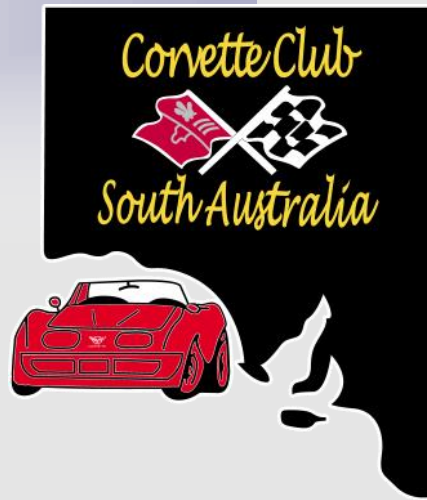


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi All

Well May has passed but it has been full on with a run to Strath that included a contingent of Corvette tragics from New Zealand that hitched a ride in some of the Committees cars. The question was how do you keep the group together? You put a C3 in front, followed by an angry black C6 at this point the C8 had disappeared into the distance – show-off!

The Sunday run was followed by me playing tourist guide to the Kiwis when they visited the Barossa on the Monday.

I am now making it official, Peter B is banned from participating in any club activities that involve any type of ball.

Speaking of my new career as tourist guide, I had the pleasure of playing guide to Mark from Surfcoast Corvettes and friends when they visited the Barossa last weekend. Mark is also the creator of the Corvettes Australia website.

Club events that you need to plan for is Sean and Kirstys October long weekend adventure and the club Christmas Dinner on Dec 9th, the dinner will be complete with a band and a venue that holds 120 and there will be a subsidy so it wont cost you as much, stay tuned for the cost.

The Canberra Corvette Club will host an informal get together in Canberra next Easter if anyone is interested and we will give you the details as soon as they become available.

That's all, Stay dry, Stay warm.

Happy Vetting

Pres

CORVETTE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC –

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting: 3/5/23 Meeting Opened: 8:00

Present: As per registration sheet through EventBrite

Apologies: Neil & Noreen Portlock, Ray Preston & Kate Rhodes, Ruth & Stuart Van Doorn, Gary & Cathy McPhee, Judy & Les Beyer. John Randell & Jenny Grinter, Dave & Helen Askins, Kevin Jarrett, Karen McConnell, Serge Giacomelli, AJ Martin, Phil Turbill, Jim Dornan, Garry Bergen & Pam Applebee, Cindy Dennis, Helen Falconer, Andrew Webber.

Visitor and New members: Ernie & Paula Miller '72 Red Corvette

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.

Moved: - Colin Dennis Seconded:- Peter Bartlett

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance	1 st April 2023	\$33,173.51
	Income	\$880.00
	Expenses	\$2,075.55
Closing Balance	30th April 2023	\$31,977.96

Term Deposit \$40,315.66 @ 3.9% to 20/10/2023

April Raffles	Income	\$305.00
	Expenses	\$149.80
	Heart Kids Profit	\$155.20

Heart Kids tally from 1/3/23 when \$5K was donated = \$729.20

Membership draw prize for May \$160

Moved: - Jemma Seconded: - Ian Gregor

Secretary's Report:

Rec'd Bank SA Statement & QCC May N/L which will be emailed to members. Emails to members last month: - Mal-lala, Oct LWE, N/L ours & Corvettes Canberra. See me if you are not getting the emails.

Conditional Registration: 5 vehicles added. Corvettes 2 x '71, 1 x '86 & 1 x '93. Ford Capri '93.

180 vehicles on the Conditional Registration scheme.

Membership:

Full & Life members: 225 Associates: 82 **Total: 307**

See Lynda if you have paid membership for 2023 but have not collected your card.

