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Mt Waverley Bowling Club Inc.

Newsletter February 2019

MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

'The friendly bowls club'

Please note change of date

DISCUSSION NIGHT

WITH THE

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

AT 7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 27 February 2019

Issues to be discussed

1. Proposed changes to the Pennant competition 2019/2020
2. Chairman of Saturday Selectors reflection on current season and selection policy
3. State of the Club:
 - a. Positions within Committee of Management and Club
 - b. Financial position (Treasurer)
 - c. Volunteers
 - d. Corporate activities
 - e. Membership
4. Club discussions

COMMUNITY LEADERS UNITED BY SPORT (CLUBS) – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OUTCOME

Thank you for your club's application to be part of our new gender equity initiative, Community Leaders United by Sport (CLUBS). We were very pleased at the amount of interest generated, which demonstrates the

commitment that exists within Monash in improving opportunities for women and girls – on and off the field.

It is my pleasure to formally advise that your club and nominated club champions have been successful to participate in the CLUBS program. Your club is one of the ten (10) selected clubs to take part in this initiative. Your identified club champions will participate in focus groups to share thoughts and priorities with Council around gender equity at your club, as well as participate in free leadership training and receive ongoing support to make positive changes within your club. We hope this will build a network of people across a range of sporting codes who can support and share with each other about what is working, and what can be learned to improve outcomes for women and girls in sport. We will be contacting your nominated club champions shortly in order to get a sense of the best time to schedule the events. Once again, I'm very pleased to offer my congratulations and welcome you to the CLUBS program.

Yours sincerely

SHANE MCCLUSKEY

Mayor and Mulgrave Ward Councillor

Editor - We thank Di Saugy, Jenny Roberts and Bruce Morley for agreeing to be our representatives

A Call for the Umpire

On Wednesday 24th October in the Nominated Triples Social Bowls, The Jack was knocked into the ditch and disappeared out of sight. Joey the umpire was called and located the Jack hidden in a hole in the back wall of the



ditch. He dutifully ruled that that even though it was hidden it was live and marked its position with a marker on the bank. The event naturally triggered some lively 'what if etc etc' discussion. The 'experts' at the time reflected on the rules of golf for an answer and resorted, when 'a Golf Ball Goes

Down a Burrowing Animal Hole and Disappears? Golf Rule 25-1c states it must be known or virtually certain that the ball is in the burrowing animal hole. If, however, it is "known or virtually certain" that ball you can't find disappeared down a burrowing animal hole, you can substitute another (golf) ball without penalty and take

relief'. Bob the Bowler could not imagine losing a Jack or a Bowl in a game and appreciates the comparative good logic of the rules of Golf before he starts putting his hand down a burrowing animal hole to retrieve a Jack. However, a Review was called (as in cricket) when it was deemed that Rule 19.1.3 and a Dead Jack was ruled because 'the Jack had come to rest in any hollow in the face of bank'.

BIRTHDAYs –February

Armstrong	Peter
Hegan	Pam
Mowthorpe	Thomas
McLeod	Patricia
Wait	Bob
Inglis	Doreen
Oldfield	Douglas
Sexton	Shane
Shaw	Michelle
Ellis	Sam
Oldfield	Joy
Smith	Ian
Tomlinson	Rolly
Windsor	Thomas
Fanshaw	John
Callea	Sergio
Jenkins	Darren
Lindberg	Norm
Rose	Syd
Armstrong	Peter
Hegan	Pam

Apologies to Jan Rowson for January

Always Measure

Bob the Bowler was playing against Mulgrave in October when it came to the last measure. Bob playing third, in the moment of reckoning on the number of shots for the last end for the day, Bob was met with "2 to us "by his Mulgrave opposition third. Bob looked at the result and said, "Well I am not so sure about that. You can have one and we will measure for second. Upon measuring for second the result favored MWBC. So, it was one down to Bob's TEAM not two, which meant the result for the SIDE was a DRAW and not a LOSS, as would have been the case". The point is that opposition sides can sometimes try to bluff a result, when a simple quick measure may find things to be otherwise. There is no wrong in being wrong after you have measured.

Paul O'Donoghue (POD) RIP

Paul O'Donoghue sadly passed away in early January after battling cancer Paul (alias Poddy or POD) held a unique record at Mount Waverley Bowls. The Honour



Boards reveal that Paul won the Men's Singles 5 times, the Men's Pairs 2 times, and Men's Fours at least once. Paul went on to play in the Group event, which is now known as Champion of Champions for the Eastern Region,

where he won the Men's Singles Champion of Champions once and was Runner Up twice and similarly the Men's Pairs 1 win and 2 Runners up. Surely you may ask where this nice guy got his talent. Paul's father was a bowler of some renown and introduced him to Bowls at Surrey Hills, but Paul decided to join Mount Waverley. Surrey Hills loss was Mount Waverley's gain. Paul was a consistent member of the Club's top team. Many members were beneficiaries of his coaching skills, in which he gave generously of his time. Putting aside his Bowling skills, which were exceptional, Paul will be best remembered because he was a genuine good man, effervescent with a beaming smile a likeable member of Mount Waverley who will be sadly missed on the greens.

