



# Tiger Tales

Tall tales but true (perhaps, slightly embellished with a hint of fact) from the Tigers' Den.  
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It takes 7 seconds for food to pass from the mouth to the stomach. A human hair can support 3 kilograms. The length of a penis is three times longer than a thumb. The femur is as hard as concrete. A woman's heart beats faster than a man's. Women blink twice as often as men. When we stand we use 300 muscles just to keep our balance. A woman has read this entire text. A man is still looking at his thumb.

## **Jungle Beat (news from around the club)**

The RUBC Bowls calendar including all Club Competitions are now on the notice board. As every year, it's a full calendar and we always have to operate in and around Regional and State calendar events, deciding when the Victorian Masters will be held and ongoing social bookings.

This year we will see lights installed shortly and yes there has been a delay but before too long they will be up and evening games will be included as part of our Bowls calendar.

The Bowls Victorian Open is being held from Friday 16 – Friday 23 November 2018 and it would be good to have more Tigers out on the green. The Open offers Mixed Pairs, Singles, Pairs and Triples – enter one or all.

Initially the Open clashed with the original date planned for the Club 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but now with the Clubs party date changed to Cup Eve this now opens up the Open for more Tigers to participate - <http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Events/Steller-Vic-Open/Vic-Open-2018>

That's right – our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration is now being held on **MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER – CUP EVE**

Upcoming Dates for September and October:

Around the Club:

**Thursday 4 October – COACH'S PIE NIGHT WITH MEMBERS**

**Sunday 7 October – WORKING BEE**

## **SEPTEMBER 2018**

28 Practice Game 5 - AFL Grand Final Public Holiday [Friday]

## **OCTOBER 2018**

- 1 YARRA REGION: 60+ Men's and Women's Pairs Entries Close
- 6 Pennant Round 1
- 6 RUBC Entries close Club Singles, Club Pairs
- 9 Richmond High School Bowls Program Day 1
- 10 YARRA REGION: 60+ Men's and Women's Singles Sectional Play
- 11 YARRA REGION: 60+ Men's and Women's Singles Knockout Rd 1
- 12 YARRA REGION: 60+ Men's and Women's Singles Knockout Rd 2
- 13 Pennant Round 2
- 14 YARRA REGION: 60+ Men's and Women's Singles Final (Reserved Date)
- 14 RUBC Open Singles Rounds 1 & 2
- 15 YARRA REGION: Novice Singles Men's and Women's Entries Close
- 16 Richmond High School Bowls Program Day 2
- 16 RUBC Club Pairs Round 1
- 20 Pennant Round 3
- 20 RUBC Entries Close Club Women's Singles
- 21 RUBC Open Singles Rounds 3 and 4
- 22 YARRA REGION: Men's and Women's Pairs Entries Close
- 23 Richmond High School Bowls Program Day 3
- 24 YARRA REGION: 60+ Pairs Sectional Play
- 25 YARRA REGION: 60+ Pairs Knockout
- 26 YARRA REGION: 60+ Pairs Knockout Semi and Final
- 26 RUBC Singles Quarter Final
- 27 Pennant Round 4
- 28 RUBC CLUB OPEN DAY

- 28 YARRA REGION: Novice Singles Knockout
- 28 RUBC Pairs Rd 2; Singles Semi-Final
- 30 Richmond High School Bowls Program Day 4
- 30 RUBC Pairs Round 3

**Tiger Roar (From the Vice President)**

It's the end of September so I'm just going to get in a week early and say welcome to the bowls season – yeah it's here again.

I love bowling and to many of you that's no surprise. Since coming to Richmond around 7 years ago I only focused on bowling and left Club matters to others mostly.

This year I decided to go onto the Committee to support the big list of jobs that need to get done from the back end. This Committee has gone through much change in a short time. The incident where Luke was suspended due to aggressive and intimidating behaviours against Sarah, sadly saw Sarah resign as President. Sarah has dedicated many years to Committee and as President and on behalf of the Committee and general membership I want to thank her. This has been a difficult time for Sarah and I ask members to give her some space on the matter. I spoke with Sarah on Friday and she said she was now going to be 'awesome'. Absolutely I agree, she is awesome.

Richard Konarik, the man we endearingly know as Princess has stepped up as our Club President, I your Senior Vice-Pres, Justin (Pony) Evans - Junior Vice-Pres, Don Kelly Treasurer and general committee members Ben Blach (Bowls Ops), Bob Hutton (Communications), Greg Harrison (Property/Redevelopment), Peter Bendich (Secretary) and from last week we welcomed Joyce Stirton onto Committee. Joyce brings much relatable experience from her previous roles and responsibilities at Mentone Bowling Club.

