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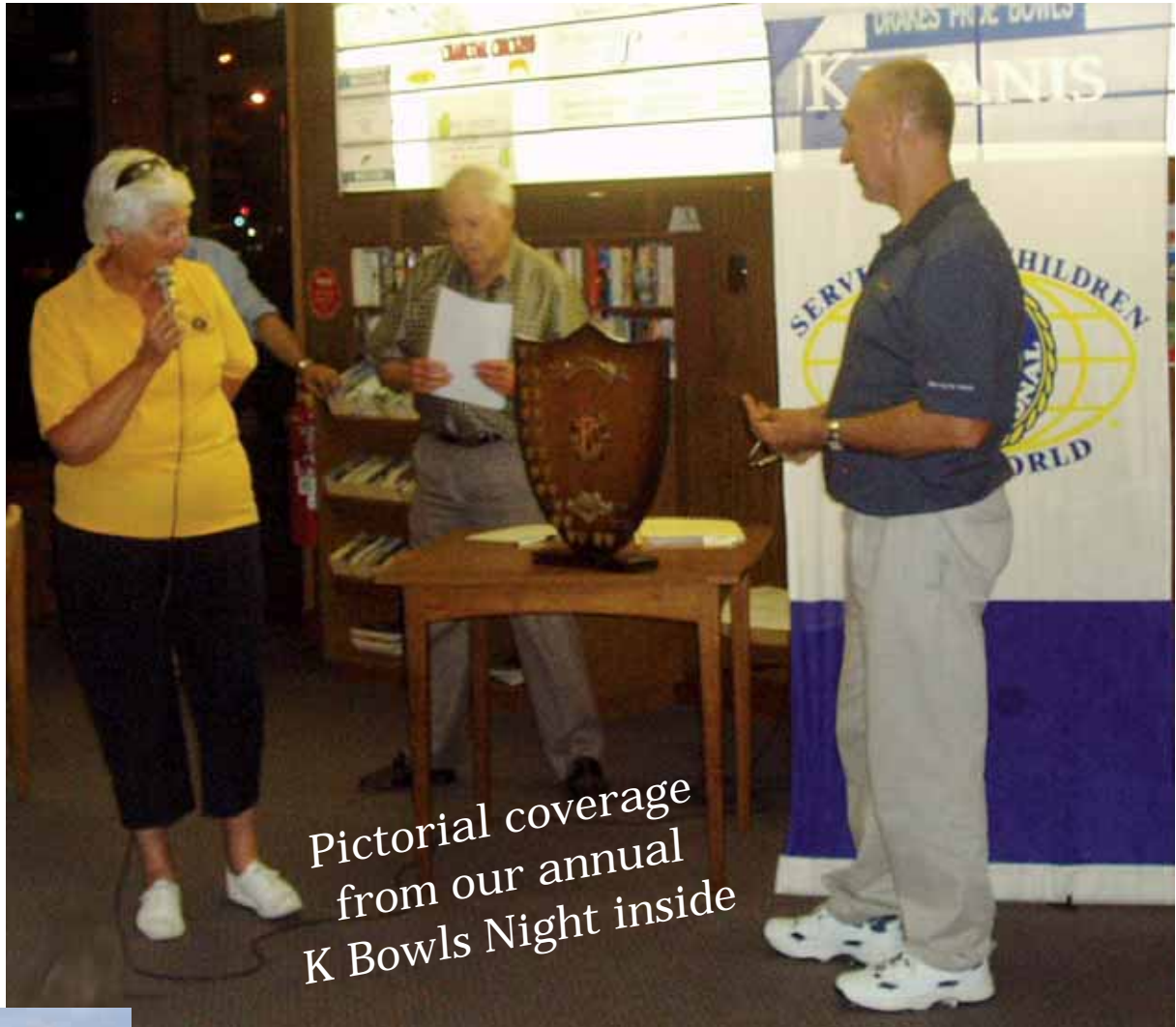
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*Below: Past Reedbeds
President Ron Cocks in action
early during Bowls Night.*



Pictorial coverage
from our annual
K Bowls Night inside



BOWLING ALONG!