The Club Singles Championships 2019

On a very warm January 11th evening the Club Singles Championships were played in front of a crowd of just over 100 people. In the Ladies Championship Sarina Bonnici was the winner over Di Saugy. Both Ladies played very good bowls. Sarina got away to an early start,



before Di settled and then she steadily improved to make a good game of it against last year's winner. Di's performance was all the more commendable since she has only been playing bowls for four years. To be eligible for the final Di had won over

four rounds and so she is in-deed a worthy Runner-up to Sarina for the 2019 Championship. Congratulations to

both Sarina (left) and Di (right), who are pictured congratulating each other after the game.

Men's Singles Championship 2019

Always the Men's Singles Championship is the best game of the year and this year Joe Bonnici and Gary Cooper was no exception. The audience was held in wonder with the



quality of the bowls by each player end after end. In the early stages Joe managed a lead of 5 shots, but that was as close as it got throughout the Game. The scores were nip and tuck all the way, with scores level on no less than four occasions; at the 15th, 18th, 21st and 24th end. Then Joe would get the lead only to see it take it back

off him by Gary almost immediately. Gary Cooper finally snatched a close win after 30 ends over Joe Bonnici 25 to 22. It was a game which will become anecdotal for years to come. Well, done to both Gary and Joe, everyone who witnessed your championship performance was enthralled by an outstanding game which was good natured, played in good spirit, but competitive to the very last Bowl. Pictured is Joe (right) congratulating Gary (left) after the game.

Last edition.

January news featured two history photos of current Mount Waverley bowlers. Their identities are: The young boy sitting on the veranda in Ashburton ready for his first day at school is Bob the Bowler alias John Jennings. The second photo features David Rae on the extreme right back row pictured in his University Blazer as a member of the Kelso Cup team Scotland in 1959 (approx.)

Bob the Bowler and the CAR Code

Late in 2018 Bob, while travelling with fellow Team members formulated a **CAR Code**, which essentially can be paraphrased as 'What is said in the CAR states in the car' and remains within the silence of the **CAR Code**. Who are we? Naturally, that cannot be revealed, but Bob has been authorised to reveal a few clues, with one exception; comments about the driver's driving skills are prohibited at least while we are still alive to tell the story. What is the purpose of **CAR Code Group**? The goal of the **CAR CODE Group** is to dissect all selections as a matter of course. We solve all Bowls Victoria and MWBC issues arising as we travel to each venue. We will be identified by our Bowling talents as follows: We have a

SKIP who bobs up and down like Nadal when he bowls: We have a **Third** who confuses the opposition with his Austrian yodeling: we have a **Second** who doubles as a **COM** member, listens and in his best political speak says, 'not to worry and wait for report to come out.' We have **Bob** playing Lead holding the team together desperately trying to get Shot. All these greater skills and knowledge are on the table (green) when the **CAR Code Group** travels. However, we do enjoy our Bowls and support each other to the hilt. Now if you think you know who we are, it will be denied in accordance with the **CAR Code**. We live in hope that 2019 will be our year.

A Family Championship Affair

It was a family affair at the Club championship with Sarina and Joe Bonnici contesting the Club



Championships, but it was an evening for mixed blessings. In the Men's Championship Joe was runner up to Gary Cooper in one of the most memorable games ever played at Mount Waverley. Sarina had a comfortable win over Di Saugy in the Ladies Championship. Congratulations Joe and Sarina, you are a credit to each other, to Mount Waverley and the Game of Lawn Bowls.

Michael and Nathan Green

One of the highlights of January 2019 was a warm welcome to two new players **Michael and Nathan Green**. Work brought Michael from Richmond Tasmania



and his son Nathan to reside in Mount Waverley. Nathan caught the Bowls bug watching the Commonwealth games and other top Bowlers and was hooked. Nathan's enthusiasm to try Bowls could only be managed by

giving it a try. Michael and Nathan walked into the Club after trying surrounding Clubs and quickly found that Mount Waverley was the Club for them. Bob the Bowler was unable to determine whether Nathan followed Dad or Dad followed Nathan to join the Club. Whatever the answer may be, Mount Waverley is the big winner with two new enthusiastic Bowlers. Nathan a young man of 24,

played one his first games at Wednesday Triples with our Coach Jim Fary and bowled exceptionally well, as Bob the Bowler learnt in opposition on the day. Clearly, Jim’s coaching could be seen with Nathan getting touches like



they were going out of style. Nathan enjoyed the contest and the challenge, associated with getting the bowl on the right line and length all at the same time. Michael, whilst not able to play Wednesday because of work has joined Nathan in Saturday Pennant, where they have quickly settled in as the mainstays of the 5th team. Welcome

Michael and Nathan Green, we look forward to you enjoying the Bowls and the hospitality of Mount Waverley.