For over 150 years this Club has survived on the commitment and hard work of members volunteering to get things done. This year is no exception. Committee members including our very diligent Treasurer looking after the Clubs financial position, Selectors, Greens Director, Coach's assistants, Match Committee helpers, Victorian Masters organisers, Pennant Managers, club renovation helpers, Club gardeners – Ross and Mal our flower pot pals, and that's but a few very active volunteers in the off season so far.

There will be many opportunities when the season starts up where you can get involved – helping Albert with the BBQ on a Saturday, helping at the Club Open Day and at the upcoming working bee to name a few instances to help out.

We want members to be connected and support each other, and feel a strong sense of pride and ownership of the Club and its future. Volunteering around the Club is a way you can help. Just ask if you're looking for a way to help and support the Club.

That's enough from me – maybe too much.... See you on the green. Cheers Nic (Nicker's) SVP

**The Grapevine (social news)**



## At the Waterhole

Happy hour every day 5.30 – 6.30. Pots \$2.50 and Schooners \$4.00. How's that for a bargain? Drop in for a cleansing ale today.

You cannot buy happiness, but at our bar you can by a great selection of wines. And, in the end wash up it's kind of the same thing. So, the choice is yours, do you buy a glass or a bottle. It's all part of our responsible service of alcohol.

## Coaches corner

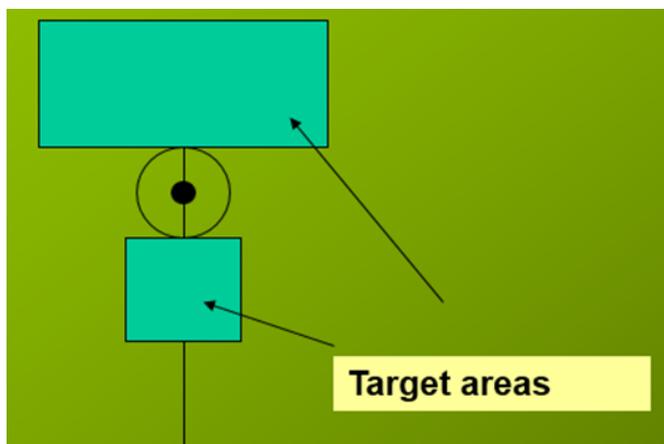
### Roles and Responsibilities

The following are the notes taken from the Sunday School theory session and I would encourage all members to review and understand their role prior to the start of the upcoming pennant season.

It is important to remember bowls isn't always about playing ability and we need to respect and understand our responsibilities when playing so we can lead by example.

### LEAD - Roles and Responsibilities:

- Beat the opposition lead.
- Play both bowls on the same hand. When playing away follow to the opposition lead.
- Be prepared to change hands if asked for the good of the team
- Never have 2 bowls short always, adjust on the second bowl
- If the opponent has a perfect shot then draw close for 2nd
- Focus for your target areas:

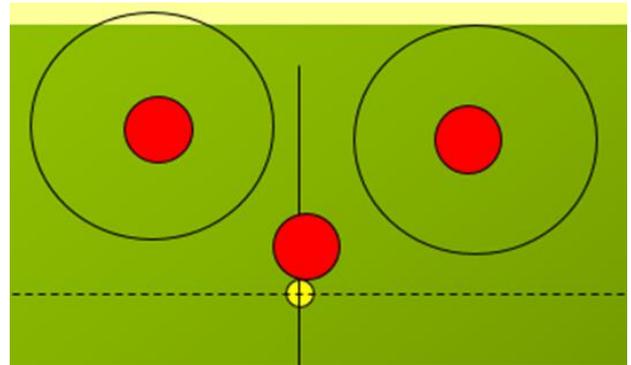


- Once third finishes join them and go together as a team to the head

- Rink segment meetings- listen, learn, focus on your next segment goal.

