

Services Bowls Talk

PENNANT FINAL

Corowa Services Gold team played well last Saturday, but unfortunately not well enough against Border Golf, who played just that much better. But without being one-sided, all who looked on said how much luck the Border Golf team had right through.

THE GAME

The selectors decided to leave the teams unchanged from last week and perhaps that was a wise decision.

Jim Beveridge, Reg Thomas, Ian Rogers and Jim Hetherington fought all the way, but were 9 shots down at the 25th end, 22-31. Ron Browne, Dick Nesbitt, Andy Farrell and Ian Gyles scored 7 shots on the 8th end, but after their 25th end were down 16 shots, 18-34. Bill Bryant, Bruce Kuschert, Bob Hall and Gavin McKenzie won 12 ends of the 25 played and they were 4 shots down with their final score being 21-25. Doug Davidson, John Skehan, Peter Smith and Don Norman had a much better result, although they didn't score in the first 3 ends, but after 25 ends Doug's team were 6 shots up with the score being 24-18.

TROPHY DAY

Last Sunday was Carmichael's Hardware trophy day, and select your own triples were played.

36 bowlers competed for excellent trophies donated by Carmichael's Hardware and 4 teams won their 3 games. The skips were Bill Bryant, Mick Edwards, Ron Browne and Geoff Beel and after 4 scoring ends, Bill Bryant, Reg Thomas and Frank Evers won with better bowling. Runners-up were Geoff Beel, Ian Rogers and Doug Barron.

President Wal Nixon said how fortunate the Services Club was to have such generous sponsors as Carmichael's. Ron Carmichael was present and playing, and presented the winners and runners-up with beautiful trophies.

Next Thursday the Ser-

vices Club are to do battle with the Corowa Bowling Club for the Davis Trophy, so bowlers are asked to get their names on the list. The return match is Tuesday March 30 at the Corowa Bowling Club.

Next Saturday, (27th) the Services Club will be playing club championship rinks. Names in by 10am Saturday and all members are asked to play if possible. Sunday 28th, open triples are to be played. Visitors are welcome for this trophy day.

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On Tuesday of last week the first half of the Davis trophy was played. This trophy is played for between the Corowa Services Bowling Club and the Corowa Bowling Club, and two nights of bowls are contested to decide the winning club.

Thursday night the Services Club was victorious by 24 shots overall and on Tuesday night it will be decided if the Services Club will retain the coveted Davis trophy. The night is to start at 7pm sharp.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday last the club had a poor attendance for the Services Club championship rinks, with only four teams competing. The Club would like to thank Keith McDonald for coming out of semi-retirement to compete, and also to Dennis Soan for travelling from Wangaratta.

After knockout play, the winning rink for season 1981-82 was skipped by Wal Nixon, Ian Gyles played 3rd, Bruce McCall 2nd and Frank Evers was the lead. The record books will show that they were victorious over John Hyslop, Doug Barron, Bill Roach and Ted Clack.

Unfortunately the club had to cancel the triples for last Sunday through lack of entries, which is really unfortunate for the few teams that had entered.

LEGACY DAY

Legacy Day bowls was to take place on April 11, but that has now been changed to Saturday, April 10, so bowlers are asked to please note the change of date and day.

CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

April 21 has been set aside for the Corowa Services annual meeting, and to follow we are to have the presentation and dinner. All wishing to attend should make their intentions known by adding their names to the list on the club notice board.

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On March 30 the second and final round of the Davis Trophy was played between Services Bowling Club and the Corowa Bowling Club.

The 24 shots up that Services had on the first game was just too much for the Corowa Bowling Club to make up, with the final score being 240 to Services and 225 to Corowa Bowling Club.

And so the winning team for the second year in a row was the Services Club which will retain the trophy until next year, when it will be competed for once more.

LEGACY DAY

Names are being entered for the annual Legacy Day at the Corowa Services Bowling Club, which is Saturday, April 10. Anyone wishing to enter may do so by entering at the club or phone 331022. This is the last day of bowls on our program for the season and the day is a very important one on our bowls program for season 1981-82.

Members are asked to add their names to the list for the presentation and dinner at the RSL on April 21, starting with the annual meeting at 7pm.

Record 4000 bowlers at Corowa

The 25th annual Easter Carnival conducted by the Corowa Bowling Club commences on Good Friday morning at 9am and has attracted a record entry.

Over the ten days' duration of the carnival, some 4,000 bowlers will have played for trophies to the value of approximately \$4,000.

Entries in the men's pairs and mixed pairs are enormous. To accommodate all bowlers who wish to play, the tournament committee has arranged with the Corowa Services Club to conduct two fills in both of these events on the Services green.

Sponsorship is playing a major role in the success of sport, and the Corowa Club has received support from - A&NZ Banking Group, Mobil Oil and Coca Cola Pty Ltd.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the carnival, the directors of the Corowa Bowling Club have combined with Morris Wines and each player participating the carnival will receive a bottle of wine specially prepared for this carnival as a gift from the club for having attended the 25th carnival.

One member who will be very interested in the 25th carnival will be Frank Lethbridge, a life member of the club. It was Frank's enthusiasm and persistence when he was a member of the Ovens & Murray Executive Committee that the Corowa Club was able to receive permission to run an Easter Carnival.

TWO NEW SUPERVETERANS

On Saturday afternoon at the afternoon break of President's Day, Cr Sonny Downs, representing the President of the Royal Victorian Bowls Association, made a presentation of a Super Veteran's Badge to Percy Smith.

