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SERVICES BOWLS

**Corowa Services champion
Doug Davidson has taken out
the coveted Ovens and Murray
championship.**

The win is a first for the Corowa Services Club.

Doug had to overcome some very astute bowlers to take the title, but he displayed excellent form through the competition.

Doug had a long run of wins after taking out the Corowa Services title.

The first of these was over The Champion of the Myrtleford Club, followed by Tywonga Club, Moira and Wangaratta Champion and the title was really Doug's when he beat the Mulwala Services Champion.

On Sunday, March 16 at 2pm Doug plays the champion of Waranga section.

This game is to be played at Benalla and is expected to be a tough game.

The Ovens and Murray Champion is playing so well that the Waranga champion will have to be playing well to win this encounter.

Last Thursday night mixed social bowls were played at Services Club and the winners were Bill Sorensen and Joan Hetherington.

Next Thursday evening mixed bowls are to be

played. Names to be in by 6pm for 7.30pm start.

Next Sunday is Nixon Trophy Day.

There is room for two or three teams for this really great event, so, if you team has not entered as yet don't delay in doing so.

Visitors will be most welcome.

Is it any wonder, the mighty Gold Team are on top of the Pennant Ladder?

They really nailed the lid on, last Saturday, against the Blue Team.

Billy Bryan's team won over Wal Nixon 34-15. Doug Davidson's team won over Andy Farrell's team 32-14 and Jim Beveridge went down to Bob Hall's team 18-23.

When one adds those scores it means that the Gold won by 32 shots.

Now those better bowlers are waiting to play the semi-final at Rutherglen on March 15 and the final at Corowa on March 22nd.

The Pennant Final Four is Corowa Services Gold, Corowa Greens, Ovens, Albury.

Chiltern are just out on percentage.

TOASTING THEIR BOWLS WIN



"Here's to us," was the toast as the winners of the men's fours in the Corewa Services' Club's bowls tournament celebrated their victory on Saturday. From left: Messrs D. Treacy, D. Johnstone, R. Sceriba and L. Skeban.

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Services bowlers are confident this will be their best ever year.

Players and officials are looking forward to the finals and the prospect of winning the club's first ever flag.

We thank our selection committee for their dedication and perseverance towards this end.

It is never easy to put 28 players into 12 positions, and those who have missed out on final selection stay with us - there will be songs to sing and you will all share in our success.

Last Tuesday's ladies' social day saw Bev McCall, Mary Donoghue and Hilda Davis take home the prize.

On Thursday night Alf Gill, Mary Donoghue, Frank Stanley and Margaret Hall won on the night from Don Norman, Doris Saynor, Ray Bourke and Norma Townley.

On Saturday Jim Hetherington progressed a little further in the 100 up competition when he defeated Bobby Hall.

He will meet the winner of the match between Doug and Ian for final honours.

On Sunday morning Don Norman won our B grade championship when he had a win over Jack Mitchell.

Social bowls for the ladies continue on Tuesdays and they have their charity day on Sunday, March 30.

Mixed bowls also on Thursday night, names by 6 p.m.



On Sundy there was a good roll up for the Nixon trophy event to honour our president Wal, and his family who decided years ago to give something back to the sport they love.

There were three three-game winners and the resultant winners in the play-off were Vic Carroll, Doug Perrin, Pat Witherden and Howard Fitzgibbon.

Runners-up were Andy Farrell, Gordon Nixon, Roley Nixon and Jim Davis.

This week's team to represent our club in the first semi-final against Ovens at Rutherglen is: Doug Davidson, Jim Spence, Gerry Naughtin, Don Norman; Jim Beveridge, John Skehan, Reg Thomas, Jim Hetherington; Bill Bryant, Ron Browne, Bill Sorensen, Ian Rogers.

Next week most of our members are competing in Country Week bowls at Bendigo.

Winning smiles



The smiles and the scoreboard tell the story.

Corowa Services players Doug Davidson (skipper), Jim Spence, Gerry Naughtin and Don Norman had every reason to smile after their rink had won 41-18 against Albury in the semi-final at Rutherglen on Saturday.

Doug Davidson final score was 41-18, Bill Bryant went down 16-26 and Jim Beveridge won 38-14.

When a team of selectors sit down to select teams, that seem a very easy type of assignment, but, the 1979-80 year hasn't been easy for Services team of selectors.

Although they have had a couple of problems, they have weathered the storm, and, if they are right the whole world will know on Saturday night.

But, win lose or draw any team that plays Corowa Services in the final, will know that the Corowa Services Club is a force to be looked upon.

