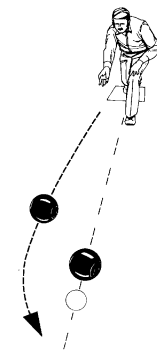


THE GOOD LINE
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City of Heidelberg Bowling Club
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Reminders About Upcoming Social Events

Monthly club dinners

We still have several months where there isn't any person/group taking responsibility for these dinners. To keep these monthly dinners going please give some thought to undertake one month's dinner.

Dinner – April 5

This month's dinner is to be a Share-A-Meal. Just add your name to the list in the clubhouse indicating if you are providing main/savoury or sweet so that there is a mix of both. There is no charge for this night.

Dinner – May 3

Members of The Board will provide this monthly club dinner. The cost will be \$10 per person. Look for the name list in the clubhouse from the middle of April.

Total Physiocare tournament

This Tournament has one more week to run with the final round on April 7. Come along and support this club initiative and enjoy a fun afternoon of bowling, afternoon tea and prizes.

Friday card nights

Come along from 4:00pm. Be there to have a chance to win the weekly Jackpot. Hugh serves his famous soup and hamburgers around 6:00pm then it is Euchre. If you haven't played before or for a long time, just come along and give it a go.

Lesley Peters

Club Presentations and afternoon tea - Saturday, April 13, 3pm

This event rounds out the 2018/2019 Pennant season, with the club recognising members' bowling achievements and general involvement. To assist with catering, please put your name on the list in the clubroom.

Rob Boffey

Saturday APRIL 27 - CITY OF HEIDELBERG SOCIAL BOWLS DAY TOURNAMANT

This will be a fun day of social bowls, where any club member interested in bowling is welcome.

Start time is 12.30pm

Uniform is mufti with flat-soled shoes.

Two games of 11 ends

Enjoy a catered afternoon tea.

Prize money for winning teams and for best games

\$10 per person entry

Teams will be triples or fours depending on numbers and will be selected by the Match Committee.

At this point in time, the total number of participants is still fewer than the 30 to 32 committed starters needed to make this event a success. This proposed tournament is a great way to experience tournament play and conditions, but with the benefit of it being amongst and with people you know.

Please put your name on the list in the clubroom.

Rob Boffey

Report on Board Business – March 18 meeting

- Completion of the ramp to the top green has progressed somewhat. It has been a protracted process. The account for final payment will not be paid till all work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Board. The builder has advised this will be done in the next couple of weeks. We have however heard this story before, but we are hopeful.
- The roof replacement has been completed and final payment made.
- Quotes have been obtained for replacement of some of the existing windows and the double doors leading to the bottom green with powder coated aluminium ones. The Board is considering a contractor for the work.
- Ideas are being gathered from consultants in regard to better acoustics and an integrated sound and fire warning system. It is not envisaged that a flat ceiling would be installed, but that the existing gable roof structure would remain, but look more streamlined with more efficient and better lighting. Decisions on this will be finalised later in the year.
- An integrated approach to recording and maintaining club records and for more efficiently servicing members is being developed. Storage of club information will possibly be held in the Cloud so it is more accessible and safer for retrieval.
- The Board has approved a request by Warringal Hospital for an additional 5 parking places. Parking by Warringal Hospital employees inside the gate-controlled area of the club is on a year-by-year basis.
- A plan to ensure that there are sufficient funds for future capital works such as Greens replacement is being developed by the Board. Consideration is being given to setting aside each year, a nominated amount for future essential capital works.
- The current loan from Bendigo Bank taken out for the purpose of replacing the bottom Green and install new lighting is to be completely repaid in this month.
- A survey will be used to seek your feedback on how you perceived the conduct of the recently completed Pennant Season. Member comments on how it could be improved will be valuable feedback in preparation for next season.
- A new trophy, “The Alan Ball Trophy” for the best Saturday and Tuesday Pennant player is being organised. The method for determining the best players is being developed.
- Carmelo Liistro was praised for his excellent coaching throughout the year. This was reflected in the Club having a very successful Pennant season.
- The purchase of a laptop for the Coach’s use was approved. Storage of club information to be backed up via the Cloud.
- The Board will be responsible for hosting the month of May monthly dinner.
- Next meeting on April 15, 2019

