



Sturt Bowling Club
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2024-25 CLUB HANDBOOK

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

Welcome Message



Jim Trenerry
Club President

Dear Member

On behalf of the Board, welcome to Sturt Bowling Club. I hope that you will enjoy the experience of bowling and socialising at our proud and iconic club.

This handbook has been prepared to assist you with:

- learning how SBC operates
- our Purpose, Vision, Mission & Values and what we expect of our members
- our Strategic Priorities
- the responsibilities of key people
- other general information.

The last year at SBC has been very pleasing. The spectacular increase in women's membership has substantially contributed to a record number of people playing Pennant Bowls at Sturt.

The extensive coaching programme has seen many members improve their bowling. The social side of activities makes for a buzz in the clubroom, and after our 2023 Bowls SA Award for Best Small Club, we were finalists in the Best Large Club Award (as well as The Volunteer of the Year Award and the Community Spirit Award).

The Purpose, Vision, Mission and Values Statement and our Board Strategic Plan have come directly from members' suggestions. These statements drive us to continually improve on and off the green.

Our Values define our character and guide how we behave when it matters most.

The successful delivery of our Strategic Priorities will allow us to achieve our Vision of being a ***Dynamic and Thriving Bowls Club for All*** and our Mission to ***Connect more people to Sturt Bowling Club, in more ways, more often.***

It is the intent of the Board that everyone feels welcome at Sturt. I certainly hope that this is your experience and look forward to getting to know you better.

Jim Trenerry

Our Club



Our History

Sturt Bowling Club was formed in 1903-04 and is the oldest SA club still operating in its original location and the third oldest club still operating in SA. Our entrance gate, the old clubhouse and fountain have Local Heritage status. Many significant people have been members, including, Australian cricket captain and Magarey Medalist, Victor Yorke Richardson, and Australian wicketkeeper and local MP Gil Langley.

Our clubhouse is named in honour of Dr Jack Petchell, a nine-time club singles champion, regular South Australian state player and in 1947 the Australian Singles Champion. "Doc" Petchell was inaugurated to the Bowls SA Hall of Fame in 2021

SBC - OUR WAY!

OUR PURPOSE

To maintain and conduct a Bowls Club and to provide a clubhouse, bowling green and other conveniences for the use and recreation of the members. To promote such other objects as the members shall determine but always to have in mind the advancement and best interests of the game of bowls.

OUR VISION

We will be a dynamic and thriving bowls club for all

OUR MISSION

To connect more people to Sturt Bowling Club, in more ways, more often

OUR VALUES

Respect



Excellence



Equity & Inclusion



Welcoming Friendly Enjoyable



Our values define our character and guide how we behave when it matters most.

Respect - We believe that **respect** drives all of our interactions - with each other, with our competitors and with everyone who connects with the club.

Excellence - We strive to **excel** in everything we do and approach every challenge with determination to succeed.

Equity & Inclusion - We are committed to **equity and inclusion** and openly welcome people regardless of their ethnicity, gender, age, faith, identity, ability, culture, language, sexual orientation or lived experience.

Welcoming, Friendly & Enjoyable - We aspire to be a club that is renowned for being genuinely **welcoming, friendly and enjoyable**.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Recruitment

- Women's Bowls
- Youth
- Membership



Building Improvements

- Women's Facilities
- Beer Garden
- Clubrooms



Player Training & Coaching

- Bowler Improvement Programme
- Club Coach



Volunteers

- Volunteer recruitment, recognition & retention



Sponsorship, Grants & Functions

- Sponsorship
- Grants
- External hire of clubrooms
- Internal functions



Marketing & Communication

- Website
- Marketing
- Communication

Who's Who? - Who do I ask?

In the first instance ask your 'buddy' or you can ask...your SBC Board



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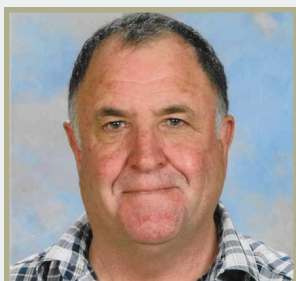
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Board Member Portfolios

Board members are responsible for the management of portfolios. In each portfolio there are a number of Task Managers who are responsible for the work required to run the club.

