

Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Member,
Well, the year is moving forward fast and Pennant is drawing to a close. I know on the surface; it displays that we did not have a very good year across all four sides however, I have been well informed that with a little bit of luck, we could have all been in Finals.

It's the way the bowl falls so to speak. I know in my sides, both Saturday and Tuesday we could have had better fortunes with just a little bit of fortune, remembering that some of our better players were subject to unexpected health restraints as well.

As you are all aware Club Championships have been happening in the background thanks to Andy Pryor taking over during John R's absence. It is well advanced and we will be looking forward to the Presentation Night when all Finals are completed. Well done Andy and thanks to all participants – noting we already have two winners with the pairs being won by John Phyland and Chris Hesketh – good to see new names on the Honour Boards.

Finally in relation to Bowls Matters - the Masters and Apprentices Tournament is now closed – ready for play on Monday 11th March 2024. If you missed out on an Entry, still feel free to come along and watch, enjoy and mix with others during what will be an action packed day. Proceedings start around 7.30 am. Well done Tim Fruin for getting this Tournament up and running. VOLUNTEERS WANTED for various duties.

As per usual the Board has been very busy, especially behind the scenes with our new Greens Proposal being submitted to the Council being the

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“Friendship through Bowls”

WHAT YOU MISSED – IT PAYS TO SUPPORT

There were some close matches that I witnessed leading up to the Men's Club Championship finals.

The match between Mark Acker and Tim Murphy was a ripper. Mark took an early lead and led Tim 15-9, but Tim not to be denied fought back and levelled the scores 16-16. Mark was dominating by playing short ends, and a win was in sight as he led Tim 22-16. However, Tim won the mat back and changed up the length. This time the long ends were troubling Mark and Tim again fought back to lead 24-23. Tim eventually prevailed to win a heart stopper 25-23.

The other close match was between current Men's Club Champion Andy Pryor and Paul McNamara. Paul was on his game early and took the first three ends to lead 5-0. Andy showing his championship qualities levelled the ledger and after 8 ends, score: 7-7.

From then on, both players were trading ends until Andy had a mini surge to regain the lead score: 18-12. I thought to myself that Andy had then match in the bag so to say, but how wrong was I, as Paul rattled off seven consecutive ends to shock Andy, and Paul now led 18-23.

We all know bowls is a game of inches, and Paul looked set to cause an upset, but narrowly missed trailing the jack for victory. Andy, seizing an opportunity responded superbly winning three shots on the next two ends. Score 24-23.

Paul had put up a tremendous challenge, but eventually succumbed to Andy 25-23.

Andy remarked after the match "I got out of jail there"; and I thought, my sentiments exactly.

Club Championships seem to bring the best out of bowlers, and these two matches were a pleasure to support and watch. **David Haack**

BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

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pinnacle of our works – well done to John Rouse and his Sub Committee for this very well presented proposal which itself was well received by Council. We will keep you posted on updates.

Other initiatives are in the pipeline, for example a nickname for our Club, Xmas in July and end of pnnant functions along with other sundry initiatives, and as per usual we will keep you posted on all and sundry.

NEW SPONSORS

The Board has also sought and signed up new Sponsors with Noel Jones Real Estate coming on board as a new major sponsor. Diversified and Apex complete the recent signings.

You will notice these new Banners as they are installed in our Shelter Sheds.



In regards to Sponsors always remember to mention your Club name at Aussie Butchers that will help us retain this important sponsor and if you have not already done so make sure you get a Knox Club membership card that includes our club name—Membership there is very affordable and is essential to also maintain their sponsorship. Function bookings are already starting to roll in and Karen Barton and myself are trialling a new computerised booking system on our Xero accounting package that will be fluid, more precise, more accountable and more readily available to all member to see what is coming up.

This is most important as we will be seeking volunteers across the membership via this new documentation to help out on this very important aspect of our Club. No one should be exempt from becoming a volunteer with every little bit of help ensuring the load is shared.

