

ADELAIDE BOWLING CLUB

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116TH ANNUAL REPORT

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 116th Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide Bowling Club Inc. will be held at the Club House, Dequetteville Terrace, Adelaide on Sunday 19th May 2013 commencing at 10:00am

Order of Business

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- (c) President's Report
- (d) Treasurers Report and Accounts
- (e) Election of Patron
- (f) Election of Officers
- (g) Election of Auditors
- (h) Annual Subscription
- (i) General Business

By Order of the Board of Management

R Boorman
President

Note: Lunch will be served for members and guests immediately following the Annual General meeting, commencing approximately at 12 noon. Presentation of Club Championship trophies will take place during the lunch.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEASON 2012– 2013

A Year of Achievement

This year we have been part of the ongoing process of re-birth for our great Bowling Club. In many ways, it has been a time for recapturing some of our traditions and continuing the 're-building' of all aspects of the Club. This has been evidenced in many ways.

Success on the Greens

For the first time in many years, we fielded 4 teams in the Saturday Pennant competition.

We have seen success on the greens with our Premier 1 Team brilliant in winning the Pennant for the second year in a row, our Premier 2 team holding its place in the very difficult competition, our third team winning the Pennant and our fourth team holding its place also. Our Premier 1 team on Wednesday also held its place in that grade.

At an individual level, Scott Thulborn has won the State Singles and Triples, Brett Davis has won the State Mixed Pairs and the State Triples and Dave Thulborn also featured in the State Triples win. We have been represented in the Australian 'A' Squad by Scott Thulborn and in the State Side by Scott Thulborn, Adrian Green and Katrina Miller. Rianne Reiger made the Under 18 Girls' state squad. Well done to all of those players.

It is enormously important that we maintain our position as the Premier Club and one way we do this is to be is to be competing in the Premier Grades on Saturday and Wednesday.

This year we saw a number of excellent players come to Adelaide from other Clubs. This is often a difficult transition however I want to record the very positive impact they have made on our Club not only as players but also as Club Members.

It is a strong Club that attracts the highest calibre of players who join all of us simply playing for the uniform and to say 'We play for Adelaide'.

Success on the greens is the outcome of much hard work and I acknowledge the rock solid and untiring contribution of our "Manager, Bowling", Steve Hicks. As the Immediate Past President, Steve could well have taken a well-deserved step back. The opposite is more accurate. He has taken on responsibility for all things to do with bowling and his efforts in this area have been outstandingly successful. This is certainly a model that we should stick to in the future.

Don Blesing took the role of Chairman of Selectors for the second year and again handled this often tricky job with sensitivity and competence. Our selectors for each team have taken on this challenge with determination and discipline. This is a role that all players should respect and hold the position that we play for the Club first and there is a proper process for expressing concern about selection.

Management

The Board made an early decision that we should look to appoint a 'full time' Club Manager for the Club. Our incumbent Manager, Kevin Gilles was not in a position to take that on for a number of personal reasons and we appointed Phil Smyth on 24 July last year.

Phil has approached this diverse and challenging role with determination and enthusiasm. He has provided a personal service to the members of the three Clubs and to our many guests throughout the year. I must record here that I give significant credit to Phil for one of our most successful years in terms of patronage at the Club and the



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achievement of the excellent financial outcome. Ally Benbow has made a significant contribution in our book-keeping/accounting processes and we look forward to her contribution continuing.

Phil has well managed the staff of the Club and has developed a great working relationship with our Greenkeeper Scott Thulborn.

Financial Results

This has been an excellent year for the Club financially. We have invested in a range of capital works, employed a more full time Manager, carried out upgrades to equipment and generally invested in upgrading our facilities. At the same time our Revenue figures have grown substantially. Our financial position is strong and it means our ability to keep improving our Club facilities for Members is enhanced. The Treasurer, Mike McDonough has provided a separate report.

House and Grounds

This has been a year of constant construction works around the Club. We expect the last part of the Horticultural Hub to be completed in the next few weeks and we will finally have our front door looking as it should. The following projects have been undertaken this year:-

- Removal of the old stobie poles at the southern end and between the greens.
- Repairs to the main roof of the Club House particularly over the rear section.
- Total upgrading of the storm water disposal system.
- Replacement of the air-conditioning system in the Club House.
- Construction of new Green Keepers shed and associated works to soil bins and main entrance.
- Upgrading of greens watering facilities including the provision of modern timing equipment.
- Construction of shade structures to the south of 'C' Green and between 'B' & 'C' Greens. Partly sponsored by Fielders.
- Construction of large shade structures to the north of the Club House. Partly funded through a Council grant.
- Replacement of disabled access ramp with one that meets the code.
- Provision of paving beneath the shade structure to the south of 'C' Green.
- Repainted the southern inside area and upgraded keg store
- The replacement of the banks to all greens through the efforts of Steve and Tim Hicks, Dave Callahan and Scott Thulborn.
- Purchased a new roller.

In addition, the Board has approved the supply and installation of 40 solar panels to the roof of the Club at a cost of \$15 000 and this will make a significant impact on our power bills in the future.

I also want to acknowledge all of those members who have attended working bees through the season to work on areas of real need. The removal of several large bins of unwanted materials and the trimming and removal of plants has resulted in a more beautiful Club for all of us. Again, the untiring efforts of Phil and Kay McDonald in caring for our gardens must be acknowledged. Well done to you both. Well done also to Karen Hicks who with Steve planted out our circular beds with petunias that have looked great during the season.

There is a real need for all members to help in this area. There is always much to be done and I sincerely ask all to give some time to keep our 'home' looking the best in Adelaide.

Adelaide City Council

During the year we have been involved in close contact with our Landlord in the context of building works around the Club as well as negotiations for a new lease. Those negotiations have proceeded well and we have put a proposal to Council that would see us with a 15 year lease over the property. Such a lease would require us to pay



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a heavily discounted commercial rent and to be responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of our facilities. We are optimistic that this matter will be finalised in the next couple of months.