The K Tradition continues. On Thursday March 6, Divisions 3, 8 & 10 again assembled at Holdfast By Bowling Club, Glenelg, to "battle" for the Ken Farmer Trophy on a really hot evening of 33 degrees (Adelaide's heatwave had just begun...)

We had Australia District Governor Bill van Diemen on one of his first forays onto a bowling green, accompanied by a Japanese guest from KI who is a candidate for International Board of Trustees, and keen to meet some friendly Aussie Kiwanians.

We were hoping to surprise Bob Thompson with an early 90th birthday cake but neither he nor Ken Farmer could attend. However the inaugural Lionel Whalan Trophy was on hand, ready to be presented.

There were 28 teams contesting this year (slight increase on last year) and after some hectic points tallying during our scrumptious pizza supper, overall winners were announced as Murray Bridge 1 team whose members included Past President Peter Lovelock, Di Franklin, and a Scandinavian visitor who filled in at late notice. Many thanks to Alan, Ken, Colin and Peter who were the back-room toilers.

Adelaide's new Kiwanis Bus launched - see back page !!



Bob Thompson, a stalwart of both Adelaide and Prospect Clubs, is due to celebrate a milestone birthday early April. We'll cover more on this event in next month's KAN, but meantime it's worth reflecting that Bob is only the second Club member to achieve marking their 90th (yes 90!) birthday, the previous nonagenarian being Lionel Whalan. Well done Bob and may you have many more birthdays!

Many members would recall Wilbur Von Bertouch who was on our Club Board several years ago. Wilbur has just passed a milestone of his own, having turned 80 years young.

Some new or amended email addresses to take note of:

Alan Williams has now joined the 21st century and at last has an address (truly terrific!) - amw007@esc.net.au

Treasurer Peter O'Keefe has a new address as of late last year - petokee@bigpond.com

Brighton member Peter Zander also has a new address - peter.zander@bigpond.com

Our travellers, Simon and Janine returned to Adelaide last month with plenty of interesting tales from their journey around parts of this vast nation. One of the many highlights while visiting Victoria was being on board with the Geelong Kiwanis Club who have an involvement with the huge Ford Day held in Geelong. According to the pictorial coverage, this is bigger than big, being a huge fundraiser for Kiwanis, netting the Club thousands of dollars. This year's Ford Day was even bigger, as it also incorporated a large display of Model T - this being the T centenary year (hard to believe, but true!)

That couple again (Janine & Simon) were in Kingston SE late March for the Past Governors dinner, hit Adelaide for a few hours and were then off again, this time driving to Darwin. Similarly, our Australia Governor has not been in town much lately - Bill is currently in Jakarta for Kiwanis ASPAC, and then bounces off Perth on his way back through this neck of the woods.

Well done to Lindsay Curtis who earlier this year was installed as our rep on the Board of Children's Week SA. The current chair is a Past President of our Club, Bevan Brown who fills a role held in the past by such notables as Bryce Francis.

Yet another item held over to our April issue due to space constraints is an interesting article and photos (via Don Millard) of the recent Key Club sausage sizzle held at Glenunga International High School.

CLUB DIARY DATES

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 8 - DINNER MEETING Usual venue

TUESDAY APRIL 22 - DINNER MEETING Usual venue

SATURDAY APRIL 26 - ANZAC DAY



ADELAIDE CLUB DINNER MEETINGS HELD 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS AT NAVAL MILITARY & AIR FORCE CLUB - BOARD MEETINGS HELD 1st TUESDAY AT HILTON RSL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Thompson (turning 90!) April 7th

