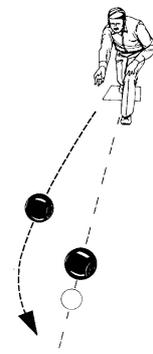


THE GOOD LINE

Periodic Newsletter

City of Heidelberg Bowling Club

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Reminders About Upcoming Social Events

Club Friday

We have revamped the end of month draw where a name is picked out of the bucket and then that lucky person has an opportunity to select a number with a card behind. It is now 'PICK A CARD'. Have a look at our flyer to see all of the prizes on offer - there are now 17 monetary prizes and three non-monetary.

All other events for our Friday afternoons at the Club are the same - Weekly Jackpot, Food, Cards and from time to time, Envelope or the Envelope.

CLUB FRIDAY HAS BEEN ON OUR CLUB CALENDAR FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS AND HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR

<p>FROM 4:00PM EACH FRIDAY – other than the first Friday of the month</p>		<p>THE ENVELOPE OR THE ENVELOPE</p> <p>From time to time we have another opportunity for members – a lucky member's name will be drawn out of the 'free ticket bucket' – then there is a choice of two envelopes. Who knows what is in the envelopes?</p>
<p>JACKPOT</p> <p>Each Club Friday we have a lucky name drawn out of the bag - the name is announced and if that person is at the club then they take home the jackpot. If the person isn't at the club then there is \$20 added to the jackpot for the next draw.</p>		<p>CARDS - EUCHRE - cost is \$2 per person to play - this represents the prize money for the winners at the end of five games. Maria is looking after the cards, scorers, money collection and timer - each game is for 15 minutes. Winners move to the next table and swap partners - those who came second stay but swap partners</p>
<p>STAY ON FOR A MEAL - we have a small group of members providing soup and hamburgers each week</p>		

EACH CLUB FRIDAY DURING THE MONTH THOSE ATTENDING HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THEIR NAME ON A FREE TICKET AND ADD TO A BUCKET ON THE BAR COUNTER. AT THE END OF THE MONTH A NAME IS DRAWN FROM THE BUCKET AND THAT LUCKY PERSON, IF THEY ARE AT THE CLUB, HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT ONE OF THE 20 NUMBERS ON THE BOARD. IF THEY ARE NOT AT THE CLUB ANOTHER NAME IS DRAWN.

NOW WE HAVE REINVENTED THE 'MONEY OR THE ENVELOPE' AND HAVE A BRAND NEW NAME AND PRIZE RANGE

IT IS NOW 'PICK A CARD'

We have 17 monetary prizes and 3 non monetary lesser prizes - 'booby prizes' - if your name is drawn from the bucket then you have the opportunity to choose 1 of the 20 numbers on the board - there is a card with a prize behind each - our games master will then offer you the prize on the card drawn or an alternative prize - then it is your decision.....

The prizes on the cards will be -

1 x \$50 - 3 x \$20 - 5 x \$10 - 8 x \$5 - 1 x small chips - 1 x chocolate bar - 1 x better luck next time

AFTER OUR MEMBER GAME HAS BEEN COMPLETED OUR GAMES MASTER WILL REVEAL TO OUR MEMBERS WHERE THE 'BIG PRIZE' WAS - BUT DON'T EXPECT IT TO BE BEHIND THE SAME NUMBER NEXT TIME IT IS DRAWN!!!

Dining at the Club on Club Friday is the place to be! At our last Friday 'Soup and Hamburger' night there were just over 20 people who ate at the Club. They had their choice of curried sausages for \$4 or a real Aussie hamburger and chips for \$8. You too could be part of this and end the week on a high! You might even be lucky enough to win the jackpot! June and Hugh are always busy in the kitchen and from now on cannot take any orders after 5.30PM. If you wish to eat, and are going to be late, ring your order through to Lesley and she will ensure that you are looked after.

Club Friday members were shouted to a free meal compliments of the bar managers last Friday just for going to the Club on Friday afternoons. June and Hugh prepared a two course meal for 30 which was greatly enjoyed by everyone and the ever reliable Ian, the King of the Kitchen was in charge of the washing up. Alan Mason was our first 'Pick a Card' winner on February 28. After many alternative offers he finally chose the Card and won \$5.

