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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Since our last newsletter we have transitioned to a single gender club, a process that has been relatively seamless. I thank all members for their co-operation and assistance during this period.

It is with pleasure and great anticipation that I can announce that we are approaching the commencement of our club rooms renovation. As most would be aware the initial seed for this project was planted some 10 years ago. The progress since has been at times slow, and laborious, which is not unexpected when dealing with local councils which are faced with a plethora of requests and wants from community groups and must prioritize projects requiring allocation of funds. At the time of writing the building contractual arrangements are scheduled for presentation to Banyule Council at the November meeting and the demolition/construction phase commencing sometime after that. We cannot predict when this will be as the contractor will determine that. Our preference would be to put off till end of February to afford us the lesser amount of disruption, however are currently planning essential operations to accommodate the project works. It is important that members understand there will be substantial disruption during the construction period with traditional facilities such as bar, tea making, storage, shelter etc all compromised to a large extent. It is anticipated that building works will take place for 6 - 7 months.

The club appointed a new coach for this season in Ray Jansen. Ray has had some 35 years playing experience at a high level and recently skipped in the victorious over 70's State side, which won the national title. In his relatively short time with us Ray has proven to be a very popular choice with a friendly and inclusive manner. Ray is very knowledgeable, approachable and eager for all bowlers to improve their game. To this end he is very strong on the idea that bowlers need to practice on a regular basis to achieve their best.

During the winter several members completed the club coach accreditation. A list of club coaches is displayed on the notice board at the club and members are encouraged to seek any assistance they may require. Similarly, several members have volunteered to undertake umpire/measurers courses and we are currently waiting a time for this training module. Thank you to all who volunteered for these courses.

As we approach the construction period we need to engage in a lot of relocation, disposal and alternative storage options for club equipment. During this period we shall require volunteers to assist in this task (all within your physical capabilities) so those that are able to assist we would welcome your input.

Good bowling to all for the current season.

Steve Hillam
President

WISE WORDS: "HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR ABILITY, WHEN ON THE MAT - TAKE A BIG BREATH, PLAN YOUR NEXT DELIVERY. BODY LANGUAGE PLAYS A LARGE PART OF HOW WELL YOU BOWL. A POSITIVE APPROACH PRODUCES A POSITIVE RESULT."

WEEKEND PENNANT REPORT

The members of the match committee this season are Mal Eames (Chairman), Gary Wills, Val Markby, Bert Wilson and Warren Larsen. We also have our coach Ray Jansen who assists with the selection of the top two teams and input on the selection of the remaining teams.

The 2022-23 season has started. This season we had a good response from our members wanting to play pennant resulting in us putting in an extra side. We have six sides in total, 4 sixteen a side and 2 twelve a side teams. We also have a number of emergencies who will be called on throughout the season, if needed.

The Division 1 side has 18 matches in a randomly selected draw with a fair bit of travel involved. The other sides have 14 matches and are generally in our local area.

Our number 1 side had some stiff opposition in the first 2 weeks. We have had to play against the 2 best teams in the section those being Essendon and Brighton. In each game we had a winning rink and we only lost by 23 and 22 respectively. The away match at Warburton resulted in a win, along with ALL other teams having a win. This resulted in a free drink at the bar. The divisions 3, 5, 8 and 9 are undefeated after 3 matches.

The coaching sessions put on by our coach, 10am – 12pm and 3pm to 5pm on Thursdays, have been well attended. The drills set out by Ray have been varied and challenging and will definitely help us improve our skills which in turn should give us better results on the greens.

The men's Minor singles and the Men's 100 up club championship events are in progress with a number of closely contested games. The entries for the Men's singles and Pairs close on 25/11/22.

Chairman Weekend Match Committee
Mal Eames

COACHING

Coaching sessions on Thursday are both being well attended. Individual coaching is being carried out by some of our club coaches for our new bowlers.

Midweek Pennant

The 2022/23 season has commenced with relatively good results. The top first team is undefeated.

Weekend Pennant

Season 2022-23 has started with the Division 1 side meeting stiff competition against Essendon and Brighton only having success on one rink each week. They are not being humiliated with losses by only 23 and 22 shots respectively against the top two teams.

The second, third, fifth and sixth sides are undefeated.

The division 3 side members Neil Greenwood, John Geddes, Alan Swann and Glenda Swann achieved an 8 on the 16th end against Broadmeadows 1 in the first match of the season.

Social Bowls

Monday social bowls is running.

A Merimbula bowls day has been set for 19th November starting at 12.30pm.

Thursday night social bowls is going strong and has been well attended.

Pennant Officials

David Hall is still waiting on John Roberts to contact him regarding a date to conduct umpire and measurer training. John has come back to David to say that they are still trying to organize a suitable date.

Tuesday Night Pennant

Gary Wills will advise the starting date and fixture for Tuesday night pennant when available. There are 16 names registered to play when the season starts which is plenty for the 12 players to play on the night with 4 emergencies.

Club Championship Manager

The Minor singles and the 100 up club championships are now in progress.

The entries for the Singles and Pairs championships close on 25th November

Alan West is working with Peter Rubira to organize the Women's championship events.

Yarra Region

The Yarra Region open singles events have been played with some of our bowlers participating.

The over 60's pairs commences in November.

Malcolm Eames

Director of Bowls and Player Development

MIDWEEK PENNANT REPORT

This season the Club has entered six full sides, which requires fielding 72 bowlers. The new Midweek Selection Committee is very appreciative of the members who have committed to playing most weeks of the season. The Committee are very grateful also those that have filled in as emergencies when regulars are unavailable.