Competition

Board Management: Jim Trenerry

- Selection: Gerry Dillon, Dean Buder, Alan Ludlow, Steve Young, Graham Wood, Lyn Witt
- Women's Bowls (including selection): Janet Mullins, Joylene Koch, Peter Hughes
- Bowls Improvement Group: Rod Ettridge, Peter Hughes, Gerry Dillon
- Night Owls: John Griffith, Matthew Jeffrey, Paul Teesdale
- Internal Tournaments: Peter Hughes, Rod Ettridge, Tom Morgan
- Winter Bowls: Paul Teesdale, Bruce Williams, Dean Buder, Ralph Hounslow
- Umpires: Gerry Dillon
- SA Bowls events: Rod Ettridge
- Adelaide Cup Day: Deane Pye
- 'A' Grade Captain: Jonathan Webster
- Greens: Russell Moore
- Bowlslink Membership updates: David McVicar, Michael Spinelli

Culture

Board Management: David McVicar

- Policy & compliance: David McVicar
- MPIO: Sandra Garson, Nick Manglaras
- Volunteers: David McVicar
- New member induction: David McVicar
- Club Handbook: David McVicar, Julie Bates
- Police & Child Protection Checks: Julie Bates
- Newsletter: Steve Young

Development

Board Management: Julie Bates

- Clubroom Redevelopment: Julie Bates, Jim Trenerry, David McVicar, Derrick Witt
- Youth Bowls: Wyatt Groth
- Women's Recruitment: Peter Hughes
- Grants: David McVicar

Board Member Portfolios

Events

Board Management: Wendy Rutten

- External Hire: Matthew Jeffrey
- Internal Events: Wendy Rutten, Julie Bates
- 'Music on the Green': Jim Trenerry, Deane Pye, Wendy Rutten, Julie Bates
- Food Safety: Wendy Rutten, Graeme Dunstan

Facilities

Board Management: Deane Pye

- House: Deane Pye
- Bar: Paul Teesdale, Alan Ludlow
- Works: Neville Riddle
- 'The Stranglers' Garden Maintenance crew: Deane Pye
- WHS: Wyatt Groth
- Medical: John Blue
- Recycling: Alan Ludlow
- Uniforms: Deane Pye
- Security: Deane Pye

Sponsorship, Marketing & Communication

Board Management: Derrick Witt

- Sponsorship: Derrick Witt, Rob Nuus
- Marketing: Wyatt Groth, Derrick Witt
- Communication: Wyatt Groth, Wendy Rutten, Rosalie Rotolo-Hassan
- Website: Paul Teesdale, John Mitchell

Important Club Information

Website

Our website contains all the information you need for Club News, Pennant selections and results and important club documents. The 'Member's Only' section of the website is protected - please see the Secretary for Username and Password.

Constitution

Our constitution defines the governance, rules and regulations of the club. All members are encouraged to read the constitution. The constitution can be found on our website under 'Our Club' - 'Governance'.

Member Protection

Our Member Protection Officers are Sandra Garson and Nick Manglaras. Members should be familiar with the Bowls SA Member Protection Policy, which aims to maintain ethical and informed decision making and responsible behaviours within our sport. It outlines our commitment to a person's right to be treated with respect and dignity and to be safe and protected from abuse. This policy informs everyone involved in our sport of his or her legal and ethical rights and responsibilities and the standards of behaviour that are required. This document can be found on our website under 'Our Club'.

National Integrity Framework

There is a new National Integrity Framework which sits alongside the Member Protection Policy. Members should be familiar with this policy. This document can be found on our website as above..

Work Health & Safety (WHS)

The club has a WHS policy which can be found on our website under 'Our Club' - 'Policies Club'. It is important that work, health & safety are our number one priority. For emergencies our defibrillator is in front of the kitchen on the right-hand side. You will also find a small first aid kit in the same location. Our large first aid kit and stretcher are in the bowls room. You will find an incident and near miss register in the plastic holder below the defibrillator.

Bar

Our bar managers are Paul Teesdale-Smith and Alan Ludlow. Our bar prices and our policy for the 'Responsible Serving of Alcohol' can be found on our website in the Policies Club section.

