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THE OFFICIAL MONTMORENCY BOWLING CLUB
INC. NEWSLETTER

REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Although we had an extended break from pennant bowls during the late December - January period, we are now back and approaching the pointy end of the pennant season with several sides from both Saturday and Tuesday competitions challenging for positions in the finals. I wish them all the best of luck in their endeavours.

As I reflect on the pre Christmas period at the club I must say I was disappointed at the response of members to our Christmas function at the Heidelberg Golf Club and maybe it is time to revisit the format.

Also in the last issue I requested that members ask their partners if they can offer up one Saturday per season (2 hours) to assist with tea duty and bar staff. Whilst we have been fortunate to have some support in the bar area it seems that the tea duties are left to the same group of ladies most of the time. Definitely something for us to improve on next year.

In the next three months we will be holding both our section AGM's and the MBC Board AGM.

I would like all members to consider putting their names forward for roles within these groups and in particular the position of Sponsorship Officer, which is a position we need to fill since the departure of Reg Rowsell. This role would suit either lady or a man and would not necessarily require a great deal of time input, but mainly from time to time touching base with our existing sponsors and approaching a potential sponsor who we may have reason to think would be interested in becoming a sponsor. Anyone interested in helping in this role should contact myself, Secretary Phil Stirling or Treasurer Grahame Napper. Please give these matters some serious thought as we are likely to tap people on the shoulder for a chat.

Finally, there are a number of special days approaching which we need your support for including the Easter Tournament, Football Charity Day and Men's President's Day.

STEVE HILLAM - Chairperson

HAPPINESS IS CATCHING! SMILE AND GIVE IT OUT. OTHER FOLKS WILL TAKE IT ONCE IT GETS ABOUT. LAUGHTER IS INFECTIOUS! GLOOMY MOODS SUPPRESS. START AN EPIDEMIC, SPREADING HAPPINESS.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MENS SECTION

As this Pennant season is coming to an end, hopefully we may have one team making the finals with maybe another one scraping into the four. It has been a difficult season for the Selection Committee with many players unavailable each week.

On the other side, our Social Bowls participation is looking strong with numbers improving on Mondays, Thursdays and Thursday evenings.

Our Australia Day Medley was well attended, my congratulations to Trevor Cameron and his team for their organization.

Our Twilight Merimbula was also successful, run by David Hall and his team. All those who participated had a good time. The Fire Relief Funds are to be donated to a Bowling Club affected by the bushfires.

Very pleasing to see a number of our new bowlers attend.

Our Easter Tournament is starting to look positive with a few visiting teams already entered. Have you got your team in yet?

Congratulations to Graham Tuck, the winner of our Men's Singles. Mal Eames and Ron Hayes are the winners of the Men's Pairs. Mixed Pairs and Presidents Handicap are still in progress.

Good bowling for the rest of the season.

Rod Ward

President Men's Section

LADIES PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been a busy few months at our club with the current Pennant season drawing to a close, with club championships coming to an end.

Congratulations to our club champion Glenda Swann and runner up Shirley Crapper reaching the final. The President's Handicap championship finalists were Judy Seymour and Shirley Crapper. Congratulations to Judy on her win.

My thanks go to Barbara Brown, an excellent Secretary who has supported me throughout my time as President, which included an extra year. Also to my Committee, who did a lot of hard work behind the scenes, not always acknowledged. Not to single out one in particular, I have to mention Josie Hall who is a professional and clearly an expert in what she does.

Marilyn Millar continues to put a lot of time into the buying, packaging and selling of chocolates. \$9,635 has been raised for our club, well done.

Glenda and the Tuesday Match Committee have done a wonderful job selecting teams each week, last minute phone calls with the necessary action before the game.

My Committee has worked extremely hard during my term at President with some very successful special days.

My final President's and Super Veterans Day on Friday 28th was enjoyed by all. Nineteen Super Veterans attended.

JUDI WHITE – PRESIDENT

SOME HEADLINES FROM NEWSPAPERS

“HOMICIDE VICTIMS RARELY TALK TO POLICE”

“MARIJUANA ISSUE SENT TO A JOINT COMMITTEE”

“STATISTICS SHOW THAT TEEN PREGNANCY DROPS OFF SIGNIFICANTLY AFTER AGE 25”

“POLICE RAID GUN SHOP, FIND WEAPONS”

“TIGER WOODS PLAYS WITH OWN BALLS, NIKE SAYS.”

SATURDAY MATCH COMMITTEE

We are coming to the end of the 2019-2020 season with only two rounds to go. Unfortunately, this season has not been one of our best with four of our teams still having a slight chance of making the four if results fall the right way.

The top team is 7th with an outside chance of fourth place.

The second side is currently 4th and hopefully will make the finals.

