



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to you all, this is the start of another year at Bayswater Bowls Club that will be interesting to say the least. As I write the bowls committee are in the process of advertising for a new Player/Coach for the coming season due to the fact our present coach is leaving. This new coach will be expected to liaise with our club coaches and to use them to assist where required.

Still on coaching it is proposed to call on our new bowlers within the club to form a Development Squad for the purpose of being given follow on coaching after their initial tuition, this squad will also be open to those players who feel they need extra one on one skills based coaching. In the foyer at the club there are 2 sheets calling for members to place your name on, if you intend to play either Saturday or Tuesday Pennant. Please assist each group of selectors so that the number of teams to be entered for pennant can be finalised.

The new committee are looking into the possibility of forming a Social Committee to organise functions within the club after Saturday Pennant Days. If you are interested there will a sheet placed in the foyer calling for volunteers.

That's about it for now keep bowling or practicing up to the season start.

Carl Boltwood, President.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	Max Sutherland
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:	Ron Hurley
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR:	John Corn
COMMITTEE MEMBERS :	Albert Taylor, Ray Wheeler
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Bar Operations

At the executive meeting on 18th May the following items were discussed regarding the bar operations and concern raised by members of the club. The executive decided to instigate the following in agreement with the bar committee.

Bar Operating Hours:

Monday – **Closed** for maintenance.

Tuesday – Pennant season: Open from 12:00 to 13:00 then from 15:30 – 18:30 as required.

Wednesday – Open from 11:30 – 12:30 then from 15:30 – 18:30 as required.

Thursday – Open from 15:00 – 18:30 for happy hour

Friday – **Closed** during winter then open summer season 16:00 – 18:30 as required.

Saturday – Open from 16:00 as required (includes functions).

Sunday – Closed unless barefoot bowls requirement.

At all other times the bar is to be kept secure. All bar staff are reminded that the security cameras are monitored on a regular basis.

All members (except Bar manager, committee members and executive members) need to have access keys to the bar handed back to Doug Clarke who will reissue another key to suit the new lock when fitted.

Only RSA qualified members are to work behind the bar. As the rostered RSA member, no consumption of alcohol is permitted behind the bar or whilst on roster.

Key safe combination to be changed and new pass combination given to RSA bar staff. This combination under no circumstances is to be handed to any other person.

In regard to the above bar hours – the bar is not to be opened outside of these hours unless it is a private booked function

The current TAB arrangement is to cease and we will revert back to the original concept where members will hand over their credit /POS card at the beginning of the night and will pay for all drinks prior to leaving for the night.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017-2018

Board of Management

Executive Director: Max Sutherland
Executive Secretary: Ron Hurley
Finance Director: John Corn
Committee Members: Albert Taylor
Ray Wheeler

Bowls Committee

President: Carl Boltwood
Vice President: Lyn Daniel
Secretary: Barbara Keenan
Greens Director: John Graco
Bowls Coordinator: CJ Snary
Committee Members: Pam Pleydell
Tim Murphy

Saturday Pennant Selection Committee

Doug Clarke
Carl Boltwood
James Pumphrey
Zac Woning
CJ Snary

Mid-Week Pennant Selection Committee

Gwen White
John Corn
Jane Corn
Terry Davis
Bob Murray

Functions Coordinator:

Alistair Smith

Kitchen Manager:

Jane Corn

Note that the duly elected President and Vice President of the Bowls committee are also members of the Board of Management.

33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Bayswater Bowls Club Inc. was held on Sunday May 7 2017.

In the absence of Executive Director, Max Sutherland, the meeting was chaired by Executive Secretary, Ron Hurley.

Forty eight members attended. The results of the elections for committee were announced by returning officer Nigel Spokes.

For all members who were unable to attend the AGM the reports from the various committees have been reprinted in this newsletter, along with committee members for 2017-18, on page 3.

EXECUTIVE REPORT 2017

I would firstly like to offer my apologies for not being here today. We had a wedding to attend in Queensland yesterday and a get together of relatives today. If the meeting commenced on time, we will be boarding our flight home in 10 minutes.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members –Ron Hurley, John Corn, Maureen Hodgkisson, Albert Taylor, Doug Clarke and Pam Pleydell for their support and assistance during the year.

