

## It's Tournament Time Again

### Ladies Fours Medley Skins Tournament

Twenty-eight teams from across the state made their way to the Tranmere Bowling Club on Monday 25 September to vie for the prize money on offer in the ladies fours medley skins tournament.

Sponsored by **National Pharmacies**, **Blackwell Funerals** and **Gage 78 Hairdressers**, this popular annual event attracted teams from as far afield as Moonta, Pt Elliott and Mt Barker as well as from across the metropolitan region. Unfortunately teams from the Riverland had to withdraw at the last minute due to the seasonal flu confining players to bed. Thank you to the Tranmere ladies who filled in at the last minute to take their place.

Another scrumptious lunch was prepared by our kitchen team, led by Sue Sanders and served by our waiters for the day, all decked out in the best formal attire.

At the end of the day, the team of Marg Chandler, Kay Johns, Marg Salter and Pam Parmiter from Moonta took out the lion's share of the prize money on offer. Sarina Capoccia, from National Pharmacies, Kensington Park, was on hand to present all bowlers with their winnings.

The runners-up were the Payneham team of Gail Woods, Pauline Logan, Meg Stegmeyer and June Hodgkinson. The best performed Tranmere team was Denise Abraham, Shirley Willis, Kirstie Blaskett and Brenda Porter, which finished in third place.



Congratulations to the organisers, Anne Lippis and Mike Porter, for delivering another highly successful event.

### Labour Day Cosmo Triples

What better way to spend a Labour Day holiday than to join members and friends for a delicious breakfast at the Tranmere Bowling Club, followed by a two-game Cosmo Triples tournament?

Played out on a brilliant spring day, 78 players competed for line honours in the **Galligan's Mattress Factory** and **Campbelltown Eye Care** sponsored event. There can only be one winner of the winners and that was the team of Tom Lycett with Bev and Jack Cowles. The winner of the losers was the team of John Daire, Bob Cecchi and Trevor Freeman. But, as Hot Chocolate once sang; on a perfect day for bowling, in the best of company, ♪♪ everyone's a winner ♪♪.



### Upcoming Events

Mon 23 Oct	<b>Men's Medley Tournament</b>
Tue 7 Nov	<b>Melbourne Cup Lunch and Bowls</b>
Tue 14 Dec	<b>Women's Drawn Pairs</b>
Fri 15 Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER</b>
Sat 16 Dec	<b>Men's Drawn Pairs</b>

Trivia Question: How many of Australia's Prime Ministers have (or had) John as their first name? See answer on back page.

## Tranmere Times Survey

Thank you for a fabulous response to our request for feedback on the Tranmere Times; 50 respondents, most very generous with their favourable comments.

The most popular source for reading the newsletter was the email copy distributed by Mike Porter (25), then the hard copy (14), with some reading both (9). The website is not a go-to source (2).

Many people read everything and enjoy all the features. Below is the break-down of the number of times members selected each feature.

Which features interest you the most	
40	Player Profiles
38	Front page club news items
37	Know Your Rules
36	What Shot?
34	Claus' Conundrum
33	Feature Articles – our Anzacs, our volunteers, etc.
31	Tournament reports
31	Season Wraps – Pennant, Winter Bowls, Taylor Cup
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*Player Profiles* and information about members are the most liked feature.

16 respondents offered comments on **features they would like to see included either regularly or from time to time**. That's an excellent response rate and you should expect to see many of those suggestions accommodated in future editions, including in this one.

### From The Archives

Who was the bowler to whom Geoff Thomas was referring when he said, "If your last bowl is also a toucher, you'll win a Mercedes"? – TT#21 April 2016

Which club member had the nickname 'Measles'? – TT#2 July 2014

## Trial Matches and Challenge Shields

### Prosser – Porter Shield

The Prosser-Porter Shield for the winning club of the annual challenge against Payneham has been contested for the past eight years.

The challenge was initiated after Tranmere opened its greens to Payneham for trial matches in the lead up to the 2010-11 pennant season. That was the year in which Payneham replaced its grass greens with synthetic ones and the work had not been completed in time for Payneham to host its own trials. As a way of recognising the bond of friendship between the two clubs, presidents Wayne Prosser and Mike Porter conceived the idea for the challenge.

