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Congratulations

Hamper Day 2020

Hamper Day 2020 was a great success once again with teams from North Canberra, Queanbeyan, and (hanging on to tradition) Canberra City all enjoying the hospitality of the CBC members and staff. Well done everyone. We hope to see more of our own members joining the fun on the green next year. Congratulations to the 'new kids on the block', Matt Styles, Matt Travers, Jason Rumley, and James Reynolds for taking out this year's title. Runners-up being another CBC team, Jimmie Ogle, Robyn Moxon, Lois Waters, and Dave Lindbeck.



Finalists: J. Ogle, L. waters, D. Lindbeck, R. Moxon, M. Styles, J. Rumley, J. Reynolds, M. Travers

Christmas Carnival 2020

Numbers were up this year when the 41st Christmas Carnival was reduced to 3 days of playing 2 games of 14 ends, Open Pairs. Everyone had a good time as the weather was much kinder than 2019, the greens were running nicely, and the atmosphere was generally friendlier all round. Thanks to the effort of Robyn Moxon, President Geoff and volunteers who all helped to ensure the games went smoothly and lunch was waiting when players left the field.



1st Day Winners: R. Moxon with M. Fawthrop and C. Barrett-Eyles



2nd Day Winners: D. Lindbeck and L. Waters with R. Moxon



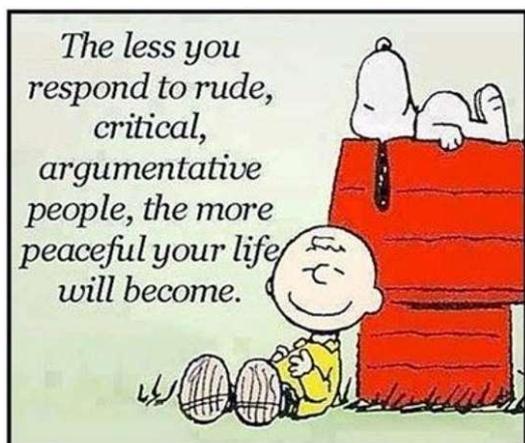
3rd Day Winners: D. Marquet and D. Pruss (ACT Bowls President) with R. Moxon

Christmas Carnival 2021

Canberra Bowling Club was represented by 3 teams in the ACT Men's Triples and 2 teams in the ACT Women Triples this year. With good play at least one of the men's teams won through to the Final, played on Saturday 16th January at CBC in front of a good crowd. Unfortunately they came second after a very exciting and closely fought contest against a QRSLM team. Congratulations to A. Tonkin, G. Charker, and F. O'Shaughnessy.



Finalists: A. Tonkin, F. O'Shaughnessy, and G. Charker



CBC Women's Bowls Program 2021

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

Women's Major Singles – 17th February
Women's Minor Singles – 3rd March
Women's Major Pairs – 24th March
Women's Minor Pairs – 14th April
Women's Triples – 12th May
Women's Fours – 2nd June
Helen Dengate Consistency – 18th August
Sports Day – 25th August
Prestige Pairs – 9th, 10th September
Open Singles – TBA
Mixed Pairs – TBA
Minor Triples – 23rd September
Mixed Fours – TBA
Hamper Day – 12th December
Break-up Day – 15th December
Christmas Carnival – 27th-29th December

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CBC Men's Bowls Program 2021

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Men's Major Singles – 17th February
Men's Minor Singles – 3rd March
Men's Major Pairs – 24th March
Men's Minor Pairs – 14th April
Men's Triples – 12th May
Men's Fours – 2nd June
Sports Day – 25th August
Open Singles – TBA
Lightning Triples – 23rd September
Mixed Pairs – TBA
Mixed Fours – TBA
Hamper Day – 12th December
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Astronomers got tired of watching the moon go round the earth for 24 hours.

So they decided to call it a day.



Bugsy's Tech Notes

Welcome to 2021, not much different than 2020 but hopefully with a brighter future. So I will start the year with a comment rather than tips as there are some important issues coming up related to the Internet. One is the battle with Big Tech and the Australian government over new laws that force them to negotiate with media companies for news content. I suspect we might see some frustration for users in the future looking for free content searching headlines

