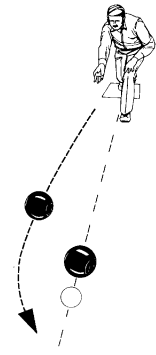


# THE GOOD LINE

Periodic Newsletter

City of Heidelberg Bowling Club

July 2019



## **Reminders About Upcoming Social Events**

### **Club Dinner - Grand Opening of Clubroom with mystery guest**

With the clubroom now complete, our monthly dinner will re-commence on Friday, August 2. The Liistro family will be catering. The weather should be improved by then and it's a perfect opportunity to gather and have a sumptuous dinner. The refurbished clubroom looks a treat and is symbolic of the new enthusiasm shown by members at the club. Dinner will commence at 6.00pm sharp for the usual fee of \$10.00pp. If you have not tried one of our monthly dinners, this is a perfect opportunity to catch up with fellow bowlers or friends just before the Pennant season commences. The intent is to have a special significant person in attendance, but this will depend on availability. Please support your club. Come along, bring a friend or family and share a meal. To assist catering, please put your name on the attendance list in the clubroom.

### **Club Friday**

Our Club Friday will resume on July 12. Hope to see you there. All the usual Club Friday events will be back on. Our jackpot is now at \$50.

Tony Vandenberg and Lesley Peters

## **Report on Board Business – June 17 meeting**

- Completion of the handrail for the top green has not been done and correspondence to the builder has been forwarded to give the ultimatum of completing the handrail by end of month or contract will be terminated and another installer will be approached. Handrail has subsequently been installed.
- Regular gutter cleaning is to be organised.
- Clubroom windows and external double doors have now been installed. A right-angled rubber seal is to be installed to protect the edge of the first step to the doors and to provide safety for members.
- A new ceiling has been installed and this has integrated lighting and sound.
- New exit lights have been installed over doorways.
- Painting of walls and doorways has commenced and expected to be completed by end of month.
- New notice boards have been installed thanks to the generosity of non-member Grayson Summers (husband of Wendy).
- The club's security system has been upgraded to better cope with the introduction of NBN in the area.
- KCL has inspected the bottom Green and has determined that there are no irregularities in the sub strata. Efforts will now be made to rectify any anomalies via scarifying and brushing.
- Re-hanging of club memorabilia and blinds has been organised and is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- At the conclusion of painting and re-hanging of memorabilia the floor will be resurfaced with three coats of floor finish to make it more durable and attractive. Sanding back to bare boards

prior to re-surfacing was not an option due to the lack of thickness of the boards. The carpet area will also be cleaned.

- Melbourne Water has broken through the concrete in front of the entry door to make access to the sewer point easier, at least from their point of view. Reconstruction work carried out by them was less than desirable so a large rubber mat will be purchased and placed over the area to make it safer for members.
- A cheese and wine tasting event is being organised for Seniors Week in October to attract more people to visit the club and to try bowls.
- Furniture and other items from the clubroom replaced or updated as part of the renovations will be offered to members in the first instance, and, if no takers, disposed of by other means (see list below).
- Arrangements are being made to have a three-cubic-metre waste bin permanently located on the grounds. This will be emptied as necessary via notification to the supplier.
- Next meeting on July 15, 2019.

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman, Board of Management

### **Items which may be of interest to members**

Now that the club has a new sound system installed, there are a few surplus items which need to be disposed of. The items numbered 1 to 8 below are being made available in the first instance to members or their families on the basis of a donation to the club. First in best served. If there are no takers, they will be disposed of via electronic media. Contact Tony Vandenberg for more details or expression of interest. Items to be removed from clubroom, soon after their allocation to the new owner.

1. 1 Amplifier
2. 2 high quality speakers with wall mounting brackets
3. 2 cordless microphones complete with sender/receiver
4. 1 microphone stand
5. 1 plug-in wired microphone
6. Cords for the above
7. Radio, tape and 3 CD player with speakers
8. Cabinet in club room which presently holds Radio/CD Player

We have also several large white round table cloths available at no cost. If they would suit your table please contact Lesley.

### **So much for which to be grateful**

Anyone who has recently visited the clubroom will have noticed that there has been tremendous activity going on. Contractors have been there to install windows, ceiling, sound system, notice boards, ceiling lighting and exit signs. Yarra Valley Water personnel added to the activity level by raising the sewer inspection hole right near the entrance door! An internal paint job has also been completed. To top it off, the floor has also been rejuvenated and carpet cleaned. All this work is in preparation for the coming bowling season.

To make this happen there was a lot of work involved with getting tenders, coordinating when work was to commence, deciding what memorabilia to keep, etc. On top of this, significant work has taken place to get the best playing surface on the Greens and making the gardens as attractive as possible.