### SECOND - Roles and Responsibilities:

- Back up your lead, get the shot if they fail do so.
- Compliment your lead, play positional bowls if they have shot.
- No short bowls, always behind to add value to your back end players.
- Focus on your target area no short bowls:



- When holding shot be wide never narrow.
- If the opponent has a perfect shot then draw close for 2nd.
- Be prepared to play conversion shots using controlled weight if asked for the good of the team.
- Once the third finishes join them and go together as a team to the head.
- Rink segment meetings- listen, learn, focus on your next segment goal

### THIRD - Roles and Responsibilities:

- Always be conscious of 2 bowls in the head game plan.
- Ensure decisions are made knowing never to be >2 down on head
- Strive to hold shot by the time you finish
- Be a bit wide when holding shot and a bit narrow when down.
- Never be short when down.
- Be prepared to play weighted / drive shots if asked for the good of the team.
- Play the shots asked by your skip.
- Reinforce POSITIVE verbal and bodily behaviour from lead and second
- Reinforce objective of the lead and second as a TEAM
- Give your skip full support.

- No calling multiple shots down to the skip, simply give them directions when asked to do so.
- Instruct never inform.
- If the head changes make sure skip is aware of the change.
- Suggest shots to be played when asked to do so by the skip
- Inspect the head as often as required and never give shots away. If in doubt always measure.
- Rink segment meetings- listen, learn, focus on your next segment goal.

### ***SKIP – Roles and Responsibilities:***

- Ensure you have a game plan
- Take 100% responsibility for skipping the rink, managing your team mates, know and ensure you have a game plan.
- You have trained and practiced together, meet before the game to discuss your plan, and monitor your game plan progress in rink segment meetings.
- Skip with confidence throughout, walk down the rink as if you own it.
- Think hard about the plan and shots to be played – don't be a 'hardly thinking' skipper. Complete a quick risk analysis of each position and bowl before deciding on the shot.
- Give clear and concise calls to the players showing indicative target spots.
- Play a shot when presented before the opposition takes it from you.
- Add shots or play position when holding and convert shots when down.
- Be prepared to play accurate drive shots.
- Always inspect the head and discuss the shot with your third before playing a drive.
- Know the performance of your players and call shots according to how they are playing.

### ***Tiger paws (bowls operations)***

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> October Pie Night***

To be held at 6.30pm after pennant training to introduce new members to the club and give the opportunity for the selectors and coach to talk about the expectations for the upcoming season.

#### ***JUMBOWLS (Tuesday 5.30 start)***

Jumbowls will commence on the 2nd of October and replace the traditional Tuesday pennant practice. It is open to all members of all abilities. It is a game of

group singles consisting of randomly selected players (3-4 per group). More details on the concept and rules shall be posted in the club this week.

#### ***Team Training (Thursday 5.30 start)***

Shall officially commence on the 4th October and will be open to players from all sides. Pairs shall be selected by the coach trying to keep players in their position and competing against players of similar ability.

Positional training drills for individuals shall also be promoted throughout these training sessions.

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

Following last Saturday's practice match our Nic O'Connor headed up to Moama Bowling Club to contest the Ladies Medley Fours – (Singles, Triples, 2 X Pairs and Fours games over the day).

The formidable, composite team, one might say 'dream team' of Tris Doolan (MCC), Louise Mejean (MCC), Anne Draffen (Webbcona), and Nicole O'Connor (RUBC) put in a brilliant effort and on Sunday night, they were the victors.

What a fantastic effort. Well worth the road trip.



### ***Player Profile – Hugh Jass reporting***

Sitting down with club stalwart, Benny Blaiich, I knew I was in for a fun time.

HJ - "What's your nickname?" I asked.

BB - "Wee-Man" came the reply. "I don't know why, I probably do look short in person, but, I'm heading toward 5'11".

Benny has been at RUBC on and off for 12 years. In that time, he has recorded no notable achievements. However, he is a valuable club identity, committee member and was recently the chairman of selectors.

He barracks for North Melbourne and his favourite holiday destination is Las Vegas.

He usually plays as either a third or a skip and loves playing pennant. When asked how his teammates would describe him, he replied sub-par.

HJ - "What would be your advice to new bowlers?"  
BB - Keep, your fluids up. Start drinking before you play and don't hold back during the game.

Then came the quick-fire questions:

HJ - Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday?  
BB - "No"

HJ - The 3 people you would most like to meet?  
BB - "Po, Laa Laa and Tinky Winky (The Teletubbies)"

HJ - If you could swap jobs with someone, who would it be?  
BB - "Kenny"

HJ - Childhood hero?  
BB - "Agro"

HJ - Worst thing you've seen in the morning?  
BB - I wasn't tripping balls or nothing, but waking up and seeing Peter Wilckens first up is really scary.

HJ - Favourite possession?  
BB - "My Stinky Pete Doll from Toy Story. It reminds me of Wilcko".



