

## Call For Selectors

### Selectors for 2017-18

Recently the bowls committee reviewed and updated the selectors manual that provides the principles and requirements to be followed by the selectors appointed to select our pennant sides. It also sets out the responsibilities of members and their rights to respectfully discuss genuine grievances arising out of the selection process. A copy of the selectors manual has been emailed to members, is posted on the notice board, and is available to view on our website.

The review considered the operation of our selection process from last season where, for the first time, we introduced selection panels, instead of single-side selectors, to each select a cluster of sides. The panel approach has been carried through for season 2017-18. Also carried through from last year is the feedback slip on player performance for each match. This is a key element, among others, to help the selection panels make informed and objective decisions. Two significant changes have been adopted to make the job of filling out the slips simpler and to give more complete information to the selection panels. This coming season, a simpler 1-2-3 rating option will be used and every player will be asked to fill out a slip and rate all team members other than themselves.

All players are encouraged to provide a candid rating for their team mates - the effectiveness of this initiative is only as good as the information provided by you. To help members appreciate the role of these feedback slips in the selection process and what is sought from them, information sessions and Q&A opportunities will be provided at the Open Day on Saturday 2 September and during the trials heading into the pennant season.

**Tom and Louise Lycett, proudly wearing their Tranmere Bowling hats on a visit to one of the seven wonders of the modern world.**



Find out more about the winter holidays of some of our members on pages 2 and 3.

Members are invited to apply for a position on one of our selection panels. Application forms have already been emailed out to members, as well as being available in the club.

Applications can be given or emailed to Geoff Thomas by 31 July. The bowls committee will appoint the chairpersons and selectors in mid to late August.

### Night-Owls

Last month it was reported in the Tranmere Times that the ever-popular Night-Owls competition will see an **important policy change** applied for this coming season. It was mistakenly reported that all Tranmere members who play pennant bowls, irrespective of the division in which they play, will not be eligible to play Night-Owls. In fact, the restriction applies only to those players who bowl in the four highest-ranked sides in the Saturday Open competition (or their equivalent, if bowling only in Wednesday or Thursday competition).

This year, round one of the Night-Owls will be played on Tuesday 14 November with the two pre-season, preliminary rounds on Tuesday 24 October and Tuesday 31 October.

### Winter Bowls

During winter bowls at Tranmere, prestigious six and eight 'badges' are awarded to teams that achieve a six (Wednesday triples) or an eight (Friday and Saturday pairs). While six badges are not uncommon, eight badges are very rare. It came as quite a surprise when two eights were recently achieved on the same day. **Congratulations** to Trevor Freeman and Graeme Young as well as Nick Cirocco and John De Corso.



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## Winter Holidays

### The Kimberley Coast

Recently the Bussenschutts, the Robrans (and the Galpins from Penola), travelled to Darwin to undertake a Kimberley Coast-line boat cruise around to Broome. Barrie reports:

What a magnificent part of Australia this vast area is .... it seems timeless, it is pristine, colourful, never-ending and still so unspoiled by mankind. The waterfalls along the way were all flowing quite freely still (good idea to do this cruise very early in the tourist season .... the waterfalls dry up quickly after April).

One of our favourite memories of this wonderful holiday was a twilight event that we spent on-shore at Winyalkan Beach watching the sun set. During the afternoon, the crew from our ship set up folding chairs on the beach, facing the ship and the direction in which the sun would set.

There were 72 passengers and about 12 crew assembled on the beach, who were all transferred on to the beach by a tender boat. To watch this event, the crew served everybody with drinks and nibbles.



The image at the top of the page shows the chairs set up on the beach and the image above shows the sun setting behind our "Mother" ship, anchored in the bay.

Once the sun had disappeared we were all then transferred back to our cruise ship to enjoy a good old-fashioned Aussie B.B.Q.

A good night was had.

### Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

Ann and Richard Ellis, together with Ann's sister and her husband Geoff, challenged themselves to a tour of Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. Richard reports:

We spent 28 days travelling through these countries, a feature of the holiday was the variety of travel modes. We were not on a tour, we made our own arrangements. We used planes, trains and automobiles in addition to sky rail, gondolas, tuk-tuk, bicycles, ferries, mono rail, charter boat and of course the legs! Some of the highlights of our trip were the Singapore Zoo and night safari, Gardens by the Bay in Singapore with a light show, a visit to the Marina Sands Hotel which has three towers, 56 floors and a great lookout. The shopping centre has a "Venice type" canal where you can hire a gondola to cruise around.



