

# BOWLED OVER

November 2020

**MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.**

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

## COVID-19 Update:

## President's Message

Covid-19 – Good news at last! We can now get back onto the Greens for some long awaited practice. We are hopeful that the Bar will reopen in November. The last time it was open was Friday 20th March – some 7 months ago. Hard to believe but true.

Bowls Vic have announced interim Pennant resumption dates of:

- Weekend Pennant – 28th November.
- Midweek Pennant – 1st December.

Both will have 14 rounds and run until mid March 2021.

If any member wishes to withdraw from playing Pennant due to Covid concerns or for any other reason, please advise Barrie Epstein. The Club needs to advise Bowls Vic in early November the number of teams we intend to play.

Handbook – The new Handbook is currently with the printer and we expect it to be available during November/December.

Centre Green – The Centre Green is expected to be available for play mid November.

Club Secretary – David Beard has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Club following the resignation of Ian Wilson. We wish David well in the new role.

The Committee of Management now has a vacancy for a new member. If you would like to be involved in running the Club, please contact David Beard or any COM member and make an application.

East Green – We have had further talks with Council over the East Green being used for to play croquet. Council is keen to peruse this further and we now await further developments from Council.

Until next month...

Bruce Bennett



We are all excited that the Club has been able to reopen for practise on the West Green as of Monday 26 October.

To achieve this reopening, the Club has submitted a Covid Safe Plan to Sport and Recreation and the City of Monash which has been approved.

Members are required to comply with the commitments we have made in this Plan to ensure everyone remains Covid safe.

Keys elements of this Plan are:

- Members must pre-book their 2 hour practise session with Barrie Epstein (0431 966 449)
- Maximum of 10 persons at any time
- Members must sign in and sign out with their contact details in the West bowls shed
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres to be maintained at all times
- Face masks to be worn **at all times** except when actually delivering a bowl or communicating
- Jacks and mats are to be used by one person only and returned to the 'Used mat' trolley when you finish.
- Marshals will be at the Club to assist you in adhering to the Plan.

A full list of member responsibilities is posted in the West bowls shed and on signs around the Club.

The CLUBHOUSE remains CLOSED to all members with the toilets able to be accessed externally by those who are practising only.

**NOTE:** THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO CHANGE RAPIDLY AND WE ARE NOT EXPECTING GREATER CLARITY UNTIL AFTER THE BOWLS VICTORIA MEETING ON 9 NOVEMBER.

***We need you!***

### ***Vacancy on the Committee of Management***

***Help support your Club by joining the Committee of Management. You would be helping in the functions area with Barrie as your mentor.***

**Contact David Beard or any member of the COM to discuss.**

## Strategic Plan

This month we focus attention on the **Vision** set out in our Strategic Plan.

Developing a Vision for a Strategic Plan is about having the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. Having a Vision means we have a clear sense of purpose. It also means that we have a much larger picture of our business than simply setting and reaching short-term goals and tackling problems as they come along.

Our **Vision** for Mount Waverley Bowling Club is **a sustainable, bowls-focussed, sporting and recreational club servicing its members and the wider community.**

This represents a broader view of the Club's future than we had have had historically, but recognises important changes that have occurred, or are occurring, in our external and internal environments.

We mentioned some of those factors in the October Newsletter i.e. Council's view on sporting Clubs, and the ageing of our membership base. But there a host more of these factors and these are identified under Strengths and Weaknesses, and Opportunities and Threats in the Strategic Plan.

Taking each important term in our Vision in turn:

- **Sustainable** means that we want the Club to be here for the long-term, requiring us to operate profitably, including a surplus that can be used for major maintenance and upgrade projects
- **Bowls-focussed, sporting and recreational Club** means that the principal sporting activity at the Club will be playing bowls, but it does not rule out the playing of complementary sports (e.g. croquet). It also means that, in addition to providing sporting facilities, the Club will provide recreational and social opportunities
- **Members and the Wider Community** means that the Club's sporting and recreational facilities will be enjoyed not only by our members, but the wider community.

In summary, our **Vision** provides an essential framework for developing plans and actions to help guide us towards a successful future.