Payneham won the first four challenges, the fifth was not contested and Tranmere has, with another win this year, now won the past three. This year, Tranmere won on twelve rinks and lost on eight, for an aggregate winning score of 424 shots to 388.

It's a good thing too that Tranmere won, otherwise someone, who shall remain nameless, may have had to eat humble pie, as they'd already had the winner's name engraved on the trophy ahead of time. This could've ended badly, but it didn't. The players were up to it. Well done!

### Ackland – Shearing Shield

In 1961, Norm Ackland, President of the Tranmere bowling club and fellow club president of the then Kensington Gardens bowling club, Allan Shearing, established the Ackland-Shearing Shield to be awarded to the winning club of the annual challenge match.

Tranmere won the first two challenge matches and, most recently has won the past five. This year Tranmere won on seven rinks, lost on five and drew two, for an aggregate winning score of 286 shots to 259. Max Davidson's team achieved a noteworthy result when it won an 8 on one end.

Over the 56-year history of the challenge, Tranmere has won 42 times, Kensington Gardens 6, Kensington-Marryatville 6, there has been one draw and on one occasion the challenge was abandoned due to unplayable conditions. The original shield and its successor since 1999 are on display in our library room.

### How To Succeed At Bowls

Tom Burgin, who was once a nationally accredited coach, told Tranmere Times that success at bowls is founded on the five Cs – Concentration, Confidence, Consistency, Competitiveness, and Compatibility.

## The Good Old Days

Have you ever wondered what bowling was like in the good old days? And, by good old days, I don't mean all that long ago. Here, Tom and Joan Burgin reminisce about life at the Tranmere Bowling Club in the 1970s.

"It was a men's club," Tom said. "The women had their own club and were only tenants of the Tranmere Bowling and Tennis Club, paying an annual fee of about \$1500 to be able to use the clubhouse and greens." Even then, the use of the greens was strictly controlled. The women were entitled to use the greens on Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 10am and 3pm. "The men would be breathing down our necks, waiting to get on at the stroke of 3 o'clock," Joan reminded Tom.

Dress codes demanded the women always wore full uniform whenever they bowled. This included double-fronted petticoats (lest the men could see through), dress length a specified drop below the knees, white stockings, a hat and no earrings. They even had an official inspector appointed to make sure the women complied.



Ron Escreet (91), Gwen Devine (82), Tom Burgin (79) and Bill Fielden (90) - Opening Day September 2008.

"Hats had to be worn at all times and when we came in for tea, they could only be taken off once the President had taken off hers," Joan fondly recalled.

Back then, the President of the men's club was appointed for just one year. There was both a senior and a junior vice-president, with the senior vice-president responsible for social events and the junior for organising tournaments. The following year, the senior vice-president became President,

the junior vice-president became senior and a new junior was appointed.

The club had a table tennis table, a pool table and over the winter months, carpet bowls was played. In fact, an interclub competition in carpet bowls and pool was organized with the Payneham, Clearview and Broadview clubs. Mid-winter dinner dances were a highlight of the social calendar, with catering by Mrs Hand, a lively three-piece band and the men bowlers being co-opted to serve as waiters.

The club arranged a sociable, mixed bowls get-together every second Sunday, which is how Joan first got into the game. One day, she was asked to fill in for pennant and it was such a beautiful day, she thought, "this sure beats housework," and went on to join the women and play many years of pennant bowls.

It may be hard to imagine now, but back then the women's and men's clubs had their own crockery and jealously guarded it. Opening night each year was a serious social affair. The best silverware came out and there was silver service at the tables.

As now, the club back then needed younger players to join. "Geoff Thomas was one of the youngest players to join back in my day," Tom noted. "Naturally, he started in a lower ranked side. One day, not long into his career, Geoff was asked to fill in as a lead in a tournament being played at Grange, when our regular team member took ill. Geoff was outstanding and, following that, rapidly moved through the grades to play in the premier, Red 1 division."

