

THE MBC NEWS

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

We are now operating in "construction mode" and although it has presented some difficulties in the opening 3-4 weeks I would like to thank all members for their tolerance during this period.

Both social and pennant bowls have recommenced and unfortunately we have not been treated too kindly, with both extreme heat and rain presenting obstacles for us to negotiate.

Demolition of the old clubrooms has commenced, while excavation works at the rear are also under way. The electrician is relocating the floodlight switches to allow access externally, and a similar arrangement should be available for scoreboard activation. We have gained access to Petrie Park hall for Tuesday pennant lunch breaks and Margaret Austin has worked tirelessly to facilitate this venue. I do encourage all Tuesday bowlers to have lunch in the hall, particularly on hot days.

The temporary bar in the shed has proved to be a good option, with drinks being maintained at a suitable temperature. I thank all bar volunteers for their assistance during this time.

Last Saturday, we did have a BBQ after the games and I am very appreciative for John Leighton's input during the day, both serving drinks from the bar during the game and especially for cooking the BBQ. In a club of our size it is sad that we do not have any members or friends that could lend a hand in these tasks, notwithstanding that many of our members are bowling. That is just another string to John's bow, however if anyone can assist us in this area or knows someone who can please let me know.

With every team in finals contention, and the top team fighting vigorously to maintain a spot in 1st Division, I wish all bowlers success as they approach the pointy end of the season.

Steve Hillam
President

LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

The draw will be on the temporary Notice board near the barbeque, on Monday 6th February. THREE bowls - 18 ENDS. Games can be played on any day convenient to all prior to the date advertised for each round. Scorecards will also be on the board.

..... ALL LADIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

BOWLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Coaching

Coaching sessions are being well attended. Last Thursday our Coach Ray said in total for the day was 37, which is a great turn out for the early part of 2023.

Midweek Pennant

The 2022/23 season is well in advance with 11 rounds having been played with very good results. There are 6 teams in the top four. The first team is on top of the ladder.

Weekend Pennant

The Division one team had a good win against the top team prior to Christmas followed by a narrow loss to the now top team Brighton by 10 shots on 14/1/23 and another win against Warburton on 21/1/23. The other 5 teams are on top of the ladder.

Social Bowls

The Merimbula bowls day on the 19th November was well attended and a very good days bowling. Monday social bowls has commenced and well supported. The Australia Day game did not go ahead for three reasons. As it was on a Thursday there was a clash with coaching (later changed to Friday), lack of interest and lastly because of the clubhouse renovation.

Pennant Officials

An Umpire/measurer course is to be conducted in February. John Roberts is arranging a date.

Tuesday Night Pennant

The ladder after 3 rounds shows Montmorency on top. The season recommences on 31/1/2023.

Club Championship Manager

The Men's Minor singles and the 100 up club championships have now been completed. The winner of the Minor singles was Les McDowell, runner up Rob Dick, and the winner of the 100 up was Frank Phillips, runner up Les McDowell. Congratulations to both winners and runners up. The Men's Singles and Pairs championships are now in progress, with some very good matches, and some early upsets. The Ladies singles event is in progress.

Regional Events

Ray Jansen and Bert Wilson played in the final of the regional open pairs and unfortunately were beaten by two Richmond Union players.

Saturday Pennant:

Congratulations to the rinks that scored a perfect 8:

Sat. 2 team v. Broadmeadows 1 : Neil Greenwood, John Geddes, Alan Swann, Glenda Swann.

Sat. 4 team v. Templestowe 1 : Lesley Hayes, Colleen Cameron, Keith Armstrong, Trevor Cameron

Sat. 5 team v. Club Bridgewater : Cathy Mitchell, Vera Lay, Robert Dick, John Beattie.

MALCOLM EAMES

Director of Bowls and Player Development

With three weeks left for this season, it is pleasing to see all six teams currently in the top four of their respective sections. Unfortunately we have lost the services of about five or six bowlers, due to health issues, for the rest of the season. While thanking them for their efforts in assisting teams to make the finals, we wish each of these individuals well. The Selection Committee is very grateful to those members who have stepped in as replacements. We also appreciate that this has meant changes to rinks even within respective Sides. While such changes within rinks aren't desirable, the Selection Committee is grateful for your understanding in these matters.

The top Side is on top of the ladder and faces second placed Eltham at Monty in the final round on February 14. This should be a 'forerunner' to the Qualifying Final the following week. The second Side, currently third on the ladder, face the challenge of fourth-placed Whittlesea at home in the second last round (Feb. 7).