The third side is 5th and has an outside chance of fourth place.

The fourth side is 8th and trying to avoid relegation.

The fifth side is 8th with still a chance to make the four but also trying to avoid relegation.

The sixth side is 7th and trying to avoid relegation.

So far this season, we have been able to fill sides in all instances but two. This has been mainly through the support of our emergencies. Next season consideration will be given as to whether we submit 5 or 6 teams. The number of members has been good but we are all getting older and in the lower side participation depends on whether we are playing at home or away and being able to get to the match destination.

As Chairman of the Match Committee I would like to thank all members for their support and understanding in the selection of teams. It is not an easy job and I am sure there has been decisions made that have not pleased everyone. I assure you it has been in the best interest of the club and in an effort to get our better players in our best team in the best suited positions.

I would like to again thank our emergency players, without them we would not have had the numbers to select a sixth team. One week we had 36 players unavailable for various reasons

Thanks to Clive, Robert, Bert and Bill for their efforts this season. We all worked well together and input from each of them was constructive and greatly appreciated which made my job a lot easier.

A big thank you to John Leighton for his assistance, up to the end of 2019, with the preparation of the team cards etc and also for his work recording teams and results on the BV competition portal. Robert Potts and myself handle the BV input, as a result of John's good training.

Thanks to our Greens director and his team. Without them we would not be playing.

Let us finish with wins in the last two rounds, which will help redeem what has been a mediocre season. Let us also consider whether we are competitive enough to engage the services of a playing coach for next season.

Go Monty.

Mal Eames

Chairman Match Committee

BOWLS STORAGE SHED

THE CLUB HAS A LARGE INVESTMENT IN BOWLS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, STORED IN THE SHED BEHIND THE BOTTOM GREEN, ACCESSIBLE BY ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE ISSUED WITH A GATE KEY. ON MANY OCCASIONS THE DOOR IS LEFT UP AND OTHER TIMES LEFT UNLOCKED.

IF YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE USE OF BOWLS ETC. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU SECURE THE SHED AT ALL TIMES. THE SHED HAS BEEN LEFT UNSECURED WHEN NO ONE ON THE BOTTOM GREEN. TEMPTATION WHEN THE GATE IS NOT LOCKED!

SOME MEMBERS HAVE COMMENTED THE SHED IS HARD TO LOCK – ASK FOR ASSISTANCE PLEASE.

MIDWEEK PENNANT REPORT

Season 2019-2020 is now nearing the final stages of Pennant.

All eight teams have found the competition very strong and competitive.

With only two weeks to go there is a possibility of five teams in the position to play finals.

There have been some very strong opposition teams that have shown that consistency and specialized coaching produces some amazing results and even though we may not win the games when playing these teams, we can learn and benefit from the experience of playing these players.

Having two Division 1 teams has been a real challenge for the Match Committee trying to field them to allow them to be competitive.

We have been so proud of their efforts as we have of all teams' efforts this season.

Team compatibility has been the key to our team's successes but unfortunately there have been players with injuries and unavoidable absenteeism that does upset this concept. Teams have coped with numerous changes and our emergencies have been invaluable.

Teams 7 and 8 have had a really good year and both, hopefully, will earn a home final.

With the end of season closing fast we would like to remind players that it would be good for all teams to join together in the club rooms after the last game on the 10th. March where the results of the Jean Thomson will be announced.

From the Match Committee Best wishes for the remaining games
Go Monty!

GLEND A SWANN - CHAIRPERSON

LADIES PRESIDENT'S AND SUPER VETERANS DAY

A very successful day with 19 Super Veterans acknowledged, ages 80 to 99 years old. We are all looking forward to Life Member, Dot Jewell, joining us next year having celebrated her 100th birthday. Each of the ladies was presented with flowers. The ladies committee acquitted themselves, yet again, providing a lunch for the 72 people present.

The boys in the bar - Gary Wills, Duncan Duke, Les McDowell, Robert Potts and Peter Rubira looked resplendent in their white shirts and bow ties. Their service was excellent, serving bubbly to the ladies.

STOP PRESS

FINALS OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES PLAYED ON 1ST MARCH:
PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP - MARK STANTON DEFEATED GARY SCHILG
MIXED PAIRS - GRAHAM TUCK & HEATHER WILSON d. MAL EAMES & SUE MCKENNA

WORDS OF ENLIGHTENMENT FROM AN UMPIRE

SCENARIO

Rain is pouring down. There is thunder and lightning all around.

2019/20 Metro Pennant Conditions of Play

51.3.2.1 If, after one hour of play being suspended, the match cannot recommence, the match will be abandoned.

An official stoppage has been declared as per Law 32.1 [Crystal Mark 3.1] and there is no possibility that the game will recommence.

