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Club Mobile: 0478 952 026

60 Years - 1964 - 2024

April 2025

*****CONGRATULATIONS - CLUB SINGLES FINALISTS 2025.*****



Lindsay Markham, Finalist 2025



Bev Wong Ladies Champion 2025



Joe Bonnici Mens Champion 2025



Minh Vo Finalist 2025

Remaining Finals are due to be played on Friday 2nd May at 2.00pm.

Rescheduling may occur where players are due to play in more than one final

April 2025



We had an excellent turnout of 18 teams of triples for the Jellis Craig Cup on Saturday 5 April. This was a day which was quite chilly in the early morning but turned into a lovely sunny day later.



Overall winners: David Bloom, Gary Senn, Tom Perry(skip)

Thanks to our tournament Coordinator Richard Sluggett, while Jill Anderson, Celia Ware, and Michael Patterson made sure things ran smoothly on the day, Peter Harney, as always, in the bar, provided great refreshments for players and spectators.

Michelle Chan and the Social Committee provided warm hot cross buns on arrival followed up by a great afternoon tea after the game with sandwiches, cakes, etc which received high compliments from all present.

Our centre green also received high praise from visiting players. Thanks to Michael Dimittia our greenkeeper and Joe Bonnici our Greens Director.

Ladies Pairs Final



Down to the wire !!!

17-15 after an extra end !!

**Champions- on left
Michelle Chan and Jenny Roberts (skip)
Finalists - on right
Maisie Tsoi and Sarina Bonnici (skip)**

THE PRESENTATION DAY LUNCH



**SUNDAY MAY 18TH
12.00 noon**

Come and applaud our best bowlers of the year.

FUN AND GAMES ON FRIDAY

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FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

4.30. - 6.30 pm

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WINTER BOWLS

IS BACK

COMMENCING WED 30TH APRIL

Wednesday Format

- Bowls commence 10:30am each Wednesday, sheets in the foyer
- Alternately contact Alan Sharp on 0417 573 819 by 8:30am on the day
- Later entries **may** be accepted, based on the balancing of team sizes
- \$10 green fees and BYO lunch
- Prizes will be based on numbers
- Dress code: Mufti

Saturday Format

- No formal Saturday arrangements
- Just turn up at 10:30am and organise an informal game amongst yourselves
- No cost



Aren't you lucky - Toronto Bowls Club !!!

FIND A NEW MEMBER

Help our Recruitment Working Group meet their target.

Together with our club coaches, the Recruitment Working Group will be running a Beginners course starting on 2nd May.

Encourage friend, a neighbour or a relative to join the program. Young and old welcome !!

A relaxed morning with tea/coffee and biscuits to follow!

All you need will be flat soled shoes / runners.



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PLAYING IN A TEAM

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Much of our competitive bowls is spent playing "fours". This is fundamentally a team game in which everybody has an important role to play.

The lead.

While you may think that the lead's role is to put two bowls close to the jack, there are three tasks to be completed before a bowl is delivered.

1- Placing the mat. The mat is a tactical tool. It's position is one factor in deciding the length of the end. A lead should always talk to the skip at the start of a game to discuss the position of the mat. At each end the lead, before placing the mat, should always have an eye to the skip to see if any change to the position is required.

Always face the rink number when placing the mat - that way you will never place it on the wrong line !!

2- Delivering the jack. The jack is also a tactical tool. Combined with the placing of the mat the position of the jack determines the length of the end. As with the mat the lead should look to the skip to provide guidance on the length to which the jack should be rolled.

Rolling the jack is a skill in itself and requires just as much attention as delivering your bowl. Jack which are rolled outside the rink boundaries are an absolute NO-NO !!

3- Centring the jack. While many skips perform some kind of war-dance to try and centre the jack, it **is the lead's responsibility to ensure that it is centred.** Stand upright on the mat, look at the number at the other end and ensure that you, the jack and the number are all in one line.

Then you can demonstrate how good a draw bowler you are by putting two bowls within half-a-mat of the jack !!

The second.