Although sitting second on the ladder, Side 3 has a hard run home. In the final two rounds they face both third and first placed teams. Hopefully this will stand them in good stead for the finals. Although Side 4 is pitted against the top teams of three other Clubs, they have done extremely well to currently be in third position on the ladder. It is hoped that their better form of late continues.

Currently both Side 5 and Side 6 are third on their respective ladders. Both Sides face tough opposition over the next two weeks. Side 5 has games against second and fourth placed teams, but Side 6 has an even tougher assignment. They face the undefeated top Side next week and the following week have to confront the second team on the ladder.

It is fantastic that all Midweek teams have a chance to play finals. We wish all participants good luck over the next month. Please note that finals begin *Tuesday Feb 21* and *Thursday Feb 23*. If teams progress to their Section Final, this will be on *Tuesday Feb 28*. If successful in the Section Final, Division Finals begin March 2 and continue on March 7 & 9. If individuals are unavailable for Tuesday Feb 21 and / or Thursday Feb 23 in the first week of finals, could you please contact Peter Rubira (0419 391 623) or note unavailability on the pin-board near the water cooler on the top green.

PETER RUBIRA

BOWLING ARM FOR SALE

**AS NEW GREEN BIONIC ARM - \$130 OR NEAR OFFER
CALL HELEN SPENCE or BARRY LAY if interested.**

INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

OLD PEOPLE SHOULDN'T EAT HEALTHY FOODS. THEY NEED ALL THE PRESERVATIVES THEY CAN GET.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING OLD WHEN YOU BARELY DO ANYTHING ALL DAY BUT STILL NEED A NAP TO CONTINUE TO DO BARELY ANYTHING.

What a busy time we have had, since our last newsletter we have welcomed 14 new Members. I have seen a few already joining in our Monday Social Bowls and Thursday evenings. It has kept our Coaches busy but we don't mind that a bit.

One Monday we had eight new bowlers attend which was great fun, they are well looked after.

If you see someone practising that you don't recognize please introduce yourself, a lot don't have a name badge as yet.

A big Monty welcome to :

Kate Smith

Gillian and Bob Whiffin

Peter Flood

Roderick Klicki

Roderick Smith

Ian and Kaye Webster

Oliver Pauli

Jenny Hose

Plus we have four transfers:

Ian Hamilton

Wayne Zealley

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I also think it was remiss of me not to welcome our Coach, Ray Jansen, also a very special transfer doing a great job for us.

To all of our new Members please ring me if you have any questions about joining in the Social games. I know some haven't started yet and maybe feeling unsure of them self.

After Covid I was unsure of how our Open Days would go last year but obviously a huge success.

I would also like to pass on a special thank you to Geoff Tulloch, who after many years has officially retired from coaching. Geoff has been a great asset to me over the years and I will miss being able to call on him when needed. Keep on Bowling Geoff.

Jacqueline Ward

Recruitment Director

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GRAMMAR LESSON: Is it "complete", "finished", or "completely finished"?

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words - "Complete" or "Finished".

In a recent linguistic competition held in London, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner.

The final question was:

How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.'

His answer:

"When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE.

When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

He won a cruise and a case of 25 year old Scotch.

Women's Autumn 4's
Thursday 16th March
Eltham Bowling Club – Susan Street Eltham

We would like to invite the ladies from your club to enter our Women's Autumn 4's tournament.

We would be grateful if you can share with the ladies in your club.
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Registration 9am for 9.30am start

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GREENKEEPER'S REPORT

The top green was showing signs of wear, so during the Christmas break it was worked on by the green-keeping team by doing blade grooming three times, followed by watering to settle the sand.

The result was immediately noticeable lowering the speed on the top green and improving fairness on all rinks. The bottom green is in good condition giving us all a point of difference in length and speed.

Council has placed portable toilets and temporary office, from which Social bowls is now running games successfully while the weather remains warm.

For the remainder of summer, rink rotations have to be increase to avoid runs and maintain our surfaces at pennant standard.

On forecasted hot pennant days early watering will occur to help surfaces, subject to help availability. Any members willing to help on our greens or in the gardens are welcome.

NEIL GREENWOOD

COACHES REPORT

As head coach, I am very happy with our pennant results, so far. All pennant teams, bar our Division 1 team is in finals contention.

Our Division 1 team's goal is still on track to stay in that division.

Thursday coaching sessions have been well attended. As finals are not far away we must keep this momentum going.

FIND A WAY, BE THE BEST WE CAN.

RAY JANSEN
