

Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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From the new President, Peter Commane

The following is the speech given by the newly elected President at the AGM.

Good afternoon all, Thanks, Alistair, for letting me speak at this, the 39th AGM in this Clubhouse. I am privileged to have been given the position of Presidency of this wonderful Club after Alistair decided to step down after a distinguished reign. Now - I won't take much more of your time up, however I would like to say a few words.

Firstly, I would just like to thank the outgoing Board for their sterling effort over the last 12 months.

I also take this opportunity to thank the outgoing selectors for their marvellous job in last year's pennant season and welcome the incoming selectors. As we all know, not one of the easiest positions to fill in the Club. I also thank all past Board Members and non Board Members, who over many years have made this Club what it is today.

I further take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, be it in the garden, the kitchen, the bar or back of house—without them we do not survive—once again well done to all and sundry and we as a new board look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months.

We congratulate **Barbara Keenan** on behalf of the new Board for her induction into the Elite Life Membership Club. We done—well deserved Barbara.

I now welcome the New Board—a good mix of new and experienced members that all goes well for a stella year. Well done to the newly elected and to those who are remaining under their current tenure.

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Peter Commane

“Friendship through Bowls”

PENNANT SEASON 2023/2024

Could members please indicate their intention to play pennant for 2023/2024, both weekend and mid-week. List available at the club rooms. Pennant selection committees will be meeting shortly to advise Bowls Vic of number teams we will be entering before end of June. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

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Our Role has been made much easier after being presented with a draft of a Master Plan from Alistair—that is ostensibly a vision for the Club moving forward.

I will be taking this document to the Board for discussion and input, as early as tomorrow when we are having our first meeting.

The Board will over the coming months along with normal business, discuss this document in detail with the view of enhancing it and releasing it as an editable Master Plan. Hopefully this document will become an adjunct to our Constitution and Bylaws and will enable future Boards to plan ahead both functionally and financially.

The new Board will work towards adopting a policy of enhancement rather than radical change, it will be proactive and positive that in turn in itself will promote positivity and most importantly the new Board will communicate, communicate, communicate, so that everyone is aware of what is going on in and around their Club.

We intend to be as transparent as possible with ongoing communiques and the new Board will welcome positive suggestions for discussion, consideration and implementation if approved, from all members of the Club.

On the lighter side and in wrapping up, I am reminded of a few already discussed humorous quotes for the new Board

One: A Meeting is a gathering of people who singly can do nothing but together can decide that nothing can be done.

And: People who enjoy long meetings should not be in charge of meetings in the first place.

And finally, for all to enjoy:

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Thank you for your attention this afternoon and I now look forward to bowling and chatting with one and all as the year unfolds.

I now ask John Garrity to present Alistair with a small token of appreciation from the Club after which Alistair will wrap up and close the Meeting. Thank You again.

Peter Commane

BAR PRICING

Unfortunately, the Club has recently increased all Bar Prices in line with CPI increases in wholesale prices.

It has been a long time since our bar prices have been raised, however the Club could no longer absorb these mandatory price increases.

You will notice that such price increase is minimal resulting in prices still well below that of other licenced establishments.

We look forward to seeing you all at the bar, a part of the Club that is so important for the Clubs continued financial viability.

Happy Hour still happens every Thursday night – Hope to see you there as new features that will soon be announced, are unrolled.

John Corn

Championship Winners

Men's Singles:

Champion **Andy Pryor** (right)

Runner -Up **David Haack**



Proportional Winner:

Rosalie Cooper

(right)

Runner -Up **Barb. Keenan**



Minor Winner:

Tim Murphy

(right)

Runner - Up **Karen Barton**



2022-2023 Mid-Week Section winners

The club might not have had a lot of success in the recent pennant season, but our mid-week Division 6 Section 5 team had a great season winning the section flag. In the finals they defeated Heatherdale 85-37, and then defeated Healesville 66-53 in the final. They were then defeated by West Coburg in the division finals. It was a great effort considering there were many new bowlers in the team. We hope that they can carry on the good form into next season, which will be in a higher division. Pictured below is the team after their win against Healesville.

Left side:

**Frank Zimmerman,
Peter Commane,
Chris Hesketh,
Nigel Spokes, Wally Gear.**

Right side:

**Chris McNamara,
Paul McNamara,
Tim Fruin, Ivan DeCleene,
Juancho Natividad, Frances Commane,
Denise Ferguson, Ros Jack.**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2022-2023

Firstly I'd like to thank the fellow members of the board for their support and for all the work they have done over the past year: John Garrity, secretary; John Corn, Treasurer, Tim Fruin, vice-president, Barb Keenan, assistant secretary, Wally Gear and Karen Barton as elected members, and the appointees John Rouse as Greens Director and Doug Clarke as Bowls Director.