And how does Tom, who was club President in 1977-78, see the club today? "Well, I was dead against the conversion to synthetic greens, but, how wrong I was," Tom fessed up to Tranmere Times. "The club has advanced so much since then and is in wonderful shape."

## Congratulations New Life Members

At the AGM, life membership was awarded to Richard Ellis, Geoff Thomas and Dave Roberts, pictured below with club President Graeme Parkinson.



## Bowls Premier League Cup

One shot. That's how agonisingly close John Feddersen, Justin Parkinson and Graham Young came to pushing the grand final match into a tie break and a chance to qualify as state finalists for the BPL Cup to be played at the Pine Rivers Club in Brisbane in November this year.

The team, which also included Dino De Corso, had earlier qualified for the state finals by winning one of the eight preliminary tournaments (TT#35, July 2017). The eight finalists lined up on Sunday 17 September under the dome at the Salisbury Bowling Club to contest the knock-out finals series. In the grand final, our boys found themselves up against Max Kleinig, Josh Studham and Jack Nalon from the Holdfast Bay Club.

"It's such an exciting format," John said. "Every bowl is critical and you have to concentrate throughout. The opposition got off to a great start, winning four shots on the first end of the first set, but we fought back courageously to draw it 7-all." It now came down to a win in the second set or, in the event of another draw, a tie-break to decide the winner. "Everyone was bowling exceptionally well and the result hung in the balance with only the last bowl of the second set to come. We needed 3 shots to draw the set and keep our hopes alive. We had a good chance but the final bowl, which looked likely all the way, just missed out in a tight measure."

## Claus' Conundrum

Solution to last month's conundrum: If you jumped in and said the pennant badge cost \$1 and the 8-badge cost 10 cents, you're not alone. In fact, this is a common error and one recently highlighted by Anthony Keane in one of his weekly *Money Saver* advice columns. The correct answer is \$1.05 and 5 cents.

Now, to this month's conundrum. I have two clocks, one of which loses 55 seconds every hour and the other gains 10 seconds every half hour. If they both start at precisely the same time, how long would it be before one clock was exactly one hour ahead of the other?

## Know Your Rules

Last month, *Know Your Rules* looked at the situation of a rebounding jack or a rebounding bowl. As a further point of interest, albeit one that would occur only rarely, what would be the situation should a rebounding jack or rebounding bowl hit and interfere with bowls on the green?

If the jack rebounds and collides with other bowls, they stay put where they come to rest, because the jack is still live. On the other hand, if a bowl rebounds, it is dead, and any bowls moved by it should be replaced. If it collides with the bowl in motion, that bowl should be placed where the skips agree it would have finished up – if they can't agree, the end is dead.

## Tranmere's Got Talent

The club has many talented and creative members. Margaret Mealor is a member of a creative writing group, composing fun poetry among other things. She's had her material published in anthologies and, here is one of her favourites.

### TV Dinners

I'm sitting watching tellie  
I love the shows on Food  
If you talk and I don't answer  
Please don't think I'm rude  
My husband's making dinner  
It's the only way he knows  
If he doesn't he'll go hungry  
While I watch the Foodies Shows

Nigella takes her finger and  
In the chocolate dips  
Seductively she lifts it  
To her red parted lips  
With a sexy smile she gives me  
Another of her tips  
And yes you've guess it  
My husband drops his chips

Myself I like Neil Perry  
With his long black pony tail  
His soufflé always rises  
His buns they never fail  
I've watched him making pasta,  
Know how to roast a pig  
Can slice prosciutto finely  
Can even stuff a fig

but

Gordon F'n Ramsey really is the pits  
His recipe for fairy cakes sure gives me the zits (shits)  
220gms of butter, 2 cups of f'n flour  
6 tablespoons of sugar bake for half an f'n hour  
I know of a recipe that really can't go wrong  
A spoonful of hot mustard on Gordons f'n tongue.

Trivia Answer: Good on you if you knew, or guessed, there were six Prime Ministers with the first name John. The toughie was John Malcolm Fraser. The others were John Watson, John Curtin, John McEwen, John Gorton, and John Howard.