

# BOWLED OVER HOW GOOD IS THIS CLUB?

February  
2012

It is good to reflect on the excellent status of our Club as we approach the end of the bowling season.

Our CEO John Bridgland has maintained that we should strive for three main objectives in order to maintain our success as a leading bowling club.

1. To have good greens.
2. To expand our revenue streams from non-traditional bowling activities.
3. To produce improved pennant results.

There is no doubt that the work and effort to enhance our greens has been extremely successful. Our Barry Plant tiddwarf green is one of the best greens in the metropolitan region and this green can now be used right throughout the year. The improvements to the RetraVision eastern green are obvious and we have the added advantage of the Sungold Milk west green being a needle-punched carpet surface that is also playable year round.

As you will read in the Committee of Management report, our Corporate events have netted over \$11,000.00 for the bowling year and the bar taking are steadily rising so income from non bowling activities is outstanding.

Our pennant results are not quite up to expectations but we are still in there plugging along. In the Tuesday

Section our Division 3-4 and 3-5 teams are doing quite well.

The Saturday Section is not so good with only the Division 3-5 team looking positive and probably lifting up to Division 2.

Some of the not so obvious facts on the Mt Waverley Club are that we are in a very sound financial position in spite of accomplishing a large spend on improvements in the past financial year.

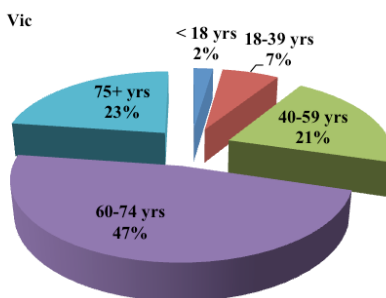
This is the envy of other clubs, some who have needed to ask their members for more money so they can remain viable.

Another positive fact is our ability to maintain a strong membership base.

We currently have over approximately 260 playing members and the respective age brackets are:-

- < 18 yrs 2.4%
- 18-39 years 4.1%
- 40-59 years 15.5%
- 60-74 years 28.3%
- 75+ years 49.7%

When compared to this graph of all bowlers in Victoria, although we do



have a higher percentage in the 75+ bracket, our spread of ages is acceptable and our membership numbers have remained much the same as other years.

### Other accomplishments:

What other bowling club would have 20 to 30 men coming along every Monday morning to do volunteer work?

To have social events attracting up to 100 members for special dinners and a few laughs!

Hold hugely successful tournaments such as the Police & Friends, Ladies Classic Day and the Steve Glasson 4's Tournament that fill our 3 greens with over 150 bowlers each time!

And a band of dedicated ladies who work hard to provide catering for these events.

While there are always improvements to be made we should all realise that this is a great Club and we are lucky to be able to enjoy our bowls and the friendships we establish amongst our members.

### As John says—HOW GOOD IS THIS CLUB?

**SOCIAL CLUB DINNER**  
Fish & chips  
Friday 17th February

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# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

Details of major matters discussed and decisions taken at the last Committee of Management held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January are now set out below for member's information:-

1. Following the recent renovation of the Barry Plant Green it was noted that restoration of the surface has been quick and highly successful. The centre of the green which previously had minor imperfections has been repaired as part of the renovation. It is expected that within a short period of time the green will be back to its best. The East green is running particularly well with good speeds now being the norm.

2. Consideration is being given to the purchase of several sets of 00 size bowls to compliment the Club's training equipment. This will assist with the coaching of new members with small hand sizes.

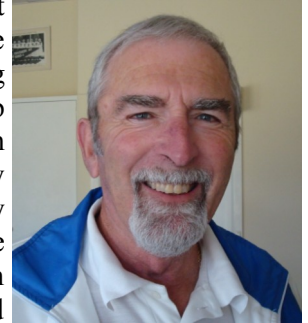
3. The Club is grateful to Allen Fary for taking on the role of the Saturday Section representative for the Eastern Ranges Region. Allen along with the Club's other representative Norma Wilkinson will provide the Region with much needed feedback and the views of the Club on a variety of current issues. In addition the Club by its representation will be given first hand information on matters emanating from Bowls Victoria.

4. It was noted that it was this time of the year again where the Club has the opportunity of gaining some revenue from providing assistance in the running of the Opportunity Shop in Mount Waverley. Last year the Club received some \$700. from its involvement. This year the Club has been given the week commencing on the 27<sup>th</sup> February and it needs 2 members each day for the am sessions and another 2 for the pm sessions. A roster will be placed on the Notice Board for those members willing to assist. In addition if you have any worthwhile goods you wish to donate to the Shop please deliver them to the Shop in the week prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> February so that they may be sorted.

5. It was pleasing to note that the Bar continues to trade well and that gross revenue has passed the \$100,000. mark for this financial year. A big thank you to Tiger Temps, his committee and the volunteer members who have made this possible. With income in this order it is imperative that the Club strictly adheres

to the liquor licensing laws and that nothing eventuates whereby our licence is put in jeopardy.