## Greens Report

Due to the club being closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic and no bowling possible, it was decided to move forward the top dressing of the centre green from December to September this year.

The Centre Green has been scarified, top dressed and the club end ditch has been repaired. By moving the works forward the centre green will not be closed during the summer.

The Centre Green should be ready for play by middle of November.

The West Green is in excellent condition and ready for play. It will be used for more pennant games in 2020-21 due to the decision to not use our East Green for Pennant. The West Green is also our go to green for coaching and social bowls.

The East Green, is being maintained to a level that if required for play, can be very quickly brought up to a reasonable standard.

Joe Bonnici

Greens Director

## Toe Absence Virus

One member of the Club seems to be concerned about a recent problem for him when he returns to Bowls next month.

He has written to the Selectors (anonymously), in the following terms:

"Mr Vice ( or rather, Mr Chairman of Selectors)

I received your latest missive about the Club and Pennant re-starting and I am now VERY worried.

I am anxious to play pennant, BUT unfortunately, I have just looked down and presently, --- I cannot see my toes. What could have caused that??

Will this potential absence of toes perhaps impede my Selection?? It has only become an issue recently for me. I don't know, and perhaps my eyes are giving up on me?

I think my toes are there (somewhere), as I just stubbed them on my Bowls Bag when I went to look for it.

I have kept up "my grip strength" in recent months though, as I can still hold a "glass" rock steady.

I am sending this anonymously to you, in case you might think that to be on the safe side, you might think to drop me to the "Weekend fifth side" ( er --- no offence to any others assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> side!!).

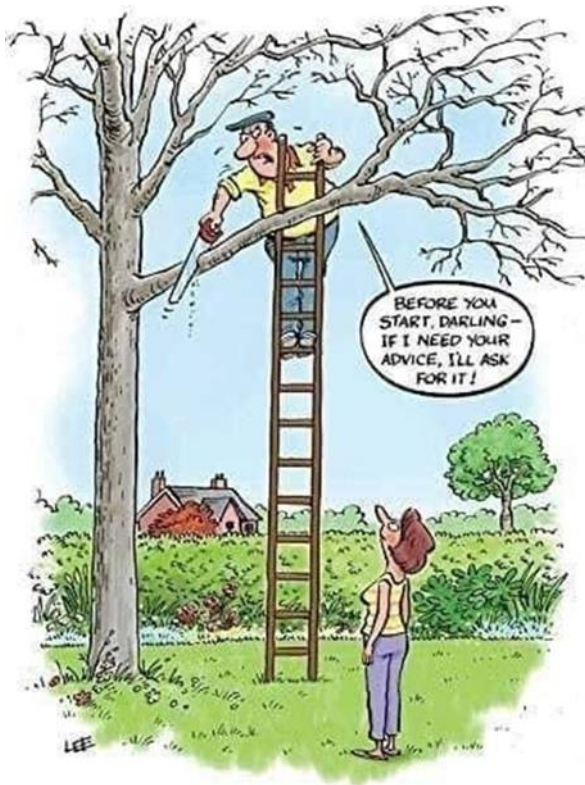
Any guidance would be welcome.

From

An Anonymous Bowler



Thank you to our new sponsor. PK Free Range Butchers of Mt Waverley. We really appreciate that our new sponsor has come on board despite the many challenges this year. PK Butchers has been supplying meat for our corporate events, now they are supporting us further by sponsorship. When in Mt Waverley, consider visiting PK Butchers for your free-range meat, chicken and fish needs.



Here we are  
Learning to live with COVID  
An invisible challenge  
For all to deal with

How can we stay connected,  
While remaining socially distanced?

ZOOM.....  
That's the way  
Yes lets ZOOM  
Friday nights every second week  
A new way to socially connect

So we can come together  
With the Bruces' aplenty,  
Harney and Colemans too,  
Let's not forget Charles and Norma,  
Jen, Jill, Jim and Rhys,  
Bonnici's, O'Hara and Beard's  
To name just a few.

