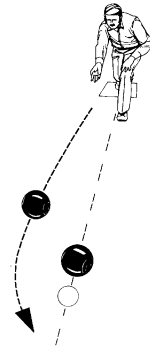


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Periodic Newsletter

City of Heidelberg Bowling Club

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Reminders About Upcoming Social Events

Monthly Dinners

The next monthly dinner, on July 6 will be a casserole night hosted by June Norman and Gail Clayton with a main meal plus dessert. Please add your name to list in the clubroom by Wednesday, July 4.

Looking further ahead, to August, Steve and Ede Fazekis will be providing dinner on **August 3**, which will be a "Hungarian Night". Come along and enjoy food with a Hungarian theme.

These are very popular with our club members and friends. For those who were at the club dinner on June 1, you would have noticed we now have four chafers/Bains Maries. These were purchased by the club in an endeavour to keep the food warm during the course of around 60 people serving themselves to a smorgasbord type dinner. Hopefully they achieved that purpose.

These dinners create a fair amount of work for those involved. We now have a month-by-month volunteer system whereby we have a list on the club noticeboard and those prepared to take responsibility for creating a monthly dinner add their names to the list for a particular month. This is sharing the workload.

So with this in mind the social committee feels that it would be fair to all if each month there were around three people who are prepared to 'wash dishes'. This involves putting plate scraps in the bin, then removing the residue from the dishes and cutlery by washing in the sink, putting the crockery and cutlery in the dishwasher racks, washing in the dishwasher (instructions on the wall next to the dishwasher), then returning the crockery and cutlery to the cupboards/drawers. It is fairly heavy lifting a rack of dinner plates in and out of the dishwasher. This also involves putting the tables the food was on away at the end of the night.

So folks, please add your names to the list on the noticeboard for a particular month, therefore helping your fellow club members share the workload of one of the club's most popular social events. Please do not leave it to just one person. So if a member of the group doing the dinner for a particular month asks if you will help with 'washing dishes', consider saying 'yes'.

Lesley Peters

Friday nights at the club - from 4:00pm

Throughout May we have had good attendance each Friday afternoon with those attending enjoying the friendly atmosphere at the club. Friday, May 25, was no exception, and, of course the free raffle was drawn as it is on the last Friday of every month. The winner was Mary Gysberts who chose her lucky card. Hugh offered her \$10 in exchange for the card and Mary took the money! If she had kept the card she would have won a pair of bowls socks valued at \$12.50.

Peter O'Donoghue called in for some hot soup before he ventured off to see his beloved Collingwood play and he was asked to draw the number for the members' draw. Out came Simon Gysberts' number and he was the winner of \$400! It was a popular win too, as Simon and Mary have been

strong supporters of our Friday afternoons. Simon shouted everyone a drink on the strength of his win; thank you Simon!

Mary and Simon sat down confidently for the euchre tournament! They were after a winning trifecta, but, alas, it did not happen!

Club Friday is on every Friday afternoon from four o'clock, except for the first Friday of the month when the club dinner is held. Come along for an hour or so. Hot food is on offer – it could be chicken and vegetable soup, pea and ham soup, cream of pumpkin soup, or maybe it's curried sausages or chow mein, who knows! Fill out your free ticket and go into the draw to pick the money or the envelope, which is drawn on the last Friday of the month. The major envelope in this raffle is 'jackpot'! Draw and keep this card and you win all the prizes, with a value of \$154!

Hugh Woodburn



Simon receiving his winnings from Hugh - image courtesy of Jane Thompson

Board Report on May 21 Meeting

As I was away on holidays in Croatia, and therefore unable to attend the Board Meeting, I am reporting on what transpired as per the draft Minutes and what I have learned since my return. I thank Rob Boffey for taking my place in chairing the meeting.

Business Achieved

- New Green has been installed, rink markings completed. Arrangements in place for Green to be rolled to bring it up to speed. This is expected to take place in the coming week. Green will then be ready for playing. Application has been made to Bowls Victoria to have the Green certified as suitable for playing Pennant.
- A brusher suitable for both Greens has been purchased, together with a transporter. This has been used on the top Green to remove some surplus sand. This should make the surface play more evenly.
- Construction of the new ramp to the top green is expected to commence in the coming week. The actual construction should take 6-8 weeks. Permission is being sought by the contractor to

access the area previously occupied for the railway duplication. If permission is granted it should make the construction of the ramp speedier as it provides better access for heavy machinery.

