

TBBC NEWSLETTER

TIGER TALES

PRE-SEASON TRIALS

Please ensure you advise your availability for pre-season trials at least **two days prior** to games. Tick your availability on the sheets at the club or contact a member of the Selection Panel.

PENNANT START DATES

Saturday (Open)

10 October 2026

Wednesday (Men)

14 October 2026

Thursday (Women)

15 October 2026

2026 SCHOOLS SPORTS AUSTRALIA 18 YEARS AND UNDER BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ocean Grove Bowling Club (near Geelong, Victoria)
6 – 10 September

by Myriam Sandelance

Erin Eckermann and Aleriya Muir participated in trials and were both selected in the 10-bowler SA team to play in the School Sports Australia Championships.

The championships started with the opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon 6 September, followed by 3½ days of bowling and the finishing with the presentations on Thursday afternoon.

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Two 5-bowler teams from each state played 14 games over the 3½ days of competition in singles, pairs, triples and fours. Four sessions of 1½ hours were scheduled Monday to Wednesday and two sessions on Thursday morning.

Sessions 1 and 3: Pairs and Triples
Sessions 2 and 4: Singles and Fours

Erin and Aleriya both played in the pairs and fours, Erin in SA Team A and Aleriya in SA Team B.

The standard of play across the board was astounding and the result of an end often came down to the final bowl. Who says bowling is not exciting to watch - some amazingly tight heads with four to five changes and jack moves most ends. The future of our sport is certainly in good hands with so many talented young bowlers from around the country.

Erin and Aleriya both played very well, improving and building their confidence day by day. They show incredible commitment to our sport and certainly made our club and their school proud.

Overall, SA won the bronze medal behind New South Wales and Victoria. What a fantastic result.

Congratulations to Erin and Aleriya and all SA bowlers. We look forward to seeing a lot more great bowling from all our junior bowlers during the coming pennant season and upcoming state events.

We can also look forward to the 2027 School Sports Australia Championships to be held in Adelaide in July.



AROUND THE GREENS

by Graham (Leftie) Wright

In late August, all of the bordering plinths were replaced with new ones on all three greens, and the greens were laser levelled.

Green Keeper, James Gregory, oversaw the project which was managed by Club Greens Manager and President, Alby McKenzie.

The final plinth is laid. James and Alby, Ronny Davidson and I were there to witness it.

A host of helpers were also involved, and I hope I don't leave anyone out - Ben Adams, Matt Adams, Greg Feutrill, Rob Kraehe, Andrew Mackenzie, Kevin Whitford, Guy Uren, Jason Reibe, Matt Hambrook Albert Kruimel and myself.



THE TACTICAL LINE

brought to you by Ronny Davidson, Club Coach

A few people have recently asked me about how to play the metre on or sit out shot, so here is a simple explanation and diagram that hopefully will help.

This shot is extremely important in our game. Played positively and correctly, it can turn the end around and shatter the confidence of our opponents.

This shot is played with approximately one extra metre of weight, with the intention of removing our opponent's bowl that is sitting close to the jack, and staying in place to give us the shot. (A trail of the jack can also be useful in some scenarios.)

To achieve this, your aiming point will be slightly different to that of a dead draw shot. You should be

aiming at a point one metre behind the jack and at an angle of approximately 35 to 45 degrees. If you play the normal draw line, but with extra weight, you will miss the target bowl. (See the diagram for reference - the aiming point is the X behind the jack.) In simple terms, you are just playing a draw shot to the points marked X and those annoying opponents' bowls will get in the way!

I will be setting drills for exactly this shot at practice during the year.

Hope this helps.

Go the mighty Tigers!!!



CURRIES GALORE!

Each month through winter, we've had a Friday Curry Night at the Club, and the numbers have been great!

The last Curry Night (in August) saw in excess of 80 members and friends fill the clubrooms. Similar numbers attended in June and July.

Many thanks to the curry makers – Albert Kruiemel, Sue Edwards, Jenny and Rob Kraehe, Andrew Mackenzie, Denise Andrews, Leftie, Sue Neale, Trevor Bairstow, Louise Naughton and Alby McKenzie.

Albert and Rob set up the room, JR was behind the bar and several helped with the cleaning up afterwards. A big thank you to all.



THURSDAY LUNCHES

On the first Thursday of each month, a group of old bowlers from TBBC go to the Marryatville Hotel (one of our great sponsors) for lunch.

Going around the table from the front left we have Jeff Cant, Ron Patterson, Trevor Bairstow, Paul Addle, Keith Arnold and Leftie at the end of the table. Heading back towards the front right of the table we have Graeme Litster, Ian Brereton, Bob Penhall, Peter Anson and Carl Hopkins.



FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE CLUB

During the cooler months, Albert Kruimel resurrected the Lucky Draw at the Club on a Friday night. Usually, 20 to 30 enjoy the Happy Hour prices and it's a good chance to catch up and think about the serious bowls to come.

In recent times, we have had three winners, the last one being Rob Kraehe (\$250), with Carole Denny winning (\$275) the week before and Carol Sullivan over \$300 before that. You have to be there to win it!

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LEFTIE'S CORNER

brought to you by Graham (Leftie) Wright

I've met many experienced Skips who believe the Lead is the most important position in their team, besides themselves. As well as the "one on, one just behind" expectation, the Lead controls the length of the end by rolling the jack to where the Skip wants it. Usually, if a team wins an end at a certain length, the Skip will want a similar length. And usually, if a team has just lost a string of very short ends, the Skip will want a long end, and vice versa. A jack bowled into the ditch or too short by the Lead gives the momentum back to the opposition. Jack throwing is important and does need to be a part of any bowler's practice regime.

The Lead also helps give the team control of a particular hand. The narrow hand (caused by either wind or condition of the green) is usually the hand preferred, as there is less margin for error if the bowl is delivered slightly offline. The narrow hand should never be given away to the opposition easily. If the opposition leaves a bowl close to the jack and in the draw line on the narrow hand, it is not necessary to change hands. Yes, you might knock the opposition closer, but if you do hit them, you are also close – and you have not given away the narrow hand to the opposition as they now have the same problem you were faced with. And there is more to consider, but that's for next time...

