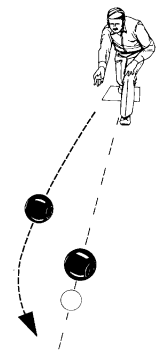


THE GOOD LINE
Periodic Newsletter
City of Heidelberg Bowling Club
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Reminders About Upcoming Social Events

Club Dinner – Friday, October 4

“The Girls” are hosting this dinner, so come along and find out what they have in store for the night. Please add your name to the list in the clubroom by Wednesday, October 2.

Visit by Taxation bowlers - Thursday, October 10, 7pm

Nibbles before, supper afterwards, with fun bowling in-between. All bowlers welcome. Cost \$10, dress is mufti. Please add you name to the list in the clubhouse. We need a good turnout for this event.

Bowls, Cheese and Wine Tasting - Sunday, October 13.

Invite your family and friends to join you at this event to try bowling and sample the wine and cheese selection. It's free, everything is provided, as you can see here:

A flyer for a lawn bowls afternoon event. The flyer has a decorative border and contains the following text and images:

- Top left: Logo for 'LAWN BOWLS Give it a Try!' showing a bowler and a ball.
- Top center: 'IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BANYULE SENIORS FESTIVAL' in a pink box.
- Top right: Image of wine and cheese.
- Center: 'CITY OF HEIDELBERG BOWLING CLUB ARE HOSTING A LAWN BOWLS AFTERNOON WITH CHEESE AND WINE TASTING' in blue text.
- Left side (yellow dashed box): 'WE HAVE MODERN LAWN BOWLS FOR YOUR USE'.
- Right side (yellow dashed box): 'JUST WEAR FLAT SOLED SHOES'.
- Center (yellow box): 'HAVE FUN – TRY LAWN BOWLING – A SPORT FOR EVERYONE'.
- Center (yellow box): 'ENJOY A SELECTION OF WINE AND CHEESES'.
- Bottom left (yellow dashed box): 'EVERYTHING SUPPLIED'.
- Bottom center (blue box):
 - WHERE – 4 STRADBROKE AVENUE – HEIDELBERG – OPPOSITE AUSTIN HOSPITAL
 - WHEN – SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2019
 - TIME – BETWEEN 1:00 AND 4:00 PM
 - COST – THIS IS A NO CHARGE EVENT – BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED
- Bottom right (yellow dashed box): 'FREE OFF STREET PARKING'.
- Bottom center: 'ENQUIRIES – JUNE 0423 952 024'.
- Bottom right: Image of lawn bowls.

This is an opportunity to promote our club and attract new members. Volunteers are needed to help welcome and engage the visitors and help them play bowls. Come to the club and meet new people. Please keep October 13 free so you can volunteer.

Club Friday

Our Club Friday is up and running again. Come along and enjoy all the usual Club Friday events including “envelope or the money” and Hugh’s famous culinary offerings.

Club Friday Christmas Party

If you are a regular Club Friday member or become a regular member, you will receive an invitation, with RSVP, to our special night on December 6.

There will be:

Dinner - no charge

Games - Mah-jong - (can learn or play) - Scrabble - Euchre

Prizes

Meat Raffle

Not already a regular Club Friday member? There is still time to come along each Friday (except first Friday of the month) from 4:00pm and become 'one of our regulars'. Be there and maybe you'll be a winner!

Last monthly club dinner for the year

This is to be on Friday, November 1. The hosts and chefs will be the Claytons and Woodburns. Please add your name to list by Wednesday, October 30.

It has been another very successful year for our monthly club dinners and I am sure you all agree that it is a minimal charge for the great array of food that has been offered by those hosting the nights. A very big thank you to everyone who has participated and been 'a host for a night'.

We look forward to this trend of a club monthly get together and dinner continuing next year. But, for this to happen, hosts are needed. No hosts, no dinners! Please consider forming a group and hosting one or more of these dinners during the year. With this in mind the list for the dinners is on the noticeboard for the 10 months of 2020 (February to November inclusive) so please add your group into a month.

Cup Day - Tuesday, November 5

Cup Sweeps

Social bowls - 12:30pm to the bell

Chicken and champagne and/or orange juice

Watch the running of 158th Melbourne Cup

Nominal charge of \$5 per person

Add your name to the list in the clubhouse

Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14, please keep this date free

Lesley Peters

Report on Board Business – August and September meetings

- Exopest has been contracted to perform regular inspections for termites. This involves baiting of traps around the building and periodic inspections. The latest inspection indicates no termite activity.
- An application for connecting to the NBN via Telstra was lodged after being advised by Telstra to do so. After several attempts to activate this request, Telstra has now advised that the premises are not yet ready for NBN connection.
- The present arrangement for determining electricity usage and subsequent cost is that a guestimate is made by the supplier based on average past usage as access to the meter is not always available. A periodic adjustment is made when meter readings are available. The installation of a smart meter was considered by the Board, but as costs were estimated to be approximately \$5,500, existing arrangements will be kept in place.
- Gutter cleaning at the club has been completed.