We acknowledge the very cooperative relationship that now exists with officers from the Council and we look forward to that continuing over future years.

Adelaide Oval Bowling Club

This year we saw an excellent relationship with the Members of AOBC that culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between us. John Cooper has worked with Phil Smyth and me to progress a number of aspects that have contributed to this outcome.

Adelaide Old Scholars Bowling Club

We highly value the input from this energetic group. Our relationships are always good.

Sponsors

We acknowledge the support of our small group of sponsors. Best Bricks and Pavers have agreed to support us again next year having come on board last year. Atomix has provided (and hosts) our web site and continues to provide the means for us to send out our regular Newsletters to all members. Our elevated status (on Google) as a function facility is a direct result of the efforts of the Atomix team. Fielders provided the steel shades at a significant discount to the full price and we are very grateful for their willingness to support the Club in this way. Weathersafe Shades has constructed the new shade structures to the north of the Club House and has also provided a large discount to the full price. We acknowledge the contribution of the Council through a \$20 000 grant towards this project.

We also thank Aero Bowls and Connor Holmes for their sponsorship support of the highly successful 50th Adelaide Master Championship held over Easter.

Next year, the growing of our sponsor base must become a real priority.

Catering

During the season, Paul Zerella, Phil Smyth and I, renegotiated the Catering arrangements with Darren Bell. Phil has maintained a close working relationship with Darren during a very hectic year and we are all pleased with the result.

Life Members

We are sad to record the passing of our Life Member Toby O'Connor. Toby had a very long association with the Club as a player and an Administrator. His funeral was well attended by our members.

We are very pleased to have awarded Life Membership to Bruce Wallace. Bruce has played in our top team for more than 30 consecutive seasons and has been in charge of the Adelaide Masters for the past 9 years.

Reviews

The Board has implemented a process of separate reviews for:-

- The performance and priorities for the Total Club. This will involve the Board and be held prior to the AGM each year and set the basis for the new Board.
- The performance and priorities of the Club Manager. This will involve the President and Senior Vice President and will be held prior to the AGM.
- The performance of the Catering Manager. This will involve the Club Manager, Paul Zerella, the Catering Manager and the President and will be held between seasons.

Results of these Reviews will be communicated to all Members by email.



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Thank You

There are many people that make very significant contributions to the life of our Club. It is dangerous to attempt to name them all lest we inadvertently overlook people. Nevertheless, I am determined to try.

- Steve and Karen Hicks for their total support in so many areas not the least being at Sunday Bowlz
- Graham Cass for taking on the role of Secretary with his usual calmness and competence. Graham was also Tournament Manager this season.
- Mike McDonough for his total commitment to the task of being the Treasurer. This is not a simple job and his contribution in working with Phil Smyth has been significant.
- Ron Kuczmariski has continued his outstanding support for the Club as a Vice President. Ron provides the experience and advice we need in just about every aspect of our business not to mention the keeping of our records and his role as a Selector.
- The Members of the Board with special mention of the representatives from Adelaide Oval and Adelaide High Old Scholars Clubs.
- Scotty Thulborn as our Greenkeeper has worked some very long hours to provide excellent greens for both our use and the use of our long list of visitors. In his spare time, he has shown what an outstanding national talent he is as a bowler!
- The Selectors for all of our teams have taken on this often tricky role with success.
- Peter Rose and his helpers for keeping Night Owls going through the season
- Don Germein and Toby Keukenmeester for their continued assistance in the preparation of the greens.
- Toby Keukenmeester and Henry Higgins for their provision of 'instruction' to our visitors.
- Jamie and Megan Eccleston for helping Steve and Karen with Sunday Bowlz and Lee Sydenham for helping with Night Owls BBQ and the BBQ for the Israeli function.
- Gary Benveniste for his efforts in hosting the Israeli Team and for donating the 'glasses' for winning players.
- Dave Callahan and Dale Robertson for the brilliant restoration of the outside tables and the painting of the high lights.
- Dennis and Jill Taylor and the rest of the Taylor family for providing the afternoon tea throughout the Pennant season.
- Ross DeLaine for his painting of lines and other parts of the Club throughout the year.
- Our Bar Staff, led by Scott Donnelly and Simon Kelly, have had a very busy year and have presented and represented our Club brilliantly throughout. Well done team!
- David Smalldon and Gary Hagen for their efforts in keeping our aging plant working.
- All of those who have put in some time at the Club and have contributed to its success.

This has been a busy year and I am very mindful of the limited time I have been able to commit to the Club's activities as President. I have received great support from all of those I have mentioned in this report - they are fantastic Club Members.

I have seen a great lift in the level of pride in our Club and recognition of the responsibility we all have as Members to uphold and reinforce the heritage we have. This is reflected in our appreciation of our facilities as well as the way we present on the Greens.

It has been an honour to have been your President for the past year.

R Boorman
President, Adelaide Bowling Club Inc.



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TREASURER'S REPORT 2012 - 2013

The club reported a net trading profit of \$94,844 (after allowing for provisions for depreciation annual and long service leave totaling \$21,013), which is a substantial improvement compared to the prior year's net result (viz of \$32,805).

A comparison with the previous year's trading profit indicates a much improved result from its core trading activities. Bar Turnover has increased by around \$90,000 (or some 30%) and other related income by 35%. However, in achieving that additional income, our expenses have also increased by some 16%.

Without being objective and to put this year's trading figures into perspective and comparing last year's results and by removing the non trading income (viz donations, sponsorship and Grants), the adjusted net trading income is around \$30,000 compared to \$3,000 in the previous year.

The clubs expenses have increased due to additional bar wages of \$16,000, our maintenance costs increased by \$13,000 and management wages were up more than \$10,000, just to give you an idea. However, even though bar wages have increased, our cost ratio to bar turnover has been maintained at 21% (last year this was 22%)

Bar gross profit margin has been unaffected & has not changed since last year, and as our turnover has increased, this has been reflected in a much improved bottom line.

