



# ON THE GREEN

Armadale Bowls Club @ South Caulfield

## What's happening on and off the green

Club tournament matches are well underway. There have been some unpredictable upsets already where bowlers of top sides have been defeated by bowlers in much lower sides.

## Problems Receiving Team Selection and Results emails

We understand that some members are having problems receiving emails with Team Selections and Pennant results. It is necessary to send out these emails using a different provider. Unfortunately, members using an Optus account, iiNet and a few others are missing out. Some members have additionally set up a gmail account and this has worked well. Please consider this as an option and then let us know that you have set up a new email address.

## President's Report

The Board is committed to ongoing improvement of Club facilities in consultation with the Future Development Group (FDG). This committee now consists of Abe Stiglec, Stan Maserow, Barry Rockman and Martin Block as well as new members to the FDG team Neil Cowen & David Blumgart. Each of these members have skills, experience and enthusiasm to contribute to a committed and forward-thinking team. Their proposals will be combined into a complete report to be presented to the Board for the next Board meeting but include new signage in the front and back of the Club, an Open Day, a Jack Attack and refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

A request was made by selectors for a social event with a sausage sizzle open to all members on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November after practice from 6 pm. This was to be the first of ongoing events every second Thursday. The next sausage sizzle will be at 6.00pm on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Special General Meeting was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Of the 4 proposed changes to the Constitution dated December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, clauses A, B and C were accepted by the members. The new Constitution is being completed and will be lodged with Consumer Affairs as well as put up on our website.

Please remember that we have a suggestion box in the Clubhouse. All suggestions are welcome.

We welcome Daniel Feldman and Leon Jacobs to the Club and wish them many years of good bowling and enjoyment.

We wish members who may be having health issues a speedy and complete recovery,

Go Armadale!

Abe Stiglec

## Upcoming Events

### 1. Groovin' Easy Orchestra

The next performance of the Groovin' Easy Orchestra with Michelle Forbes in our Clubhouse is coming up quickly.

**Sunday 8th December from 2 pm.**

The Groovin' Easy Orchestra or the Big Band is an 18 piece band consisting of 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, 5 saxes, drums, double bass, guitar, piano and a singer.

For a sample, come to the Club any Thursday from 1 - 3.30 pm to hear them practise. It's free. For bookings call 0478000534 or pay at the door. Only \$20 for an afternoon of great music.

### 2. Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 6th December from 6 pm

### 3. Gary Peer Day

**Saturday 11th January 2025**

\$15 pp. Single entries only  
Contact Buddy Budlender on [budsue@bigpond.net.au](mailto:budsue@bigpond.net.au) OR entry list in the shed

### 4. Women's President's Shield

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Contact Sharonna Brott on [sharonnabrott@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonnabrott@hotmail.com)

## Coaching

Unfortunately Howard Sandler has resigned as Head Coach. However we are very fortunate to have a large, enthusiastic and knowledgeable team of Club coaches.

Please contact any of our coaches to organise a 1:1 or small group session. All contact details are in the Fixture Book.

Members are strongly encouraged to utilise the organised coaching/training sessions:

- Monday afternoon from 2 - 3.30 pm with Hunny and her team of coaches
- Thursday morning from 10 am - 12 noon with Hunny and her team of coaches, preferably for sides 4 - 6
- Thursday afternoon from 4 - 6 pm with Cris, Alan and Stan, preferably for sides 1 - 3

If bowlers cannot make the appropriate training session on a Thursday please come along to the alternate session





## December

Michael Constable	4
Michael Shapiro	6
Abe Grauman	8
Michael Wright	9
Wolfe Groch	11
Nathan Kamien	12
David Winestone	12
Les Newman	15
Barry Rockman	17
Robert Hershan AM	17
Cris Ellis	24
Janet Krapes	25

## Umpiring Update: Lightning, Heat and Inclement Weather

(Conditions of Play Season 2024-2025)

7.1 **Due to heat** - clubs must use the official Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) App and select the relevant BOM weather station location **as per the postcode of the address of the club** the game is taking place at. The postcode will default to the nearest weather station.