Pennants

Overview

All Pennant games are played in line with 'The Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 4th Edition' plus updates (Laws) and 'Domestic Regulations' (DRs) and METROPOLITAN PENNANT CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2024-25. metrobowls.com.au

In the 2024-25 season, the Sturt Bowling Club will field the following teams in the Metropolitan Bowls Association Pennant Competition:

- Saturday sides in 3 South, 5 East, 6 East, 7 East and two sides in 7 Central.
- Wednesday sides in 2 South, 3 East and two in Division 4 with one being East and the other being South Central.
- Thursday women's team will have three sides, one in Division 2 and two in Division 3.

Selection

The Selection Committee is appointed by the Board and consists of:

- Sat-Wed - Gerry Dillon (Chair), Dean Buder, Alan Ludlow, Steve Young, Graham Wood & Lyn Witt.
- Thursday (Women's team selectors) - Peter Hughes, Joylene Koch and Janet Mullins.

Selectors try to post the teams on Monday night by 7pm on both the website and Pennant Selection board (located on the outside clubhouse wall between the office and locker rooms). Teams are also posted on the scoreboard inside the clubhouse adjacent to the bar and scores are updated immediately after each game.

It is important that any player selected for a Pennant match and subsequently not available shall notify the Chair of Selectors (or failing the Chair any selector) as soon as possible but not later than 9.00am on the morning of the match and Wednesday Pennant match no later than 7.30am on the morning of the match. Furthermore, players who have prior knowledge of their unavailability for a forthcoming Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday must place their names on the Unavailable List, on the notice board, no later than 5pm Mondays.

Uniform

Players are required to be in uniform although in the lower teams there is flexibility for newer and fill-in players. The Club provides one free playing top and a name badge. Shoes, shorts, pants and skirts must be purchased through: Jack High, 3/780 South Rd (Cnr Cross Rd) Glandore, SA, 5037 - 08 8371 0459 - sales@jackhigh.com.au

The club requests that you wear Bowls shoes. Extra playing tops, caps and bucket hats must be purchased through our Uniforms Manager, Deane Pye. A name badge will also be provided.

Bowls

You must apply Sturt Bowling Club bowls discs to your bowls, it makes it much easier to identify bowls (ask Secretary, David McVicar, for a set). Two bowls are required for all games except for pairs matches which use 4. For Metropolitan Pennant competitions, the stamp of a current or future year is NOT required.

Pennant Season

- Round 1 of the Saturday pennant competition will be played on 12th October 2024 for all Divisions.
- Round 1 of the Wednesday & Thursday competitions will be on 16th and 17th October 2024 respectively.
- The last pennant games before Christmas will be played on Thursday 12th, Saturday 14th and Wednesday 18th December 2024.
- Matches will re-commence on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th January 2025.
- Wednesday and Thursday Finals will be played over 3 weeks with Grand Finals to be played on Wednesday 26th March and Thursday 27th March 2025 respectively.
- Saturday Finals will be played over 2 weekends, with a 'double header' weekend on 15th & 16th March 2025.

Please note the following:

- There are no Saturday games scheduled for Saturday 25th January 2025 (Australia Day Weekend).
- There are no Wednesday games scheduled on Wednesday 5th February 2025 (Men's Country Carnival).



Wednesday Pennant Season

For pennant season draw go to metrobowls.com.au

Wednesday pennants commence at 11.30am for a 12.15pm start and will cease with the completion of the end in play at 5.00pm. Games typically take between 3 and 3.5 hours.

Bowls SA has a Hot Weather policy that requires earlier starting times.

An afternoon tea break shall be taken at 2.00pm for 15 minutes or less from the time the last team leaves the green.

Saturday Pennant Season

For pennant season draw go to metrobowls.com.au

Saturday pennants commence at 12.15pm for a 1.00pm start and will cease with the completion of the end in play at 5.45pm. Games typically take between 3 and 3.5 hours.

Bowls SA has a Hot Weather policy that requires earlier starting times.

An afternoon tea break shall be taken at 2.45pm for 15 minutes or less from the time the last team leaves the green.

Thursday Pennant Season

For pennant season draw go to metrobowls.com.au

Thursday pennants commence at 9.00am for a 10.00am start and will cease with the completion of the end in play at 2.30pm. Games typically take between 3 and 3.5 hours.