We have discussed informally a points system for volunteers at our functions before, during and after with rewards being accumulated and once again as we refine our function system, we will unfold such new incentives as seen fit, including the mooted rewards program.

I have noted previously that running a Club of our size is becoming more financially difficult as all goods and services have risen in costs whilst our income remains the same.

As a Board we are proud to say that financially we have maintained the status quo and will continue to be thrifty yet sensible in our spending ensuring we do survive into the future.

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OPEN PAIRS WINNERS

Winners of the Open Pairs Championship held recently, were **John Phyland**, (skip) and **Chris Hesketh**, who defeated **Tim Murphy** (skip) and **David Haack**.

In what was a very tight and tense game, with the lead changing several times, John and Chris ran out winners on the last end of the game.

Congratulations to all players on a great game.



Chris Hesketh John Phyland

Championship Finals

The Men's and Ladies Club Championships will be played this Sunday afternoon, 18th February, with Fiona McNamara playing Sharon Gibbs in the Ladies final and Andy Pryor will play Tim Murphy, in the Men's final.

Put the percentages in your favour.

1. Make sure you know the best side of the rink.
2. Leads and seconds should only play the best side of the rink. (Alternating hands have a 20% disadvantage). Only having to deal with the idiosyncrasies of one side of the rink gives an advantage of over 25%.
3. One of the first four Bowls should be a medium length back bowl.
4. The only Bowls that cross the head are Bowls the skip has called for. (80% bad Bowls are Bowls that have crossed the head). Make full use of your reference bowl. If you don't know how to use your reference Bowls, don't be the weak link in your rink, see coaches Doug or Karen.
5. Stand a metre and a half to 2 m behind the mat, make eye contact with the skip, get directions before moving into your predelivery routine.
6. Skips – are to give precise instructions for every bowl before the player gets on the mat. The instructions are to be which hand, the delivery path, and where the bowl is to finish. Also precise distance short or long after the players first bowl.
7. The only time a skip should change a bowlers hand for the second bowl is if there is a definite danger of an adverse result. (Change of hand only 20% chance of success. Same hand 50% chance of improvement.)

SKIN 'EM ALIVE

Glen Waverley BC hosted this unique tournament on Australia Day, and Bayswater was represented by Andy Pryor, Rosalie Cooper and David Haack.

The tournament attracted a massive 42 entries and consisted of playing a cut throat 2 ends against 15 opponents and each win was designated as a "Skin".

Glen Waverley's organisation of the tournament was first class as we started on rink 17, and progressed to 16, 15, etc just moving one rink at a time until we moved to another green.

We were hoping to skin 'em alive, but lost the first three ends, then we rattled off 5 consecutive skins to keep us in the hunt. Unfortunately, we failed to master the grass green taking only one skin after lunch giving us a total of 6 skins for the day.

We did not feature in the placings, as the winners from Keysborough achieved 10 skins and pocketed the first prize of \$600, but as the day was designed so that all who participated didn't go home empty handed, as each skin won reaped an award of \$6.

For the newer bowlers who snared 2 skins each player took home \$4 each, just enough for a drink at the bar. We on the other hand amassed a whopping \$36, and had the best day ever.

David Haack

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Notwithstanding the above, we as a Board are concerned about the static nature of our membership numbers. We must as a Club strive to obtain new Members for us to survive into the future. The Board has instigated some initiatives over the recent months however, signing up new members is proving difficult. If you have any ideas for leads, please contact the Board as we really need to focus on this issue now.

Remember that Happy Hour and Members Draw is on every Friday night from 4 pm. Come along and have some fun, support your Club and have a chat with your fellow members. It really is proving to be well accepted with numbers growing by the week.

If you are not on our Members Facebook page and are having reservations or difficulties in joining this group, Happy Hour is a great time to attend and learn about the group and or how to join the group. It is a great source of ongoing Club news.

