



# Tiger Tales



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## CLUB HISTORY

### A J GOUDIE – A bizarre story!

Apparently, Alexander was a very good bowler, Secretary of the club and an accountant who just up and disappeared one day. It was a big story in the papers.



#### PLAYERS IN VICTORIAN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

A. J. Goudie (Toorak, South Australia) and A. R. Dredge (Hawthorn, Victoria), who played in the Australian championship tournament in Melbourne. Mr. Goudie was the last of the South Australians to be defeated.

Alexander James Goudie was a member of the Club, but more significantly was a champion lawn bowler, winning State titles in Singles and as a Fours Skipper, and representing the State in interstate competition. He was an exceptionally well-known sports person in South Australia.

He was an employee of F W Bullock & Co, of Pirie Street, Adelaide, Commercial Real Estate Agents.

Goudie was the Hon. Secretary of the Club, having assumed responsibility from April 1932, and had been Secretary of the Toorak Bowling Club between 1926 and 1929.

On 22 March, 1933 he had advised his wife, Grace, that he would not be home for dinner and was expected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. However, he did not arrive at the AGM, and had 'vanished'.

In his report to the Annual Meeting, the Acting Secretary (Mr R W Truscott) noted that Mr Goudie had taken control at a time of extreme difficulty for the club and had placed it in a position to overcome its difficulties.

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**Australian Bowls Championships, Melbourne**



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## RINK WINNERS

The Rink Winners announced so far this season are:

- ROUND 1 - **Lin Turley, Ian Brereton** and **Graeme Litster** from the Wednesday Div 3 team and also **Clive Thompson** and **Carl Hopkins** from the Wednesday Div 4 team (combined with Walkerville BC) with a winning margin of 18 shots.
- ROUND 2 - **Tracy Feckner, Denise Andrews, Lyn Barrington** and **Myriam Sandelance** from the Thursday Div 1 team with an incredible winning margin of 26 shots!
- ROUND 3 - **Louise Naughton, Sonya Brown, Rose Miles** and **Vicki Feast** from the Thursday Div 1 team with an impressive winning margin of 18 shots.
- ROUND 4 - **Peter Cullen, Garry Cooper, Colin Elsworthy** and **Allan Walker** from the Wednesday Premier team with an impressive winning margin of 19 shots!
- ROUND 5 - **Tracy Feckner, Lyn Barrington, Barb Bairstow** and **Michael Burns** from the Saturday Div 7 (III) team with an impressive winning margin of 17 shots.
- ROUND 6 - **Dave Cucchiarelli, Gavin Leydon, Myriam Sandelance** and **Guy Uren** from the Saturday Div 4 team with a huge winning margin of 24 shots.
- ROUND 7 - **Gavin Leydon, Alby McKenzie, Matt Adams** and **Ben Adams** from the Saturday Div 2 team with an impressive winning margin of 31 shots.
- ROUND 8 - **Dave Cucchiarelli, Saw Chng, Ian Munro** and **Vicki Feast** from the Saturday Div 4 team and **Carole Denny, Sue Neale, Saw Chng** and **Corrina Min** from the Thursday Div 1 team - both with a winning margin of 20 shots.

## TIGER PATROL

Lots happening, as usual. Cleaning and keeping the garden and surrounds looking good. Many thanks to the team.

Also, many thanks to Chris (Grubby) Grabczewski for supplying some half decent wine to our recent Tiger Patrol luncheon.

Present were Andrew Mackenzie, Rob Kraehe, Ian Munro, Lin Turley, Sandy Sandelance, Graeme Litster, Albert Kruiemel, Grubby, Keith Arnold and Leftie. Apologies from Trevor Bairstow and Peter Dungey.

Photo (opposite) by Lin Turley.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH for October, November and December

The Board agreed that **Alby McKenzie** would receive the 'Volunteer of the Month' Award for **October**. With the help of Albert, Alby organised the refurbishment of the memorial rose garden. There is now a steel frame for the climbing jasmine, new bush roses and complementary plants along with a dripper watering system and mulch. It looks fantastic!

The 'Volunteer of the Month' Award for **November** was presented to **Jenny Kraehe**. As well as being appointed as a Thursday Selector, she completed her RSA qualification and has generously provided a charcuterie platter (or two) at Friday Happy Hours.

The **December** 'Volunteer of the Month' was **Gary Miles** for his commitment to selection for the last few years. It is a thankless job, unless you are recognised by the Board for your efforts.



## LYN'S UMPIRE & MEASURING TIPS

As most players would know, there are many laws that apply to lawn bowls. The book *Laws of the Sport of Bowls* covers most situations and they have been written 'in the spirit of true sportsmanship'. To quote from the Foreword, *"If a situation arises that is not covered by the laws, players, markers and umpires must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action."*

Most people learn the rules through playing but it is a good idea to actually read them - I believe the Club will soon be stocking copies of the Law Book for purchase. It should be noted that social bowls often has a more 'relaxed' approach to the rules, which can lead to misunderstandings. So, if you are a pennant player, please get a copy and read the rules!

I've been asked to share some tips about laws, measuring and so on, so here are a couple to start with:

### When to Mark a Toucher

A bowl that touches the Jack in its original course should be marked immediately. Not after the next bowl has been delivered.

TOUCHERS AND DEAD BOWLS Law 15.1, page 29  
*"A toucher must be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl or the marker as soon as it comes to rest."*

So before stepping onto the mat the player to bowl next must wait until the toucher has been marked, ideally with spray chalk, designed for lawn bowls. (It's advisable to avoid using messy chalk as it can be difficult to remove and can cause players to lose grip on their bowl.)

### Placing the Mat

How often do you see a mat placed on the wrong line and the jack delivered incorrectly? One sure way of placing the mat in the correct position is to face the bank and line the mat up with the rink number, then deliver the jack.

What happens if the mat and jack are both on the wrong line? The answer depends on whether or not bowls have been played.

If no bowls have been played law 6.1.3, page 21 applies. PLACING THE MAT - At the start of each end: *"If, after the jack has been delivered but before the first bowl is delivered, a player or the marker finds that the mat line has not been positioned within the distances described in law 6.1.1, the opposing player must place the mat as described in law 6.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making*

*sure that it is centred, but the opposing player must not play first."* (Law 6.1.1 refers to correct placement of the mat: with the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink, at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 21 metres from the front ditch.)

If bowls have been played law 6.2.3, page 22 applies. During each end: *"If the mat is off the centre line, it must be moved to that line."* However, the jack cannot be moved to the centre line if it was centred on the wrong line. Law 9.7, page 24 - Delivering the jack: *"After the first player to play has delivered the first bowl, no-one has the right to challenge the legality of the original position of the jack."*

Good bowling!

Lyn Barrington

Bowls Australia National Umpire

## OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENT

It was held on Friday 12 December and started at 6pm. This year we tried a 'Bring a Plate' style event. This was suggested by the Social Committee, headed by Carolyn Sullivan. It was a casual friendly affair and, although the numbers present were not large, those who attended had a great time.

The food table was most impressive, and no one went hungry. Most went back for seconds. And just when you thought you could not eat another thing, the desserts came out. The food choices were magnificent! But then, quite spontaneously, the Muir family headed for the greens for some barefoot bowling. And soon afterwards, the Howison family entertained us with some Christmas songs. Isn't it great to have some youth around the Club? And then a challenge was heard, and suddenly there were older bowlers out there locked in deadly conflict. It was a great night!