Bowls SA has a Hot Weather policy that requires earlier starting times.

A tea break shall be taken after 11 ends for 15 minutes or less from the time the last team leaves the green.



Pre-game Practice

Players can practice on any rink of the green of play prior to the draw of rinks for the game at a time decided by the host club. Side Managers must ensure that the rinks of play are drawn at 12.45pm Saturday, 12.00 noon Wednesday, 9.45am Thursday and 9.00am on early start Heat Policy games. Once the draw for rinks has been completed, players should be notified, and practice must cease.

Scoring

Games are played as follows:

- Fours (2 bowls per player): 21 ends.
- Triples (2 bowls per player): 25 ends
- Pairs (2-2-2-2 format): 18 ends

If a match is declared an early start game under the Heat Policy, then the number of ends played will be reduced to: Fours: 18 ends, Triples: 21 ends, Pairs: 15 ends, with the minimum number of ends completed to declare a game "complete" to be altered.

The side with the highest total of shots for the day from all their rinks is the winner. The team earns 2 points for each winning rink and 10, 8 or 6 points (2 points per no. of rinks) for winning overall.

Drawn rinks split the points. Ladder positions are determined by total points, then by the difference in shots for and shots against so EVERY bowl counts!

The top four sides in each section play knockout finals to determine the winner. A promotion/relegation system is in place between Divisions.

For pennant results go to metrobowls.com

Bowls is a Team Game

Leads and *Seconds* are a mini team who, together, do the best they can to get a shot or two up, or at least a close second. If they can get up, then your rink WILL WIN most ends!!

The *Thirds* and *Skips* are a leadership team. They communicate with each other and support and encourage the Leads and Seconds.

Your rink is a team of four and you are in a side of either 16 or 12.

Please note that players are only allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

Pairs:

- Leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls
- Skips: after delivery of each of their second, third & fourth bowls

Triples:

- Leads: after delivery of their second bowl
- Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl
- Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

Fours:

- Leads and Seconds: after the third player in their team has played their second bowl
- Thirds: after the delivery of their second bowl
- Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

Home Games (9 in a season)

Pre-game practice: We encourage all players to have a roll up, especially on the green they are playing on. In 2024 this will be up to the discretion of the Manager.

Game time: When it's time to start your Skipper will advise which rink number. You assemble and introduce yourself to the opposition players. Play 'starts' with everyone having 2 up and 2 back. This is a very important time to observe the starting playing conditions - the breeze, the speed of the green - and to confirm the amount of grass you will take.

Leads: Whenever it is 'our mat' you place it - immediately - one of your roles is to ensure no time is wasted in between ends.

Seconds: You are the scorer (in Fours) and should check with your opposition scorer after every end is completed and keep the scoreboard up to date every time you are at that end.

Thirds: You are the measurer. Always measure close ones, never give away anything close without a measure. Be patient and polite with your opposition despite their manner!

Skippers: You are the Leader, the Captain. You must be positive and always encourage.

Side Manager: Each side has an experienced player as the Manager. They arrange scorecards and liaise with the opposition Manager to ensure a smooth day.

Afternoon/morning tea: Host clubs provide afternoon/morning tea. Play stops, everyone sits at a table corresponding with their rink number. Our teas are made fresh by club volunteers. We pay \$6 each per home game.

After the game

It is etiquette to invite your opponent in for a drink and a chat. This is followed by a brief summary of the day's results and the presentation to the Rink of the Day. The President enjoys buying everyone a celebratory drink when all teams win!

Duty Rinks

About 3 times a season your rink will be designated as 'Duty Rink', responsible for setting up and putting away the equipment. There is a list of duties posted on both the website and notice board adjacent to the bar in the clubrooms.

Duty Rinks are nominated on each Team selection.

Away Games (9 in a season)

Travel

You are free to travel directly from home or meet at the club. If travelling directly please indicate on the small blackboard (located outside the office). We encourage shared travel, if convenient, and we also encourage rinks to travel together. Departure times are included on the Team Selection notice.

