POPPIES FROM BOX HILL RSL
TRAVEL TO VILLERS-BRETONNEUX

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF BOX HILL RSL
SUB-BRANCH INC.

Sunday 25th March, 2012
commencing at 11am in the Upton Room. Members wishing to place items on the Agenda for this meeting are advised that copy must be received by the Secretary, Gail Robertson before Friday 16th. March, 2012.

Gail Robertson, JP Hon. Secretary

ATTENTION ALL POST VIETNAM ADF VETERANS

Box Hill RSL
will be conducting a Forum on MONDAY 16th. April, 2012 at 7.30pm.

“to discuss with younger and prospective members of the RSL an inheritance of $30 mil. & succession planning for the future of Box Hill RSL”

Refreshments provided & partners/wives most welcome to assist our caterers can you confirm your attendance by phoning the Secretary on 9898 5992 or e-mail – secretary@boxhillrsl.com.au

If you are interested in selling badges in the days leading up to ANZAC DAY, please contact Faye on 9898 2044
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### Welfare Report

Our best wishes are with those members who are, or have been in hospital since the last issue.

George Coates, Arthur Cornish, Elva Greenwood, Eric Leith, Max Hayes, Ern Treloar, Doreen Knop, Barry Maddock, Robert Perry

## Whitehorse Day Club

The predicted thirty five degrees could not stop our members departing on our first day trip for 2012. First stop was Arthur's Seat Lookout and we were pleasantly surprised as we stepped off the coach, as there was a delightful cool breeze. This made Craig's morning tea even more enjoyable.

It was then a lovely drive around a back road to Dromana. From here Craig drove us along the beach road to Rye. For those who haven’t driven along here for many years we were amazed at the development. We enjoyed the delicious, leisurely two course lunch that we are always served at the Rye R.S.L. An added bonus was, that on presentation of our R.S.L. cards, we only charged the same cheaper rate that their members pay.

Back on the coach where Craig gave an excellent commentary as we travelled home via Western Port Bay. It was an unusual sight to see Phillip Island from the mainland. Thanks Barrie for arranging such a lovely day for us.

We celebrated Australia Day in our usual great patriotic way. We were delighted to see The Upton Room festooned with Australian Flags. Every table had large Australian flags, and, as our morning tea was, of course, Lamingtons, each cake was decorated with an Australian flag. Thank you to our Committee for arranging this treat for us.

The hour spent with our entertainer, ‘The Hat Man’, Brian Sprey, passed very quickly as he sang and whistled his way through many songs, which recalled many memories to us all. His impersonation of Chad Morgan, was hysterical, especially as Chad’s protruding, oversized teeth kept dropping on the floor as he sang. He has a remarkable recall, as all his requests were able to be sung, word perfect. In keeping with Australia Day celebrations, Brian started with, ‘The Pub With No Beer’ and ended with, ‘I still call Australia home’.

It was quite an emotional moment, when our Day Clubbers, in excellent voice, quite spontaneously rose to their feet, waving our Australian flags, joined in singing this song with Brian.

Our speakers this month were from the Council of the Aging (Cota). They gave us many hints on prescription and medication safety. It was especially interesting to learn about the mobile phone that, after much research conducted by COTA., has been made, specifically easier for older people to use. Among its many features are, large buttons, Hearing aid compatible, and weighs only 75 grams. A unique feature is the “SOS” button, on the back of the phone. By pressing this button immediate assistance is available. This feature takes a lot OF worry away when leaving home.

Cheers for now and remember Being ‘over the hill’ is much better than being under it.
On the 18th January 2012, the TPI Eastern Suburbs Social Club held a BBQ on the ‘Top-Deck’ at Box Hill RSL. The weather and the venue were outstanding. Adrian Wain, the Social Club President, welcomed all and suggested that it should become an annual event – all agreed. 77 people attended which included 18 from South Gippsland and Phillip Island and members from Outer Eastern Vietnam Veterans.