- The Bendigo Loan Account has been closed with the Club not owing any outstanding loan monies.
- A cheese and wine tasting is being organised by the Bowls Development Committee on October 13 during Seniors Week. This will showcase the attractiveness of belonging to the Club and the enjoyment to be gained from bowling.
- Lions Club of Melbourne Markets – request for donation towards the Festival of Magic. This enables disadvantaged children to attend. The Board agreed to purchase 7 tickets at a cost of \$420.00 using funds set aside for charitable purposes.
- The Men's locker room, thoroughfare for male bowlers to the toilets, is being upgraded with a new ceiling, lights and plaster to the walls. Work is expected to take about two weeks.
- The room under the kitchen floods every time there is a significant downpour of rain. This has been going on for many years and needs to be addressed. A qualified engineer has inspected the premises and advised that some pipes are too small to cater for the volume of rain that accumulates from the total roof area. After inspection of some of the pipes and their condition with a camera, advice was received that larger diameter pipes and increasing the size of the collection pits was necessary. An approximate quotation for the works is about \$20,000. It was decided to defer this till after the Pennant season when the club will be in a better financial situation.
- The club has adopted Bowlslink which is a software package for bowling clubs to manage their records. It indicates we still have 7 unfinancial members. These records will be deleted from our membership and reinstated when payment is received. Unfinancial members are excluded from playing Pennant.
- The Honour Boards are to be updated with current names.
- A laptop is to be purchased for use by the coach.
- MS Office 365 suitable for multiple computers and in the Club's name is to be purchased.
- Next meeting on Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 4.30 p.m.

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman, Board of Management

General Information

Consideration for those coming after you

Please consider those coming after you, so if you use anything in the club please leave it CLEAN. If you use the oven, cooktop, trays, dishes, microwave, and anything else in the kitchen please leave it clean. If you don't wash the oven trays after you use them then spillages get burnt on. Who wants to have the job of tackling this arduous task? So please wash the trays in clean, hot, soapy water (including the bottom of them). Please familiarise yourself where everything goes and put it back there. The red coffee and tea canisters go next to the urn so that they can be used and easily accessible on a daily basis.

If you have a spillage anywhere, please wipe it up. Leave all the clubhouse tables clean and free of crumbs and spillages for those coming after you. If you use the toilet please flush it and leave it clean for the next person. And ladies, if you hold the cistern flush button down until the cistern completely empties, you will find the toilet empties better.

Social bowls and events

After all social bowls events, whether it is weekly social bowls, a special event or outside hiring, please ensure that all the clubhouse tables which have been used are wiped clean, free of spillages and crumbs. Likewise that the kitchen tasks have been completed. Event conveners, please ensure these tasks have been completed.

Housing keeping duties during Pennant season

We have quite a number of new members and Pennant players. For these people and those who have played Pennant, here is a refresher on the duties specific teams each week (nominated by the selectors) will be expected to perform, plus a reminder about first aid.

If you are playing Pennant you will be part of a duty rink, both inside and outside, several times over the season. Having Club members set up and clean up after Pennant is the accepted way of clubs in our area. Please familiarise yourself with the responsibilities involved, particularly the inside duty. The information regarding inside and outside (Green) duties is on our website under 'Pennant tab' and there is also a link if you click on *Inside or Outside Duty* which appears as part the selected Pennant sides on our website. There is also a hard copy of the duties on the noticeboard in the clubhouse.

Inside Duties

The cups, urns, etc., will be set up for both Midweek and Weekend Pennant on the kitchen bench. **BUT, the duty rink needs to be at the club early to fill the urns and have the water hot for those wanting tea or coffee before play starts.** Also please put out milk on the kitchen bench. For **Midweek Pennant only** a tray of biscuits can be put on the kitchen bench; this is not done for Weekend Pennant. **Please remember some visiting club members arrive at the club fairly early, sometimes an hour prior to play starting, so be prepared for this and note that the urns take some time to boil.**

Familiarise yourself with the use of the dish sanitiser. Instructions for use are on the left of the machine and it takes approximately 20 minutes to get to the working temperature of 80 degrees. Please note that any food or stains must be removed from cups/crockery/cutlery prior to being put in the machine. Remember, everyone in the duty rink team is responsible and must ensure all tasks are completed before you leave the Club. Skips, please be responsible for this. Please do not forget about it and go home when play is finished. **Finalising clean up also entails wiping the clubhouse tables and pushing in the chairs.**

Our Board has authorised our Weekend Pennant afternoon teas again this season, similar to those we have had for the past few seasons, so that means the duty rink does not need to be involved with that.

