

Club Friday - on each Friday except 1st Friday of the month

A big thank you to everyone who has come along and enjoyed our 'Club Friday' and all that it entails over this last year. Over 2019 we have seen the group grow; those who enjoy socialising and seeing if their name is called out as the Jackpot winner (the Jackpot went off two weeks in a row) - and those who partake of Hugh and June's food - and those who play cards - and those who, as the night goes on, play cards vying for the least wins so they can win a chocolate.

Our last Club Friday for this year will be on December 6, when there will be special night for our regular Club Friday folk - a dinner - special games night with Mahjong, Scrabble, Euchre - meat raffle - prizes. Club Friday will resume next year on January 17, 2020

Lesley Peters

Christmas Party 2019

It has come around quickly but once again and we need to get ready for the annual Christmas Party. This event has been popular at our club and has been well patronised. Make sure you put your name down early so you don't miss out. There are limited places and numbers attending need to be verified early as this year the event is fully catered for.

The club will subsidise the event so the cost will only be \$15.00 per head with a two-course catered meal plus an entertainer. The entertainer has been engaged to keep the night swinging so dust off those dancing shoes. Santa will be in attendance and will praise those who have been good and give them a Kris Kringle present if you have contributed.

Kris Kringle presents to the value of \$5.00 clearly marked "his" or "hers" will be welcome and distributed by Father Christmas. Feel free to invite your friends but preference will be given to Club members in the event the place is overbooked. This is an event not to be missed and you will be the odd one out if you do not wear something Christmassy such as a Santa hat or Christmas brooch/ear rings. Watch out if you not do that, as our MC is likely to pick you out for ridicule or butt of a joke.

Put your name on the list at the clubhouse no later than December 7 to ensure you have an enjoyable night with friends and people you have a lot in common with. Don't expect to get home before dark and arrange for your taxi to come about 11.00 pm.

The party commences at about **6.45 pm** on **Saturday, December 14**. This gives you time to go home after the Pennant game and put on your red or green duds. This together with \$15.00, Kris Kringle (\$5.00) gift labelled 'his or hers' and your best smile will get you in the door.

Christmas Raffle

Once again the Christmas Party raffle is being organised by Mary and Simon Gysberts. An abundance of good value baskets will be raffled off at the party. Those unable to be present at the party are encouraged to buy a ticket with proceeds used to offset the cost of entertainment and catering. It is also an opportunity to lighten the pockets of visiting club members. They normally expect to contribute to a raffle held at the host club when they visit but as we do not conduct those weekly raffles, please encourage them to buy a Christmas Party raffle ticket. Much better value and comes at a good time.

Any member wishing to contribute to the contents of the hamper with goodies, please leave your donation in the small meeting room. Alternatively, pass it on to one of the Board or Committee members. This would be much appreciated. In previous years some of those donations have been absolutely splendid and have made our hampers super value.

Tony Vandenberg

Australia Day Bar Managers' Challenge – Sunday, January 26, 2020

Due to the popularity of the 2019 Australia Day Bar Managers' Challenge, we will be holding this event again next Australia Day. So keep this day free and please add your name to the list in the clubroom to experience a fun-filled day consisting of **BOWLING** and a **BBQ** lunch with short Australian **TRIVIA** contest. All for the cost of \$10 per person! Start time is 11:00am. Wear something distinctively Australian. Add your name to the list in the Clubhouse.



Friday Dinners during 2020

We look forward to this trend of a Club monthly get-together and dinner continuing next year, so please consider forming a group and hosting one or more of these dinners during the year. Without hosts there will not be dinners! With this in mind please add your group's name to the list for the dinners on the noticeboard. 8 of the 10 anticipated dinners between February and November need hosting. The exception is the dinner in May. This particular dinner is our Club Presentation Night which will be catered. Yes, the Liistro and Cummaudo families have joined together again in 2020 to host the August dinner.

