

Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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THE CLUB'S REVIVAL AND FUTURE

As we move forward from the Covid crises, your Board is now able to concentrate on reviving and rebuilding the club, with ambitious plans that we hope will lead to an exciting period in the club's history. To achieve this, it is essential that we increase our membership right across the board, and one of the ways we can achieve this is to generate "foot traffic" through the club, because the more people who come to the club, for whatever reason, the greater our chances of signing them up. So we want to make our "home" a vibrant place. On the green that means action at pennant, barefoot bowls, social bowls. We need to be hosting functions and other events in the clubrooms, as well as offering ourselves as the local "watering hole."

This has begun with the opening of the bar Tuesday-Friday, the Food Van on Thursdays (open to anyone), and free Barefoot Bowls on Fridays. More will follow. Please do whatever you can to support these endeavours, especially by spreading the word throughout your own community of friends, relatives, neighbours, members of other groups you belong to. We need outsiders to come in. And we need to make sure they are welcome.

Alistair Smith, President.

COVID LOCKDOWN

Due to the latest Covid lockdown, the Club is in total lockdown. Both Club House and greens are closed.

Providing restrictions are lifted as announced on Wednesday at 11:59 pm, the Club should be open on Thursday, Feb. 18. The lockdown will affect the timing of selection of teams for Saturday pennant so you will need to check the website for team listings after the club reopens. They will be posted as soon as possible.

RECRUITMENT

We are not unique in this regard, especially emerging from Covid which changed people's habits, but we are very keen to recruit new members, and we are asking if you can do your bit in this regard. Potential new bowlers can come along to Friday Barefoot bowls, or you can introduce them to the game in a more private manner. Show them how it is done, and if they are interested, offer them free tuition through one of the club coaches. Take them through the club. Tell them what we do.

However, we are also anxious to recruit experienced bowlers so have your "sales pitch" about our ambitious plans ready for them. We offer free membership for the first year, free shirt, and we will pay their transfer fee.

PHONE CONTACT

Because a telephone call is still often the primary method of contacting the club, we have replaced the old worn-out answering system which was causing problems, with a new one, and also purchased a mobile phone for use by the "duty officer" – one of the Board members working on a roster basis.

The new message on the phone will encourage callers (specifically membership or function booking enquires) to call the duty officer as a first option. A system has been instigated to ensure that the answering machine is checked for messages on a systematic basis, by checking remotely using the mobile.

We will also give the duty officer's number as an alternative in publicity material etc. The number of 0455 441 991.

The date for this year's **AGM** has been set for May 2 at 2:00 pm, providing covid restrictions on meetings are not in place. More information will be available over the next few weeks.

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

VALE BARRY MILFORD

It is with much sadness that we record the passing of Barry Milford, a foundation member of the club, whose hard work and tireless efforts over more than 30 years saw him awarded Life Membership in 2019.



Barry committed early to the club's development in a financial way by paying up front for 30 years of membership, and was very much involved in the weekend working bees that were needed over a period of two years to construct the greens and the clubhouse and establish the surrounds. At that time, Barry also had the job of recruitment officer, recruiting as many as 30 new members.

He enjoyed success on the greens, ranging from skip-ping in section winning teams to being club singles champion, as well as pairs, triples and fours championships. He also served as a selector and coach.

For almost 20 years, until very recently as his health started to fail, he was chairman of the garden committee – a project that draws so many favourable comments from visitors.

He was a dear friend, a gentle man, who never seemed to have an unkind word to say. A nice bloke. It was great to see so many members present at his funeral to give support to his daughter Leanne, to whom we extend our sympathies.

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to three new members who have joined us over the last couple of months. They are, **Jane Richardson**, **Marcia Sykes** and **Nicholas Edwards**. We hope that their membership at our club is a long a happy one and ask all members to make them feel welcome and to help them settle in to our great club.

2020 FUNCTIONS

Thank you to the many club members who have volunteered to help with functions during the year.

The money raised from these functions is essential for the club to remain viable.

I have received high praise from many attending the functions. The friendliness and care has been appreciated.

From Onettnetwork Energy Services:

Hello Karen,

On behalf of the team at Network Energy Services, we wish to extend an enormous thank you for the sensational night you hosted for us last Thursday night. The support from the volunteers assisting with the bowling, the brilliant bar service, the incredible delicious food that had been thoughtfully prepared all made the night what it was, a total success. Many thanks to you all for your hard work and attention to detail. We will be sure to share the good cheer with praising reviews of your bowls club.

Kind regards,

Donna Etchells

Onettnetwork Energy Services

So, on behalf of the Club, I would like to thank these wonderful volunteers: Alan Gamble, Alistair Smith, Barb Keenan, Bruce Layton, Charlie Yates, Chris Lovelock, David Haack, Denise Ferguson, Isabel Barned, Jane Corn, Jim Pumphrey, John Corn, John Garrity, John Phyland, Maree Hollard, Marg Warren, Pam Pleydell, Paul McNamara, Paul Oudeelferink, Ros Jack, Tyson McCamley. And an even bigger thank you to John Corn (Bar) and Jane Corn (Kitchen).

My apologies if I have omitted your name. Please let me know so I can add to the next newsletter.

Karen Barton, Functions coordinator.

Read in a Queensland Bowls magazine:-

There is no better way of preventing heart disease than going to the club for a roll. 30 minutes of exercise at a level that will get the breathing going five times a week is an excellent start.