Merchandise: May General Meeting Merchandise Report:

Cooler Weather Wear now available -
Olympus Softshell Jacket - Mens & Ladies
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Ladies Roll-up Shirt ¾ Sleeve
Woolmix Jumper - Mens
V-Neck Pullover – Ladies. Also available in Vests

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Newsletter: Adrian Absent. Please send through Car of the Month articles.

Events:

Past: **8/4 Rob McConnell's Easter run.** Good day, Rain held off. 18 Vettes & 45 people came for BBQ cooked by Serge at Rob & Karen's house.

21/4 Dinner at Sailmaster with 26 people. Good food & good company.

23/4 Mallala Historic Day. A few members went, but huge turn up overall.

Future:

7/5 Walkers' Run to Strath Museum (\$6 per head) & lunch at Commercial Hotel. 34 booked so far. Must book by Friday 4pm. Dep HJ Firlie 9:15 am.

21/5 Cavalcade of Cars to Moonta. Contact Alan Litchfield ph 0412 697 797. Entries close 12/5.

27/5 Bocce Bowling & Dinner at Campania Club. Meet 4 pm. 29 booked so far. Need to book with Serge by 20/5. Ph 0418 409 560.

June:- nothing booked as yet.

Oct LWE Hahndorf per Sean & Kirsty. 16 Cabins held but only 3 left. Ph 0412 446 084 to book.

9/12 Christmas show. Dirty Devils Club Rooms Whiteline Greenfields. Max people 120. Will have band. Dirty Devils will cater for us. More details to follow.

Web Master: Just need to add the May Newsletter.

Public Officer: Nothing to report.

General Business:

Rob McConnell advised there are no Corvette Nationals in 2024. But the Canberra club may organise an event over Easter.

Ian Gregor reminded members of the Police Historic Open Day on 28/5 from 10-3. Many old Police cars will be on display. Entry \$10.

Membership Draw: \$160. Member 104, Les Beyer, not present so jackpots to \$180 for June.

Mother's Day Flower prize won by Colin Dennis.

Raffle prize winners: Peter Fitzgerald x 2, Ernie Miller, Mark Holland, Tim Epton, Peter Bartlett.

Meeting Closed:

8:35 pm

Club Cruising

In this gripping episode, we will look at the following points of club cruises.

- The club has seen an increase in club members, and not surprisingly an increase in how many people attend a club cruise. Our club is very active and club outings form a big part of what we do.
- The meeting point access in, parking spaces available and access out needs to be able to support 25 - 30 cars.
- Maintain the speed limit throughout the run - slower cars regroup at catch up spot.
- Include a planned catch up stop in a quiet, low speed limit if required.

Keep moving - In the event of a car breakdown - one car to stop with them to assist, not the whole group. When I first joined the club, about 10 to 15 cars was a typical roll up. Now it's not unusual to have 25 or 30 cars on a run.

As an active club that takes pride in our outings, we need to pay attention to a couple of things as numbers increase.

For anyone organizing a club run, first things first – the meeting point. When we had 10 or so cars arriving we could meet up just about anywhere. Now we need to take into account access in, parking spaces available, and access out. A lot of take away joints have reduced parking spaces to allow 2 or 3 lanes of coffee drinkers, soccer mums and screaming kids to get their Sunday fix. Always scope out a prospective meeting area (by visiting it at the meeting time prior to the run) to allow for those things.

Next consideration is hitting the road, and this applies to everyone on the run. Getting 10 cars moving is fairly easy, getting 30 cars moving not so easy, it can be like herding cats. When the Corvette Caravan gets moving, then it needs to get moving. Try and be up to the speed limit (or close to) to stop the Corvette Caravan becoming a Corvette Chicane. Another change in the modern world is Maps and GPS, everyone's mobile phone will tell you how to get to the destination. Sunday mornings aren't as quiet as they used to be so we don't need 20 cars travelling well below the speed limit waiting for the last 5 or so cars to catch up – catch up they eventually will.

