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*Welcome to the thirteenth edition of the*  
**RBC newsletter**



## "Editor's Notes"

Well, here we go again with yet another season of bowls, camaraderie and enjoyment. Having now shaken off the winter blues (for those who didn't go North) it's that time of the year again. WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! Your Board of Management has been extremely busy during the off season and we look forward to the innovations and tweaking that they have initiated. A reminder please. Your hard working editor is limited in brain power and ability to gather information for this newsletter, so again I request input, be it articles, reports, jokes, photos or whatever takes your fancy. If you have anything worth sharing with our members please contact Ken on 0439684086 or via [kenfbowen@gmail.com](mailto:kenfbowen@gmail.com).

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## "President's Notes"

With a new season upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members much enjoyment and success in all games this year.

AIR CONDITIONING. We are planning to have air conditioning installed in the clubrooms during this season. Costs are still to be determined, but hopefully installation will happen prior to the worst that Summer can provide.

MEMBERSHIP. We are embarking upon a membership drive which will include a presence at the markets once a month, development of a presentation to be given to community groups, and instigation of a new club tournament involving both social and full members. More on the tournament is included later in this edition. The aim is to go to the community rather than wait for prospective members to approach us.

BAREFOOT BOWLS. Starts this year on 14<sup>th</sup> November and we always need members to assist on the night, so please give of your time for what is always a great night at the Club.

MONTHLY DINNERS. Friday "SIPPERS" on the last Friday of each month now includes a dinner at a small cost. Last month's roast pork was very well received by those present and this month it will be that old favourite, "BANGERS AND MASH" So see you on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**

GRATITUDE. What amazing members we have!! Special thanks to John Johnston and Tony Bradford for their great effort in producing our new table centrepieces. They are superbly designed and made and have greatly enhanced the presentation of our clubrooms. Thank You both.

PENNANT. We wish all Pennant Teams for the coming season Good Luck, Good Bowling and Good results.



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## "Indoor/Carpet Bowls"

Hearty congratulations to the two Indoor Pennant teams who finished the season with very creditable results.

The Section 1 team finished the home and away games in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder behind the team from City of Frankston. The team, comprised of Joe Turner, Nerina Berni, John Johnston and Betty Pitt, fought valiantly in the semi-final only to be outdone by Frankston, the eventual Grand Final winner.

The Section 2 team of Bryan Lee, Val Williamson, Barbara Cleasy Jones and Joy Hanley reigned supreme at the top of the ladder during the season before a loss to Frankston relegated them to 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They also met a Frankston team in the semi-final, going down by 5 shots.

Special thanks to Dot Woollard for so ably filling in during the season.

Both teams were presented with a Runners Up prize of \$30.00, benefitting the club accordingly.

WELL DONE TO BOTH TEAMS!



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## "Community Spirit"

Following on from the outstanding success of the Quiz Night in April, we have been asked by Bendigo Bank to conduct another night, again for an Assistance Dog for another young member of our Community in need.

Our illustrious quizmaster Steve has agreed, and this will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Keep your eye on the notice boards for more information.

## "Farewell"

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July a small gathering of members and guests gathered at the club to farewell a long-standing member of the club Kenneth Victor Taylor.

Former President John Wilson spoke of Kens work within the club and presented him with a splendid memento to mark the occasion.

Ken joined us from Sorrento Bowls Club in 2003 and quickly settled into the club joining with Terry Allen to win the Men's Pairs Competition in 2003 and again in 2004. He also joined the Committee of Management as Treasurer shortly after and has remained Treasurer or Asst. Treasurer since that time.

Ken now moved into his new residence at Walpeup on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July and has indicated his intention to join the Underbool Bowls Club which is only a short distance away. Ken will also be close to family in Ouyen. We all wish you well Ken and a big thank you for your effort



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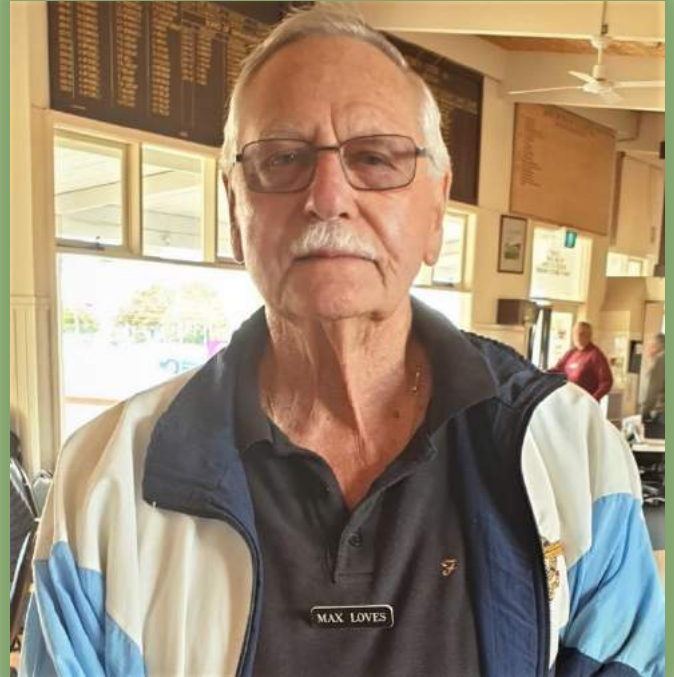
## "Meet your Members"