Our monthly Club dinner Friday, March 6.

The Woodburns and Claytons are undertaking the next Club dinner on the March 6. Last date to add your name to the list is Wednesday, March 4. We still need more people to do **the dinners** to fill the months up to November, so give some consideration to undertaking one or more of the dinners.

Lesley Peters

Report on Board Business – February meeting

- Works to improve drainage and circumvent flooding under the kitchen will commence mid-February. Expected duration of works is about two weeks and should have minimal impact on normal Club activities.
- Two new members were approved.
- Discussion ensued as to whether the Invitation Fours tournament was to be re-established. The decision was made not to recommence that tournament. Last April's intra-Club tournament was considered a suitable means of introducing new bowlers to tournaments and to building internal cohesiveness within the Club.
- Players involved in the Bye for the second side on February 29, will be requested to play at the Club so as to hone skills for possible final games.
- A circular was approved for distribution promoting Wednesday night barefoot bowls and activities at thec.
- Damage to Club facilities due to functions being held was discussed. It was decided to draw up a policy to guide both prospective function users as well as staff and volunteers at such functions. Separate policies will be developed for current members and also for outside organisations. Consultation will be held with bar staff to ensure clarity as well as incorporating their suggestions.
- Private functions are not encouraged on a Wednesday night.
- A notice is to be put in the Newsletter seeking interested persons to attend a meeting for the development of a concept proposal for the area currently occupied by the shed.
- After investigation, the Board decided to proceed with the use of a device to enable electronic payment of drinks and other goods. The device is similar to the way petrol and other goods are purchased at service stations.
- The Board was made aware that there are legal requirements for some members to be qualified for Working with Children. This is in order to comply with requirements for conducting activities which involve children less than 18 years of age. This will be more fully investigated and a list of those people who have current registration will be compiled. Further registrations to cater for activities are expected to be needed.
- Presentation Night will be held on May 1, 2020. A catered buffet dinner will be available at \$15.00 per head. The meal will be subsidised by the Club.
- Purchase of a Stihl vacuum/blower was approved for use on the top green.
- A volunteer to regularly clean and maintain the BBQ will be sought via the Newsletter.
- A request by Kelly Sexton (press officer) to inform the Board about publicity initiatives was approved.

Next meeting is on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Tony Vandenberg Chairman – Board of Management

General Information

EFTPOS card facilities

Our Club now has card facilities available. You can now pay for your Club clothing, Club subscriptions, costs of hiring our Club and bar purchases using your card. All card transactions take place at the bar.

Lesley Peters

What would you like to happen to the area currently occupied by the shed and surrounds?

Members have shown interest in developing the area occupied by the shed and its surrounds. This area could be utilised more efficiently and made more attractive. The current memorial garden would have to be retained but the rest is a clean sheet ready for some innovative thinking. Building incorporating storage of equipment plus a bar and gas BBQ could be the answer together with some comfortable seating. We need people with imagination to maximise this area for the benefit of members. Are you one of those people and willing to give us the benefit of your wisdom and creativity? We have several volunteers already and need more. Come along to the inaugural meeting to get this project off the ground.

Once basic or multiple concepts are developed, they would need to be approved by the Board and could involve a vote by the membership before proceeding to architectural drawings and planning approvals. These all take time and work would not likely commence soon due to funding restrictions. Planning however is essential if we want this to become a reality.

A meeting of interested persons has been organised for Thursday, March 12 at the clubrooms at 2.00pm. Come and have your say and give us your ideas.

Tony Vandenberg

Seeking a volunteer to maintain the Club BBQs

Our BBQs are sometimes used by visiting groups and somewhat less frequently for a Club function. As such, it is important that they are kept clean, maintained and that there is always a supply of full gas bottles available. These tasks are currently shared on an adhoc basis by a couple of members who are also heavily involved in other Club matters and activities.

As a means of sharing the total workload within our Club, a volunteer (or volunteers) is being sought from amongst our membership to takeover the maintenance of our BBQs. Of itself, this is neither an onerous nor a significant time-consuming activity. Knowing that the BBQs were always clean and ready to go would be of great assistance in particular to our function organisers. Would you be willing to act as "keeper of the BBQ's"? If so, please contact Tony Vandenberg.

