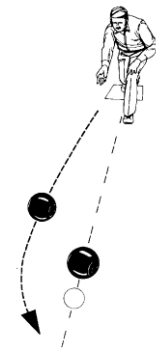


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City of Heidelberg Bowling Club
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Reminders About Upcoming Social Events

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 undertaking one of the available month's dinners.

Dinner - May 3

Members of The Board and their spouses are catering this monthly club dinner. The cost is \$10 per person. If you intend to attend, please sign the list in the clubhouse by Wednesday, May 1.

Dinner - June 7

This scheduled dinner has been cancelled. It is likely that the clubhouse will be unusable due to preparations for, or the presence of, construction activities.

Dinner - July 5

Depending on the progress of replacing the windows and/or updating the clubhouse ceiling, a decision on whether this dinner will be held as scheduled will be advised at a later date.

Friday card nights

Come along from 4:00pm. Be there to have a chance to win the weekly jackpot. Hugh serves his famous soup, hamburgers or curried sausages around 6:00pm, then it is Euchre. No experience with playing Euchre? No problem. Come along and join in.

Rob Boffey

Report on Ladies' Pairs Final held on April 16

This match was one where each team had the upper hand at different times with each player delivering good bowls on particular ends. Carmel Will and Elspeth Orchard overcame the efforts of Judy Cashen and Kerry Haines to take out the title. Congratulations to both teams.

Report on April 27 City of Heidelberg Social Bowls Tournament.

Thirty-six members, in 12 teams of three, played two games. The games were separated by afternoon tea. Positive feedback from a number of participants, both experienced and new bowlers, announced the event as enjoyable and a success. Amongst the prize-winning teams were teams which included a new bowler which was another pleasing aspect of the afternoon.

Thank you to those who played and to my fellow Match Committee members for their involvement and pre-event planning and contributions.

Friday, May 10, 4.45pm Melbourne Comprehensive Eye Surgeons Presentation

On Friday, May 10, from about 4.45pm a representative from Melbourne Comprehensive Eye Surgeons, located at 365 Bell Street Bellfield, will be present at our club to talk about eye symptoms and their treatment.

This presentation should be of interest to all. If you have family members or friends who you think would be interested in this topic, invite them to join you for what should be an informative session.

I will circulate further details when known.

Rob Boffey

Report on Board Business – April 15 meeting

- The ramp has been completed. All that is left is the addition of a handrail to assist users.
- Now that the new roof and leaf protectors for guttering have been installed, a maintenance schedule for gutter cleaning is being arranged with the roof installer.
- A contract has been let to replace the existing clubroom windows and doors. A commencement date has not yet been established but it needs to be done prior to beginning of June.
- The Board has been considering improving the acoustics and appearance of the interior of the clubroom. After consideration of ideas, the Board has decided to replace the existing ceiling material with new acoustic tiles. These tiles will be installed just below the existing Canite ceiling and the ceiling will have the same angle. The flat part on the peak of the present ceiling will be removed. The ceiling fans will be removed but wiring will remain in case in the future there is a need for fans. The new ceiling will have lights integrated into the design. The opportunity will also be taken to install a new sound system with speakers integrated in the ceiling structure. This new system will also operate for the top green. New illuminated exit signs will be installed over doorways. The installation of the ceiling is scheduled to commence in early June and will take between 5 and 10 working days to complete.
- On completion of the installation of the new ceiling and the new windows and doors, the clubroom will be painted in readiness for the next bowling season. This will also include painting externally.
- Quotes for installation of a new sound system are being obtained.
- The existing notice boards will be refurbished to make them uniform and add some colour.
- The current loan from Bendigo Bank taken out for the purpose of replacing the bottom green and install new lighting has been repaid, apart from a very small amount. Having a small amount owing enables the Board to borrow more in case of an emergency without having to pay another loan application fee. Borrowing further funds is not anticipated, but this approach provides a safety valve.
- It was arranged that the annual Blind Bowlers event would be held on September 1, 2019. It was subsequently discovered that this is Fathers' Day, so an alternative date is being investigated.
- Members' views will be sought at the AGM in regard to whether Members prefer the current Presentation Afternoon or a catered-or Evening Event.
- The existing Pennant scoring system is being evaluated and reviewed.
- Some members see more prominent signage advertising the club as a priority and ideas are being sought, as existing signage is ineffective.
- A new layout for displaying club memorabilia in the clubroom was tabled and discussed. Existing memorabilia will be gradually removed to enable repainting and repositioning.
- Next meeting on May 20, 2019

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman, Board of Management

Bowls Information

Pennant Season 2019-20

Our club would like to field three teams in both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant next season. For this to occur, we need a greater number of available members than we had last season. New members and current Full Members, who have not previously played Pennant are encouraged to play next season. Between now and the October start of the new season, there are numerous opportunities for you to participate in Tuesday morning coaching sessions with coach Carmelo, plus weekly social bowls events for you to enhance your bowling skills and build confidence.

