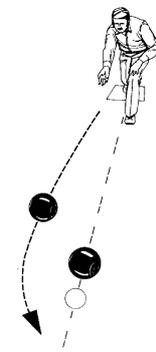


# THE GOOD LINE

Periodic Newsletter

City of Heidelberg Bowling Club

December 2018



## Reminders About Upcoming Social Events

### Friday December 7- Club Friday Christmas Challenge

For our Club Friday Christmas event we are having a number of things happening, as shown below. Come along and make this a great night.

- **EUCHRE CHALLENGE – MINIMUM 12 PLAYERS**
- **SCRABBLE CHALLENGE – MINIMUM 4 PLAYERS**
  
- **MEAT RAFFLE – \$1.00 PER TICKET– DRAWN ON THE NIGHT**

**ENTRANCE FEE \$2.00 FOR EITHER CARDS OR SCRABBLE**

#### **PRIZES:**

- **EUCHRE – \$50.00 – CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER OR GET ONE ON THE NIGHT**
- **SCRABBLE – \$25.00**

#### **PLUS**

- **WEEKLY JACKPOT**
- **FOOD**
- **END OF MONTH MEMBERS' DRAW - held over from 30th November.**

**TO ASSIST WITH CATERING, PLEASE SHOW YOUR INTEREST BY ADDING YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN THE CLUBHOUSE BY 7:00pm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

### Saturday, December 15 - Our Club Christmas Party

Seating for this great event is now full, but there is a waiting list. So, if you have your name on the list and find you are unable to attend, please cross your name off the list or let Lesley know so someone on the waiting list can enjoy the night.

From 6:00pm for Dinner @ 7:00pm. Cost: Adults \$15 Children \$7. Check out the flyer and programme in the clubhouse or on our website.

Lesley Peters

The event will commence at 7.00pm so if you have bowled that day, you have time to go home and change into something which contributes to the feeling of Christmas. A red or green shirt, a Christmas hat or Christmas tree earrings. Let your imagination run amok.

This year there will be a charge of \$15 with children at half price. This club-subsidised cost covers outside caterer and a professional singer. You are asked to bring a dessert, as this is not included with the caterer.

The format this year will be quite different. Yes, Father Christmas will again turn up and give the children their present. Please attach name to present so Father Christmas can pass it onto the right child. Kris Kringle to a value of \$5.00 will take place for those who participate. There will be no games, dress ups or other shenanigans. We will leave the entertainment to the professional.

The Christmas raffle will be drawn during the night. Five prizes, so your chances are relatively high in winning one of the hampers (cheese and ham not in basket). In addition we have 2 bottles of Moët, which have been generously donated by an anonymous member of our club.

Come along, meet new friends, enjoy a scrumptious meal, have a chat and have good companionship during the evening. Is that not one of the reasons why you joined the club?

Hope to see you there.

Tony Vandenberg

### **Friday monthly dinner roster for 2019**

Our Monthly Friday dinners are one of the highlights in the Club's social calendar. The list is up on the noticeboard for dinners next year from February to November. We intend to have our very successful annual 'share-A-meal' again in October. So please give some thought to taking responsibility for one or more of these 9 dinners during next year. Your help is needed!

Please ensure all responsibilities of the night are covered (from setting up to locking up) to ensure each dinner is a successful event.

Lesley Peters

### **Report on Board Business – November 19 meeting**

- Both Greens have passed their annual inspection by Yarra Region Bowls Committee.
- Council approved the ramp and the contractor has been paid for work completed. There is still a handrail to be installed on the inside of the external wall. Now that Council has approved the works, handrails can now also be installed on both sides of the ramp from the road to the gate. Penalty payments for non-completion of works by the due date have been deducted from payment.
- Members identified enhancement of the club exterior as their first priority. As a result the Board decided to replace the existing roof as a first measure. The existing roof has quite severe rust in some places. Quotes are being obtained for the roof replacement to be completed this summer.
- Members were asked to nominate for a sub-committee to advise the Board on what historic memorabilia displayed in the clubroom should be removed or retained. Several members nominated for this task. Further volunteers will be asked to join this group for this important task. The Board will provide some guidelines to facilitate the sub-committee's deliberations.
- A Privacy Policy developed by Bowls Victoria was adopted by the Board for the Club and this is now available to view by members on the club's website.
- The Board agreed to supply name badges, free of charge to members. Requests for badges need to be made in the usual manner via the notice board.
- It was agreed to replace the existing toilet cisterns in the female toilets. The old cisterns were causing problems and had been there for a considerable time. Leakages were also to be fixed.
- Uneven concrete surfaces in the front of the clubroom have been causing trips and a fall in recent times. It was decided to minimise this by either grinding of surfaces or finding an alternative remedy. Subsequent to the Board Meeting it was decided to glue some feathered mortar in place and in the event this not being suitable, to progress to grinding the existing concrete.
- Negotiations are being held with Warringal Hospital for a continuation of some existing car parking arrangements on the club's grounds.
- Meridian Travel has sought to set up a promotional event. A suitable date and time is to be negotiated between the parties.
- It was suggested that it might be appropriate to install some solar energy lighting near the entrance and ramp for the top Green. To be investigated.