The team for the finals is as follows:-

Doug Davidson (Skip)
Jim Spence, Gerry Naughtin, Don Norman; Billy Bryant (Skip) Ron Browne, Bill Sorensen, Ian Rogers;

On Saturday, against really smart opposition, Services Gold team came out winners in the first semi final against Ovens (Wangaratta).

On the 15th end Doug Davidson and his team were leading 23-10, Billy Bryant's team was having a hard tussle and the score was 10-17 and Jim Beveridge and his wonderful band of bowlers had their team in front at 17-8.

The score board at the completion of 21 ends was Doug Davidson's team well up at 39-11, Billy Bryant's team was having a battle at 16-20, while Jim Beveridge, who had Jim Hetherington playing really great bowls, was well in front 30-10. This meant that Services Gold team were going to see the day out and win.

They did do just that, and the final score was 95-58 in Corowa Services favour.

Jim Beveridge (Skip) John Skehan, Reg. Thomas Jim Hetherington.

On Sunday Doug Davidson (O & M champion) played the Waranga Area Champion at Benalla and Doug was victorious once more.

Although Doug started a little on the nervous side, it didn't take him long to find out what was happening.

He lost a four on the first end, however not to be denied he fought back and at the sixth end was leading 6-5.

From then the Ovens and Murray Champion wasn't headed.

At the 20th end Doug led 20-15, on the 24th end the score was 27-17 and the 29th and last end, Doug was well ahead with the very fine score 33-19.

The Champion's next game is at Middle Park Bowling on Wednesday March 26 at 12 noon where

he will be in the draw against the final 16 bowlers in Victoria.

All members of the Corowa Services Club wish Doug the best of luck in Melbourne.

Doug is now the North Eastern Area Zone Champion of Champions and all the people of Corowa hope he does well in Melbourne on the 26th of this month.

Tuesday March 11, Ladies' Day Results: Winners were Bev. McCall and Gloria Sullivan.

Last Sunday the Bursey Trophy had to be postponed to a date to be fixed, but mixed pairs were played and the winners were Joyce Roach and Norma Townley.

Ladies don't forget it will be on again next Tuesday afternoon. Visitors most welcome, also the same goes for Thursday evening.

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SERVICES BOWLS TALK



Last Friday evening members of the Services Bowling Club and their wives held a victory dinner and Doug Davidson was director of ceremonies for the proceedings.

After toasting the Queen Doug then made mention of all the guests we had present who included Mr Jack Bartlett and Mrs Bartlett, Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Ross, Mr. & Mrs. John Livingston (Corowa Bowling Club), Ran Wilson (Representing Sonny Downs O & M President), Fred Spring (former President) and quite a lot more.

Mr. Ivan Ross thought how magnificent it was to be amongst bowlers, (he didn't think it would happen). Ivan also said how fortunate the club was in having a president like Mr. Wal Nixon, and how much more the bowlers should get behind him in club affairs.

Ivan also thanked the bowlers of the club for inviting him to the night and also wished the bowlers best wishes for the future.

Mr. Jack Bartlett also thanked all present for being invited and Jack also said how lonely that flag looked. He also said another one next year would go really well.

Mr. Ran Wilson brought back many memories of the early days of the Corowa Services Bowling Club and said how much pleasure it gave him to be present for Corowa Services first even pennant win.

He then presented Wally Nixon with a Life

Membership of the Corowa Services Bowling Club.

Mr. Fred Spring (past president) mentioned some of the good wins that members of the club had had over the years, and what a really fine club the Services has had in the years gone by.

He also hoped that the club would keep the game of bowls to the front.

Harold Hamilton (past president for 3 years) said how pleased he was that Services had at last won a Pennant in 1979-80.

He then proposed a toast to the winning team.

Gerry Naughtin toasted the ladies for their really special effort in providing afternoon teas during the year.

Mrs. Glad Sorensen also congratulated all concerned and hoped that the ladies might do the same next year.

Glad then presented Wally with a photograph of the winning team, from the Ladies' committee.

Wal Nixon then presented the winning team with a memento of their great win.

It must be mentioned at this stage what a really fine job George McKinnon has done with the Green this year.

A special thank also to Jim Cann who made it possible for us to arrive at the various clubs but above to enable all to arrive back all in one piece.

This almost brings to a close the year 1979-80 season at Services.

Service Club would like to thank Mrs. Leslie and in the latter half of the season to Mr. Dyason for making it possible for Services Bowls Talk to appear in the local paper.

Sunday next Services Bowling Club are to play for the now famous Bursey Trophy. This is a very special day on the calendar of bowls.

It was to have been played on March 16 but because of rain on that day the committee decided that Sunday next (weather permitting) it would be competed for.