### MAX LOVES LIVING THE HIGH LIFE

A much respected and quiet member of our club, who skipped in the 2005 /06 Premiership Division. 5 team Max Loves has had along and chequered career as a highflier.

Maxwell Anthony Loves was born on 19/2/1937 to Father Max, (an RAAF Sergeant, Motor Transport. ) and Margaret who cared for the home. Brought up in Newtown Sydney, the then conscientious student won a scholarship to Christian Brothers High School in Lewisham Sydney. He Matriculated in 1952 aged 15.

In 1953 his father was posted to Manus Island and Max worked in the RAAF Canteen and oversaw cleaning at the Airmen's Club. He was already showing signs of leadership with a staff of locals to supervise. After applying to the R.A.A.F. College at Point Cook, and undergoing health and psychological tests at Brisbane, Max was accepted and commenced his training in Tiger Moths in 1954 and additional advanced studies, completing his initial training in Wirraway aircraft in 1957.



Vampire Jet



He was then posted to 24 Squadron Mallala, a Mustang squadron. After 9 months, off to Laverton Victoria flying Vampire jets for 21 Squadron. After 9 months another posting, this time to Williamtown in NSW where he completed a 6-month course flying Sabre jets, undergoing Operational Training.

Max had met his future wife June on a blind date, at RAAF College, but during the Sabre course Max suffered a severe attack of appendicitis in the air and was off duty for 6 weeks. Max took the opportunity to marry June on 5/10/1959 at Mary Immaculate Church Ivanhoe Vic.



January 1960 saw Max in Butterworth Malaya flying Sabres for 2 years during the Malayan Emergency, during this time Max and June became proud parents to daughter Elisha and then Natalie. Another highlight of this posting was being involved in a SEATO Exercise in Bangkok and Saigon lasting 2 weeks.



Saigon Airport was secure, but pilots were advised if they had to eject to do so, if possible, over the area close to the airport, during the day, as they would be O.K. But at night as the surrounds and environs were controlled by the Viet Cong. This was in 1961.

After Malaysia followed a posting to HQ Operational Command Glenbrook N.S.W. as P.A. to Air Officer Commanding Operations. Although this was a ground-based job Max took the advantage of each Wednesday afternoon travelling to Richmond to fly Meteors, "just to keep in touch".

Then after 18 months Max was off to Empire Test Pilots School at Farnborough, England., Another bonus was the birth of son Stephen born at Aldershot Military Hospital Wiltshire. 12 months at Farnborough saw Max flying Chipmunks, Gliders, Hawker Hunters, Vickers Viscounts, DeHavilland Dove, Canberras, Provost, and Gloster Meteor aircraft as well as helicopter training.



Then another move to Boscombe Down Wiltshire as Exchange Test Pilot for 2 years, where he conducted trials on aircraft such as the Lightning and Hawker Hunter.

At last back to Australia to Laverton Vic. As Squadron Leader Research and Development Unit Another son, a little Aussie, Nicholas was born at Queen Victoria Hospital Melbourne. ARDU gave Max the Macchi Project to develop as test pilot, this involved travelling to Italy for 4 months to liaise with engineers and aircrew to implement a Flight Test Schedule. This Jet trainer aircraft had numerous faults, which needed to be identified, tested, corrected and trialled. This work without doubt saved the lives of some pilots and many aircraft. At ARDU Max also worked on Mirage, Dakotas, Sabres, Canberras, and Vampires.



For his work in ARDU Max was awarded The Queens Commendation and was promoted to Wing Commander. Max was also for some time the Hon. Aide de Comp to the Governor General Sir Paul Hasluck.

January 1971, and Max was at the Australian Army Staff College Queenscliff for 12 months and then off to HQ Support Command Victoria Barracks as Command Recruiting Officer this involved being President of the Interview Board assessing RAAF applicants. 2 years later Max tendered his resignation from the RAAF, which was undoubtedly reluctantly accepted.

