that are not brand names but when compared to their more expensive cousins they measure up pretty well. Not like a few years back where some of these cheap watches would drain a battery charge in less than 12 hrs, they now last for days at a time without a recharge. So if you are on a health kick these devices can now measure body temperature, oxygen levels, heart rate, number of steps taken in a day and even blood pressure. But you can pretty much discount blood pressure as being a reliable reading as not even an Apple watch can do that accurately without expensive attachments. When comparing these to more precise medical devices all the readings shown are within tolerance. So as a health aid these are a handy thing to have. They can be found on Ebay, AliExpress or Amazon for as low as \$50+. That's quite a saving compared to a name brand that can be \$400+ depending what you get. However if it's coming from overseas then in covid times you are going to wait a month or more to get it. There are lots of comparison reviews on YouTube to check out different models before you buy. The only short coming found with a few of these models, some are awkward to connect via Bluetooth with a phone so check out reviews first. Happy Holidays!

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)

Just a couple of reminders for members:

Club 'Break-up Day' aka **Christmas party** will be held on Wednesday 9th December. All members are encouraged to come along and share the festivities with fellow club members, regardless of which day you consider your bowls day. For a small cost there will be chicken and salad prepared on individual plates for lunch, join in the bowls beforehand, and bring an envelope with a donation for Pegasus Riding School for disabled children. There is a function booked for 12.00 pm but they will stay outside until we finish.

Bowls on Thursday 10th and Saturday 12th December will still be available, 10.00 am start.

Hamper Day will be happening Sunday 13th December. Teams to bring along their 'Hamper lunch' to share with their team mates.

Christmas Carnival 27th – 29th December
Each day is Pairs, so get your names in early

Return to bowling sessions in 2021:

Tuesday 5th January
Wednesday 6th January
Friday 8th January
Saturday 9th January
Thursday 14th January (12 Enders)

ALL SESSIONS 10.00 am start



Test Your Knowledge

Q1. A player falls ill during a game and the only eligible player is the Controlling Body for the day. Is the Controlling Body allowed to play and if so, who would sign them in as substitute?

Q2. As the result of a drive the jack and/or bowl which is a toucher in the ditch is moved. What should happen?

Q3. A player has a bye in the first round of the Club Singles Championship which is played in the morning. The second round is to be played the same afternoon. The player wishes to practice at some

stage during the morning before their game. May they do so and under what conditions?

Q4. After a bowl has been delivered by each team a player notices that the wrong team has delivered the jack. What should happen?

Q5. During increment weather a player has dropped their bowl. The umpire is called. What decision would the umpire give?

A1. *Yes. The Controlling Body can be a player in the event. The umpire, during a game, can sign them in as a substitute. Law 33.2.*

A2. *If a jack at rest in the ditch is moved by a non-toucher entering the ditch an opponent, or the marker, must put it back to its former position. Law 38.5.3. The same applies to a bowl in the ditch which is a toucher. Law 37.7*

A3. *Yes. The player may practise as long as the Controlling Body gives approval, (Law 4.1.1); there is enough time available without delaying the competition (Law 4.1.2), and another rink is available apart from that on which the player has been drawn to play later that day (Law 4.1.3).*

A4. *Play in that end must continue in that order. Law 9.6.*

A5. *The player is allowed to deliver their bowl again. Definition C – states “Delivery is deliberately releasing a jack or bowl from the hand or an artificial device using an underarm movement. If the jack or bowl accidentally slips from the players hand or artificial device during delivery, the player can pick it up and start the delivery again”.*

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