In Malacca, we hired a tricycle and toured the old Portuguese settlement. Richard and Geoff visited a spectacular Mosque here, the girls were not allowed in due to their "unsightly knees being exposed"!

The Cameron highlands were spectacular, we stayed in a beautiful old hotel reminiscent of colonial days. We hired a car and driver to go there for two days; a hair-raising trip with a driver who ignored basic road rules and, like the bus drivers, was constantly on the mobile phone.

Pleasantly surprised with Kuala Lumpur, then on to a beautiful beach resort in Penang for rest and recuperation. Visited the mountains in Penang, up the sky rail with

spectacular views ... not for the faint hearted! Langkawi Island was next for a bit more relaxation.

On to Krabi in Thailand then overland by overcrowded mini bus (thought we were going to die!) taking 2.5 hours to Surra Thani to catch the overnight train, with sleeper, to Bangkok. Loved Bangkok; had a luxurious hotel and, to please the girls, there was an eight-storey shopping mall next door.

## Cricket in India

Louise Lycett reports on her and Tom's recent trip to India:

Our recent trip to India was certainly a "bucket-list" experience. India wasn't our top priority on the list, but when we came across a group cricket tour, suddenly it seemed a great idea. We joined the tour for about one week of travel and culture, and then one week at Ranchi for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Test.

Random observations from India (with photographic evidence available to support if anyone would like to see the scrapbook!) ...

*Rubbish:* Folk in the know said there would be rubbish, and they were right! Such an eyesore along the road ... we even took a photo of a rubbish bin when we finally saw one in Delhi!

*Cows:* By day two we stopped taking photos of the cows on the roads. They really do have right-of-way, even seen walking around the bonfires being prepared for Holika prior to the Holi colour festival.

*Taj Mahal:* Stunning! Just like the jigsaw-puzzle completed before going, except that the trees along the reflective pool have grown and been trimmed. And the scaffolding on the minaret! Neither the jigsaw picture nor any of our photos could do justice to the Taj Mahal's majestic size or elaborate detail.



*Cricket:* Louise found a new hobby of doing the scoresheets – all five days. The scoresheets were even "signed" by the official umpires who happened to be staying at our hotel. The result of a draw came as a relief as it seemed to be heading for a loss for the Aussies. The crowd (with many

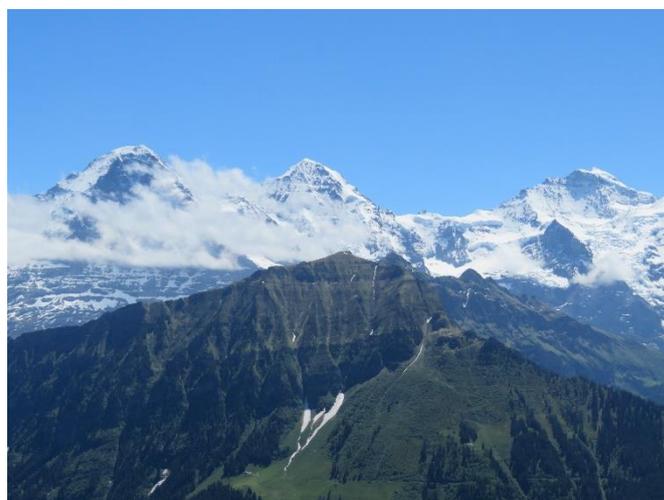
locals sporting "Kholi" on their shirts) were very loud and energetic in their support of the Indian team – we can only imagine how a win would've been celebrated!

*Fake News:* While at the cricket, Tom was interviewed by *The Telegraph* newspaper. Our photo appeared the next day, along with an entertaining (but fairly fictitious) account of our experiences.

*Tuk-tuks:* Not for the faint-hearted! Our tuk-tuk driver in Delhi clearly knew the exact dimensions of his vehicle, and the last possible moment necessary to apply the brakes! And the traffic was crazy ...

## Cog Railways and the Swiss Alps

Dianne and Greg Ferris had the trip of a lifetime this year. Wonderful Switzerland was calling them and they just couldn't resist. Greg reports:



To experience as many cog-wheel railways and the panorama of some of the highest mountains in the Swiss Alps was high on the wish list of our holiday in Switzerland.