Don Millard April 17th

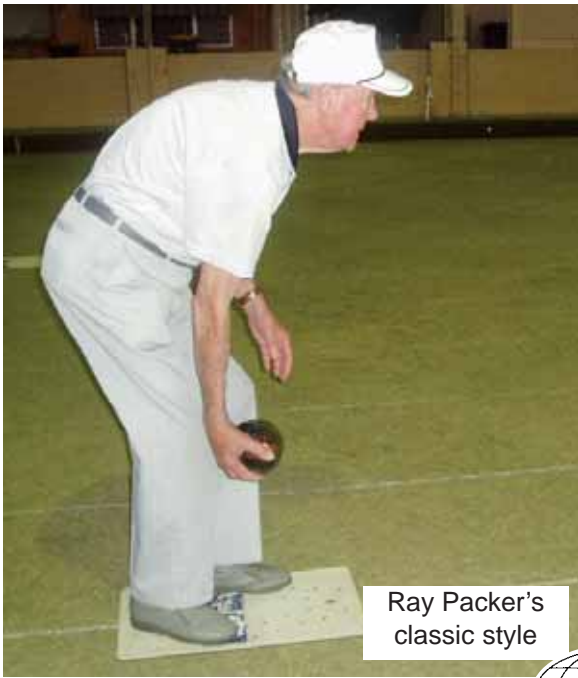
Alan Forrester April 26th

Gosia Skalban April 30th



THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

We do not stop playing because we grow old;
We grow old because we stop playing.



Ray Packer's classic style



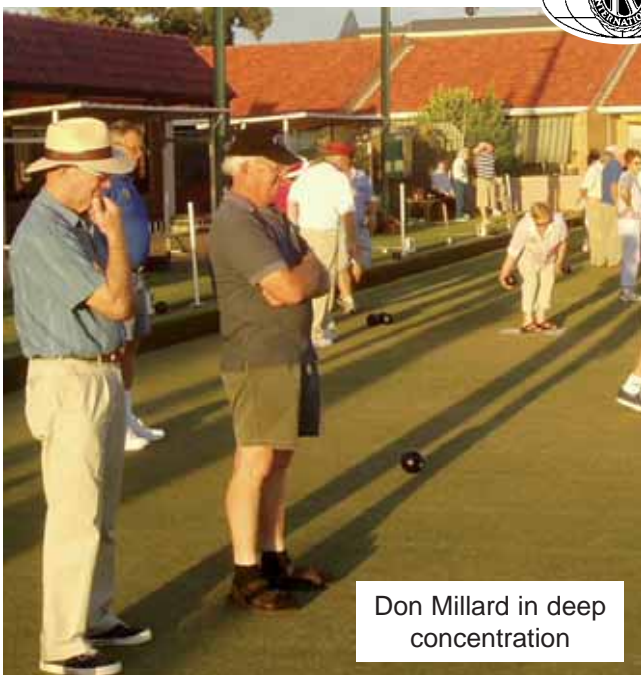
Hard-working officials Colin and Peter take a well deserved break



