



BOWLED OVER



MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

'The friendly bowls club'

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April 2022

Club Championships Roundup



Men's Singles Finalists Joe Bonnici and David Rae

All club Championship matches have been completed. The club congratulates all the finalists. All matches had close results.

Time prevented the running of the Open Triples during the season so this event

will be held as a winter event. Watch "Bowled Over" for details.

Thanks to everyone who took part to provide some very entertaining games. Despite the late start we were able to complete the Ladies and Men's singles in time for the



Pairs Finalists Jill Fary, Jill Anderson and Lindsay Markham and Bernie Brennan

Eastern Ranges Champion of Champions Competition. A truly spousal success. The singles finals presented two very different games. In the Men's final Joe was in great drawing form on a beautiful

running quick green.

The Ladies final was a re-run of last year with a reverse result, Sarina Bonnici narrowly defeated Jenny Roberts with a late surge to reach the 25 shots first.

A Bonnici double. Well deserved!!

The finals have been completed in plenty of time for the Presentation Dinner. Thanks to David Rae and Celia Ware for their tremendous work in running the events.

Our Club championships concluded on 8 April which proved a fitting climax for the events. There was a good number of members to witness the games and enjoy a sausage sizzle and our normal Friday Happy Hour prices at the bar.



Ladies Finalists Jenny Roberts and Sarina Bonnici

Club Championships Winners and Runners-Up in each section were.

Ladies Singles

Champion Sarina Bonnici

Runner-up Jenny Roberts

Men's Singles

Champion: Joe Bonnici

Runner-up: David Rae

Men's Pairs

Champions: Gary Cooper & Doug Oldfield

Runners-up: Brad Matheson & Bernie Brennan

Ladies Pairs

Champions: Bev Wong & Sarina Bonnici

Runners-up: Jill Anderson & Jenny Roberts

Mixed Pairs

Champions: Lindsay Markham & Bernie Brennan

Runners-Up: Jill Anderson & Jim Fary

Novice Singles

Champion: Vito De Casare

Runner-Up: Peter Crellin

100 up

Champion: Barrie Epstein

Runner-Up: Mark Bowles

Open Triples. To be Played during off season



Thanks Vito.

Wednesday Bowls took on a new feeling in April. Vito De Cesare, with Sarina's help, generously provided a pasta and meat ball lunch for bowlers. The meal was very plentiful and very tasty. It must be said that there were a lot of lethargic bowlers on the green after lunch Thanks Vito. It was pleasing to have 43 bowlers take part in the day.



Don't forget to join in Wednesday Bowls during the off season.

Mt Waverley players just keep on turning up in Unexpected Places

Each year there is a "prestigious" tournament held at Glen Waverley for past students of the Associated Public Schools. It's been going for nearly 50 years.

Before Co-Ed it used to be known as "the old boys" bowls day. Now it's very much open to both men and ladies. Your editor was there



to represent his old school. Imagine his dismay when arriving at the greens to be confronted by the above crew representing Wesley. You just can't get away from some people.

Monash Council All Generation FAMILY FUN BOWLS DAY

In partnership with Monash Council, the club hosted the first ALL Generations FAMILY FUN BOWLS DAY on 13 March. Despite being a long weekend approximately 50 people from all age groups attended



well as indoor activities for children. After a little instruction the potential from the younger generation was evident.

Activities included a BBQ, Bowls, Tai Chi, provided by U3A, as



The very young were not overlooked. There was finger painting for their enjoyment. When the activities were over the B-B-Q proved popular.

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All Generations Day (Con't)

While all the day's activities were going on our club pairs semi-final was being played. The day was a great opportunity to advertise our club to the community

Our Maintenance Team in Action

We bowlers are a real intelligent lot, especially when it comes to changing a light bulb. After much consternation the job appeared too hard so it was left to another day.

Finally success!!!, after a lot of head scratching and tree pruning the light was lowered and the bulb changed, whether it liked it or not.

The best part, the Electric Light Bowlers were not left groping around in the dark. Come on guys, you look like a group of Thirds trying to decide who's got shot.



School Bowls is back

Over the past few weeks the club has provided the venue and volunteers for students from Ashwood Secondary College and Huntingtower School to experience lawn bowling, a sport for life. It's good to see schools back on our greens and to see the skills development of the younger generation at our game. Hopefully it will continue



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Electric Light Season Roundup

Disappointingly, the 2022-23 season was not our most successful. Mount Waverley managed to win just 4 games during the season. However, after being promoted from last season, our win loss ratio was not a true indication of our performance. We proved very competitive in many of our games, however a number of results did not go in our favour.

One very positive aspect taken from the season was the tremendous attitude felt on the greens. Having more players than required, it was necessary for members to be rostered out of the teams on a rotation basis. Players accepted this willingly and in good spirit. This made everyone's participation a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Thanks to Chris Cullinan and Phil Rosengarten for the work they put in during the season.

Can
You

VOLUNTEER

Having read the recent emails from our President, you will have noticed that the Club is always in need of volunteers, especially for Corporate Events.

Can you help? -- "**Maybe**" - you might reply!
You will find any efforts that you offer to the Club are appreciated and very rewarding, not only to the Club, -
--- but more so, ---- to **you personally**.

As you know, those who use the Club for Corporate Events are usually local and your participation is a great way for you to connect with and share your love of Bowls, with all those other locals.

Give yourself a good feeling and enjoy a bit of fellowship with other members while volunteering



April Birthdays

Allan Anderson
Carolyn Barton
Roger Carter
Joe Bonnici
Mark Bowles
Margaret Campbell
Richard Coleman
Connie Epstein
Jim Fary
Roslyn Harding
Dennis Litchfield
JulieWest

Deck Furniture has arrived

Late last year the Club was granted \$2000 from the State Government Covid Outdoor Recovery Fund. This money has been used for the purchase of 4 sets of tables and chairs which can be left outside permanently. This should add to our attractiveness for external groups and the local community to use our club. We've got the furniture, now we are just waiting for the deck.

A few patient members getting into the mood.

Don't worry though, once the bureaucracy has been satisfied it will all be happening



A Selectors Prayer

Blessed are they who can play sport
Blessed are they who can still be taught
Blessed are they who accept with grace
To play in any selected place



How's this for a shot. If you are viewing this newsletter on line, click on the link. You'll be amazed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4ohG2I0NA8>

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**Make welcome and say hi
to the following new club
members**

Shirley Melissas
Bob and Joan Field
Margaret Campbell
Margaret Carr

Welcome to MWBC:

Introducing: Joan and Bob Field



Welcome Joan and Bob who recently joined our Club. This couple moved from a Retirement Village in Wheelers Hill to be closer to a daughter who was badly injured in a car accident and this brought them closer to MWBC.

Having only bowled previously in the Village, they are now playing on our Social days. Make sure to say hello.

Fun Fact: they previously ran a Toy shop in the Northcote Plaza

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For Self Funded Retirees

This note may be of interest to Those club members who are dependent in full or in part on their own superannuation savings in their retirement. They are commonly called Self- Funded Retirees. This group includes those individuals who run their own Self-Managed Super Fund, or those who are not on a fully paid pension.



For information, there is a local 'not-for-profit' group which takes a particular interest in this area and it is called the Association of Independent Retirees (or AIR). Learn more about them at: <https://www.independentretirees.com.au/>