To our outgoing committees, thank you for your efforts during the Season. Congratulations to those who were part of the winning teams that saw our 3rd Team winning their Section and being beaten by 1 shot in the penultimate game by the eventual Divisional winner. Our top side although beaten in the first final, was again beaten by the eventual Divisional winner.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Monday volunteers who work on the Greens, Gardening and Maintenance Teams helping keep the place looking outstanding and in good working order. Thanks once again to John Graco our Greens-keeper for a job well done in spite of the unusual weather we experienced.

It was agreed by the Executive at the May meeting last year that only the Executive Director's and Financial Director's reports would be read out at future General Meetings. All other reports would be available to Members to read prior to the Meeting and any questions regarding them to be raised towards the end of this Meeting.

Major changes/updates to the premises during the year have been:

- New self-propelled Mower purchased.
- 3 mastered Flag pole purchased and installed.
- New round tables purchased to replace old rectangle tables.
- 18 lights in main hall replaced with LED's and dimmer switches.

As mentioned last year, increasing our membership numbers is a critical issue and I am happy to advise that once again we have exceeded our expectations with the outcome being 23 new members for the last financial year.

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Once again our thanks go to Bob Power for taking our new members through an introduction to Bowls and coaching them to social bowls level.

Again a huge thank you to Alistair Smith for the incredible work he does handling and arranging corporate events and private functions.

Thanks also go to Albert Taylor for looking after our web site and publishing our Newsletter.

To Carl Boltwood our Bowls Coordinator and Maureen Hodgkisson, our Kitchen Manager thank you both for your outstanding efforts and the amount of time you both devoted to the positions.

Thanks again to Roy Southward for framing our sectional flag together with the Team photo (courtesy of Albert) and players names—that's 2 years in a row Roy, let's go for number 3.

Unfortunately the 5th side had to be withdrawn and a fine incurred. This was due in part by individuals removing their names from the Selection Board due to unhappiness with their selected position and without discussion with the Selectors.

An information sheet regarding this behaviour in the future will be forthcoming from the Bowls Committee.

A problem (or perceived problem) has been raised with me by a number of members and that is that there appears to be a division happening within the Club.

The perception is that the outside group (commonly referred to as the Veranda Set) and the insiders (lets refer to them as the Bar Set) have divergent views on what the Club is all about, is it a Social Club or a Bowls Club.

The Club is reliant on external hiring of our premises which allows us to keep fees to a minimum. There are so many members who have put up their hands for years to make the Club what it is today.

So come on let's talk about it. The only way to solve a problem like this, if indeed there is one, is by communication, understanding and tolerance.

Sponsorship was a problem during the year with our Sponsorship Officer - Terry O'Toole moving house and going to Pakenham, his outstanding efforts were surely missed.

At the time of writing, we are without a person to fill this position. Please Members, give it some thought and put your hand up. If need be a Committee can be formed to make things easier by spreading the workload over a number of people.

We rely on our Sponsors for revenue which allows us to keep fees at a minimum.

Max Sutherland Executive Director.

Schlitz beer held a comfortable and profitable position in the 1970s as America's second-favourite beer, behind only Budweiser. But the Schlitz bosses weren't satisfied. They came up with a plan to increase profits by shortening the brewing process and using cheaper ingredients.

Higher profits appeared to be on the horizon, except that beer drinkers hated the new Schlitz when the cheap ingredients formed sludge at the bottom of each can. By the time Schlitz recalled 10 million cans of beer, the company's reputation was ruined and so were their profits.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR GWEN WHITE

Foundation member Gwen White was made a life member of the club at the recent AGM, in recognition of the distinguished service she has given over a period of 30 years.

At the club's first inaugural AGM, she was appointed secretary of the club's original social committee, thus becoming the first woman to become officially involved in the running of club affairs. That social committee played an invaluable role in the development of the club through its fund raising activities. It was not until the 1991-92 season that Gwen started to play bowls, and in that season skipped in the Ladies No 3 team, which was the first team in the club's history to win a divisional flag. She was part of two other pennant winning teams, and has won the mixed pairs an incredible eight times.

