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Dear Members

With the completion of all minor rounds of pennant bowls, we managed to get 5 sides into the finals. Of the five, unfortunately Thursday Division 3 East Red ladies were eliminated in the 1st semi-final, Saturday Division 5 East were eliminated in the first semi-final and Saturday Division 7 Red after winning their first semi-final against Colonel Light Gardens, were knocked out in the prelim final by Payneham. Thursday Division 2 North ladies played their grand final against Payneham at Adelaide BC on Thursday 30th March and came away with the flag winning by a convincing 20 shots. Wednesday Division 2 North men played in their grand final against Walkerville at Prospect on Wednesday 5th April. In a nail biting finish the boys got over the line in the last few ends by 7 shots – flag number two. What a great finish to the season with these two sides being promoted to Division 1 next year. Congratulations to all involved.

New Members

New members since the last newsletter: -

- Chris Bassett – upgrade to Full Member

Welcome Chris to pennant bowling next season & look forward to catching up at social bowls.

On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

A lot of the time last month has been spent preparing greens for matches.

Both “A” and “B” greens have had wetting agents applied and organic growth formula also added.

Continuance of grooming and scarifying has also been carried out.

Now that the Night Owls season has concluded James will be scarifying “C” green in preparation for our club tournament in April in order to have three greens up and running in good condition.

As soon as the April tournament is over east/west rink lines will be applied for the social season.

Hopefully members will have noticed the improvement in “B” green which James has toiled away with since Christmas.

Drainage Works

We will be undertaking drainage works to the southern bank of "B" green on Wednesday 26th April. The works should be completed within a couple of days weather permitting. "B" green will be unavailable during this time.

Rectification of Water Reticulation

Rectification works following the theft of our copper piping in February was completed on Wednesday 29th March.

Although covered under our insurance we are still up for the \$500 excess.

Importantly though, we now have water to the western side of "B" & "C" greens plus with a bit of creative accounting, we also have water to the garden bed at the southern end of "A" green.

My thanks to Angelo Beltrame who carried out all the concrete cutting & rectification concrete works.

New Shade Structures

Whilst we wait for a decision with our grant submission, Dave Thomas, Ian Campbell & Brian Purdie visited Shadeform to discuss the intricate details of the new shades, expectations of what is required by BBC (i.e. removal of existing shades, cutting of concrete etc.) and cost confirmation.

Club Championships

At the time of writing this newsletter, all but one of the Club Championship finals have been decided. This year's presentation night will be held Saturday 29th April. The format will be along the same lines as last year where I would ask that you bring along a plate of food to share. Details to follow.

Social Bowls

Social Winter Bowls will commence Wednesday 19th April. Graeme Langsford tells me that the game format has been decided and his dedicated team of volunteers are ready to go.

Club Tournament

Our Club Tournament on Sunday 16th April is gaining momentum. We now have the 36 team maximum. We are still accepting raffle donations and although the response has been terrific, we could still do with some more.

Swingin' Willies

"Another Evening Rinkside" featuring the Swingin Willies was held Saturday 25th March and once again was a huge success with approx. 110 in attendance.

Judging by the various scenes on the dance floor, everyone had a great time. Net profit on the night \$1,750 – brilliant!!

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to all who have celebrated and all who will celebrate a birthday during the month of March.

Working Bee

Due to the serious amount of work to our greens by James Gregory & Dennis Reid over the last three months, our greens cuttings storage area is once again overflowing. Sometime before the end of April I will be calling on a few volunteers to help load another 9 metre skip.



A couple of photos from our last effort

Rinkside Bistro

Our Rinkside Bistro is back up & running with our new caterer “Lucky’s Kitchen”. It’s only early days but reports thus far on the quality of dishes on the menu are very pleasing indeed.

Once again thank you Lyn Witt, Cathie Roff & Jan Chinnery for all your hard work in getting this over the line.

I would ask all members to please support the new venture by booking a table at least once a month & invite some family & friends to join you. The more the merrier.

Sponsors Corner

Reillys Wines – our new major sponsor

Justin & Julie Ardill

With a background in pharmacy and medicine, owner and winemaker Justin Ardill saw an opportunity to indulge his passion for wine by purchasing a small parcel of 12 acres of vineyards in Watervale in 1993. Along with these vineyards, he and his wife Julie purchased a humble cottage to be their cellar door and winery on the main street of Mintaro known simply as Reilly's Cottage. It is this building and its 1856 owner Hugh Reilly that inspired the wine label 'Reillys Wines'.

Beginning in 1994 with 10 tonne of fruit, our first wines were created. Of this, 3.6 tonne of Old Bushvine Grenache was crushed, open-fermented, and basket pressed by hand by Justin and Julie on the verandah of Reillys Cottage. The first vintage yielded 300 dozen of each of Riesling, Shiraz, and Old Bushvine Grenache.

In 2000 when wine production outgrew Reillys Cottage, our winery at Leasingham was built housing state of the art winemaking equipment. This step took us into a new and exciting phase of Reillys growth.

Over the years, Justin and Julie purchased and planted more vineyards and sourced premium fruit from local growers in the Watervale and Leasingham areas.

Our estate-grown Leasingham and Watervale vineyards are characterised by rich red loam over deep limestone. Expert management by our viticulturalist and good mate Rob Smyth ensures the vineyards are low yielding but produce intensely flavoured berries resulting in regionally distinct, fruit-driven wines.

Our winemaking philosophy is to produce premium wines from our Clare Valley vineyards with limited winemaking intervention, allowing this quality fruit to truly shine.

The story of Hugh Reilly and Mintaro

Hugh Reilly, a shoemaker from Ireland departed Dublin on the British Sovereign arriving at the Prisoner Barracks in Hobart on the 17th March 1841. Passenger number 1507 and convict number 59008 his records are unclear as to why he had been sent to Van Diemen's Land. He did however spend the next 15 years there, leaving in 1856 to arrive in the tiny township of Mintaro, in the Clare Valley.

He settled in Mintaro with his wife and children and over the next 10 years, Hugh converted the stone barn that had been his home into Reilly's Cottage which served as the local Cobbler's Shop in the centre of the bustling town, which had boomed with the discovery of slate in the area.

Mintaro's slate quarry first opened in 1854 and two years later was leased to stonemason Thompson Priest who worked the quarry very successfully. His residence was built circa 1856 along with the slate quarry Pay Office on Hill St, just behind Hugh Reilly's Cottage.

Today Reilly's Cottage is home to Reillys Wines Cellar Door and Restaurant while Thompson's Residence and Pay Office Cottage offer cosy B&B accommodation to visitors

A Joke to finish

The Gorilla

A man woke up one morning to find a huge gorilla up in the tree in his back yard.

He rang the local zoo and the zoo-keeper said **“Bugger, he’s got out again. If you could keep an eye on him, a bloke will be around shortly to pick him up”**.

About a half later a big van arrived out front and a fellow jumped out with a huge dog & a shotgun.

The fellow said **“I’m going to climb the tree and shake the limb until the gorilla falls down and when he does, the dog will race over and bite him on the knackers until he passes out with the pain. Then I’ll come down from the tree and put him in the back of the van”**

The man said, **“Excuse me, but what’s the shotgun for?”**

The fellow replied **“If I fall out of the tree, shoot the bloody dog!!”**

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th May – more details to follow.

Interesting sign on the bar at Payneham Bowling Club



Dave