6. The Ladies Appreciation Dinner is to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. This is an event where the male members have the opportunity of thanking the lady members of the Club for their efforts especially in relation to Wednesday weekly tournaments, Saturday Pennant days as well as the major tournaments run throughout the year. Would all male members give the Club give consideration to helping out the Saturday Section Committee in the conducting of this event.



Syd Rose

7. Indications are that net income from the Club's activity of conducting Corporate Events will top \$11,000 for the bowling year. Special thanks go to Syd Rose, Sam Bell, and the members who willingly give up their time to assist in running the events. Syd is always looking for additional help and if you are not already involved please give it your consideration. After all if profit of this magnitude was not produced annual fees would rise by at least \$34. It should not be left to the few.

8. It was noted that at times when the Club is running sponsors advertising on the Bar Lounge television members are switching the set to sporting broadcasts. As part of formal arrangements the Club is obligated to the sponsors to promote their products via this medium and for this reason members are not to alter the programming when sponsorship advertising is being presented.

9. Following the presentation of an excellent paper prepared by John Tranter approval was given to John to form a permanent Recruiting Sub Committee under his chairmanship, and which is to undertake responsibility for the recruiting of new members. The Sub Committee will work closely with all Section Committees as well as the Director of Coaching in ensuring our recruiting methodologies and outcomes are successful.

10. Membership Changes:-

Full membership – Jamie Oakes, Richard Borthwick, Ross Raven and Alan Sharp.

**How good is this Club? Sensational - that's how good.**

**John Bridgland**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Steve Glasson's**  
**Sports Night Dinner**  
Tuesday 28th February

Book now for a night of good food and talks and bowling tips from world champion lawn bowlers.

# Bowls Celebrities at Mt Waverley

National lawn bowls coach, Steve Glasson, has been named in the Australia Day Honours list as recipient of the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia on Australia Day.

The former world champion was awarded the esteemed honour for his services to lawn bowls as a coach, player and ambassador for the game.

Steve was last year inducted into the Bowls Australia Hall of Fame. His focus this year is to lead the Australian squad to victory at the World Championships in November.

We at Mt Waverley have passed on our congratulations to Steve and we look forward to seeing him play in the Steve Glasson Tournament at Mt Waverley on 29th February.

Steve would be naturally proud of the recent success of his son Ben. Ben Glasson at just 16 years of age backed up his



**Steve Glasson OAM**

prestigious win in the South Pacific Tournament (senior) pairs earlier this month to take out the Junior Singles Final 31-13.

Another bowls celebrity who will be visiting and playing at Mt Waverley in the Steve Glasson Tournament is Karen Murphy.

Karen has just won her first World Indoor trophy after success in the Ladies World Matchplay title at Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk UK.

After the game the 34-year-old from Sydney admitted that she stole the trophy from the grasp of England's Debbie Stavrou by playing two immaculate tie-break ends to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

What a treat for all bowlers to be able to come along and see bowlers of this calibre playing the sport we all love, here at Mt Waverley.



**Karen Murphy World Indoor Champion**

## Do you have the correct grip?

A bowl is about twice the diameter and six times the weight of a jack. Unlike a jack, a bowl is not spherical. However the planes of the running surface and the engraved coaxial rings of the bowl are circular. An essential feature of any bowl grip is that the running plane should be erect and aligned with the forearm and the intended delivery line at the moment of release. The grip used should not allow the bowl to skew or tilt....

Another essential feature is that the tip of the middle finger should position under the running plane....

With the engraved rings upright and aligned, and the middle finger tip correctly positioned, propelling force should transmit through the centre of the bowl until its release, and no wobble should occur. A wobbling bowl is not likely to come to rest at its intended position.

A suitable grip sometimes results by first stationing a bowl upright on the playing surface. If a bowler then picks it up from behind with the tip of the middle finger centred, the grip used is often a suitable and comfortable one for bowl delivery.

The 'finger' tip grip provides good 'touch' for playing on medium



or fast greens, and is probably the most popular grip. For the finger grip, the slightly separated finger tips support the bowl with the thumb tip near the crest of the large engraved ring and applying enough gentle pressure to secure the bowl....

Most other grips involve some degree of 'palming' of the bowl.

The 'claw' grip has the tips of the thumb and little finger in (diametric) opposition, with other fingertips slightly more separated than in a finger grip.

It is a secure grip for fast shots and for play on slow greens. The 'cradle' grip has the thumb tip in a low position on the side of the bowl. When the hand inverts, as in a normal back swing, the bowl tends to escape from a cradle grip. The few bowlers who use it usually do so because of small hands or lack of

finger strength. The palm supports much of the weight of the bowl. To prevent the bowl escaping, a bowler using the cradle tends to articulate the wrist in the back swing to keep the hand under the bowl. The delivery is more a 'shovelling' than a 'swinging' action.