Brighton's Peter Zander in action



Winning Murray Bridge team savour the spoils of victory

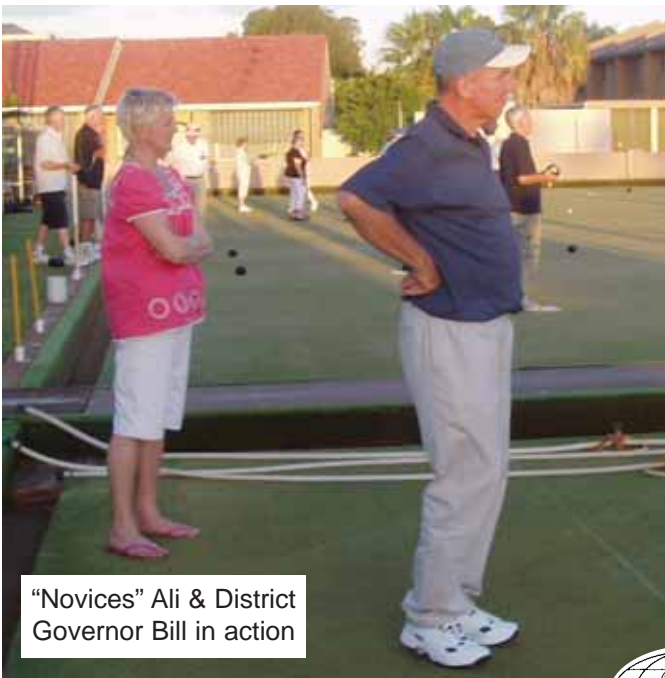


Don Millard in deep concentration



President Colin Brookes

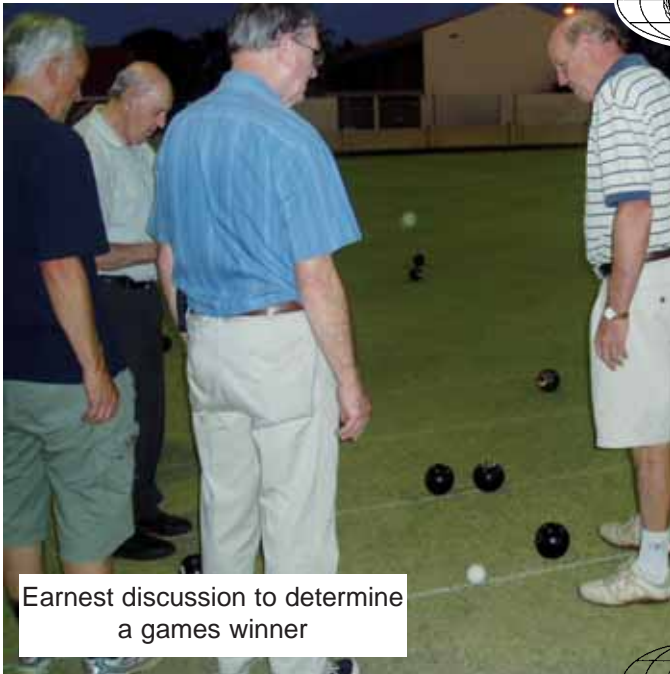




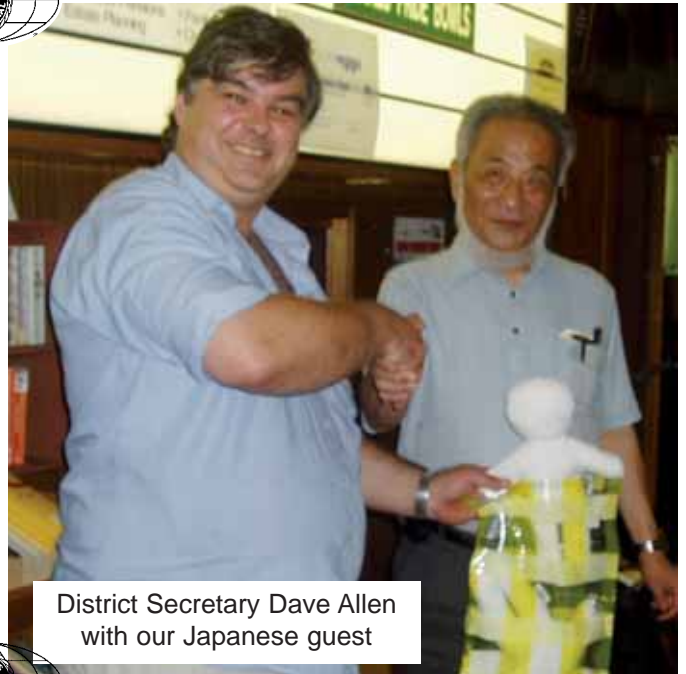
"Novices" Ali & District Governor Bill in action



The Booby Prize team with their spoils for finishing first at the wrong end !



