

BOWLED OVER

MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

'The friendly bowls club'

President's Message

We were looking forward to reopening the Clubhouse from Friday 26 June for the Friday social drinks and activities for up to 50 people, but unfortunately with the resurgence of COVID-19 cases in Melbourne, we will remain closed until further notice. The situation is being reviewed weekly and as soon as we feel it prudent to reopen the Clubhouse for activities, members will be advised.

Bowls practice on the synthetic green is still permitted but please register with Barrie Epstein so we have a list for any contact tracing should it be necessary. We all still have to be mindful of the 'rules' that still apply – sanitisers, social distancing and so on. Please be careful and please stay away from the Club if you are not well.

The Midweek Side 1 was to play a quarter Division Final on 30 June but Bowls Victoria has again postponed all matches due to the latest COVID-19 situation. Side 1, having won their Section final will be promoted to Div 2 in the coming season – so congratulations to all team members, well done!

I have put together a revised COM structure which is now on the Club's Notice Board. The main changes are:

- Robyn Beard will look after Community Hub activities and membership recruitment.
- David Beard will look after Functions both corporate and Club social activities. Kaye O'Hara will work with David in these areas and also look after the Kitchen.
- Barrie Epstein, who has been managing functions and Hub activities will progressively hand over to Robyn and David.

The COM will now meet twice a month to ensure that matters are dealt with as soon as possible. Please remember the COM members are your representatives and one of their roles is to provide feedback to the Committee on member's concerns or issues.

Until next month stay safe.

Bruce Bennett

Bendigo Bank Sponsorship

The Chairman of Bendigo Bank Pinewood, Robert Davies, visited the Club on Tuesday 2 June to publicise sponsorship of the Club for the 2020/21 bowling season. As part of the visit, he posed for photos with our President, Bruce Bennett and Head of Marketing, Howard Rose.



Robert Davies is also a member of Monash City Council (representing Mulgrave Ward), and the photo shoot provided a useful opportunity to discuss Club issues and plans with Robert in his role as Councillor.

Bendigo Bank's sponsorship totals \$3,650, with \$3000 allocated to the purchase of new polo shirts bearing the Club's new logo for the start of the 2020/21 bowling season. The remainder of the sponsorship money will be spent on bank advertising (Handbook and Scoreboard).

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Member Survey Results

In February 2020, the Club conducted a survey of its members.

The survey comprised questions on:

- demographics (age, gender)
- membership (type, duration)
- perceived value of membership
- perceived quality of club facilities
- how membership value and club facilities could be improved
- likelihood of continuing membership and recommending to others

50 members responded to the survey, 46 via the URL link and 4 in hardcopy. The average time taken to complete the survey was 4 minutes.

The key results from the survey were:

- Highest to lowest ranking of the Club and its facilities (out of 5) were gardens 4.6, greens 4.1, administration 3.9, clubhouse facilities 3.8 and future direction 3.6.
- 56% of survey respondents felt that their membership provided them with 'very good' to 'excellent' value. The overall rating was 3.6.
- 38% of respondents thought the Club could be doing more to provide them with better value and offered useful suggestions for how that might be achieved.
- 86% of respondents thought they would renew their membership in 2020-21, with a further 10% 'somewhat likely'.
- 76% of respondents replied 'very likely' and a further 12% 'somewhat likely' to recommend joining the club to family and friends.

The Committee of Management (COM) has appointed a small project team to review the suggestions for improvement and make implementation recommendations.

The Committee would like to thank Georgia for helping her dad, Howard, in preparing the survey of members and in analysing and presenting these results.

Welcome to New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Club so please say hello when we can get together again in the Clubhouse:

- Beverley Wong
- Anne Peterson
- Lynne Bennett

OUR NEW PENNANT SHIRTS

With sponsorship from Pinewood Bendigo Bank, the Club has been able to get new polos designed for Pennant, with our new logo on them.

The new designs are shown below, with more white for coolness and made from a material called Cyclone which is much lighter than our current polos.



You will shortly receive a size chart via email so you can email your size to Jill Anderson. If you do not have email, you will receive the chart in the mail and can ring Jill on 0414 516 714. We have checked current shirts against the new ones, and they are the same size, so if you are happy with your current polo order the same size.

The polos come in short and long sleeve, and women's come in fitted or regular. As the sponsorship does not quite cover the cost, Members will be asked to pay \$10 toward the cost. Any second shirt will be at member's cost.

We are also looking at a long-sleeved top which can be worn under the polo, which may mean you will only need one shirt (again, at member's cost).

This exciting development updates our uniform with our new logo.

By-laws Review

The Committee of Management has asked David Beard to review the Club's By-laws to make them easier to understand and to comply with. The review is focussed on reorganising, clarifying and simplifying the presentation of the By-laws but also provides the opportunity to make any amendments that are necessary.

