



News in a Nutshell

Well the end of the season is upon us with finals progressing. Well done to the Midweek pennant teams Div 4 5 & 6 making it through to the semis. Unfortunately Div 1 Midweek and the Saturday pennant teams didn't make it through this year but can look forward to next season. Mondays results saw Div 4 progress through to the grand final and Div 6 playing in the Preliminary Final. Best wishes to these teams and please support them with their efforts. Congratulations to the selectors who have the difficult task of picking teams each week which isn't a easy job.

TOURNAMENTS:

Gold letter day: This day was held recently and was a terrific tournament, with over 100 players and the club was buzzing . Well done to all who contributed organising draws, setting up rinks and especially Mary S and Co in the kitchen suppling food for the day.

Members have been playing in many tournaments in the district and after her first one at Elmore Emma has now got the bug. Twelve ladies went to Harcourt recently and although there weren't any winners a very social day was enjoyed by all. Lets hope that the ladies come to our tournaments.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: These games are being played and it's great to see members coming to show their support. With the draws tapering off there will be some interesting matches coming up. Keep checking the notice board for dates and times.

EXERCISE GROUP: The exercise group is back into it again thanks so much to Sandra for her expertise, encouragement and positivity. Any ladies are welcome to come and participate for 1 hour from 10am Tuesday mornings. Music to movement, laughter, balance and strength is focused on and a copper afterwards and a chat. Cost \$5 and all the money goes to dementia Australia and other charities also our club.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Friday night teas have now ceased as pennant season has finished. Thanks to those that have supported these nights under the direction of organiser Bob Parmenter and his helpers. Now it will revert back to normal Friday night drinks (Happy Hour) with nibbles or finger food provided by the club. Unless other special Friday night dinners are organised.

FUND RAISER: Another successful BBQ at bunnings generated \$1208.55 income recently and thanks go to those who put their hands up to help on the day.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD:

- We need someone to mark the lines on the green each week/fortnight so that the lines on each green is done every fortnight.
- The veranda is near completion. The carpet has been ordered and an electrician has been engaged to install fans and lights.

Nominations for club awards now open:-

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| 1/ | Best club person. | 2/ |
| | Encouragement award (Des Cole Memorial award) | |

Criteria for these awards available from the Secretary Jim.

A big thank you to Kevin Churchill for taking the lead role in regard to the water leak that occurred over the summer break. Also thank you to the others who contributed to this emergency works.

PLAYER PROFILE: LANEY COLE

I was born in Ouyen, the oldest of five daughters for Frank and Mary Scarce.



My early childhood was spent in Piangal where my parents conducted a local rural business. It was here I also started my schooling.

Over the years my parents transversed many different areas of Victoria as they sought their income from share farming and other local business ventures, finally moving to Raywood where they ran the local General Store for many years.

Completing my education at St Mary's Bendigo, I left school to support my father in the family business, even to the extent of driving the family truck to carry out local and farm deliveries, even though well shy of

my drivers' licence age. Something that wouldn't happen in this day and age. In the early 50's a dashing but shy young bachelor by the name of Des Cole moved into the district and the rest is history, with us getting married in 1957. Married life commenced for us in Glenroy where Des had employment with Avery Scales, work he had commenced when playing AFL with St Kilda in 1954/55 until a knee injury finished his football career.

We were to have three children, Peter, Stephen and Susie, and moved to Bendigo when Des was appointed District Manager of Avery Scales, and it was in these early years that I commenced part time work with the TAB, a role which I continued for a further 37 years.

The death of Des's father saw us move back to the relatively small family farm in the Neilborough district where we resided for the next 25 years, and a time when Des also took up a senior role along side me with the TAB.

Finally moving to Bendigo where our next door neighbour "Snowy" Nunan convinced us to join the White Hills Bowls Club about the turn of the century. Something special for us as we were to become Life Members

On the green I have won a Club Championship, three Pairs Championships, the 100up twice and the initial year of the prestigious Therese & Danny Smith Memorial Pairs with my beloved Des.

As well as two seasons as head of the Ladies Section, I have contributed 18 years on the catering committee where I kept copious details of every catering function the club conducted, 18 years on the Social Committee and been a member of the Selection Committee and the Ladies Match Committee. All in all I have been proud to have been a member of the White Hills Bowls Club where I have been surrounded by some wonderful team mates both on and off the green for so many years.

Tournaments to sister clubs have provided further icing on my bowls cake, with particular mention of the enjoyment I have always received on my many visits to Serpentine.

Laney is our special living national treasure.

LADIES TOURNAMENT: Please keep this tournament in mind on Tuesday 30th March when we are catering for lunch and with Mary S out of action we will be needing helpers and salads etc. Sponsor for the day is Amcal White Hills Pharmacy.

BARHAM ANNUAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT: From Monday 17th to 23rd April. Please get your entry form back to Frank **ASAP**.

BIRTHDAYS THIS FEBRUARY/MARCH:

Bill McCurdy, Steve O Bree, Robert Jardine, Geordie Julius, John McCurry, Tess Cooney, Jan Sertori, Mal Zadow, **Neil Patten (70), Allan Charlton (70)**, Trevor Lamb and Jeanie Austin.

Steve Arbuckle, Judy McCurry, Maurice Sharkey, Liz Tangey, **Elaine Bell (70), Frank Garguilo (80)**

Best wishes to those recovering from procedures and operations. Get well wishes to those members who are unwell.

Good wishes from our club to Kenneth Chiu who has been a member for a few months while visiting family. We look forward to his return in a couple of months.

RESIGNATION 19TH February 2023:

I hereby advise the Board of the White Hills Bowls Club of my intention to stand down immediately from my position as President and from the board. I have come to this decision, sadly, for personal and family reasons. My decision has nothing to do with anything at the club. My ability to represent this club as President is not how I see the position. I have, in my opinion, let the club down in as much as I haven't represented the club throughout the association as others have done and my absence at different times has meant I haven't been involved as much as I should have been in decisions, programs and just generally being there. My absence may only increase in the next 2-3 months. I am happy to continue my role as booking officer until the new board is elected.

I've had the pleasure of working with some of the best members of this club over the past few years and their/your support has been unconditional. We should be proud of where the club is at the moment but of course there is still a way to go and sadly I cannot guarantee my time for that in an elected capacity.

Good luck I will still be around and hope I can still contribute in some way to the future development of our great club.

Cheers Allan Charlton.

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