Lesley Peters

Report on Board Business – November meeting

- The Board has for some time been pursuing the Council to install a pedestrian crossing on Stradbroke Avenue between the top Green and the clubhouse. Council has been reluctant to co-operate because of other competing demands by constituents. A meeting between the Club and Traffic Management is being organised and we await the outcome.
- The club kitchen has been inspected by health authorities and passed fit for its purposes.
- A letter has been sent to the railway authority regarding control of dead or decaying trees on their land. Control is required to ensure limbs do not fall on parked vehicles.
- Seven new membership applications were approved by the Board.
- Consideration was given to a request re installation of an Eftpos machine located at the bar. Given the actual monthly rental costs and the low level of demand, the Board decided not to proceed with this option.
- It was decided to also include a catered-for dessert in the Christmas dinner party. The Club now subsidises this dinner by \$9.00 per head plus the cost of the entertainer.
- A request by Warringal hospital for adjustment to the security lighting in the car park has been attended to.
- It was agreed to explore more fully the option of installing a large sign on the roof to display the club name. This will require a Council Planning Permit as well as construction and erection of the sign and the necessary electrical connection. This will be considered at the next meeting.
- A sensor light is to be installed over the entrance door so as to avoid people tripping on entering and exiting the building.
- It was agreed that Cowleys Security is to install a loud alarm in the event people have not activated or de-activated the security system. The number of call outs for possible security breaches is far too many (see next item). When a callout is received, one is never sure whether intruders are still there and for safety reasons, often two people need to attend.
- A sign advertising the club was approved for installation above the gate to the top Green.

- Following a request, consideration was given to acquiring a wheelchair for those who become incapacitated at the Club. After consideration, it was decided that could be detrimental to an individual and that it would be best to rely on professional medical help.
- The purchase of an upright re-chargeable vacuum cleaner was approved for the vacuuming of the carpets and crumbs on the floor.

Next meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7.30p.m

Tony Vandenberg, Chairman, Board of Management

General Information

Have pity and play your part

The number of callouts from Cowleys, the security firm that monitors our premises, is far too many. Do you realise that every time the outside door is not closed in time when the alarm is set, either John or Tony gets a call from Cowleys to indicate an intrusion is in process or has occurred. The callout usually means a trip to the Club to check to see whether any breaches have occurred. This can be late evenings or daytime and usually at the most inconvenient time.

Once the code has been entered on the keypad and the alarm activated (two red lights), there is only a very short time to close the door. It is not a time to go to the toilet or put your bowls lifter away. Nor is it a time to fiddle with the block at the bottom of the door to allow the door to close properly. Do all these necessities before activating the alarm. If you realise there is something you still need to do when you have activated the alarm, just de-activate it by putting in the code again and pressing the OFF button. Once the pad is activated again, exit quite quickly and make sure the door is fully closed by giving it a firm push to ensure the lock engages.

Have pity on those who have to follow through by coming to the Club to check security because instructions have not been followed. In the event you realise you have left something in the clubrooms which you require after you have closed the door or activated the alarm, de-activate the alarm. Once you have claimed your property, activate the alarm in the above manner. Many thanks for your co-operation. If everyone follows these instructions, pity for John or Tony will not be required any more.

Be warned!

It won't be very long before some people may get quite a decent fright! As of mid-December a new device will complement our security system. This device will emit a pronounced scream/wail to alert the person that security has been breached. This may be due to an individual not turning the alarm off or taking too long to do so. The siren will sound if you activate the alarm and then decide to go to the toilet or retrieve a coat. The sound will be quite piercing. To avoid people getting a dreadful fright and to minimise heart palpitations notice is hereby given of this upcoming installation.

Tony Vandenberg

Pedestrian crossing in Stradbroke Avenue

The club has been in contact with the Council since October 2016 regarding the installation of a suitable crossing to assist bowlers crossing from the clubhouse to the top Green.

It is now time to let Council know that we have run out of patience and need something done as a matter of urgency.

They have money to upgrade a children's playground in Stanton Crescent Reserve and to upgrade the seating at the Macleod Junior Football Club, yet there is no money to protect bowlers crossing a road.

If you feel strongly about this, please send an email to the local Councilor, Peter Castaldo Peter.Castaldo@banyule.vic.gov.au or direct to the Banyule City Council councillor.inbox@banyule.vic.gov.au voicing your concerns.

An eye to the future – Club finances

Are you familiar with the MYOB accounting system?

If you are and are willing to assist the club with this knowledge, please contact the Board Secretary, John Starmans for further information.

John Starmans

An eye to the future - Publicity

The coming months are very busy for the Club and we will be maximising publicity opportunities in various local media outlets. To do this, we will be submitting photos, stories, event notices and results regularly. If any member does not wish for their name or photo to be published on social media or in the local newspapers, please notify Kelly Sexton as soon as possible, kellysexton18@hotmail.com.

Kelly Sexton

First Aid

The first aid box is 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 of the top Green.

