



# Sturt Bowling Club at Unley Oval

## Night Owls 2020

Sturt Bowling Club continued with the finest of traditions by again hosting the Tuesday and Thursday Night Owls competitions. 35 nights were scheduled, 33 nights were played with extreme heat cancelling play on Thursday 30 January 2020 and the impact of COVID-19 necessitated that the Tuesday v Thursday Challenge on Thursday 19 March 2020 be cancelled.

Both nights were fully subscribed with 28 teams and this included a number of teams on the wait list. The number of forfeits was disappointing, 8 on Tuesdays and 15 on Thursdays. We need to be better here.

Thanks to the players who contributed so much and the extra effort provided by the team representatives....

Again our sponsors were numerous and generous....many have been with us for a long time and their support is gratefully acknowledged.

Special thanks are extended to all the blue shirts that worked so hard to make ours the best Night Owl competitions going around....And to John Griffith, Matthew Jeffrey and Paul Teesdale-Smith as well as being blue shirts oversaw the administration on the Night Owls sub-committee.....

### Tuesdays

Amigos (2<sup>nd</sup>) was crowned the Night Owls (and Premiership) champion with a convincing 23-12 victory over Easy Rollers (1<sup>st</sup>). Amigos accounted for Bowling Stones (7<sup>th</sup>) and Stop Drop & Bowl (3<sup>rd</sup>) on their way to the Grand Final, while Easy Rollers overcame Royal Routines (8<sup>th</sup>) and Mixers (5<sup>th</sup>) on their journey....

In the Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>) Division, Smoking Grass (10<sup>th</sup>) overcame Nomads (14<sup>th</sup>) 23-9 while the Excellenza (3<sup>rd</sup>) Division saw Bungala Wine (20<sup>th</sup>) secured a hard fought victory over Eightintheditch (23<sup>rd</sup>) 13-12....

At Christmas break (Round 8), Easy Rollers were top with 7 wins 0 draws and 1 loss being closely chased by Ponderosa (7-0-1), Vixen (7-0-1) with Cambridge Rollers (6-0-2), Amigos (6-0-2), Bias (6-0-2), Stop Drop & Bowl (5-0-3) and Smoking Grass (5-0-3) making up the top 8. Mixers (5-0-3, 9<sup>th</sup>), Royal Routines (4-1-3, 10<sup>th</sup>), Bowling Stones (4-1-3, 11<sup>th</sup>) were thereabouts with a further 7 teams on (4-0-4) headed by Blue Baggers....

It is history now that Blue Baggers (8-6, 9<sup>th</sup>), Smoking Grass (8-6, 10<sup>th</sup>) & Cambridge Rollers (8-6, 12<sup>th</sup>) would miss the top 8 by shot difference with Vixen losing their last 6 matches to finish 16<sup>th</sup>... Easy Rollers (12-0-2, 1<sup>st</sup>) recorded their third minor premiership

but failed to take the big one. Amigos (2<sup>nd</sup> 11-0-3) won the big one winning 8 of their last 9....Mixers (9-5, 5<sup>th</sup>) finished strongly while it was fair to say that Bowling Stones (8-1-5, 7<sup>th</sup>) and Royal Routines (7-2-5, 8<sup>th</sup>) snuck into the 8 but found the finals action a bit too tough.....Stop Drop & Bowl and Bias on 10-4 finished the minor round 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively with Ponderosa fading fractionally to finish 6<sup>th</sup> on 9-5.

But in the end, it is many thanks to all 28 teams who contributed throughout – I think all sides enjoyed the experience.

## **Thursdays**

Chuffed & Nenz (7<sup>th</sup>) was crowned the Night Owls (and Premiership) champion with a hard fought 14-12 victory over Gangsters Of Love (3<sup>rd</sup>). Chuffed & Nenz accounted for Test Eagles (2<sup>nd</sup>) by 2 shots and Hawks (5<sup>th</sup>) by 16 shots on their way to the grand final while Gangsters of Love defeated 120Ys (6<sup>th</sup>) by 11 shots and Completely Biased (8<sup>th</sup>) by 27 shots to secure their shot at the title.

In the Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>) Division, Kop It (12<sup>th</sup>) overcame Good Kitty (16<sup>th</sup>) 22-11 while in the Excellenza (3<sup>rd</sup>) Division saw Switcheroos (27<sup>th</sup>) pipping the hapless Leave Pass (19<sup>th</sup>) 17-16...

At Christmas break (Round 8), Test Eagles, Hawks & Where's Pete were all on (7-0-1) with Gangsters Of Love & Space Cowboys on (6-1-1), 120YS (5-1-2) and Chuffed & Nenz & Completely Biased on (5-0-3) making up the top 8 with Wombats (5-0-3, 9<sup>th</sup>) looking ominous.....

It is history now that these 8 filled the top 8 at the end of the minor round notwithstanding that Wombats and On The Ball missed by shot difference and Goodfellas, but for a forfeit, would have made the 8!

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