GLASSON TOURNAMENT

The prestigious Glasson **Invitation Fours tournament** comes to Mount Waverley Bowls Club this Wednesday 20 February for its 13th season. **Steve Glasson** (pictured)



coach of the **Australian Commonwealth Games** Bowls squad will once again be playing in the Championship. Steve Glasson OAM was number one in the world in 2004 and was ranked first in Australia between 1997 and 2005. He is currently the Australian National Bowls Coach in charge of the Australian Commonwealth Games team. The Glasson Fours championship is always great event for Mount Waverley and this year will be no exception. Up to 30 teams with 100+ players come from around the Region to play in this special **Mount**

Waverley event and all are assured of a great day of bowls.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol

If you serve behind our bar or are thinking of joining the bar roster in the future, this email is for you.

It is mandatory that anyone serving or selling alcohol must complete a “Responsible Serving of Alcohol” Course.

This course will be presented on Monday 18th February from 6.30 to 10.30pm



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The club has run one of these previously, but members must the certificate every three years.

The RSA program covers a range of topics including:

- " problems associated with excessive consumption
- " alcohol and the law
- " the question of who is responsible for RSA
- " facts about alcohol
- " improving the atmosphere of your premises
- " handling difficult customers.

The Alcohol & Drug Foundation through its Good Sports program (www.goodsports.com.au) enables the club to host the course at their club rooms.

The Club expects bar staff to attend this session if possible, otherwise they will need to attend a session elsewhere to complete the course.

Attendees will have the cost of the course covered by the Club.

A sign-up notice will be put up in the foyer.

Post script – The session is full.



All claims for a tax deduction of \$2 and over are subject to being accepted by the Australian Taxation Office, who can be contacted for professional advice if either an individual or business is uncertain of their taxation position.

Please speak to the Executive of the Club if you wish to donate to the Club and obtain more details.



The Police and Friends Association again came in big numbers with more than half the Players making up the Teams of Four Ball Bowls at Mount Waverley. The Greens

were in great shape and ran true with minimal wind. The Game was played under a perfect blue sky with 112



players coming from Eastern region Clubs and outer Region areas including Drouin, Cranbourne, Mornington, Ferntree Gully, Sorrento, Mulgrave, Healesville and Belvedere at Seaford. The colors were varied and bright. The gardens looked fabulous as usual



Bob the Bowler (alias John J) had a great day playing with Joe Bonnici as Skip. Joe is seen here on the right approaching from the background. Bob bowled so many **BRAG** the telling of which will have to wait for another day for reason of insufficient space and by then they will be even better.

Colin Goodwin in his own imaginative style managed the drawing of the raffle generously donated by **De Bortoli's Wines** Mount Waverley Sponsors and other goodies



donated by **Mulgrave Country Club** sponsors of the Police and Friends Association.

On Police and Friends Day at Mount Waverley Players and visitors can be assured of a healthy lunch thanks to a

team of loyal volunteers ensuring everyone is nourished. Thank you, Irene and her team of workers and helpers.

Dave Rae checks the shots with a critical eye playing against the Healesville team. To the right is Alan Fary once again enjoying the greens at Mount Waverley.



John Clark pictured below, enjoyed his day at Mount Waverley. For John it was like returning to his childhood.



John learnt his Bowls from his father Noel who was our Club President in 1992/93. John's mother Betty was also a competent Lawn Bowler for Mount Waverley around the same time. John played with colleagues from Healesville.



A game of is littered with Rules and minor disputes from time to time. Mount Waverley is very fortunate to have people like Ken Chapman, who regular is our official Umpire. It is a thankless task where it is impossible to please all the world all the time, but whatever the outcome players.

What chance does the Mulgrave player as he stands ready with the scoop while the Police blitz the measure?



The Police and Friends Runners Up

They say there is no prize for Second but David Rae's team from Mount Waverley were very pleased to accept their cheque for Runners Up presented by Pat Connor Police Association Secretary. They are pictured from left

to right with Pat, David Rae, Joe Bonnici, Bernie Brennan and John Jennings. Bob saddled with such a team of youngsters managed to keep their mind on the job and almost got them over the line, with a greater number of shots but losing 2 games to Mornington's 2.5 games. I am sure Bob's colleagues from Sides 2, 3, and 4 would understand the struggle that Bob faced in the circumstances with these young Bowlers.



Pat Connor (left) pictured shares a smile for himself and his team when he presented his team John Coates and team mate with the 2nd Game winners' cheque.



Pat Connor was among friends here with A. Fincher's team.



Geoff Crawford always looks forward to Police and Friends Day catching up with former colleagues.



Bruce Dobbie joined Mount Waverley last November after he moved into Fountain Court Retirement Village and met Barry McDonald and Sylvia Mason well known identities of the Club.



One thing led to another and Bruce found himself playing Bowls. Bruce had never tried Bowls before coming to MWBC but is settling into a competent lead on Tuesdays. Bruce has been a yachtsman with the Sandringham Yacht Club sailing "AMAYA" before finally hanging up his spinnaker after several years cresting the waves. Bruce competed in several Yacht races around Bass Strait including Melbourne to Hobart. Bruce has enjoyed sailing competitively and the more relaxed cruising. He particularly enjoyed a cruise to the America's Cup held in Auckland in the year 2000. Bruce, welcome to Mount Waverley Bowls, where you find the ups and down of delivering a bowl a little more sedate to sailing, but full of its own science in getting it just right.

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