



NEWSLETTER

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THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

As we approach the festive season I'd like to wish all members the traditional "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

But I'd also like you to pause for a moment and remember what Christmas is all about, and whether you are a practising Christian, are of another faith, or have no religion whatsoever, what the teachings of Christianity are.

Think about "Good will to all men," for example – that could equally be applied to a club and the relationship between members of that club. Enjoying the company of fellow members. Working together with them. Making allowances for perceived failings.

I'd direct your attention to the article elsewhere in this newsletter by John Garrity, and his remarks about bowls being a club game. It applies not only to pennant, midweek or Saturday, but also to the club as a whole. When it comes to club affairs, we should be thinking about what is good for the club as a whole, not for ourselves as individual members: what will (or might) progress *Bayswater Bowls Club*, not "what's in it for *Me*". Selectors and other people involved in running the club are making decisions they believe are in the best interests of the club and ought to be supported in their endeavours. There's a saying, "If you cannot be positive, then at least be quiet". Let's try to adopt that as our credo for 2020. And then the club might achieve 20/20 results!

"Here endeth the lesson."

Alistair Smith, Executive Director.

"Friendship through Bowls"

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:	Dennis Kimberley
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi bowlers. With pennant halfway through the season our Saturday and Tuesday sides are facing possible relegation. Every effort needs to be made to avoid this happening because as we know our club gets judged by bowlers from other clubs by the highest division we are playing in.

The Bowls committee urges all of our pennant players to put in extra work on improving our skill level to be more competitive in the 2nd half of the season.

Congratulations to **Alan Woning** and **Sharon Gibbs** on winning their respective Club Singles Championships.

ABS bowling systems with the help of our volunteers rolled back the carpet on our No. 1 green and fixed the underlying problem. ABS also used a new type of machine to groom both greens. Thanks to John Rouse the electronic scoreboards are up and running great.

On behalf of the Bowls committee I would like to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy bowling New Year.

Doug Clarke

President Bowls committee.

From the Kitchen

With the start of December the Christmas functions begin, this year the kitchen will have catered for 8 of 13 bookings. We are dependent on those people who volunteer and this year our pool of willing helpers has shrunk, so many thanks to **Marion** without whom I would be lost, also thank you to **Pam, Sharon, Margaret, Marcia, Isabel, Peggy** and **Ros**.

I also would like to thank the volunteers who come in and do the afternoon tea clean up during Saturday Pennant, again we are reaching a point where we don't have enough people, next year possible changes will have to be made.

Speaking of next year, after the running of the Master and Apprentice tournament the kitchen will undergo a refurbishment thanks to the Club being the recipient of grants, so in preparation, if you have removal cartons you can loan to the Club for the duration, please let me know.

On behalf of Marion, Carl and myself have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the Summer break.

Jane Corn, Kitchen Manager.

A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the toilets and urinals, leaving no clues. A spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."

CLUB OVERHAUL

Following circulation of a discussion paper and a meeting of members, it has been agreed that we should now proceed with changes to our constitution and by-laws so that in future the club can be overseen by one single committee, to make the running of the club more streamlined and efficient and more in line with contemporary practices.

The proposal is that the new look Board/Committee of Management, will be:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

2 x Elected Directors

2x Appointed Directors

The Greens Director and Bowls Coordinator will be appointed by the elected Board, and they will then become the two appointed directors.

It is envisaged that the President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for rotating three year terms, as is the present case, while the others will be elected annually. The duties of the Vic President and the Assistant Secretary would primarily focus on the Bowls side of things.

The next step will be a virtual total re-write of our constitution and by-laws, a lengthy and daunting task, where the opportunity will be taken to clean up and modernise whatever other matters we can. That will then go to a special general meeting of members for their approval, after which it will have to be ratified by the Department of Justice, since we are an incorporated association and the Liquor Control Authorities.

FUNCTION SEASON

Thanks to everyone who is mucking in to help in whatever way through the busy function season. We just could not host these events which raise so much money for the club without members prepared to look after our guests on the green, at the barbecue, in the kitchen (particular thanks to Jane and Marion) and behind the bar ... also to Karen Barten who handles all the booking and enquiries. To give you an idea ... one of the functions had 130 people booked for a sit down meal, while at another more money was taken over the bar on one night than there would in a full eight weeks during winter.

A man rushed into a busy doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

Midweek (Tuesday) Pennant Selection Panel

The pennant selectors would like to thank the members so far this season, for their patience and understanding in our endeavour to get all rinks with enough players to be at the very least competitive.

Due to the lack of numbers it was necessary to withdraw the 6 a side from this pennant season. It has made the team selection at times very trying, as there are no spares at present, but hopefully with some new members joining it may ease some of our selection concerns.

Our aim is to select the best possible compatible rink combinations, but this means that some members maybe selected in different rinks from time to time. It is a **club game** and hopefully this is accepted due to our current availability of numbers.

It is very important that we all enjoy our bowling wherever we are selected, and are aware of the bigger picture, which is to maintain our clubs presence in their current divisions.

By all means approach the selectors with any concerns, and we will take on board your comments, but be mindful this may mean that our selections will not be altered; we have to look at what's in the best interest of the club to win our games.

Selection panel consists of Pam Pleydell, Carl Boltwood, Wally Gear, Ray Wheeler, and Me John Garrity (chairperson of selectors).

Once again thank you for your support.

John Garrity

SHINE THE LIGHT

Promotional sunshades (right), are now available free to members, and we ask that you display them at every opportunity to spread word of our club throughout the community. Put them up, windscreen or back window whichever is the best exposure, and in hail or rain as well as sun. Please don't take one just because they are free but commit yourself to using it. (Otherwise we might have to introduce a fine if we see a car without the shade being displayed!)