Percy Smith has been a legend of the Corowa Bowling Club for many years, having joined the club in 1938. He is an outstanding bowler, having won the club championship several times, and won the blue ribbon event of the O & M by winning the Champion of Champions.

Percy during his long bowling career has assisted many bowlers, and has been an outstanding skipper for the club in the pennant competition, and his ability on the green helped Corowa to win a number of pennants. Well done, Percy Smith.

Alf Nesbitt, another of our Super Veterans to receive his Super Veteran's Badge, was unable to be present as he is at present in the Albury Base Hospital.

Cr Sonny Downs visited Alf in hospital and made the presentation to him.

Both recipients and the club are grateful to Cr Sonny for giving up his time to recognise two of our bowlers who are great sportsmen.

9th term as Bowls President

Wal Nixon was re-elected as President for his ninth term in office at the Annual Meeting of the Corowa Services Bowling Club.

Ken Sedy was re-elected Senior Vice President, Gerry Naughton Junior Vice President and Secretary, Doug Barron.

Mr Barron thanked all the new bowlers who have joined the Services Bowling Club and congratulated all the winners of the 1981-82 season.

Committeemen for 1982 are Doug Davidson, Jim Beverage, Frank Evers, Frank Fletcher, Peter Smith, Ian Gyles, Leo Farrell and Ken Brown.

'Wal Nixon has now been president of the Services Bowling Club for eight years - one more and he will equal Fred Spring. Fred was President for nine years and I would personally like to see Wal in that position for the coming season. I would also like to thank Wal for his support and guidance over the past two years,' Doug Barron added.

In his annual report, President Wal Nixon said the Services Bowling Club had a most successful year in the 1981-82 season.

Following the annual meeting, members and their wives enjoyed a smorgasbord meal in the RSL Club auditorium.

'We have not won any pennants this season, but our Gold team managed to be runners-up in their division. This is a great achievement for the Club which faced strong opposition throughout the year.

After the meal trophies were presented to the various divisional winners.

'Our Blue team did not fare quite as well, but as we are getting more numbers now, some of our players will have to try harder if they want a game.

Trophy winners were: Club Champion singles, Reg Thomas; runner-up Bill Bryant; Pairs, Jim Beverage and Reg Thomas; runners-up, Ron Browne and Ray Bourke; Triples, Doug Davidson, Jim Hetherington and Frank Evers; Minor Championship, Jack Mitchell; runner-up, Frank Evers; Frank Broben Trophy for best club man, Leo Farrell; Rinks winners Wal Nixon, Ian Gyles, Bruce McCall and Frank Evers.

'Our social bowls have not been patronised very well and I am afraid they will not be much better next year.

'Our lady bowlers have been forced to disband through the lack of numbers and they are all to be congratulated on the marvellous work done over the past years.

'Our annual tournament on ANA weekend was a great success and I would like to thank all the trophy donors.

'Our Club Championships have not created the interest expected from a club like ours.

'I would like to congratulate the winners of all events.

'We played inter-club games against Howlong for the Red Gum Cup and against Corowa Bowling Club for the Davis Trophy and I am pleased to say we were successful on both occasions.

'Many thanks to my committee for a job well done, especially the secretary and all those people who sold raffle tickets week after week to keep our finances on a sound footing.

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In conclusion, Mr Nixon thanked all the



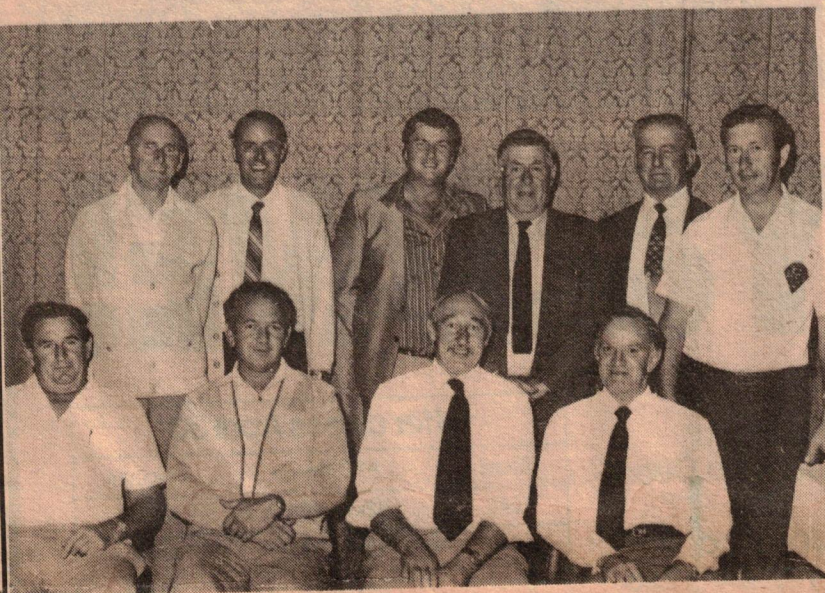
Leo Farrell was awarded the Frank Broben Trophy at the RSL Bowling Club Presentation Dinner.



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The incoming committees for 1982 were pictured at the Presentation night. Frank Evers, Doug Davidson, Peter Smith, Frank Fletcher, President Wal Nixon, Jim Beverage, Leo Farrell, Ian Gyles, Senior Vice president Ken Sandy, and Secretary Doug Davidson. Gerry Naughton and Ken Brown are absent.

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In conclusion, Mr Nixon thanked all the players who participated throughout the year and wished the club great success in the coming season.

The secretary, Mr Doug Barron commented on the support received by many local sponsors, and said he looked forward to a very successful season.