There was plenty to eat and drink and all seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope to see you next year same place same time and let us make the event bigger and better. Late July last year, Adrian & Geraldine Wain and Neil & Kate Brown accompanied a Phillip Island group on a return trip on the Ghan to Darwin, the reunion was a treat for all.

Adrian Wain, Hon. President

TREV’S COLUMN

• Don’t forget that the Restaurant is open for lunch on Wednesdays, lunch and dinner on Thursdays and Fridays and dinner on Saturdays.

• The Members’ Lounge is open every day and the Bar is serviced on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

• The Roof Deck is open from 4.00pm on Fridays and 2pm on Sundays.

• New glazing has been installed on the east and West walls of the roof deck to exclude rain and wind

• You can join the Box Hill RSL Rewards Program (It’s free) and be in the running to win one of 5 AFL Memberships for the Club of your choice in the March Football Promotion.

• A reminder that my Race Day is on 17 April and details are to be found in the advertisement opposite

• The AGM of the Box Hill RSL Sub-Branch is to be held on 25 March.

Trevor Symes Vice President
Box Hill Darts Section will once again enter three teams in the Eastern Districts Darts League Winter Competition. The three teams are The Cobras, The Flyers and The Rebels.

Twelve teams have entered the competition this season. All venues are close to Box Hill and include teams from the Mitcham RSL, The Mitcham Angling Club, Mitcham Football Club and the East Burwood Rams.

Last year the three Box Hill teams were enthusiastic and competitive and finished the season in the middle of the ladder. Many individual Box Hill players won trophies.

Each year the three teams play in a one off game of 1001 to determine the Club Champion team.

For the third year in a row the winners were The Cobras. Well done Cobras!

Throughout the year we run various tournaments for Box Hill Darts Section members.

The comps are organized by our able Competition Director, Cameron Aldridge.

Players are now preparing for the new winter season which commences in March. Many are playing in a friendly Summer Competition here at the Club on Monday evenings so they should be in peak form when the winter season opens. A number of members from other E.D.D.L. teams are also playing in the competition.

The Monday night social darts sessions are open to all members of our Club after the Summer Comp. finishes in late February so come along if you would like to try your hand at darts. Beginners are welcome with expert tuition provided.

We would also welcome new players to join one of our teams to play in the E.D.D.L. Competition.

After many years as the Darts Section Treasurer Ron Carter has stepped down from that position. He was a founding member and has been closely involved in all aspects of the Darts Section.

Ron is also a Life Member of the Darts Section.

Many thanks Ron – a record hard to beat.

Are you interested in forming a Walking Club? We envisage that this group could be for the person who would like the gentle short distance walk in the park next door once a week or for the more adventurous walker where the group could take to the walking/bike trail or do half day or day trips to great walking spots.

If you have any interest at all, please ring me to discuss on 9898 2044.

Faye Clark - Welfare Coordinator
Peace, perfect peace - With the loved ones far away”. This epitaph was one of the thousands of unique messages that lined the mass of uniform graves at Villers-Bretonneux.

The 7th of December was a fresh, wintry morning that greeted 44 students and 5 staff as they climbed the steps of the famous Villers-Bretonneux memorial. This ground is known to both Australians and French alike for the second battle of Villers-Bretonneux on the 25th of April, 1918. This attack from the Australians was a brave and dangerous last attempt, that although successful, resulted in 1,455 Aussie soldiers dead. The music students of Camberwell High were there to learn the history of our ancestors, and pay our respects to these selfless men.

Despite what we had heard at school about the numerous battles in Northern France and their relevant memorials, what we saw with our own eyes was more sentimentally beautiful and evocative than any of us could have envisaged. The perfect, endless spaces of side by side soldiers, separated only by the grass they fought and died on. The odd thorny rosebush being the only blemished point visible, and the rows of militaristic headstones all gently guiding you from afar to the bell tower at the top of the hill.

The usually rowdy, tightly bunched group of students gradually yet naturally dispersed over the field, an odd sense of appreciation brushing over each and every person as they took the time to read and think and place their poppies by the graves of men they had never personally known, but honestly felt they knew.