Gwen served as President of the club's VLBA Committee in 2002-03, and was also the Committee's Secretary for three terms between 2007 and 2010. She has also served as a selector.

The kitchen has almost been home to Gwen over the life of the club, whether as Kitchen Manager or Buyer as she was on-and-off for a number of years, and can still be found there catering for functions. She is also an active member of the Monday morning garden crew.

In many ways, Gwen is, as she would admit, the sort of person who cannot help herself: if there's a mark on a table, she'll wipe it; if there's a mat left lying out, she'll pick it up and put it in the box; she'll return a leftover glass to the bar; or pull out an offending weed. All for the club.

It has been said that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. However, all the league records were destroyed in a fire, so we will never know for whom the Tells bowled!!

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- 5% discount on all catalogue promotions
- Up to 15% off everyday pharmacy needs
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- 10% off all our Community Health Clinics

Gardening Sub Committee Report. 2017.

Basically all the tasks of maintaining the gardens, shrubs & grass areas around the Club, is becoming increasingly more difficult with our ageing Crew of Monday workers.

Bob Power & Neville Shilkin do a great job, also Brian Dodson, Gwen White & Dave Andrews have put in many great efforts. John Pickering & David Haack were great also.

Unfortunately we lost John for family reasons & David replaced Chris Hicks as the main cleaner of the Club on Monday mornings.

Except for Dave we all have back, plus other problems due to our increasing ages. Therefore we require more fit helpers, especially in the growing seasons of Spring & Summer, even for one day per Month on a roster system. Otherwise the alternative is replacing roses and flowers with a lot more shrubs at a cost. Naturally all the shrubs will require pruning also.

The last resort is to hire a professional garden maintenance man to do the work which may have to be financed by higher subs in the future.

Barry Milford.

A reminder to those who competed in this year's singles championships.

There were 19 entries for various singles events in this year's championship series.

In good faith, our bowls secretary Chris Lovelock not only lodged the requisite entry forms but also paid the \$10 entry fee for each person, a total of \$190. To date, he has received re-imburement from only six persons.

Chris is not headed for the poor-house as a result of this but does feel somewhat aggrieved by the lack of consideration shown.

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Monday Closed

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 12noon

Sunday Closed

Public Hoildays Closed

BOWLS COMMITTEE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

I would like to thank the members of the Bowls committee Pam Pleydell vice president, Chris Lovelock secretary, John Graco greens keeper, Carl Boltwood Bowls coordinator and committee members Maureen Hodgkisson and Greg Buxton for their efforts and work put in during the year.. As you probably know Chris Lovelock had heart surgery during the year and Carl Boltwood kindly filled in for him while he was unavailable.

Saturday pennant was again quite successful with our third side taking out the pennant and our topside making the finals. This should really set us up for a crack at first division next season with our first three sides in second division, third division and fourth division.

Our Tuesday pennant sides were not all that successful this season so perhaps next season we can do a little better.

I would like to congratulate our singles club champions Zac Woning and Carlie Brackstone well done.

Also our pairs champions, men's Terry Hudson and Matt Brackstone, ladies Sharon Gibbs and Maria Sutherland.

Matt Brackstone is also now our new minors Champion.

Our master and apprentices tournament this year was very successful especially seeing it was won by two of our own, Tim Murphy and David Haack. Our thanks must go to Carl Boltwood for organizing a great day.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the tremendous amount of work and time put in by Maureen Hodgkisson. We only had to mention any tournament, game, or function and Maureen was right in there organizing the food and refreshments. Many thanks Maureen.

The pennant player meeting held recently I feel was quite productive with 54 pennant players attending and being well facilitated and chaired by Dennis Kimberly and has given us many ideas going forward into the next pennant season. Hopefully most of the suggestions will be looked at and acted on by the incoming committee's.

The Eastern Rangers group schools officer has told us that in the near future we will be hosting at least one primary school possibly more then followed by secondary schools which he is now liaising with.

Obviously will require some of our members to be in attendance at the times these schools will be attending.

Lastly I would like to thank everybody else that has helped out during the year with such things as team managers, watering of the greens, umpires and coaches and everybody else who has put in that little bit extra.