A good second is a player with a range of skills. He/she takes the next steps in building a head. This might involve

- Drawing a shot to complement a good start by the lead
- Drawing a shot where the lead has failed
- Playing a weighted shot to push out an opposition bowl
- Playing a position bowl to counter a possible opposition shot
- etc

A common responsibility of the second is to keep the scorecard - and to make sure it's correct !! It is essential that all boxes are filled in, leaving no room for error. A good card should look like this.

End	Shots	Total	Shots	Total
1	1	4	4	4
2	4	4	1	4
3	1	4	1	5

At each end the score must be checked with the opposing second.

to be continued.....

MEET A MEMBER

KEN BIGGS - a musical match!

Ken Biggs is one of our quiet achievers - he says that when he joined the Club he never envisaged playing pennant. Thanks to the persuasive talents of Phil Rosengarten and Chris Cullinann he was encouraged to play Night Pennant and thoroughly enjoys the more relaxed atmosphere of that competition. He was a member for the successful Night Pennant Team this year that finished top of the ladder in their section, losing the Grand Final by only four shots.

Ken is a Queenslander, born in Nambour. We hope that none of his relatives or friends were affected by the recent downpour. Interestingly he has spent most of his life in uniform - not bowls; 21 years in Army Bands and then 25 years in the Police Band playing the tuba and the bass guitar at a wide range of functions both official and community based, charity functions, schools, football games and parades.

The Army posted Ken to Melbourne in 1982 and it was there he met his wife Geraldine who was playing the trombone with Orchestra Victoria. What a combination that is - trombone and tuba - Sounding Brass indeed!

Ken's other hobbies include playing golf at Riversdale and doing Quizzes, puzzles and Sudokus

Ken is an important member of our bar team and will be found there cheerfully dispensing drinks to the thirsty.



KEITH CLAPP - An unreliable memoir

The first time Keith tried to join our Club was in 2020, but due to Covid the club was shut down. In February 2021 he applied again and then became a full member.

He's in the perfect location of course, living within walking distance of the Club in Alvie Rd.

Before retiring he was a Phys Ed teacher, with 23 years in Government Schools including Huntingtower School in Mount Waverley. In his last five years or so he was responsible for of coordinating all interschool sport over the wider Eastern Region - a huge task.

At 6ft 6in he certainly stands out in a crowd and it is not surprising that his previous sports were tennis, basketball and volleyball.!! He has recently tried out Pickleball at Glen Waverley and we will be interested in any feedback.

He hopes to improve his bowling with coaching and we hope he will eventually join our Pennant sides, but in the meantime is enjoying the friendliness of our members

Importantly he has become a regular member of our small group of Monday morning gardeners.

Currently Keith and his wife are taking advantage of the freedom of retirement to travel before possible grandchildren – they have two sons – arrive to add extra responsibilities.



Vale Ken Johnston

Recent times have seen the passing of one of our most stalwart members - Ken Johnston. Ken's association with the Club commenced in 1995 and he was still a strong supportive member at the time of his passing.

His contribution to the Club took many forms; he was a member of most of the bowling committees including Greens committee, Selection Committees and Social Bowls Committees. He was Press correspondent, member of the Corporate Functions Committee, the Bar Committee and a former Editor/Publisher of this Newsletter.

His more informal contributions occurred because he lived across the road. He provided a second security system by turning off lights left on, setting unset alarms, turning off sprinklers left on. As a qualified electrician he undertook a wide range of work within the Club and would act as an "inspector" to see that any more recent tradie had completed the job satisfactorily.

Above all he loved his bowls and took part in all forms of pennant competition and social bowls. Those of us who played social bowls when Ken ran the Wednesday event will remember his wicked sense of humour when he would keep us all in suspense with totally misleading remarks before he would suddenly reveal the winners for the day.

He was a regular contributor to the lively social atmosphere on Friday nights, having drinks with friends and contributing to the bar roster. All of this involvement came with the outstanding support of Cathy, who has also been a long-standing member and supporter of the Club.

Ken's enormous contribution was deservedly marked by the granting of Life Membership of the Club.



This is an abridged version of the fine eulogy delivered by former President John Bridgland at the Blair Chapel.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

email us any stories/ questions and we will try to publish/answer them

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mark - attention David Rae

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