



Tiger Tales

Tall tales but true (perhaps, slightly embellished with a hint of fact) from the Tigers' Den.
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It's official. We're now 150 years old. That makes us one of the oldest sporting clubs in Australia and certainly one of the best. So, without fanfare let me introduce our sesquicentennial team.



It's truly a great club that can survive this long and still be going strong. It's a testament to the people that have walked through our door, signed up and left their mark.

Our club started with a few people who were committed to the creation of a bowling club. Our Club continues because we have people who are committed to keeping this great club going.

Feel proud, you are part, a member, of a truly great sporting club. But it's now time to move forward onto the next 150 years. So what can you do?

- Be genuinely committed to our club and your team
- Don't stand back in the shadows, stand up and be part of us
- Be responsible and reliable, keep selectors and your teammates informed
- Be flexible, adapt to what is required, not want you want to do
- Actively listen to team instructions and support your teammates
- Show respect and represent our Club with dignity and honour
- And, always be ready to help out...

Understand that being a great club isn't about 'BIG' things. It's about the small things that make a big difference. What will keep us going for another 150 years is the 3 B's of RUBC. Be Respectful, Be Supportive and Be Awesome!

#YELLOWANDBLACK
#MAKETHETIGERSROAR

The words of our club team song 'Tiger Land'

Oh we're from Tiger land
A fighting fury we're from Tiger land
In any weather you will see us with a grin
Risking head and skin
If we're behind we'll never mind
we'll fight and fight and win
oh where from Tiger land
we never weaken til the final bowl is bowled
like the tigers of old
we're strong and we're bold
oh we're from tiger
-YELLOW AND BLACK-
oh we're from Tiger land

One must wonder. In the 150 years that the Richmond Union Bowling club has being going, is this the finest rink ever to be assembled. Not saying, just asking?



Lead Graham Wong, Second Greg Harrison, Third Bob Hutton and Skip Brian Freeth.

It was Melbourne Cup eve. It was a really big night. It really was. There was dancing and romancing and plenty of good cheer. And, well, you can't have a proper sesquicentennial celebration without some very important people.

With the Queen, Prime Minister, the Premier and the Pope last minute apologies (their absence was their loss), it was left to the finest of our community.



The Two Dicks

Our President Richard Konarik with club supporter, Member for Richmond, Minister for Planning and all round top bloke, Richard Wynne MLA who came to help us celebrate our 150th birthday.



The Mayor of the City of Yarra, Daniel Nguyen who came along with Councillor Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei, to help us celebrate. Delivering a heartfelt speech on our sesquicentennial achievement and our value to the community. Love your work Daniel.



Neil Dalrymple, CEO of Bowls Australia presents a plaque to our President, congratulating us on reaching our sesquicentennial.



Two wonderful and very influential women of the bowling fraternity. Nicole O'Connor, Vice President of the Richmond Union Bowling Clubs receives a plaque from Barbara Gilbert, President of Bowls Victoria who was on hand to help us celebrate.



Ajay Nair, wins the Lend Lease (retirement village) lucky door prize.

Tiger Roar (From the Committee)

Looky, looky, looky. Having given the architects free reign, our vision is now on display.

In the bowls operation room, you'll find a sign that says 'U R HERE' and lo and behold you've found the renovation plans.

Now, it's your turn to critique. You can be a design critic. Your input is welcome and actually encouraged. We want to get this right.

Imagine you're in the new Members Lounge, laid back in a new luxurious, soft, down filled, leather sofa. Vodka martini (stirred not shaken of course) in hand. A gently breeze ruffling your seersucker top as a stringed quartet plays your favourite tunes. You're watching club Adonis's, Benny and Bobby battle it out on the back green. Poetry in motion.

Is this heaven? No, you're just living the Richmond Union Bowling Club dream.

The Bowls Operation Room, now a Den will be in the front of the men's locker room. There will be sliding doors to the new BBQ Lounge and windows to the back green.

That BBQ will be a winner - bar, kitchenette, TV, darts, heaters. It will be a place to unwind. A home away from home. Perhaps it's time for a Pimms and lemonade.

The existing men's toilet, shower and storeroom behind you is gone with revamped ladies and men's toilets/lockers and 2 new showers.

To your right towards the bar will be the enlarged and opened up to the Members Bar and Bistro. So when there's a function in the Great Hall's your comfort will be assured in our lounge, bar, bistro.

The bar itself is needing a revamp together with the kitchen and associated store/cold rooms. All in good time.

Once again, immerse yourself in the renovation-plan and please don't hesitate to question, criticise or commend what you see.