The club once again, due to some excellent canvassing from our board members received a good response from sponsors to support our club. This totaled just short of \$52,000 (\$29,659 in the prior year) and hopefully can be maintained into the future.

You will note that the club has invested substantially on capital improvements during the year of which this totals \$112,725 and primarily consisted of around \$93,000 on shade proofing B & C Green as well as the structure outside A Green.

Without going into any further detail relating to the financial accounts, it can be gleaned from the other reports attached, that the club had a very busy season with functions and its Superbowlz activity.

Much of the improved patronage by the public can be attributed to our Club Manager, Mr Phil Smyth being in attendance at the club fulltime and therefore available to take, confirm and monitor bookings as well as organize staff for the best possible economic outcome for the club possible. Without him, we would have been in the same position as the prior year

I think the Committee has again been effective in improving both the financial position of this club and it's public image and in so doing will give this club some confidence in its activities going forward.

Again, the Committee and our club manager, Phil Smyth should be commended on the positive year that the club has experienced and for the results it has achieved.

M McDonagh
Treasurer



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CLUB HOUSE REPORT 2012-2013

I started work at the Adelaide Bowling Club in the role of Club Manager on the 24 July, 2012. My early days at the club were greatly assisted by Steve Hicks and his knowledge of how the club functioned...thank you Steve.

It was clear from the start, from the ringing of the club phone and emails received, that having a full time Manager of the club was going to pay dividends and this resulted in a bumper corporate function season from **October through to December**. We had far more groups than in previous years and comparative figures for the last two years are: 195 (groups) in 2012 and 106 for the same period in 2011. 7,188 corporate guests visited our club from October to December 2012, there were 6,255 visitors for the 6 month period October 2011 through to March 2012 and this would have included Sunday Superbowlz attendees!!

Getting the “Corporates” to come to our club was in some ways the easy part of the job, especially if they took the time to attend our great club and have a look at our facility and feel the ambience of the place. Providing the service and the good time the customer expects is the hard part and this is where our leaders of the Bar team Simon Kelly and Scott Donnelly excelled with great support from our entire bar staff. Simon has also greatly assisted in other roles within the club house such as stock ordering and general bar maintenance. My sincere thanks to all of those guys.

The green keeper and his band of volunteers were also fantastic during the “busy” times and ensured our visitors always had greens of a reasonable standard. Toby Keukenmeester, Dennis Taylor and Henry Higgins also assisted with bowling instruction. Our caterer, Darren Bell, was terrific in our old kitchen to cater for 155 functions (some of which were huge) from October to December, thanks Darren! Our cleaner, Kym Langford, did a great job to clean the club house and grounds to ensure the next “wave” of functions could proceed in a clean and safe environment, thank you Kym.

The President’s report, at “House and Grounds” has plenty of detail concerning the constant activity and projects undertaken at the Club this year. The Club looks and “feels” great and it is the responsibility of all members to ensure we maintain a genuine enthusiasm for all aspects of our great Club.

The Club is also very appreciative of the assistance of Dennis and Dave Taylor in providing the sandwiches for the Pennant teams each week although we all know the credit really goes to Jill Taylor and her family of helpers.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Adelaide Bowling Club, including AOBC and AHOS members, for their support over the last eight months and can only hope that this spirit of co-operation will see the best ever financial result for our Club over the next 12 months.

“Keeping the Books” for the club is an onerous task especially at this time when business is good. I purchased the text “MYOB for Dummies” but was struggling until I was rescued by my niece Ally Benbow who has done a terrific job ensuring our book-keeping/accounting processes are of the highest standard. Thank You Al.

Finally I would like to thank Bob and the ABC Board for their support and encouragement to get the job done.

Phil Smyth
Club Manager



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GREENS REPORT 2012-2013

Once again I would like to congratulate all members who contributed to our clubs success this season! What a great year, what a great club.

The 2012/2013 season was a long, dry and busy season in which the greens held up very well.

I was able to use only A and B greens for pennants which allowed C green to take the majority of social bowls.

All 3 greens have a full cover going into what will hopefully be a wet winter. Fungicide and herbicide prevention programs are in place to help ensure a smooth, free running start to the 2013/2014 bowling season.

Finally another big thank you to my legendary helpers: Toby K, Donny Germein, Phil McDonald and Senior Thully for your regular help in preparing the greens throughout the past season. Thank you to all other members who have chipped in along the way!

Scott Thulborn
Greens Keeper

ADELAIDE MASTERS REPORT 2012/2013

The 50th Adelaide Masters was held on the Easter Weekend 29th March to 1st April. We received 60 entries including 9 from interstate and 1 international. Prize money was increased this year to \$10,000 and we thank our Sponsors in Aero Bowls, Best Point, and Connor Holmes.

Some of the big name players to proceed to the knockout round of 32 included Australian Squad player Shane Garvey, English International Graham Shadwell, our own Scott Thulborn, and last year's winner Geoff Collins. Scotty T unfortunately lost to Graham Shadwell in the quarter final, while Geoff Collins lost to Wayne Bartsch.

The semi finals saw 18 year old Nathan Pedersen the victor with a 1 shot margin over Shane Garvey and Graham Shadwell a comfortable 9 shot winner over Wayne Bartsch.

In the final Graham Shadwell raced to a 16-5 & 21-11 lead over Nathan Pedersen, before Nathan won 5 ends in a row to trail 20-21. A 3 to Graham followed by a 4 to Nathan saw the game tied at 24 all. The final end saw Graham with a single shot claim the Masters title 25-24.

Compliments from several players regarding the running of the Masters was very pleasing, and I must thank all persons who assisted me in making the event a great success, particularly Ron Kuczmariski and Steve Hicks, and special thanks to all markers & umpires. Also a big thank you to Scott Thulborn and his helpers in the preparation of magnificent greens.

Bruce Wallace
Adelaide Masters Tournament Director

SUNDAY SUPERBOWLZ REPORT - 2012/2013

We have made massive strides in the 2 seasons since we re-launched Superbowlz in partnership with the Housecats.