I personally now wish you all along with your family and friends a very safe Easter Period and look forward to many more exciting days in 2024.

Peter Commane, President

Record scores

David Haack's article about the high score of over 100 shots against Ferntree Gully recently, sparked memories for **Alistair Smith**, dating back to season 1987-88, which was before our greens opened. At that time, the No 6 side of Oakleigh Bowling Club was made up entirely of Bayswater players, an arrangement that came about because founding member Bill Hurley (after whom our bar is named), was previously a senior player there. We were runners up in the Divisional Grand Final the previous year and had been promoted to Division 9. Our "Oakleigh team" went within four shots of creating a Victorian pennant record winning margin with a huge win of 164-39

Back
In the
Day



(although we won't say who it was against to save embarrassing our opponents of the day). Henry Duck's rink won by an amazing 57-12, scoring 17 shots without loss in the last five ends. John Rouse lost a one on the first end, then added 36-0 before finishing 45-5. These figures made Barry Milford's 32-10 and Ray Adkin's 30-12 look like close games. The record winning score that we failed to match was one of 173-44 by Altona North. Apart from Alistair, **John Rouse** and **Brian Dodson** are the only players still with Bayswater who played in that side. Note: pennant was played to 25 ends.

JOB VACANCIES

Greens Maintenance
Gardening
Odd Jobs

HOURS: Mondays, 8.30

a.m. to 11.30 am

REMUNERATION: 10

a.m. Cup of Tea

APPLY: Greens Director



SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Saturday January 13

2 Game Winners:

M Acker, L Ham, A Powell, C Powell.

1st Game Winners:

B Dodson, J Corn, K Barton, M Dodson.

2nd Game Winners:

M Hollard, C Hesketh, C Boltwood, J Phyland.

Wednesday February 7

1st Game Winners:

B Smith, F Commene, S Pastors.

2nd Game Winners:

R Jack, L Ham, M Hollard.

Wednesday February 14

Winners:

B Smith, P McCarthy, M Hollard.

The not-too-successful minister was asked by the bishop why he had entered the clergy.

"I was called," he replied.

"Are you sure," pondered the bishop, "it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Therese Bird, Doug Clarke, John Corn, Dot Coutts, Keith Groenewegen, Josh Mathews, John Rouse, Alexander Veal, Amanda Welch.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Bennett, Ian Bennet, Frances Commene, Rosalie Cooper, Wally Gear, Colin Hurdle, Robert Meredith, Karen Murphy, Prue Penhalluriack, Enid Perry, Sheehan Pereira, Pam Pleydell, Jimmy Sarinn, Sophia Van Egmond. Graham Wynne,

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IN 2024, THEY BROUGHT IN ROUND ZERO GET THE TIPS RIGHT AND YOU COULD BE A HERO!

Yes, it's getting to footy tipping time, Bayswater Bowls Club style. One-off entry fee of \$20 and an average prize pool over the last 28 years of \$1,000.



For the benefit of new members, the competition is a knock-out style. You only pick one team a week that you think will win (restrictions apply on which team that can be), and if that team doesn't win then you drop out. The last standing punter(s) collects the money. One team sounds easy, but it's a real challenge. Are you up to it?

Full details will be posted at the club and circulated to members soon, and there will be an entry list at the bar. Friends and relations are welcome, so feel free to spread the word. We are ignoring Round Zero which only has two games, and starting with the Real Round 1, which begins Thursday, March 14.

For any information in the meantime contact Alistair on 0417 118 155 or writeon@bigpond.net.au

FOOTY TIPPING

Yes, it's time to start thinking about our "Last Standing" Footy Competition.

First match is March 7!!! However, because there are only two games in this "Round Zero" our competition will start with Round 1 proper on Thursday, March 14.

One Off Entry fee is \$20

So

Are you going to be in it?

For more details contact Alistair Smith,
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