Don't panic, just be comfortable because until everyone is comfortable we will not move forward. And rest assured members, we will be applying for funding



The Committee #yellowandblack

Jungle Beat (news from around the club)

Greg Harrison and his able bodied assistants have been busier than a one legged bloke in a bum kicking competition.

The club transformation, albeit only temporary until the club gets a complete renovation, is now complete. And, doesn't the joint look magnificent.

I dips me lid to you Greg, you have done a brilliant job.

A club is defined by the contributions and the efforts of its members. When Greg, first walked through the club doors, we all asked WTF?

Well, now that question has been answered. We have a living treasure in our midst. Thank god you choose to walk through our doors. You are simply wonderful. Mr Wonderful.

Now, here's the challenge for the rest of us. If every member put in 5% of the effort Greg has put in, everything that needs to be done, would get done!

Tiger paws (bowls operations)

The new 'Bowls Operations Room' is up and running. Another Greg Harrison initiative.

All the notice boards are now located in there. So if you're looking for the team sheets, travelling sheets and club notices you'll find them in there.

Super Sunday is on again. Sunday 25th November come and watch the open and ladies singles finals.

Coaches corner

THE BACK END (Source: Rod Huddle *eCoach Bowls Newsletter # 16*)

The BACK END should be asking themselves: Do we have cover at the back?; Do we have a great 2nd shot?; Are we playing a conversion shot or playing to position? Or both? Are we at risk of losing numbers? What is the overall score and ends to go? Etc...

The BACK END are the Third and Skip in a Four's rink. These players also form a sub team partnership that provides the team with stability and direction. If the FRONT END is the engine of the team then BACK END are the navigator and driver.

The Third and Skip are also the problem solvers. They need great communication and skill to turn a poor situation into a winning one. They also need to be able to think clearly and quickly while under a lot of pressure. A really effective BACK END is hard to score against and hard to beat.

The Third needs great weight control and discipline to play into the head for a result but not do too much damage or lose their bowl. This ideally should not have to be communicated to the Third by the Skip during the game. They are "Head aware" and play accordingly.

Conversely a Third who offers too much comment or advice to the Skip just adds confusion and doubt into the team. A Third and Skip need to be able to play ALL the shots, particularly have a strong reliable draw shot game. Accurate drives are a bonus and should be practiced so they are ready to be used with once attempt.

The Skip needs all the skills to play any shot to play confidently without a self-focus. They need to have the

experience of each position before they skip, so they can really understand and call the shots. A Skip has to take control of the team in a real leadership role, at the same time acknowledging the team's effort.

Aggressive Play or Conservative Play?

The BACK END needs a Game Plan that they work together on, all the game. There is nothing worse than a Third and Skip clearly in conflict with the directions given or decision making process. Few players can get the results they want with overly aggressive play. Usually they are easy beats and beat themselves up for you. Of course some days they hit everything and are unbeatable. That doesn't happen too often so they learn the hard way. The BACK END need to play mostly conservatively to show respect and support for their FRONT END. However, as soon as a good opportunity arises be aggressive and play positively.

Third and Skip's combo basics

1. Work together to create a winning BACK END
2. Support the others in the team
3. Be able to play all the shots
4. Be able to draw to save.
5. Play with care when holding or into danger.
6. Make a lot of audible positive talk to each other.
7. Give clear directions
8. Use good body language
9. Don't be lazy, walk to the head to discuss and confirm

At the Waterhole (Bar Announcements)

This week, we have introduced a special drink offer. 2 Beers for the price of two beers. Next week, if you buy one beer for the price of two, we'll give you a second beer for free. It's all part of our responsible service of alcohol.

Effective immediately, only authorised Staff are allowed in the Kitchen, we understand that this might effect a few members. However, due to the conditions in the kitchen, a report from Yarra Council and our Insurance Company we cannot continue to allow our members access. This arrangement will continue until after the Christmas Break, at which time it will be reviewed.

From Thursday 29 November, Members Meals will STOP on Thursday and Friday's. Sunday Roast will continue right through to Christmas. Melbourne Bitter will come off tap once it runs out making way for 4 Pines Summer Ale.

We would encourage Members to help out as much as possible by collecting glasses, hosting and anything else they see needs to be done throughout the busy season.

We are searching for HOSTS who are happy to Volunteer for the summer season. This is one of the most important jobs we have at the club and we need as much help as possible. Please email or chat to Nathan or Dylan.

Finally, don't forget the members draw each and every Thursday at 7.00 p.m.

At RUBC we serve alcohol because no really great story started with a salad. Remember, if you didn't drink to excess, how would your teammates know that you love them come midnight?

Player Profile – Hugh Jass reporting



She's got the jack (well look at the photo).

