



# NEWSLETTER

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### BE HAPPY!

**A**s the new season starts, you will have noticed that we are struggling to fill teams, which is a clear indication of how our membership has fallen, and every one of us can do our part in attracting new people—and ensuring that we do not drive existing members away by negative or confrontational attitudes. Our motto is **“Friendship through Bowls.”** So: Be positive. Be happy. Be friendly.

Remember that any member of the club, regardless of their club membership category, will receive a \$50 voucher for every new bowler member they recruit.

Your “sales pitch” is that their first 12 months membership is free, which also includes transferring members, whose transfer fees will also be paid by us.

Also, if you have any ideas about how to get people in through the door of the club, let’s know. The more people who visit the club, the greater chance we have of converting them into members. And please throw your support behind any club initiative designed to attract new people, some of which are detailed in this newsletter.

**Alistair Smith, Executive Director.**

### “Friendship through Bowls”

<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:</b>	Alistair Smith
<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</b>	Dennis Kimberley
<b>FINANCIAL DIRECTOR:</b>	John Corn
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS :</b>	Andrew Pryor, Barbara Keenan
<b>Editor:</b>	Albert Taylor

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Just a few points to be made.**

The name of the game of Bowls in Victoria is pennant. Our club is judged by other clubs and players on what our highest Saturday division team is.

- ? 1 The question to all of us pennant players is have we done enough in preparation to compete against other sides that have been training 2 to 3 times a week?
- ? 2 The last few Thursday training nights has seen about 12 to 14 players doing their best to improve for the pennant season. Is this enough for the rest of us to be competitive for the season?
- ? 3 Have the skips of each rink had their team practising together so they know the strengths and weaknesses of each player?
- ? 4 Are all of us aware and practising our game plan to give us the edge over similar opponents?
- ? 5 Have all of us done enough to make sure we don't let down the rest of the rink we are playing in?
- ? 6 Can we all do what is expected of us in the position that we are picked?
- ? 7 Are we capable of playing for Bayswater first before self interest?
- ? 8 Are we all pulling our weight around the club?

Cheers

**Doug Clarke**

**President Bowls committee.**

## **POSSIBLE CAR PARKING ISSUE**

Please note that The Hub is having an open day on **Saturday, October 12** and while no one can predict how many people will be attending, this may cause issues will traffic flow and parking around the club on what is a pennant day.

For those of you who haven't see the hub it will be an opportunity to check it out. It really is quite amazing.

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## **SPONSORSHIP OFFICER**

**Denise Ferguson** has been appointed sponsorship officer, so if you know of any local businesses who might be interested in sponsoring the club, taking out an ad in the yellow book, or a banner around the green, or even just providing raffle prizes, then let Denise know.

## From the Bowls Coordinator's Desk

Wednesday Social Bowls numbers are quite encouraging with an average of 5 rinks each week and the weather has been bitterly cold and the rain has kept away most days.

The annual AFL Grand Final Eve tournament is over again for another year with 12 rinks playing on the day. The winning team this year was skipped by **Jack Pater** (right) with **Daniel Hudson** team picking up 2nd and **Tom Perry** taking out 3rd prize money. **Adam Buxton** and **Roy Southward's** team took out the first and third game winners prizes along with **Gary Senn** from FT Gully taking the second game winner's prize.



**Tony French, Loen Verkuly and Jack Pater, winners of the AFL eve tournament.**

The day went off without a hitch and I would like to thank Jane Corn and Marion O'Toole along with their many helpers putting on a very delicious meal, thank you ladies and John Garrity.

It's Club Championships time again with the Men's and Ladies Singles Titles starting on Sunday 13th October, remember if you put your name down on any list and for some reason you cannot play then you will forfeit your match.

ERBR Championships are on again check the foyer board for times and dates.

**Carl Boltwood, Bowls Coordinator**

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## COMMUNITY BAREFOOT CHALLENGE

There's been a positive response to our Community Barefoot Bowls Challenge, which offers a total of \$2000 in prize money toward the winners' club or charity of their choice, one of the club initiatives aimed at getting more people learning to play bowls.

