



# Dee Why Bowling and Recreation Club Black Swan News November 2019



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## The Annual General Meeting

There was a good turn out of 68 members at the 92nd AGM. Has the club really been going for that long, surely not!

As is the tradition, members enjoyed a free glass from the bar to lubricate vocal cords if needed for chat and debate. Then it was down to business with President **Bill Minnett** once again, gliding his way through the agenda. He's been doing it now for the last 6 AGMs.

**Brian Stelling**, another who has been doing it for a while (some 30 odd years) handed in his towel as a Board member. Succumbing to pressure and stepping into his shoes is **David Marshall**. **Chris Burns** was also elected to the Board, filling the seat vacated during the year by **Betty Beencke**.

**Shirley Bellamy**, a member of the club for 31 years and who is still playing pennants at 91 was unanimously elected as a life member.

**Stephen Banks** gave a comprehensive report as to where we are financially with the second half of the year showing improvements through various cutbacks and initiatives made during the year. Generating funds to repay our loan remains a critical consideration and **David Ashton** gave an update account of the various initiatives on foot to address this issue.

## World Cup 2019

Players from as far afield as Chile (or was it Chilli) and Mongolia arrived in traditional dress for this year's World Cup Bowls Tournament.

Representatives from the North Pole were sadly absent this year due to melting ice.

A team of immigrants ran out of puff, having washed in from playing a game that morning in foreign parts. It was the teams representing the disintegrating parts of the British Isles who were victorious. Coming third with a bit of luck were the Irish, the canny Scots came second. Victorious was the Brexit team despite being unsure throughout the entire tournament whether their shots remained in or out.



We are sad to record the passing of Betty Beecke on 4 November. Betty had been a member of the Ladies Bowling Club for over 15 years and served as a Board Director for 5 years. Involved in the club's activities up until the last few months we are grateful for the contribution she made towards the club's well being and for the friendship she bestowed on her fellow bowlers over her time with us.

## From the Black Swan Archives

**Betty Beencke** was in the 2008 team

who won the club fours competition.

The men's major pairs attracted an entry of 29 teams and in the mens pairs, green keepers, **Paul Somers** and **Luke Storey** beat the

musical duo of Peter and Gordon (**Peter Morron & Gordon Ricketts**).



## Well Fared Bozo

Being a bit short of welfare news, our Welfare Officer, **John Baseley** decided he would put

himself up for a mention. Never one to do anything in half measures he's taken on no less than 4 stents to keep his big heart going.

Always one for a good news story, he reported he's pumping fit and ready to take on all comers.

## Our Green is OFF!

On Thursday 5 December our number 2 green is getting a shave. The "stubble" will be used to plant new greens at the Balgowlah and Ettalong clubs who want their greens to come up to our standard.

The area where the hedge has been removed is also being quaffered and any expert shavers, hairdressers or landscape artists who can help **Paul Somers** on the day would be much appreciated.

## 2 Bowl Triples

Starting on Thursday 28 November and continuing on 5 December we are running an open

competition for men and women bowlers. With BBQ, prizes, and a corner to corner bowls competition, it should be a fun and challenging way to spend a summer's evening or two. Limited to 16 teams so be quick with your entries.



**QUESTION:** What do you do with someone who can't draw, can't roll the jack, can't set the mat, can't keep score and won't listen?

**ANSWER:** Make them skip.

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