A catch up stop in a quiet, low speed limit, plenty of room area can work if its already been planned, 20 or 30 Corvettes suddenly stopping or slowing in a 100/110 kph zone is a recipe for disaster. If a car breaks down then 1 other car stopping with them is appropriate, not the whole group – keep moving. Tail end Charlies (usually in their Daily Driver) are normally tasked with this duty, particularly if the Corvette occupants end up needing to be DD occupants.

Recent attendees at the Ballarat Nationals cruise with 120 cars (including a planned catch up stop) showed that a well-planned and thought out cruise can go flawlessly taking into account the above points.

Sean
Events Coordinator.

Strathalbyn Motor Museum Cruise, 7/5/23

Hungry Jacks Firlie was the meeting place for our cruise to the Gilbert Motor Museum, and as usual several members had arrived early. With the weather a bit chilly, the members started to fill up the Hungry Jacks carpark.

We had five guests from New Zealand. Brian, Peter, Carol, Barb and Trixi all getting picked up from their motel in our members vetts starting from c3 c4 c5 c6 c8. Thanks guys now we are all set for our cruise.

Getting all the members together I had my captain speech, all done but I forgot our guests, luckily Catherine stepped in to save the day, thanks. So, with everyone back in their cars, it's onto Glynburn Rd to Gilbert Motor Museum and then lunch.

The cruise ran up through Uraidla onto Balhannah, Littlehampton, Mt Barker, Wistow and finally Strathalbyn motor museum. Their carpark was reserved for all the corvettes, sweet. Arriving on time we quickly parked with 17 vetts and one Kia Peter, all gathering together talking about the run. On arriving at the Gilbert Motor Museum staff welcome members and helped several members towards the loo, yes I said it was cold! All inside everyone wandered all over the museum looking at an assortment of cars, motorcycles and old tools etc.

If you find the time, go and have a look its we'll worth it. It seemed like time had gotten away from us as we had tables booked for lunch so 40 members headed over for lunch, the hotel dining room was cosy with the club members taking up most of the hotel it got noisy with laughter and chatter, Joy and I had been here for lunch and loved it and in saying that the meals started to arrive to the surprise on the members faces. BIG meals priceless. The staff worked very hard to please everyone, good job. It took time but everyone received their lunch.

With that it's a big thankyou to all members who attended and not forgetting our guests from New Zealand Brian, Peter, Carol, Barb & Trixi. Safe journey home thank you,

GRAEME & JOY.

Friday afternoon, prior to Graeme and Joy's Strathalbyn run on Sunday, we found out the very exciting news that there were 5 people from Auckland Corvette Club, NZ, over for a few days. (Thanks Stu and Ruth!)

This group was coming over for the 2020 Nationals, before we had to cancel because of..... you know what.

Anyway, they decided to head on over and what perfect timing... we have a run on Sunday! Several phone calls Friday, we organised 5 cars to pick up Barb, Peter and Trixie, Brian and Carol from their motel in the city.

Their choice of car with a C3, C4, C5, C6 and a C8. Peter chose Tim in the C4 with the top down as he was rugged up warm and has a convertible at home. Brian went in the C8 with Gary, Barb came with me in Jack, the C6. It was lovely to return the favour to Barb as she drove me around when we were over there for the Bay of Island Nationals in 2016. Trixie went with Rob in the C3, which left Carol with Jim in George, the C5.

By all accounts, they had a wonderful day seeing some lovely scenery on Graeme and Joy's run and enjoying everyone's company at lunch.

Thanks Graeme and Joy for a wonderful day and thank you very much to Rob, Tim, Gary and Jim for the use of their cars.

Monday the NZ were lucky enough to have a local tour guide as they did a winery tour around the Barossa. Apparently Rob bought a winery.... Not sure if Karen knows.....??

Catherine and Jim.







Bocce Bowling Saturday 27/5/23

What else is there better to do on a wet and cold Saturday afternoon than get off the couch and head down to the Campania Sports and Social Club with a group of people to experience playing one of the world's oldest sports. Q..... What is the world's oldest sport known to man? A..... Wrestling/archery.