- Now that the ramp to the top Green is near completion, a working bee will be organised. This will mulch the top Green garden and do some plantings as well as a general clean up.

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman, Board of Management

## **General Information**

### **Acknowledgements**

At this time of the year it is appropriate to acknowledge some of the fine work which some of our members have been putting into the club. The danger is that by singling out individuals some deserving persons are not duly recognised. I apologise for that and thank the very many people who make the club a place to enjoy oneself. This includes selectors, members of committees and fellow Board Members. Most of us joined the bowling club to play bowls and not get caught up in all the peripheral things that make a club function, but alas, someone needs to do them for the club to exist.

2018 has been a great year for members of the club. You might say, why is this year any different to past years. Unless you have been away from the club for the year, you will have noticed that the atmosphere at the club has changed significantly. People seem to be enjoying their bowls more and the club is now being seen as a place where people can come to either enjoy their bowls in a friendly environment or come to be social. Bowlers are accepting decisions made by selectors and are enjoying the new Greens and surroundings.

We as members are very grateful for the tremendous difference a few dedicated people have made to the club. For example some creative thinking and hard work by **Hugh Woodburn** and **Lesley Peters** has seen Friday nights transformed into a social night where people come to enjoy a drink, play cards or just socialise. Hugh's homemade soup has become a tradition and who can forget the money or the box for some lucky ticket holder. Lesley also does a lot of work in regard to preparation of food and drinks during the Pennant season and not to forget, the new website. How lucky we are to have members of that caliber. The two of them also spend quite a few hours behind the bar and managing functions held at the club.

Have you noticed how the surrounds of the club have improved and are maintained regularly? Noticed the colorful flowers and neatly kept grass? Many a dedicated hour has gone into weeding, pruning and grass cutting to make the environment around the club beautiful and enjoyable. This work has largely been done by a dedicated unsung member, who claims it is therapeutic. I personally can well do without this therapeutic experience, but we should all be very grateful that **Rob Boffey** spends many hours at the club for our benefit.

Who do you think comes to the club late at night when the alarm is triggered? Who puts together the annual Handbook? Who responds to enquiries and submits all the regulatory paperwork? Who organises quotes for work around the club? Some would say that is part of the Secretary's job that he/she undertook when standing for the office. True, but it is tedious and painstaking work for which there is little recognition. Often criticised, but little if any praise. We should all be thankful for the time-consuming tasks that **John Starmans** does on behalf of the Club.

When we come to the club to play bowls, we have the expectation the surrounds are clean and the Greens are in tiptop condition. We are grateful to **Rodney Snibson** for doing this. Although Rodney is paid a small amount for this task, he spends hours more than he is paid. Always the first to put up his hand when working bees are called, committees are called for, or extra duties need to be done.

Last but certainly not least. We are very fortunate to have a guy who travels from Mernda many times a week to try and help improve your bowling skills. With great enthusiasm and skill he coaches our best and those not-so-good bowlers to hone their skills and improve the club's standing. **Carmelo Liistro's** personal communication skills are envied by those who appreciate his constructive advice.

We are indeed lucky to have so many dedicated people around our club. Spread the good news to all your friends who may one day be members of our club.

Best wishes for the festive season.

Tony Vandenberg – Chairman, Board of Management

Tony has generously acknowledged various individuals for the time and effort they put into the club, and it would be remiss not to acknowledge his contribution. If there is a plumbing problem, a broken fixture or an unsafe situation, it is Tony who attacks the problem with skill and gusto. The most recent example of his handiwork is his effort to fix the uneven concrete surface on the verandah. He expends considerable time and effort chasing information and quotes with the view to enhancing the club's facilities; is proactive in his quest to publicise and develop our club; and is passionate about keeping members informed. The tenure of an organization emanates from the top. That our club is changing for the better in so many areas is testament to the enthusiasm, effort and level of involvement that **Tony Vandenberg** brings to his position.

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## **Bowls Information**

### **Saturday Pennant - afternoon tea.**

It seems that some clubs have a filled roll for their afternoon tea break. Something like a roll with ham, cheese, lettuce.

