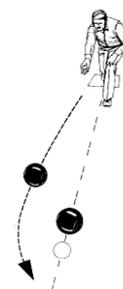


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City of Heidelberg Bowling Club
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Introduction.

Greetings!

I hope everyone receiving this newsletter is, along with their immediate family, well and in good spirits. From the perspective of the number of COVID-19 infections things are looking better recently and there is some easing of some restrictions occurring in some states. Here in Victoria the earliest there could be any easing of restrictions is May 11. Hang in there!

Club information

Award Winners

In the April newsletter I indicated I would share with you this month the winners of the various awards. Congratulations to the following:

Ladies' Singles Champion	Carmel Will
Men's Singles Champion	Alan Mason
Best First Year Pennant Player	Elsbeth Orchard
Most Improved bowler (Second year in Pennant)	Kerry Haines
Alan Ball Award for best Pennant bowler	
Saturday Pennant	Gus Favrin
Tuesday Pennant	Alan Mason

The Best Club Person Award recognises the efforts of a member, who, in an unelected voluntary position, has made a significant contribution to the Club's operation.

This year's winner is Paul Liistro.

As the Ladies' and Men's pairs competitions were unable to be completed before the Club closed, there are no winners for these championship events this year.

Presentation of awards will occur some time in the future. At this stage, the most likely opportunity will be the season Opening Day event. This will be organised and held when the Club is back in operation and we know details about the upcoming season.

Committee meetings

A reminder that, until further notice, the various Club committees will meet via video, using *Zoom*. Arrangement and timing of such meetings will be conveyed to respective committee members as required.

Rob Boffey

Update from Bowls Victoria

Reproduced below are the relevant sections from the latest BV communication:

Update: Covid-19 impact on bowls in victoria

Sunday 3rd of May, 2020

As I write this message, there are noises being made towards an end to the current restrictions that see our clubs closed for business.

By no means will we be back to full operation, but there appears to be enough positive talk to lead us to think that an easing, to the point of allowing a return to play in a staged-fashion is close.

We need you all to come through this COVID-19 crisis and our clubs to return to being the strong backbone of our sport.

All the best and here's hoping for a speedy resumption to play.

Regards,
Tony Sherwill
Chief Executive Officer
Bowls Victoria

Report on Board Business – March 2020 Meeting

To adapt to the Corona Virus Restrictions, the Board met via Zoom rather than physically face to face. A unique experience for some Board members, but nevertheless it worked. Obviously there was little to discuss, as the Club is not very active due to restrictions. However some business was transacted.

- Financial reports and accounts for payments were approved.
- The pennant for the 2nd side for the Saturday competition was received from Bowls Victoria. This pennant will be framed together with a photograph of participants and will be displayed in the clubroom.
- The bar licence fee will be waived for this year by the Victorian Government.
- Banyule Council has indicated that the crossing to the top Green has been delayed due to Corona Virus costs imposed on Councils. Project remains on Council's capital works program.
- A request by a councillor for access to the car park by the public was rejected due to security issues and arrangements with Warringal Hospital.
- Consultation is occurring with Bowls Victoria regarding options for teams in the Pennant competitions. Options such as the size of teams and commencement times are being explored with clubs. If any decisions happen to be made, members will be informed.
- Bowls Victoria will soon be seeking entries of teams for the coming bowling season. To ascertain the number of teams the Club will submit, members will be contacted electronically to seek their commitment to Saturday, Tuesday and Tuesday night competitions. Members are urged to give this some thought considering their family and holiday arrangements.

Next Board meeting is on May 18, at 7.30 pm.

Tony Vandenberg Chairman – Board of Management

General Information

Unprecedented Times for the Bowling Club

The Bowling Club is effectively closed and likely to be closed for some time. This is unprecedented and completely foreign to members. Some of us are keeping busy doing the odd jobs around the house which have been neglected due to either bowling commitments or preference. No more excuses now. Gardens and houses will soon look spic and span and members will look for excuses to get out of the place.

The Club in the past has filled a major gap for some members as it helps to fill in time or provide a competitive environment for recreation as well as a physical activity. Equally as important is the fact that the Club enables social interaction assisting mental health well-being. This opportunity has been taken away. To assist the well-being of our members, it would assist if you could contact a fellow member and see how they are going and have a chat. This would be beneficial to both parties and would be appreciated by the person being called.

Give this some thought as some members are having difficulties with loneliness and are missing their social interaction whether this is through bowling, playing cards or sitting down and having a regular chat or drink with friends.

Tony Vandenberg Chairman – Board of Management

Bowls-related items

Hello all my fellow bowlers, I'm writing this from what must be my favourite piece of furniture lately, my lounge chair. Have spent a lot of time there. I look forward to when normality returns and we can meet again face to face, have a cuppa together, and you can listen to the regular rubbish I bestow on everybody.

While as the coach of the Club there is little that I can do, I would implore all of you to do a little exercise to assist in maintaining the body so when we are able to get back on the Green, we can all do so safely. I highly recommend two things: go for walks, and do short lunges - 5 to 10 at a time. If you can do more, including sit-ups and stretches, do them regularly. I have been trying to do these myself, but sometimes need motivation. I have also been playing with a set of carpet bowls which helps with several of the muscles that are used in lawn bowls.

I hope you are not struggling with this isolation. I know I have been comforted by the telephone calls from the Club checking on how I was going. I am sure many of you received these phone calls. On a good note, I have heard that Bowls Australia has been talking with governments together with other sporting organisations to soften some of the rules around the gathering at sporting clubs. I therefore am hopeful that from some time around May 11, we may be allowed to go to the Club for practice as long as normal social distancing rules are kept in place. I shall remain in hope until we hear more.

So everyone, continue to stay safe and I hope to see you soon.

Carmelo Liistro

Preparation for next Season

During the next couple of weeks, members who bowled in any capacity last season will be phoned and asked their plans for season 2020-21.

1. Will you be a regular (play in most rounds) or an emergency player for Saturday Pennant, Tuesday Pennant and Tuesday Night Pennant?
2. If you nominate to be a regular player in Saturday and/or Tuesday Pennant you will be asked to estimate how many of the 18 rounds you think you will be available to play.

These details are needed so that at a future meeting of the Match Committee and Selectors, a decision can be made on how many sides we nominate for the upcoming season.

If you did not play Pennant last season, I strongly encourage you to do so this season. The more regular players we have the stronger our Club. Don't feel that you are not good enough to play. Remember, every experienced bowler started out as an inexperienced bowler. In Carmelo, our Club has a willing coach who can help you become more confident and develop your bowling skills and in addition, you learn so much more participating in competitive games.

Submission to BV

Recently our Club was asked by BV to provide feedback on these discussion points which were being considered for the upcoming season.

1. Use Saturday mornings for six-a-side Pennant games.
2. If a Club had two six-a-side teams, would it be better to have them in the same section?
3. Would a side of 12 be a better playing format than six-a-side?
4. Should the lowest Division for Saturday Pennant be sides of 12?

Our responses based on surveying some members were:

1. No, unless all Saturday Pennant sides played at that time.
2. Yes, but only if the geographic spread of the other teams in the section meant less travelling.
3. Both side formats have problems and a side of 8 should be considered
4. If this change is to be made it should consist of sides of eight.

BV acknowledged our submission and we wait to see what eventuates.

Rob Boffey

Light relief

My doctor said now that I'm older
I need to install a bar in the shower



Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy.

After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely

Told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

I don't think the therapist is supposed to say "wow," that many times in your first session but here we are.

Good to see people have a basic understanding of how railroads work....
(Let me know when you stop laughing!)

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