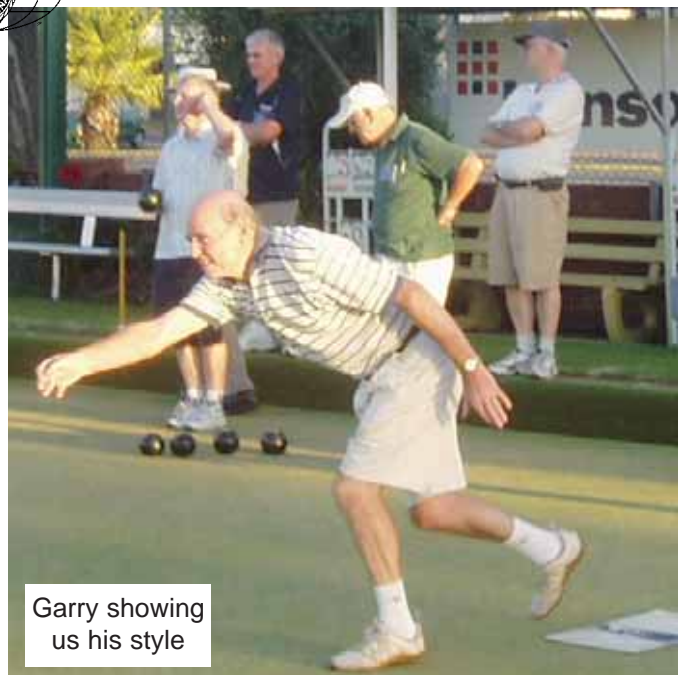
Earnest discussion to determine a games winner



District Secretary Dave Allen with our Japanese guest



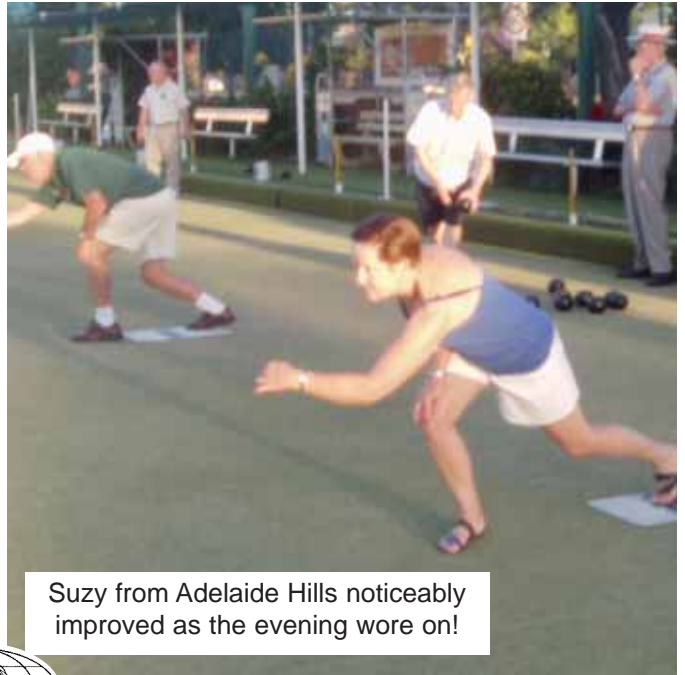
Part of the large crowd, during presentations