Blessed with a great run of fine weather and consistency in what we provided to our guests, this season's attendance was up by at least 50% on last year. In particular during the post Christmas/ New Year period through to the end of March, we had only one Sunday where we did not break 100 attendees and that was on a day where it was cool and showery, yet we still had 93 come through the gates.

Tour Down Under Sunday was successful again with over 170 race spectators attending the club and providing a great result for both the bar and club BBQ.



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Most encouraging were the Sundays during the Fringe Festival season. Historically it has been a period where numbers are down but we consistently had over 130 with a high point of 320.

There is now growing enthusiasm for ABC Superbowlz, particularly amongst people living in the CBD. Word of mouth, better advertising and web presence are strong contributors for this but they are all supported by an improved customer experience.

Special thanks to Bar Manager Scott Donnelly for his contribution to Sunday Superbowlz over the last seasons and we wish him well for his new job in the Victorian snowfields. Aaron Farrant, Mulvea McGovern, Tegan Kuczmarski, Simon Kelly and glass man Toby Keukenmeester also contributed to a successful season.

Special thanks to Steve and Karen Hicks, who did a fantastic job having the club BBQ ready each week and also thanks to all members who helped with the cooking.

**Phil Smyth, Club Manager; and
Scott Donnelly, Sunday Superbowlz Coordinator.**

NIGHT OWLS REPORT 2012/13

I would like to thank the Adelaide Bowling Club for entrusting me to resurrect our Night Owls competition. Last October I started advertising for teams to compete in a revamped Night Owls season and couldn't believe the interest shown by so many people.

We started off with 12 Teams. However, over the following weeks, our team numbers grew as others heard about our competition and wanted to get on board and have some fun. In just a few weeks we had 19 teams turning up to play. Unfortunately the numbers reduced once the Christmas break was over and we seemed to lose a couple of teams altogether. Often there were teams not turning up each week but we always managed to run the competition and still everyone enjoyed themselves. This has been indicated by so many teams telling me they will be back for next year's season which will open in October 2013.

Along the way many of the night owl members indicated they might be interested in playing Pennants in 2013/2014 for the Club, which would be great as this is what this competition is all about, giving people the opportunity to take the next step. Talking about the next step some did, 10 to be exact, when they played in the Metro 4 Team when we were short. One member joined as a full member and played in the Metro 4 Team on a regular basis, Greg Arnfield (although Greg had been a regular pennant player some years ago).

Night owls injected approximately \$3,600 in green fees to the club and also about \$600 was put over the bar each week. We raised \$1800 through running a Lucky card selling each square for \$2 with the money raised from the card paying the \$50 prize money for the team who finished with the highest score on the night and a \$25 voucher for the team who were runner up.

Fortunately, there were several members that helped me from time to time and I would like to acknowledge and thank them very much especially Steve Hicks, Henry Higgins and Lee Sydenham from the Adelaide Old Scholars for his help in cooking the BBQ. Again to the committee I sincerely wish to thank them for the opportunity given.

It was great to get the Night Owls competition up and running again after a 2 year layoff.



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SELECTOR'S REPORT SATURDAY PREMIER DIVISION 1 2012– 2013 SEASON

On behalf of Scott and Dale we would like to congratulate all players that played in Premier One this year, not only the 16 that played in the Grand Final but also to Tristan Elgar and Ashley Koch who unfortunately missed out on selection for the final series and Katrina Miller who stood down during the year on doctors orders to look after herself during her pregnancy. A big thank you to our Chairman of Selectors, Don Blesing, for his help in running a smooth ship during the selection process.

Congratulations to the entire club for a successful year on the greens, winning our second consecutive Premier One pennant, the second side for keeping their colour with a strong finish of the minor round, our third side winning the pennant and promotion to Metro 2, our fourth side who finished a very credible fourth and the Wednesday Pennant team who maintained their spot in Premier One again.

To the Saturday Premier one team, what a fantastic achievement to go back to back. What an effort.

The club is now in a great position to take all of its recent success further. The sky is the limit.

Well done again to every Adelaide bowler.

Dale Robertson and Scott Thulborn
Premier League Division 1 Co-Selectors

SELECTOR'S REPORT PREMIER DIVISION 2 NORTH 2012 - 2013 SEASON

Although buoyed by the success of last year the task facing the new Premier Two side seemed rather daunting. And didn't we know it after the first three rounds of the season!

In the first three weeks of our Premier Two North campaign we played Kensington Marryatville, recently demoted from Premier One, Two Wells who played off in the Finals the year before with Semaphore who were our third opponent. After Week 3 we were one win and two losses with a combined shot down of 88 and 14 points out of a possible 48. That was not a good start and it only got worse for the rest of the first half of the season. At the half way mark of the season we had three wins out of 9, 44 points out of a possible 144 and 168 shots down. We were 5 game points above bottom place and it looked like it was going to be an even longer season than expected.

All that can be said is the team realised playing back in Metro One after only one season in Premier 2 was a reality and that losing our spot was not a good option, not only for the playing group but for the Club!

The first three games of the second round saw a completely different unit on the greens. In the first 3 games of the second round we had three wins out of three, 42 points out of 48 and plus 77 shot difference. In Round 12, against Semaphore at home, we turned a zero game points 51 shot belting in round 3 to a 16 point 55 shots response.

At the end of the season we finished with 8 wins out of 18, seventh spot on the ladder and achieved our initial aim to survive in Premier Two.

Many thanks to my co selector Mark Masotti on what was really a tough year. The quality of the opposition we faced was much stronger than that of Metro One. However, our greatest opponent this season was ourselves and our own inability to secure any game points in 5 of our losses. Consistency was a problem and with the introduction of practicing together and travelling as a team our concentration levels will improve. This can be demonstrated by looking at the scorecards for the year. Collectively, in the last five ends of the 18 matches we lost more ends than we won winning 165 of 360 ends or 43%. We know where we have to improve and next year we will be much stronger for the challenges we faced in 2012/2013 remembering the revised competition of 25 ends and no afternoon tea break.



