

# Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Accounting

At the start of August, we introduced a new accountancy package “XERO” into the Club for the benefit of all. It is fully transparent and enables the Board to review and provide fluid figures on the Clubs finances with detailed breakdowns on all facets of its financial operation.

Xero is a cloud based package that links directly with the Bank, the ATO and the new Cash Register—see below.

With this new package we can now include a Profit and Loss with each set of Board Minutes for all members to view. This has been a great advancement for the Club.

Please view the P & L at any time in the foyer and feel free to ask any questions you may have surrounding the Clubs finances.

### Till / Cash Register

With the further enhanced XERO we have now introduced a Smart Till that itself talks to XERO. As we unfold its full features over the coming weeks it will enable us to also keep close checks on all incoming monies, outgoing bar and Kitchen related expenses as well as keeping close records of Bar stock levels.

Once again, a great advancement for the Club

“Friendship through Bowls”

## Sponsors

We have over the last few months secured sponsorship deals with The Knox Club, Bendigo Bank, Aussie Butchers and Okka Pies to name a few.

These packages are very important for our continued viability and we as a Board encourage you all to support our Sponsors whenever possible. We will over the coming months, under the direction of Carl Boltwood, our Sponsorship Manager approach prospective and past sponsors for new and renewed packages.

### Vale-Noel Bosch

Since our last Newsletter we had the sad passing of one of our well respected Members—Noel Bosch.

What an incredible life Noel had especially in regards to AFL—it was eye opening to read his sporting resume. Noel will be sadly missed by us all.  
RIP Noel

### BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

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

## Grants

After her visit to the Club earlier in the year with PM Albanese, Mary Doyle, newly elected Federal MP for Aston encouraged us to apply for a grant to improve our amenities for the Club. Tim Fruin and myself, after a lot of hard work are pleased to announce we were successful in our application and are now in receipt of \$22,000.00 for which we will put towards upcoming refurbishments of both the Ladies (Priority) and Men's Toilet areas. A great win for our Club

## Facebook

For those who haven't joined yet we have a Private Group within our Facebook Page called Members. I encourage those of you who use Facebook and are yet to join this group to join members as all current information is posted here on a regular basis. Feel free to ask existing Members (Currently 64) to send an invite if you are having trouble joining.

## Bendigo Bank

As you are all aware Bendigo Bank recently gave us a talk on Scamming—a worldwide phenomenon that is costing many people and businesses thousands and thousands of dollars daily. This was most informative and was well received by all those who attended.

Thanks to Natalie and Carly for what was a very informative session.

We hope to have more sessions in the future of a similar informative nature.



Above: Natalie and Carly from Bendigo Bank with members of the Board.

## Gates

As revealed at the last AGM we lost money to the original gate contractor who simply did not undertake any works despite us paying a hefty deposit—namely \$10,000.00.

This matter has now been referred to VCAT and we have been listed for a hearing in Chambers at a date yet to be confirmed.

Our understanding is that a large backlog of claims is slowing VCAT down, however we will keep you posted on any developments.

Our aim is the secure at least 80% of the deposit back after fees are paid.

*A skipper when leaving the head  
Knows that there's naught to be said  
But his third will suggest  
The shot he thinks best  
And upset the skipper instead.*

## Insurance

We currently have two (2) claims lodged with our Insurer. Claim 1 for earthquake damage to our Club House and to the greens—This is a complicated claim and assessing is well underway for engineers and geotech's. Claim 2 is for water damage—escape of liquid, in the Ladies toilet. Any funds recovered as a result of this claim will be added to Mary Doyle's grant to refurbish the toilets.

Quotes are pending so we hope to have answers to claim 2 shortly.

## New Members

A big welcome to **Paul McCarthy, Trevor Cooke, Gary Hunt, Lisa Hesketh, Karen Murphy and Carolyn Meredith**, who have joined our club recently.

# BBC GRAND FINAL EVE TOURNAMENT 2023



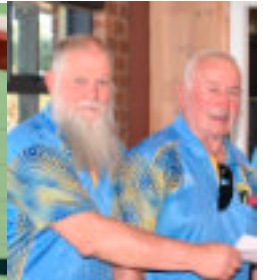
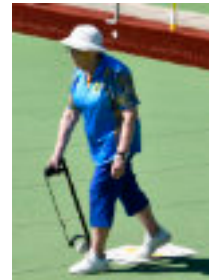
1<sup>st</sup> Chris Hesketh, Dennis Kimberley

This years Grand Final Eve Tournament was held in perfect weather conditions with a total of 24 teams from Bayswater and Eastwood Golf Bowls club and played as a 2-4-2 pairs competition, two games of 12 ends.

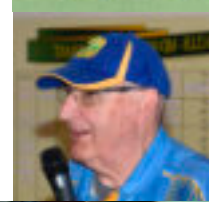
Special thanks must go to **John Rouse** who put in many hours organising the tournament. Also many thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day, in the kitchen, the BBQ, bar and in many other roles needed to run a tournament. Thanks to you all. It was appreciated by all bowlers who greatly enjoyed the day.

Results were: 2 game winners; 1<sup>st</sup> **Dennis Kimberley & Chris Hesketh**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Barbara Keenan & Karen Barton**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Frances & Peter Commane**. Best 1<sup>st</sup> game winners; **Rob Meredith & Jim Pumphrey**. Best 2<sup>nd</sup> game winners; **Ros Jack & Ivan De Cleene**. Winner of the spider, **Andy Pryor**.

Congratulations to **Juancho Natividad** on winning the members Draw, \$100.