Garry showing us his style



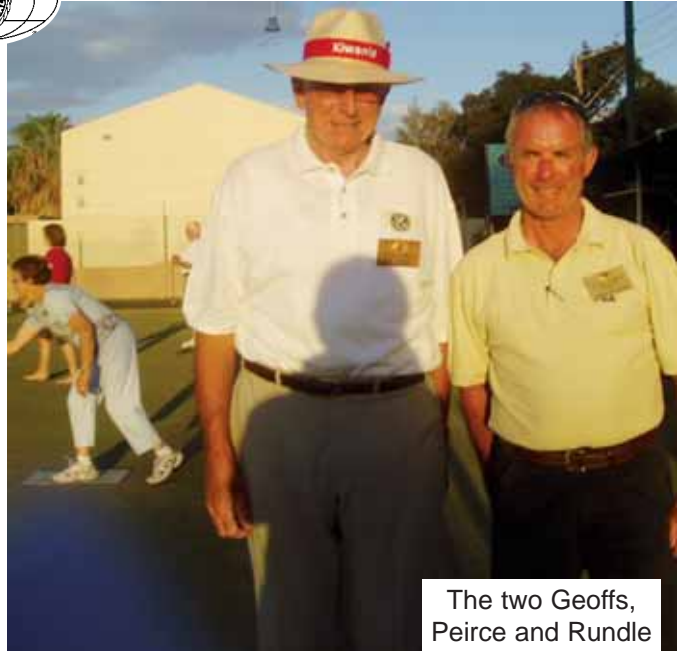
Adelaide Club's Garry, and Ashley Gore from Adelaide Hills pondering



Suzy from Adelaide Hills noticeably improved as the evening wore on!



Our overseas guest definitely another improver



The two Geoffs, Peirce and Rundle



Our own Fred Wilson in action

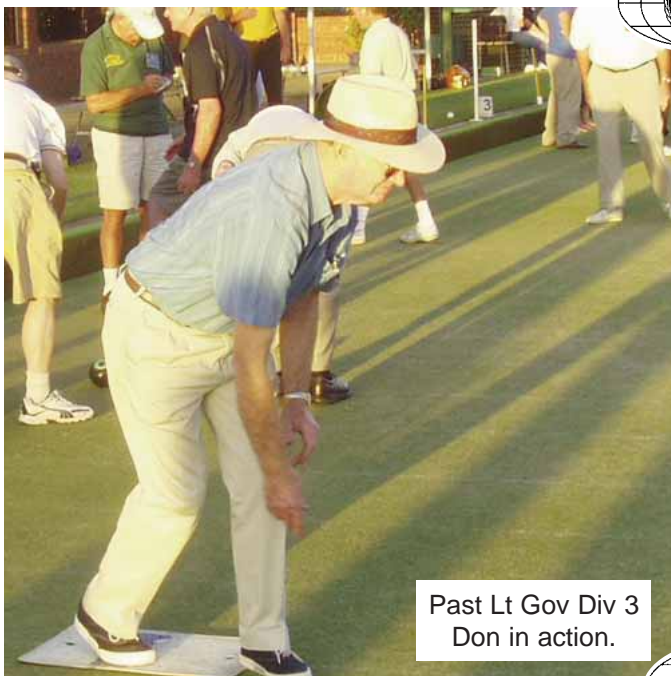


The overall winning team (Murray Bridge) with their spoils of victory

Murray Bridge President Neville Mueller's wife Maree sends down another potential winner.



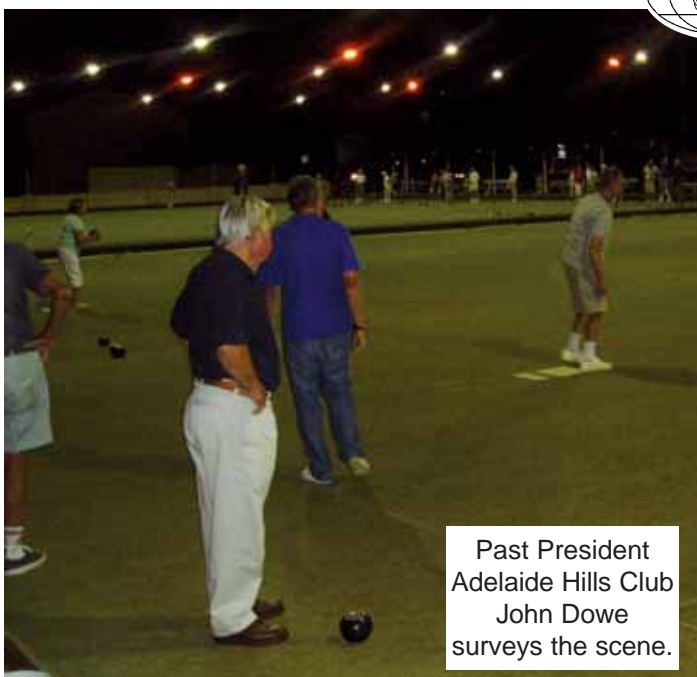
Our hard-working Secretary Ken during trophy presentations.