Crutches

I don't want to be insulting but none of us is getting any younger. With age, there is more likelihood of injuries or parts of the body just wearing out. Normally some medical intervention is required. If this is the case in your or a friend's situation, and crutches are required, there is a pair of crutches in the disability toilet that may be borrowed. This will save purchasing or hiring costs for the injured. Just take them and return them when the miracle has happened.

Tony Vandenberg

Clean hands

With the current emphasis on regularly washing your hands as a precaution against catching viruses, this is a timely reminder to thoroughly wash your hands whenever you have been bowling and enter the Clubroom to eat and/or drink. I have received member feedback suggesting that we have bottles of hand sanitizer on tables at Tuesday Pennant lunch times and Saturday Pennant break times. This is an excellent suggestion and will be enacted.

Rob Boffey

Wanted

Anne Majerczak is in the market for a bowls bag on wheels. If you have one which you no longer like or need, please contact Anne. It might well be suitable for her needs.

Bowls Information

Coaching with Carmelo

Hello to all my fellow bowlers. As I am sitting writing this report I have been looking at where we stand on the various ladders for Pennant. We currently have seven sides in the competition, which is the most we have had for some time and our overall results are quite pleasing. We have one side on top, two sides that are second, one in 5th spot, two in 8th and one in 9th. I think that is a very good effort particularly considering the numbers of bowlers who have been playing for only a couple of seasons or less. I believe the future looks bright for our Club.

We only have two games left before finals, so it is imperative that we continue to play as one in each team. Therefore, I would like to see as many bowlers as possible to attend Thursday evening training particularly if your team has any chance of making the finals.

Over the last few weeks, I have been encouraged by several bowlers who have used tips and exercises we have done at practice. They have reported back after games to say they have worked. My aim as coach is to try to get the best performance out of each bowler, for that bowler to enjoy playing bowls and from there to get the wins at Pennant.

I am looking forward to the remainder of the season and to seeing you at the Club.

Carmelo Liistro

CoHBC Pairs matches

The Pairs Championship knockout rounds for 2019/2020 have started and some matches have already been completed which is terrific. If you are drawn to play, please make every effort to complete your match by the advertised cut-off dates.

David Crisp and Rob Boffey

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

Q1. Skip A is the last to play and has one bowl left. Skip A tells the opposing skip that he/she is not going to bowl the last bowl and to measure. The third suggests that they are one shot down to which the skip replies that he/she had better play the last bowl. Is this in order?

ANS. No. The decision not to play the last bowl is final. Law 25

Q2. In a Pennant final, the result, after playing the prescribed number of ends, is a tie. A result is necessary. What happens?

ANS. All the teams in the sides must play an extra end or ends until a result is obtained. The coaches (or representatives of the sides) must toss a coin and the winner will decide who must play first as described in laws 5.2.2 and 5.2.3. The extra end must be played from where the previous end was completed. The mats shall be placed in accordance with Law 6.1.1. Laws 28.1; 28.2; 28.3; 28.5

With the Pennant season drawing to a close this Q & A is the last in this series. I have tried, especially for the benefit of new players, to highlight (not too complex) situations where the laws and regulations might reasonably have to be applied in any game.

With finals just around the corner which hopefully will involve one or more of our teams, I thought it useful to remind players of what the BV "Lawman" John Roberts wrote in this month's "Heads Up". "Of late, I have noticed a significant number of bowlers not wearing correct hats or caps. I would suggest that with finals coming up, Presidents of all Clubs remind their members they must be compliant. Clause 12 of the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of play sets out the penalties. These may result in either a deduction of four competition points, or a \$100 fine may apply to the Club President at the discretion of Bowls Victoria."

Clause 12.6 states that the BA Logo must appear on the front or side of all headwear, except on hats with a Club hatband, where a logo is not required.

It would be disastrous to lose a final match if points were deducted because of a breach of this rule, which could happen, especially now that it has been widely publicised.

Good bowling!

Howard Watson, National Umpire