Well I'm glad we didn't engage in either of those 2 activities as they were not available on the night.

We had 38 CCSA club members turn up to play bocce, with some turning up early..... like really early around 2pm, but most of them on time at 4pm as per club newsletter information except for the organiser.

Bocce was first discovered on cave paintings in France around 1500BC based around the throwing of a rock towards a target, and since simple things amuse simple minds and no skills required well within most attending I thought we should be right on the night.

It was the Egyptians who refined the rock to a round, polished surface so it could roll a little better and the bocce ball set was found inside the tombs of Pharaohs. May I say, made little difference to some of us on the night with poor performances and needing lots of practice before the next court outing. The games popularity soon spread around the globe gaining huge followings and wasn't until 600BC the game showed up in Europe by the Greeks, then passed on to the Roman Empire.

Did you know Bocce the game was prohibited in Europe around 1319AD because it was causing chaos in the streets and classed as a menace, together with distracting from more traditional war associated games like archery.

Did you know Bocce was in the first ever summer Olympic Games of 1896?

Now that's enough for bocce history.

After some initial instructions by the little General Genaro and his group of Bocce Lieutenants, the members were divided into two groups and drawn to play partners.

All was going well considering our understanding of ItaloEnglish but we all knew the rules.....RIGHT.

Still can't believe how much walking up and down this court we had to do to meet the rules.

Regardless the scoring was spot on.

We played 8 rounds of end to end confusion, but uncovered some naturally talented rock throwing members. It was intense if you were on the side lines but even more intense on the courts as partners soon started to blame one another.

Some of us started to shine with gifted scoring, mainly Peter and Chris - 18, Wayne and Sue - 13, AJ and Mel - 11. Closely followed by the dark horse couple of Rob and Karen -10. It was Karen's finesse and cool judgement versus Robs MACK truck approach which worked well initially but fell short after running out of puff, the wheels fell off and the team didn't recover.

Dinner was a selection of traditional Italian cuisine, including pasta, pizza and my favourite Parmigiana which were all handmade by the volunteers in their kitchen and washed down easily with a selection of Serafino and Maglieri wines.

Refuelled and re-energised the 4 finalists played out the pressure points, all showed fighting spirits yet gallant in defeat but in the end crowning Peter and Chris as the inaugural CCSA Bocce champions for 2023. Bad luck Wayne and Sue but maybe next year if you practice in the backyard with the family and can go one better.

They say cash is king and thanks to the Campania club, offering up the court hire for free meant the prize pool of \$160 was on offer and split between the top 3 finishers.....YES!!!! WINNERS WERE GRINNERS

We as a club did offer a donation of \$100 on the night thanks to the CCSA committee as gratitude towards their club endorsed charity.....one good deed deserves another.

I would like to thank everyone who attended, and I hope they enjoyed a different outing for the club ,with the comments later in the night suggesting making this an annual event to encourage some more friendly rivalry and another couple as CCSA Bocce champions!

So all I can say for now is practice makes perfect, go forth and concur one of the world's oldest sports . Hope to see you all again, balls in hand.