Anyone who joins a bowling club does this as he/she has intentions of bowling and enjoying oneself. Doing any work outside of bowling is furthest from their mind. It is therefore very gratifying to see so many people at our club who are willing to pitch in with their skills, expertise and time to make the club a welcoming and a pleasant place. During this last month there have been so many examples of people doing extraordinary things to assist the club. I feel we cannot let this dedication go unnoticed. No doubt I will upset some person for not recognising their contribution but that is a chance I will take.

**Rob Boffey:** Has spent countless hours maintaining the garden, raking leaves as well as working with Rodney and KCL to bring our Greens up to standard. Most of this work, in many people's eyes goes unnoticed, but it is an essential part of our club. Many thanks Rob, for your dedication.

**John Starmans:** Has put in many additional hours obtaining quotes for the new ceiling, dealing with breaches of the security system, organising security and exit lights. As well as being on site at 6.00am to provide access for the renovation contractors and arranging their safe exit at day's end, John has worked with Cowleys to prepare our security system for the change to NBN,

**June Norman and Rodney Snibson** for coordinating which of the memorabilia was to be retained and where it is to be placed in the refurbished clubroom.

**Grayson Summers:** (not a member) partner of Wendy, who graciously offered to renew our notice boards. What a star! Not even a member but, has given freely of his time and expertise. He has produced a professional outcome and whilst on site, also plastered around the new windows! We have been very lucky to have benefited so much from his generosity and his skills.

Sorry to anyone who I have missed, but the effort that has gone into all of this is commendable and has been done so graciously and without any monetary reward. The Club appreciates the efforts of these members and also those who have volunteered their services with clearing out the clubroom as well as reinstalling all the component parts. Very much appreciated everyone!!

Tony Vandenberg

#### Addendum

Tony has generously highlighted the recent contributions of others, but his own contribution should also be acknowledged. Prior to the start of any renovation work Tony removed the water fountain on the verandah, the blinds within the clubroom, re-routed the TV antenna lead and together with Simon Gysberts removed the memorabilia items from the clubroom walls. These actions provided the respective contractors with a clear uninterrupted run to do what they had to do. Tony organised the supply and installation of the new windows and doors and the replacement and upgrade of the sound system. During the renovations, he was constantly on site overseeing what was happening and ensuring the renovations and upgrades were on schedule. His efforts during the past months reflect his enthusiasm and desire to improve our club and his hands-on involvement reinforces these attributes. On behalf of the other members, thank you Tony for your involvement, in our refurbished clubroom and facilities.

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### **General Information**

#### **2019 CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**In accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Club, you are hereby notified the Club Annual General Meeting will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, August 10 in the clubroom.**

**The business to be transacted at the Annual general Meeting is listed in rule 11.2 of the Constitution.**

**Please note that only Full Members and Life Members can vote and stand for office in the club.**

**Should you have an item for inclusion in the agenda, please ensure it reaches me no later than Monday, August 5, 2019.**

**All nominations for office bearers close at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.**

**As agreed, a copy of the Directors' reports will be made available to all members at least one week prior to the meeting.**

**John Starmans**

**Secretary-Board of Management**

**City of Heidelberg Bowling Club**

### **Considered standing for a position at the club?**

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on August 10 at 3.00pm. Pencil it into your diary please. Every member is invited to attend to hear reports, elect their office bearers, seek explanations and to voice concerns or ideas. Everyone is very welcome.

Club positions are open for all paid-up full members. Have you considered standing for one position? If you are happy with what is happening, you can voice your praise and give a pat on the back to any office bearer. If not happy, make the pat a little lower and send the office bearer on their way. However make sure there is a person available to replace the office bearer or else the club could be left foundering. A turnover of office bearers is desirable as that is the best way to create new ideas and set new directions for the club. Give it some thought as positions are not

earmarked for particular persons and are open to members for their nomination. We as a club have been fortunate in having members come forward to take up responsibilities. Other clubs are not always in that position. We do need and welcome nominations to share the workload and allow existing office bearers to also enjoy their bowling after having given of their expertise and made their contribution to the club. Give it some thought and start looking for the appearance of the nomination forms.

Tony Vandenberg

### **Working Bee**

If you are available and able-bodied, please come to the clubroom at 10am Saturday, July 6. The task at hand is to remove the chairs and tables from their temporary storage positions and relocate them in the main part of the clubroom. The whole exercise should be completed within the hour.

Tony Vandenberg

### **Bowls Information**

#### **Saturday Social Bowls**

Saturday Bowls will recommence on the afternoon of July 6. It has been encouraging to see a number of people playing on Saturday afternoons during the renovation period in spite of the lack of facilities and the cold weather.