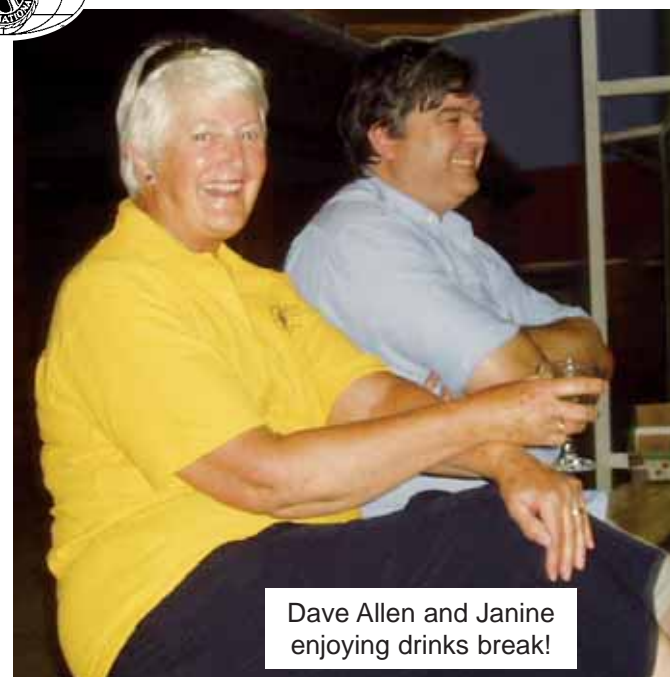
Past Lt Gov Div 3 Don in action.



The Overall Trophy Runnerup team.



Past President Adelaide Hills Club John Dowe surveys the scene.



Dave Allen and Janine enjoying drinks break!



KIWANIS BUS LAUNCHED (continued from back page)

Bob told us how the Kiwanis Bus Service exists to provide low cost bus outings for residents of nursing homes, senior citizen homes and other groups serving the needs of the disabled and the disadvantaged, as well as special interest groups and the Kiwanis Clubs that manage and support it.

He spoke briefly about the Bus Service's history, and acknowledged many of the Kiwanians, who originally played a hand in developing the service, including Past District Governors Geoff Peirce and Peter O'Keefe as well as other well-known SA Kiwanians Ken Farmer, Peter Mann, and Geoff Arnold.

The Bus Service has now been operating since November 1981, with a couple of our first drivers, Dave Potter (Glenelg Club) and John Coats (Reynella Club) still driving the bus when they can.

Some of the facts and figures -

The current bus, "the new bus", entered service last December, having been purchased for almost \$350,000 and was funded jointly with the Kiwanis Bus Service with grants from Community Benefits SA (\$35,000), the Regional Partnerships Program (\$185,000) and the CMV Foundation (\$18,000). The vehicle is a CMI HINO mini school bus chassis with a modified coach and has seating for 22 passengers as well as three wheelchairs, a driver and their assistant.

The Driver and Driver's assistant are volunteers, all being full or honorary members of local Kiwanis Clubs of SA. The Bus Service operates from a small office at Marion Community House, Warradale, being staffed daily Monday to Fridays 9am until 12 noon by volunteers, again with the majority being members from local Adelaide Kiwanis Clubs.

The number of groups using the service is around 90, each enjoying either a three hour morning or afternoon trip, or a full day outing to see the sights of Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills and surrounds, and many groups also enjoy a special December Christmas Lights tour. Supporting Kiwanis Clubs can use the bus a couple of times each year in support of a club project or club outing.