From 1889 tourists like us have travelled on the world's steepest cog wheel railway at a 48-degree incline for the 4618m trip up to the Pilates Kulm. The highlight of our trip was the trip up to the Jungfrau. This journey, using a series of cogwheel trains, culminates at the Top of Europe station at 3450m inside the mountain. Emerging into the sunshine out onto the plateau at the Jungfraujoch, we were greeted with spectacular views of the Aletsch Glacier, the longest ice stream in the Alps. The Sphinx, until 2011 the highest weather station in the world, and the breathtaking beauty of the Jungfrau covered in a blanket of snow is hard to describe. In addition, we travelled on lakes in paddle steamers and up the steep hills in funiculars.

Switzerland is so picturesque with the unique Swiss homes, the wild flowers, forests, woodlands and lakes. It was hard to find the superlatives to describe the majestic views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains (above) clad in a permanent cover of snow and our photos will be wonderful reminders of such a memorable holiday.

## How It All Began

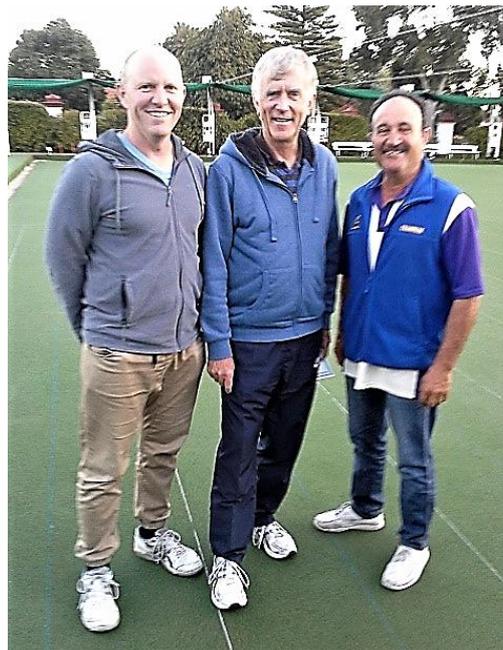
I'm guessing cricket isn't your usual introduction to lawn bowls. But, for Ron Brooks, that's exactly what it was. Ron played cricket for the Walkerville club and each year the club enjoyed a social evening of bowling at the Walkerville Bowling Club. After each end, the bowlers would retire to the bar for refreshments. 'Boy this bowling's a great game,' Ronnie thought. 'And we never knew whether we won or lost.'

It was Judy Brooks that first took up lawn bowling as a sport after a snapped Achilles tendon (serious ouch) put paid to tennis. Judy began at night-owls and soon progressed to women's afternoon pennant. She recalls playing against Breanna Dickson (now Johnson and an Adelaide Endurance team member) when she was a 7-year-old. Judy loved the game and Ron, keen to be supportive, took it up too.

Judy and Ron have played at Modbury and Prospect-Broadview, and, after many years playing winter bowls and tournaments at Tranmere, finally joined our club in 2015. They both enjoy the game immensely and have had pennant and club championship successes over the years. Judy, in particular, has excelled and has twice been a state fours champion, a state over 60s fours champion and runner up in state singles, state pairs and champion of champion pairs. Ron's claim to sporting fame is that he won the state U14 Boy's Tennis Doubles Championships.



**Ron Brooks First Day September 1999**



**Justin, John and Dino all smiles on winning through to the BPL Cup state final**

## Bowls Premier League Cup

Bowls Australia has developed an exciting new competition, the Bowls Premier League Cup, to complement its successful BPL event. The Bowls Premier League Cup provides an opportunity for club based teams to progress through various stages to a national final, which will be played in conjunction with the BPL 6 event at Club Pine Rivers, Brisbane, in November this year.

The competition will be staged at various clubs within each state, with winners of the preliminary stages progressing through to state finals. The winning team from each state/territory will then be invited to play off in the national finals, with the victorious team to be crowned the National Bowls Premier League Cup champions.

Massive congratulations to Dino De Corso, Justin Parkinson and John Feddersen for winning their qualifying stage at the Payneham Bowling Club on Sunday 9 July. With that win, the team, also including Graham Young, qualified itself for the state final, to be played at the Salisbury Bowling Club on Sunday 17 September (tbc). Why not go along to support them and witness, first-hand, an outstanding, fast-paced bowling competition.

Members are reminded that the event is still open for entry. Closing date for entries to qualifying rounds close on 2nd August.

## Claus' Conundrum

Solution to last month's conundrum: It was 9:38am.

This month, another easy one. Laurie and Claire have a combined age of 154 years. If Laurie is now twice as old as Claire was when Laurie was as old as Claire is now, how old are they both?



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