TBBC NEWSLETTER

TIGER TALES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026-2027

The draws for the Club Championships are out! Check the board in the clubrooms to see who you're playing against.

To avoid possible forfeiture, please ensure your games are played by the due dates stipulted for each round.

Please familiarise yourself with the **Rules of Club Championships 2026-2027** document, which is on the board and also the TBBC website.

OPENING OF THE GREENS

Friday 9 October 2026

What a wonderful opening to the pennant season! Our Opening of the Greens event was a fantastic occasion and a great celebration of our club, with a huge crowd in attandance. The complimentary drink on arrival was certainly a welcome start to the evening!

A real highlight was the delicious meal prepared by our very own Louise Naughton whose catering expertise was obvious. Thank you so much, Louise!

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The evening's enjoyment continued with the Mega Bowl competition, despite a rather slow green thanks to the rain that fell earlier. Entrants' names (of which there were many) were drawn randomly in groups of three, with winners progressing through each round until just two remained for the final. Congratulations to Corrina Min, our new Mega Bowl Champion, on her victory!

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after to make the event such a success. Our volunteers do a lot of work and do it well.

This event was a great opportunity to catch up with friends, enjoy some laughs and lively banter, and we look forward to the pennant season ahead.



















RONNY DAVIDSON'S

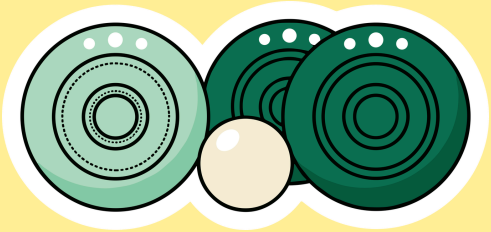
COACHING SESSIONS

Tuesday Afternoons
One-on-one and small group coaching sessions.
*Please note that **bookings** must be arranged prior by texting Ronny on **0418 840 302***

Thursday Afternoons
Youth Coaching
3:30pm to 5pm

Fridays
3pm to 6pm
Coaching and drills sessions

TRAINING FOR SPECIFIC RINK POSITIONS
Ronny will also be running sessions aimed at Leads and 2s as well as 3s and Skips. Bowlers fairly new to the sport of lawn bowls will be encouraged to attend. Dates and times will be emailed to players in due course.



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VALE
IAN BRERETON (SPIKE)



It is with great sadness that we advise the recent passing of Ian Brereton (Spike), a much-loved member, volunteer and friend of Toorak Burnside Bowling Club.

Spike's commitment to our club was nothing short of phenomenal. For 18 years he cooked the Night Owls barbeque, helped set up for the evening and managed the scorecards. His trademark cheeky grin and the much loved Caramello Koala Encouragement Award brought plenty of smiles and has become part of our Night Owls tradition.

Spike was a skilled and accomplished lawn bowler whose love of the game and contribution on the greens were greatly valued. As an accredited umpire, he generously volunteered at the Country Carnivals held at the club as well as many pennant games. His outstanding dedication and service earned him TBBC Life Membership and Bowls SA's 'Volunteer of the Year' recognition.

Spike was indeed an integral part of our club community. His friendship, generosity and mischievous sense of humour will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be greatly missed.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Spike's family and close friends. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy of service and friendship at Toorak Burnside Bowling Club.

CARL HOPKINS RETIRES FROM PENNANTS

by Graham (Leftie) Wright

Just prior to the beginning of this Pennant season, Carl Hopkins announced his retirement from Pennants. We'll see him around the Club, but not on the Greens.



Did you know that Carl joined the Club for the 1985-86 season but did not immediately play Pennants? He had been coaching a Church women's netball team but, at the end of their season, they all either got married or went interstate which left him with nothing to do on Saturday afternoons. It was Bet Price who lived across the road on Grant Avenue who persuaded him to join us.

The first recorded game I can find for Carl in the Archives is 15 March 1986 at Uraidla where he led for Taylor Weedon. In the 1986-87 season, he was playing 2 for Taylor regularly.

Soon after the merger with Burnside RSL in 1996, he joined the committee and was the Club's Eastern Zone Representative. The merger meant that the Club now possessed too many Honour Boards and nowhere to put them. Some were sold, some were stored and our current system evolved.

In 1997, Carl became Greens Manager and held that position for many years. He would often be seen rolling the greens before Pennant games and tournaments.





In 2009, Carl found the original Toorak Club Honour Board on top of a shed, and in a state of poor disrepair. So he salvaged it, restored it and persuaded the Board to put it back on the wall where it belonged, on the left when you enter the Clubroom.

With our Club Centenary approaching, Carl approached the Board and suggested that we needed to do something about it. A few were interested in helping, a little, so Carl took it upon himself to get the job done. He descended into the cellar, cleaned it up, found snippets of historical information and put a book together.

Carl has also organised for the last 20 years the Toorak 'Oldies' monthly lunch. It started at the Tower Hotel, then the Royal, The Norwood and finally with the Marryatville Hotel who are Club sponsors.

CLUB VALUES

- Honesty, respect and integrity
- Strive for excellence in all we do
- Continuous improvement
- Encourage everyone to develop their potential
- Promote a family atmosphere
- Be socially aware and responsible
- Uphold the traditions, history and values of our club

LYN'S MEASURING TIPS

brought to you by Lyn Barrington

Types of Measures

A box string measure is preferred by many players as it can give a truer result, unlike some of the metal measures that can twist and bend.

Laser measures are also used by umpires and some players, although the cheaper ones are not normally recommended.

How to Measure

Always measure the **flat** bowl first. This will give the most reliable distance to be compared with leaning bowls. As leaning bowls can move during measuring, you can use chocks to secure them. Window wedges are a cheap alternative to bowls wedges and are available from hardware stores. (Never chock the jack.)

Place your measure's pointer against the jack. Hold the release button down and extend the measure until the tip at the end just touches the bowl. This should be the shortest distance between the jack and the bowl where the measure and string (or tape) are in a straight line.

Bowls should not be moved unless the opponents have agreed. **Law 22.2**, page 34 **RESULT OF AN END, The shot:** "No bowl must be moved until the opponents have agreed whether it is a shot or not, except where a bowl has to be moved so that another bowl can be measured".

What happens if a bowl is moved during the measuring process?

This is a displaced bowl, covered in **SECTION 2.3 – BOWL AND JACK DISPLACEMENT. Law 37.4** Bowl displacement when being marked as a toucher or during measuring.

Law 37.4.1 "If a bowl is displaced by a player when marking it as a toucher, or by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back to its former position."

Did you know?

Many players are not aware that their measure has a small set of callipers tucked inside. Very handy for measuring bowls very close to the jack.

Here are examples of measures showing their callipers.



Good bowling!

SKINS DAY SUCCESS



Vicki and Trevor Feast invited Aleriya Muir and Erin Eckermann to join them to play in the Tranmere Skins Day on Sunday 18 October 2026.

They were undefeated in the three qualifying rounds (1 fours, then 2 pairs games) and, on that basis, finished SECOND.

In the Skins Final, they played a team of Premier Division players from Modbury, so the pressure was on from the very first end! They won a total of $200 and Modbury won $300. Aleriya and Erin were obviously delighted to win their very first tournament prize money. The smiles on their faces are priceless. Congrats!

Thank you to the Youth Committee for their hard work over the past couple of years. Their input has helped the rapid progress of our juniors, who are showing huge potential. This augurs well for the future of our great club.