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman, Board of Management

Bowls Information

End of Season Update from the Match Committee

COHBC has had a very successful 2018/2019 Pennant season with the 2nd Tuesday Pennant team winning the final and playing off in the divisional quarter final. The 1st Saturday Pennant team also performed very well in getting through to their final. Both teams finished on top of their respective ladders and both will be promoted up to the next level for next Pennant season. A number of bowlers, in addition to the final 16 in each side, contributed to this success and congratulations to everyone involved throughout the season. This year also saw the return of a Bankers side for both the Tuesday and Saturday formats which enabled everyone who wanted a game to have a game. The 1st Tuesday Pennant team had a solid season and will continue in their current division, but unfortunately our 2nd Saturday Pennant team will be relegated next season. There were a number of reasons for this and the learnings gained from these experiences

will put us in a solid position for the next season. Expect to hear more about this in the coming months.

A special thanks to Carmelo for his contributions to the success of our Pennant sides as well as his commitment to running Thursday night training and coaching sessions in the offseason.

Congratulations also to Carmelo and Carmel for winning their respective Singles Club Championships and well done to runners up, Stephen and Gail.

COHBC held some very successful intra-club tournaments during the season and based on feedback from many members, it has helped improve the general vibe around the club. Members also showed great support for the regular visits by Barleycorners and Taxation bowlers.

A special thank you to Lesley and Hugh for playing such a huge part in organising these intra-club tournaments and together with June, providing the refreshments for the intra-club tournaments and social bowls visits.

It would also be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the huge effort Brian James has put into hosting the U3A sessions and weekly Wednesday nights. Both these initiatives have been the main avenues for attracting new members, many of whom we hope will go on to represent the club in Pennant teams should they have the desire to do so.

We would also like to thank our selectors, Carmelo, Gwyn, Judy and Paul for taking on such a difficult task, which is often not fully understood, but is so important to the success of our Pennant teams.

Finally, we also acknowledge Rodney's efforts in maintaining our Greens. The surrounding environment presents numerous challenges throughout the year and his diligence ensured the Greens were always well prepared for all manner of bowls events.

David Crisp and Rob Boffey

From our coach

Hi All, although it is the end of the Pennant season we are already in the planning stage for the next season. It is imperative that we start now in order not only to maintain the progress we made during the season, but to improve our performances both on the field and off it.

One of the ways that will assist in this process is for everyone to complete the survey at the end of this newsletter and return it to the club so we can make some informed decisions on how to proceed. I therefore ask each of you to complete the survey honestly, and by April 30, 2019, place it in the box I will leave at the club for this purpose.

Coaching will resume on Tuesday, April 2, at 10am and continue each Tuesday until it gets too cold. For those who cannot make it at this time I am happy to arrange another time that suits the individual so please contact me to discuss.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Carmelo Liistro

Pennant Teams 2019-20

In the coming weeks we will be posting lists on the notice board for members to confirm their availability and interest in playing Pennant next season. The format will be the same as previous years where members can either put their name down for Tuesday, and/or Saturday, and/or Tuesday night Pennant. There will also be an option for a member to choose to be an emergency in any of these Pennant formats.

The Match Committee encourage all members to consider playing Pennant and are happy to discuss any concerns anyone has if they feel they may not be ready or good enough to play. Any social or restricted member nominating for Pennant will need to become a full member before the lists are formally lodged.

At this stage we are hopeful of having three sides representing COHBC for both Tuesday and Saturday Pennant and one side of three teams for Tuesday nights. However, the number of sides nominated will be dependent on final numbers willing to play most games throughout the season and on the number of available emergencies.