## ***New Bowlers Report by Graham Wong***

We've had new bowlers attend our 'Sunday School' sessions. We've worked on line, length and luck! Practical drills taught by our staff provided the basics - little ring on the inside and take your angle by aiming at the yellow rink peg (line). Their length (distance) was to look at the little white ball/jack and hopefully (luck) they would roll their bowl close to it!!

After the hour session all trainees asked a lot of good questions about different aspects of the game but one of their best takeaway from their training was they all found their "sweet spot" in length 23-25 meter lengths - all consistently landing their 4 bowls in the target zone!!! Excellent effort for our new bowlers!

## ***Jungle Preservation and Improvement***

We are on a winner here folks. We have secured the services of Hansie Cronje's former bookie, Flaky Paint, who is now working as a stylist.

Flaky has been engaged to head the Richmond Union Make-up Department (RU-MUD).

RU-MUD has begun to give our humble clubrooms a touch up, a little bit of "WOW"!

Now before anyone gets too excited, Flaky and his crew are cheap, in fact we're not paying them anything. They are just dedicated servants, who are giving up their time for the club's benefit. They are not a bloody magicians and they need more help to give the club the facelift it needs.

So who's up for it. Come on we want to look good for our 150th party, only a matter of 6 weeks away. (it's now on Cup Eve, Monday 5 November).

Now Flaky and his crew are saying that they are amateurs at best. But, with new tables and chairs, a touch of paint here and there, new lights, pictures, notice boards and a revamping of the bar and lounge we hope to look good for the spring season. They done a brilliant job so far.

DO NOT distress because this is an interim 'cosmetic' measure before the 'major surgery' 'RU-RENO' is tackled next year.

The architects are about to present initial plans for everyone's perusal. After we agree on what's wanted we get quotes, submit plans to council and give the go ahead to our team of advisors to prepare an application for funding and or grants.

No worries .... by 2020 - our club will be the G-RUBC - grand! That's the good news .....

Here's the bad news Guys - we need to reduce the men's locker room size and we need your help. A 30% space reduction is envisaged to accommodate the 'new bowls den' and 'lounge' to overlook the B Green.

Even if the big reno job is a way off we still want to make space for interim club requirements.

Remember .... ONE and ONLY ONE locker is allocated to full members so please start cleaning out so that we can start rearranging the locker layout.

The men's entry area, before the lockers looks like a walk-in cupboard. It needs emptying ... we want that space.

Thanks for the co-operation and happy spring cleaning!

RU MUD

## ***The Almoners Report***

Being a member of a bowling club, we are all too often confronted with sad news. Recently, we have lost two of our mates.

### **Vale Steve Gray**

Firstly, we were all saddened by the sudden passing of Stephen Elton Gray. Stephen has now been repatriated to his hometown of Biddulph, Staffordshire in England. Our thoughts are with Lucas

RIP Stevie Gray, gone but not forgotten

### **Vale Chris O'Meagher**

Then, it was learning that our mate, Bear, a former member and club champion of Richmond Union Bowling Club has lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. Our thoughts are with Shirley and his family.

RIP Bear, you will be forever in our hearts.

### **Get Well Soon**

Our mate Peter Marcello has been in the Alfred Hospital. Unfortunately, the news isn't good and Peter has had his leg amputated.

However, Marchy isn't going to let this stop him and is looking forward to returning to bowls as soon as possible.

You can pass on your best wishes to Peter and Kate through Des Tutton (Club Almoner).

## ***The Tale End***

The new season is fast approaching.

You're standing on the mat, you're awaiting instructions from your skip, what is said and what that means can be two totally different things. So, here's a guide to understanding your Skip's calls.

1. 'Listen' - This is the word used when the skip wants to end an argument when he knows he/she is right and you need to shut up.
2. 'Go ahead' – This is a dare and should not be confused with permission. Don't do it!
3. 'Whatever'- A skip's way of saying 'stuff you'.
4. 'Nothing' - means something and you need to be worried. Effectively, your skip has given up on you. You need to knuckle down. A big effort is required

You've bowled, your skip's response will mean something:

5. 'Great line' – You've finished nowhere near the jack. Your skip is trying to be positive
6. 'Right length' – your aim is terrible
7. 'That's okay. Your skip is thinking long and hard about how you will pay for your mistake
8. Wow, this is not a compliment. Your skip is amazed that you could be so useless
9. 'That's a good blocker' – you're way too short and options are now limited.
10. 'Hooray' – You've finally done something half decent. But your skip still isn't going to talk to you after the game.

Remember - Don't cling to a mistake, just because you spent a lot of time making it.