I finished my report last year by saying, "We've been working to a fairly organised plan, but covid has kept getting in the way. Let's hope that's behind us, and we can have a covid-free annual report next year!"

That was wishful thinking indeed, given that emergency powers were not lifted until the end of October and we had members out of action as late as February and March this year, and for a large part of the year people seemed to remain in that negative lockdown and social distancing frame of mind.

Lack of numbers attending the club or staying behind impacted on our finances for the third year in a row, as did the cancellation of a number of booked functions because participants caught covid, and there remained an impact on sponsorship income as well.

John Corn will table his treasurer's report in detail in a moment and you'll learn from it that we operated at a loss of \$28,000 last year, but that does NOT mean the club is in a bad state financially. \$20,000 of that went towards the solar system, which in time will save us \$180,000 in power bills and that \$20,000 came from the money we received from the winding up of SIBC. We also lost \$10,000 (also SIBC money) which was a deposit for the front gate and fence to a contractor who reneged on the deal. We sent a solicitor's letter of demand which was ignored, but, on legal advice decided not to pursue it further because of legal costs involved. Since then we have had an indication that he intends to pay it back, but we've yet to see anything.

Still on finances, we calculate that the shortening of the pennant season which BowlsVic went ahead with despite opposition from many clubs, cost \$5,000 in revenue lost through green fees, raffle sales and bar sales and post-game activities.

On the positive side, we enjoyed success in mid-week pennant, winning a sectional flag for the first time in many years. Congratulations to all the participants, and in particular the number of first year players. It was a great come-from-behind effort. Our two main tournaments, Master and Apprentices and the Grand Final Eve were run very successfully.

This is the 12th time I have presented this report, which is one-third of the life of the club. As you know, I decided not put myself up for re-

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR BARBARA KEENAN

Barbara Keenan (pictured below with Alistair Smith), was presented with Life Membership of the Bayswater Bowls Club, at the AGM held on



21st May. Barbara joined the club in 1991, but because of work commitments was unable to play pennant but played social and worked on the bar on Saturdays and was a busy member of the social committee. Barbara started playing pennant in 2000-01 and then shortly after was able to play Tuesdays and when rules changed, on Saturdays. Barbara also served as a selector and frequently performed duties of team manager. Barbara is a two time Ladies Singles Champion, won the Ladies Pairs three times as well as the Ladies Proportional. Barbara has served on many committees both here and with Eastern Ranges, and is currently Assistant Secretary.

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election, because we need new ideas, a new direction and fresh blood to keep our club moving forward which is something I felt I no longer had the energy or drive to do, particularly since I also had many earlier stints on the committee.

There were some interesting achievements during that time, that are unseen examples of what can be achieved. While I'm not claiming sole credit, there's always a team involved, not least of these was negotiating with council a re-write of our planning permit, which seems a little thing but in fact lifted the threat of having to spend \$200,000 in car park works, enabled us to have flood lights and also to hold functions without get special permission each time. Another was getting council financially involved in the renewal of greens, again saving huge amounts of money, and more recently being successful in getting the solar panel grant.

Looking forward, it is essential that we continue to promote our club to the local community, with the aim of attracting both members and event bookings, which brings me to the topic of member participation (or volunteers!). We must thank those members who devote their time to helping out around the club in so many ways, gardening, greens maintenance, building maintenance, the kitchen, the bar, the barbecue, cleaning, barefoot bowls. There's always something that needs to be done, and thanks to those who put their hands up to do it.

But I won't dwell too much on the future. That will be in the hands of my successor as President, Peter Commane, and the incoming board. I wish them well and ask that you give them your full support.

Thank you. **Alistair Smith**

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BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

PRESIDENT: Peter Commane
VICE PRESIDENT: Tim Fruin
SECRETARY: John Garrity
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Barbara Keenan
TREASURER: John Corn
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Karen Barton, Robert Meredith
GREENS DIRECTOR: Ray O'Toole
BOWLS DIRECTOR: John Rouse
Editor: Albert Taylor

SELECTION COMMITTEES

WEEKEND	MID-WEEK
Peter Commane (Chairman)	Peter Commane (Chairman)
Doug Clarke	John Corn
Fiona McNamara	Fiona McNamara
Ray Wheeler	Wally Gear

New Board Members



Rob Meredith



Ray O'Toole

Liaison Officer

The Board at its last meeting decided to approach **Juancho Natividad**, (right), with the view of asking him to take up a newly created position of Liaison Officer.

