



## *Irene Bowling Club Newsletter*

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Hi there fellow bowlers

Please excuse the poor graphics and heading. I am sure if I embark on this again Gerhard will be able to improve on this!

The Committee has decided that in order to improve communications with members, it would send out an occasional newsletter telling them about what is happening at the club and what was discussed at our committee meetings. So this is the first modest attempt to do so.

We had our first committee meeting on Wednesday evening (16 Sept) at 6pm. In the gathering gloom I did not venture down to the lower green, but I can tell you the top green is an exciting deep colourful green – it is really looking good. You will be able to judge for yourselves when you come to prize-giving on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Many of you will be pleased to hear that the concerns you expressed about etiquette at the AGM were right at the top of the list of issues that Claude brought before the meeting. This was discussed at length, and it was decided that as a start a workshop would be held, which Lane would run. You will be advised of details. Also on the cards is the compilation of a guide to duty stewards and their duties. A number of novices (and others) have expressed a desire for something of this nature, so that they know exactly what is expected of them when they are listed as duty stewards. Lee Barnes is taking the lead in drawing this up.

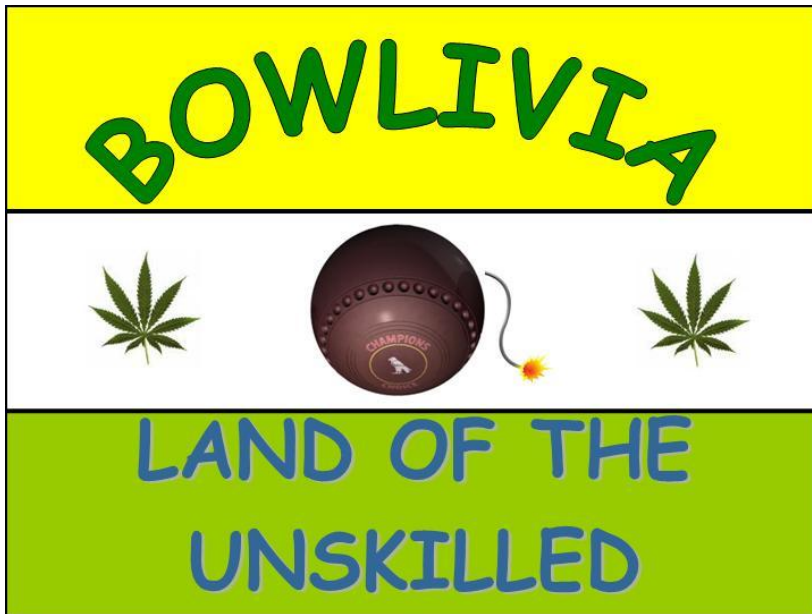
As far as the maintenance and improvement of our clubhouse is concerned, the “tabs-in” office is complete except for the counter, which is receiving attention. Even more exciting news is that the plan that has from time to time been mentioned ever since we moved into the new clubhouse, of extending it by enclosing the verandah area in the vicinity of the new tabs room and the braai area, is fast approaching fruition. The plans for doing this are well advanced and Claude explained the various aspects of it to the committee. So matters are really looking up in this regard.

In case you don't know, five of our Irene men bowlers have been chosen by BGN to take part in the BGN preliminary trials, which start this Saturday. They are Lee Barnes, Eugene Brink, Cobus Coetzee, Anton du Plessis, and Hugh Smith. If you include Jan du Plessis, who regretfully has joined Innesdal (whatever will become of the wooden

spoon?), it would be six. On the ladies' side we are represented by four members – Vicky Frost, Linda Mynhardt, Sheila Parsons and Kathy Potgieter. All the above were those who chose to accept the invitation of BGN to do assessments which were then submitted to BGN. Congrats!

If you have any suggestions about the sort of things we should talk about in such newsletters, or any thoughts about what the committee should be discussing, let me know and I can pass it along to Claude and the others without it becoming an “issue”.

A final word. You may recall that at our AGM Lorna, the Acting Club Manager, made some slighting reference to bowls being an unskilled game! Although she apologized profusely, with a red embarrassed face, our president did not forget the remark, and when the Irene Country Club announced its “Country” club competition, he immediately entered an Irene “Country” team to do battle in the competition. We wish them luck! Here is the flag of our bowls “Country”, complete with a lighted fuse ready to ignite a bowl!



Until the next time

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PS For those who do not have email, I shall arrange for about 20 copies of this newsletter to be placed on the bar counter.