Ahh, civilian life, but Max was still busy, Max was offered various positions, but settled on becoming P.A. to the Vice Chancellor of the R.M.I.T. But still flew when possible with the Point Cook Aero Club, and completed a Flying Instructors course at Essendon. He resigned from R.M.I.T. after 19 years in 1993 and became a full-time flying instructor at Essendon.

In 2000 Max landed in the quiet fields of retirement. Touching down in Rye (because he had previously owned a holiday home at Blairgowrie) Max taxied into his current home in Rye.

However, fame and knowledge, ability, and manner, are hard assets to come by in any one person and Max was dragged kicking and resisting onto the board of the Rye R.S.L. by one John Wilson, a person whom we all know is determined and hard to resist. Max is currently Vice President of the Rye R.S.L.

Although neither of Max's sons have followed him in to the R.A.A.F. One grandson Jay is an Air Combat Officer having completed 2 tours of the Middle East on Wedgetail aircraft.

Max you have had an inspiring career, much travelled, frightening at times, but brilliance shines through,

We Salute You.  
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Editor's Note:- Many thanks to Kevin Lawson for this excellent biography of Max's stellar career in the Royal Australian Air Force. And thanks to Max for his service



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## "RUMOURS"

All members are urged to completely ignore a rumour which is currently circulating throughout the Club. This is a completely fabricated story of three members, Henry, Trevor and Geoff and their claim to have scored a "9-Up" end during a game of triples recently. Anyone who knows them would understand that they obviously have their aspirations and their capabilities confused, but nevertheless it's a great story.

## "Social News"

Steve and Jan conducted another Quiz afternoon for members and guests on Sunday 6 Oct. Approximately 60 members and guests enjoyed a great afternoon of head scratching and trying to remember those elusive facts. Barney and his table were the ultimate winners of the day which contributed over \$1000 to the club's coffers. Well done Jan and Steve.

## "Joke of the Month"

### TEN TOP REASONS WHY BOWLS IS BETTER THAN SEX

10. A below par performance is considered damn good.
9. You can stop in the middle and have a snack and a couple of beers
8. It's much easier to find the sweet spot
7. Threesomes are encouraged
6. You can still make money doing it as a senior



5. Three times a day is possible
4. Your partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you do it with someone else
3. If you live on the Peninsula, you can do it almost every day
2. You don't have to cuddle your partner when you're finished

And the NUMBER ONE reason why bowls is better than sex

1. When your equipment gets old, you can replace it

## "Social and Full Members"

As previously mentioned by our President, this season brings with it a new tournament designed to improve the skills and knowledge of our Social members, whilst providing a relaxed, comfortable and fun setting. It is hoped that with knowledge and improved skills, many social members will go on to full membership and to that end, participation by current full members is encouraged.

Games are to be played on Sundays beginning at 2 pm, commencing on Sun 24 November, then each Sunday until and including 15 December. After the Xmas break the tournament will resume on 12 Jan 2020 and conclude on Sunday 9 Feb with a barbeque and presentations.

Players will be required to pay \$8.00 Green Fees per game, bring own afternoon tea (As per Barefoot Bowls), music will be provided, and the bar will be open from close of play.

The Game? Rye Bowls Club version of "SCROUNGERS" as per overleaf. This is a game designed to encourage draw bowling and is a great way to accustom new players to bowls and the etiquette of the green. It is purely individual (no team structure) and the draw for the game is always random. There are three players per rink with each using 4 bowls.

Scores will be tallied at the end of each game with the highest score being the days WINNER!

Cumulative scores will also be tallied over the whole tournament to determine the KING or QUEEN SCROUNGER

No need to enter your name, just turn up on the day to get a game.

The RBC Rules for Scroungers are as follows.



## RULES FOR SCROUNGERS

- 1 The game will be of 12 ends, with a maximum of 3 players to each rink.
- 2 Each player will use 4 bowls, the jack shall not be centred after being rolled.
- 3 POINT SCORE: Nearest bowl to the jack.....3 points

Second bowl..... 2 points

Third bowl..... 1 point

"Toucher"..... 3 points

If two bowls are "resting Touchers" then 3 points each. Third bowl receives no points.

- 4 Normal minimum length rink applies. If the lead bowler fails to roll the minimum length, or rolls the jack out of bounds, then the next bowler in turn rolls the jack. The first lead then bowls last.
- 5 Bowls in the ditch are not counted even though they may be "touchers." If the jack is ditched, only the three closest bowls on the green count.
- 6 When the jack is ditched it is still live, but its position shall not be marked by the jack indicator.
- 7 Any player causing the jack to go out of bounds when delivering a bowl will be penalised 6 points and that concludes the end.
- 8 A 3-point penalty shall apply to:
  - A. Wrong Bias
  - B. Putting a Bowl out of bounds

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