#### **Thursday Winter Bowls**

Thursday bowls has been cancelled until July 11. The clubroom has undergone extensive renovations to improve our experience at the club. The front windows, double doors and ceiling have been replaced. The room has been repainted in a fresh colour. On the weekend of June 29/30, the wooden floor will be refurbished with three coats of resin. It will take a few days to harden the resin. Your patience is appreciated.

#### **The Greens**

The closure of the front Green has been extended until July 11. Your cooperation has been appreciated. The closure has been successful in encouraging members to play upstairs, given the front Green a rest before Pennant starts, and enabled maintenance to be performed. We have had Jon Hastings from KCL, the company that installed the front Green, come out and check it. He was satisfied with its state. As well, he demonstrated how to make better use of our mechanical groomer, the Thatch-Away machine.

Both Greens have been scarified, brushed, washed and Kendocide applied to prevent algae and moss. The black lines on the front Green have been renewed.

Rodney Snibson

### **Our coach's preseason plan for Pennant**

Hi all, I feel a real excitement and anticipation with the oncoming of a new season, with its hopes, struggles, goals and promises for a great season for our club. I am particularly excited by the number of new bowlers who have committed to playing either Saturday or Tuesday Pennant or both. With the increase in the number of teams we have this season, it may be a struggle at times to fill every position, but I am looking forward to each bowler playing their part and being flexible in terms of both availability and acceptance of selections.

I have also been buoyed by the number of bowlers who have been coming on a Tuesday morning for coaching/practice even on days that were both cold and wet. We have been averaging 16 bowlers every week.

In terms of practising at this time of the year, it would be great if each bowler could commit a couple of hours a week to get down to the club and either practise on your own or with others. A suggestion for practice is to commence with 2 kitties at the minimum lengths and with the mats on the 'T', bowl your 4 bowls (2 on the forehand and 2 on the backhand) and if you get 2 within a mat's length, move the kitty a metre closer to the ditch. Do this until both kitties have reached the maximum lengths.

In terms of what is happening over the next couple of months, there are a number of practice matches in the planning stage for Saturdays and Tuesdays in September (see below) for which I would encourage all bowlers to attend. We are also looking at a couple of in-house training sessions with aims to giving the newer bowlers some experience in bowling under Pennant rules. I also intend to have a compulsory afternoon/evening information session for every bowler where we will set the training agenda for the season, work on fine tuning the performance system, provide

feedback on the end of season survey distributed last April, seek suggestions for the 2019/20 season and answer any questions that you may have.

At this stage I have not set a date for this information session as I need to get some member feedback about when would be the most appropriate time. Some of you maybe aware that I will be away from August 26 to the September 19 on a mission's trip to Fiji so I would love to hear your suggestions on whether this information session should be either prior to my leaving or on my return. Please send me a text or ring me with your thoughts. I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Carmelo Liistro

### **Practice matches for Tuesday Pennant**

Practice matches have been arranged as follows:

Against Eltham at home on September 17: our First and Second sides will play against their Div. 2 and Div. 4 sides respectively.

After discussion with Carmelo, I'll set up a separate game for our third side, as they'll probably be in Div. 5. I'll also look into arranging games for all three sides on the 10th and 24th of Sept.

Lists will soon appear for these practice games. If you wish to play in any of these games, add your name to the lists which will appear in the near future.

Gwyn Pritchard

### **Winter Fours Tournament at CoHBC - Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Preparations for this tournament are continuing. This event was a great success last year with teams from other clubs competing with teams from our club. It featured a catered lunch with monetary prizes for winning teams, and raffle prizes. This format will be duplicated at this year's event. A flyer for this year's event is displayed on our club website.

At this point there are four CoHBC teams nominated. Tim Brown has been following up with other clubs re entering teams. At this point there are only three team places out of 24 to be filled.

Additional volunteers are still needed to share various jobs and help the day run smoothly. If you are able to help out, please contact Rob Boffey.

Rob Boffey

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

Q1. Can players proceed down the Green while a bowl is in course?

ANS. The player who has delivered the bowl has possession of the rink and should have the benefit of observing the progress of the bowl without being obstructed by players who may be moving down the Green in front of the bowler. The first time it happens the Umpire would warn the player. If the player offended again, the last bowl played by that player or team would be declared dead. Law 12 & 13 Penalty: Law 13.3.1 & 13.3.2

Q2. The thirds have taken out a bowl which was obstructing a measure when a skip realises he still has a bowl to play. May he play the bowl?

ANS. No. The process of deciding the number of shots has started, a player who has failed to play a bowl will lose the right to play the bowl. Law 29.4.1

Q3. In a fours game thirds A and B have each played their first bowl when it is noticed second A has only played one bowl. May second A play the second bowl?

ANS. No. As a bowl has been played by each team before the mistake was discovered, second A forfeits the right to play the bowl. Law 29.4.2

### **Good bowling! More Q & A next month**

Howard Watson, National Umpire