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A special thanks to Graham Cass our Team Manager for having to arrive at each game at least ½ hour earlier than most and completing the team score sheets after the game while most of us have started to celebrate the successes or drown our miseries! Congratulations to the 22 players that got us through the season to fight on another year in Premier Two.

Ron Kuczmariski
Premier Division 2 North Co-Selector

SELECTOR'S REPORT METROPOLITAN DIVISION 3 CENTRAL 2012 - 2013 SEASON

We achieved our goal of winning another pennant for Adelaide Bowling club in fine style and only losing one match in the process and now look forward to being competitive in Metro 2 next season. Well done boys and girl!

Thanks to the players involved and particularly to those players who came down from the second side and those who were called upon from the fourth side when required.

Mike McDonagh & Tony Guastella
Metro Division 3 Central Selectors

SELECTOR'S REPORT METROPOLITAN DIVISION 4 East 2012 - 2013 SEASON

I would like to thank the Committee for trusting me as a Selector for the Metro 4 team this season. It was the first time in many years that the Adelaide Bowling Club has had a fourth side and it was great to see that all our members finally could get a game each Saturday instead of having to sit out and wait for a spot to become available in the third side. However, this was still not always the case, because of growing numbers we had to operate on a rotation system again for most weeks and someone had to miss out. However there were times when we were short and some of the night owl players filled in for us. Thank you to all the players for their understanding of the rotation system and for playing in different sides each week.

It was also good to see that on several occasions during the season quite a few members found them moving either up or down out of the third side. This naturally gave every player the opportunity to improve and get rewarded. Our aim for the year was to win as many games as we could and maybe finish up the top so we would be elevated to Metro 3 but fourth was as close as we could muster this season but we were still happy with this.

I believe our year was a resounding success and feel the team did a great job and hopefully next year we will be able to go that step further and maybe move up two positions. I'm hoping to be able to do the job again for the Adelaide Bowling Club and the members, as I felt extremely proud this year of the team I was associated with.

Peter Rose
Metro Division 4 East Selector

SELECTOR'S REPORT WEDNESDAY PREMIER DIVISION 1 2012 - 2013 SEASON

A realistic aim for this year's P1 Wednesday was to avoid the yoyo trend of previous seasons. That is promotion one season demotion the next.

The season started off in rocky style with the morning of the first Wednesday game only 15 available players had been found to fill the 16 spots. Luckily we hailed a passing cab and Pete Rose made up the magic number. In that game we defeated last year's premiers Payneham on a very wet afternoon which comes as no surprise as we seem to be 'Wet Track Specialists'.

The ensuing games leading up to World Bowls were all tight affairs but mostly we finished on the wrong side of the ledger. This had us only one place above the bomb shelter however, on a positive note more of the Clubs better Saturday players were penciling in Wednesday afternoons off.



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The second stage of the season saw us winning more games than we lost and with three games to go we were a legitimate chance of finals. Alas it was not to be and a mid table finish was a reasonable result for a one Wednesday Club.

I would like to thank fellow selector and team manager Josh Wiles along with all players that made themselves available to represent the Adelaide Bowling Club on a Wednesday.

Steve Hicks
Wednesday Premier 1 Co-Selector

TAYLOR CUP REPORT 2012/13

Adelaide again had a side in the central division of the SA Lawn Bowlers League run completion, but we were unable to match the success of last year finishing the season in 5th place in our division. The selectors would like to thank the players that made themselves available for games played mostly during the long Xmas break in pennants. The club also hosted our home round on a hot summer night in January and a big thank you the members who helped out by marking and with the BBQ.

The competition will run again next year with Taylor Bowls confirming their continued sponsorship again at the grand final. Anyone interested in playing or interested in the competition at all please speak to Steve Hicks or Andrew McGorman and keep your eye out for more information as the new season approaches.

Andrew McGorman
Taylor Cup Selector



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ADELAIDE OVAL BOWLING CLUB REPORT 2012/2013

This year has seen useful outcomes to two of the Club's initiatives. Firstly a formal Memorandum of Understanding between AOBC and ABC was signed by the two Presidents at our cocktail party, defining the basis of agreed practical arrangements and replacing the somewhat ad hoc situation of previous years. Secondly an agreement has recently been concluded between the AOBC Committee and the ABC Board whereby AOBC has retrieved full control over the rendering of subscription accounts to our members and their registration with Bowls SA. Thus members will in future receive only one subscription account issued by AOBC, which will also include their required membership of ABC.

A third initiative has met with less success. Last September the President received a letter from the Lord Mayor, responding to a detailed submission about car parking difficulties including possible solutions, stating that appropriate amendments to that situation were anticipated to be considered by his Council last October. That did not happen, and despite several follow up approaches we are no further forward. Council officers maintain that consideration will be given by Council at the time when the ABC's finalised new lease arrangements are before it, which at present are still under negotiation.

Turning to actual bowling, Tuesday morning social bowls remain popular, and again the commitment of Roger Bungey in organising rinks for all players is much appreciated.

Club tournaments will shortly be concluded and results should be available for inclusion elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Our Pennant season has had mixed results, but most importantly our team players have enjoyed themselves and relished our team spirit in either success or adversity. Our Metropolitan 4 East Saturday team finished ahead of three other clubs, although our Metropolitan 2 East Wednesday team was somewhat less successful. Sincere thanks to Ian Steele and Ross Sweet, assisted by Jim McCreery, for again fulfilling the challenging task of Pennant Selectors, and to Jim Wallman and Rob Corpe as team managers.

Ellis Wayland and John Scales undertook the arrangements for our 2012 annual dinner, and whilst this was enjoyably successful members voted for its replacement by a Sunday luncheon function in future. The first of these will be held on Sunday 19th. April 2013 at the Kooyonga Golf Club commencing at 12.15 p.m.. Ellis Wayland and Iain Grierson ensured the success of our season opening cocktail party held at the Club premises.