For instructions on how to fold shades go to the following You Tube link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwD5oW1L4sw>

BOWLETO

November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30	December 7
14 A Smith	14 A Smith	6 J Webber	42N Spokes	17 A Keenan
18 E Southward	21 J Pumphrey	34 J Lyne	14A Smith	22 Club

Club Singles Championships

Winners of the 2019-20 Club Singles championships were

Alan Woning and **Sharon Gibbs**.

In the Men's final Alan had a tight game against **David Haack** who made sure Alan was at his best. David started well, winning the first end, but Alan was always able to take control of the game. There was only a couple shots difference until the last end when Alan picked up two shots to win the game 21-16. Congratulations to both players for a game well played in front of a good number of members and friends. In the Ladies final, scores were close in the early part, but Sharon got a couple multiple shots and made it difficult for **Denise Ferguson** to catch up. Final scores were 21 -7.

Congratulations to Alan, David, Sharon and Denise for two great games.

Thanks must go to Barry Smith and Greg Buxton for being markers on the day. Also to John Corn who was the umpire and to Kyle Crawford who managed the scoreboards.



**Alan Woning, Men's
Singles Champion
2019-20.**



**Sharon Gibbs, Ladies
Singles Champion
2019-20.**

Barefoot Bowls for Beginners is Back

Every Friday 5pm

Invite your friends and neighbours along to try bowls.

Bowlers Brains

A native approached the cannibals meat shop, where the special of the day was 'Bowlers Brains'. These were priced from \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$10. The price difference puzzled the customer and so it was pointed out that, brains at \$1 belonged to bowlers who had been leads, the \$2 ones to those who had been seconds and the \$3 ones to those who had been thirds.

Of course the brains marked at \$10 belonged to the bowlers who had been skippers. When questioned about the unexpectedly high price put on skips brains. The Shopkeeper explained, 'Well, they're really very rare, you wouldn't believe how many skips we have to kill before we find one with a set.'

My wife told me not to win any more chooks as the 'fridge is full of them.





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Thanks from a fund raiser

Bec Rose, who is fundraising for the *Love Your Sister Charity* (for cancer research) by undertaking a 12+ month, 5330km solo horse trek from Cooktown Queensland to Healesville Victoria, held a Trivia Night at our club on 19th October.

Bec emailed her thanks to Bayswater Bowls Club members
Hi Karen,

I just wanted to send a massive thank you to you and all of Bayswater Bowls Club for your generosity in donating the venue for my function on Saturday night. Everyone had such a great time, and we did a super job of fundraising nearly \$2.5k for the Love Your Sister Charity!

Thank you so much to everyone who was so lovely in helping me out on the night.

Best wishes, Bec

P.S. – you can check out more information about my charity horse trek and fundraiser for Love Your Sister at www.bighorsetrek.com or @bighorsetrek on Facebook and Instagram).

WELCOME TO A NEW SPONSOR

Welcome to a new sponsor in the Foot and Ankle Clinic, of 3/40 Station Street, Bayswater. Their motto is “We Fix Feet”. They’ve been bringing podiatry care to Bayswater for over 10 years and handle issues like heel pain, arthritis pain, orthotics and skin and nail care. Introduce yourself as a club member to Ryan Twist, and you’ll qualify for a discount.

GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Every Friday morning at 9:30 am & 10:15 am.

Classes run for 45 minutes and are held in our club rooms. Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill in a pre-exercise screening form.

Sessions are run by **Lisa McIiece**, a fully qualified personal trainer/group fitness instructor.

If you require more information please contact
Lisa on 0412 323 556

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Dodson, Maureen Hodgkisson, Jim Pumphrey, Gwen White, Frank Zimmerman, Bill Chan, Alan Crawford.

TERRIFIC THURSDAYS

Thanks to Gwen White who has been organising (and cooking) a two course tea for members and friends on Thursdays. There will be a break now until the New Year, but for \$10 you will get something like fish, chicken or sausages served with chips and coleslaw followed by a dessert, which more than 20 people enjoyed at the most recent event. The meals are timed to coincide with the members draw (recent winners include Nancy Smith and Chris Lovelock) which jackpots at \$50 per week, which of course follows training.

Remember, too, that during all of this, the bar is open at happy hour prices.

GO SHARKS!

There was a nice little story in the Studfield Wantirna News about our Community Barefoot Challenge, which was won by the boys from Bayswater Park Cricket Club, which, despite the club's name, are our neighbours on Guy Turner Reserve. Go Sharks! Hopefully we can look at staging the event next year, spreading the world through the community about what a great bunch of people we are!

BAREFOOT BOWLS

While it is being disrupted somewhat by functions and by the upcoming Christmas Break, don't forget that there is barefoot bowls on Friday commencing at 5pm—an ideal way to get a friend, neighbour or relative involved in the game—and maybe earn yourself a \$50 voucher for bringing in a new member.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Please ensure that your contact details are correct and up-to-date. Check in the yellow book, which most members will use if they want to get in touch and on the member list which is being kept at the bar. Please advise if there are changes to your address, phone numbers or email addresses. Also remember that we keep confident, sealed, medical information relating to existing conditions and medications that will provide valuable information and ensure better treatment should you ever run into trouble and an ambulance has to be called. Hopefully we never have to use it, but the information and form are kept in the small filing cabinet underneath the defibrillator near the disabled toilet.

A bowler turned up at his club to play, wearing one brown and one black bowls shoe. The club secretary drew the players attention to his irregular dress attire. The bowler was unperturbed, responding, "I've got another pair exactly the same at home !".