The Bus Service continues today with a "driver crew" of 18 or so regular drivers and a couple more in training, 30 or so driver assistants, 15 office volunteers and a Board of Management comprising a dozen members representing the Kiwanis Clubs of South Australia and our volunteers. There is also a roster for cleaning the bus each weekend at its Glenside garage.

In 2007 the Bus Service catered for over 6150 seated passengers plus 630 additional passengers in wheelchairs. The bus travelled in excess of 35,000 km and made over 330 individual trips.

Over the 25 year-plus lifetime of the service it is calculated our combined buses have travelled nearly 700,000 km, approaching 135,000 passengers including some 13,000 passengers confined to a wheelchair. The service has also received in excess of 85,000 volunteer hours from Kiwanians and other volunteers in all capacities.

The Bus Service has been recognised twice as a finalist in the South Australian Premiers Community Service Awards for the support it provides to disadvantaged groups in South Australia.

Bob concluded his speech by stating that the Bus Service could not operate without the many volunteers who give their time willingly to assist their fellow members in the community and thanked every one of them, but wanted to especially publicly acknowledge a few who have made the Service the success it is today - Geoff Peirce, Peter O'Keefe, Peter Mann, Ken Farmer, Dave Potter, John Coats, Tom & Pat Warnes, Geoff Arnold, Owen Donaghey, David MacKenzie, Graham Brooks, Dick Gibbons, John Blair, Mick Costello, John and Pat Jones as well as the Members of all the Kiwanis Clubs of SA who support this magnificent project.

Bob also thanked the many groups and organisations who have supported us financially and in other ways during the years and would publicly like to acknowledge a few who have helped along the way - Westpac Bank, CMI Hino, the Mental Health Service of SA, Frank J Siebert Funeral Directors, CMV Foundation, Simplicity Funerals, Community Benefits SA, Arthritis Foundation of SA, City of Marion, Custom Coaches, Department of Transport and Regional Services, and the Adelaide Metropolitan Area Consultative Committee.

A number of certificates were presented to the organisations that helped us get the newest bus on the road, either financially or with assistance in obtaining funding. Bob also acknowledged both Graham Brooks (Mitcham Club) and John Blair (Tea Tree Gully) who have retired from the service after many years of outstanding service.

Bob invited Dave Potter as one of the longest, continuous serving members of the Bus Service to cut the ribbon and officially launch the bus and allow everyone the opportunity to look over the vehicle.


The launch was followed by afternoon tea served and prepared with the assistance of the members of the Brighton Busy Beavers Aktion Club, Kiwanis Club of Brighton and Members of the Kiwanis Bus Service Board of Management.

Did you realise? Noah was just the greatest financier in the Bible. He kept busy floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation!!

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NEW KIWANIS BUS IS LAUNCHED!

Report: Peter Zander

The Kiwanis Bus Service (a unique project of the combined Kiwanis Clubs of SA's Divisions 3, 8 & 10) has given their new bus an official launch on Sunday, February 24.

President of the Kiwanis Bus Service Board of Management, Bob Edwards, welcomed around 100 guests to the afternoon tea celebrating the launch of the new bus. Guests in attendance included Governor Bill van Diemen, Lt. Governors Janine Keulen (Div.3) and Roy Seccafien (Div.8), representatives of the sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs and the Kiwanis Bus Service and invited guests that included Federal and State Members of Parliament, the Mayor of Marion (Felicity-ann Lewis) and representatives from the assisting Government Departments and private companies who helped make the new bus a reality. (Report concluded overleaf on page 7)



Many thanks to Peter Zander for supplying the text & pics.



Bowls Night has taken more space than anticipated for this issue, therefore in our April KAN we are due to present a report on this wheelchair-bound athlete – a world renowned target shooting expert who has represented Australia overseas at the highest level and who was our guest speaker early March. President Colin is seen here presenting a cheque to this amazing woman, after her talk.