Iain Grierson has again carried out his duties as Honorary Secretary with quiet efficiency and Michael Mount has continued to ensure our financial wellbeing as Honorary Treasurer. Thank you both. Thanks are also due to Jim McCreery for his input to Pennant and Tournament matters, to Roger Bungey as our Bowls SA Region 10 representative, to Ellis Wayland and John Scales as our House Committee, and to Ross Sweet and Jim Boucaut for their input to your Committee's deliberations.

Sadly the past year has seen the passing of Michael Cudmore, John Street, Hector Brooks and Gerald (Gerry) Hargrave, all of whom are remembered with appreciation for their commitment to and enjoyment of the life of the Club.

As I come to the end of two years as your President I thank all members for their support in what has been an interesting, enjoyable and occasionally challenging time. I wish the new President, the new Committee and the Club a thriving future.

John Cooper
President AOBC



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ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

The 2012 / 2013 season was again quite successful although a number of close losses by 5 shots or less saw us finish in 6th. position after winning our last three matches.

The Club due to increased numbers adopted a rotation policy so all players could participate and the acceptance of this, when everyone was available for selection, was very much appreciated.

This year we have competed in Metropolitan Division 3 Central and as a one team only Club we often come across teams bolstered by players who have been dropped from higher grades for a number of reasons which made for some very interesting competition.

We also meet quite a number of Old Scholars playing for other Clubs and it is very gratifying to see their pleasure in the Old Scholars fielding a bowling team in pennant competition.

Mark "Gully" Hyland has very capably led as Club captain and selector. Dave "Crab" Young, through the running of the raffle when playing at home, has enabled the Club to be on a sound financial footing. We also appreciate the continued donations of wine by Paul "Zac" Zerella as raffle prizes.

Management has been effectively and efficiently undertaken by President Will Sawley, Club Secretary Bill Ryan and Club Treasurer Gary "Gazz" Hagen with Silvija Svencis representing us on the ABC Board.

Additionally thanks also to our principal sponsor the Arab Steed Hotel and supporting sponsors, the Hutt Street TAB, Gerard McCabe Jewellers and Blind River Marlborough Wines and for those who organised their sponsorship.

The Club undertook a number of Social events which were well attended enhancing the camaraderie again displayed throughout the season, this being an important part of the Club ethos which was reflected by all members of the Club.

In particular the Club is proud of its tradition as being the only Old Scholars Club playing pennant bowls competition in Australia and the traditions established over the 16 years of competition.

Will Sawley
President AHOSBC



OBITUARY

Charles P (Toby) O'Connor 28/07/1928 – 31/01/2013

It is with regret that we inform members of the passing of an old member and former President and Honorary Life Member, Charles P O'Connor, known to everyone as "Toby"

Toby came to us from Sydney in 1955, when he was asked by his employer David Jones, to come to Adelaide and set up and open the Food Hall in their new store in Rundle Street.

With parking a problem even in those years it became "convenient and beneficial" for Toby to park his car at "The Drive" as Adelaide Bowling Club was known while in Kintore Ave. and then walk into Rundle Street.

Not least of all with 6.00 o'clock closing at the hotels and "The Drive" having a 24 hour license it was even more "beneficial" to Toby.

Until Toby's passing Toby was the last living member who had been a member at "The Drive" and then came to our current location on Dequetteville Tce in 1958.

Born in Nowra in 1928 he had an interest in sport from an early age and "wagged it from school" so that he could act as a ballboy at White City; this was in the era of Adrian Quist for those who can remember him.

Toby was President of Adelaide Bowling Club in 1976-77 and acted as a selector in later years. Always to the forefront of social activities he travelled to Alice Springs with a team from ABC amongst other activities.

His most recent activity has been in organising a group known as "The Golden Oldies" for a periodic luncheon.

Toby's happy disposition will be sadly missed at Adelaide Bowling Club.

Prepared by
Des Haarsma
Honorary Life Member



ABC INDIVIDUAL PLAYER RESULTS

SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Steven McDonald	19	16	0	3	32	187
Bruce Wallace	20	16	0	4	32	184
Scott Thulborn	20	16	0	4	32	184
Justin Colvill	20	16	0	4	32	82
Dave Thulborn	19	14	0	5	28	165
Hank Pelgrim	20	14	0	6	28	42
Richard Hooper	20	14	0	6	28	42
Dale Robertson	19	13	0	6	26	41
Steve Walkley	20	12	0	8	24	67
Chris Firth	20	12	0	8	24	67
Adrian Green	20	12	0	8	24	67
Brett Davis	19	12	0	7	24	3
Alan Hurst	17	11	0	6	22	34
Andrew McGorman	20	10	0	10	20	-21
Scott Colvill	13	8	0	5	16	19
Vince Violi	10	7	0	3	14	27
Katrina Miller	9	7	0	2	14	18
Tristan Elgar	8	5	0	3	10	-13
Ashley Koch	3	1	0	2	2	-11



SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION TWO NORTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Garry Benveniste	18	11	0	7	22	23
Ron Kuczmariski	18	10	1	7	21	11
Paul Young	15	9	0	6	18	19
Andrew Feijen	18	8	1	9	17	22
Graham Cass	18	7	1	10	15	-73
Mark Elgar	18	6	2	10	14	-38
Phil McDonald	14	7	0	7	14	-41
Steve Feijen	18	6	1	11	13	-27
Ashley Koch	14	6	0	8	12	-1
Tim Hicks	18	6	0	12	12	-40
Steve Hicks	18	6	0	12	12	-72
Scott Hocking	15	5	0	10	10	-66
Mick Moffatt	13	5	0	8	10	-67
Ken Smith	13	5	0	8	10	-77
Mark Masotti	16	4	1	11	9	-55
Tristan Elgar	10	4	0	6	8	2
Phil Smyth	9	4	0	5	8	-2
Don Blesing	9	4	0	5	8	-42
Josh Wiles	3	2	0	1	4	37
Vince Violi	9	1	1	7	3	-41
Scott Colvill	2	0	0	2	0	-6
Dave Callahan	2	0	0	2	0	-18