Serge





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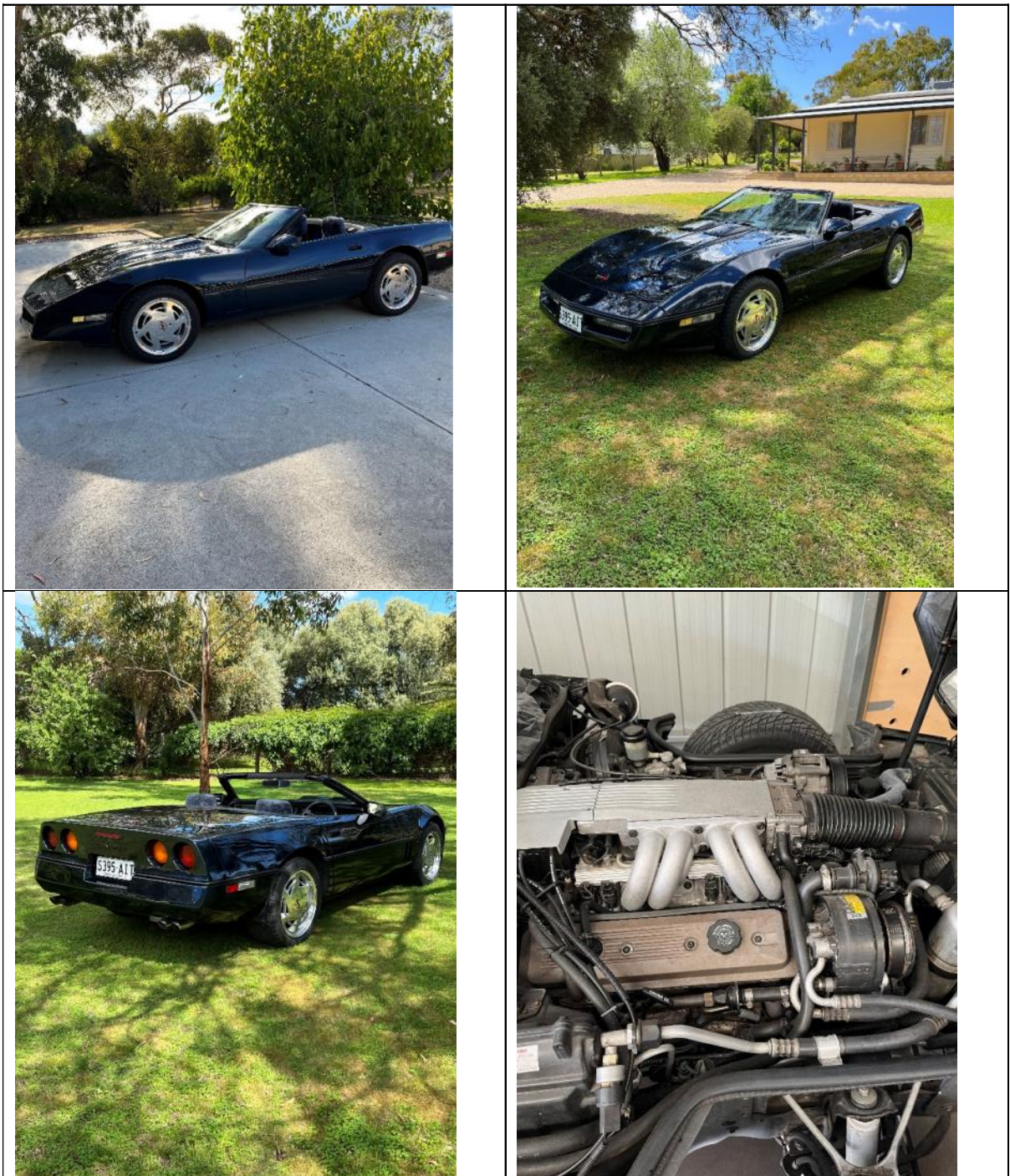
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2023 CCSA Calendar

JUNE

7/6 Club Meeting
11/6 Club run
16/6 Club dinner

JULY

5/7 Club Meeting
9/7 Club run

AUGUST

2/8 Club Meeting
6/8 Club run

SEPTEMBER

6/9 Club Meeting
10/9 Club run

OCTOBER

1/10 October long weekend at Discovery Cabins Hahndorf, Sean & Kirsty 0412446084 - Friday 29/9 to Monday 2/10, BOOKINGS CLOSED.
4/10 Club meeting

NOVEMBER

1/11 Club meeting

DECEMBER

6/12 Club meeting
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