Trying to get an interview with the elusive Tracy (Cyclone) McCormack proved difficult. My first few requests request were met with a firm "NO". Or to put it bluntly, I was told to go and have sex and travel (F*#K OFF)!

But this little newshound wasn't taking no for an answer. So rising above the knock backs, I got my

people to talk to her people and my persistency paid off. She eventually said yes.

Cyclone is a 'Gun' bowler, who seized an opportunity to play in the top side with both hands. She's now an integral part of it and she isn't letting go.

But after chatting to her, I took a mental note that if you're planning on going out on the town with Cyclone and co. you'd better get plenty of rest beforehand. She's might just be the 'real wild child'.

But hey, what else would you expect from a Tassie Chic? Thank god we've got her. A big thank you to Keppler too.

HJ: Where did you grow up?

TM: Hobart

HJ: How did you get into lawn bowls?

TM: Through the appropriately titled Bowls Australia campaign 'Get on the green'

HJ: What brought you to Richmond Union Bowling Club?

TM: I'd just relocated to Melbourne from Hobart with my job. On my first day at work I met Peter Wesselman, who was wearing a bowls shirt and I mentioned I used to play. He invited me to the team Christmas function the following Friday at his bowls club in Richmond. I rocked up, he made me put down some bowls and I had a blinder (figuratively and literally). When I got to work on Monday I found a registration form on my desk. The rest is history.

HJ: Tell us about your achievements at the club?

TM: I somehow managed to secure 2 lockers side by side. I was selected and played my first full season in our Division 1 side last year. I'm the current Ladies Singles Champion. I think I may have won a pairs match as well.

HJ: Most people can remember when they win a championship. Any reason you can't remember the pairs?

TM: No comment

HJ: Who at the club has influenced you the most?

TM: Harvey

HJ: What's your signature dish or cocktail?

TM: Whiskey mule and a line

HJ: You recently celebrated a milestone birthday. Who made the biggest dills of themselves?

TM: Without doubt the Birthday Girl stole that honour. Although, special mention to my friend Melissa whose hair caught fire from dangling close to the mood lighting candles.

HJ: What's the best party song, Nut bush City Limits, Khe Sanh, YMCA, or You're the voice?

TM: Is this a rhetorical question? Nut Bush City Limits, hands down. I'm a disco queen at heart.

HJ: The other night at training, Roberta Flack's 'Killing me softly with your song', came on the radio, I heard you singing along. Is that one of your favourites?

TM: Not particularly, but I'm partial oldie school soul and blues

HJ: How would you describe that song to a deaf person?

TM: Kind of like an adult lullaby

HJ: So, let me get this straight. You'd tell a deaf person, someone that can't hear, that a song, that they can't hear, is kind of like an adult lullaby? They're deaf. I doubt that they'd hear your description?

HJ: I'll just let that one go straight through to the keeper.

HJ: Where do you prefer to sing along to your favourite songs, your car, in the shower or in public?

TM: Despite it technically being in public, my car.

HJ: Greg Harrison has done a brilliant job renovating the club house. Do you think we should nominate him for Australia Day honours, build a statue of him or ignore him and hope that he goes away?

TM: All of the above. Then I propose we stage a political coup and make him Prime Minister. He'd be awesome.

HJ: Let's not be silly.

HJ: If we built a statue of Greg Harrison, who do you think that we should get to model for it?

TM: Tom Hanks in his Sully phase. If Tom's not available, the obvious choice would be David Phua.

HJ: The ship is sinking, there's only enough room on the lifeboat for 2 people, which 2 teammates would you take?

TM: Qualey and Jim Ross. It'd be bloody hilarious adventure. Until we're forced to eat Qualey.

HJ: Do you have a pre-match routine?

TM: Refer to signature dish/cocktail response. Arrive ready for bowls hungover with un-brushed hair looking fabulous

HJ: Are you a dog or cat person?

TM: OMG DOG! Forever. The unconditional love. They have masters, cats have slaves.

HJ: AJ really loves Wonthaggi, where is your touch of paradise?

TM: The bush beaches on the east coast of Tassie. Makuzi on Lake Malawi. The Amalfi Coast. The east coast of Sri Lanka. Anywhere with a glorious clear water view that can be enjoyed by sundowners,

HJ: What advice would you give to new members?

TM: You're so incredibly privileged to be a member of the RUBC family. Be proud. Embrace it and take the time to get to know your new crew. Respect everyone, in particular the greens and just have fun. Be the best RUBC representative and promoter that you can be. And always offer to buy your opponent a drink when playing at home

HJ: Am I wrong in thinking you're a bit of a fashion trendsetter. Are you trying to take over from Albert Ross as the club's fashionista?

TM: No, not at all. His fashion style of seersucker and linen is more a combination of Peninsula Panache and Toorak Toff. Whereas, my style is more Bellarine Bitch meets Fitzroy Floozy with a touch of Richmond Royal thrown in.

HJ: I don't understand

TM: He has a cool casual style, mine's a more hip elegant style, with a bit of I don't give a flying f#*k attitude thrown in

HJ: So where did the fashion consciousness come from?

TM: Growing up in Hobart you just get caught up in the concept of style. It starts Salamanca Slinky but with a bit Sandy Bay Bold thrown in

HJ: Do you have a favourite frock shop.

TM: I used to love Dermie's Frock Shop in Somerville. But unfortunately it's closed down.

HJ: What's the best thing about Richmond Union Bowling Club?

TM: All the beautiful quirky people. The acceptance. The diversity. And the absolute sense of family and community it generates. And Harvey.

Tiger Tracks (Where and what have our members been doing)

Even the Pope is fallible. Unfortunately, this bit of news missed the last newsletter. So my apologies to Nicole O'Connor, who was out again demonstrating her brilliant bowling skills, while wearing our club colours.

On 7 and 8 October, Nicole revisited Moama to trial for the State Women's Side with 23 other representatives invited from around the state. While she did not make the team of 12 she did trial better this year than others and was happy with her bowls adding no 'pies' and 'pineapples' this year.

Personally, I just like say that's more than just a fine little effort. It's a bloody super achievement. What's even more impressive is how Nicole is proud to represent our club when she is off and about playing bowls at the top level. You're a champion Nicole.

While on champion efforts, I feel it would be remiss of me not to mention Graham Wong. Wongy, is the Club's resident cheer squad leader. He is always giving up his time and making the effort to head off to support his teammates.

Successful clubs need more than good players, they need great people. Thanks Wongy.



Whilst on great achievements how this for size? Five of our newer bowlers, Sheena Smyth, Ken Smyth, Brad Cooke and David Best had a red hot dip in the Yarra Region Novice Singles.

Sheena won the silver medal in the ladies event. In the men's event, Ken and David made the final 4 and Cookie won the gold medal. A brilliant effort guys. Loving your work.

While at it (letting you know about RUBC representatives spreading the love). At this year's Vic Open we had the following RUBC representatives:

Mixed Pairs - Friday 16th Nov

Nicole O'Connor

Ken Warburton

Singles - Saturday 17th Nov

Nicole O'Connor

Ken Warburton

Pairs - Sunday 18th Nov

Nicole O'Connor

Sarah Howard

Ken Warburton

Chris Hampshire

Triples - Sunday 18th Nov

Nicole O'Connor

Ken Warburton

Chris Hampshire

John Inglese

There was another Tiger there too. A young lady from Kingborough in Tasmania whose uniform was similar to ours. She said a lot of people had asked if she played for RUBC. Our club is now renown overseas. Well Tassie is overseas.

Playing in the Vic Open is a challenge. Physical endurance capability is a must with sore and aching bodies the result. Every day started at 8:00am

with Sectional play finishing at 3-4:00pm then to play knockouts till 9:00pm. That is a very long day bowling!

The RUBC is pleased to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all our club representatives - our 150th uniform was proudly on display.

How's this for effort?

Nicole O'Connor - games played consecutively : 4 + 3 + 3 = 10 games (10hrs + 7hrs + 7hrs = 24hrs of continuous bowls in 3 days)

Ken Warburton - games played consecutively = 3 + 3 + 3 = 9 games (7hrs + 7hrs + 7hrs = 21hrs of continuous bowls in 3 days)

Chris Hampshire - games played consecutively = 3 + 3 = 6 games

Sarah Howard - games played consecutively : 3 games

John Inglese - games played consecutively : 3 games

And let's not forget our loyal supporters, Kumari Mangos, Don and Pauline Kelly, Jason Dow and Family and the head cheerleader himself, Graham Wong.

The Almoners Report

Adversity can be inspirational. Peter Marcello, recently lost a battle with illness and had his lower right leg amputated as a result. However, this little setback is just something that must be overcome and Marchie is getting on with the job.

Pictured with Kate, Marchie was recently down at the club cheering on his teammates. He now has a prosthetic leg and is learning to walk again. Peter hopes to be back bowling next year.

We're eagerly awaiting his return. That's inspirational.



Recipe of the Month (by Con Somme)

MOLE POBLANO

Credited to divine inspiration in the Convent of Santa Rosa of 16th century Puebla, this was probably a royal fiesta dish pre-dating the Conquest. Then the sauce alone contained 29 ingredients. It took more than a day to prepare. Something the lazy f#@ks of today wouldn't be stuffed doing.

Not to worry, today the spices and seasonings are obtainable already blended in Mole Poblano pastes and powders or may be satisfactorily replicated in the modified but still excellent recipe that Lloyd Carrick has devoted himself to creating.

What you'll need – The ingredients

2 kilograms of chicken breasts (halved), 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, 7 tablespoons of mild chile powder, 3 teaspoons of hot chile powder, ¼ teaspoon of cumin, cloves, cinnamon, coriander seeds, anise and sugar, ¾ teaspoon of salt and 50 grams of chocolate.

The secret ingredients

2 minced garlic cloves, 1 medium slice onion, 1 small tortilla cut into strips, ¼ cup of raisins, ¼ cup blanched almonds, 1 tablespoon of sesame seeds, 1 tablespoon cilantro (or parsley) and 250 grams of peeled and seeded tomatoes.

Brown 2 kilograms of chicken breasts (halved) in hot oil and set aside.

Blend the 8 secret ingredients to a smooth paste. Add the chile powder, seasonings and melted chocolate.

Heat olive oil in a large frying pan, fry the above sauce for 5 minutes, lowering the heat as soon as the sauce is in the pan. Stir to prevent burning.

Stir in the broth, cover pan and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes. Fry the chicken breasts separately so they do not overcook and become tough.

Serve with green salads, Mexican rice and hot tortillas.

Jungle Preservation and Improvement

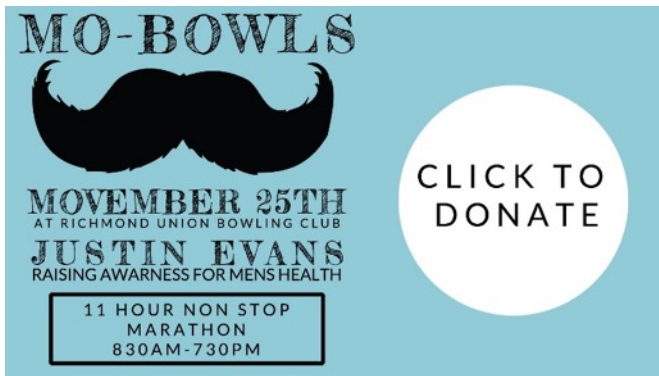
Gracie, Scooter and Cam have done a brilliant job putting up the new fence panels. Well done guys it looks great, marvellous.

RUBC requires volunteer helpers for green duties, occasionally Sundays when required. Duties include:

- Rolling of the green
- Rink movement
- Raking of ditches

Experience is not necessary as we're planning a training day for those without it. The pays not very good, in fact there is none. See Pony, the Greens Director

The Grapevine (social news)



Movember (a portmanteau of the Australian-English diminutive word for moustache, "mo", and "November") is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate **cancer**, testicular **cancer**, and men's suicide.

Having embraced this charity with gusto, Justin (Pony) Evans is hosting MO-BOWLS. A non-stop, continuous, 11 hour, game of bowls starting at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday 25 November until 7.30 p.m. that night.

You can be part of the fun. Come and join Pony and help him in his quest to raise awareness of men's health.

Your participation and donation will be greatly appreciated.



In the New Year, you'll see quite a number of mullets sprouting around RUBC, all in the aid of raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital.

At last count about 10 members (including the editor in chief of this fine little rag) have pledged to go business at the front and party at the back for nine months.

Mullets for the Kids 2 will launch from 1 January 2019 and will run through until September.

Mullets for the Kids was conceived in 2016 by Terry Sefton and his son Harvey and raised \$12.5k.

"This time we're hoping to go much bigger. The Royal Children's Hospital is truly a wonderful place that helps so many families in need; raising money for them is truly a no-brainer," Terry said.

"We've even got a brewery on board that we are in negotiations with to have our beer in fine establishments around Richmond and hopefully beyond.

"Thanks so much from the Seftons and all the other Mulletares that have jumped at the chance to grow a mullet for the kids."

Anyone else who is keen to tick a box on the bucket list and grown a mullet is welcome to join the cause; just let Terry know.

Or if you're keen to donate, check out: <https://rchf-fundraising.everydayhero.com/au/mulletsforthekids>

And you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/mulletsforthekids/>

https://www.instagram.com/mullets_for_the_kids/



The Tale End

Conspiracy Theory

Yes, it's true. The MOON LANDINGS were staged. They didn't happen.

However, to achieve the level of complexity to fool the public cost NASA a fortune. The main reason for this was that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were perfectionists and demanded that the film be shot on location

Time for a drink.