This replaces however, and incorporates the previous position of our Almoner.

We as a Board are pleased to announce that Juancho has accepted this very essential and important role. The role includes welcoming new members as well as looking after the welfare of all current members as required.

We know Juancho will excel in this newly created position.

Please feel free to reach out to Juancho as required.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Once again, this year the Club participated in the Cancer Council "Biggest Morning Tea" to build awareness and raise funds to fight cancer.

A big shout out of thanks must go to **Marion O'Toole** who organized the event along with a team of her many helpers. All the lovely sandwiches, cakes and slices were all made by the members and their families and the great selection of raffle prizes were kindly donated by many.

A special mention must also go to **Pam Pleydell** for making and donating the quilt which was the major raffle prize for the day. Our "centenarian" club member **Dot Coutts** was selected to draw out the lucky winner of the quilt which was **Elaine Southward**.

Our local MP **Jackson Taylor**, (pictured left with Peter Commane, Jane Corn and Marion O'Toole), and his assistant were also in attendance to support the event and also kindly donated a raffle prize.

The morning was a great success with \$1,800.00 being raised for the Cancer Council.

Once again thank you to all those who attended and to everyone from both within and outside the Club for their kind donations and to all the volunteers who made this event possible. A great morning was had by all and the generosity shown was just amazing.

We hope next year will be even bigger.



What a Remarkable Match !!

We congratulate Rosalie Cooper for winning the Proportional Championship, but a lead up match had to be seen to be believed. I was privileged to witness parts of this remarkable match between Ray Wheeler and Barbara Keenan. Both commencing on -25, Ray flew out of the blocks early and set up a commanding lead after 15 ends and led 64-36. But we all know how this form of competition can rapidly change. Barb slowly fought her way back and by the 24th end she marginally led 96-94. On the penultimate end Barb had the match won holding the shot bowl (4) and second shot (3), but Ray, not to be denied, with his final bowl dislodged Barb's shot to pick up 6 shots to 4 to make the score 100 all; a "Truly Remarkable Match".

Barb eventually prevailed on the tie-breaking end.

David Haack

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tim Fruin, Laurence Ham, James McKenna, Christoph McNamara, Wayne Murphy, Juancho Natividad, Werner Ott, June Pope, Anthony Powell, Alistair Smith, Dennis Wiseman, Elizabeth Wynne.

Measuring Performance Workshop presentation by Alison Hall

SO HOW DID YOU PLAY TODAY? HOW DID YOUR TEAM GO?

Bowlers usually give an answer based purely on their personal feelings and opinions, totally subjective.

If you have ambition to become a better bowler, win major events, play in a high division pennant then you need to find a way to measure your performance and have knowledge of what performance levels are required to achieve your goals.

“A performance measure is a quantification that provides OBJECTIVE evidence of the degree to which a performance result is occurring over time”

Performance measurement is in no way a new concept, as it is used by nearly every sport in the world, but it is a new concept for Lawn Bowlers. The only objective evidence we use is whether you win or lose and by how much!

In discussion with her Coach and other bowlers in my training team they devised the following standards for measuring performance by recording effective bowls.

EFFECTIVE BOWLS

- Draw bowl within 1 mat length of target.
- Weighted shots to connect with target or miss by 1 bowls width.
- Jack delivery within 1 meter of required length.

To make it work, Alison designed her own score card. She completes the card by measuring each bowl, giving herself a “tick” when she achieves an effective bowl and a dot when she doesn’t. She also records the actual length played i.e. S (short), M (medium), L(long), effectiveness of the Jack roll and the score for each end eg 2 or -1.

Recording her performance helped her in the following ways:

- It gave her honesty about how she performed.
- She became more focussed on the process, not the outcome.
- She became better at judging distances.
- She had a way of establishing her best length and vice versa her opponents weakness.
- She could quickly see if her form was slipping.
- She continually strived to better her last performance.
- She realised what level of performance was needed to be successful.

The card was Alison’s silent coach, giving her feedback and challenging her as she played.

Next newsletter I will include the scoring Alisoncard. If you want to get started see Karen or Fiona to get a scoring card and learn how to use it.