Arriving at an away game

On arrival, look for a notice board that tells you which Green you will be playing on. Go there and have some practice roll ups with your own team members if they are available. All greens are slightly different, and the prevailing breeze should be noticed. Having some roll ups helps you to establish how much grass to take and how fast the green is.

After the game

Everyone is encouraged to return to the club after away matches for a brief summary of the days results and the presentation to the Rink of the Day.

The President enjoys buying everyone a celebratory drink when all teams win!

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones on the green or immediate surrounds during play is not permitted. Should a player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical/emergency services personnel) to ANSWER a mobile phone during play they must notify the Umpire of the Day prior to playing. The phone may be carried by the player but must be silent and responded to on the bank away from play.

Pennant Practice

The Bowls Improvement Group (and other experienced players) are willing to provide coaching, advice, practice drills etc. Please ask. Jacks and mats are kept in the Night Owls room and can be used at any time the greens are open, and there are also a small number of these inside the electrical box outside. Friday afternoon / evenings is common practice time. Sunday mornings are the best time for coaching assistance. The Bowls Improvement Group will also advise you of Bowls SA coaching times.

Locker Rooms

A personal locker is available to store equipment. See *House Manager*.

Main Blackboard (outside Night Owls room)

Used for advising of greens availability and giving notice that you have a Club Championship game scheduled. Both Greens are rested every Monday and occasionally during the season for maintenance.

Club Notices

Club Notices will appear about the Season program, the Hot Weather Policy (some games will probably start early), our Club Tournament, other club's tournaments and Greens closures. See our website or the club noticeboard directly adjacent the bar.

Club Tournaments

Nomination sheets for Championship Singles, Ladies Singles, Handicap Singles, Drawn Pairs and Championship Pairs are on the noticeboard directly adjacent to the bar. We encourage all members to experience the different formats of bowls. Matches are played at mutually convenient times.

Club Functions

We usually hold a Christmas lunch in December and a Wind-up lunch in April. We need bookings in advance for catering purposes. See the booking sheet on the club noticeboard directly adjacent to the bar. Various other club functions will be advertised on the noticeboard, on the website and in the newsletter.

Bowls SA and Metropolitan Bowls Association

Bowls SA and Metropolitan Bowls Association are the two peak bowls associations in South Australia. Bowls SA looks after state events, club policies and support, and overall governance of the sport. Metro Bowls Association runs the pennant competitions, including the draws, playing conditions and finals.

Club Open Times

From September, the club is open Tuesday - Friday from about 3.30pm until 6.30pm and later if there is an event on. On Sunday we are open from about 10.00am for a couple of hours. You are welcome to bring family and friends for a roll up or to visit the bar.

Our club is 'Open for Business'

In season we conduct Night Owls every Tuesday and Thursday night. Club volunteers are essential to Night Owls' success. We also host approximately 25 social groups, work groups and other sporting clubs for functions throughout the year. We are open throughout the year and have winter bowls for members and friends on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Bowling Etiquette

Bowling Etiquette is a 'code of behaviour' that bowlers adhere to around the world. Bowls is a friendly game and consideration for others, courtesy and good manners are a major part of its appeal.

- Bowlers should introduce themselves and shake hands before play commences.
- Bowlers should fairly share the task of kicking bowls back after completion of an end.
- Bowlers should give the Skip their loyal support and comply with directions.
- In changing ends, players should avoid straying onto neighboring rinks.
- Opposing Leads should facilitate play by courteously handing the mat and jack to each other, as convenient.
- It is good sportsmanship to acknowledge displays of exceptional skill.
- Inconsiderate distractions such as loud noises or conversation, visible movement of players, objects or shadows, impact of kicked bowls etc. should be avoided while a bowler is on the mat.
- Possession of the rink belongs to the player or team whose bowl is being played. As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink transfers to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.
- Bowlers should not interfere with the head until the result of the end has been agreed.
- If your opponent plays an unlucky shot, do not show any outward sign of satisfaction at his or her misfortune. It may be your turn next!
- Bowlers should shake hands at the end of the game.
- After the game it is customary to offer a refreshment to your opponent and for the opponent to reciprocate.
- Players should avoid making excuses for their lack of success on the day as a topic of conversation.



Enjoy playing bowls at our wonderful club!