To minimise travelling we need to ensure our club is placed in our preferred section. This means informing Bowls Victoria of our preferences early in June. There is a list on the noticeboard where

members can indicate whether they will play next season. **This list will close on May 30.** If you intend to play, and haven't yet indicated so on the list, please sign up before May 30. If you are undecided about playing Pennant and want to discuss the issue, feel free to contact Bowls President David Crisp or Bowls Secretary Rob Boffey.

Survey Return

Last month's newsletter included a survey compiled by coach Carmelo. Members' input is being sought on a number of bowls-related issues and our club. This survey should be seen as a great opportunity for members to provide valuable feedback. As our club gears up for next season, your feedback is important. Have you completed and returned your survey? If not please do so, as the cut off date for returns is April 30.

Closure of the Front Green

In consultation with the Board, it has been decided to close the front Green for 6 weeks. Why? you ask.

The front Green is very popular but our top Green is getting little use. The front Green is used for Pennant, practice, social games and functions, ensuring a lot of foot traffic and more wear where the bowls are delivered. As a result, the lines on the front Green wear out faster than the lines on the top Green. The front Green is close to the clubroom, but the top Green is only a short walk away. The top Green is a key asset of the club and its use will help ensure a longer playing life for the front Green. Pennant in 2019/20 will be played on both the front and top Greens. Generally players from other clubs prefer to play on the front Green, so we need to develop our skills on the top Green.

Over the next few weeks there will be a lot of trade activity in the clubroom with the ceiling to be upgraded and the windows and doors to be replaced followed by painting inside and outside. Under these circumstances it would be best if members played upstairs.

The front Green will close on Thursday, May 23 and reopen on Thursday, June 27. All bowls activities will be played upstairs such as Tuesday coaching, Thursday Winter bowls and Saturday social bowls. The only exceptions will be Wednesday night bowls and Friday functions.

Saturday Social Bowls is Back

Saturday bowls will be available until the 2019/20 Pennant season starts. There will be prizes for the top team such as the White Lady bowls towel. A jackpot is also run. This event caters for new and inexperienced bowlers. Bowlers also have the options to try out other positions such as Skip or Third. The Green fee is \$7. Interested? Put your name on the list underneath the noticeboards before 11am each Saturday. The game starts at 12.30pm and finishes around 4pm. All sessions will be on the top Green.

Thursday Winter Bowls

This bowls event starts on this Thursday, May 2. We have ten teams currently. We always need more players as emergencies. Play starts at 12.15pm and finishes around 4pm. All play will be on the top Green. If you wish to play, contact Rodney on 0490 207 487.

Rodney Snibson

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

Q1. If I am at the head can I use my fingers to guesstimate the distance between bowls?

ANS. Yes you can. No official equipment can be placed between the jack and bowl before the end is completed. Therefore the cross fingers used by players is perfectly legitimate, as it is purely an estimate (although a pretty good one) that is conducted above the head and not between the two objects. However mats, lifters or feet shouldn't be placed between the bowl and jack as a displacement could occur. Law 23.3

Q 2. In a fours game, team A played first. When the Skips changed ends the bowl of Skip B had been placed on the mat and Skip B bowled it, disturbing the head before the mistake was noticed. What should happen?

ANS. The opposing skip must choose whether to: leave the disturbed head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after another to get back to the proper order of play, **or** replace the head

to its former position, and return the bowl to get back to the proper order of play, **or** declare the end dead. Laws 29.1.3

Q 3. In the above situation if the bowl had not disturbed the head would the action taken be different?

ANS. Yes. The opposing skip must choose whether to: leave the bowl where it came to rest and have their team play two bowls one after another to restore the correct order of play or return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play. Laws 29.1.2

Good bowling! More Q & A next month

Howard Watson, National Umpire