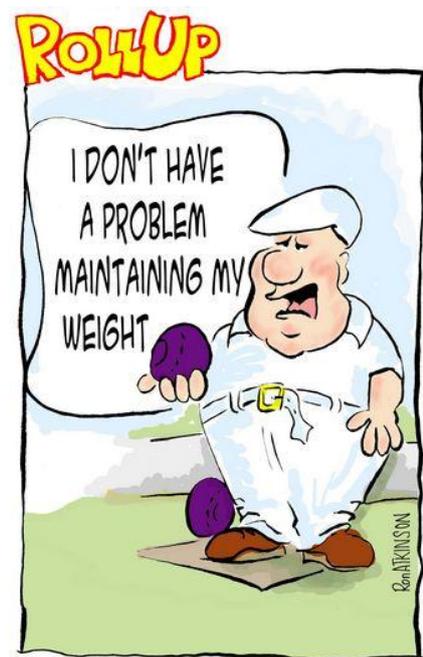
here in Australia. As well as this, there has been a larger problem in Tech with news and social media for decades which culminated in the experience Americans had with their democratic process. It was also a factor in Britain with Brexit. Algorithms developed by these tech companies that are supposed to make our life easier also have a large big brother component. Like the other day when I plugged my phone into the car while still in the garage. Google asked if I wanted a quicker route to the bowling club. This was without me doing anything but it was aware of my habits by time and day of the week. The same goes for your search requests in Google and social media, if you show any bias at all in your political leanings then you just tend to get related articles in that vein. This is not real balanced news, but as long as it holds your attention just that little bit longer then this suits the tech companies just fine. Because then they can fire more advertising at you. Social media is the same, if it knows your interests no matter how extreme then it will present more of the same. Now it doesn't take Einstein to see how this can distort people's mindset, especially those who search for wild conspiracy theories. It can reinforce the way they think and hide the real world view forming beliefs on information that is totally false. Not only that, it is offering the chance to connect with like-minded people making the problem even worse. Gone are the days when man landed on the moon and for the 650 million people who watched it never doubted it was a true event. Then years later along comes the internet and for the Flat Earthers this was a dream come true. As they can live in that ecosystem where their world view actually exists. Not to mention any country's adversaries also using this same technique of planting false information in order to cause internal chaos. It's exactly the same with media moguls, if they have dominance then it tends to shape a certain percentage of the population or re-enforce their viewpoint even if it is wrong. Climate change is another perfect example of that. But it doesn't stop there, it can be everything from the anti vaxxers, gun control, covid not being real even down to smoking being totally harmless. The balance we once had in all forms of media is slowly vanishing, along with our reading and viewing habits. So in that fierce competition for audiences where content is tailored trying to hold your attention the balance gets shifted. Which leads to the hardest question of all, where do you find the truth. This will be the new challenge for big tech in the coming years. As it's one thing to block hate speech but it's quite

another to block lies as this gets into the realms of suppressing free speech. However from a statistical point of view both are just as dangerous. Such as not accepting the official results of an election. How the Internet will evolve in the future to handle this massive problem is anyone's guess. As to whether it is controlled by Government regulations or market forces there is going to be a lot of push back regardless. Most likely it will be tested in the courts however Tech has shown it can be done with Terrorism content for the most part on mainstream internet so it's not an impossible task. One can only hope this will change the face of the online experience for the better in the future. Because if you look at statistics at the moment, social media has well over 50% of misleading or false information posted content as opposed to truth across all age demographics which is alarming. As the Internet was once envisioned as the library to the world's knowledge it serves no purpose being a trash can full of half-truths and conspiracies being monetised.

Link showing statistical content & yes I even had to check this site out on trusted information.

<https://www.statista.com/topics/3251/fake-news/>

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)





Vale:

Mary Sansum

It was with much sadness that we farewelled our fellow member and good bowler late last year.

Mary was an avid bowler and contributed to the Canberra Bowling Club in many ways over many years.



Steve Gregory

Steve was a member on and off for a number of years, winning the Club's Men's Major Pairs with his cousin Ian O'Brien in 2014.



I'M SO OLD THAT

I HAVE DIALED A ROTARY PHONE (THAT DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWERING MACHINE), RECORDED A SONG THAT I LOVE OFF A TRANSISTOR RADIO ONTO A TAPE RECORDER, WATCHED A BLACK AND WHITE TV (WITH LESS THAN 10 CHANNELS) THAT HAD FOIL ON THE RABBIT EAR ANTENNAS, TAKEN A LONG WALK WITHOUT COUNTING THE STEPS, AND EATEN FOOD THAT I DIDN'T TAKE PICTURES OF.

Pennants start this weekend, 30th, 31st January. Canberra will be represented by Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 5 in the Men's Competition. The teams selected each week will be recorded on our website and Facebook page. The women will take part in a composite team with Yass Bowling Club. Good luck and good bowling for all players.

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