You too can join,  
Come ZOOM and catch up

### What's been happening around the Club while in Lockdown - Social Catch Up

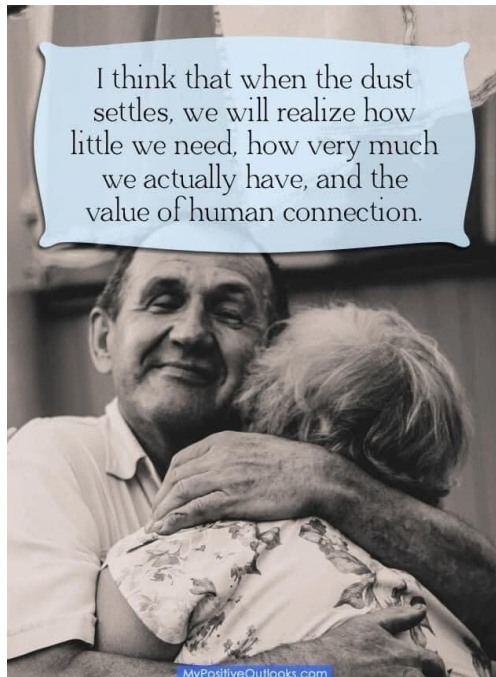
Our fortnightly ZOOM social catch ups are continuing. Lots of laughter and fun had by all in attendance.

The winners of the October football finals theme were: first week, the Coleman's with their tigers theme and the second week Rhys Keys Collingwood?????. Thank you everyone who participated. A big thank you to Peter O'Hare for providing the prizes.



The November ZOOM catch ups will **occur Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> commencing 4.30pm**. As November is the Spring horse racing time the theme will be around Horse racing fever. Come with your best hat, jockey colours etc.

Please contact Kaye O'Hara to find out more about the Zoom catch ups on 0417 015 991. If you would like to join in, contact Robyn Beard via email on [rmadillo@hotmail.com](mailto:rmadillo@hotmail.com) or on 0412 793 122 and the link will be sent to you on the Wednesday prior to the meeting.



## Pet Captions!



Thanks Norma Wilkinson: - Rebus 13yr Russian Blue & Sumi 6/12 Snowshoe kitten "spooning" on a cold day.

What have your pets been up to during Covid? Send your photos with caption to the Bowled Over editor, Robyn at [rmadillo@hotmail.com](mailto:rmadillo@hotmail.com).

## Focus on a club member.

Our bowling club would not operate without the input of our volunteer club members. Over future Bowled Over newsletters, we will be highlighting individual club members.

This month in the spotlight is Maryanne Hopkins. Maryanne joined the club late last year as a social member. Maryanne was the second female gardening apprentice to train under Kevin Heinze at the City of Melbourne before working in councils and retail nurseries. Her horticultural background has been a great fit with our gardening team. You will see Maryanne around the garden removing those pesky weeds, blackspot from the roses and other gardening needs.

As we are now journeying towards a time when we can reopen, if you are not already volunteering around the club have a think about where you could possible help out, be it weekly, monthly or what suits your circumstances. Contact **Ian McLean 0418 991 905** and he will connect you to a volunteer team



*Maryanne Hopkins*

## Bereavements in October:

Judith Spence – Judith had been a long term member of the Club, joining in 1988, and will be well known to many of our current members.

The Club passes on its sympathy and condolences to Don, his family and friends.



October has been a month where some of our members have been experiencing health challenges.

Robin Matheson has had a fall and is currently in Knox Private Hospital. If you want to check how Robin is traveling please give Graeme a call at home.

Joan Anderson has had an operation and should now be recovering at home

If you or someone you know, are not doing OK, contact Bernie Brennan (9807 1211) or Barbara Dance (9807 1343).