There is not enough time at the completion of the lunch or afternoon tea break for cleaning up to be finalised so it is important to remember when your bowling is finished to complete the kitchen clean up and to wipe the tables in the clubhouse and push the chairs in. As a suggestion, if everything is cleared from the clubhouse tables into the kitchen after lunch/afternoon tea, then it is a straightforward job at the end of play to wipe tables, wash dishes and finalise the clean up of the kitchen. We are going to trial leaving the table numbers on the tables this season, so these do not need to be put away.

For Tuesday Pennant, there are small containers which go on the tables to be for lunch scraps, etc., so please empty these, replace the plastic bag liner and return these next to the microwave. The disposable plastic bag supply is kept in the cupboard under the wall urn.

Finally, as a social gesture at the end of the day's play, offer your opposition player a drink from the bar or tea/coffee.

Outside duties

Details of these duties can be found in same places as those for inside duties. Briefly they are about preparing the Green (or Greens if two sides are playing at home) for play. This involves putting two mats and a heavy weight jack on each rink to be used; placing rink scoreboards at the end of each rink; and on the top Green, one of the larger scoreboards to show the overall score during the game. In addition, raising the Australian and Club flags and putting out the umpire's kit are part of the Green preparation tasks. At play's end, everything is returned to its storage location.

First aid

The first aid box, which includes bandages and other items, is now in the kitchen, bottom shelf of the open bench on the left as you enter the kitchen. For the top Green there is also a first aid box located on the top of the jacks and mats cupboard.

Should the need arise for a cold compress (due to heat or injury), these are in the door of the freezer in the kitchen and also in the first aid box top Green.

Thanking you for taking the time to read the above. Sharing the load of cleaning up inside the clubhouse and for preparing and closing the Greens makes for a happy and workable club environment.

Lesley Peters and Rob Boffey

Bowls Information

Welcome to the start of the new season! I hope each of you has an enjoyable time bowling and if you are playing Pennant, a successful season.

If you are a new member playing Tuesday or Saturday Pennant for the first time, some aspects of how it is organised may not be familiar to you so here is a brief summary of the major points. Ideally, our coach Carmelo would have had a pre-season meeting at which various topics would have been discussed and there would have been an opportunity for questions. Unfortunately, Carmelo has suffered a serious Achilles injury, is somewhat immobile and the pre-season meeting has had to be cancelled.

Selection of Tuesday and Saturday Pennant sides occurs on Tuesday afternoons. Once the sides are selected they are posted on the selection boards that are in the window of the men's locker room, near the side gate to the bottom Green. Later on Tuesday night or early Wednesday, the sides are also posted on our club website under the "Pennant" tab.

Selections are made from amongst the players who are available to play. If you know ahead of time that you will be unavailable to play on a particular Tuesday and/or Saturday, please put your name on the Tuesday and/or Saturday Unavailable Lists which are posted on the noticeboard. Each list has a space for each game of the season and the date of each game. Doing this ensures the selectors have a clear idea each week who is available for selection.

If you are selected for a game, but some emergency situation or illness event occurs which will prevent you from playing, it is your responsibility to inform the selectors as soon as you realise you cannot play. For a Tuesday game the contact is Gwyn Pritchard (9459 1139); for a Saturday game it is Paul Smith (0418 554 362)

If, for any one game, there are more players available than are needed to fill all sides, those members not selected to play will be listed as "Bankers". Should someone already selected have to withdraw well before the day of the game, a replacement will be sought from amongst those in "Bankers". Those scheduled to play Bankers on any Tuesday should be in club uniform and be at the club by 9am, just in case someone has withdrawn overnight. Similarly, on a Saturday game, those playing Bankers should be at the club by 11.30am. If players in "Bankers" are not called on to be replacements, then they stay on at the club and play a game amongst themselves (assuming there is a sufficient number to do so).

During a Pennant game, if things seem a bit overwhelming, ask questions or seek assistance from your teammates. Above all, don't get discouraged. As with everything, it takes time to gain confidence and to improve. Enjoy the fact that you are outdoors and able to play.

Updated Information for all Pennant players

Scoring of player performance

Like all systems, the current “tick system” has inherent strengths and limitations. It is currently under review with the aim of fine-tuning it.

The objective of this scoring system is to provide information to our coach and the selectors on the effectiveness of the bowls delivered by each team member. That is, how many of the deliveries could be seen as being a positive contribution to either your team winning an end or in reducing the size of a loss.

