

Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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A Merry Christmas
and
A
Happy
New Year
to all members

"Friendship through Bowls"

OLD NEWS

How times can change in a lockdown and restrictions imposed when it is lifted.

Our last newsletter promoted our big money Grand Final holiday triples competition: Cancelled.

We promoted our Open Day and Club Triples Championships:

Cancelled

Cup Eve Capers:

Cancelled

Forward look to the upcoming season and details of training by our new coach:

Coach unvaccinated.

Selection committee information to members:

Selection committee changed.

Welcoming new and returning members:

Six of them not here.

So let's read the NEW NEWS instead. It's not nearly so depressing.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

There's been lots of talk about the property market and booming prices, so have you been wondering about what your home may be worth these days? **Blake Danaher** from our sponsor **Ray White**, can give you a free appraisal. Talk to him direct in confidence (he's at the club most Wednesdays after social bowls) or give him a call on 0426 475 551

PRESIDENT:	Alistair Smith
VICE PRESIDENT:	Vacant
SECRETARY:	John Garrity
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Barbara Keenan
TREASURER:	John Corn
COMMITTEE MEMBERS :	Karen Barton, Wally Gear
GREENS DIRECTOR:	John Rouse
BOWLS DIRECTOR:	Doug Clarke
Editor:	Albert Taylor

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

I'm not going to mince words – the club is going through extremely trying times at the moment, particularly as regards pennant, all flowing on from the lifting of covid restrictions, where there continues to be conflicting and complex information.

Without going into all the details (happy to on a one-to-one basis), which included feed-back from our own members, the Board decided that the club's policy should be **"no-vax, no-play"** for members and visitors, a decision that is backed by Knox Council, the owner of our land, and is in line with many clubs in our region.

One of the reasons for this is that the majority of our members, because of age or health issues, are in a vulnerable category, and also, after taking surveys, only one in seven of members were prepared to play against unvaccinated players.

We had two unvaccinated players that we were not prepared to select and a number of players, objecting to this decision, decided to move on.

This, in turn, led to issues in selecting teams, and also left gaps on selection and the Board. (see Old News.)

It is a situation we have to first work through before we can get back to moving the club forward.

The only way to do this is for all members to be accepting of the situation, and to "go with the flow" particularly regarding selection. In these times we should be thinking of the club ahead of ourselves. I know there are always people who don't really think this way, but it's the quickest way to resolve this issue.

Alistair Smith, President.



Action during a recent pennant game showing new uniforms.

ROOKIE ROLLERS

Great to see such a great turn out of parents from Bayswater West Primary School come along to a special barefoot bowls session, following completion of the Rookie Rollers programme. And good to see the lessons sank in with many of the kids teaching their parents how to roll a bowl and explaining about bias. Also had a few challenges going on child v parent at some of the drills like bowls footy or trying to end up inside a square or hoop.

GET LIVELY!

Remember that there's more to do at the club than sit around having a drink or a cuppa. You could easily play darts, pool or table tennis. The facilities are there, so you might as well make use of them!

CAR PARKING

You'll have noticed that since the mulching of the car park was completed, reserved signs have appeared at some of the parking bays. This is in line with an early decision by the board, that the who area no longer be designated as a "committee car park" but that some spaces should be allowed for other members. Please note, however, that the reserved spots are intended for use by Board members only.



Congratulations to Barb Keenan, (above), our Club Assistant Secretary, on receiving a Volunteer Service Award from the Maroondah Council. Barb has been delivering Meals on Wheels for 15 years. What an achievement!

Another big achievement for Barbara was her rink she was skipping in Midweek pennant on December 9, was scoring an 8. The other members of her rink were: Peter Breen, Denise Ferguson and Wally Gear. Well done.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

MANY HANDS DID MAKE LIGHT WORK

Lot's of work got done during lockdown, some of it by contractors, and also afterwards at the big working bee organised by John Rouse, who informed most of you by email about what had been achieved. We've got a new sign up on Cameron's fence at the end of Phyllis Street, and a new sign at the entrance to the club which can be used to highlight individual events as required, weed mat and mulch spread on the surrounds of the front car park (we'll be taking professional advice of what type of low-maintenance shrubs to plant) all the remains of the original shed and a whole lot of other materials that was lying around disappeared into a big skip, major clean-up of the club house and Christmas decoration put up, gutters on some of the shelters, painting of fence at rear toilets, painting of entrance-way to club ... the list seems endless. And probably is!

