



# BOWLED OVER

Mt Waverley Bowling Club Inc.

Newsletter January 2019

**MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.**

***'The friendly bowls club'***

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

### **Upcoming events at the Club**

#### **MWBC Men's and Ladies Singles**

See the Bonnici family in action with Sarina to play Di Saugy and Joe to play Gary Cooper on Friday 11 January with play to commence @ 4pm.

Spectators are warmly welcome and join us for happy hour and lucky members draw!

#### **Good to see Taxi back at the Club.**

Join him again at the Police & Friends Nominated Fours Tournament on Wednesday 23 January 2019 commencing at 10am



#### **Welcome back to Joe Ventura after a brief illness.**



#### **Bob's Mid-Year Review**

Mid-December MWBC, like other clubs, was called upon to field teams on Saturday and Sunday. Like other Clubs it was not received by the players with a great deal of enthusiasm. Bob's general perception why it was needed was to accommodate some State title. It is said that there are 2000+ registered Bowling Clubs with approximately 240,000 members. At Mount Waverley teams are selected not only based on who are the best players, but on the basis of who is available. It is also reported that there 850 bowlers under the age of 20 years and a further 1200 aged between 20 and 30 years. It is not the case at Mount Waverley where the average age of the 96 pennant players is closer to 75 years than it is to 25 years. Bob the Bowler reads Bowls Victoria website and delights in the bright smiles of the young people enjoying and succeeding at Lawn Bowls.

Mount Waverley like other Clubs invite and continue to invite players to try Lawn Bowls, including young people from local schools, and has not found the magic answer to attract young players who will take on the game and become part of Mount Waverley Bowls. Bowls Victoria / Australia need to support and develop a school's competition for novice Bowlers rather than Clubs operating ad-hoc and it needs to be done in collaboration with State Governments. Bob would suggest that many Bowlers playing Pennant on the 8th and 9th of December did not feel engaged with Bowls Victoria's outlined plan below.

The Bowls Victoria Strategic Plan has set its direction for the future. It identifies our Vision, Mission, Values, Goals and Priorities for 2018-2022, in the following terms;

1. Create and implement initiatives that grow participation in bowls inclusive of all.
2. Develop strong viable Clubs through employing best practice governance and supporting an engaged volunteer network.
3. Enhance our community profile through effective communication, positive media presence and commercial growth.



Guess who? This young Bowler's photo was taken on the occasion of his first day at school. He lived in Ashburton at the time.

Bob the Bowler was offered this photo which features one of our most eminent Mount Waverley bowlers. The photo clearly was taken a number of years ago, when ties were worn and double-breasted suits were the height of fashion. The trophy Cup stands prominently between 2 black bowls and the smiles of every man clearly identifies a group of proud winners.



Readers are invited to identify the Mount Waverley bowler pictured and guesstimate when and where the photo was taken

**BIRTHDAYS –JANUARY**

Epstein	Barrie	3-Jan
Harrison	Cliff	5-Jan
Morley	Bruce	5-Jan
Daws	Valda	6-Jan
Harney	Irene	7-Jan
Lewis	John	9-Jan
Cameron	Ron	11-Jan
Kenley	Noelle	16-Jan
Spence	Don	17-Jan
Ellis	Peter	18-Jan
Brown	Ron	22-Jan
Matheson	Robin	22-Jan
Dance	Barbara	24-Jan
Murray	Joanne	24-Jan
Roberts	Barry	25-Jan
Samuels	Perry	27-Jan
Benton	Pat	29-Jan

**DISCUSSION NIGHT**

**WITH THE**

**COMMITTEE OF  
MANAGEMENT**

**AT 7.00PM**

**THURSDAY 28 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

**AROUND THE GREENS**

**Steve Glasson tournament on 20 February 2019 with play commencing @ 10am**

**Around the Greens with Bob the Bowler**

Bob was called up for Tuesday Pennant and found himself playing, in perfect weather, with Mary Van Hemert against Balwyn North. Mary is an effervescent sort of a lady and is never stuck for a word. Mary does not have the most classic style in her approach, but she consistently gets shot or is in the head. In our second outing, Mary showed her real talent in a very tight game playing second. Mary’s team led by Dave Buchanan got away to a good start and went into the tea break with a lead of four shots, having won the last six ends by 1 shot each end. But as often is the case after tea, the opposition came with a rush



and scored 3 shots and went out to lead of 4. This is where Mary came into her own, with nerves of steel, had her bowls all around the Jack in each subsequent end for the score to be all square after the 19th end. Mary remained as cool as ice over the last two ends and again delivered top bowls to bring the team home for a win by 2 shots. Congratulations Mary, your performance was great to behold and a joy to be a part of for MWBC.