Teams comprise three players who are not registered bowlers, but are we are going to need members on the day to be their "mentors", showing them what to do, looking after the head, spotting the jack etc.

So put the afternoon of Sunday, October 13, in your diary and come along to help out.

And if you know of a club or charity group who might be interested, let them know about it. More details from Alistair Smith, 0417 118 155.

## OUR OWN LOCAL HERO!

Bayswater Bowls Club's **Frank Zimmerman** had the honour of being declared a finalist in the Aston Community awards, and was presented with a certificate by local Federal MP Alan Tudge at a recent ceremony at the Italian Community Centre.

Frank has been a Red Cross Patient Transport Volunteer Driver for the past 12 years, taking patients into Melbourne on a weekly basis for cancer treatment and eye care treatment. The patients he transports live in various Melbourne suburbs as well as the City of Knox.

Since 2008 Frank has also been a volunteer bus driver for a Community House, taking people out on a weekly basis for morning tea or the occasional day excursion, and in the last 12 months has also been a volunteer bus driver for Taylor Support Services in a similar role.

Frank has been Social Carpet Bowls Co-ordinator at the Bayswater Bowls Club, since 2013, organising a weekly social indoor bowling activity for members. He also helps his wife Lorraine, who has also won awards for her volunteer work, with some of her activities.

There were 91 entries in all, among them a Trish Martin who was not OUR Trish.

And many of you know the winners in Frank's Category, Charles Carew and his wife Coral. Charles is our contact with the Studfield Wantirna Community News and is a regular visitor to the clubhouse.

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### Electronic Scoreboards

Members will have noticed that our new scoreboards are now in operation and are receiving good comments.

Our thanks must go to **John Rouse** for all the work and time that has been required for the installation of the boards. John was ably helped by Bob Murray. If you have any problems with using them ask John or Bob for help.

### DARTS INTO THE G.F.

The Muppets, led by Chris Powell, have made it through into the Grand Final of the Eastern Suburbs Combined Club Darts League, after a hard fought semi.

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INSULTS!!

*"Are your team members good losers?"*

*"Good? They're perfect!"*

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## BOWLETT

September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
7 Club	9 M Hodgkisson	24 B Dodson	44 C Boltwood	10 M Sutcliffe
15 L Ruddock	43 A Keenan	12 D Clarke	12 D Clarke	23 A Crawford

## **WE'RE OPEN . . . SPREAD THE WORD**

**F**riday, October 25. That's when it will be happening, when we will be holding what we hope will be a massive open day for people to come and try bowls at our club, as part of Bowls Vic's Bowls Month.

We will be starting at 3 pm and pitching to parents picking up children from school or kinder to come and join us. To this end we will be having a range of children's activities on the go. We're expecting the older kids will try junior jack attack or even bowls itself outside, but if you have any games, toys, books etc suitable for younger children, we'd be glad if you could lend them to the club. (This is another good reason for members to get their working with children check done, and thanks to those who have already done so.)

We will also be pitching to tradies and factory workers to come in after work, and also the general public.

So our first job as members is to help spread the word that this event is on. We'll need people to get posters out in local shops, and the cafes and sandwich bars serving factory areas. How about setting up a table outside a shopping strip? Get the message out on Facebook etc.?

Over to you.

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## **KITCHEN UPDATE**



**Above: Alistair Smith and John Rouse receiving grants from the Bendigo Bank.**

Those of you who have been to the club recently will have noticed that we have received grants from both Knox Council (\$10,000) and Bendigo Bank (\$11,000) towards the refurbishment of our kitchen. The plan includes replacement of bench tops, the removal of the stainless steel bench-top frig and construction of a new bench, the inclusion of drawers rather than shelves, and new cupboard/pantry. However, because of our commitments in regard to functions already booked as well as pennant, it will probably be the end of the pennant season before work can begin.

# SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

<b>Wednesday August 21</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	G Buxton, J Phyland, R Southward.	
1 Game Winners:	I Jack, P Pleydell, C Murray.	
<b>Saturday August 24</b>		<b>2 x 4 x 2 Pairs</b>
2 Game Winners:	C Murray, J Rouse.	
1 Game Winners:	A Huntley, B Keenan.	
<b>Wednesday August 28</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, J Toal, T Buckingham.	
1 Game Winners:	I Barned, D Ferguson, K Barton.	
<b>Saturday August 31</b>		<b>2 x 4 x 2 Pairs</b>
2 Game Winners:	G Buxton, A Buxton.	
1 Game Winners:	R O'Toole, J Garrity.	
<b>Wednesday September 4</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	I Jack, C Murray, J Rouse.	
1 Game Winners:	I Barned, D Ferguson, K Barton.	
<b>Wednesday September 11</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	L Ham, R Clevon, R O'Toole.	
1 Game Winners:	J Pumphrey, W Gear, R Wheeler.	
<b>Wednesday September 25</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, T Davis, J Toal.	
1 Game Winners:	B Chan, A Gamble, C Hutchings.	
<b>Wednesday October 2</b>		<b>3 Bowl Triples</b>
2 Game Winners:	B Smith, K Groenewegen, R Southward.	
1 Game Winners:	J Sutcliffe, B Keenan, T Davis.	



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## FRIDAY SMILES

**L**isa McAliece who runs the Friday morning exercise group, (see below), writes: It brings me great joy to work with the members to help them gain strength, improve their balance, hand-eye co-ordination and reflexes as well as decrease their falls risk.

When I look around the room there are smiles on faces (including mine) and lots of chit chatter and so much laughter. This is about a lot more than exercise although the exercise is an important factor too. Friendships have been formed and a great connection between the ladies.

Some of the results so far have been one member who can now get up and down from the floor to play with her new granddaughter and



another member who has reported so many benefits every single week—including the fact that she now doesn't fall like she used to. I cannot express how happy this makes me and it is the reason I do what

I do. I know it brings great happiness to the participants too as they regain their confidence.

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## Function Coordinator.

**Karen Barton** has been appointed Function Coordinator and will be responsible for all functions held at the club. Please give her all your support and help when volunteers are needed to run events.

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### GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Every Friday morning at 9:30 am & 10:15 am.

Classes run for 45 minutes and are held in our club rooms.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill in a pre-exercise screening form.

Sessions are run by **Lisa McAliece**, a fully qualified personal trainer/group fitness instructor.

If you require more information please contact  
Lisa on 0412 323 556

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Isabel Barned, Jean Lyne, Andy Pryor, Elaine Southward, James Sutcliffe, Albert Taylor, Ray Wheeler, Allan Woning, John Garrity, Ross Collishaw.

## LOCAL MEMBER DROPS BY

The State Government Member from Bayswater, **Jackson Taylor**, who has become a sponsor of the club, dropped in for a game of carpet bowls during a recent regular Thursday session, and managed to get himself picked as part of a winning team and thoroughly enjoyed himself. He is looking forward to a return visit once the outdoor summer season gets underway, having played a bit of bowls as a schoolboy. Jackson had been at the club before in his capacity as a Knox Councillor, and had just been appointed Deputy Mayor, but his elevation to Parliament meant he had to relinquish that position.



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### DRESS AND BEHAVIOUR:

The Board of Management has decided to replace all existing by-laws relating to these subjects with the following:

**While at the club, members are expected to wear clean, neat and tidy clothing in line with contemporary community standards and expectations; Likewise, they should avoid the use of aggressive, racist, foul or profane language that fellow members or visitors may find offensive. Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.**

Your understanding and cooperation in complying with these rules is appreciated.

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### BE THERE TO WIN (SOME WEREN'T)

What do Colleen Clarke, Maggie Smith, Florence Dodson and Andy Pryor have in common. They weren't in the right place at the right time. The right place is the club. The right time is on Thursdays at 6.30 pm, because that's when our member's draw is held. And you've got to be there to collect.

With it Jackpotting at \$50 per week, Colleen wasn't so missed out on \$50, Maggie \$100, Florence \$150, Andy, who had to work that particular night but was there for all the others, \$200.