Special thanks must go to all members listed below who attended the recent working bee. All the work that was listed to be done was finished and Jane put on a great morning tea.

John & Jane Corn, Barry Smith, Denise Ferguson, Pam Pleydell, Marion Otoole, Barb Keenan, Florence Dodson, Michele Dodson, Brian Dodson, Gwen White Bill Otoole, Steven Boyer, Doug Clarke, Ray Wheeler, Jim Pumphrey, Wayne Murphy, David Haack, & Chris Hesketh Thanks again everyone. **John Rouse**

USE OF GREENS

For most of us, however, we're usually there to play bowls, practice or have a roll-up, and both our greens were recently given the top A rating, with the inspector remarking that in his opinion No 2 green, which has seen a lot of work done on it lately, was running the better. We'd encourage members to use this green as much as possible, to prevent the over use and additional wear and tear on No 1. No 2 is the one next scheduled to be replaced, so we need to keep No 1 going for as long as possible. Please also adhere to the schedule on the main shelter as to the direction of play, and play East-West when advised. (To this end, reference to playing north-south for pennant practice refers to Thursday afternoon and any other time when practice is scheduled. Coming up on a Monday afternoon or a Friday morning, even if you are playing pennant on the Tuesday or Saturday, is NOT "pennant practice" in this context.

NBN NOW CONNECTED TO CLUB!

After a wait of more than three years the NBN has finally been connected to the Club. This will give far better internet and Wi-Fi access. Members will now be able to use the club's wi-fi in the club rooms.

To connect your phone or tablet, the wi-fi name is Telstra0279 and the password is 8394031661.

Members are reminded that the club computer is only to be used by authorised persons. It is not to be used for personal or private matters. Any questions re the wi-fi, please see John Corn.



King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Wednesday November 17

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday November 24

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday December 1

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday December 8

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

L Ham, B O'Toole, I Roland..
M Hollard, B Power, A Gamble.

W. Ott, B Dodson, B Smith, J Phylard.
J Sutcliffe, D Chrutie, J Garrity.

Ivan, K Groenewegen, P Pleydell.
M Hollard, B Power, A Gamble.

Vlad, B Dodson, P Breen, B Layton.
R Jack/B Keenan, Ivan, D Christie, D Ferguson.

NEW GATES AND FENCE UPDATE

At last! after many weeks of struggling with various council departments about the need for this or that permit, building regulations, the specification of materials, etc etc, an endless flow of paper work and phone calls, we have finally go the go ahead and have engaged a contractor who has begun their manufacture. The project is jointly funded by a \$10,000 grant from Council and a contribution attributed to the Southern Indoor Bowling Club's donation.

LETS FINISH WITH A BANG

As you know we had planned our club Triples Championship as a season opener, but it had to be cancelled because of lock down. It is now planned to hold this event as a season closer over two Saturdays, and all pennant players asked to make themselves available. Teams will be drawn to create an even competition, and the format has yet to be determined. Please let it be known if you are NOT available.

Entry sheets for both the Men's and Mixed Pairs are up on the board. Get your competitive juices flowing and get your names down now, so that we can get the draw done before the Christmas break,. The more the merrier.

Details and closing dates for the ERBR regional competitions are also on the notice board. Please note that this season entries have got to be done via Bowlslink.

All queries on the above to Doug Clarke or Andy Pryor, please.

A sceptical anthropologist was cataloguing South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal Brujo who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the Brujo looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Dodson, Colin Evelyn-Liardet, Maddison Keirnan, Ben Pierce, Jim Pumphrey, Kristan (Boofa) Smith, Stephan Tapscott, Gwen White, Frank Zimmerman, Bill Chan.



*Bayswater Bowls Club
Welcomes you*

BAR OPEN:

Tuesday – Friday from 4pm –
6.30pm

BAREFOOT BOWLS
(FREE)

AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Fridays from 4.00pm – 6.30pm

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