Rob Meredith & Jim Pumphrey



Ivan De Cleene & Ros Jack



2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Barton, Barbara Keenan



3<sup>rd</sup> Peter & Frances Commane



## Upcoming Changes

At a recent Board Meeting it was decided to change Happy Hour and Members Draw to a Friday night in an attempt to lure more members as well as a push to encourage Barefoot Bowlers to have some fun.

Pictured right, **Carl Boltwood** presenting **Juancho Natividad** with winnings from the members draw conducted at the Grand Final Eve Tournament last Friday. This will be a big push so we will



see how this change goes. This new date will commence on Friday 20th October 2023. We will publish on our Facebook Page as well as sending out numerous Emails.

## Volunteers

With the “Silly Season” upon us we as always are seeking Volunteers for the plethora of upcoming Functions that Karen Barton has booked in. Functions provide us with an invaluable source of income so it is very important that we all contribute when and where we can.

Please see Karen, Kitchen, or Rob, Bar for expressions of interest to Volunteer.

Also Monday morning Volunteers are also required – a very important morning where our beautiful Club is groomed, tided and rejuvenated after its weekend activities etc.

Please come along and donate a few hours of your time – there are tasks for all.

*Why did the lawn bowler bring a ladder to the game?  
To reach new “bowling” heights.*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**Michelle Dodson, John Garrity, Lisa Hesketh, Chris Hesketh, Greg Leslie, Jean Lyne, Paul Oude-Elferink, Luke Penhalluriack, Chris Powell, Andy Pryor, Elaine Southward, Mitch Stevens, Albert Taylor, Ray Wheeler, Jim Wyllie.**

## New Rakes

Our new Rakes are almost ready to unroll. They have been powder coated and the first one was unveiled to Eastwood Bowls Club on Friday during our Grand Final Eve Tournament – noting Eastwood themselves are a Sponsor, (right).

John Rouse is now putting the final touches to the rakes including the Sponsors name tags.

Thanks to **Bill O’Toole** and **John Rouse** for undertaking this amazing project.

Thanks also to all those who became sponsors of the Rakes.



## Pennant season due to start

With the pennant season starting on October 21, it is now time for all pennant bowlers to ensure that everything is in place.

Please check the club rings on your bowls and replace them if they are damaged or missing. New rings are available from the bar.

You must have the correct uniform and correct bowling shoes. If you are playing away on grass greens you must only wear flat soled shoes. This also applies to synthetic greens. With the weather likely to be warm, players should make sure that they keep hydrated. If possible take your own cool drink.

## AN INSIGHT INTO LAWN BOWLS *(cont. from page 8)*

Q: Do I have to pay when I play Social Bowls or Pennant Bowls?

A: All clubs charge a Green Fee to play Social or Pennant Bowls. Bayswater charge a \$10 Green Fee which goes towards maintaining the green and its surrounds.

Q: Do I have to pay when I practice?

A: You can practice at any time free of charge. The club will provide a code to allow entry to the premises and once inside you can then access the cupboard that contains the jacks and mats.

The above Q&A may have answered some of your concerns, but with the start of daylight saving and the weather fines up, why not take the opportunity to visit our club on a Friday night and we can answer any of your questions and more importantly, you can give the game of lawn bowls a go and you may find, as we all have at Bayswater Bowls Club that lawn bowls is truly a Game for Life.

More information can be found on our Face Book at BayswaterBowlsClubVic.

**David Haack**

## AN INSIGHT INTO LAWN BOWLS

As we approach the upcoming Pennant Season, Bayswater Bowls Club are on the lookout for prospective new and experienced lawn bowlers. However, in this current economic climate where finances are a little stretched, the thought of joining a sporting association could be the last thing on your mind. But all participation in a sport, whether it be golf, tennis or our sport, lawn bowls has some cost involved like joining fees, equipment to play etc.

The following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) has been designed to introduce you to the sport of lawn bowls and to give you a better understanding of the costs involved to get you started.

Q: What is Lawn Bowls?

A: Lawn Bowls is an outdoor sport where players roll biased balls toward a smaller target ball (jack) on a flat, rectangular grass or synthetic surface known as the green.

Q: How do you play Lawn Bowls?

A: Players take turns rolling their bowls towards the jack, aiming to get their bowls as close as possible to the jack to score points.

Q: What equipment do you need to play Lawn Bowls?

A: You need a set of approved lawn bowls (4), a jack (club provided), a positioning mat (club provided) and flat soled shoes.

Q: What is the price of lawn bowls?

A: A typical set of new lawn bowls will cost between \$600 - \$700 depending on the brand, however, a search of EBay or Gumtree could provide you with a set of pre-loved bowls, complete with bag for around \$350 - \$500.

Q: How do I tell the age of pre-loved bowls?

A: All lawn bowls are stamped with an expiry date. The stamp on lawn bowls lasts 10 years before the set needs to be re-tested by an authorised tester. The cost to re-test the bowls after expiry is approx. \$65.

Q: What is the joining fee at the Bayswater Bowls Club?

A: The Annual Subscription fee for Full Membership at Bayswater Bowls Club is \$200. This membership entitles you to play Pennant Bowls for the season. As an incentive to join as a full member, we waive the annual subscription for 12 months, however, a joining fee of \$75 is required to cover your bowling registration with Bowls Victoria.

Q: What are my options if I do not wish to play Pennant bowls?

A: You can join as a Social Bowl Member for an Annual Fee of \$100. This will enable you to participate in Wednesday and Saturday social bowls. Alternatively, you can join as a Social Member for \$30 to take full advantage of the club facilities and bar.

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