Good bowling, **Doug Clarke** Bowls committee President

2016/17 Greens Report

First off I would like to pass on my special thanks to Colin Hutchins for his tireless work on the greens each week and also to CJ, Carl and all who assisted in watering of the greens before play.

With 18 months use and grooming of green No 1, I now believe that we now have a green with a speed of around 16 sec's and drawing fairly evenly on both hands. This green was given a rating of "B" at the last BV inspection, down from "A" due to the mysterious change in the 230mm height from green surface to top bank.

We have had some issues with the greens No 2 in that on occasions the speed of the green exceeded the pennant 17 sec's requirements.

Also due to the wet weather over the last twelve months or so dirt, pollution and algae has worked it way into the green and has now gone hard and become difficult to remove, therefore it was downgraded from an "A" to "C".

We have worked hard on green 2 with the new groomer in the last month or so and have seen a slight improvement in speed, but I still think it may require scarifying to remove the in ground pollutants.

Finally I would like to thank Max, John Phyland and Colin for assistance in spraying green No 2 and cleaning of green surrounds at the last working bee. **John Graco**

IF IT HAS AN ACRONYM, IT MUST BE SERIOUS

Scottish researchers have invented a new malaise to describe a contemporary type of memory loss. It's called Busy Lifestyle Syndrome, or BLS. According to doctors at CPS Research, a Glasgow-based clinical trials company, the syndrome is caused by hectic lives bombarded with information from smart phones, TV, radio and the Internet. And of course, new research studies.

Bar Committee Report 2017

The bar has continued to contribute to the club's income. We increased Corporate prices this year so as we would not have to raise member's prices for drinks. Although the figures are not that high we need to consider that this this occurred later in the year past our busy time. We should see a better increase this financial year. Bar sales this financial year were approximately \$74,000.00

We have put 18 bar staff through Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training. Although not a mandatory training requirement for our club we believe that it ensures that we are serving alcohol responsibly.

Our thanks to all those who have helped out behind the bar for this year and for giving up their time to assist us. It is greatly appreciated. There are some changes to occur in this financial year and you will be notified about those changes in the near future.

Thank you once again

John Corn on behalf of the bar committee.

Monday Morning working Bee

Don't forget the Monday morning working bee at the club. Even though regular pennant is now finished there is still a mountain of work to be done around the club. This includes work in the gardens helping on the greens or general maintenance around the club. Even if you can only spend a hour of your time a lot can be achieved. We seem to have the same regulars each week but they could use some extra hands. The rewards are huge, morning tea is supplied and the company is great. See you there Monday.

FUNCTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AGM 2017

Function hire in its various forms again contributed significantly to the club's income for the year 2016-17. Some people only want to hire the hall for the likes of a birthday, a trivia night or a business workshop, some only do barefoot bowls, but most of our business comes from what used to be called "work's outings", where staff of an organisation come along for bowls and a meal, and we have a range of packages to offer them, from a sausage sizzle through to a full spit-roast buffet dinner.

We hosted approximately 40 functions in the past year, which brought in something like \$3500 in hall hire, \$28,000 in bar sales, \$4000 in green fees, and \$10,000 from catering. As I've said in the past, it is difficult to be precise with these figures because of the way our books are kept, but the profit from functions was in the order of \$26,000. I am considering keeping the records for functions in a different way in future so that we can be more exact.

The \$26,000 contribution to the club was down by around \$3000 on the previous year, and the reason for this was that in the lead up to Christmas, our peak time, while we probably still had the same number of functions, the groups were smaller.

We increased our corporate bar prices in January, but this had little impact in the results because our busiest time had past before the prices went up.

I'd like to thank all members of the club for their co-operation in allowing our guests at these functions uninterrupted use of the facilities.

And finally, I'd like to thank all the people who have helped out over the year. They are too numerous to mention and I won't single out any individuals because I know I'd leave someone out. But they've put in a mighty effort in many ways: in the bar, in the kitchen, on the barbecue and on the green, and in the setting up and cleaning up. It can be hard work, and maybe involve a six-hour shift. But it can be fun. And it's certainly worth it for the club. So consider putting your hand up to be a part of it.

Thank you all again.

VACANT POSITION

SPONSORSHIP OFFICER

Bayswater Bowls Club has a vacancy for a Sponsorship Officer.

