

GLEN BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Do you want or need a newsletter?

Newsletters are intended to provide essential information to foster a connection between the club and its members.

No newsletter is of interest unless there is pertinent content. It is easy to fill the newsletter with jokes and articles that have nothing to do with bowls or our members. There is always something going on in the club that could be of interest to fellow members.

Unfortunately very little is reaching the editor.

To assist me in making this newsletter more interesting please send in various articles that you think may be of interest.

This month I am adding a new item, headed "TRAVEL PAGE" and have included my recent trip to Thailand. All members go on holiday or on interesting trips or visit somewhere which would interest your fellow club members. Please let me have your story, with or without photos. You can email me the content or give me the hand written story. If you have photos and cannot scan them, bring them along for me to include in your article.

There must be thousands of stories (proud, funny or sad) about your recent or historic games or competitions (success or failure).

Many a story is told around a table in the bar. Why not in the newsletter??

Think about something and send it in NOW!! (and keep sending)

Bowls needs to shrug off old ideals

MIKE DE BRUYN

BOWLS is a game that can be enjoyed by folk of all denominations.

That's the marketing message WP Bowls can take to the masses.

White people over pensioners' age have always dominated membership, which is currently a tad below three thousand, but a sprinkling of colour highlights the challenge that awaits those tasked with increasing numbers

WP Bowls are gradually growing market share, but at a snail's pace.

Past efforts to address the imbalance hasn't worked, for one reason or another.

The focus had been on targeting schools around the peninsular, especially in the Helderberg Basin where

youngsters have taken to the game.

They get to participate in district competitions and have a shot at representing their province at national events.

So kudos go out to the people driving the cause. But there are still way too few members under the age of 20.

Then there was the bid to attract the over-35 market with the port of call being sports clubs and people with the competitive juices still flowing strongly through their veins.

Business leagues were next in line and clubs have seen returns.

But more innovative methods are needed. Clubs should go out of their way to make new members feel at home.

A family environment is a win-win for all concerned.

Bowls does have its rigid

rules and regulations these can be off-putting, then the pecking order when it comes to who plays in what position, and that has in the past caused more damage than good.

You get the seasoned member believing they've the God-given right in team play to occupy a higher position than a newcomer, even if inferior in ability. The rookie is left to ponder whether there are better things to do over their weekends.

I know of good players who have thrown in the towel because of this.

One things for sure, if bowlers want to have a game to play in the next 20 or so years then now is the time for them to band together to change what is a one-sided landscape.

After all we are the Rainbow nation.

BOWLS

WEEKEND

Shirley Israel is hard at work organising a weekend away

Watch this space



GLEN MIDWEEK COMPETITION

R5 000.00 PRIZEMONEY

**Get your teams in NOW!
before we run out of space!!**

Mixed or Ladies only teams are permitted to play so as to enable clubs to submit more sides in this competition.

From 15th August for 6 weeks

Wednesdays - Start 14h30

Strength vs strength

No tea break

3 Bowls Trips format with 18 ends of 3 sets

2 points per set. 3 points overall = 9 points total

Light meal ... after play

Venue: Glen Country Club, Clifton

R150.00 per team per week

includes Team Swindle Board ticket

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TRAVEL PAGE

THAILAND - Confucius, he say "Man who go through airport door sideways going to Bangkok"

We travelled on Qatar Airways via Doha. The Doha airport is very large but we were extremely lucky to be conveyed by a battery operated vehicle to wherever we needed go.



In Bangkok we stayed at the Baiyoke Sky Hotel, the tallest hotel in Southeast Asia and the seventh-tallest all-hotel structure in the world. We stayed on the 47th floor, had breakfast on 76th floor, swam in the pool on the 20th floor and admired the view from the 360-degree revolving roof deck on the 84th floor of the 88 floor building. The hotel caters for travellers from all over the world and I have never seen such a remarkable selection of food for breakfast. There were western style breakfast choices, including American favourites such as Pancakes and Waffles, together with curries for the Indian visitors and Dim Sum and soups for the Eastern visitors. There were more choices but I cannot list them all. To view my video of views from the Baiyoke Hotel click on link: <https://youtu.be/9QQnV7FgAt0>



We visited the Chatuchak Weekend Market which is the largest market in Thailand. It has more than 15,000 stalls, divided into 27 sections. Chatuchak Market sells many different kinds of goods, including plants, antiques, consumer electronics, cosmetics, pets, food and drinks, fresh and dry food, ceramics, furniture and home accessories, clothing, and books. It is impossible to cover the market in one day.



A visit to Bangkok be cannot be without a tour of the canals and the Grand Palace. Going on a tour amid the small canals of the Chao Phraya River appeals to those intrepid travellers wishing to glimpse a place and time that is quickly vanishing from the landscape of modern Bangkok



From Bangkok we flew to PHUKET and stayed in the Patong area at the Burasari Hotel which also gave a large selection for breakfast but never as large as in Bangkok.



BURASARI HOTEL POOL

We enjoyed the pool at the hotel and the lovely Patong Beach. I haven't been to a beach in Cape Town for years!! The streets of Phuket are lined with many, many stalls selling just about everything that you can think about. I purchased some electronic items and sunglasses



THE SIMON SHOW

while the family went wild on handbags and clothes as well as other gifts. There are a great number of massage parlours with 6 to 12 girls trying to entice customers. Also there are a large number of pharmacies and as I am a pharmacist I was amused to be able to use the pharmacy next to our hotel to book elephant riding and snorkelling tours as well as same day hand washed laundry!!