David will welcome any input you may have, so if you have any comments, additions or suggested alterations to the By-laws, please contact David directly via email (preferred) at david_beard1@bigpond.com or by text on 0413 992 760.

What's been happening around the Club while in Lockdown – COVID-19 Update.

We live in very interesting times and trying to make decisions on how the Club moves forward can be difficult at best. The Committee of Management has been monitoring State Government, Council and Bowls Victoria directives on what we can and can't do with bowling activities and usage of the Clubhouse.

- Clubhouse – The Club is still closed to any gatherings within the Clubhouse itself. The current Government rules do allow up to 20 people (with a 4 sqm per person limit), but the Committee felt with the surge in COVID-19 cases, to remain closed and review the situation weekly.
- Bowls Practice - Bowls practice will continue in its current form but the limit to numbers allowed on the Green at any one time has been lifted to 32. The West Green is still the only one available to practice on currently. If you wish to come to the Club to practice, you still need to book your time with Barrie Epstein.
- Pennant Dates - The Club has received advice from Bowls Victoria that they have changed the start dates for the upcoming Pennant season. Weekend Pennant will now commence on Saturday 26th September and Midweek will commence on Tuesday 29th September. The Club Opening Breakfast will be brought forward to early in September and pennant practice matches will also be brought forward. We will advise you of these events as soon as we lock in the dates.
- Winter Social Bowls – This will be subject to reopening of the Clubhouse but we would hope to recommence Wednesday and Saturday Social Bowls from late July and then into August.
- Midweek Division Finals – The first round Quarter Finals were to be played on 30th June but have again been postponed by Bowls Victoria. Side1 was to play Coatesville but it is not clear if the matches will be rescheduled or cancelled completely.
- Club Championships – Hopefully the two remaining finals (Triples and Mixed Pairs) can be played during July, subject to team members being available and willing to play in the current COVID-19 environment.

Liquor Licence Nominee

Congratulations to Minh Vo who is now the Nominee for our Liquor Licence. Minh undertook a number of training courses to satisfy the regulatory requirements, for which the Club is grateful.

Graeme Tempamy has been our Nominee for many years and is to be congratulated for doing a great job of ensuring the Club meets its obligations under the Liquor Licence Regulations. Well done Graeme!

We need you!

The current teams need more volunteers to help with the weekly housekeeping and ongoing maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds. Contact Ian Mclean on 0418 991 905 to let the Committee know when you are available to help.

Birthdays for July

Adam	Les
Crellin	Peter
Gleeson	Shelagh
Husband	Gareth
Jarred	Barry
Kerry	Lucas
Lai	Walter
Rae	David
Robertson	Graeme
Sharp	Alan
Sluggett	Richard
Ventura	Joe

Thinking of you

We hope that all club members are staying safe, well and coping with the isolation from families and bowls club friends.

The Club wishes Dave Logan a speedy recovery from having four stents put in and all goes well for Barry Roberts when he sees the specialist following hurting his back.



Footy's Back

Chris Cullinan, the Club's footy tipping guru, has been working hard keeping up with the vagaries of the 2020 AFL footy season. With the season now resumed but the Clubhouse remaining closed, we thought the newsletter would be the best means to let members know who are the Club's best footy tipsters.

The leading tipsters after Round 3 are:

Round 3	Points
Kay O'Hara	17
John Jennings	17
Phil Rosengarten	16
John Fanshaw	15
Serge Callea	15
Sue Brennan	15
Kevin Pendlebury	15

Social Committee

As we move into easing of social distancing restrictions, there is an opportunity for you to become involved in the social activities of the Club. If you are interested, post social isolation, in becoming part of the Social Committee that organizes these activities and fund raisers for the Club, please let Kaye O'Hara know: pk.ohara@bigpond.com.

Let's have a laugh

Two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparent's home.

When it was time for bed, the two boys knelt down and began to say some prayers.

Suddenly, the younger brother began to yell at the top of his voice:

'I PRAY FOR A BIKE',

'I PRAY FOR A NEW COMPUTER'

'I PRAY FOR A TRIP TO DISNEYLAND'

His older brother leaned over and whispered, 'there is no need to shout. God is not deaf'

'I know' said the younger brother, 'but grandma sure is!'

(Thank you Mallee Track Social Support Newsletter)

Bowled Over Quiz

1. What fruit has seeds on the outside?
2. What loses its head in the morning but gets it back at night?
3. People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?
4. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
5. Peter is a butcher; he is 5'10 tall. What does he weigh?
6. What kind of bell doesn't ring?
7. Why are birds poor?
8. What kind of lottery did the broom win?

Answers - next edition.

Bowled Over - Contributions

Any ideas, suggestions or contributions you would like considered for inclusion in Bowled Over should be forwarded to Robyn Beard (Editor) at: rmadillo@hotmail.com or by text 0412 793 122.

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