At a recent combined meeting of the Match Committee and Selectors, it was decided that until further notice the current system would continue to be used. The following points are critical to using the tick system and its value as an information tool:

- A delivery is to be awarded a tick if it finishes within a mat length (60cm) of either the jack or a position on the Green that the Skip has nominated
- A delivery will be awarded a tick if, as an upshot, the final result is an improvement in the team’s position at the head
- Skips and Thirds are responsible for diligently filling in their respective performance card, end-by-end, throughout the game.
- The comment section on the cards is to be completed by the Skip and Third

If interested, players can approach their Skip at the end of play to seek feedback on their own performance.

The scores on each card will be collated weekly and displayed on a spreadsheet on the noticeboard.

Pennant Practice

Practice is essential, be it on an individual basis or at 7pm on Thursday evenings. All bowlers are encouraged to attend these sessions irrespective of whether you are playing Pennant or not.

Each Thursday evening will consist of a particular skill session (decided by Carmelo), followed by a short team-against-team competition. Please encourage your fellow team members or fellow bowlers to attend so that your team and/or bowling friends have the opportunity to play together outside of Pennant competition.

Carmelo’s injury may prevent him from regularly overseeing Thursday evenings for some time, in which case, someone else will stand in for Carmelo as required.

Selection

Being a selector is a difficult and often unrewarding position. Decisions are made which sometimes displease individuals. Nevertheless, the expectation is that everyone respects both the decisions made and the selectors. If you have a query about selection, your query will be dealt with ONLY if you follow the procedure shown on page 20 of the Handbook.

Availability aside, players will be promoted, demoted, or their team position changed based on their performance across three consecutive matches. The overall selection objective is to field balanced, consistently-performing teams.

Travel to other clubs.

Once the selected sides and teams have been published **it is each Skip’s responsibility to contact his/her fellow team members to organise or learn of their travel requirements.** Arranging travel to away venues is not the selectors’ job.

Bowls etiquette

This is important! CoHBC should be known for its adherence to bowls etiquette not otherwise. For example, there is a tendency for some players who are not playing as the Third to become involved in the discussion as to who has won the end. Only the Third in each team is to be involved. Other players in the team should stand well back from the completed head until the decision as to who won has been resolved. Please read pages 22 and 23 the Handbook to ensure you are familiar with what is acceptable bowls etiquette.

Changes to Six-a-Side Pennant Draw, Section 3

As always, changes have been made to the Pennant Draw since our Handbook was printed. Section 3, where we have a side, has been affected by the changes. There are now no BYES in this section. Please make these additions to the schedule printed in our Handbook:

Oct - 12 Fitzroy / Victoria 4 vs CoHBC 4

Nov - 9 CoHBC 4 vs West Coburg 3

Dec - 21 CoHBC 4 vs Fitzroy/Victoria 4

Feb -15 West Coburg 3 vs CoHBC 4

Yarra Bowls Region Events

Interested in competing? Displayed on the noticeboard is a summary of events and their closing dates. Past entries from our club are rare. Here is your chance to change this trend.

Rob Boffey

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

Q 1. Where may the mat be placed?

ANS. The mat must be placed lengthwise with the front edge of the mat (the mat line) at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and not less than 23m from the front ditch and on the centre line of the rink of play.
Law 6.1.1

Q 2. The lead of team A rolls the jack into the ditch. The jack is returned to the lead of team B who moved the position of the mat. Lead A objects saying the mat cannot be moved. Who is correct?

ANS. Lead B. If a player improperly delivers the jack, the opposing player must place the mat as described in law 6.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centred, but the opposing player must not play first.
Law 6.1.1 & 10.2

Q 3. The jack has been improperly rolled once by each opponent.

What action is taken?

ANS. If the jack is improperly delivered once by each player in any end, it must not be delivered again in that end. Instead, it must be centred with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line being 2 metres from the front ditch, and the mat must be placed as described as described in law 6.1.1 by the first player to play.
Law 10.3

Good bowling! More Q & A next month.

Howard Watson, National Umpire

Bowls items for sale at our bar

Bowls Vic socks for sale, size 7-11. Cost is \$13.50 per pair.

City of Heidelberg Bowling Club hatbands. These are suitable for the wide brimmed panama style hat. Cost is \$12.50 each.

Lost and Found

Lost your car keys or know of someone who has?

Last Wednesday evening (September 24) a set of keys was left in the padlock of the mats and jacks cupboard on the bottom Green. These keys haven't been claimed and are in the bar. The keys have this registration number on them: 1BH-3ZX.

Lesley Peters