

## Club Champions

Grand Final Day for the 2016 club championships was held on Sunday 14 February and what a beauty it was. An enthralled gallery of over 50 members witnessed some fabulous bowling with many tight matches. They also savoured another delicious morning tea prepared by our wonderful ladies.

In all six events were played on the day – Men's Singles, Men's B Grade Singles, Open Singles, Men's Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Open Pairs.

Tranmere now has its first brother and sister club champion pairing, its first champion using a bowling-arm and its first disabled (wheelchair) finalist.

Betty Williamson and Tim Huston have both won their way through to three grand finals, which is quite an achievement in itself. They couldn't play them all on the same day, so some finals are yet to be played. The Women's Singles will be played on Sunday 21 February and both the Men's and Women's 100 Up finals will be played on Sunday 28 February. Come along and support your club champion finalists as they battle it out for championship honours.

For more pictures and report, see page 3.



### Honour Board

#### Men's Singles

Greg Ferris

#### Women's Singles

Betty Williamson v Julie Ludlow  
Sunday 21 February 9:30am

#### Men's B Singles

Allan Hill

#### Men's Pairs

Sam Caon - John Daire

#### Women's Pairs

Claire Pope - Judy Brooks

#### Open Singles

John Feddersen

#### Open Pairs

Darryl Stanton – Tim Huston

#### Mixed Pairs

Kirstie Blaskett – Justin Parkinson

#### Men's 100 Up

Tim Huston v Trevor Morris  
Sunday 28 February 9:30am

#### Women's 100 Up

Marlene Roberts v Betty Williamson  
Sunday 28 February 9:30am

#### Men's Drawn Pairs

Bob Cecchi – Bob Bussenschutt

#### Women's Drawn Pairs

Thursday 18 February



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**Club Presentation Night – Friday 18 March**

## Australia Day at Tranmere

Ninety Tranmere members, friends and colleagues from other clubs celebrated Australia Day on the greens at Tranmere. The day began with an excellent BBQ breakfast prepared by Brenda Porter, Sue Sanders, Mary Feddersen, Bev Cowles, Di Ferris, Mike Porter and Peter Holland. If you'd gone out to a cafe for breakfast you'd have paid more than \$15, but at Tranmere you not only enjoyed the delicious food and great company, you also got to play bowls for some handsome prize money. Two games of two-bowl triples over 15 ends gave everyone ample opportunity to shine. This year, for the first time, the format changed slightly, with the second game seeing winners of the first game matched up against losers of the first game.

Theoretically, if the losers beat the winners in the second game, all teams would end up with one win each. Of course, it didn't exactly play out like that but, only nine of the fifteen first game winners went on to win the second game as well.

The overall winners were decided based on the number of ends won over both games, with the winning team of Judy Brooks, Eunice Dale and Margaret Cornelius winning two more ends than their second and third placed rivals.



"I'd like to thank Brian Cornelius," Judy Brooks said in accepting first prize. "He decided not to team up with his wife this year, choosing to play with the boys instead. His loss was our gain and the girls were delighted to come away with the prize."

In a very popular result for the raffle Claus Schonfeldt took away first prize and his brother, Tom, took second. Before drawing the winning number for third prize, Claus asked if anyone wanted to change their name to Schonfeldt.

## Australia v Rest-of-the-World

Wednesday 3 February, proved to be no different. 76 bowlers contested the perpetual Tranmere Trophy. The Rest-of-the-World team won 14 games, drew 2 and lost 10, to triumph with an overall shot difference of 286 to 276. That compares with a 205 to 187 win last year. The Australians are getting closer. Will 2017 be the year?

The annual challenge of Tranmere members born in Australia v members born overseas has now been going for six years. The Australians hadn't won in the first five and this year, played on



Peter Richards, Uli Kruse and Malcolm Gardiner displaying their colours.

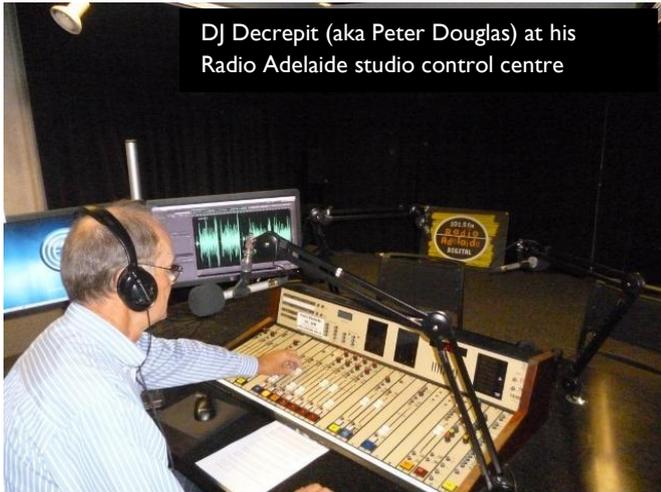
Four of the Australian teams won both games, with John Dean, Trevor Morris and Justin Parkinson being the best amongst them, winning by a staggering 30 shots and, in the process, being the only team on the day to earn a six-badge. Five of the Rest-of-the-World teams won both games, with Claus Schonfeldt, Tom Lycett and Mike Porter being equal best of those with an 18 shot difference and winning on count-back from Günther Grapentin, Nick Cirocco and Graham Young.