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Joe Bonnici gives a victory salute after one his several victories at Wednesday Social Bowls. However back in September he probably gave a similar salute when he retired from hairdressing after 40 years’ service to Melbourne’s Jewish and wider Melbourne communities.

Joe had served some of the local families for four generations. As a hairdresser Joe formed a strong relationship with the local community. In September 2018, on his last day, the community gathered at his Glen Eira Road shop to give him a fitting farewell and to pay tribute to him in 'kosher' style. The Australian



Jewish News recorded the occasion with a headline 'Community Icon's final cut'. Joe, the Mount Waverley community also applauds you for the service you gave to the Ripponlea community and bring to our Bowling Club. Well done Joe.



**Some of the faces around the Green**



**Ann Parsonson and Noel Kidman**



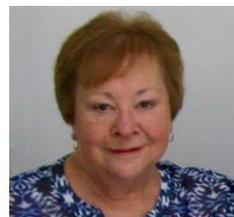
**Vale MAX NEWMAN**

It was not surprising that so many people came to pass their last farewells to Max Newman at his funeral service in December. His friends from MWBC attended in great numbers. Truly Max was a gentleman in so many ways to so many different people and will always be remembered around the Club for his wisdom and his gentleness. As one of his colleagues commented when news of his death came



through, 'he played Wednesday Bowls, passed quietly overnight and was selected for the following Saturday pennant; I hope I go the same way'. Rest in peace and thanks for sharing part your memorable journey at MWBC.

**Farewell Julie Sheedy**



Julie Sheedy died at Inverloch. late last year after a short illness Julie and Pat her husband had moved to Inverloch two years earlier planning to enjoy a pleasant retirement which was one of their getaway hideaways across several years. Julie was of a quieter nature than husband Pat but was always there to support him and their family. Julie and Pat were great supporters of young people in many different ways, particularly around the De La Salle Football Club. Bob the Bowler was fortunate to attend her funeral with 200+ others both on behalf of our association with DLS and MWBC. Pat was instrumental in bringing Bob the Bowler to MWBC who will always be grateful that he did. Julie will be sadly missed not only around Inverloch but also MWBC.

**Vale Dorothy (Dot) Stevens**

We lost another life member in Dot Stevens. A number of members attended the service for Dot at St. John's Uniting Church in Mount Waverley. Her son and granddaughter gave a moving eulogy about Dot's life. She gave 100% to all the ventures that she participated in and received numerous life memberships for her work for these organisations including Mount Waverley Bowling Club. We will greatly miss the support and efforts of Dot around the Club especially her support of Indoor bowls. Rest in peace, Dot.

**Bob the Bowler joins the OBE magic**

Bob the Bowler made 80 years back on the 7th December. Bob enjoyed a great party with family hosted by his son



Bill and family at Preston. Celebration brings great joy with grandchildren for OBE birthdays. Now when you reach 80, as a Grandparent, you can brag even louder, and that is what Bob is doing here with this photo. From the

top Poppy (alias Bob the Bowler), Amber, Jack, Ruth, Luke and Granny with Tierney, Isaac, Raf and little Xander in front. Xander always enjoys catching up with all his BIG cousins, very much fully recovered from his stroke of the previous year. Bob the Bowler acknowledges the support of MWBC for the Royal Children's hospital. Bob is very grateful for the many greetings and best wishes he has received from his Bowls colleagues.



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**COACHES CORNER****DUTIES OF A SKIPPER.**

The Skipper is the equal most important player in the team.

This person is the same as the Captain in any other sport. He/she should:

- Lead by example.
- Be cool and calm in a crisis.
- Be understanding and encouraging of his/her players.
- Be a good tactician and a psychologist.
- Hopefully, be a good bowler.
- Enjoy and thrive on pressure.

A good skipper is positive and decisive. He/she should do their best to never be negative, procrastinate or show uncertainty.

He/she should have a sense of humour and realise the players are trying their heart out.

The Skipper must be confident, have command of all shots and be alert to changes in conditions.

At the end of the day we all realise of course

If we lost – The Skipper lost it.

If we won – The team won

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