



# “Top Shot” – November 2021

## Board of Management News

Covid & Vaccinations – The Board has adopted a club policy of “No Vaccinations – No Play” under State Government directions re: Covid Restrictions. This has been sanctioned by Bowls Vic and confirmed through regional communication.

Good News – A “Buildings Committee” of Brain Evans, Des Fiedler and Tom Dobeli has been confirmed and will be led by Board Director John McCurry. An awning is to be placed over the office window (Hopefully completed by publication) Thank you to the volunteers who arranged and erected the structure.

Good News – The Tattslotto Competition kicks off on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. Get your entry (and money) into Lainie Aiello

Good News – State Championships. A number of members have entered the State Championships which, this year will have all entrants from the entire region commence on Day 1. Please make sure that when entering that your money has been paid to our Treasurer BEFORE closing date. The forms are pinned to notice board (Foyer - men) and the anteroom - Ladies

Good News – the “Ladies Invitational” unofficial competition is being played this year commencing on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. White Hills will be host club on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Outcome – Indoor bowls will be considered in 2022, once the Pennant season has been concluded. (Winter)

Outcome – The 5-year planning session has been postponed until March 2022

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The Board met formerly with Geoff Baldwin and Hank Jansen over a recent investigated incident. Both members have given an undertaking to the club and its members, that there will be no further repercussions of the incident.

## In a nutshell....



**Weekly Tattslotto Competition:** On again at \$10 per number which = \$2/ week for 5 weeks. Weekly winner gets \$30, and the club earns \$60/ week. Thanks to Lainie A for the organisation and to the participants for your support. There are a few numbers left for the first round, so please see Lainie. If you miss out on the first round, take the opportunity to get in early for the second round.

## Ladies Club Championship - Singles

The draw has been completed for the club singles championship, however due to inclement weather this week, the match committee will reschedule “play by dates” The final will be due to be played on a date to be advised mid-January.

## Farewell and Welcome

Sadly, we say farewell to Mick Spicer who has made his escape “back to the farm” transferring to Birchip Bowls Club. We wish Mick all the best and hope to see him at some of our tournaments.

The warm Hillies’ welcome goes to new members Greg Devanny, Phil Britton, Marian and Barry Carter. Look out for Marian in the Pennant ranks and the boys on Tuesday night.



Congratulations Marg and Geoff Baldwin for 5<sup>th</sup> November, another milestone in their life’s journey together.

# Happy Birthday

Birthday Wishes are extended to our November “babies”, Tom Dobeli, Aileen and Des Fiedler, Gerry Hogan, Peter McGuire and Alan Wakefield.

**Quiz Answers:** The 9-letter bowls-related terminology was club-shirt. 22 other words (apart from the unprintable ones) are hit, sit, bit, lit, his, sir, rib, stir, suit, list, crib, hits, slit, hilt, silt, itch, chit, built, birch, shirt, cubit  
Christ in not allowed as it is a proper noun.

C	L	S
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The new skip – do we have a uniform to fit?

## Player Profiles

**Frank Gargiulo – Vice President**  
(Section Chairperson- Men's / Weekend Pennant)



Frank was born in Balranald NSW on March 31, 1943. His parents were share farming in the district growing vegetables for the Australian Army. During the war, they were classified as aliens even though his uncle was serving in New Guinea with the 39<sup>th</sup> battalion. In 1945 they moved to Piangil and after more share farming moved to their own farm on the Murray River growing vegetables and later citrus up until they retired around 1977.

Frank was educated at Piangil P.S. and then at Swan Hill Technical High School. This required a 27-mile trip to and from Swan Hill each day - all this done on an ancient Bedford bus. After form 2 Frank completed a technical education course and then completed forms 5 and 6. In form 5, he gained a teaching scholarship, completed an additional secondary year and then attended Bendigo Teachers College in 1961- 62.

His first-year appointments as a teacher were at Ararat, Murtoa, Mitre and Rainbow. Frank became a head teacher at Piambie in his second year with his mentor being his old grade 6 Piangil teacher. Boarding with his parents allowed him to help on the farm which, during school holidays, sold produce through the Victoria market. *"What an experience that was"*. During this time, Frank played football for Tooleybuc in the Mid Murray League.

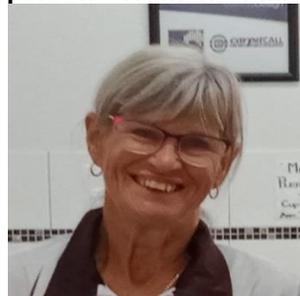
He then took a promotion to Lismore P.S. in 1966 where he met his future wife Annette. They married in 1967. Frank then spent 4 years as headmaster at Benambra P.S. near Omeo where their first 2 sons were born. He was successful with premierships in football, tennis and cricket. In 1972 the family moved to Wangaratta West and then to Churchill P.S where another son and daughter were born. Frank then took promotion as the principal at Quambatook P.S. where he remained for 9 years. His teaching career ended after a further 13 years at Maple Street P.S. in Golden Square.

His hobby led him to join Bendigo Woodturners in 1997 where he was club secretary for 18 years.

Following Annette's death in 2017, on a one Wednesday afternoon, he was introduced to bowls by Jim Austin and Kevin Churchill and the following Saturday was selected to play lead in the Pennant competition.

*"A very quick introduction to a game I enjoy very much, and which I hope to play for many more years."*

**Ann Churchill – Vice President**  
(Section Chairperson - Women's / Midweek Pennant)



Ann was born into a working-class family at Albion in the western suburbs. Sport was an integral part of her life from a very early age. She attended Albion State School and Sunshine West High School. She enjoyed school at all levels, making many friends. Sundays were also special to her as the family would head off to visit family or drive to Trentham and Blackwood areas. If she behaved and did not tease my older sister Lorraine, an ice-cream cone was greatly received.

When Ann was fifteen, her father saw a piece in the Herald newspaper asking for females to come to the Albert Park Basketball Stadium to learn how to play basketball. (Dad knew that if she was not busy she may stray!!! Her sister was the good one). Ann had a talent for basketball and over a period of playing for 50 years made many long-term friends. Basketball has allowed Ann to travel to New Zealand, South Australia, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and Italy playing the game she loved.

In late 1975 Ann joined Victoria Police after working in office administration since finishing school in year 11. On Ann's first day at the police academy, she met her future husband Kevin. A family of four wonderful daughters appeared in rapid succession. Ann lived in Essendon from 1977 until shifting to Bendigo late 1990 as a result of Kevin's transfer to Castlemaine Police Station. From 1999 until 2008, Ann owned two video stores working alongside Kevin.

Ann has 6 grandchildren with number 7 a few days away. Ann loves her sport, and she is an avid bulldog supporter.

*"I don't worry about what I cannot control"*

### Quote for the Month

"It's not the will to win that matters — everyone has that.

It's the will to **prepare to win** that counts."

– Paul "Bear" Bryant