COMMUNITY PROMOTION

We have embarked on a major promotion to the community as part of the club's revival process, and you can help do your bit.

We have A-4 posters about the bar opening, food van and barefoot bowls, that are suitable for display in shops, hairdressers, club notice boards, take-away food outlets, etc. They can also be laminated for outside use.

You'll find them on the tall round table by the door. There are two versions. If you're looking at a food outlet, such as a fish and chip shop or café, then use the one without mention of the food van.

We are also planning a professional letter-box drop with the smaller A5 size which will cover close to 16,000 households in the Bayswater, Wantirna and Wantirna South areas.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Here's a repeat of an item from our last newsletter ...

The Board is anxious to host a wide range of bowls and non-bowls events as we head into the future and are open to whatever suggestions you might have.

Member's Draw? In what form?

Trivia Night? Meals? Baysie Battlers? Bring a Friend? Cake Making? ... Bowls with High Tea ??? .. ??? ... ??? you might even have seen something at another club and thought, "Why don't we try that?"

Let us know.

Secretary, Albert Taylor, has advised the Board the he will be resigning his position at the next AGM. Any member who would like to fill this important role, should contact President, Alistair Smith.

Just a quick update on the state of our pennant sides. The Saturday top side is sitting fifth on the ladder and can potentially play finals. The second side is sitting second bottom and really needs at least one more win to be sure of saving relegation. The third side is also second bottom but not risking relegation.

The Tuesday topside is now fourth on the ladder and looking to probably play finals.

The second side is second on the ladder and going quite well and should also play finals.



Berties Food Van ready to serve meals on Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm.

IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL ...

The third team's recent visit to St Kilda turned out to be a bizarre event in many ways, not least of all the result, which proves the old adage about the fat lady singing. Firstly, a last minute withdrawal by St Kilda after the roll-up had started and the subsequent re-shuffle of teams, saw a four from St Kilda play a three from Bayswater and vice-versa. The result was that the Bayswater triple went down by 20 shots, the Bayswater Four won by 20 shots. The other match was a tie. Leading to a draw overall.

But ... to get the draw, the Bayswater team that was leading scored a seven on the last end, and the losing team picked up a three ... a ten shot pick-up on two ends.

(Incidentally, the rink that picked up the 7, had a 7 on the last end only three weeks earlier, and on another occasion were holding 7 when the opposition skip drew shot with the last bowl.

Try explaining that to a potential bowler!

Which rink recently dropped an 8 in a pennant game? Fortunately the other rinks managed to cover the 8 shots and went on to win the match.

Bob the cat has been seen around Kawana Bowls clubs greens taking divots and interfering with players balls.

SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Wednesday November 18

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday December 2

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday December 9

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday January 20

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday February 3

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Wednesday February 10

2 Game winners:

1 Game winners:

Triples

M Hollard, C Lovelock, B Power, A Gamble.

J Sutcliffe, K Groenewegen, P McNamara..

Fours

B Smith, R Southward, T McCamley, W Gear.

B Power, D Christie, L Ham, A Gamble.

Fours

D Perry, D Christie, J Phyland, R Wheeler.

K Groenewegen, G White, P Pleydell, J Garrity.

Triples

J Ham, B Dodson, J Pumphrey.

I Barned, B Layton, J Phyland.

Triples

D Christie, R Southward, B Smith.

C Lovelock, S Pastoors, P Pleydell, J Garrity.

Triples

R Southward, D Christie, C Yates, J Garrity.

I Barned, S Pastoors, J Cummin, D Calrke.

SUPER SATURDAY

The next "Super Saturday" when all three pennant teams are at home, is February 27. Again there will be a free sausage sizzle after the game, and a members draw for \$50 cash. You must be there to win it, but all categories of members will be included, so everyone is welcome to come along. Last time it was won by Adam Buxton, but a social member and a carpet bowler missed out.

WORKING SKILLS

You'll also have the chance on that Saturday to win a club voucher valued at \$50, simply by completing a form entitled "How Can I Help My Club." Forms will be emailed to members and distributed at the club, asking you to indicate areas where you may be able to help, such as gardening or maintenance, computer skills or cleaning. In particular, someone prepared to take on the job of sponsorship officer would be handy.

Members already participating in the activities listed can also "tick the boxes" again so that they won't miss out.

Completed forms should be left at the bar or returned to Alistair Smith by Thursday, February 25 to be eligible for the draw.

SINGLES FINALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Singles finals championships that were due to be played on Sunday February 14, had to be postponed due to the covid lockdown, and will now be played on a date to be announced.

The finalists in the Men's singles are **Tyson McCamley** and **Peter Weber**. In the Ladies final **Barbara Keenan** and **Denis Ferguson** will play off.

Watch out for the announcement of the new date and come along to witness what should be two great games.



One of our members caught recently relaxing during a pennant game. Hope the side won on the day.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David Brown, Doug Clarke, Dot Coutts, John Corn, John Rouse, Keith Groenewegen. Max Lyon..



Bayswater Bowls Club Welcomes you

BAR OPEN:

Tuesday – Friday from 4pm –
6.30pm

FOOD VAN ON SITE:

Thursdays from 5.30pm

BAREFOOT BOWLS (FREE)

AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Fridays from 4.00pm – 6.30pm

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