The official BOM app can be found here:  
[www.bom.gov.au/app](http://www.bom.gov.au/app)

7.1.1 Play cannot commence:

7.1.1.1. If the temperature at the club's Designated BOM weather station has reached 36 degrees Celsius or above at the scheduled commencement time of the game, play will be suspended for up to 1 hour. If at any stage after play has been suspended the temperature falls to below 36 degrees Celsius, play must be commenced.

7.1.1.2. If the temperature fails to fall below 36 degrees Celsius within 1 hour of play being suspended, the game is abandoned

7.1.2. Play has commenced:

7.1.2.1. If the temperature at the club's Designated BOM weather station has reached 36 degrees Celsius or above at any time after play commences, play will be suspended for up to 1 hour. It is the responsibility of the side managers to record the time that play is suspended.

7.1.2.2. If at any stage after play has been suspended below 36 degrees Celsius, play must resume immediately, with no time given for side or team meetings.

7.1.2.3. If the temperature fails to fall below 36 degrees Celsius after play has been suspended for 1 hour, the game will be abandoned

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## Umpiring Update: Lightning, Heat and Inclement Weather

(Conditions of Play Season 2024-2025) continued

7.1.2.4. Every effort must be made to complete any ends in progress prior to leaving the green.

7.1.2.5. Midweek and weekend pennant games that are interrupted, will be abandoned after five (5) hours from the scheduled start time.

### 7.2. Inclement weather other than heat:

7.2.1. Play cannot commence:

7.2.1.1. If play cannot commence at the scheduled commencement time of the game, play may be suspended for up to 1 hour.

7.2.1.2. If after 1 hour of play being suspended the game cannot commence, the game will be abandoned.

7.2.2. Play has commenced:

7.2.2.1. If after 1 hour of play being suspended the game cannot continue, the game will be abandoned. It is the responsibility of the side managers to record the time that play is suspended.

7.2.2.2. Every effort must be made to complete any ends in progress prior to leaving the green.

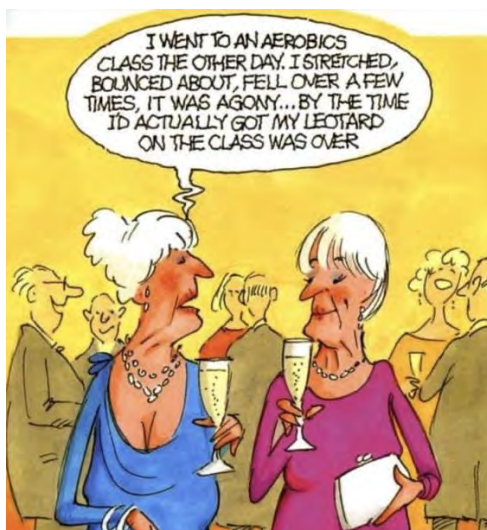
7.2.2.3. Midweek and weekend pennant games that are interrupted, will be abandoned after five (5) hours from the scheduled start time.

### 7.3. If lightning is present:

7.3.1. Play should be immediately suspended if the time between seeing a lightning flash and hearing a thunderclap is less than 30 seconds, which indicates the thunderstorm is within 10km of the venue. This includes outdoor covered greens.

Only venues that are completely closed in can continue play while there is lightning present. Players should go inside an enclosed building and stay inside until 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning.

7.3.2. Bowlers' arms, bowls lifters and umbrellas should not be handled when lightning is present.



**Steven Alexander Wright** is an American stand-up comedian, actor, writer, and film producer. He is known for his distinctive lethargic voice and slow, deadpan delivery of ironic, deadpan delivery of ironic, philosophical and sometimes nonsensical jokes, philosophical, anti-humor, and one-liners with contrived situations.

He has published so many famous one-liners that the following are just a taster.

- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 3 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 4 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 5 - If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 6 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 7 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 8 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 9 - I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
- 10 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 11 - My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 12 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 13 - The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 14 - To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 15 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 16 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 17 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- 18 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

## Condolences

The following past members of Armadale Bowls Club have passed away in the past month

Shlomo Mor

Basil Wolman

If you are aware any members who are currently or have been members of the Armadale Bowls Club community who have recently passed away please forward details to Mandy Shochet at

[honsecretary@armadalebowlsclub.com.au](mailto:honsecretary@armadalebowlsclub.com.au)



### A wife comes home to find this note from her husband :

My Dear Wife,  
You will surely understand that I have certain needs that you, being 57 years old, can no longer satisfy. I am very happy with you and I value you as a good wife. Therefore, after reading this letter, I hope that you will not wrongly interpret the fact that I will be spending the evening with my 22-year-old secretary at the Comfort Inn Hotel. Please don't be upset – I shall be home before midnight.