We also managed to see the grave of the unknown soldier, who now lies in the Canberra war memorial, as well as the L’Ecole Victoria (a primary school sporting a historic museum about the Australian soldiers (in French)).

All in all it was easily the most sentimental and enlightening time of the trip, and we have the Box Hill RSL and Jim McCormick to greatly thank for the 100 poppies provided to make this trip even more special.

by Zena Hudnott
(Year 11 Student, Camberwell High School)

On Thursday, 26th January 2012, members traveled to Howlong for a 2-day break prior to arriving in Albury for the Australia Day Carnival and Murray Cod Swim. Members, especially the children, enjoyed the pool and spa at the motel.

On Saturday, 28th January, members from the four clubs, namely Albury, Bentleigh, Box Hill and Mentone gathered in Albury to prepare for the coming event commencing at 2.30pm. The weather was very hot, approximately 75 members participated and enjoyed the refreshing pool.

FINAL RESULTS ON THE DAY – Bentleigh 105 points, Box Hill 87 points, Albury 55 points, Mentone 32 points

TEAM EVENT: 10 PERSON RELAY – Bentleigh 105 points, Box Hill 87 points, Albury 55 points

ENTITILEMENT RELAY – Albury 1st, Box Hill 2nd, Bentleigh 3rd

WW2 RELAY – Mentone 1st, Bentleigh 2nd, Albury 3rd, Box Hill 4th

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD – Liam O’Connell, Junior, Box Hill, 2nds in 100m and 25m.

100m – Michele Robinson Box Hill 3rd

Presentations and trophies were distributed at the Commercial Club where a very nice dinner was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday 29th January members gathered at the same Swimming complex for the Murray Cod events. A barbecue was held in the park on the river. Many prizes were distributed to Box Hill members for their efforts.

An air-conditioned bus was provided for the convenience of members who were very appreciative to Bob O’Connell for his actions in obtaining this benefit.

Gladys Bell, Hon. Secretary.
Members of the Men’s Section of Box Hill RSL Bowls competed in 5 grueling elimination rounds of quality lawn bowling through November and December 2011. Neville Frostick and John McLennan emerged as the finalists in this prestigious event.

The final was held on 15 January 2012 in front of more than 20 spectators – these two long time friends demonstrated the bowling skills that had carried them through to the ultimate face-off.

By match end, it was Neville who prevailed and is our Men’s Singles Champion for 2011-2012.

Congratulations Neville Frostick on your fine win.

As John McLennan said after the match ‘I bowled my very best but Neville was just that more accomplished and deserved to win’.

Neville summed up his win with ‘It was a very tight match and it could have gone either way. I was very pleased to win some crucial ends that ultimately gave me the championship’.

T slight Pennant Season, the charity chosen by Bowls Victoria as the annual charity is Kidsafe Victoria, which promotes child injury prevention and the education of the Victoria public in taking simple steps to keep our children safe.

On Tuesday August 30th the Bowls Section held a function to support Kidsafe Victoria. Bette Illman and Rhoda Gordon ran a trading table. It proved the old saying: ‘One person’s trash is another’s treasure.’ We could buy delicious cakes baked that morning, lemon and orange home-made marmalade, knitted caps and dolls’ jackets (and the hideous vase my Auntie Charlotte gave me for our wedding) plus many, many more bits and pieces. Some of the items were auctioned off at the end of the day by our resident good-guy with the loud voice and the quick quip: Barry Maddock. (The vase didn’t sell. Next year?) Doreen Brooker, President, with help from Gwen Horder, sold special effort tickets: Graeme Bodilly and Mick Newey were the lucky recipients.

The sponsor for the day, with our gratitude, was Risk Protection Group. Jodie Hooper, their representative, kindly attended and presented the prizes to the winning teams: Skips - First - Doreen Brooker and Second – Neville Frostick.

Through everyone’s efforts we raised $830.00 for Kidsafe Victoria. Just imagine if every bowls club could put in an effort like this?

From the Committee, thank you to everyone for your contributions, and well done.

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH, 2012
$50 – 2 course dinner and show
Doors open 6pm. Food service 6.45pm
Show starts 8pm
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL