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**MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.**

*'The friendly bowls club'*

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**March 2022**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi Club Members.

As I write this report, we have just completed our Weekend Pennant season and have performed well during this season. I wish to thank all Selectors, Team Managers and players for their help, support and dedication to the Club and hope that you enjoyed playing in the competition. The Wednesday Social bowls are progressing well, and the playing numbers have been up with the first Wednesdays on the month doing well. Special thanks to Jim Fary, Gary Howell, and Bernie Brennan in managing this activity.

The Club Championship events are in full swing, and it was fantastic to see so many members come down to watch the Men's and Ladies Singles Final on Friday 18th February. Congratulations to Joe and Sarina Bonnici for winning their respective events. The matches were wonderful examples of our sport. There are more finals being held this month, so check the board at the Club to see when they are and come down and support your club mates when they are on.

We have scheduled the Club Presentation Dinner for Friday 22nd of April, so please add that to your diary. More details about this function will come out soon.

February was also a sad month for our Club. We had the passing of our head umpire Ken Chapman on the 7th of February. Ken was an integral member of the Club and was always available to ask about the laws and rules of our sport. He had been a National and International Bowls Umpire over his long association with Bowls. Our deepest condolences go to his family and especially to our club member Sheila Dillon, who was Ken's long-time friend and companion. We also had the passing of club member Peter Reilly, who left us on the 17th of February. He died peacefully at home and our condolences go to his family. Peter was always a gentle and friendly

member who was very well known throughout the bowls community, playing in lots of tournaments and competitions at many clubs around Melbourne. We also lost our former club member Michael Stransky in early February who died of complications with COVID and other underlying issues. He was a member of a club for several years and played a lot of pennant and other tournaments around Melbourne. Peter Reilly, Michael and I played together many times at various bowls clubs, and we enjoyed the sport together. All these great members will be missed.

The Club's negotiations with Monash Council re the renewal of our lease are currently on hold pending the Council's development of a Strategic Plan for bowls within the Monash area. A meeting with the other Monash Bowls Clubs has been held to discuss the Council's strategic direction for our sport. Since the Monash Bowls Forum in December, a draft Discussion Paper has been developed by the Council. We anticipate that this will soon be presented to Council, with a view to then releasing the paper for community consultation. The consultation period typically lasts for 4-6 weeks and as soon as we have the paper, we will present it to the members for discussion.

The Social Deck is in the final stage of technical design and will then proceed to the permit planning stage. We anticipate that the deck will be constructed soon after sorting out the best mechanism for construction and receiving final go-ahead from the relevant authorities. Thank-you to the Steering Committee for all their hard work on reaching this point. With our new deck build underway we would like to renew the appearance of the Clubhouse. This may include modernising the interior e.g. Foyer, improving the outside of the Club and providing furniture and heating for the deck. COM has re-opened the Rebuild the Mount fundraising opportunity to provide either a direct donation via a funds transfer to the Club's account or a credit card payment over the bar

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or a tax-deductible donation through the Australian Sports Foundation. So far, over \$3500 has been donated and I really appreciate the support that Club members have already shown. The COM are starting to look at opportunities to make these improvements and we will be looking for your help and support as we move forward.

Since the beginning of this year, we are still receiving numerous enquiries for Corporate/Private functions to be held at the Club. We have a number already booked in for March so I would like your help and support to manage all these events and will be calling on you to volunteer and provide your time. I will be providing sheets in the foyer for each event.

Please stay safe and well and enjoy our wonderful Club.

Barrie Epstein

### Club Singles Championship Finals

Club singles finals are always a highlight on the calendar. This year we had the added bonus of seeing a husband and wife take out the double. First time winner Joe Bonnici joined his wife Sarina in her second win.



Club Champions Sarina and Joe Bonnici



Joe with runners up David Rae



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**Ladies runners up Jenny Roberts with Sarina**

The ladies game was a repeat of last year Sarina and Jenny Roberts battling it out for a win. This year Sarina was successful. It was a close match, keeping the spectators watching until the very last bowl.

### **A Great Atmosphere**

The afternoon was an example of the exciting, vibrant atmosphere our club can create on a Friday afternoon/evening. Dozens of members with family and friends enjoyed the convivial experience with a sausage sizzle and open bar. It is hoped members will bring a similar feeling to the new monthly Friday night gatherings which are planned to start on 24 March and will feature food and happy hour drink prices.

### **Free Fridays**

As well as the third Friday in the month special social events, the club continues to run the Free Friday come and try bowls from 4pm. This will continue running until the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Bring your family and friends along to try out bowling as well as having a social drink. If you are able to help out, don't forget to put your name on the list in the club house foyer.

### **All generation FAMILY FUN BOWLS DAY**

MWBC in partnership with Monash City Council are running an all generation family fun bowls day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 12:30 -2:30pm. It is a great opportunity for you to bring along your family and friends. Registration for this free event is required via [www.trybooking.com/BVRKE](http://www.trybooking.com/BVRKE) or telephone 9518 3555.

### **Wednesday Social Bowls:**

Jim Fary along with the Wednesday Social Bowls Committee have been encouraging as many people as possible to come and play on the first Wednesday of each month. February was a very successful day.

Club member Veto DeCesare is going to provide a pasta lunch for all attending the April Social Wednesday. Who can you invite to come along?

### **RSA renewal:**

Did you do your RSA training in 2019? If so, it is time for you to do a renewal course. This is now available online. You will need your certificate number to enter the training area. A copy of your RSA certificate should be at the club if you are not able to find the original at home.

### **Working with Children:**

If you have a working with children's card, it needs renewing after 5 years. You should get a reminder email 28 days before it expires. It is worth checking the date it expires though. Renewal is available online. If you have renewed your working with children don't forget to let the club secretary know.

### **Ashwood Secondary College:**

As part of the PE program at Ashwood Secondary College, the year 10 students are having an opportunity to experience lawn bowls, a sport for life. There will be two classes over a three week period coming to MWBC on Tuesdays and Fridays commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.





Max Beattie  
Ken Biggs  
Michelle Chan  
Julie Coleman  
Kath Johnston  
Esme King  
Angus Reynolds  
Jill Rogers  
Phil Rosengarten  
Joan Skinner  
Joy Tempany  
John Tynan  
Minh Vo



Speaking of birthdays, our club's greens are becoming a popular venue to celebrate them, and many other events for that matter.

Some of the activity recently seen on our greens



### Did You Know.....?

The land that the club house sits on was purchased in 1964. The Club also owned land facing onto High Street Road. This were sold in 1967 and the proceeds used to pay for the retaining wall at the back of the clubhouse. The club greens sit on reclaimed land that formed part of the Damper Creek watercourse. The area around Damper Creek would originally have been a valuable source of food for the traditional inhabitants of the area – the Wurundjeri. With a history like that and our modern bar we could well become the Damper Creek Waterhole.



**Footy Tipping**  
**Attention Football Experts.....**  
**And the not so expert.**

The AFL Football season starts on 16 March with last year's grand finalists playing the season opener! Why not join in the club AFL Footy Tipping Competition? It's fun and cheap entertainment each week with some great cash prizes during and at the end of the season.

**COST** \$30 for the season (\$1.30 per week)

Money should be paid by 30 March, please.

**PRIZES.** First, second and third at the end of the season.

There will be 4 weekly prizes during the season.

Prize details will be advised when participant numbers are finalized.

**How can you join?** Contact Chris Cullinan -  
[christophercullinan@bigpond.com](mailto:christophercullinan@bigpond.com)



**Rose Society**

After a two year absence due to Covid restrictions, the Rose Society of Victoria will be holding an Autumn Rose Show in the Clubhouse on Saturday 9 April. Setting up for the show will occur on Friday afternoon. The Rose Show will be open to Club members and the public from 11:00am until 4:30pm - \$5 entry fee. Come along and bring your friends to see the award winning roses and obtain free advice on how to grow them at home. Potted roses and Neutrog fertilizers will also be available for sale on the day.

**U3ABowls**

For the past three years Mount Waverley Bowls Club have hosted a group from the Mount Waverley U3A to experience the pleasures of bowls. The group began under the guidance of Mihn Vo and more recently he has been assisted by Bev Wong. There appears to be a few good bowlers amongst them. We have actually picked up a few members from the group.

**Interpreting Skip Speak**

"Good Line" = lousy weight.

"A good back bowl" = nearly in the ditch

"Could be useful there" = not in the ball park

Heard one of our member's comment the other day that he thought he was the second-best bowler in the club, because everyone he speaks to reckons, they're the best.

The one I like is.

It's a still day not a breath of wind. Bowler puts down a bowl with extremely lousy line and is heard to say "did you see the wind catch that"

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