After 3 rounds the undefeated Side 1 sits on top of their ladder, while the second side is fourth in their section. With two wins each, Side 3 and 4 are both third in their respective sections. Having to play teams that are sometimes the first or second teams of other clubs. Side 5 and Side 6 have both had one win each. Overall our six teams are performing well.

PETER RUBIRA

COACH'S REPORT

As Head Coach I am very pleased with the members attending training on Thursday mornings and afternoons.

I have seen significant improvements in both skills and motivation. Many members are practicing the drills I have given out, and the results are evident.

One testimonial is – "my game has improved out of sight and I am delighted to have been promoted because of this".

Moving forward, if we want to have continued improvement, we need to keep doing the training. Our long-term goals are for Division 1 to stay in that division and all other sides to be promoted.

If anyone would like one-on-one coaching, please feel free to approach me.

Book – "Mental Toughness" – "The Secret is to focus on developing one significant habit at a time until you build momentum and it starts to stick".

RAY JANSEN – FIND A WAY

NICOLA told her parents that David Jones had kissed her at lunchtime. "It wasn't easy, three girls helped me catch him", she said.

BOWLER'S ARM: Whenever a player commences using a bowler's arm in a game, the player must use it for the remainder of the game. This does not apply to the delivering of the jack, which can be rolled by hand or a bowler's arm. This is mandatory for Pennant and any other form of organized competition.

If a bowler's arm is rendered unplayable then the player may change to another approved brand or style, on approval of Umpire or Controlling Body.

CLUB UNIFORMS

CLUB SHIRTS: \$50 - FIRST ONE \$40

MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE, ALL SIZES FROM 16 (SMALL TO 28 XXXXL)

MEN'S LONG SLEEVE - ALL SIZES 18 - 28

VESTS 18 - 24

JACKETS 16 - 24

SECONDHAND: LADIES SHIRTS, SHORTS, TROUSERS AND A JACKET.

MEN'S SHIRT, TROUSERS AND SHORTS.

WHITE JACKET XXXXL BA LOGO

MEN'S HENSELITE SHOES, WORN TWICE (MAROON) SIZE 8 1/2

VAL McINTYRE

RECRUITMENT REPORT

What wonderful two Open Days we had 2nd and 9th October, over the two days we had 100 people pass through our gates all wanting to "Try Bowls".

The sun shone down on us. Our visitors were warmly welcomed by our greeters, seated near our gate. With the smell of sausages cooking and the music in the background it made for a lovely atmosphere.

Thank you to all who helped, I received compliments from a number of people how welcoming we were and how much they enjoyed their time with us.

At this point in time we have 16 new members, all who have commenced their Coaching. If you see anyone you don't recognize having a practice please introduce yourself, they are now part of our club.

Welcome:-

Amy Dearsley

Annette Higgins

Keith Higgins

Gail Grieve

Paul Warmington

Anne Warmington

John Verderosa

David White

Carmel McNaughton

Jennifer Marmo

Sharmaine Frahamer

Christie Gelfe

Nick Rischitelli

Keith Ashman

Lance Nash

Sue Thomas

Also welcome to Wayne Zealley who has transferred to us recently.

I'm sure you will all enjoy your time with us.

Thank you to all members who delivered the pamphlets for us advertising

Our Open Days, the survey we took showed they are still the best form of advertising.

The billboards were noticed as well, plus a few saw it in the Seniors Books.

Happy Bowling

Jacqueline Ward

Recruitment Director

GREENKEEPER'S REPORT

Pennant and social bowls are up and running, with the demands on our greens we have to be vigilant regarding wear and tear. A lot of maintenance is involved behind the scenes to facilitate our bowls programs. Rink pegs are rotated several times weekly for even wear purposes. Members have many demands on ideal rink settings and we are flexible to a degree, they many not suit in certain instances but green staff do their best in overall preparation for use.

Greens grooming (brush or blade) fixes up most issues that are raised but the timing will always be contentious and not suit some bowlers.

Ian Hercus has recently stepped back and two new helpers, Earl Tunaley helping on Tuesdays and Gary Schlig on Mondays. Thanks guys for your valued help.

At present we are trialing on rinks - bowls rakes holders.

Post pandemic bowling; Monty and other clubs are looking to minimize "dumping bowls" on greens. Anyone who develops this questionable habit knows how they bowl and we expect all to either address their technique or adopt a bowlers' arm.

The club is fortunate to have several varieties of bowling arms to trial, ask if you wish to have some coaching in the use of one.

Both greens are past their life mid point and with careful management should last a few more years at a good standard. Enjoy your bowls.

NEIL GREENWOOD – Greens Director.

MERIMBULA FORMAT TOURNAMENT OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – 2 BOWL TRIPLES

\$10 ENTRY

ENTRIES CLOSE 17TH NOVEMBER

Entry form on notice-board

2 GAMES OF 11 ENDS

CASUAL ATTIRE

BE AT CLUB BY 12 PM FOR 12.30 START

AFTERNOON TEA – RAFFLE

FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

A GREAT WAY TO MEET CLUB MEMBERS AND ENJOY A SOCIAL DRINK AT SPECIAL PRICES

MEAT RAFFLE TICKETS \$2 - AVAILABLE AT BAR

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE JACKPOT (CURRENTLY WORTH WINNING) IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN OUT.

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

FROM 2pm

Featuring

DIAMOND VALLEY BRASS BAND

\$25.00 pp

Devonshire tea included

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Main Street Greensborough**

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