At the declaration of results, the Australians got all excited when Mike Porter called their name first after the drum roll. But, it was to be a premature jubilation as Mike went on to reveal their score, followed by the superior score for the Rest-of-the-World. Once more the trophy was hoisted aloft by the team captains for the Rest-of-the-World, who for 2016 were Günther Grapentin and Karl Stuelten.



Team captains, Rest-of-the-World, Günther Grapentin and Karl Stuelten, with the perpetual Tranmere Trophy.

## Tranmere's Got Talent



DJ Decrepit (aka Peter Douglas) at his Radio Adelaide studio control centre

Wolfman Jack; Casey Kasem; DJ Decrepit - do you recognise any of those names? They're all radio announcers. Wolfman Jack was a gravelly-voiced DJ on 66WNBC and Casey Kasem was the American Top 40 presenter in the 1970s. DJ Decrepit is the moniker given by his sons to our very own Peter Douglas, who has been presenting and producing his own easy-listening music show on Radio Adelaide for the past year.

A year ago Peter was looking for some new volunteer work when he came across an advertisement on the Volunteers SA website seeking presenters for the Roundabout program on Radio Adelaide. Dubbed as radio for the third-age, it sounded interesting and Peter thought why not give it a go. A quick interview to demonstrate he knew nothing about presenting radio shows but was enthusiastic and keen to learn, had him win over the program directors. He got the gig and was soon on-air. Roundabout has co-hosts and initially Peter presented the show, announcing the songs and promos put together by his more experienced partner. Bit by bit he learnt the ropes and, having completed his certificate 3 course in media, he now produces the shows and undertakes the in-studio operations with his partner doing the presenting.

"It's been a fabulous experience and I'm thoroughly enjoying it," Peter said. "Most of the time we get to play whatever we want but, once a month, we have a request day. The quirkiest request I've ever had was to play 'The Stripper'."

You can tune in to Roundabout every weekday on FM 101.5 from 12 to 2pm. Peter only does one show a week and it isn't a regular timeslot. So, you'll need to listen in on different days to catch him. But, you might need to hurry - the future of Radio Adelaide, operated by the University of Adelaide for the past 43 years, is up in the air. The university is looking for new owners and a new location will need to be found by the middle of the year.

## Club Championships



**Spotted In the Crowd**  
Audrey Lang and her neighbour's Bichon-Frise were among the many spectators to come along and enjoy the day.

When Ian Hall cheekily asked her if they both went to the same hairdresser, those within earshot could hardly believe it when Audrey said they did. She cuts them both.



## How It All Began

“Drunken friends and cheap grog,” was how Peter Douglas responded when asked what lured him to lawn bowls. He



and his mates were looking for some fun and night-owl bowls delivered much promise for their goals. That was 14 years ago. Quite soon he got hooked and pennant bowling was a natural progression.

For Chris Douglas, it'd be fair to say, the drunken friends and cheap grog were not a great attraction. But she could see how much Peter was enjoying bowling at Tranmere and, 10 years ago, took up winter social bowling because it was something they could do together. Not long after, she too took up pennant bowling and they haven't looked back since. They're both active club members who help out with many activities around the club and are enjoying not just success at bowling but also the friendships they have made.



Everyone, no doubt, has their own interesting story as to why they got into bowls. For Rodney Egge, believe it or not, it was a young 15-year old who

enticed him to the game. Rodney was a physical education teacher in the Riverland in the early 1970s and he was always looking to encourage his students to take up new sports. Lawn bowls wasn't on his radar – “That's for old people” he thought. But a very persistent 15-year old, whose father was coach at the Renmark Bowling Club, kept nagging him, “Come on Mr Egge, let's play some bowls.” Finally Rodney relented and immediately became hooked at the ripe old age of 28.

With a strong drive to be a high achiever, Rodney was soon leading in Berri's top side. He then gave teaching away and got into business prompting a 20-year break from bowling. When he again took it up at Henley in 2003, his physical health prevented him bowling comfortably from an upright position and he had to kneel on the mat to make his deliveries. Unable to generate any real power from this prone position and with a recurring shoulder problem,

Rodney was ready to give it away but, as a last resort, he tried out a bowling arm. That was six years ago and it's given him a renewed energy and enthusiasm. Rodney is fiercely competitive and has had remarkable success.

For Kathlyn Starkie, it wasn't a young man that lured her to the sport, but it was another younger person - her daughter. Sadly, nine years ago, Kathlyn's husband, Bryan, had a serious stroke that left



him requiring care in a nursing home. Her family encouraged her to take up something new to give her an outlet and do something rewarding for herself. Kathlyn's daughter made the initial enquiries and Kathlyn came out to Friday social bowls.

“I found I loved it so much and met so many new friends,” Kathlyn said, “that I took up night owls and winter bowls as well.” “I'm so glad I did,” she added. “It's been a wonderful experience.” In addition to these regular social bowling ventures, Kathlyn now plays Thursday ladies pennant bowls and is a member of our Metro 2 North side that has a strong chance for premiership success.

## Claus' Conundrum

Last month's challenge got the mathematicians amongst you all fired up. I had quite a few people telling me they'd worked out the answer, which was 2519. One person even sent me the computer code to calculate it. Great stuff.

So, to this month's challenge. Good luck.

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It's been suggested that the solutions to these conundrums ought to appear in the same issue. If you can't wait until the next issue, check out the solution on our website

<http://www.tranmerebowlingandtennis.club/tranmere-times-newsletter/>.