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THE OFFICIAL MONTMORENCY BOWLING CLUB
INC. NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT NEWS

BOWLS VICTORIA HAS ADVISED ALL BOWLING CLUBS TO CLOSE THEIR FACILITIES. THIS INCLUDES CLUBHOUSES AND GREENS. PLEASE OBSERVE THE IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Who could possibly have predicted at the time of our February newsletter that within one month we would find ourselves in our current predicament, ie in a huge battle with Coronavirus. It is only not just us, we are in this with the rest of the world in a contest which far and away transcends the game of bowls. Like the Australian public response to the recent bushfires situation, hopefully our resolve will win through in this battle notwithstanding the enormity and unique nature of the threat.

In the meantime I urge all of our members to follow the instructions of governments, health authorities and other expert advisors and maintain safe and proper practices during the worrying period ahead.

With that in mind we do have a number of members who live on their own, and who are, in normal times reliant on the camaraderie and companionship of fellow bowlers. I would ask that members who are aware of these bowlers who may be vulnerable at this time to keep in touch by whatever means.

Although the bowls season did not actually reach its ultimate conclusion it is worth noting the performances of some of our teams. (see report from Saturday Match Committee).

Unfortunately the closure of the club to groups and organized bowls competitions has impacted on several important days on our calendar, including the Footy Day, Men's President's Day, Volunteers Day, Easter Tournaments, Ladies AGM (postponed) and suspension of Happy Hour gatherings.

As further information comes to light we shall keep you informed. Stay safe.

STEVE HILLAM - Chairperson

SATURDAY MATCH COMMITTEE

The end of another Pennant season, they seem to come and go very quickly. In summary three out of our six teams made the finals with the two top teams were narrowly beaten in the first final. Our third team won the first final, however, beaten in the second final. They have now been promoted to Division 3. Unfortunately our Division 5 side was relegated.

A good result overall for the club and once again thanks to all our members for their efforts throughout the season. If we all think positively, we can have an even better result next season.

Go Monty,

MAL EAMES - Chairman Match Committee

IN TIMES OF ISOLATION

1. READ A BOOK 2. WATCH BOWLING TIPS ON YOU-TUBE 3. BRING HAPPY HOUR FORWARD

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Our Barefoot Bowls came to an abrupt end. They were to finish on the 21st March but the groups who had booked cancelled out anyway.

The most pleasing part of these nights, for me, was seeing how much the groups enjoy the experience of bowling, and, as many of them attend every year, their bowling had improved immensely.

Our Barefoot Bowls were a bit challenging this year, with two washouts and one heat out. Also there was a lot of swapping dates, cancellations, plus half the numbers arriving that they had booked for. Not sure what the answer is? Nevertheless we weathered the storm.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the volunteers who came along and helped out to make these nights so successful. The upside is we get to meet lots of lovely people who are very appreciative.

I would also like to express my thanks to Garry and his bar staff for giving up their Friday nights to man the bar. Some nights they were kept very busy.

If you would be available to help out with our Friday night barefoot bowls next season please let me know. I am always after extra helpers.

Our Chicken Triples on Sunday mornings was a lot of fun and was great to see our new bowlers improving, a lot. I feel they have the confidence to play in all Social Bowls now and some are keen to play Pennant.

Thank you to our few experienced bowlers who came along and helped out some mornings.

There is a lot to learn when you actually start playing a game.

I hope it is not too long before our bowls days are back.

JACQUI WARD
RECRUITMENT

MIDWEEK PENNANT REPORT

Bowls season has come to a very abrupt finish, however, congratulations must go to teams 7 and 8 for the excellent results in the finals, with both teams winning flags, being section winners.

To all the players, who participated in these teams during the season, a great effort.

Also, well done to all other teams with 4 teams just missing finals, finishing in 5th position on the ladder.

We did have one team relegated, but this was not unexpected as we found it difficult to field two Division One sides, but a fantastic effort with some close results against extremely strong teams. It was a very competitive season for all teams.

Players wishing to play Midweek Pennant next season, please let any of the Match Committee members know of your intentions as soon as possible. Team members will determine the number of sides entered for the coming season.

With the unknown and not familiar circumstances we all find ourselves in, we trust that you will all take care and stay safe, more importantly stay healthy.

Please accept our thanks for the efforts made by all for this concluding season, all players, side captains, umpires, measurers, green keepers, kitchen and bar attendants and all members who helped run our Tuesday pennant. Thanks to our computer operators, John Leighton, Jeff Lander and Alan Swann.

A big thank you to the Match Committee, Annette, Carlene, Faye and Margaret. It was a very busy and challenging year, yet again, but a job well done

Thank you everyone.

GLEND A SWANN – CHAIRPERSON

GREENS REPORT

What an unusual finish to the summer bowls season. We presented two very good greens with two teams winning semi finals on home greens.

Now in a situation, determined by Bowls Victoria, our greens are now officially closed until further notice.

Our Greenies will be back on the job as soon as possible.

NEIL GREENWOOD
GREENS

HOW ARE WE COPING? - TIME FOR A LAUGH

The President of the Greensborough VIEW Club has started a chain email, firstly adding a photo of her self doing some gardening. Really! Usually not on her agenda, she looked dangerous waving around electric shears, not to mention she got tangled up with the creeper she was attacking. A good laugh each time another email and photo appears on my phone.

I had to boast that my pantry shelves are all neat and tidy, funny I found three large tins of Milo that I had bought. I am wondering why?

A neighbor of mine told me she has asked her family to phone in regularly to check if she and husband are still alive. Not because they don't have enough food, obviously. Amazing what isolation brings out in us. P.S. Sighted the husband this morning, trimming a rampant creeper he's OK at least.

Another neighbour waved to me yesterday, from his balcony followed by an air kiss. Not sure I can look his wife in the face, if I ever see her again. Maybe she hasn't survived the lock down.

The lack of social contact has created a huge problem for our teenage grand daughter, only so much credit on the mobile phone. She has been coerced into learning how to make scones. *What about your school work?*

Today's drink special. THE QUARANTINI. It's just a regular Martini but you drink it alone in your house.

We have endured the first week without live sports on television. A man found a lady sitting on his couch. Apparently it is his wife. He admits she seems nice.

PREDICTION: There will be a minor baby boom in nine months time, and then in 2033 we shall witness the rise of the "Quaranteens".

In the line this morning, at the supermarket, three people were wearing masks. PANIC! Then one said "this is a robbery" and everyone calmed down.

To the people buying 30 bottles of hand sanitizer ... "you do realize to stop the spread of the virus, other people have to wash their hands too". I didn't have an answer for the toilet paper hoarders.

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