Having trouble? Check your grip out with your coach.

## Check your knowledge of the Rules

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Question 1. The lead of team A rolls the jack in to the ditch. The jack is returned to the lead of team B who moves the position of the mat. Lead A objects saying the mat cannot be moved. Who is correct?

Question 2. What actions may be taken to prevent a disturbance to the head by a bowl in course from an adjacent rink?

Question 3. A bowl comes to rest and then falls over and touches the jack whilst the next bowl is in course. The Skip moves forward to mark it as a toucher to which the opposing Skip objects. Is the bowl a toucher?

Question 4. A player deliberately measures the distance between the jack and some bowls by placing a foot between the jack and the bowls before the skip delivers the bowl. The opponent objects to this. What is the position?

Question 5. When determining the result of an end may the thirds move a bowl out of the head before the total number of shots is agreed?

# CLUB NEWS

## Memorabilia from Foundation Members

The daughter of two of our foundation members, Kath and Arnold Conway, kindly sent us some tokens her parents had won during their time at Mt. Waverley.

They consist of silver spoons and a serviette ring each carrying the Mt Waverley Bowling Club crest.



These items can be seen in the display cabinet in the Ladies Lounge.

We thank Anne Conway for sending us these items which are of significant historical value to the Club.

## TV in the Bar Lounge

Can all members please note that when our TV is showing one of our slide presentations on events at the Club, this program is **NOT** to be changed to other TV programs such as sporting events, without permission.

Members must understand that we have an obligation to our sponsors that their name and service be regularly displayed and the TV is also there to help promote events at the Club.

If you wish to look at sporting events then use the TV in the main hall.

## New Umpire

Bowls Victoria have confirmed the appointment of a new umpire for the Mt Waverley Bowling Club and this is Alan Coleman. Congratulations go to Alan for his appointment.

## A hidden talent

Those who watched the singing of our National Anthem by the Australian Girls Choir for the final of the Australian Men's Open Tennis tournament would agree that this was very impressive. But did you know that our own Dot Stevens conducted the singing of the National Anthem at the tennis a

few years ago? What talent we have amongst our members!

## Club Champions

Our Men's Singles Champion for 2012 is Jim Fary. Sincere congratulations go to Jim for his success.

Jim's opponent was Martin Troster who put up a great effort but was eventually beaten by the better bowler on the day.

The Ladies Singles Championship was played between Noelle Kenley and Victoria Troster with Victoria coming out as our 2012 Champion.



Men's Singles Champion Jim Fary with Martin Troster and the marker, Steve Peisley.



Our Club Pairs Champions, Bev Munis and Debbie Handley.

Victoria and Jim will be playing in the Champions of Champions in the next few weeks. Look on our notice board for the dates and venue for these games.

Our Ladies Pairs Champions this year are Bev

Munis and Debbie Handley who played Stephanie and Victoria Troster in the final and after a serious challenge, Bev and Deb finally came out the winners.

Congratulations to all winners of our Club Championships for 2012.

## Police & Friends Tournament

This day was a huge success with 34 teams filling our greens. We were very anxious as John Whykes, who normally looks after the tabulating of the results and organising the winners, was in hospital. Thankfully Allen Fary and Graeme Matheson took over his role and they both worked very hard to make this day such a success. Thanks guys!

The good news is that John Whykes is now on the mend.

## Are we looking after our new members?

A numbers of existing members have raised their concerns on whether we are looking after the new members who have joined recently. They appear to be looked after regarding their name tags, a club diary, coaching and a general welcome to the Club but what happens after all this?

How do they become involved in playing bowls?

The fact that Wednesday games are nominated can make it difficult for new members to break into a team.

This situation is now being looked at thoroughly and we are planning a system that will enable these members to be able to start playing and to enjoy the company of other members.

John Tranter, John Addis, Paul O'Donoghue, Max Beattie and Ron Shaw are meeting to find the best solution to this problem. Anyone with suggestions—please come forward.

## Answers to rules questions

### Question 1 Answer

Lead B. The mat may be moved but the front edge of the mat must be not less than 2m from the rear ditch and not less than 23m from the front ditch and on the centre line of the rink of play.

### Question 2 Answer

Any player at the head can choose whether to lift the bowl at rest to allow the other bowl to pass and then replace it as long as this action would not influence the outcome of the head, or stop the bowl from the neighbouring rink.

If a jack at rest on the rink is in danger of being moved by a bowl from a neighbouring rink, any player at the head or the marker should stop the bowl.

### Question 3 Answer

No. For the bowl to be a toucher it must touch the jack before the next bowl is delivered.

### Question 4 Answer

No measuring shall be allowed before the end is completed.

If an opponent, the manager in a side game, the umpire or the Controlling Body decides that a player has deliberately committed an act designed to give them or their team an unfair advantage, they can appeal to the Controlling Body.

### Question 5 Answer

Yes. As the shots are agreed each shot bowl can be removed from the head.