35 Match abandoned by Side Manager agreement.

35.1 Matches in Metropolitan Pennant can only be abandoned by agreement under the following conditions:

35.1.1 weather/heat as per clause 51

35.1.2 safety of players and officials

35.1.3 death of player

35.1.4 weather other than heat as per clause 51

35.2 at time of abandonment points will be awarded as per clauses 34 and 27

35.3 breaches may result in action under clause 5.

AWARDING OF POINTS FOR ABANDONED GAMES

34.1 *When play is abandoned by Bowls Victoria for all matches in a round, the points will be shared as per a tied game.*

34.2 *When play has commenced, if the game is subsequently abandoned, and the following minimum number of ends have been completed:*

60 ends being completed for a 16 player game;

45 ends being completed for a 12 player game;

30 ends being completed for a 6 player game.

The game will be awarded to the Side who has the higher number of total shots at the time the game is abandoned, and points allocated according to clause 27- Side win [10 points], Side tie [5 points] Team win [2 points] and Team tie [1 point]. See clause 27 for information re walkovers etc.

PRACTICE BEFORE A GAME.

Matilda is happily practicing early on Tuesday morning prior to her pennant match, which is scheduled to start at 10.30 am, on her home green, on a rink on which she is NOT scheduled to play..

An opposition player tells the shocked Matilda that this is midweek pennant and she should not be practicing. Another busybody comes along and informs the now bewildered, thoroughly upset, Matilda, that she can practice anywhere she likes at any time.

Who is right and who is wrong????

2019/20 Metro Pennant COP Schedule 1 and 2

Midweek Pennant and Saturday Pennant

Matilda is right.

It is permissible for the home team only to practice before both midweek [4.1 schedule 1] and Saturday pennant [4.1 schedule 2] as long as players do not practice on a rink, or part of a rink, allocated to them for the match. They cannot practice in the opposite

direction either. [e.g. if rinks are set up north south they cannot practice east west.] Practice must be completed at least half an hour before the scheduled start time.

SCENARIO

The thirds start scoring the end after they thought all the bowls had been played, but the end has not been declared. Skip A who has the last bowl wants to play it, but skip B says no because scoring has commenced and bowls have been moved. Skip B wants the end replayed. What should happen?

23.1 The process of deciding the number of shots must not start until the last bowl required to be played in an end has come to rest, or 30 seconds after that if either skip asks for this 30 second period [e.g. to see if a leaning bowl will fall or not]

The bowls which have been displaced must be put back to their original position 37.1.4.1 and 37.1.4.2 and skip A can play the final bowl. The end should not be replayed because it is not a dead end.

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Since my last report, we have three new members join our club. Welcome to Cameron Mitris, with George Hindi and Joe Bartolo joining as Social members (both are currently playing pennant with other clubs). I hope you enjoy many happy years with us.

We have held two Sunday morning Chicken Triples, 18 attended the first one, 14 the second.

Our new bowlers have enjoyed it, and with the help of some of our experienced bowlers, have learnt quite a lot.

Thank you to our members who have taken the time to help, much appreciated.

These mornings are open to all members who would enjoy a couple of hours bowling on a Sunday morning and, at the same time, getting to know our new members. You may even win a chicken.

Our "Fund Raiser for the Fire Relief" Merimbula format last Sunday was a success, lovely weather and good food helped. Thanks to our cooks and to everyone else who helped out, it all ran smoothly and our new bowlers now realize they didn't have to travel to Merimbula to play.

Has anyone a suggestion for another name for it, it does confuse new members?

Jacqueline Ward
Recruitment Director

THE ORIGIN OF THE MERIMBULA: Some club members, who holidayed and played bowls at the Merimbula Bowling Club, during the winter months, came back with the format that originated at that club.

HER NAME IS MEMORY

I have a good companion, a true and constant friend. I am never lonely from dawn till daylight's end, for she with quiet footsteps walks ever close to me. She follows like a shadow wherever I may be her name is memory.

THURSDAY NIGHT BOWLS

With the upgraded lighting on the top green, Thursday night bowling has become very popular with 30 to 40 regulars each week. New bowlers have embraced this chance to get involved in the game, along with a few from other clubs.

It is a great way for our new bowlers to “put their toe in the water” so to speak, to gain experience and put into practice what their coach has taught them.

To participate put your name on the list in the clubrooms or ring the club before 7pm.

Green fees are \$9 with \$1 put aside for a celebration at the end of the year.

We look forward to more members joining us.

JOHN HULLEN

SOCIAL BOWLS REPORT

The usual Social Bowls program has continued with mixed results as regards participation.

Monday selected bowls has about 14 to 20 regular participants, small in number but made up for in enjoyment. A number of Social members play this day.