Excess waste from the kitchen and outside bins

At this time of the year with many bowling and social events on at the Club, our weekly collected rubbish bins become full very quickly. If they are full, then the plastic rubbish bags can be tied tightly and put into the skip at the far end of the car park

Found Property

There is still quite a lot in the Found Property Box, so next time you are at the club have a look and see if anything there belongs to you.

Accident and Injury Book

Should there be an Accident, Injury or Incident anywhere at the Club this must be recorded in the Accident and Injury Book which is kept on the side of the cupboard as you walk in the front door.

Thank you

Over 2019 it has been great to see so many folk helping with the cleaning up after the many functions, be it bowling or social. So a big thank you to those who have helped and have 'mastered the dishwasher' along with returning everything to their rightful home in the kitchen and tidying the clubroom. It is great to have the club looking good for those coming after you.

Lesley Peters

Bowls Information

Closure of the Greens during Christmas and the New Year

In the Christmas and New Year period, the Greens will be closed for maintenance and rest. The top Green will be closed from Sunday, December 22, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020. The front Green will be closed from Saturday, January 4 to Monday, January 20, 2020. The maintenance work involves brushing both Greens with the heavy brusher both ways. Then the Greens are sprayed with detergent and anti static solution to clean the surface. Both Greens and their surroundings will be sprayed with Kendocide to kill mould and algae. The ditch mats have to be pulled up and cleaned and weeds removed from the ditches. The boundary peg holders or plugs have to be re-painted and the lines on the greens re-touched.

Reiterating, **the top Green will be closed from Sunday, December 22, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020. The front Green will be closed from Saturday, January 4 to Monday, January 20, 2020.**

These closures are subject to social function bookings by the hospitals and the like.

Rodney Snibson

Reminders

Following the Christmas/New Year period, Midweek Pennant resumes on Tuesday, January 21 and Saturday Pennant on Saturday, January 25.

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.

CoHBC Singles Championship matches

Ladies' and Men's knockout matches are underway. Please ensure these matches are played as close as possible to the set schedule so the respective finals are completed on time.

CoHBC Pairs matches

These will start early in February. At a recent Match Committee meeting it was decided that last season's format of an experienced bowler paired with a less-experienced bowler will be retained. In the New Year, a list of eligible bowlers will be posted. Those not wishing to participate can indicate this on the list.

Seeking a set of second hand size 2 bowls

Do you have a set of size 2 bowls for sale? If so, please contact Annie Majerczak who is looking to buy a set of suitable bowls.

Rob Boffey

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

Q1. A delivered bowl comes to rest on the Green and in contact with the jack which is in the ditch. It is claimed that, as the bowl is a live bowl and is in contact with the jack in the ditch, it is a toucher.

Is this correct?

ANS. No. No bowl shall be a toucher if it plays onto, or coming into contact with the jack, while the jack is in the ditch
Law 14.3

Q2. A bowl comes to rest and then falls over and touches the jack whilst the next bowl is in course. The Skip moves forward to mark it as a toucher to which the opposing Skip objects.

Is the bowl a toucher?

ANS. No. For the bowl to be a toucher it must touch the jack before the next bowl is delivered.

Q3. A bowl which had been a toucher in the previous end, is delivered with the chalk mark still on the bowl. It does not touch the jack but the chalk mark is not removed. As a result of play, several bowls later, this bowl is forced into the ditch within the confines of the rink.

What should happen?

ANS. If a player fails to remove a mark from a bowl before delivery and that bowl does not become a toucher, a member of the opposing team or the marker must remove the mark as soon as the bowl comes to rest.
Law 15.5

A bowl is dead if, not being a toucher, it comes to rest in the ditch. Law 17.1.1

Good bowling! More Q & A next month.

Howard Watson, National Umpire

Very Special Occasion



Over 60 years ago there was a man called Simon who had recently migrated to Australia. He looked across the room and saw a wonderful lady called Mary also from the mother country. Not long after, they were married, had a family and lived happily together. In January 2020 Mary and Simon Gysberts will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with family and close friends.

We at the club have been the beneficiaries of their partnership as Mary and Simon have made a tremendous contribution to our club. Simon has largely been responsible for the layout and overseeing of the construction of the car park. In addition, he has been involved in the building of the

disabled toilet with associated ramp. He was the Works Director at our club for many years and is never shy about offering his services for minor maintenance jobs around the place. Mary too has never missed an opportunity to help out by cooking for events and cleaning up as well doing the many and varied jobs which need to be done around the club such as raffles, decorating and catering for special events.

All members of the Club congratulate Mary and Simon and wish them good health and continued happiness.

Tony Vandenberg