### **Birthdays for November**

- Robyn Beard
- Les Brown
- Robin Chandler
- Barbara Coleman
- Monika Emerson
- Peter Harney
- Richard Horban
- Enid Kelly
- Rhys Keys
- David Logan
- Lindsay Markham
- Graeme Matheson
- Ayhan Resul
- Graeme Robinson
- Jill Suckling
- John Tranter
- Mary Van Hemert
- Donald Ware
- John Whyke

### **Bowled Over Quiz**

1. Which word in the dictionary is spelt incorrectly?
2. What's always coming but never arrives?
3. I can be written, I can be spoken, I can be exposed, I can be broken. Who am I?
4. What coat is best put on wet?
5. On which day of the year do fewest people die?
6. Two men had lunch together and order iced teas to drink. One had five during lunch while the other man had only one. All of the drinks were poisoned. The man that had only one drink died but the man that had five drinks survived. How can that be?
7. If you tell me the truth I will kill you with my sword, if you tell me a lie I will kill you with my spell. What must you survive to survive?

### **For those who like cryptic challenges**

1. What flattens all mountains, wipes out all species, destroys all buildings and turn everything into pieces?
2. What gets wet when it dries?
3. What is so delicate even saying its name will break it?
4. A rooster lays an egg on top of a roof. Which way does it roll?
5. What is the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end, and the end of every race?

Quiz Answers - next edition.

### **You too can help the Club**

Looking for a way to financially support the Club and receive a personal tax deduction? We have several projects that we are seeking funding – new club furniture, new logo's, BBQ equipment, scoreboards and clubhouse repairs.

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.**

**Australian  
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## HOW'S YOUR QUARANTINE HAIRDO LOOKIN'?



## Don't wash your hair in the shower

(It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful)

IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH IT ..... A WARNING TO US ALL!!!

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner!  
I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair,  
the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed  
very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning,  
"FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight!  
Well, I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to  
start showering with Dawn dishwashing soap  
instead. Its label reads,  
"DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE  
DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Problem solved!  
If I don't answer the phone I'll be in the shower!!!

**SHARE if it made you LAUGH!**



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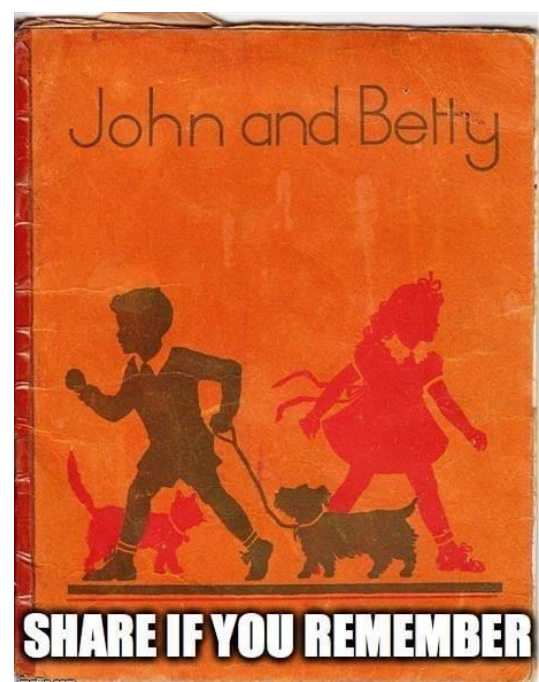
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Who remembers this



## Answers to the October Bowled Over Quiz:

1. Its lid
2. A map
3. A skull
4. A barber
5. A teapot
6. A stamp
7. Mary lives in the Southern Hemisphere

## Answers to the October Cryptic Quiz:

1. A hole
2. Your voice
3. Shot (you just add 'er')
4. The letter 'w'
5. 12 – January 2nd, February 2nd, etc.

## Keep your contributions coming

Keep your contributions coming in. It is always exciting to see what members have been up to, including their pets for pet caption. Send in your contribution for Bowled Over to Robyn Beard (Editor) [rmadillo@hotmail.com](mailto:rmadillo@hotmail.com) or on 0412 793 122.

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 Ryman Healthcare Services  
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## Seen around our neighbourhood

Spoonville spotted while walking along the Gardiners Creek Trail in Blackburn.

What are you seeing around your neighbourhoods? Send in a photo for the next Bowled Over. Robyn Beard 0412793122 or [rmadillo@hotmail.com](mailto:rmadillo@hotmail.com)