Thursday nominated and selected bowls has attracted between 30 and 40 players each week, still disappointing in spite of the increased prize money on offer.

John Hullen has reported on Thursday night bowls, some social members play this night, and thoroughly enjoy the competition. More experienced bowlers are regular attendees and willingly pass on their bowling knowledge and skills.

There have been a number of special events recently, with adequate numbers attending. Given the amount of Pennant bowls and usual social bowls activities, it is difficult to attract larger numbers.

Club Championship events occur during the summer period and these draw a number of bowlers.

All in all the bowling calendar from November to March is very busy, and members have to be very selective in which events they will enter.

However the Twilight Merimbula on Sunday was a great success. We had 48 bowlers competing for the prizes, with many ‘new bowlers’ enjoying the event and numerous helpers with the organizing and food. \$1400 was raised and will be donated directly to the Mallacoota Bowling Club, severely impacted by the Bushfires.

Particular thanks to Jacqui and Rod Ward for their time and effort and members donating the food and prizes, bringing salad plates, and many helped in the kitchen. It always amazes me how many Monty members just get in and help when it is needed. Thank you.

Good luck to all bowlers in the run up to Pennant Finals and Club Championship Finals.

DAVID HALL

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

Q. Name the four seasons. A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q. What happens to your body as it ages?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinent.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour? A. Keep it in the cow.

Q. What is the fibula? A. A small lie.

Q. What does ‘varicose’ mean? A. Nearby.

GREENS REPORT

Now at the peak of the summer season, both Monty greens are holding up well given the constant bowling demands, almost daily, by our members and opponents.

Last October Bowls Vic inspected our greens and left us with a few queries. We now have the formal approved greens report an AA report.

Every aspect of our greens was deemed of high quality re greens condition for bowls in compliance with Bowls Vic standards and benchmarks. Well done to all members who help maintain our greens.

Unfortunately several pennant days have been cut short on our op green with flooding due to heavy rain. We are in discussion with KCL to assist with an improved drainage solution, possibly could be progressed during off season. This hopefully will reduce washouts to a minimum in future seasons.

Top green East West social bowls is envisaged again to commence as soon as our summer pennant season is over, thus allowing us to rest worn rink areas heavily used over summer. All lines will be remarked beforehand.

Enjoy your bowling at Monty over the remaining summer pennant season, social bowls days and special events held at Monty.

**NEIL GREENWOOD
GREENS DIRECTOR**

SMILE A WHILE

As a Piper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a Pauper's cemetery in the back-country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men, I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and gathered around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends.

I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. As I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and headed to my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for the last twenty years".

**A FRIEND IS ONE TO WHOM WE MAY POUR OUT THE CONTENTS OF OUR HEARTS,
CHAFF AND GRAIN TOGETHER, KNOWING THAT THE GENTLEST OF HANDS WILL SIFT
IT, KEEP WHAT IS WORTH KEEPING, AND WITH A BREATH OF KINDNESS BLOW THE
REST AWAY.**

(Author unknown)

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT

The North Eastern Night Pennant Association started our season on the 12th November 2019. Montmorency Bowling Club initially had 18 players signing up to play, and have since been well supported with 14 players available to play each week.

There are 9 clubs in total involved with this competition, and each club not only enjoying the competition, but utilizing it as a good practice night, as well as excellent exposure for new bowlers to experience.

Montmorency has competed very well all season, and all players should feel very proud of their performance.

We had 9 rounds of competition – 8 matches and 1 Bye.

Montmorency finished 2nd on the ladder with 6 wins and 2 losses.

Team	Shots	Points
Bundoora Green	152	101
Montmorency	41	89
Bundoora Gold	171	85
Eltham	64	76
Ivanhoe	-59	64
Rosanna	-15	56
Greensborough	-93	45
Heidelberg Lions	-106	35
Heidelberg Aces	-155	25

The highest ladder position in our Night Pennant history. Well done team!

We played our first qualifying final match on 11th Feb. narrowly losing to the top side Bundoora Green.

We now face the 3rd side Bundoora Gold on Tuesday night 3rd March, with the winner going into the Grand Final.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Night Pennant players for their ongoing support throughout the season. Their commitment in being available to play each week and willingness to play in any position, has always been appreciated.

Good luck and good bowling to all.

Bert Wilson

MBC Night Pennant Delegate

**IT AS REALLY HARD GETTING OVER MY ADDICTION TO THE HOKEY-POKEY
BUT I TURNED MYSELF AROUND AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.**

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU WALK UNDERNEATH A COW? A PAT ON THE HEAD.

WHAT DOES A HOUSE WEAR? A DRESS

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BOOMERANG THAT DOESN'T COME BACK? A STICK.

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