David Crisp

Social Bowls

Thursday Winter Pairs

Are you interested in playing Thursday Triples? This event has been a feature of our club for many years. Nominated pairs play with 3 bowls each. Nominated pairs means that each pair plays together for the duration of the season. Usually there are two games of 13 ends. The prizes are \$16 each for the winners, \$12 each for the second team and \$8 each for the Best Game. Members who play in the top divisions must play with someone from the lower divisions e.g. a player from Division 3 or 4 must play with someone from a lower division. This applies also to players outside the club. The game starts at 12.15pm and finishes around 4pm.

If there is enough interest, such as ten teams, the competition will start on Thursday, May 2. If you want to play, please put your name on the Thursday Winter Pairs list in the clubroom. Members prepared to play as emergencies are welcome and should also add their names to the list. All games will be played on the top Green in the East-West direction.

Saturday Social bowls

Saturday social bowls will start on Saturday April 13. There are no prizes, but there will be a weekly jackpot. At some stage there may be coaching sessions as part of any Saturday afternoon, depending on Carmelo's availability and plans.

This is an opportunity to play in different positions such as Third when you have played Lead; and to try out new shots such as shots with weight.

Each Saturday starts at 12.30pm and usually finishes around 4.30pm. Most games will be played on the top Green.

Caring For Your Green

One of the key tasks of the Green keeper is to change the rink positions on a regular basis to even out the wear and tear on the Greens. It is impossible to manage this task if other people move the rinks or move the "Closed Rink" signs so that they can use the centre rinks. It would be appreciated if members could leave the rink layout and signs alone and practise on the outside rinks. The Greens belong to all the members, not just a few.

Rodney Snibson

The Good Line monthly Q&A test on Laws and Regulations

Q 1. When an umpire is measuring for shot, where can the players stand?

ANS. Players should stand away from the head, well clear of the measure, be aware of shadows and preferably on the bank while the measure is undertaken. Players do not have to stand on the bank unless requested by the umpire, or the bowl or jack was close to, or in the ditch.

Bowls Etiquette

Q 2. If an umpire is called to measure a shot, and cannot make a decision in favour of one or other of the bowls belonging to members of different teams in question, what is the position?

ANS. If the nearest bowls of each team are deemed to be equidistant from the jack; there will be no shot scored. The end must be declared 'tied' and counted as a played end. The first to play in the tied end shall again play first in the next end as per Law 5.4. Laws 24.1.2; 24.2 & 24.3

Q3. At the conclusion of the eighth end both teams have a bowl touching the jack. Skip A wanted to play the ninth end in the same direction as the eighth, whilst Skip B wanted to play in the opposite direction. Who is correct?

ANS. Skip B. The end must be considered 'tied' and recorded on the scorecard as a played end.

Laws 24.2 & 24.3

The ends must be played in turn from opposite directions. Law 2.3

Good bowling! More Q&A next month.

Howard Watson, National umpire

Survey of all bowlers of the 2018/19 season.

Name: (Optional).

What teams did you play in? (E.g. Side 1 on Saturday, Side 2 Tuesday Bankers.)
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What positions did you play? (E.g. Lead, Skip)
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**If you played in the Bankers please comment on the following:
How you felt?**
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The value of having Bankers?
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The Selection process

Do you have any feedback for the way selections were made this season? Both positive and negative feedback would be appreciated.
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Can you suggest any improvements to the selection process?

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Coaching

Did you attend any coaching sessions? Y/N

If yes, can you comment on the value of these sessions?

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Do you have any suggestions to improve coaching at the club?

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Did you attend any training sessions? Y/N

If yes, did you get any benefit from them?

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Should training sessions become a requirement to play in the top team on either Saturday or Tuesday?

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In general terms do you believe we improved as a club both on the field and off?

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What should we put in place for next season to improve our performances?

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Off Field.

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Any other comments?

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If you run out of room for your answers, please attach any papers and/or write on the back of this survey.

Thank you