SATURDAY METROPOLITAN DIVISION THREE CENTRAL

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Val West	16	14	0	2	28	173
Dave Callahan	14	12	1	1	25	169
Tony Guastella	18	11	1	6	23	35
Don Germein	18	10	2	6	22	115
David Uppington	17	9	4	4	22	91
Bob Boorman	15	11	0	4	22	54
Mike McDonagh	17	10	1	6	21	41
John Frangos	13	9	1	3	19	84
Henry Higgins	11	8	0	3	16	73
Don Blesing	9	7	0	2	14	82
Phil Smyth	8	7	0	1	14	67
Mick Moffatt	5	5	0	0	10	83
Adam Davenport	7	4	2	1	10	72
Jamie Eccleston	6	5	0	1	10	60
Ken Smith	5	3	1	1	7	45
Scott Hocking	3	3	0	0	6	41
Nick Buvinic	5	3	0	2	6	16
Dennis Taylor	4	3	0	1	6	3
Shane Danaher	4	2	1	1	5	11
Warwick Armour	4	2	1	1	5	11
Paul Young	2	2	0	0	4	14
Ian McLaughlin	3	2	0	1	4	6
Dave Taylor	2	1	1	0	3	17
Phil McDonald	1	1	0	0	2	6
Josh Wiles	2	1	0	1	2	3
Paul Eckhold	2	1	0	1	2	0
Jeff Snedden	3	1	0	2	2	-3
Alan Forrest	2	1	0	1	28	-5



SATURDAY METROPOLITAN DIVISION FOUR EAST

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Megan Eccleston	14	9	0	5	18	78
Dave Taylor	12	8	0	4	16	83
Rianne Reiger	12	8	0	4	16	56
Toby Keukenmeester	16	8	0	8	16	2
Nick Buvinic	11	7	0	4	14	92
Ian McLaughlin	10	7	0	3	14	51
Paul Eckhold	10	7	0	3	14	34
Ross DeLaine	12	7	0	5	14	23
Warwick Armour	13	7	0	6	14	-25
Des Haarsma	8	5	0	3	10	38
Dennis Taylor	13	5	0	8	10	-41
Peter Rose	11	5	0	6	10	-47
Justin Williams	9	4	0	5	8	14
Simon Kelly	10	4	0	6	8	-28
Greg Arnfield	5	3	0	2	6	24
Jamie Eccleston	8	3	0	5	6	6
Adam Davenport	7	3	0	4	6	-9
Alan Forrest	3	2	0	1	4	23
Jeff Snedden	4	2	0	2	4	11
Henry Higgins	2	1	0	1	2	13
Val West	1	1	0	0	2	3



WEDNESDAY PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Chris Firth	18	9	2	7	20	39
Dave Callahan	16	10	0	6	20	5
Phil Smyth	18	9	1	8	19	59
Don Blesing	16	9	0	7	18	8
Mick Moffatt	17	9	0	8	18	4
Paul Young	17	9	0	8	18	0
Scott Thulborn	13	8	0	5	16	41
Garry Benveniste	17	8	0	9	16	-4
Dave Thulborn	16	8	0	8	16	-25
Josh Wiles	11	6	2	3	14	14
Brett Davis	7	6	1	0	13	106
Don Germein	16	6	1	9	13	1
Toby Keukenmeester	12	6	0	6	12	13
Phil McDonald	14	5	0	9	10	-48
Steve Hicks	17	3	3	11	9	-70
Justin Colvill	6	4	0	2	8	11
Tony Guastella	7	4	0	3	8	3
Alan Hurst	9	4	0	5	8	-9
Bruce Wallace	17	3	1	13	7	-82
Nick Buvinic	3	2	0	1	4	-7
John Frangos	5	2	0	3	4	-22
Ron Kuczmariski	1	1	0	0	2	5
Jeff Snedden	2	1	0	1	2	5
Bob Boorman	2	1	0	1	2	-14
Scott Hocking	2	0	0	2	0	-11
Graham Cass	1	0	0	1	0	-11
Henry Higgins	1	0	0	1	0	-12
Tim Hicks	2	0	0	2	0	-14
Peter Rose	1	0	0	1	0	-15
Scott Colvill	2	0	0	2	0	-15
Dennis Taylor	2	0	0	2	0	-21



SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Scott Thulborn	20	16	0	4	32	184
Dale Robertson	19	13	0	6	26	41
Adrian Green	20	12	0	8	24	67
Brett Davis	20	12	0	8	24	3
Richard Hooper	1	1	0	0	2	1

SATURDAY PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION TWO SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Garry Benveniste	18	11	0	7	22	23
Andrew Feijen	16	6	1	9	13	9
Tim Hicks	11	4	0	7	8	-22
Phil McDonald	9	4	0	5	8	-42
Ron Kuczmariski	9	3	1	5	7	-31
Steve Hicks	6	1	0	5	2	-56
Scott Colvill	1	0	0	1	0	-1
Mark Masotti	2	0	0	2	0	-18

SATURDAY METROPOLITAN DIVISION THREE CENTRAL SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Don Germein	18	10	2	6	22	115
Bob Boorman	12	9	0	3	18	41
Dave Callahan	6	5	1	0	11	65
Tony Guastella	8	4	1	3	9	14
Don Blesing	3	3	0	0	6	59
Scott Hocking	3	3	0	0	6	41
Paul Young	2	2	0	0	4	14
Phil McDonald	1	1	0	0	2	6
Ken Smith	1	0	0	1	0	-14