One of the shows we saw was "The Simon Show" where all the cast are Simons and NOT Simones!! The 2 members of the cast in the photo have big boobs and beautiful figures.

When visiting Thailand one must always bargain and never accept the first few offers. One example was the asking price



PATONG BEACH

of a beer being 1200 Thai Baht and we got the price down to 500 Thai Baht. It is part of the fun of being a tourist.

Bangla Road really comes to life once the sun sets. The road is closed to vehicle traffic and becomes a 400 metre festival of neon lights, loud music and cheap beer. Jammed most nights of the year, it is quite a friendly and lively place to walk around as bars and clubs compete with each other for customers. If you're looking for a fun night out in Phuket, Bangla Road should be your first (and, often, only) stop. Almost all of the bars are outdoors or open-fronted, so the music from each one blends into a mess of mixed beats. Beer bars occupy most of the

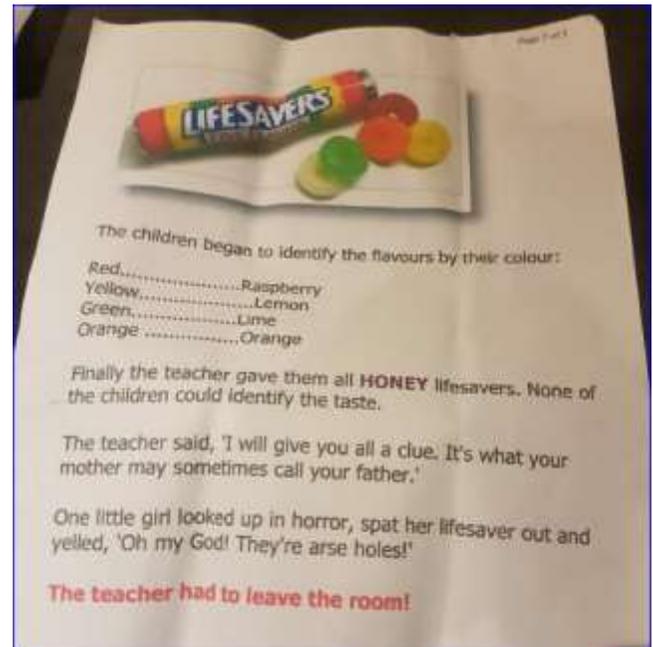


street's length, with several go-go bars and a few pubs, restaurants, discos and shops rounding out the attractions, both on Soi Bangla and down its side streets. Street performances are also common most nights, which can make dodging around the tailor shop salesmen, leaflet distributors, street vendors and ping pong show touts more difficult, but it is all part of the fun

Elephant trekking in Phuket is one of the most popular things to do here. Climbing on an elephant and touring different places is something different. The interesting thing is that for us riding on the back of these creatures and exploring the different sites was one of the things on our bucket list. Your vacation would not be complete without you riding an elephant in Thailand.



**I can't
believe I
forgot to go
to the gym
today.
That's 7
years in a
row now.**



Punography

I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

Upcoming Events

Congratulations to all who are celebrating a Birthday during this month.

We wish all of you very good health and enjoy your special day

**Sheila Zuckerman 8th, Joseph Katz 9th, Andy Britz 12th,
Alec Cohen 14th, Dave Orman 14th, Siviwe Mbimba 18th,
Ronel Baker 24th, Anthony Green 24th,
Selwyn Furman 25th, Harold Cohen 26th**

It has been suggested that all those who are celebrating their birthday this month and would like to bring cake/s to the Thursday evening braai should contact each other to arrange which date they will bring cakes, so as to prevent too much one week and nothing the next

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race with a time of 10.54 at a meeting in Palafrugell, Spain.

Fellow South African Tebogo Mamatu also raced in Spain finishing second with a time of 11.61.

Rounding off South Africa's performance on the international circuit shit-put ace Orazio Cremona finished third at a meeting in Halle, Germany with a best heave of 20.18m.

FANTASTIC FOOTBALL SKILL



Click on the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/asktimwade/videos/10155404796372127/?t=0>

Eskom se nuwe multi-plug!



What do you call a person who is happy on Monday?

Retired.



Around the Bowls World



Our green Bowling is a sport in which the objective of each player is to roll the biased balls (wood) so that they stop close to a smaller white ball called (jack). The person/team whose "wood/s" (bowling ball) roll nearest the jack, wins the round.

You may play in pairs and in teams. We play a flat bowling green. It is normally played outdoors and the outdoor surface is natural grass. Our bowling green is used for training purposes by The Kenya Bowling Association.

Any member may play @ Ksh. 150 and guest @ Ksh. 200. We also have bowling section special members' fee of only Ksh. 2,000 per month

ABOUT US

Nairobi Club is a private member's club, owned by its members. It was established in 1901 by members who realized the need for a home from home environment in the heart of Nairobi; the Club is one of the oldest and most popular establishments of its kind.

We are situated at the fast growing Upper Hill Region north of the Central Business District - CBD. It is an easy 5 minute drive from the City Centre to the heart of Kenya's premier city, Nairobi. From the glitter of the expansive lawns and the bustle of its thriving restaurants to the tranquil beauty of the botanical grounds, Nairobi Club has something for everyone yet removed from the stress of city life.

The highly proficient, friendly staff and amiable club members will make the Club a relaxing and memorable experience, with exceptional antiques on display from various vantage points around the palatial clubhouse, which can cater for all occasions and offers exceptional restaurant, bar and conference facilities