The position requires a person to look after our sponsors.

There is not a huge amount of work involved.

If you feel you could fill this position please contact Max Sutherland or a board member for more details.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY!

This year's knock-out footy tipping competition was over in a flash, finishing in Round 7, in no small way caused by the disastrous start to the season by Sydney and Hawthorn. Ironically, however, it was Sydney that brought the comp to a close with a win. We had four people still alive in Round 7, and they all picked different team. Matt Burris (Adelaide); Tom Pathak (Melbourne) and Tony Raikes (GWS), got it wrong. The only person to get it right was Erin Hatton who picked Sydney, who until then hadn't won a game and were bottom of the ladder. To make it a more interesting choice, Erin, a Brisbane girl, picked against her own team, the Lions, and as a result won \$1,100.

So who she ...? Erin, a mother of two young children, lives in Brisbane and works in sports administration. She is the wife of a previous winner, mad Blue Bagger Damian (2015), who is a former boyfriend of Alistair Smith's daughter Jackie. Think Damo wasn't doubly pleased. Erin won the money the day Carlton beat Collingwood in the Pies 125th birthday game. Stay tuned for season 2018!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The way things are shaping up, it is looking like a quiet winter as far as outside functions are concerned, unlike last year when we had a string of birthdays and other celebrations. Apart from Andrew Cullen's 10-pin poker night on May 27, we don't have anything apart from Soul Club booking until July 22.

Bayswater Quicka Bowls teams finish on top of ladders

Bayswater Bowls Club's two teams entered in the inaugural Quicka Bowls competition have both finished on top of their respective ladders, taking out the minor premiership.

They now play in the semi finals and if they win will play in the grand final. The finals will be played at Mooroolbark Bowls Club this Saturday, May 27, with the semi finals starting at 12 noon and the final being played at 3 pm. Good luck to our two teams and we urge as many Bayswater members as possible to go to Mooroolbark and support Bayswater. The results prove that we have some hidden talent amongst our members.

BOWLETT

April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 17
15 N Smith.	1 M Warren.	31 M Sutherland.	7 J Webber.	5 J Pumphrey.
27 F Dodson.	24 M Davey.	28 Club.	2 A Crawford.	25 J Sutcliffe.

SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Wednesday March 22		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	J Garrity, B Dodson, J Pumphrey.	
1 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, B Murray, A Horwood.	
Wednesday March 29		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	B Dodson, J Crook, D Andrews.	
1 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, W Gear, A Horwood.	
Wednesday April 5		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	M Sutherland, T Hudson, R Wheeler.	
1 Game Winners:	L Ham, T Davis, B Layton.	
Wednesday April 12		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	J Phyland, R Hurley, K Broomhead.	
1 Game Winners:	M Sutherland, T Hudson, R Wheeler.	
Wednesday April 19		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	M Sutherland, T Hudson, R Wheeler.	
1 Game Winners:	J Pickering, J Crook, D Clarke.	
Wednesday April 26		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	P Pleydell, K Broomhead, J Phyland.	
1 Game Winners:	A Taylor, T Hudson, R Wheeler.	
Wednesday May 3		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	J Garrity, C Chesterfield, N Spokes.	
1 Game Winners:	B Smith, J Corn, R Southward.	
Wednesday May 10		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	K Barton, K Broomhead, J Pumphrey.	
1 Game Winners:	R O'Toole, C Chesterfield, N Spokes.	
Wednesday May 17		3 Bowl Triples
2 Game Winners:	A Taylor, T Hudson, R Wheeler.	
1 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, B Murray, L Lucas.	

Saturday & Mid-Week Pennant Bowlers

If you are intending to play Saturday and or Mid-Week Pennant for season 2017-18, please put your names on the list in the foyer so that we can finalize the teams before June 18, 2017. Numbers are urgently needed.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ben Crawford, Kyle Crawford, Max Davey, Florence Dodson, Ros Jack, Denis Kimberley, Neville Shilkin, Barry Smith, Mely Sutcliffe, Maria Sutherland, Charles Yates, Jane Corn, Brian McIntyre, Neville Murray, Andrew Tyrrell, Raymond O'Toole, Denise Ferguson.