When the man came home late that night, he found the following letter on the dining room table:

My Dear Husband,  
I received your letter and thank you for your honesty about my being 57 years old. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you are also 57 years old. As you know, I am a maths teacher at our local college. I would like to inform you that while you read this, I will be at the Hotel Fiesta with Michael, one of my students, who is also the assistant tennis coach. He is young, virile, and like your secretary, is 22 years old. As a successful businessman who has an excellent knowledge of maths, you will understand that we are in the same situation, although with one small difference: 22 goes into 57 a lot more times than 57 goes into 2. Therefore, I will not be home until sometime very late tomorrow.



### December Champion profile: Kelvin Kerkow OAM (Nickname: Spike)



**Kelvin** was born in 1969 in [Queensland](#). At the age of 7, he contracted [Guillain-Barré syndrome](#) which led to him being temporarily paralysed and unable to walk for several years. His parents, Ivan and Joan introduced him to bowls when he was unable to play contact sports due to his limited mobility. He amassed more than 300 international caps with the Jackaroos between 1995-2008 bowling with the aid of a walking stick.

He tells of his childhood health struggles and the strain it placed on his parents:

"I woke up one morning, you know 4:30am in the morning to get up and go to the toilet... I couldn't get out of bed. Overnight, I'd basically had become paralysed. My parents, who didn't know what was going on, rushed me to the local hospital which was the Wondai Hospital at the time.

"I was very fortunate that there was a relieving doctor there had actually seen what I had developed overnight and it was called Guillain-Barré syndrome. It's a virus that completely paralyses you from head to toe within 12-24 hours.

"He knew that was what I had. So I was then rushed by ambulance approximately 350 kilometres to the Royal Children's Hospital in Brisbane where I was completely paralysed, put on a tracheotomy and life support system."

Kerkow's struggles from there were far from over, with the once athletically-gifted child faced with the unthinkable task of learning to walk again.

"The next six to eight weeks was a complete blank. I don't remember anything. It got to the stage where, basically, I couldn't blink. I was lying completely flat on my back and had a machine next to me that pumped my oxygen levels to keep my alive"

"I spent 12 weeks in intensive care and then I spent another nine months in hospital.

"The walking stick I use to this day is actually the walking stick I left the Royal Children's Hospital with when I was about nine years of age.

"In a nutshell, it was three months in intensive care, nine months in hospital and two years before I learned to walk again.

"That's why I took up the game of bowls; my parents had just started playing the game, so they took me down to the local bowls club which was Wondai Golf & Bowls Club.

"I actually had my very first game of bowls from a wheelchair... That was the way my career started."

He first debuted for Queensland at the age of 19 before making his Australian debut at 25.

Kerkow, now 51, created arguably the most iconic moment in the sport's history when he claimed the coveted men's singles gold medal at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, after which, he ripped off his shirt and was chaired from the Darebin International Sports Centre arena by his teammates, draped in the Australian flag.



His successes are huge and include:

### **World Outdoor Championships**

Bronze: 1996 Adelaide singles  
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Silver: 2004 Ayr fours

### **Commonwealth Games**

Gold: 2006 Melbourne singles

### **World Indoor Championships**

Gold: 1996 Preston pairs  
Gold: 2005 Great Yarmouth pairs  
Gold: 2009 Great Yarmouth pairs

### **Asia Pacific Bowls Championships**

Gold: 1995 Dunedin singles  
Silver: 1995 Dunedin triples  
Silver: 1997 Warilla singles  
Gold: 2001 Melbourne fours  
Bronze: 2003 Brisbane pairs  
Gold: 2003 Brisbane fours  
Silver: 2005 Melbourne pairs

In 2000, Kerkow was a recipient of the [Australian Sports Medal](#). Kerkow received the [Medal of the Order of Australia](#) in 2010 for his services as a player, coach and mentor. In 2017, Kerkow was inducted as a Legend in the Bowls Australia Hall of Fame.

Further reading: [Rolled Gold](#) (Autobiography)

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