As we are half way through the Saturday Pennant Season and as it is the players' afternoon tea, I am putting a survey sheet on the noticeboard seeking feedback on whether you prefer a filled roll or would prefer similar things to what we have had for the first half of the season. If there is something else you would prefer, there is a column for that too.

Lesley Peters

### **Coach's Corner**

It is nearly the end of 2018 and as the Club coach, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the season to date. Firstly, I'd like to start with our results and I can say that overall our results are very good and encouraging. All three Tuesday sides are around 4<sup>th</sup> place and if they continue in the same way all sides will make finals. The top side on Saturday is sitting on top of the ladder undefeated, while the second side is currently in ninth place. This can be attributed to the number of players often being unavailable making selections for the second side very difficult. Some work will be undertaken by selectors to improve this situation and I request that all players be prepared to put the club first and support each other in our efforts to ensure no side gets relegated.

Secondly, it is great to see the number of new players signed up to the club and for many of these bowlers to see a steady improvement in their playing of the game. To this end it has been encouraging to see many players practising during the week, particularly on the Thursday evenings. I can see much improvement with many players, but we have a lot still to do particularly in the areas of calling the correct shot and playing a shot to a position. I look forward to continuing the work required to see each individual improve, but more importantly to see the continued improvement of the club both on and off the field.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great New Year, and I look forward to the New Year with confidence for a great finish to the season.

Carmelo Liistro

### **Green Closures during Christmas/New Year Period.**

The last Pennant match in 2018 is Tuesday, December 18 and the first Pennant match in 2019 is Saturday, January 12.

The top Green will be closed for one week to enable spraying of weeds in the ditches. The front Green will be closed from December 22 until Wednesday January 9. There will be one Green open at all times.

Rodney Snibson

### **Interested in being a Measurer and/or Umpire?**

Our club would benefit greatly by having more members accredited as either a Measurer or Umpire. This would enable the sharing of the measuring or umpire duties to a far greater extent than is possible at present. The lack of suitably accredited people is a significant problem amongst our Tuesday Pennant sides.

Here from the BV website is a description of each position and the steps to accreditation.

## Measurer Accreditation

Many players would like to become skilful at Measuring. Completing the measuring component will increase your skills and abilities in undertaking accurate measures. This accreditation is designed to provide support for measurers at club level and above. The accreditation will ensure the participants are working on the Green learning and practising measures using all types of approved equipment.

## National Umpire

The National Umpire accreditation is aimed at umpires wishing to officiate at Club and Regional level and above. National umpires will learn how to use the index of the law book and how to correctly interpret laws. Those people wishing to become an accredited Umpire must be proficient in all aspects of the game.

## Application Form & Training Courses

Please fill out the Umpire, Marker & Measurer Accreditation & Reaccreditation Application Form, have it signed by your club's secretary and forward the form with no money (our Club will pay the cost of the course) to Bowls Victoria.

Once processed, Bowls Victoria will forward your application to your relevant Region and Division and the local Umpiring coordinator will then contact you when they are running their next course.

Rob Boffey

## Laws and Regulations

### Test your knowledge with The Good Line monthly Q&A...

#### Q1. In Pennant when 3v4 players who carries the card? Who signs it?

A. The thirds do. You must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team. A player required to keep the card under these circumstances cannot refuse to do so. As per duties, whoever carries the scorecard signs the card at the end of the game.

**Law 40.1.9 DR 3.2**

**Q2. The lead in team A delivers the jack which passes the 2 metre mark. Before it comes to rest Skip A picks it up assuming that it will not reach the ditch and places it on the 2 metre mark. Skip B objects.**

#### What should happen now?

A. The jack has been displaced by a player of its own team therefore it must be re-delivered by the opposing lead who may reset the mat, but must not play first.

**Law 38.1.1.1**

#### Q3. Can I turn the mat over at any time to play my bowls?

A. Yes. To get a better grip, you can turn the mat over but you must put it back in its original position.

**Law 6.2.6**

Good bowling! More Q&A next month.

Howard Watson, National Umpire

## End-of-Pennant Season Tournament.

The Match Committee is very keen to hold a tournament open only to members of this club, and to hold it at the end of the Pennant season. The aim is to encourage both regular and not-so-regular bowlers to participate in a tournament format, have some fun and even win some money if successful. Teams will be selected by the Match committee to ensure as even a competition as possible. The day would consist of three games of eleven ends, a catered lunch, and be an opportunity for a friendly, but competitive get together to end the season. **Tournament Day will be Saturday, March 30, so please keep this day clear.** Further details will be published in January.

Rob Boffey