- The Club Regulations have been revised and were passed by the Board. A copy has been posted on the club notice board for perusal.

Business underway

- The Board is investigating and getting quotes for improved signage. Enquiries are being made to Council on any requirements or restrictions. A large electrically-lit sign on top of the roof displaying the club's name is contemplated with this providing visibility for the railway traffic as well as traffic on Burgundy Street. Another electronic sign, which enables coloured variable messages and possibly pictures to be displayed is being considered for placement facing Stradbroke Ave.
- Additional drainage work is being carried out in order to improve drainage in the area. This is causing some disruption, but should assist with drainage in the future. Contractor will make good any damage to the car-parking surface.
- Serious flooding of sewer recently occurred at the top Green toilet block. Tree roots caused the problem. After calling Yarra Valley Water, a crew unblocked the main sewer and cleaned out most of the sewer remains. Thanks to several club members who had the unsavoury job of dealing with this problem on a Sunday morning. Yarra Valley Water has since done some additional work. A letter has been sent to the Council alerting them to the problem the trees are causing and asking for action.
- A small fireproof safe is considered being purchased for the safekeeping of important documents such as land titles and Agreements etc.

Bowls Section

- At this stage it looks likely that two sides will be submitted for Saturday Pennant and two full sides and a side of six for Tuesday Pennant. There are insufficient numbers to field any additional sides.
- Carmelo's coaching sessions on Tuesday morning and Friday are being well attended. New initiatives to improve bowling techniques and practices for the coming season are under consideration.
- A review of selection assessment for Pennant bowls, which includes more rigour, is being developed.
- Work on a new system for assessment for the Club's annual awards is being developed.
- Monday and Thursday afternoon bowls sessions are attracting good numbers.
- The Board approved six new members.
- The club presently has 122 members.

General

- Expressions of interest are invited from members for any surplus excess synthetic Green material. The club will retain some for the purpose of any repairs etc.
- The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on August 11, 2018

Apology

My surgeon has advised me that I am due for a knee replacement. This will take place shortly so I will be unable to attend the next Board meeting. Hopefully I should be OK to play Pennant in the coming season. At least that was my instruction to the surgeon. If not ready, I have someone to blame.

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman Board of Management

General Information

New members

To our newest members, Joe Cummaudo, Keren Haines, Elspeth Orchard, Kirsty Rae, Bill Files and Robert Haines - a very big welcome!

We hope you enjoy the many bowling and social activities which our club has to offer.

Greens

Our new Green is open for business! Rolling was completed last Thursday and the Green speed checked before and after. The Club is grateful to the East Ivanhoe Bowling Club and its Green keeper Matt Perkins, for the willingness shown in performing the rolling.

From this point on, the aim is to utilise both of our Greens on a week-about schedule for Social bowls, coaching sessions and individual practice. That is, one week use the clubhouse Green, the next the top Green. Individuals and coordinators of social bowls events please check the board outside the clubhouse to see which Green is in use in any particular week.

We now have two Greens which are relatively new. They are costly installations and if we want them to last, we need to look after them. What has been noticed is that some of our bowlers persist in dropping their bowls onto the Green from great heights when entering a Green. Please, please, either place your bowls on the Green without dropping them or if you need to drop them because of back injuries etc., please drop them in the ditch rather than dropping them on the Green. Think of the pain when you accidentally drop a bowl on your toes. The same force would be applied if you drop a bowl on the Green. Have some respect for the Green as dropping them can do irreparable damage. Then we will have complaints about the Green. This can be avoided if we all play our part. If you see anyone dropping bowls on the Green to commence play, give them a gentle nudge and remind them of their responsibility to fellow bowlers and their club.

Rob Boffey and Tony Vandenberg

Interested in surplus synthetic Green Material?

The total area of excess material will be determined and after putting some aside for the Club, the remainder will be available for interested members. The total area available to members and the cost per square metre will be publicised soon. A cost is necessary in this instance to help offset what the Club paid to purchase it. It is too valuable to give it away.

Once the above details are published, anyone interested in having some of the material, can contact Rob. Allocations will be in the same order as requests received.