SATURDAY METROPOLITAN DIVISION FOUR EAST SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Dave Taylor	12	8	0	4	16	83
Toby Keukenmeester	13	8	0	5	16	32
Des Haarsma	6	3	0	3	6	12
Jeff Snedden	3	2	0	1	4	20
Ian McLaughlin	3	2	0	1	4	9
Henry Higgins	1	1	0	0	2	18
Greg Arnfield	2	1	0	1	2	-15
Warwick Armour	5	1	0	4	2	-64
Nick Buvinic	1	0	0	1	0	-4
Jamie Eccleston	2	0	0	2	0	-24

WEDNESDAY PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SKIPS

	P	W	D	L	Pts	+/-
Scott Thulborn	13	8	0	5	16	41
Garry Benveniste	17	8	0	9	16	-4
Dave Thulborn	16	8	0	8	16	-25
Brett Davis	7	6	1	0	13	106
Chris Firth	13	5	1	7	11	-38
Bruce Wallace	17	3	1	13	7	-82
Justin Colvill	2	2	0	0	4	8
Alan Hurst	2	1	0	1	2	4
Phil McDonald	2	1	0	1	2	-10
Steve Hicks	1	0	0	1	0	-15



SEASON 2012/2013 ABC SATURDAY TEAM OF THE WEEK

Round	Division	Lead	Second	Third	Skip	Shots Up
1	P1	Steve Walkley	Chris Firth	Alan Hurst	Adrian Green	15
2	P2N	Phil Smyth	Paul Young	Tim Hicks	Garry Benveniste	30
3	M3C	Val West	Dave Callahan	Dave Taylor	Don Blesing	17
4	M4E	Rianne Reiger	Megan Eccleston	Ross Delaine	Des Haarsma	10
5	P1	Tristan Elgar	Scott Colvill	Andrew McGorman	Brett Davis	10
6	P2N	Vince Violi	Scott Hocking	Mark Masotti	Andrew Feijen	20
7	M4E	Dennis Taylor	Peter Rose	Warwick Armour	Toby Keukenmeester	12
8	M3C	Val West	Mick Moffatt	Dave Callahan	Don Blesing	21
9	P1	Steven McDonald	Bruce Wallace	Dave Thulborn	Scott Thulborn	28
10	M3C	Adam Davenport	John Frangos	David Uppington	Don Germein	31
11	P2N	Tristan Elgar	Mark Elgar	Steve Hicks	Tim Hicks	14
12	M3C	Adam Davenport	John Frangos	David Uppington	Don Germein	41
13	P2N	Phil Smyth	Paul Young	Ron Kuczarski	Garry Benveniste	11
14	M3C	Val West	Henry Higgins	Ken Smith	Dave Callahan	24
15	M3C	Val West	Phil Smyth	Henry Higgins	Dave Callahan	25
15	M4E	Peter Rose	Nick Buvinic	Greg Arnfield	Dave Taylor	25
16	M4E	Nick Buvinic	Ross DeLaine	Greg Arnfield	Dave Taylor	21
17	M3C	Jamie Eccleston	Warwick Armour	Ken Smith	Don Germein	29
18	P2N	Paul Young	Mick Moffatt	Ron Kuczarski	Garry Benveniste	10

Legend

- P1** Saturday Premier League Division 1
- P2N** Saturday Premier League Division 2 North
- M3C** Saturday Metropolitan League Division 3 Central
- M4E** Saturday Metropolitan League Division 4 East



SEASON 2012/2013 ABC WEDNESDAY TEAM OF THE WEEK

Round	Division	Lead	Second	Third	Skip	Shots Up
1	P1	Phil Smyth			Scott Thulborn	15
2	P1	Phil Smyth			Scott Thulborn	9
3	P1	Toby Keukenmeester	Mick Moffatt	Paul Young	Garry Benveniste	4
4	P1	Nick Buvinic	Josh Wiles	Don Blesing	Chris Firth	11
5	P1	Don Germein	Steve Hicks		Bruce Wallace	13
6	P1	Jeff Snedden	Mick Moffatt	Phil McDonald	Garry Benveniste	10
7	P1	Tony Guastella	Dave Callahan		Dave Thulborn	6
8	P1	Phil Smyth			Brett Davis	9
9	P1	Toby Keukenmeester	Mick Moffatt	Don Blesing	Garry Benveniste	10
10	P1	Paul Young	Alan Hurst		Bruce Wallace	9
11	P1	Paul Young			Scott Thulborn	21
12	P1	Phil Smyth	Josh Wiles	Steve Hicks	Chris Firth	5
13	P1	Paul Young			Brett Davis	20
14	P1	Phil Smyth	Steve Hicks	Chris Firth	Brett Davis	8
15	P1				Not awarded	
16	P1	Toby Keukenmeester	Mick Moffatt	Phil McDonald	Garry Benveniste	23
17	P1	Don Germein	Don Blesing	Chris Firth	Brett Davis	13
18	P1	Don Germein	Josh Wiles	Chris Firth	Brett Davis	33

Legend

P1 Wednesday Premier League Division 1



SEASON 2012/2013 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jack Gerard Club 4's

Winners: Brian Callahan Jeff Snedden Tim Hicks Scott Thulborn (Skip)
Runners Up: Simon Kelly Mike McDonagh Bob Boorman Steve Hicks (Skip)

Len A Beasley Championship Singles

Winner: Scott Thulborn Runner Up: Ken Smith

Championship Pairs

Winners: Andrew McGorman Brett Davis (Skip)
Runners Up: Paul Young Garry Benveniste (Skip)

Les Luke Triples 2011/2012

Winners: Megan Eccleston Mike McDonagh Steve Hicks (Skip)
Runners Up: Dave Smalldon Phil Smyth Andrew McGorman (Skip)

B Grade Singles 2011/2012

Winner: Paul Young Runner Up: Ron Kuczmariski

B Grade Singles 2012/2013

Winner: Jamie Eccleston Runner Up: Don Blesing

IDG 2 Bowls Singles 2012/2013

Winner: Alan Hurst Runner Up: Don Germein

Handicap Singles 2012/2013

Winner: Jamie Eccleston Runner Up: Tristan Elgar