



## Mornington Bowling Club Newsletter 9 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Dear members,

I hope you've returned safe and well from the Christmas break and the celebrations of the New Year. There have been a large number of happenings & activities around our club over the past month.

It is with sadness that we farewelled Ken Weatherly last week, who passed away after a long illness. Ken was one of our life members and one of the characters who loved our club and playing bowls. We will miss you Ken 'Poppa Smurf'.

A number of our members are suffering illness and poor health. We also keep them in our thoughts and wish them well in a speedy recovery.

With the increased heat over January and February, please be sure you have plenty of drinks and seek shade when you aren't bowling. Your health is paramount.

If you're unable to play a full game of bowls, and are limited with your walking, another bowler could play the second game for you. Alternatively, a player may play alternate ends with you in each game. If you are in this situation, please contact John Trewin to let him know. You will need to negotiate as to whose bowls are used.

The President's handicap is coming to the pointy end of the competition. They're up to the semi-finals with the grand final taking place on 9th of February. The entry sheet for the Mixed Pairs is up on the pin board near the kitchen. If you are entering this competition please make sure that you pay before the draw on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Please make sure you place your entry fee or Eftpos receipt in an envelope for Margaret.. We will be looking at the dates for each round, as there is a clash with the Summer Classic. We'll keep you informed of any changes that need to be made.

The Summer Classic is well in hand. This is on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February for mixed teams of 4. Lunch and afternoon tea is supplied for your \$80 team entry. The entry sheet for this event is out the back.

Well done to Martin, Robin and team for the work on Green 1. We had difficulty with the drainage and met with the supplier of our synthetic. The use of Jaws and the boom spray should rectify the problem. Hopefully this will work. The club has purchased the boom spray specifically for the purpose of working our greens.

Currently our Saturday Pennant has two teams on top of the ladder and one team second. Our Division 3 has the challenge of winning one or two games to move from 8<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> on the ladder. There are only 5 points separating us. Our top division in Tuesday Pennant is slowly moving up the ladder but there are still challenges for our other two divisions. As we approach the finals, the selectors will be carefully looking at teams to ensure we have enough players qualified for the finals. If you have played four games in a division, you qualify for that division and divisions above.

To celebrate the Pennant season we are looking at having a Pizza evening on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, which is the Grand final day for Saturday Pennant. All members are invited for the cost of \$2.

Are you happy with how you are delivering your bowls? Are you dumping your bowls? Do you know what shot to play and why? Do you need some coaching? Contact Brian Pyne who can allocate one of our coaches to assist you.

Barefoot Bowls is becoming busy again. The weather hasn't given us a great opportunity on a few evenings when we've had barefoot bowls. We have quite a number of bookings over the next three weeks and will be looking for some assistance. If anyone contacts the club regarding barefoot bowls, please let them know that they should book to guarantee a rink. Some visitors have been disappointed by not being able to bowl because we were booked out.



Shots Up!  
(Ask DP of his experience!)

State Events: congratulations to Gloria Evans on achieving another 'Cap' in our Regional Ladies Side. Gloria will be playing in Shepparton the first weekend in April representing our club and Casey Peninsula region.

The Past Presidents Association is once again running a novice pairs and singles event in April. The entry sheet is on the pin board outside the kitchen. We already have a couple of entries but there are many more players that could participate in this event. If you first started bowling after May 1 2018, then you're eligible to enter. Add your name to the list if you would like to compete.

As we're trying to decrease the amount of litter that we generate, we have asked other clubs through MPB Inc. to bring their own drink bottles when coming to our club to play pennant or social bowls. Let us set the example for the other clubs by bringing our own drink bottles when we are playing.

Tournaments. There are a number of new Tournament flyers that can be found in the folder in the back sign-up area. Check them if you're interested.

COF has a women's triples classic event on the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

Civic have the Mercedes Ryman 5000, which is an open, nominated 3 Bowl Triples on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

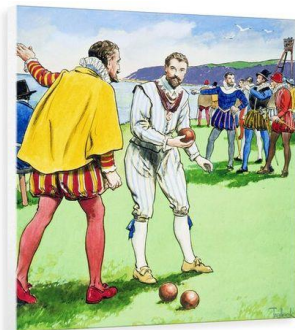
Cobram Bowling club as a Men's 2 Bowls Triples event on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

The Commercial Club Albury has a 2 Bowl Triples Tournament on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May. 3 men or 3 women - no mixed teams.

I was reading through some old articles by John Roberts from Bowls Victoria and came across this piece of trivia. I hope you enjoy the read even though some 'facts' may be exaggerated.

### What is a Bowl?

The history of lawn bowls goes back to Egyptian times when biased stone bowls from 5000 years ago were discovered by a team in 1930, led by British anthropologist Sir Flinders Petrie. They were



discovered in the grave of an Egyptian boy in the era of the first Pharaohs.

The oldest lawn bowls site still played on is in Southampton, England. Records show that the green has been in operation since 1299 A.D.

The most famous story in lawn bowls is about Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada. Allegedly on July 19, 1588, Drake – involved in a game at Plymouth – was notified that the Spanish Armada had been sighted. The myth reports Drake replied, "There is plenty of time to win the game and thrash the Spaniards too." There is much historical conjecture about these "facts".

Henry VIII was an avid bowler but restricted the sport by decree (1511), to only the rich nobles as the poor needed to spend more time working than

being involved in recreational activities.

The Scots lay claim to creating the original code of the sport after a meeting in Glasgow in 1848 and these were the basis for all subsequent laws.

Bowls were originally made from lignum vitae, a dense wood giving rise to the term "woods" for bowls which you occasionally still hear on the greens both nationally and internationally.

Nowadays bowls are now more typically made of a hard plastic composite material. Bowls were once only available coloured black or brown but they are now available in a variety of colours (which must be approved by World Bowls (WB)).

(FYI: - Now you can get sizes 0000, 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, etc.! DP)

Cheers<sup>{}</sup><sub>{}</sub>

David Pumpa

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